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GO TO THE CAUCUSES.

The Congregationalist says: "Put on your hat, brother, and go. If you do duty there as a Christian patriot, you will serve your generation, and it may be, glorify your Master, more than you ever did in the best prayer meeting that ever gladdened your soul."

We present the above in confidence of the remarks we made a few weeks ago on this subject, because we believe the cause is the best standpoint from which to assail a good many of our existing evils. The cause system although the best when attended by the many can be much abused when attended only by the few.

THOMAS TALBOT.

It seems to us if the record made by ex-Gov. Talbot when acting as Governor of the State is not a sufficient platform for him to stand on in regard to the temperance and reform questions; that no new and oft-repeated declarations will make it any stronger. If the people of this Commonwealth see fit to elect him, they must take him as he stands, as his past record is a sure guarantee of his future course. Friends of Mr. Talbot who have every means of knowing his present ideas declare that his intentions and convictions are exactly the same, and as we know that is the case we can safely predict that any re-enactment required in the administration of State affairs will be promptly enforced, and that nothing but what will be a benefit to the people will be allowed to escape his veto.

Be sure to attend the caucuses, and see that Talbot delegates are chosen.

It looks as if the Republicans were determined to put a "Head" on New Hampshire.

Young Republicans, look to the future; the Potter committee will take care of the past.

The caucus is the roost of every citizen. Do not neglect the caucus. It is the root of the tree of liberty.

Gen. Butler lacks a well balanced head. His abilities are not at fault if he only had judgment enough to marshal them.

During the nine months of Thomas Talbot's executive career he displayed more statesmanship than any Governor since the time of John A. Andrew.

We want Thomas Talbot for Governor because in him are combined all the best elements from which to expect both State and National reform.

John D. Long is the most promising young man in the commonwealth, politically speaking, and the people will want Governors after this year.

Governor Talbot will be supported by many as a safe, good enough man for Governor in uneventful times. But those who know him, and can read character, have a belief that any crisis occurring, he was in the seat of executive responsibility would find a "man for the crisis" and one from the first, master of that situation.

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How Carroll D. Wright's estimate of the unemployed in Massachusetts is merely an assessor's guess. He sent circulars to the assessors at each town asking each how many unemployed people there were in their respective towns, and the assessor having no means of giving the true figures made a guess, which is as likely to be 100 above as below.

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country is permitted for about six years longer in Egypt, and slaves in the Sudan. Several officers accordingly came to the palms of the district with offers to buy some of the female slaves, but he declared he would not part with them unless they got married. He then announced that any soldier or civilian wishing to marry one of the slaves, would have to pay six shillings for her dowry, but that the woman would be allowed to choose her husband from among those who should present themselves for the purpose.

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## OUR NEIGHBORS.

NORTH BROOKFIELD.

Special Correspondence.

A new provision market has been opened in Spark's block.

A bus load of our singers took a moonlight ride Tuesday evening, going to Warren. They dispensed many pretty songs by the wayside, and from the many urgent invitations they had to "come in," we judge their singing was appreciated.

The social assembly by the Young Emma, which was announced in last week's issue to come off on Friday, has been postponed for a while on account of the death of John Sullivan, one of its members.

The circus got a large audience at the evening performance, the afternoon attendance being rather slim.

As a means to raise money to aid the yellow fever sufferers, a garrison army ball was given in the Town Hall on Friday evening.

A lecture by a member of the State Board of Education is announced for Friday evening, in the Union Church.

A little Goddard girl got her hand pretty badly mangled on Tuesday at the big shop, by getting it into the cog-wheels of a large machine. She died played a wonderful part in the machine till the machinists could come and take it apart.

Mr. E. M. Perkins goes back to University of the New York Medical College to attend his second course of lectures, today.

John Sullivan of this town, whose body was terribly mangled by being run over by the cars near Wellely on Saturday night, is now supposed to have been foully dealt with, and then placed upon the track, to cover up the crime. Young Sullivan was a man of temperate habits, and the report in the Boston papers that he was supposed to have been intoxicated and fell asleep, is undoubtedly false. The affair is being investigated.

In the case of Dwight W. Bowen (adm.) of North Brookfield against Augustus W. Smith of West Brookfield, an action of tort to recover for injuries to, and the death of a son, on Tuesday, the jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

The engine company voted to go to the Ware minister.

Work on the new High School is progressing rapidly. The sisters have done and the plasterers have got the first coat on. The carpenters expect to finish by the middle of October.

The Republican caucus on Thursday evening was very well attended, and quite harmonious in its actions. The following are the delegates elected to attend the different conventions. State, Charles Adams Jr., Theodore C. Bates and Freeman Walker. Congressional; T. M. Duncan, W. H. Montague and F. H. Smith. Councilors; Charles Adams Jr., George French and S. Bothwell. Senatorial; J. Miller, L. P. De Land, S. Holmes and E. D. Bachelder. County; T. C. Bates, Bonham Nye and S. Holmes. The new Republican town committee are; J. R. Southworth, T. C. Bates, S. Holmes, Silliman Dane and Frank A. Smith. This committee have power to add three young men to act in conjunction with them who represent the young Republican organization. None of them were instructed.

**BROOKFIELD.**

(Charles H. Smith) will receive subscription and advertising for the paper, and authorizes to receipt in payment for the same.

A very good audience listened to a very good concert last Saturday evening—that of Spaulding's Bell Ringers.

The "Sovereigns," who have always been a successful society here, are more than usually prosperous this year. The membership is increasing steadily, and their trade in proportion. Several women have joined lately.

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Democratic caucus Saturday night and Republican caucus Monday next.

The inhabitants of Brookfield vs. the Inhabitants of Warren was tried on Tuesday. This was an action to recover pay for the care of a pauper. It was sent to an Auditor. Rich & Blackmer for plaintiffs; Bacon, Hopkin & Bacon for defendants.

The valuation is \$1,221,736; real estate, \$964,415; personal estate, \$267,381. The number of polls is 339, and the tax rate, \$14 on \$1,000.

The heaviest tax-payers are: G. H. Allen, \$102; C. O. Brewster, \$220; C. E. Blanchard, \$277; Brookfield manufacturing company, \$185; H. V. Crosby, \$160; H. D. Fales, \$120; W. G. Fay, \$170; Rosanna Forbes, \$192; Alvin Hyde, \$121; Francis Howe, \$173; G. W. Johnson, \$167; P. S. Kimball, guardian, \$129; H. L. King, \$110; Jessie Moulton, \$150; Elizabeth T. Reed, \$183; Alfred Rice, \$153; Luther Stowell's estate, \$154; E. Twitchell & Co., \$629; Emmons Twitchell, \$215; Twitchell & Brewster, \$209; D. R. Tyler, \$125; F. Walker, \$21.

**WEST BROOKFIELD.** Special Correspondence.

The grounds around the Wickes bog House have been graded and fenced in—a very nice style by the proprietor, Mr. John Morrill. The interior arrangements of the house, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Hayden, are equally by name. The number of dead is estimated at \$260. Two of the deceased have since died from burns. The others are in a precarious condition. There is not the slightest hope of rescuing any more alive, as the workings are very intricate and extend over three miles. So far only about seven carcasses have been recovered. The explosion occurred soon after noon on the 28th, and the body of the dead were recovered by the 29th. I then proceeded to explain the dangerous nature of chemicals, dwelt on gun-cotton, sudden death of experimentalists by fumes, etc. I managed to interest the audience with brick-dust and other harmless ingredients, thus far worked the audience up to the required pitch of nervousness. I dilated on the dangerous and uncertain nature of the compound I was mixing. I spoke of "Starlings" and wound up by saying, "Starlings may be shot, but as the announcement may be made it is nevertheless true, that were I to leave off stirring this mixture for one single second the whole of this building and everyone therein would be blown to nonrecognition." After a short pause of two minutes there was not a soul left in the place except Mr. Macgregor and myself who had packed the stuff away and cheerfully divided the profits."

Mr. W. Thomas, an employee in the box shop of Ziegler Brothers, had three of his fingers cut off by a planer a few days since. The wounds are dressed by Druggist G. F. Wilcox, and are doing finely.

**WARRIOR.**

The Grand Army post will bring out a play this month written and performed by home talent.

The dispute over the pauper, wall, has been handed over to the county auditor. The town of Sutton is probably responsible for him, having paid bills back to 1839.

A four-horse team load of sarcers were over from North Brookfield Tuesday night.

The fire company will attend the Wreath.

**CHARLTON.**

Mr. William C. Steadman has been awarded the contract for the building of the new school house at the Centre.

**PAXTON.** Special Correspondence.

The public library has received the following additional donations: From Hon. W. W. Rice, nineteen public documents; from Charles H. Davis, Esq., twenty-eight volumes; and from Mrs. G. Allen one volume.

**EARL BROOKFIELD.** Special Correspondence.

Joseph Naylor, a Frenchman, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Sylvester Bothwell at East Brookfield, for breaking and entering, Friday night, the cheese factory of T. P. Root, and the larceny therefrom of one cheese of the value \$5. He was brought before the trial justice Monday, and, waiving examination, was bound over to the superior court in the sum of \$500. As he is without friends, he will probably be sent to the house of correction at Worcester.

**RUTLAND.**

The teacher's institute at Rutland last week was largely attended and a good deal of interest was manifested. Evening lectures were given by Hon. J. W. Dickinson, secretary of the state board, and Prof. W. H. Niles of the School of Technology. The drill exercises in the fundamentals of school work were conducted by State Agents Walton and Hubbard, and Messrs. Smith, Diller and Holt, and Secretary Dickinson.

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Ahmed Mouktar Pasha has invited the Cretan Assembly to send a repre-

sentative to Constantinople to negotiate with the Porte. The Cretans have accepted the invitation.

An Vienna dispatch says Vibac is defended by the Turkish regulars. The commandant declares he has received orders from the Porte not to surrender the place, and he will defend it to the last.

The Mayor of Manchester, England, has received a telegram from the Consul General at New Orleans, asking for help for the fever sufferers. The Mayor publishes the announcement that he will be glad to co-operate with any merchants or other citizens.

Probably the Austrians will attempt to occupy Mirizvitz and Novi-Bazar this year. Advice from Belgrade states the insurgents have fortified the banks of the river Save and fire upon Austrian steamers, even when convoyed by gun-boats. The town of Bellinzona is now a strongly entrenched camp, into which armed insurgents from the surrounding districts are constantly marching, resolved on desperate resistance.

An appalling catastrophe.

A bright colliery explosion occurred Wednesday at Abercrombie, near Newport, in Monmouthshire, England. There were 271 men in the pit, eighty of whom were rescued. The number of dead is estimated at \$260.

Theodore Jones, President, Boston National Bank, has deposited all his money in the vaults of the Bank of America, Boston, for safe keeping. The amount is \$1,000.

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E. DUNTON, AND CHAS. MUZZY,

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VOCAL MUSIC

By THE AMPHION QUARTETTE,

Lyceum Parlor Entertainment,

As given in connection with the Lecture Bureau, and consisting of COSTUME RECITALS, including the Ludicrous Domestic Difficulties, entitled

THE MAINE ELECTION.

The latest returns from the Maine election give the republicans 65 members of the House of Representatives, with 3 democrats supporting the republicans, while there are 21 other democrats and 56 republicans. There are 5 representative districts yet to be heard from, of which 2 have undoubtedly elected greenbackers. This makes it 67 republicans to 21 of Portland, which leaves a chance to change 4 votes to the republicans; so the republicans may elect the state officials yet. The republicans conceded the election of Munich, greenbacker over Hale in the 5th congressional district by 600 plurality.

The following are the dates of the agricultural and horticultural exhibitions to be held in the county this fall:

Sept. 19th—Northboro, South, at Sturbridge

17th—Worcester, North, at Fitchburg

18th—Northboro horticultural show!

19th—Princeton town fair.

24th—Loomis town fair.

25th and 26th—Worcester South, at Millbury.

27th—Upton fair.

Lunenburg fair.

Oct. 1st—Ashburnham fair.

1st and 2d—Worcester Northwest, at Athol.

2d—Bolton fair.

3d—Shrewsbury fair.

30th—Southboro town fair.

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Snoeks says, that with the rolling years, change, marked and decided, puts his decorating fingers upon all things, so disfiguring their natural beauty, that even those most familiar to our young days become unrecognizable; all, all are changed, the gay friends of our youth, have become the quiet business man of today; the small sapling we planted by the roadside and tenderly nurtured has now become the sturdy maple of today and spreads its protecting branches o'er our heads, but time will soon write the decaying change upon its fair proportions and then rule to its beauty forever. Only one, solitary exception to this giant rule, and that defies the lapse of age and nestles as warm in the heart as in boyhood's sunny hours, and each returning season brings it back to us with nothing added to or taken from its form or style, and we hail it with delight, as the one fixed thing in nature, forever to remain unchanged—the joke of the circumlocution.

The assassin Nobiling died Tuesday. The receipts of the Paris Exposition for entrance to the 4th of September amounted to 7,412,219 francs.

The Nationale says the Prefect of the Seine has reported to the Ministers in favor of a Paris municipal loan of 65,000,000 francs.

Birkin dispatch says the Liberals are not much pleased with the speech from the throne, which they regard as only an indictment against them.

Lord Salisbury has gone to a play at Lord Beaconsfield's. A royal party of the Peers and the ladies of the Royal Household were present.

The tax books will be out in a few days.

Ahmed Mouktar Pasha has invited the Cretan Assembly to send a repre-

sentative to Constantinople to negotiate with the Porte. The Cretans have accepted the invitation.

An unemployed actor, disinclined to return to Ireland, has made no secret of his desire to be employed as an entertainer. The provincial towns, however, did not prove the happy hunting ground he expected, and when he arrived at a certain small town in the north, his fate and his spirits were equally low. The actors and the public were equally indifferent to him, and he was compelled to inform the "hall" informing him a theatrical exhibition would be "no go at all" but that if he gave a lecture on chemistry he would be welcome.

The Mayor of Manchester, England, has received a telegram from the Consul General at New Orleans, asking for help for the fever sufferers. The Mayor publishes the announcement that he will be glad to co-operate with any merchants or other citizens.

Probably the Austrians will attempt to occupy Mirizvitz and Novi-Bazar this year. Advice from Belgrade states the insurgents have fortified the banks of the river Save and fire upon Austrian steamers, even when convoyed by gun-boats. The town of Bellinzona is now a strongly entrenched camp, into which armed insurgents from the surrounding districts are constantly marching, resolved on desperate resistance.

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The grounds around the Wickes bog House have been graded and fenced in—a very nice style by the proprietor, Mr. John Morrill. The interior arrangements of the house, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Hayden, are equally by name. The number of dead is estimated at \$260.

Theodore Jones, President, Boston National Bank, has deposited all his money in the vaults of the Bank of America, Boston, for safe keeping. The amount is \$1,000.

Dr. George A. Craig,

CIVIL ENGINEER,

SURVEYOR & CONVEYANCER.

Also

Life, Fire and Accident

The invasions from the North.  
All other care dominating.  
And all things loveliest on earth  
Soon most engaged in misery,  
And then it is so soon and hard,  
And then it is so soon and hard,  
To see and to feel and to love,  
Those quiet creatures and alone,  
That I should not like you, love.

## MY NARROW ESCAPE.

I never told any body how very near I was to death that night, just a year ago; but as I can now look back calmly upon each thought, each word, each act, I think I will write it down to you, for all who may find them selves similarly circumstanced, hoping with all my heart that the number may be few.

The first place, my name is Frederick Putnam. I am, and have been for the last ten years, the foreman and book-keeper of a large lumbering establishment of William H. Wilson & Co., and hope to be for another ten years. Mr. Wilson is the resident partner and manager of the manufacturing part of the business. The other members of the firm, of which there are two, live in the city, at the foot of the lake, and attend to the sales of the lumber, which we send them by vessel.

This is by far the largest share of what I sell out, although the amount of our sales direct from the mill, to supply the country to the west of us, is quite large.

Well, one cold December evening, just as I was preparing for home, I heard the sound of the breaking snow outside, and thought the office door flew open, as though some one had given a push, admitting a tall, thin, well-dressed man, with a small, traveling bag, one hand and a shawl thrown over one arm.

It was John, Mr. Winston having gone to the house some half hour before, looking for the safe, in which we kept our books and papers, and taking the key with him, as usual.

"Good-evening, sir," said the man, who had come up to the stove and kicking the damper with his right foot. "Has Winston gone to the house?" I answered that he had. "What? I was afraid of it." He drew out his watch and looked at it. "I thought. I shall not have time to go up," he said. "The train is due in fifteen minutes."

"Is there anything I can do?" I asked.

"I wanted to leave some money with Winston, I intended to stop in town for a day or two, but have just got a dispatch that he is home."

"What?" said Anderson.

"Anderson, of Amherstburg! I knew him then, though I had seen him but once before. He had been one of our best Western customers. He was the man considered behind, and Winston had that very day told me to write him and to "push him up a little," as he expressed it. This letter was then in the breast-pocket of my overcoat.

"You can leave the money with me, and I will give a receipt."

I seemed to hesitate, which noted his arrival. I have never blamed any body since.

"How much is my bill?" he asked, eyeing me sharply.

I answered promptly, for I had struck himself, but I would not open the door more than half an hour.

"Eleven thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars and twenty-three cents."

"Humph! less than I supposed."

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"It's all right, Putnam. I know you now. You have been with Mr. Winston a long time. I can tell your signature anywhere."

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The balance was in fives, tens, and twenties, and it took more time to count them; but at last I had it out so that both were satisfied.

At this moment we heard the whistle for the station. Anderson sprang for his travelling-bag, and, giving me a hasty kiss, ran off on the run.

I closed the door and counted the money again. Finally it was right. I wrapped a piece of newspaper around it and slipped it in to my overcoat pocket.

I did not feel quite as easy to have so much money about me; but as Winston's house was less than half a mile distant, I concluded to put it in my pocket, when I could deposit it in the bank.

I closed the dampened awning, drew on my gloves, and stepped up to put out the light. As I did so, I saw a bit of paper on the floor, which I picked up. I saw it was the bill I wrote to Mr. Anderson. He had signed it in his hurry. I put it in my pocket, and thought no more about it, only that I would mail it to him. I would have had to mail it out on the train which took Mr. Anderson, so I did it just as well in my room. Then, too, I was in somewhat of a hurry that night, for I may as well state here that my appointment was with a young lady who I hoped would be my wife before many months.

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"But there was nothing in the pocket?" said Carrie.

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She continued, I left her. You may guess that my numbers that night were not very good, nor refreshing. I never passed a more miserable night, and in the morning my bagged looks were the subject of remark.

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"I had a bad night of it," I answered, with a sickly smile.

"And you have another if you're not careful. You had better take good care to-day. By the way, did you write to Anderson?"

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JAMES PICKUP, Editor.  
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OUR TICKET.

For Governor, Thomas Talbot of Billerica.

For Lieutenant Governor, John D. Long of Fitchburg.

For Secretary of State, Henry B. Peirce of Abington.

For Attorney General, George Marston of New Bedford.

For Auditor, Julia L. Clarke of New Bedford.

For Treasurer and Receiver General, Charles Elliott of Canton.

The Democratic party is a house divided against itself. The old folks are steady enough, but the boys are awfully clownish.

The people of this State are losing all interest in the temperance question as a State issue. The great question this fall will be Butler or no Butler.

If one man had been broken into Mechanics Hall, he would have been promptly arrested, and what is law for one man is law for two hundred.

The Republicans of the 9th Congressional district hold their convention in the Horticultural Hall, Worcester, next Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

Senator Thurman has been obliged to adjure his hard money opinions because he finds them untenable in his constituency. It seems to us that statesmanship nowadays consists in being led by the people.

WORKING MEN AND DEMOCRATS—Vote for Thomas Talbot, because he would not sign the contract for the building of the Dussey Hospital, and that great piece of state extravagance had to stand still until it was again taken up by the Democratic Governor, Gaston.

The young Republicans are well organized for the present campaign, and will do some effective work. The idea of such an organization is a good one, as young men ought to consider the policies of their country only next to its religion. The young men are the hope of the nation.

Clark W. Bryan of Springfield, announced the publication of a Sunday paper, to commence next Sunday, but the Springfield Republican took a mean advantage and issued a Sunday edition last Sunday. Under any other circumstances we should have welcomed the Sunday Republican, but cannot as it is.

A prize fight, with gloves, came off in Roxbury last Sunday, for \$50 a side. One of the men was knocked senseless in the eleventh round. All this was taking place in a bar, while the people were worshipping in the church. What is Massachusetts coming to?

As Charles P. Stetson, the Fall River defendant, is still under the care of physicians, who say he is too weak to be moved yet, he may not be brought to court to be arraigned before next Thursday. Since the arrest the excitement of the public has died down, and Hathaway's trial is now the principal topic of conversation. It is not announced when the trial is to take place, but rumour says on Wednesday.

Says the Weekly Review of Los Angeles, "The banquet tendered to the Great Council of Red Men recently in session in the city of Sacramento, was one of the most elaborate ever gotten up in the city. Two hundred and fourteen covers were laid and all occupied. The committee of arrangements from the local tribes had firmly said no intoxicating beverages should be allowed upon the tables, either private or otherwise, and none appeared."

The Greenbacks quote biblical history to prove the sacredness of their cause, and this is how they do it: "The Hard-money party is trying to make the people believe that greenbacks are an invention of the present generation. The bible flatly contradicts it. Greenbacks already existed at the time of Noah. We learn from sacred history that while in the ark he sent out a dove. On the return of the dove, we read, that she brought a green back."

Kearny made a speech on the commonwealth in Worcester Tuesday night. We believe there is a state law for the suppression of profanity, and that such emanations as the following ought to be dealt with accordingly: "I have not come here to please anybody," said he, continuing his speech.

"I have not come here to please any clique, I have not come here for the purpose of furthering the interests of any party. I am here to address the workmen of Worcester, and if you don't like my way of speaking you may go stamp on me." [Laughter.] I am as independent as a hog on ice, and I will say that it will not be well for anybody that dares to interrupt me tonight. [Cries of Good! Good!] Go on Dennis."

The Mayor then said: "I don't see any difficulty in your passing any resolutions (applause) in respect to nominating a Governor. (Renewed applause.) But I don't propose to have anybody else come here to nominate anybody if I can help it. (Renewed applause.) You are here, and you can go on and do your business. (Immense applause.) I have made up my mind that I had better stop, for fear that you will give up General Butler and nominate me for Governor. (Great applause.)"

It does not look very much as if Canada wanted to be annexed to this Union, when "Protection against the United States" is the election cry, and especially when this sentiment has so suddenly in overthrowing the whole Dominion administration.

MOSCOW AT WORCESTER.—  
BY ERICILLUS ILLUSTRATED.

There was an unusually large gathering of delegates to the Democratic State Convention, which was called for Tuesday last, at Worcester, at the Bay State House on the previous evening. There was great excitement, the corridors and parlors being crowded with people who disputed, boasted, threatened and shouted till they were hoarse, over Butler's proposed nomination.

We cannot blame the Butler men for their wealthy entrance to Mechanics Hall on Tuesday morning, although as a party we utterly condemn them. They got possession of the hall by a trick, but then, if we take a calm view of the matter, we must admit that they had some provocation.

It is now beyond dispute that the Democratic-Butler delegates formed a clear majority of those who were legally entitled to a vote in the regular convention; and that the Democratic leaders first attempted to disfranchise and dispossess the power of the local constituencies which had elected these delegates. The idea of the State Committee taking credentials from delegates regularly chosen in a Democratic caucus, and refusing to give them up or give them admission tickets in return, caused the whole uproar, and the Butler men paid them back in their own coin.

The old-timers began the "bull-dozing" in mistaking the temper of their own party. Most of the Butler men were duly accredited from Democratic caucuses, and as such had as much right to vote for Butler in the convention as for anybody else. We are willing to just even to Ben Butler. The whole affair was intensely ludicrous, and was an amusing exhibit of the stuff from which the Democratic party is made up.

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Mr. James Corrie, Dentist, in Baltimore, writes: "I hope you will view this in the right light, and that you will not invite any ridicule. (Immense applause.) I am very sensible that any gentleman should desire to insure his health, and that they left the hall they would be protected in all their rights. The hall would have to be cleaned, at any rate, until the opening of the convention.

After returning from the corridors, the Mayor said: "I have requested you to leave the hall, and you said you would not go. I told you to stay. (Applause.) I went to guard the hall till this difficultly is settled. (Great applause), and I have sent out to see if it can be settled now.

Gentlemen, I hope you will view this in the right light, and that you will not invite any ridicule. (Immense applause.)

Mr. Eugene M. Murphy, of Worcester, writes: "I have found that the pastures have a right to go into any public places and are here for that purpose, and no other. (Great applause). The Mayor and police of Worcester are not political machines. (Great applause). We don't know anything about your State Central Committee. (Laughter and applause).

We are going to preserve order, (appliance), if it's possible. I want to say one more word more. I expect every one of you gentlemen will join with the police in maintaining order. (Renewed applause.)

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Hon. Charles P. Pratt, Mayor of Worcester, for the fair, impartial and stanch position he has taken against the political maneuvers of certain politicians.

The resolution was carried by a rising vote and supplemented with three cheers.

J. D. Taitt.

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Clerical & Workmen will receive a subscription to the newspaper for the sum of \$1.00.

The delegates to Unitarian conference at Saratoga the present week are, Rev. A. J. Rich, C. H. Gifford and wife, Mrs. Dwight Hyde, Lelia Merritt and Washington Tufts.

The Republican caucus in accordance with the call was held in the upper Town Hall, Monday evening last. Some seventy-five or eighty were present, and the business was performed in a quiet and rapid manner. The meeting was organized with Hon. G. W. Johnson in the chair, and Geo. E. Forbes secretary. Immediate attention was given to the work of the meeting, and the delegations to the several conventions were speedily filled. To the State convention the delegates were chosen by ballot, but on the remaining by nomination. The State delegation were all favorable to the nomination of Mr. Long, though the cause was nearly equally divided between Talbot and Long. The delegations were made up as follows: To the State convention, Hon. G. W. Johnson, Rev. F. G. Morris, and T. A. Curtis; Congressional, Messrs. H. F. Fales, D. W. Hodgkins, and C. O. Brewster; County, Messrs. G. L. Twitchell, F. S. Davis, and J. D. Fish; Senatorial, Messrs. H. S. Sessions, G. H. Cook, C. H. Gilford, D. W. Hodgkins, John M. Howe, and O. F. Eaton; Councillor, Messrs. C. Smith, G. W. Johnson, and G. L. Twitchell. The Republican Town Committee is as follows: G. L. Twitchell, chairman, G. E. Forbes secretary, T. A. Curtis, P. S. Deane, and J. A. Rice.

The Democratic caucus last Saturday evening was well attended by at least the Butler faction, but much to the disgust of the party. The "Revolvers," though few in numbers, completely baffled them, and consequently no Butler delegates were sent to the State convention. The delegates chosen were Messrs. C. B. Carpenter, Alex Brigham, and W. G. Fay, all staunch anti-Butler men. They went to Worcester and will go to Boston next week.

Election of officers will take place in Rising Star Division one week from tonight. This evening candidates will be nominated. A series of entertainments is being planned for the coming quarter.

## NORTH BROOKFIELD.

Mr. Charles F. Goodell, for a long time a North Brookfield correspondent, severed his connection with this paper in our last issue. We are glad that Mr. Goodell has been able to enter Tufts College, although his gain is loss; and we can predict for his friends a career of more than ordinary brilliancy, for in our dealings with him we have found a judgment really equalled, while his honesty is beyond question. We congratulate him on that success which his abilities will surely attain for him.—EDITOR.

The contract for the building of C. A. Bush's barn has been given to H. D. Stoddard.

A charity ball in behalf of the yellow fever sufferers was given in the Town Hall Friday evening, Sept. 13th. The net proceeds amounted to \$71.

A meeting of the Greenback Club was held in the selectmen's room Tuesday evening; the question for discussion being: Resolved, That currency of the country should be issued by the government only, received by the government, state and individuals as absolute money, its volume to be regulated by constitutional amendment at a certain per capita, never to be expended or contracted. The club challenging to debate: Hon. Charles Adams, Jr., Freeman Walker, T. C. Bates, T. M. Duncan, or any others as hard money advocates in town.

The hay scales belonging to the estate of W. H. Ayres, are being thoroughly remodeled.

Peter Cormier's house and lot are advertised to be sold at auction Sept. 21 at 2 o'clock P. M.

A very pleasant surprise was given C. F. Goodell at the residence of Miss E. M. Edson on Monday morning, by his former class-mates and teacher. Mr. Goodell left for Tufts College on Tuesday. May success crown all his undertakings.

The engine house is completed with the exception of some inside work.

The eleventh re-union of Co. F. Association, 15th Mass. Volunteers was held at G. A. R. Hall on Tuesday, and attended by about twenty original members of the company. Landlord Warren furnished one of his "extra dinners." The afternoon was passed in relating anecdotes of the company during their term of service. The following officers were elected: Pres. Henry E. Smith; Vice Pres. E. M. Cooper; Secy. and Treas. D. M. Earle; Directors; Carlton M. Deland, H. H. Slayton

and G. W. Hill. The next meeting of the association is to be held at this place Sept. 17 1879, the anniversary of the battle of Antietam.

The home institute held the 13th consisted of meeting in the morning and afternoon, of the teachers, and a lecture in the evening by Prof. Walton and E. H. Hubbard, members of the State Board of Education.

The several churches in town took a collection Sunday, in aid of the yellow fever sufferers, amounting to \$167.60.

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Special Correspondence.  
The old original Peak family gave a musical entertainment to a crowded house Wednesday evening. The music produced from their sixty-six glasses is truly wonderful, together with excellent vocal and instrumental music; entertainment was exceedingly good.

Mr. Kelly of Charlton has been doing a brisk business with his little steamer Elida, on Lake Lashaway. They have had a two days' picnic on a small island about in the centre of the lake, known as Sleep Island, where good music, good refreshments and good times were enjoyed.

The passenger and freight depots have received a new coat of paint which is quite an improvement.

Persons wishing pots for plants would do well to pay Mr. Smith a visit at his pottery. It is very interesting to watch the process of manufacture of all kinds of flower pots, jugs, spittoons, and numerous other articles usually found in first class pottery.

## WEST BROOKFIELD.

Special Correspondence.  
Mr. E. Penfield has shown me some splendid portraits and views of residences that seem perfect. He is a first rate artist, and our people of all ages will regret that they did not improve this opportunity before he leaves us; our friends are passing away, and now is the time to secure a good and correct likeness.—adv.

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## WARREN.

John Hines paid a fine and costs, amounting to \$9.50, Monday, for a violation of the town by-laws Saturday evening.

—A collection of \$50 was taken up at the Congregational Church, Sunday in aid of the yellow fever sufferers. The Methodist Church has contributed \$25, the Grand Army post \$5, and \$105 has been raised by subscription.

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—Fassett & Cushman are painting their hotel inside and out, and with other improvements it looks like a new house. The old double door in front has been removed and a new modern one substituted in its place. The old one was built in 1760 by Capt. David Hitchcock. This was truly a venerable door; 118 years old. Old things are passing away, and all things in and around this hotel have become new. Up to this date the following have been the landlords:—Capt. David Hitchcock built the house in 1760 and occupied it until his death in 1811, when he was succeeded by Hollis Hitchcock who kept it until 1816; then by Captain Thomas until 1818; Chester Kellogg until 1819; Jess McCurdy until 1821; Chas. M. Ueland until 1823; Chas. Hitchcock until 1827; Daniel Field until 1832; Elihu Hammond until 1830; Nathaniel Lynde until 1832; Cowles & Hathaway until 1837; W. M. Smith until 1873; L. A. Blair until 1876; when Fassett & Cushman purchased it and occupy it at the present time, September 18th 1878. The old columns in front have been replaced by new and tastier ones, which make it look like another place. E. P. M.

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The town has been called to mourn over the decease of her old and esteemed citizen Capt. Parsons Allen, one of the old school gentlemen who had braved the storms of seventy-six winters, and at last was obliged to succumb to the will of Divine Providence at an advanced age. He was a good but what is generally called a great man. He held many prominent offices in the town—civil and military—and was chosen a delegate to the Constitutional convention in 1855 over a popular and wealthy opponent after a spirited contest. He was honest and faithful in all his transactions, a kind husband, and indulged parent. He leaves two sons and two grandsons to deplore their loss.

## OXFORD.

Mr. Joseph Stevens has, through the agency of Sheriff Bacon of Blackstone, recovered his horse, wagon and harness, steles from his barn on Wednesday night last.

Mr. L. H. Codworth lost his horse a few days since in a singular manner. He hitched him to one of his wagons suspended a whiffletree chain; by some means the hook caught in the nostril of the horse, tearing its head nearly to the eye in a frightful manner. The injury was so severe he had the animal killed.

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—G. A. Bailey has removed his family and business to West Brookfield, after having served the inhabitants of Brookfield over sixteen years in the watch and jewelry business. He proposes now to give his undivided attention to the same business here. We welcome him, his family and his business to our little town, and hope he will remain at least as long as he did in Brookfield.

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There was a very fair attendance, and a good show. There were over 300 heads of cattle on the grounds. Among the exhibitors were Van Dusen of Charlton, Ayshires; Waldo M. Healy, Dudley, and H. W. Nichols, Sturbridge, Devens, Luther Crawford and W. A. Childs of New Braintree, and Lyman Draper of Brookfield, Durhams; Isaac Stearns of Warren, Lyman Draper of Brookfield, Luther

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## GOLD COIN.

V. S.

GREENBACKS

HOMS NEWS.

The work of extending the "Big Shop" is progressing.

An account of the War master will be found elsewhere.

Mr. Tyler, who has charge of Main St., keeps it pretty clean from cobblestones.

Gold and silver braid will be used in trimming hats and bonnets this winter.

Chameleon velvet is one of the beautiful shades shown in a Paris bonnet.

Gold and silver braid will be used on new costumes, especially for piping.

The always lovely "chapeau bonnet" picture out pure as snow among fall pictures.

Business Cards.

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## OCTOBER.

Oh, loosely swings the purple vine,  
The yellow maple flame before.  
The golden-lawned ash-trees stand  
Guard by our gate, on every cheek.  
October shines in every eye,  
While up the hill and down the dale  
Her crimson banners fly.  
*Dora Head Goodale, in Scribler for Oct.*

THE QUEEN OF SHERA'S DESCEN-  
ANT.

[From the London Jewish World.]  
*Al Dschawar*, a journal printed at Constantinople in the Arabic language, reports an unexpected political-religious revolution and change of dynasty, the scene of which is laid in Abyssinia. After the English victory, and the death of King Theodore, the throne passed to the Emir Kasa, who was crowned under the name of King John. At the same time, however, there existed another ruler of Abyssinia, namely King Menelik II., who asserts that he is the descendant and heir of that Biblical Queen of Sheba who visited King Solomon. He issued a protest against the claims and title assumed by King John Kasa, declared himself to be the legitimate monarch, and the latter a revolutionary Jeroboam. King John was indignant at the theoretic attack launched against him by King Menelik and determined to reply by carnal arguments. He advanced upon Show at the head of 150,000 troops and declared his intention of annexing the territory held by the heir of the Queen of Sheba. When he had arrived before Ankba, the capital and residence of King Menelik, an enormous crowd came out against him. It was not composed, however, of soldiers, but of Christian priests. This "great company of preachers" held the most terrible reproaches at King John and assured him that if he persisted in his revolutionary intentions he would commit mortal sin, and would, consequently, find the gates of Paradise closed against him on the day of his death. They required him to lay down his arms and swear fidelity to the heaven-appointed ruler. John Kasa, strange to say, actually complied. He made an act of penitence for the crime which he had begun to commit, and he entered the city or Ankba, not as a King and conqueror, but as one of the principal governors of King Menelik's dominions. In the presence of members of an assembly of the citizens he laid down the insignia of royalty, handed his crown to Menelik, and begged for the grace and favor of the heir of the Queen of Sheba. King Menelik embraced him with fatherly warmth, and bestowed upon him a high dignity. The old kingdom of Sheba has thus been unexpectedly "united" in the year 1878, an event which the royal family of Menelik is said to have been expecting, with indestructible confidence, throughout a term of 2,873 years.

## QUEEN VICTORIA AND THE WELSH TAILOR.

Princess Victoria, now Queen of England, spent some of her youthful days in Anglesey, where she seems to have enjoyed very much. She occasionally wore the sugar loaf hat and a riding habit, and went among the descendants of the old Druids in Mona's Isle. This was before she took a fancy to the brown heath and the tartan plaid, and the pith of Caledonia. In the neighborhood of the New Palace in Mona, where she and her mom, the Duchess of Kent, were staying, was an old tailor named John Jones, who was a local presbyter with the Wesleyans.

On Saturday afternoon the Princess Victoria had the misfortune, while riding, to tear her riding habit, and on her return to the palace the local tailor was sent for by the house steward. John Jones went and asked for "the Lord Chamberlain," but was told there was no such functionary at the palace. He, in consequence, returned home. On Sunday morning another message came from the palace requesting his immediate attendance. He sent in reply that he could not, that he was to preach that morning at Gorwen, and in the evening at Trethooc, and away he went. On the following morning another message came from Gorwen, and this time it was not the "Marselles," and that he had a collaborator in its composition. On the 14th of July, 1878, they celebrated the fete of the Federation with great

pleasure with our old friend, and asked him angrily why he did not come when sent for the day before. "I was preaching at Gorwen Chapel in the morning, sir," replied John Jones, "and at Trethooc in the evening." "Chapel, indeed!" said the officer; "Preaching, indeed! Did you not know that her Royal Highness Princess Victoria had sent for you to do some work for her?" "Yes, sir," replied John, "but I do not work on the Sabbath." The officer simply said "Not work, indeed!" "No, sir," replied John courageously; "I have never worked on Sunday and never shall." "What?" said the officer "you refuse to do a small job for the future Queen of Great Britain?" "Well," said John, "I am now but a poor tailor of Llanfair, but I also expect to be a king some day in the next world, and it is better for me to lose the favor of princesses of this world than to forfeit my crown in the world to come."

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"Wherefore come ye out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you." THE MARSELLIES HYMN.

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FOR GOVERNOR,

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Senator Blaine delivered a financial speech in Faneuil Hall on Tuesday evening, in which he made some pointed remarks on the evils of a political currency.

Chas. B. Andrews, a native of Spencer, land in this State, was nominated by the Republicans for Governor of Connecticut on Tuesday. He is not certain of an election.

The Springfield Republicans say: "William Upham of Spencer is expected to be re-nominated without opposition by the Republican Convention in the district next week."

The Greenbacks of this State denounce, abhor, and support Butler, condemn, censurate, and favor Butler (millions), denounce, condemn, and advocate Butler (the bond holder), decry monopolists and praise Butler (great share-holder in the Alessi Mill). This is principle; this is consistency.—*Vide Norwich Aurora.*

Hon. W. W. Rice in his speech of acceptance at the 9th District Republican Convention, this week, went over the whole issue of the coming campaign, security in regard to the financial question. He believes that money is property in its most concentrated form, and this is the beginning and end of the whole question.

At a Greenback Meeting in Watertown, N. Y., a motion was passed that the chairman appoint a committee to purchase a printing press for the purpose of commencing the manufacture of Greenbacks. They expect to make one million a day, and have every printing office in the country willing to go into the business. We can furnish such at \$10,000 per 1000, and we can make them creditable at that.

We are not of those who blame the Government alone for the disgraceful events of the last ten years. The Government is the creature of popular will, and the Government has only been a reflex of the people. The foundation of every administration rests upon popular will, as its members are its chosen representatives, and our houses of Congress have only been the representative bodies of the nation. This is a hard truth to bring home to the doors of the people, but it is true nevertheless, and there we must leave it.

At the "straight" Democratic Convention in Boston, on Wednesday, the following State Ticket was put into the field: For Governor, Josiah G. Abbott; Lieutenant Governor, William B. Plunkett of Pittsfield; Secy of State, Henry G. Ewing of Holyoke; Treasurer and Receiver General, David N. Skillings of Worcester; Auditor, John E. Fitzgerald of Boston; Attorney General, Richard Olney of Boston. In this opinion the above ticket insures the success of Talbot, as it weakens Butler by dividing the democratic vote.

The ninth Congressional District Republican Convention was called to order on Tuesday, by T. C. Bates of North Brookfield. J. A. Titus of Worcester was chosen to preside, and Messrs. Montague of North Brookfield and Morse of Millbury, were then chosen Committee on Credentials. Messrs. F. A. Gaskill of Worcester, Isaac Damon of Holden, Col. Taff of Northbridge, T. C. Bates of North Brookfield, E. Harris Howland of Spencer, and J. A. Fayerweather of Westborough, were appointed to nominate a Congressional District Committee, and they were elected as follows: W. S. Hopkins of Worcester; T. C. Bates of North Brookfield; A. J. Bartholomew of Southbridge, Josiah Lowell of Whitinsville, Geo. W. Hobbs of Uxbridge, Charles A. Durfee of Leicester; J. W. Tompkins of Spencer, A. G. Birrell of Wethersfield, Geo. W. of Brookfield; Sylvester Bowditch of Worcester; C. D. Morse of Millbury, Geo. W. of Worcester.

Known of Upton, Chester C. Corbin of Webster, J. L. Bigelow of Northborough, and F. A. Gaskill, Geo. H. Ball and E. J. Russell of Worcester. Hon. W. W. Rice was then nominated for re-election by a unanimous vote. Mr. Rice afterwards accepted, addressed the Convention at great length upon the live issues of the day.

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Butler is still on the war path with his figures and misstatements. He says nothing of how he was the means of the Salary Grab, by which the General Government was swindled out of about \$400,000. He gives the poor workmen because pay is reduced prices, which probably means that they are reduced in value. It is a little singular how men can be swindled by such stuff.—*Pioneer Journal.*

We have passed the turning point, and once more the country is in the direction of prosperity. The progress will be slow but steady and sure. If we gain a step, we shall feel that it is planted on solid, not treacherous ground, which can depend upon to sustain us.

*Woonsocket Reporter.*

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Double veils are coming in with the increasing of fashionable young ladies. The outer one is of dotted black thread face or black not dotted with chenille. The interior one is plain with ruffles, and the combination of the two is very becoming.

*Forbes & Wallace, dry goods dealers, in Springfield, are offering blankets for \$1 which are worth \$2; \$3; \$5 sent for \$2, and so on. They guarantee prices on all these blankets to be \$1 under anything ever sold in Springfield. The prices vary from \$1 to \$10. These blankets comprise the balance of a manufacturer's stock and will be sold by the pair at less than they could be bought by the case.*

*NOTICE.*

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## THE LOST, LOST DAYS.

Aye, happy are the nodding flowers  
That tassel hang from yonder tree;  
Their lives all beauty, wear their gold  
In crowns of purple tears.  
But man, O man, is only tears,  
Bedew thy cradle, at thy grave;  
What grieves me most thy course of years  
And break at rest we vainly crave.  
I fail to find the way down  
Which seems to sum up our weary ways,  
Then in a winter's moon of life  
Sit down to count the lost, lost days.

Pause! Listen to that singing bird,  
He tells not for a vapor applied;

But tells his Master, God,

He comes in wisdom with his laws,

I have the high law of art,

Melodious friend that fills our ears,

The serile school where men are taught,

To monad in song pretended tears,

I fail to find the way down

With fearless trust, his honest lays,

Never finds he tomorrow's dawn,

Nor yet the regal, the lost, lost days!

—John Antrobus, in Toledo Blade.

THRILLING ADVENTURE.

Madame Pauline Lucca usually resides in the Victoria, Strasse, Berlin. Last spring, however, she occupied temporarily at some distance outside the city, a country house consisting of a spacious rambling basement story, surrounded by a veranda.

One night, about ten o'clock, she was sitting there in a bedroom. Her chair was placed before her toilet table, which was lighted by a wax taper on each side of the glass. The two tapers were not sufficient to illuminate the room very brilliantly, and the further end lay buried in a sort of semi-obscenity.

Madame Lucca was busy reading some letters concerning engagements, when suddenly she imagined herself hear a noise. She looked around, but, seeing nothing, concluded she had made a mistake, and resumed the perusal of the letters. She had forgotten all about the noise, when she heard it again.

This time, instead of looking round, she happened, without moving her head, merely to raise her eyes to the glass. She beheld reflected in it the face of a man peering cautiously from out a cupboard behind her.

At first she fancied she was dreaming. She quietly looked again. No, it was no dream. There was a man, whom she now recognized as having been formerly in her service, whence he had been discharged from general bad behavior. She had also suspected him of pilfering several objects which she had missed from time to time, but, not being certain of that point, she had kept her suspicions to herself. Yes, there he was; there could be no mistake about the matter.

Madame Lucca's first impulse was to start up and give the alarm. But there was not another habitation within a mile or two, and she recoiled, realizing that the only person in the house beside herself was her maid, who, though a very good girl and extremely attached to her mistress, was by no means celebrated for her nerve. The other servants, including the gardener and coachman, had been granted permission to attend a friend's wedding, some few miles off, and were not to return until the next day.

It flashed across her mind that the man who, as she knew, had been loitering around the neighborhood for two or three days, had learned that she would be alone, and meant to rob the house, and perhaps murder her, if his project of robbery could not be executed without the perpetration of the greater crime.

What was to be done? Again she glanced toward the mirror. The eyes were still there, glaring at her through the gloom. All at once she remembered that a revolver belonging to her husband, the Baron Von Rhaden, ought to be lying on a shelf in the dining room, but she was not quite sure. "If it is there, and I could only get it," she thought, "I shall not mind."

While she was reflecting, a knock was heard on the door of the room. She saw the dark man hesitatingly draw back into the cupboard and close it after him. She felt relieved, that those two horrible eyes were taken.

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"Come in," she said. Her maid entered.

"No, your ladyship, I will not. Trust me for that," said the girl.

"Edith! Edith!" cried Madame Lucca, an instant afterward. "I have made a mistake. The key is on the Baron's study table. Peshaw! she does not bear me," she continued, speaking aloud. "I must go and fetch it myself."

With these words she left the room. Sooner had she done so than the door of the cupboard cautiously opened. A man put his head out and darted into the adjoining chamber. The next instant the door was shut and locked behind him. But not by me. By Madame Lucca. When she left the room, she did not proceed two paces; she stood outside, listening. As she was in the darkness she could, without being visible herself, see all that was passing in her bed-chamber. She beheld the strange leave his hiding place and dart into the adjoining room. She glided after him with the steadiness of a tigress and the courage of a heroine. The reader knows what followed.

"Caught!" she cried, rushing across the room with the key in her hand.

"Sleepy, your ladyship! I wish I did," replied the maid. "I don't feel sleepy, I'm too frightened."

"Frightened! What are you frightened of you foolish goose? Nonsense!" replied Madame Lucca.

"Oh! I beg your ladyship's pardon, it is not nonsense, and that's just it. How can you be sure that some villain, some good-for-nothing fellow, hearing that you and I are alone in the house, may not murder us in our beds? But he shan't murder me in mine; for, with your ladyship's permission, and remained as though rooted to the spot, till her mistress re-entered with the revolver in her hand.

"Oh, my ladyship! what's that?" inquired her maid, with a strong premonition that all was not right.

"The Baron's revolver, thank goodness!" replied Madame Lucca.

"Why thank goodness, your ladyship?" inquired the maid.

Madame Lucca pointed to the door. Some one on the other side was turning the handle. Editha turned deadly pale, and dropped the lamp she was carrying. Presently there was a knocking, and a voice exclaimed:

"Open the door directly, or—"

The rest was inaudible. Editha's screams all else. Madame Lucca waited until the girl's first stock of breath was exhausted, and her second not yet arrived; she then said, with comic severity, "Editha, if you are not quiet I will begin by shooting you."

Editha thought, apparently that her mistress was in earnest, for the poor girl immediately rammed a large portion of the nearest towel in her mouth, and restricted herself to awing, and fro, and sobbing violently, but the door was massive and immovable.

"My friend," cried Madame Lucca, in a loud voice, "you are caged. The garden door is as tightly fastened as this one, and the window is secured. Do not attempt to open the latter, for I am going into the garden, and the instant that I see you try to escape, you are a dead man."

Flinging open the door which led to the veranda she went out, followed by Editha who, in her despair, had succeeded in pushing more of the towel in her mouth. The sole of a belt being drawn was heard.

"Stand aside, my friend!" said Madame Lucca, "or you are a dead man." A sharp report followed, accompanied by the sound of crashing wood and splintered glass.

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The visitor also was seemingly of opinion, for he did not renew the attack.

When the servants returned next morning they found Madame Lucca quietly reading under the veranda before the window. They were rather surprised, however, at perceiving that she had a six-barreled revolver in her hand, and Editha with what appeared to be the end of a towel sticking out of her mouth. A few words explained the whole affair, and in about an hour afterward, the would-be thief, who, as it was proved, would have been ready to turn assassin as well, was safely at the nearest police-station.

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Do not be long."

"I thought you had gone to bed, my good girl," observed Madame Lucca, in a tone of unconcern.

"I was going, please your ladyship—but I—I thought you might perhaps want something," replied the maid.

"I told you I would be my own femme de chambre tonight. No; the only thing I want is to stretch my limbs a little, for they are cramped from a long sitting."

Speaking thus, Madame Lucca arose with an air of abdominal acted indifference and took a turn or two across the room, passing close to the cupboard as she did so. She afterward declared she thought she could hear the man breathing in his place. He, on his part, might have heard her heart beat, she said, when, on looking at the key-hole, she found that the key had been removed. She was foiled in her plan, which had been to lock him in. Still her presence of mind did not desert her.

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**HOUSEKEEPER'S HELP.**

OKRA.—Slice thin the tender green pods of okra and spread in the sun to dry. Pack in paper bags, as directed for the tomatoes, and put away in a dry place. Take a handful to a dozen beans.

LIMA BEANS.—Gather them while green and tender, and spread in the sun to dry. Boil in winter just as the fresh beans are cooked for a vegetable; or they are very nice to add with the tomatoes and okra, let the soup be made of whatever fresh meat you choose.

TOMATOES DRIED.—To every gallon of peeled tomatoes put one teaspoonful of salt and a table-spoonful of powdered pepper. Boil all well until it becomes a marmalade. Then sift in one pint of flour, and let it cook a few moments longer, in order that the mixture be thickened. Now take the tomatoes and spread them over dishes slightly greased. Dry in the sun three or four days; then roll into balls, sprinkle with flour and expose to the sun a week or two longer. Put away in paper bags. One ball the size of a small apple is enough for a tureen of soup.

CHILI.—A STERLING REMEDY FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN; A BEAUTIFUL COLORANT; RELAXING REMEDY FOR PERTINACIOUS COLD.

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**OUR NEIGHBORS.****NORTH BROOKFIELD.**

Special Correspondence.

—Henry W. King returned Tuesday to resume his studies at Harvard Law School.

—Rev. J. R. Hanley of Conn. is to occupy the pulpit of the Union Church next Sunday.

—The Democratic caucus held in the selectmen's room Saturday evening, resulted in the choice of Geo. C. Lincoln, Chas. E. Jenks, and Henry W. King as delegates to all conventions; and Geo. C. Lincoln, H. P. Bartlett, Samuel Clark, C. E. Jenks and John Rush as town committee.

—The contract for building the two-story house of Geo. E. Hamant, has been awarded to H. D. Stoddard.

—Geo. Stearns is soon to move the building now used as a storehouse on the vacant lot south of his residence; the foundation being already completed.

—Joseph A. Germen was before Justice Jenks on Monday for the crime of drunkenness, and was dismissed by the payment of \$6.40.

—About twenty of our leading citizens attended the Republican rally at Brookfield on Wednesday evening.

—The Batcheller Hose Co. attended the muster at Ware. They accomplished the feat of laying 200 feet of hose ready for use in 1 min. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  seconds.

—A Republican rally was held last evening, and the Town Hall was well filled by an attentive audience of from four to five hundred, including a gallery well filled with ladies who, for two hours, listened to Gen. N. P. Banks and Gen. John L. Swift, who devoted the time mainly to the discussion of the nature, character and effects upon nations of the different kinds of money. Although the evening was dark, good delegations of leading citizens of Brookfield and West Brookfield were present. The speaking was excellent and well appreciated and the meeting was a success. This is to be followed by a similar meeting one week hence.

**BROOKFIELD.**

(Charles H. Whittemore will receive subscriptions and advertising for the sun, and is authorized to receipt in payment for the same.)

Special Correspondence.

—Apple picking has commenced and will occupy the next few weeks fully. The crop is large and the prices small. The empty barrels being worth nearly half what they would bring if filled with apples.

—Work in the big shop is slackening up.

—A conference meeting of the 12th Worcester District Republican Club, was held in the upper town hall Wednesday evening, and was well attended by delegates from each of the five towns of the district. Campaign work was laid out and a general understanding arrived at concerning the mode of execution.

—Cataract number two did itself unexpected honor at the Ware muster Wednesday, coming in second on the distance thrown and winning the prize; a marble-top table; for the best behaved company on the grounds. The distance thrown was 175 feet 4 inches, by the cataract, which was only beaten by the Ware "tub" by 3 feet 6 inches.

—A grand union republican rally is talked of, to be held at this place sometime in the near future. Some one of the leading speakers of the day to be procured for the occasion.

**WEST BROOKFIELD.**

Special Correspondence.

—L. Fullam Hook & Ladder Co., of West Brookfield, A. W. Beals foreman, had their truck beautifully trimmed with evergreen and flowers on Wednesday morning by Mrs. J. L. Barnes, Mrs. Beals, Mrs. Morrill and Miss Livermore. The company then went to Ware to muster, and brought home \$5 in gold and a spring-bed, which was the prize offered there. They ran 150 yards, set two ladders and roof ladder and returned them to truck; time, one minute and 26 $\frac{1}{2}$  seconds.

—The West Brookfield Reform Club after a vacation of three months, was called together last Thursday evening, and reorganized with the choice of the following officers: President, Wm. C. Griffin; Vice Presidents, W. E. Reed, H. Smith and T. Daily; Secretary and Treasurer, Herbert Lynde; Chaplain, Rev. E. S. Gould.

**LEICESTER.**

—The Cornet Band gave an open air concert last Saturday evening on the campus in front of the Pleasant Street School house. The music was unusually fine; the band were entertained after the concert at the house of Mr. Albert Conant.

—A notable local event was the celebration of the 90th birthday of Mrs. J. Alden Denny, on the afternoon of the 23d, at the residence of Mr. Erastus White, with whom she resides. There were 54 persons present, most of whom were aged. Mrs. Denny, with one sister, who is 82, are the last surviving children of a family of twelve,

nearly all of whom lived to be aged. There were present two other persons, Mrs. John Neissou and Mrs. Robert Watson, who were over 90. The gathering was of a social and informal character, a pleasing feature being the presentation to Mrs. Denny of an elegant easy chair and other suitable gifts. A generous repast was served, and the party was full of cordiality and congratulation.

**RUTLAND.**

—George B. Browning of Rutland was knocked down and robbed of a watch and \$37 in money, rear the center of the town Tuesday night, and was so much hurt that he must die. William H. May, a young fellow who was married Wednesday morning, and was found to have sold Browning's watch and bought the wedding ring with the proceeds, has been arrested as the probable murderer.

**FISKDALE.**

Special Correspondence.

—On Thursday last two young men were arrested on charge of theft from C. F. Grosvenor's drug store, and were bound over in \$1000 bonds each to appear at Worcester the third Monday in October.

—On Friday a tramp was arrested by Officer Merrill for drunkenness, and sentenced to sixty days.

—But few Butler men here, and fewer since the Worcester convention.

—Town meeting here Monday, Sept. 28th, to see if the town will appropriate \$25,000 towards the Southbridge and Brookfield Railroad, to start at the terminus of the N. Y. & N. E. R. R., thence westerly, to Cedar Brook (in Sturbridge,) thence northerly, a little west of the agricultural grounds, to within  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a mile of East Brookfield depot.

—Liberty Allen of this village sustained a serious injury by a board hitting him on the head and cutting an ugly gash. Drs. Rice and Witter attended him.

**STURBRIDGE.**

Special Correspondence.

—The Teachers' Institute, held in this town last week, came off according to the programme. The exercises began Wednesday evening with a lecture by M. Coggon, on "The Teacher's Work." The lecture was very interesting and instructive. Thursday

Principal Scott occupied the time by a familiar and highly instructive talk on the best methods of teaching grammar, arithmetic, geography, reading and spelling. In the evening he favored us with a lecture on "The Essentials of a Good School." On Friday Principal Scott lectured on the "Principles of Education" in the forenoon, and on Reading and Hygiene in the afternoon. The institute closed with a sociable in the evening.

—The annual meeting of the Worcester South Agricultural Society will be held in this place Thursday, Oct. 3d, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

—There is to be a town meeting on Saturday afternoon of this week, "to see if the town will vote to subscribe \$25,000 towards the capital stock of the Southbridge and Brookfield Railroad." The result is very doubtful.

**WEST WARREN**

—The "harvest festival" given by the Methodist Ladies' Benevolent Society at West Warren Wednesday evening was a decided success. The collection of fruit and flowers excelled anything of the kind ever gotten up in the vicinity. The net proceeds were \$42.

—The Warren Cotton Mills have just finished a month's job of grading near their reservoir at West Brookfield.

—William C. Walker, a former baggage master, has returned to his old position at the depot.

—Marcus Henneby has got a two-story brick house well under way on the Brimfield road.

—A number of wells have become dry in the village, and the springs are very low.

—The hose company try to convince themselves that, as they were the winners at the two previous musters, they don't feel so very badly after all over their defeat at Ware, and think that, had the trial been for the first water through the nozzle, as is usually the case, their record would have compared more favorably with the rest.

**WARE.**

—The firemen's muster at Ware on Wednesday was very successful. There was comparatively little intoxication and no fighting. The order of the procession was as follows: Platoon of police, chief marshal J. H. Grenville Gilbert and aids; first division, commanded by Assistant Marshal C. E. Stevens; Ware cornet-band, 20 pieces; Oregon engine company No 3 of Ware, 60 men; Otis company hose of Ware, 17 men; Rough and Ready engine of Ware, 50 men; Gilbert manufacturing company hose of Ware, 16 men; second division, commanded by Assistant Marshal G. B. Canterbury; Spencer cornet-band, 20 pieces; Union No 2,

engine of Spencer, 18 men; hose company No 2 of Westfield, 12 men; Calaract No 2 engine of Brookfield, 55 men; Batcheller hose company of North Brookfield, 17 men; third division, commanded by Assistant Marshal John Lashua; Warren cornet-band 23 pieces; Quabog engine company No 2 of Warren, 50 men; Knowles hose company of Warren, 15 men; West Warren hose company, 25 men; West Brookfield cornet-band, 16 pieces; American engine company No 1 of West Brookfield, 48 men; Deluge hose company of West Brookfield, 16 men; L. Fullam hook and ladder company No 1 of West Brookfield, 10 men. The line of march was from the depot through Maple, Chestnut, South Water, North Prospect, Church, High, North, Pleasant, Park and Main streets to a tent on North street. The hose race at 1 o'clock for a silver cup excited no little enthusiasm. The course extended from F. P. Clark's on West Main street to the hydrant near the National bank, a distance of 300 yards, each company to attach and lay 200 feet of hose. The West Warrens did it in 1 minute and 10 seconds, Westfields in 60 $\frac{1}{2}$  seconds, Batchellers of North Brookfield in 1 minute 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  seconds, Gilbert manufacturing company of Ware in 1 minute and 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  seconds, and the Otis company of Ware in 59 $\frac{1}{2}$  seconds, the latter taking the prize. In the trial of engines for silver speaking trumpet, the Quabogs of Warren made 169 feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, Unions of Spencer 150 feet and 4 inches; Cataract of Brookfield 175 feet and 4 inches, Americans of West Brookfield 159 feet and 10 inches, Rough and Ready of Ware 162 feet, and the Oregon engine company of Ware 181 feet and 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches, taking the prize. Then followed the running and placing of ladders by the L. Fullam hook and ladder company of West Brookfield, who ran 150 yards, set 12 upright ladders and a roof ladder, with one man on the ridge, and packed the ladders, in 1 minute and 26 $\frac{1}{2}$  seconds. At the close, E. H. Baker of the Otis company awarded the prizes. The Westfields, through their failing to make connection at the hydrant, and the lightness of their hose carriage, compared with the other companies, were ruled out. The Fullam hook and ladder company were awarded a \$5 gold piece and a novelty spring-bed. For the best order of discipline the Cataract engine company of Brookfield received a marble-top center table. A 3-year-old boy was stepped on by a horse driven by a drunken man, but he will recover.

**EAST BRIMFIELD.**

Special Correspondence.

—The late robberies of about three hundred dollars worth of dry goods from the store of Charles J. Burleigh, by a man named Frank St. John, were, for one who has not been under surveillance, nor before been known as a candidate for honors at the State's expense, very bold offences. The thefts were committed at various times by the thief entering the basement of the building, breaking through a trap door in the floor above, entering the store and purloining such articles as seemed most saleable and convenient to dispose of. Frank is held in the Springfield jail to answer to the charge of burglary, and will be tried in the Superior Criminal Court at the County Court House in Springfield the next criminal term. One or two more of the St. Johns' are in arrears to Mr. Burleigh, and civil processes have been sent out for legal settlement. The morals of this little village are becoming loose, and if reports are true, some corrective will be applied which might cause unpleasant feelings in some quarters least expected. It is to be hoped, for the benefit of the neighborhood, that a reformation may take place and that less Jamaica gin ger be drunk.

**BRIMFIELD.**

Special Correspondence.

—The greatly needed repairs and improvement in cutting the brush which has been a great annoyance at the sides of the Brimfield and Holland mail road, and trimming the branches of the trees, which, for a long time have overhung the highway and so near the earth are being removed by Mr. John Spring. And now while they are about it, if the public surveyor or proper officer will repair the road, which much needs it, by carting on gravel and loam it can be made the best and most pleasant driving road in the town. Southern avenue from monument square to high street is in a bad condition, so much so, that at and near the three bridges, the wear by heavy teams and wash by the late rains, have damaged the road much to the detriment of travelers.

—The picnic given at Mashapang on Saturday last was a fashionable and unique affair, and was very successfully carried out. Arriving at the ground at Lake Mashapang, the party found Commodore Smith in readiness for an excursion on the lake. At one o'clock, lunch was announced and the remainder of the afternoon was passed in dancing, sailing, fishing, etc.

—The services and interest in the

Congregational Church of the Messiah continues unabated. The spacious hall is filled to overflowing Sunday after Sunday, morning and evening, with attentive and eager listeners after religious truths in accordance with the teachings of our Saviour. The services last Sunday were of especial interest.

The morning discourse by the Rev. Mr. Peirce was of an interesting character, he taking his subject from the book of Esther, viii., 10. "So they hanged Haman on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai" delineating in masterly manner the over grasping power of pride for earthly power and place, even to the extinction of life to the Jewish race; and the application may be, there are modern Hamans in our day. The evening service, subject "And one of the company said unto his Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me." Luke 12. 13, showing the covetousness of our human nature in a marvelous light.

**SPENCER.**

The Harvest Concert at the vestry of the Congregational Church, on Sunday evening, given by the Sunday School, was an occasion of much interest. The solo by Miss Estelle Ward and Miss Ina Cate were each good, as was the solo and quartette by Fields M. Prenty and four young misses. The house was well filled, and all were profitably entertained.

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## DOTTIE LOWEZZA.

CHARLES F. ADAMS.  
How dear to his heart was my grandchild  
Lowessa!  
But sweet little daughter of Yawob,  
mine son!

I never was fitted to hug and to squeeze  
her.

Ven home I gets back und der day's  
work was done.

Ven I away, oh, I know dot she miss  
me.

For ven I come homewards she rushes  
pell-mell.

Und puts up dot sweet little mount  
for  
to me.

Hes' wedding old gampas' dot she love  
se well.

Katrina, mine frau, she could not de mil-  
out her.

She was sooch a comfort to her by day

Dot she make efly one habby about

Like sunshine she diff're all dore droves  
away;

She hold der red yam while Katrina  
shut it and a-

She bring her dot campin' bottle to  
smell,

She fetch me mine pipe too, ven I don't  
find it.

Dot sweet-oyed Lowessa dot love me so  
well.

How sweet wen de dots off der way vas  
all o'er.

Und Sunday was come mit its quiet rest,

To talk mit dot child, 'mong der dailies  
us closer.

Und hev dot little leodle birds building  
their nest!

Her bright leelie eyes, how they sparkle  
mit pleasure.

Her laugh it rings undt shust so clear as  
a bell.

Edink there was nophay had sooth fre-  
ure.

As dot shimal Lowessa, dot love me so  
well.

When winter was come, mit its cold, short-  
er weather.

Katrina, we must sit in der house

Und off der past by der fireside to  
giddies.

Or play mit dot daughter off our Yawob  
Strauss.

Old mother dot wrinkles begins to remind  
us.

We gannty play long mit der children to  
dwell;

But dot we shall need mit der poy left

pining us.

Und dot sweet Lowessa dot love us so  
well.

## THE FACTORY GIRL.

It was a little studio, quite at the top of the house. Upon the easel that occupied the post of honor in the middle of the room, a large piece of canvas glowed with the soft tints of a spring landscape, and Frank Seymour stood before it, pallid in hand, his large brown eyes dreamy with a sort of inspiration.

In a comfortable, easy chair, by the door, sat a plump, rosy, little female, in a lace cap, with a platter of narrow, white satin ribbons fluttering from it, and silver-gray poplin dress—Mrs. Seymour, in fact, our artist's mother, who had just come up from her basement "to see how Frank was getting along."

"Here, mother," said the young man with an enthusiastic sparkle in his eyes, "just see the way the sunset light touches the topmost branches of the old apple tree. I like the brown subdued of that tint; it somehow reminds me of Grace Teller's hair."

Mrs. Seymour moved a little start in her chair—

"Yes, it's very pretty; but it strikes me, Frank, you are lately discovering a good many similitudes between Miss Teller and your pictures."

Frank laughed good-humoredly.

"Well, mother, she is pretty."

"Yes, I don't deny that she is pretty enough."

"Now, mother, what's the meaning of that ambiguous tone?" demanded the young artist, pleasantly. "What have you discovered about Miss Grace Teller that isn't charming and womanly and lovely?"

"Frank, do you know who she is?"

"Yes, I know that she is a remarkably pretty girl with a voice that sounds exactly like the low, soft ripples of the little rivulet where I used to play in the evening, 'tis to the calico factory she was about to wave over him."

"Nonsense," said Mrs. Seymour, shrilly.

"Well, then, if you are not satisfied with any description of her as she is, would you like to know what she will be?"

Mrs. Seymour looked puzzled.

"Mother, I think one day she will be my wife."

"Frank! Frank! are you crazy?"

"Not that I know of," said Mr. Seymour, compositely, squeezing a little deep blue on his pallet out of a dainty tin tube, and mixing it thoughtfully.

"We know so little about her," thought Mrs. Seymour. "To be sure she is visiting Mary Elton, and Mary

belongs to a very good family, if she does live in half a house and takes in embroidery for a living. But then she has no style at all compared with Cynthia Parker, and Cynthia always did fancy our Frank. Then, moreover, she has five or six thousand dollars of her own. But, dear me, a young man in love is the most headstrong creature alive."

Mrs. Seymour mused a while longer and then put on her mouse-colored silk bonnet and gray shawl, and set out on a tour of inspection.

"Well, what of that?"

"What of that? Frank Seymour, Father or I'll know the reason why, thought the indefatigable widow."

Miss Grace Teller was at home, helping Mary Elton in an elaborate piece of fine embroidery. The room where the two girls sat was very plain, carpeted with the cheapest linoleum, and curtailed with very ordinary pink and white chintz, yet it looked snug and cheery, for the fat blackbird was chirping noisily in the window, and a stand of magnolias and velvet-blossomed panies gave a beautiful tint to this pretty picture of every day life.

Mary Elton was pale, thin, and not at all pretty; there was a tremulous sweetness about her mouth that seemed to whisper that she might have been different under different circumstances.

Grace Teller was a young lady who owns the extensive calico factories, from which our village takes its name."

"Den me!" ejaculated Mrs. Seymour, turning pale and sinking down on a divan near her. "Why? why did you come from factory girls?"

"I am acquainted with Miss Teller?" asked Mrs. Randall, with some surprise.

"Quite well; in fact I have had the management of her property for some years. Miss Teller is the young lady who owns the extensive calico factories, from which our village takes its name."

"Frank, don't jest," pleaded the poor little mother, with tears in her eyes. "Tell me at once you will give up this fancy for the girl that is in no way equal to you."

"No—she isn't no respect my equal," returned Frank, with reddening cheek and sparkling eye, "but it is because she is in every respect my superior."

"I can't help owning the calico factories, Frank. Don't you love me just as much as if I did?"

"My little deceiver. But why didn't you tell me?"

"Why should I tell you, Frank? It was so nice to leave the heiress behind and be plain Grace Teller for a while. And when I saw how happy your mother was to our engageement, a spark of woman's whimsiness rose within me, and I resolved I would maintain my incogito, come what might." Mrs. Seymour, she added, turning archly round and holding her hand to the discomfited old lady, "didn't I tell you that I owed my daily deceiver. But why didn't you tell me?"

"So you are determined to marry me, Frank, in spite everything?"

Grace Teller had been crying—the dew yet on her eye-lashes, and the unnatural crimson on her cheeks, as Frank came in, and Mary Elton considerably slipped out "to look for a missing pattern."

"I should think so," said Frank, looking admiringly down on the gold head that was stooping among the panies.

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to Mary couched in the politest and most distant terms.

"Frank!" she ejaculated, never ceasing to stoppage to remove shawl or bonnet, and bursting into her son's smile like an express messenger of life and death news. "Who do you suppose your paragon is?"

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FOR GOVERNOR.  
THOMAS TALBOT.

G.D. TALBOT ACCEPTS THE NOMINATION.

Thomas Talbot has embodied in his course the very principle of reform, and the Republican party of to-day have placed him at the head of the party of this State in accordance with the demand of the people for a thorough reform of the Civil Service of this Commonwealth. We have sought the history of this man's life, and cannot find one black mark. On the other hand we turn to that of Butler, and the clear places are too frequent to make mention of. We do not care what Butler did exactly ten years ago. What we object to is the way he goes about making himself Governor of Massachusetts. Compared to day with that of Thomas Talbot, and no man who has a grain of statesmanship in him can fail to see the total unfitness of General Butler as the Governor of this Commonwealth. On the other hand Thos. Talbot started life as a working man, has made his fortune as a working man and as a candidate for the suffrages of working men he comes before the State; comes because the people of the State want him as their chief on account of his character as a man.

Instead of a long editorial, we allow Mr. Talbot to speak for himself this week.

Gentlemen: I am in receipt of your letter of 20th ult., enclosing a copy to me of the article on the convention in Boston to the people of the country in regard to my name as a candidate for the office of governor.

I am deeply sensible of the honor done me, and of the responsibility which devolves upon me in accepting it.

We have reached a crisis in our political as well as in our financial affairs, when every day is overhanging us, and where his position upon the above questions of the day, and give his reasons for his faith and actions, I desire that the distress which the depression of business has brought upon the community demands that the same rules of economy shall be applied to state affairs, which have been so severely applied to private matters; that every avoidable expense shall be stopped forthwith; that every effort not absolutely necessary shall be abandoned; that the amount of money to be expended shall be reduced to the lowest point adequate for the service rendered; that the length and expense of the legislative session shall be reduced; that the amount of state charters shall be limited, and the cost thereof lessened; that no further grants of the state money shall be made to private enterprises or institutions, no more new public works shall be commenced unless absolutely demanded in the interest of humanity; that the public debt shall not be increased, but that vigorous measures be taken to reduce and pay off as far as possible the existing debt.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS TALBOT.

A valuable hunting dog belonging to Alenzo Crafts of Whately got a leg broken and a shoulder put out of joint in fight, and it was decided to shoot him, but he disappeared and was not found till after a day's hunting. The owner then thought he ought to be saved, and when help was called in to set the leg, although the operation was painful, the dog remained perfectly quiet. After it was over he raised his head and licked gratefully the hand of the operator, and in whatever position he placed his head he remains perfectly immovable.

The foregoing I understand to have been in the sense of the convention, as expressed in the resolutions adopted, and therefore I am willing to abide by them.

I leave the honor to receive at his hands.

By such principles as I have indicated I have endeavored to guide my own life and business. Should the people of Boston ratify the action of the convention, I can promise nothing except with God's help to apply with my best ability so far as my duty permits, the same methods to the greater welfare of the community.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS TALBOT.

No man needs to be afraid to candidly Butler, but tell all the truth and that will beat him.

David G. Butler of Threftord, Vt. hung himself. If the disease would only spread to the other branches of the Butler family—but this is wicked.

Paper money in Turkey is depreciating alarmingly. It is now only one third of its value, and yet it is redeemable by the Government. This will serve as a text for a great sermon.

Let every Republican ask himself what he is going to do to be individually during the present campaign. It only wants a month of election, and the Greenbacks of Gloucester have already received Butler with a salute of 100 guns. It is of no use trying to belittle Butler's campaign, because he is the smartest wire puller in the Union, and nothing but balls can beat him.

The Republicans must go to work with a will, for the Greenbacks will refuse to let them off with their effects, and economy will enable us to do this, however, in state and town both, and to do it honestly as it has always heretofore been done, payment at maturity, and in gold.

As it goes like these it is always the laboring class which feels most keenly the depression and suffering, it should be the aim of all in the country to strive at the earliest moment and in a spirit of conciliation and respect, such legislation as is possible to relieve and assist them, and to support and encourage them, the thoughtful and freeholders, while it is the duty of the employer to be loyal and faithful to the employee. It is the duty of the employer's duty to make the employed share, as far as possible, in his own success or prosperity, by at least furnishing wages as steadily as possible, and at the wages which the market can afford. Neutral and just relations between the employer and employee should exist between them as will inspire mutual regard and confidence. I speak from the heart upon this topic; I have been a strong advocate myself, and know their hardships and their needs, and I respect their rights.

The greenback theory seems to me the most delusive and dangerous themselves; if history teaches anything in matters of finance it is that sooner or later the products of every community must be measured by the standard of the world, and lost; they must be out-voted. Let all voters of this country, on November 5th, cast a vote for the world, and not for the self-called reformers. We might, for our own exchange, have any standard we choose, but the spirit of the times, the condition of the nation and of nations renders such a thing impossible. First of all we must take for what we have to offer, as we must certainly pay for what we have to buy, the mother of the world is the law of exchange, we might, for our own exchange, have any standard we choose, but the spirit of the times, the condition of the nation and of nations renders such a thing impossible. 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## FATHER AND SON.

One evening in the month of March, 1798—that dark time in Ireland's annals whose memory (overlooking all minor subsequent events) is still preserved among us, as "the year of the rebellion"—the lady and gentleman were seated near a blazing fire in the old-fashioned dining room of a large, lonely mansion. They had dined; wine and fruit were on the table, both untouched, while Mr. Hewson and his wife sat silently gazing at the fire, watching its flickering light becoming gradually more vivid as the short spring twilight faded into darkness.

At length the husband poured out a glass of wine, drank it off, and then broke silence, by saying,

"Well, well, Charlotte, these are awful times; there were ten men taken up every day for burning Cotter's house at Knockane; and Tom Dyer says that every magistrate in the country is a marked man."

Mr. HEWSON cast a furtive glance towards the windows, which opened nearly to the ground, and gave a view of a wide, tree besprinkled lawn, thro' whose center a long straight avenue led to the high-road. There was also a few feet at either side of the house, branching off through close thickets of trees, and reaching the road by a circuitous route.

"Listen, James!" she said, after a pause, "what noise is that?"

"Nothing but the sighing of the wind among the trees. Come, wife, you must not give way to imaginary fears."

"But really, I heard something like footsteps on the gravel, round the garden end—I wish—"

A knock at the parlor door interrupted her.

"Come in."

The door opened, and Tim Gahan, Mr. Hewson's confidential steward and right-hand man, entered, followed by a fair-haired, delicate looking boy of six years old, dressed in deep mourning.

"Well, Gahan, what do you want?"

"I ask your honor's pardon for disturbing you and the mistress; but I thought it right to come and tell you the bad news I heard."

"Something about the rebels. I suppose?"

"Yes, Gahan, what do you want? I got a whisper just now that there's going to be a great rising entirely, tomorrow; though saps are to gather before day-break at Kilcrea bog, where I'm told they've a power of pikes hiding; and then they're to march on and sack every house in the country. I'll engage, when I hear it, I didn't let grass grow under my feet, but came off straight to your honor, thinking maybe you'd like to walk over this fine evening to Mr. Warren's, and settle with him what's best to do."

"Oh, James! I beseech you, don't think of going."

"Make you mind easy, Charlotte; I don't intend it; not that I suppose there would be much risk; but, all things considered, I think I'm just as comfortable at home."

"Of course, 'tis just as your honor pleases, but I'll warrant you there would be no harm in going. Come, Billy," he added, addressing the child, who by this time was standing close to Mrs. Hewson, "make your bow, and bid good-night to master and mistress."

The boy did not stir, and Mrs. Hewson taking his little hand in hers, said, "You need not go home for half an hour, Gahan; stay and have a chat with the servants in the kitchen, and leave little Billy with me—and with the apples and nuts," she added, smiling, as she filled the child's hands with fruit.

"Thank you, ma'am," said the steward, hastily. "I can't stop—I'm in a hurry home, where I wanted to leave this brat tonight: but he would follow me. Come, Billy; come this minute, you young rogue."

Still the child looked reluctant, and Mrs. Hewson said, peremptorily,

"Don't go yet, Gahan; I want to speak to you by-and-by; and you know the mistress always likes to pet little Billy."

Without replying, the steward left the room, and the next moment his

hasty footsteps resounded through the long flagged passage that led to the office.

"There's something strange about Gahan, since his wife died," remarked Mrs. Hewson. "I suppose 'tis grief for her that makes him look so darkly, and seem almost jealous when any one speaks to his child. Poor little Billy! your mother was a sore loss to you."

The child's blue eyes filled with tears, and pressing closely to the lady's side, he said,

"Old Peggy doesn't wash and dress me so nice as mammy used."

"But your father is good to you?"

"Oh, yes, ma'am, but he's out all day busy, and I've no one to talk to me as mammy used; for Peggy is quite deaf, and besides she's always busy with the pigs and chickens."

"I wish I had you, Billy, to take care of and to teach, for your poor mother's sake."

"And so you may, Charlotte," said his husband. "I'm sure Gahan, with all his old ways, is too sensible a fellow not to know how much it fit to bring up the child's benefit to be brought up and educated by us, and the boy would be an amusement to us. I'll speak to him about it before he goes home. Billy, my fine fellow, come here," he continued, "jump up on my knee, and tell me if you'd like to live here always and learn to read and write."

"I would, sir, if I could be with father, too."

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Thus, though for a time, Mr. and Mrs. HEWSON had a son and a daughter, and when a few months later, Gahan had indeed a son,

"Tell him to come in," said Mr. HEWSON, in a solemn tone of sorrow, very different from his ordinary cheerful voice.

"Come with me," said the butler, and I'll ask him will be seen you."

"With faltering steps the father combed; and when they reached the parlour, he trembled exceedingly, and leaned against the wall for support, while the butler opened the door and said,

"Gahan is here, sir, and wants to know if you'll let him speak to you for a minute."

"Will you tell him I had rather die than sin again?"

Old Gahan died two years afterwards, truly pietist, invoking blessings on his son and on his benefactor; and the young man's conduct, how no longer under evil influence, was so steady and so upright, that his adopted parents felt that their pious work was rewarded and that, in William Gahan they had indeed a son.

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## OUR NEIGHBORS.

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H. E. &amp; E. S. Chesley have received an extra assortment of ready-made clothing and have also greatly diminished their stock of cloths for custom work. One call will satisfy all that for quality of goods and low prices their interest demands a second call.

S. S. Woods is having his house newly shingled.

Rev. Mr. Hawley of Connecticut will preach in the Union Church next Sunday morning and also at 6 p.m. All are cordially invited.

The members of the Union Congregational Sabbath School recently signified their appreciation of the long and faithful services of their Superintendent, Mr. Frank A. Smith, by a social gathering at his house and the presentation to him of a gift.

Howarth's Hibernica is billed for Friday and Saturday evening of this week.

In consequence of the raftering in the roof over the platform surrounding the depot, not having been supported upon the under side, it has gradually slid down upon the sides of the building and become so demoralized that it is necessary to take down the entire roof and to rebuild the same.

S. A. Clark has filled his new show case with a good assortment of silverware.

There will be a meeting of the Greenback-Butler Club in the Selectmen's room, on Friday evening, Oct. 4, to elect delegates to the Congressional County, Councillor and Senatorial Convention, to be held at Worcester.

The houses and barns belonging to Louis Bourbeau will be sold at public auction, Saturday, Oct. 12, at 1:30 p.m.

EAST BROOKFIELD.  
Special Correspondent.

A large drove of cattle, numbering 588, passed through this village Wednesday, from Vermont.

An occasional black bass is from the lakes, but none of any quantity, and it remains to be proven that the venture was a success.

Mr. D. W. Goodall of this town was on Tuesday ordained and installed pastor of the Trinitarian Congregational Church of Troy, N. H., on which occasion the sermon was preached by Rev. Joshua Cole of Lawrence, formerly of Brookfield, and Mr. Goodall's pastor; the address to the church was delivered by Rev. C. E. Stevens of Brookfield, and the ordaining clergyman was Rev. George W. Phillips of Plymouth Church, Worcester, of which Mrs. Goodall, who is a daughter of Mr. Henry Reed, was a member previous to her marriage; Mr. Phillips having recently united the new couple in the bonds of matrimony.

FISKDALE.  
Special Correspondent.

The town meeting held on Saturday last resulted in a complete failure to those desiring a railroad, the vote standing 114 ayes, 68 yeas. There is great talk of trying it again.

The Baptists held a floral concert in their church Wednesday eve Oct. 9

A pocketbook being lost last Monday evening, occasioned a great many street lamps in the shape of lanterns. The search being over, we were left in total darkness again. When shall we be able to have street lamps so that a traveler may tell whether he is in the street or on the sidewalk.

SPENCER.  
Special Correspondent.

The "Comical Brown" combination will give an entertainment in Town Hall, West Brookfield, Saturday evening, Oct. 5th. Nothing need be said in his praise as all know him. You must go, then "laugh and grow fat."

Howorth's Hibernica and Comedy Company will occupy the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, Oct. 9. This company is known all through the United States, and great things in comedy are expected, for it is a star.

Alfred A. Gilbert presented your correspondent with some fine specimens of choice apples, not quite as big as a large pumpkin, but averaged one pound and three ounces. They are called "Monstrous Pippins."

E. P. M.

RESULTS OF TROTTING HORSES IN THE PUBLIC STREETS.—The characteristic dilatoriness of country towns and town officials is well illustrated in regards the lack of town action in accepting general statutes enacted for their benefit. The people of West Brookfield have never taken action, your correspondent is informed, upon that statute of the state authorizing towns to prohibit trotting horses upon the public highways. It is now hoped that the chapter of accidents resulting from trotting horses in the streets of our village may stir up a healthy sense of public feeling upon this matter, and result in the necessary municipal ac-

tion required to guard against a repetition of similar accidents in the future. The facts in the case are, as nearly as can be learned, as follows:—Two prominent local horse fanciers, Jacob Putnam and Henry Crouse, were having a trial of speed between their favorite, Tuesday last. The four horse team of John B. Gould of Warren was standing, unbroken, in front of the residence of Geo. Burkhardt, and the noise made by the trotting horses frightened these team horses and they started off and soon gained full head way, unrestrained by driver. They came upon the team of Mr. Frank T. Fales, containing himself, wife and child and Miss Cora V. Blair, daughter of E. H. Blair, the town Postmaster. The carriage containing this party was a more complete wreck than the animals of team smash-ups usually furnish. The four occupants of the carriage were thrown out, and all more or less injured. Bruises, contusions, sprains and fright and shock were pretty generally distributed. Miss Blair seemed to be more injured than the rest. Her face was cut and bruised and she was more or less injured generally. It is the opinion of the physician, Dr. G. Blodget, that the injuries are not of their serious, are doing well, but time is required to measure the full amount of the injuries resulting from the wounds and from the shock to the nervous system.

W. M. WRIGHT.  
Report of the Condition  
of THE SPENCER NATIONAL BANK AT SPENCER, IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS AT THE close of BUSINESS, OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 1878.Resources.  
Loans and discounts... \$100,000.00  
U.S. Bonds to amount of circulation... 100,000.00  
Bank notes outstanding... 1,757.48  
Real estate, furniture, etc., taxes, etc... 100.41  
Deposits in other Banks... 100.00  
Premiums due... 100.00  
Other accounts, etc., taxes, etc... 100.00  
Balances of other Banks... 100.00  
Fractional currency (including nickel) due... 100.00  
Legal tender notes... 100.00  
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Liabilities.

Capital stock paid in... \$100,000.00  
Surplus fund... 234.12  
National Bank notes outstanding... 112,600.00  
Dividends unpaid... 100.00  
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## HOME NEWS.

Rev. Mr. Herrick will occupy his pulpit next Sunday, having been away for over a week.

The Baptist Sunday School had a concert last Sunday evening. It was well attended and much appreciated.

A choral union is much needed to cultivate the musical taste of this town, and as we understand Mr. Wm. Sumner has offered his services for such a cause we do not see why our musical people should be backward in the matter.

**LOCAL PRICES CURRENT.**—Meal 10 to 15 cts; corn 65cts; oats 45c; flour 6 50 to 9 00; beans 60; potatoes 1 00; eggs 25; Butter 25; cheese 1 2; lamb 10; apples 1 00; beef steak 10 to 16; beef shanks 4; corned beef 8 to 12; ham 14; lamb 12 to 23; tripe 10; veal 10 to 20; salt pork 10; pork steak 12 to 14; onions 1 00; dried beef 20; chickens at 25; turkey 25.

Letters unclaimed in the Spencer Post Office Oct. 11, 1878: Clement Dennis, Thomas D. Beadee, Geo. C. Dueet, Wm. McDonald (2), Lewis Briere, Mrs. E. Bram.

Joseph Tremblay has recently finished a fine three-story tenement house, west of Drury's shop.

Clemens & Ames, S. Packard & Co., J. D. Taitt and E. F. Sibley still continue to close their stores on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

John G. Avery has spent most of the last three weeks at the American Institute Fair, New York, where he has had his patent Anti-Friction Rollers on exhibition. The New York papers say that he has kept a 1750 lb. wheel in motion with only a piece of strong Withamnatic thread as a bolt to supply the power.

Haworth's Hibernica exhibited in Town Hall, Monday and Tuesday evenings, to very fair audiences. The performances were highly meritorious,

Calvin Kent has had his house painted this week, which has much improved its appearance.

Mrs. T. J. O'Brien has a large fall announcement in this issue. Her millinery establishment is one of the best in Worcester, and the people from this vicinity ought to give her a call.

Rev. A. B. Bishop has returned to town in improved health. He is expected to occupy his pulpit soon.

Geo. Dennis, 2d, is staying on a visit at Potterville, Kansas.

Tramps have been very scarce this summer on account of the railroad work.

Pliny Allen was in town over last Sunday, and says he enjoyed his visit home very much. He is at present located in Springfield.

C. S. Dwyer brought into his office a large bush of raspberry on which was good collection of ripe fruit. Something unusual at this time of the year.

A gang of gypsies passed through town last Monday, bound eastward.

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## FROM "OUT WEST."

POTTERVILLE, Osborne Co., Kansas.

MR. EDITOR:

Thinking that a brief description of our journey through Kansas would be of interest to some of your readers, we send the following:

Owing to the good management of the different Railroads, there was but two hours delay on our way from East Brookfield to Russell, Russell Co., Kan.

Starting upon the Monday evening, 8 o'clock, express train, arriving at Russell at 3 o'clock, a.m., Friday.

Nothing of special interest attracted our attention east of Missouri, excepting the abundant productions of the soil, and after viewing and expressing admiration of a field of corn two miles long by a half mile wide, a general sitting near remarked that that was nothing to be compared with the crops that would be seen growing in Kansas, which remark was verified to us as we passed through the immense fields of ripening corn in the valleys of the Kansas and Solomon, by rail, and some of the tributaries of the latter by carriage. We can only add that we were happily disappointed in finding the soil of Western Kansas, one known as part of the Great American Desert, so rich and productive, in direct contradiction of the reports given by a few who have recently visited this section of the country from our vicinity. We consider it the garden of the U. S., for we do not know of a garden in Massachusetts that will produce the crops that naturally grow here.

Owing to delay of the mail, notice of the appointed time of our arrival at Russell did not reach our friends in time for them to meet us, so hiring a driver with a pair of 700 Texas ponies, so common here, and a light, covered, spring wagon we started for their unknown habitation. So comfortably fixed for an all-day's ride, so delighted with the country and so entertained by the gentle, gentlemanly driver, that the near approach of night found us, to our surprise, twenty or twenty-five miles to the north of west of our destination, and very naturally we began to inquire for the nearest Prairie Hotel, for the much needed rest of our weary bodies after a four days constant ride. Upon our approach to a settler's house (often a dug-out) they would seat themselves for a long chat, which they lose the equilibrium of the system and become depressed and dispirited. Oatmeal requires to be cooked slowly, and the water should be boiling when it is stirred in. A pinch or two of salt improves it.

The favorite way of cooking oatmeal in this country, is to put it into cold water, and let it stand over night, or a few hours, and then put it into a tin pail and set the pail into a kettle of water, and cover the kettle, but not the pail, and boil, or steam it in that way for an hour or more, stirring it occasionally, and salt and thin it to taste. A cupful of the coarsest meal, which is the best for mush, will make a quart. —Ed. Sun.

**AMOUNT OF WOOD TO THE ACRE.**—In a good deal of observation on the subject, says Marsh, the largest quantity of marketable wood I have ever known cut on an acre of virgin forest was one hundred and four cords, or 493 cubic yards, and half that amount is considered a very fair yield. This estimate is far above the average given to the statistician of our Department of Agriculture, which are as below:

In Franklin County, Maine, the best woodland yields 40 cords per acre; the average is about 25. In Segadock and Hancock counties the average yield is 30 cords per acre.

In New Hampshire, the average yield is put from 20 to 40 cords per acre in the different counties.

In Vermont, the forests yield from 25 to 50 cords per acre. Some forests are estimated to furnish 200 cords.

In Rhode Island, about 30 cords per acre.

Before going to sleep the best course is not to raise our heads and necks, lest they come in collision with the roof and awaken the other slumberers. After a refreshing night's rest,

all were invited into the sitting-room for the usual family worship, for they were of the true methodist type.

Then followed another enjoyable meal and lively chat, horses fed and harnessed and we departed, with a pressing invitation to visit them again, and promising to do so, we bade adieu. The remainder of our journey was over the divides and through the valleys of some of the tributaries of the south fork of the Solomon, in a due easterly course for twelve or fifteen miles, about mid-way between the Solomon on the north and the Blue Hills on the south, thence south-easterly over the hills to their southern slope, where we found our friends, brown and rugged, in the midst of haying.

Although our journey from Russell was in a wrong direction, occupying 24 hours' time longer than necessary, yet we did not regret it. The weather was pleasant, the atmosphere clear and invigorating, the scenery was pleasing though monotonous, as is the case in all prairie countries, pleasing because the richness of the soil and near future wealth of this part of our country was unmistakably manifest in the heavy growth of its nutritious grasses, furnishing pasture for thousands of sheep and cattle, and the abundant yield of its cultivated crops, corn, wheat, rye, oats, potatoes, etc., all of which tends to make an Eastern farmer, who ploughs across his stone heaps and spends his money for fertilizer, deride of changing his old worn-out farm for one of Uncle Sam's productive and remunerative quarter sections.

After the arrival of the sheep, which are now within 150 miles of their journey's end, we may continue our letter to you readers may hear from us again. G. B., 2d.

**OATMEAL.**—The British Workman prints the following:—"Many child ren are best nourished on oatmeal diet because it causes them to grow strong and no better food can be found for them. It is quite suitable for the student or for the laborer, and for the delicate lady as for her hard-working sister; indeed all classes would be greatly benefited by its use, and dyspepsia, with all its manifold annoyances, can be kept at a distance. Oatmeal is more substantial food, it is said, than pork, or lamb, giving as much or more mental vigor, while its great desideratum consists in not becoming weary of it, for it is as welcome for breakfast or tea as is the best wheaten bread. It can be eaten with syrup or butter, as hasty pudding, or with cream and sugar, like rice. It is especially good for young mothers, upon whose nervous forces too great a demand has been made, by which they lose the equilibrium of the system and become depressed and dispirited. Oatmeal requires to be cooked slowly, and the water should be boiling when it is stirred in. A pinch or two of salt improves it."

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FOR GOVERNOR:  
THOMAS TALBOT.

Hon. Eli Thayer is nominated for Governor of the 9th District Greenbackers, against Hon. W. W. Rice.

An accident occurred to an excursion train on Tuesday evening, at Wellsville, a few miles from Boston, by which 20 lives were lost and 130 wounded. The accident is described as terrible. The train contained 90 cars with two engines, and a good many can were badly wrecked. The accident was caused by a misplaced switch, which in turn caused the train to run into a freight car.

THE CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILOR.

Our account of the renomination of Hon. William Upham was published on last week. The nomination was quite unanimous, and the attitude of the Convention to Mr. Upham was very kind and flattering, and must be appreciated by him in less than by the people of Spencer. We do not think there is any doubt whatever of his reelection, as many prominent Butler men in addition to Democrats in this vicinity have expressed their willingness to vote for him. We do not think Mr. Upham needs any campaigning for as his success is positively assured. We hear from reliable source that his influence in the council during his term of office has been strongly marked, and we knew that he is as sound and progressive on State and National issues as Governor Talbot himself.

THE WESTERN ELECTIONS.  
The Western elections, on the whole, give great encouragement to the party of honest money. The Democratic majority, which won over 20,000 in Ohio, has been wiped out, and the old Republicans majority has been completely restored. This must be a very gratifying state of things to President Hayes, and shows that his own state appreciates the clear record of administration. Besides this it will accord like a cold sponge of Massachusetts Butlerism. There was no hope of redeeming Indiana, and consequently the reflex from there is the same as before. The result in Colorado, and even in the Connecticut town elections, shows pretty conclusively that the Republicans are not affected by the Greenback craze as much as some people would have us believe.

FOR CONGRESS.

The candidate for Congress is the most important person for whom our citizens have to cast their ballots at the coming election, because the make up of the national House of Representatives more directly affects the interests of voters than even the state government. Hon. W. W. Rice has been nominated in view of the fact that he has rendered to the people in the Forty-Fifth Congress. His planks are—

Honesty in finance.  
Honesty in civil service.  
Honesty in the expenditure of the public money.

In these short columns we cannot enter into a discussion of the finance question. It is enough to say that Mr. Rice has been trained up in the George F. Hoar school of politicians, and while not being in possession of such oratorical powers as the senator, has all the progressive ideas and all the innate honesty pertaining to that school of politicians. Any one wanting to study up Mr. Rice's career in the late Congress for themselves, can see the Congressional Record and other public documents at this office, and they will find that Mr. Rice is just the man for the times.

A COMMON WAIR.

The greatest reason which impels farmers and workmen to take up with the Greenback craze, is well stated by a correspondent of the New York Times as follows:

"In the country and interior districts, also, the great mass of the Greenback party is made up of small farmers and others whose property is mortgaged, who owe more than they can pay for the price of their lands, and who see no way out of their constantly increasing financial difficulties. They are poor, and daily growing poorer, and are finding it impossible to recover with any of this sort. With the ground under their feet and the roof which sheltered their families mortgaged, to the last dollar, they are naturally despoiled, and are compelled to let go every resource to find a way out of their difficulties. They have tried all the old ways, at least they say they have; they

have tried them to no purpose, and now they willingly enter into this new scheme which promises so much. To do this, however, costs them their one answer is—'We are going to try this new move anyhow; the old political parties have never done anything for me, and we don't do well we'll turn him out.'

What a spectacle! Choosing an acknowledged political trickster as Governor on his mere promise, when, as we have seen, he has often violated his promise to his constituents. What will not such a man promise to obtain power?

"When the devil was sick, the devil a monk would be;  
When the devil was well; a devil of a monk was he."

Let honest men think twice before they vote for this man who has always represented the base sort of politics, and who now, still worse, represents an element which would repudiate the pledges of our nation to its creditors, and bring financial distress and ruin throughout our land.

(HONEST MONEY—CONCLUDED FROM LAST PAGE.)

We are asked by the self-nominated candidate for Governor, Gen. Butler, to give him our votes, first and foremost, in order to reform the abuses which he claims exist in our State Government. If we admit the necessity of reform in this direction, may we not properly ask what reason have we to expect it from the known character of this candidate? How will Gen. Butler, whose thoughts while in public life seem mainly bent, not rather, how he can best serve his country, but rather how he can best serve his party? He expects to be carried into power?

Has he always been the advocate of economy—which is the 'prime factor in reform'? Let us see. Leaving his record as a military man, which is open to criticism, alone, let us examine his career, as represented for Congress for the past twelve years. In all schemes for swindling the people, we find this batant advocate of reform and economy—this strong man—first and foremost in efforts to deplete the public treasury—notably in the Salary Grab law, which infamous scheme received its strongest champion from this economist and model reformer. Then again the Credit Mobilier, which outraged the better sense of the nation, was with specious reasoning defended by this prince of reformers, whose heart bleeds at the sight of the great waste in the affairs of state, and who seems to be willing to spend half of his ill-gotten fortune in bribing the voters of Massachusetts to place him in power. Shades of Winthrop, Hancock, and all that illustrious line of Governors down to the immortal and reverend Andrews—whose unselfish lives lend lustre to the annals of the old Bay State—defend us when from the chair of state go forth the annual time-honored proclamation for fasting and prayer, signed by this modern apostle of reform, Benjamin F. Butler.

Can the intelligent workingmen of this vicinity be hoodwinked into believing that this man, who so earnestly pleads for their votes, is indeed earnest and means what he says when he preaches to them of their slavery to capital and their employers. Pray let Gen. Butler explain, if he can, why he can poster in these hard times twenty-six per cent dividends from stock in his Lowell mill, while the poor laboring man—for whom no such crooked tears—works in the same mill the whole year round for the pittance sum of one dollar per day or less. Will he tell the workingmen why this is? Will his communism, however, lead his horses first to demolish this pillar of his revered chieftain when he shall have worked them up by his brutal hands to pillage and torch, which is the logical result of this sand lot orator's theories? If so, then justice will, perhaps, be partially met out. The truth is apparent that this embodiment political of chicanery and fraud—this man who has never proved himself true to any party, person or principle, excepting himself—cares as little, yes less, for the interests of workingmen than the autocrat of all the Russias. We might, with reason, expect that he who is put forward as the only one of all others in our state capable of instituting economy and reform, under the microscopic examination of his public life—which he himself invites—should prove to be half as intelligent a man, who knows that the medium of prices enhanced in consequence, as is always the case, business is worse off than before. For when depreciation of the medium begins, the appreciation of prices begins also, and prices appreciate faster than the medium depreciates. And the reason for this is clear. An insurance or guarantee is added to the prices, against the further depreciation of the medium. To every 90 per cent of depreciation of the medium there is 25 per cent of appreciation in price. Hence business is 5 per cent worse off than before. And so it goes on, as the medium depreciates prices in a still greater rate of appreciation, strictly causing the paradox that the more you have the less you have, till the medium loses all purchasing power, and the collapse comes in the form of universal ruin.

I have just received some choice WOOLEN BLANKETS, SHAWLS, LADIES' CLOTHES and REPELLENTS, which I wish to examine before purchasing elsewhere. A good line of UNDERWEAR for Gents, Ladies and Children. Remember that my store is HEADQUARTERS for RUCHINGS.

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Bear in mind,

To a fair tale of woe, the soft or

indifferent money man points to the decline in prices of lands, stocks, and merchandise, and complains that

claims them as losses to the country.

There is not one dollar of loss in them.

The diminution, as already shown, was simply the fiction upon them.

The cloud over the mountains was comet as part of the mountain. The price was based upon a bold depreciation paper currency at the face or war value. But the wealth of a nation and of the individuals composing it is not based, as already shown upon the domestic exchanges, but upon the property itself. Have we not the same broad fertile acres over which we had in 1873? Have we not the same railroads, the same public and private buildings, the same merchandising and the same products of the mines and of the fisheries? Have we not every kind and species of property, and in as good condition and as fit for their uses as we had in 1873? Have we not vastly more than we had then, by the increased number of miles of railway, by the increased number of public and private buildings, by the increased products of our mines, and by accretions and augmentations in every direction?"

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In answer to those who urge that business has been depressed on account of the so-called contraction of the currency, he said:

"Much has been said about contraction and consequent derangement to business. That the volume of the circulating medium is less than at the close of the war is true, and fortunate 'tis 'true. It is claimed by the same men that the business of the country is less than it was then. If so, why the need of so much currency? But they do not tell you that the prices of all merchandise were several times as high then as they are to-day, and hence required that much more to handle them or effect the exchanges. The truth is that there is more circulating medium to-day in proportion to the amount required for the wants of business—that is, to effect exchanges—than there was in 1865. The purchasing power of the paper to-day that remains in circulation is greater by \$75,000,000 than it was in 1873, and this is equivalent to adding \$175,000,000 to the circulation. The law as it now stands, is that for every \$80 of treasury notes required \$100 of national bank notes are issued in their place. Can you discover contraction in this? Volume of the currency is not the true measure of the wants of business. When there is a surplus of medium and prices enhanced in consequence, as is always the case, business is worse off than before. For when depreciation of the medium begins, the appreciation of prices begins also, and prices appreciate faster than the medium depreciates. And the reason for this is clear. An insurance or guarantee is added to the prices, against the further depreciation of the medium. To every 90 per cent of depreciation of the medium there is 25 per cent of appreciation in price. Hence business is 5 per cent worse off than before. And so it goes on, as the medium depreciates prices in a still greater rate of appreciation, strictly causing the paradox that the more you have the less you have, till the medium loses all purchasing power, and the collapse comes in the form of universal ruin."

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A GEORGIA farmer smothered his horse with tar to rid them of fleas, and turned them loose in the woods. As night they did not return to the pen as usual, and in morning the tar making them oilives in a mass. They might have got home, nevertheless, by concert of action, but it isn't in a horse to harmonize.

## RUNNING PILOT.

—FOUD PIAY.  
Who is standing pilot this evening?" said the superintendent, or "I been" as we used to say.

"Seth Martin" was the foreman's reply.

"Tell him to come here, will you; and hurry up!"

The foreman hastened away, and both he and Seth Martin must have "grieved themselves" as the former said, for in a few minutes the engine-driver stood before his chief.

The great man took a comprehensive look at the engineer, who had evidently not much time to spare. A shade over blue as the sky; a handsome brown beard ornamented his face, which, albeit rather dirty, was full of character and determination. To use the popular expression, he was pure gold down to bone.

The superintendent, satisfied with his scrutiny, nodded to the engine-driver, and said:

"There's a special train up out of Columbus to-morrow."

"I know it," was the curt response.

"And it will require close watching," continued the chief.

"I suppose so—I know that," repeated Seth.

You are mighty knowin' this evening," said the superintendent, smiling; "but there is one thing you don't know, Sonny. You don't know that you are going to run pilot to that train."

"Yes, I do," replied the engine-driver.

"Who in thunder told you that? I didn't know it myself till ten minutes ago!"

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The speaker, who knew little about engine-driving, turned on the steam, and away went he. He turned his head for a moment. "There's somethin' makin' more yonder; they've found Seth, likely."

But this portion of the gang of desperados had met their match in English Tom Atkins. For a moment or two he had been overpowered, and dragged, whiskey, but a simple and very effective remedy cured him at the cost of a few moments' sickness. Creeping along the ground, for he could not walk, he covered the miles of following these men as he had done, poling his boat, and shaking the driving-arm of the man who held the regulator.

"I'm comin' back," he cried, delighted.

"Seth! Now for another! The fire was blown up, and like an arrow the engine flew along; but no shot were exchanged, for as they were running neck and neck for one instant, Seth could not get clear of the other.

Before his gun was awed of his intention, shut off the steam.

The other engine flew away into the darkness, leaving Seth and Tom far behind.

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After communicating with some accomplices, this mysterious individual left the saloon and made his way towards the station, which stood some distance down the line.

As soon as the engine-driver and his mate were recognized they were warmly welcomed, for they were favorites. Many drinks were tendered for their acceptance, and when the engine-driver said at length one man declared that the Britisher wanted to fix an insult on a free-born citizen, he offered Seth and Tom a glass apiece, saying:

"We're no ready," said Seth.

"We're no ready," said Tom.

"So much the better. We don't want to advertise ourselves to-night. There's a fash of somethin'; guess we'll have a storm."

The remark was not intended for the gleam of lightning every now and then, but appeared to rest upon the steel handles and glint along the rails. There was a mounding sound in the air, a feeling of oppression, while occasionally a heavy plash of rain would drop upon the roof of the "cab" in which the man journeyed.

They were absolutely slow along the track. Over the apparently boundless prairie the sound of disappearance grew louder and louder, until at length one man declared that the Britisher wanted to fix an insult on a free-born citizen. He offered Seth and Tom a glass apiece, saying:

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He muttered, as he threw it from him. But the oppression on his brain became heavier; so very sleepy now.

"I think I'll have a nap; it's only about nine o'clock. I made them stop the train yet. I wonder where Tom is. It's my opinion Tom will drink too much or something, by concert of action, but it is in a hog to harmonize."

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He was over this fancy name to have an hour. "Throw 'em Bullish Creek," he added, as he shunned past.

"Well, then, Dartford is only another thirty, and the Trestle siding on the top of the cutting is only twenty-five."

"We must pass these at the curve, below. As they descended over a long dip, when the horses and a dim spout was seen like a pin's head on the line in front.

"There's the species, Tom. We've done our duty. Run down easy, and when we can't help the unfortunate horses and the bridge, it's all the same."

"It was indeed. The species train was saved though, and the filibusters were in the set. Three were derailed, and two were pulled across the side of the ditch. Seth and Tom were rewarded, and the former was subsequently made inspector; but he was soon told that Carbonell was great wonder in giving the head bold a luxuriant growth of hair. It is sold by all drugists.

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## GROTESQUE

BY FREDERICK E. WILLIAMS.

Day I have walked with ghosts  
Of's in the silent night.  
Have trod the ghoulish land,  
My soul filled with affright.  
When the moon's pale light  
Grew dim around.

Was it in dream I walked?  
Ah! that I do not know.  
Sometimes so stealthily  
Sleep over one doth grow,  
When old the night doth grow.  
And there's no sound;

When he had waited long—  
Over-wrought with musing deep—  
With treasured thoughts hath watched  
And longed for quiet sleep,  
Sometimes it doth never creep  
And he know not.

And then his anxious dreams  
Are full of all things strange,  
And everywhere in earth  
And Hell too, doth range.  
And that dreams without change  
Were waking thought.

Then did I think of ghosts,  
While shades I did lie,  
So, when I slept, (if sleep  
It was perchance) that I  
Should have for company  
But only ghosts!

Such dreadful awful ghosts!  
With visages so white,  
With death-damped looks, and eyes  
Which thrilled me with affright—  
So more than earthly bright—

They took their posts

Each night about my couch,  
Then led me on and on,  
Always in darkest night  
That never had a dawn.  
Though long I cried for morn,

They heard me not.

Or, if they heard me, laughed  
And glibbed at my sight—

"If ones will walk with ghosts,"  
Cried, "the curse walk by night."

And then I longed for light,

And had thought:

No more of ghosts  
Think, if again I wake!"  
Nor did I think of them  
When morning bright did break,  
They did my mind forsake  
Until the night.

But when the night did come  
They always walked with me.  
"Ahs!" I sighed, "that such  
A curse as ghosts should be,  
Who never leave us free  
Till morrow's light."

"Oh! May, with golden hair,  
Why waste you not the wreath  
You wore when first I kissed you  
On the flowery heath.  
Whom comes your ghost from 'neath  
The willow tree?

"With such reproachful face,  
And in your grave-clothes clad;  
With eyes as wild as when,  
Poor child, you did go mad!  
If'd known all I had,  
May, ne'er kiss thee.

"If I had known your ghost  
Would bring such dreadful token  
To me, some kinder word  
On that old day I'd spoken.—  
Your heart had never broken  
I had known.

"I stood o'er your grave,  
And I thought the earth would keep  
Our secret in its breast;  
But each night you break death's sleep,  
And come to me and weep,  
And make your moan."

If I had only known—

But sh! we may not know,  
Of't times when sewing seeds,  
Just what from them will grow;  
Perchance we fare do sow;  
And then fares resp.

If I had only known,  
An hundred times in past,  
Each action's consequence,  
I'd not be now harassed  
By throning ghosts, but fast  
And sound I'd sleep."—  
Brookfield, Mass.

## DUMAS AT HOME.

THE RESIDENCE AND TREASURES OF THE AUTHOR OF "LA DAME AUX CAMÉLIAS."

The most successful author in Paris lives in one of the best appointed houses. The Avenue de Villiers is in the line of boulevards just within the fortifications, and far away from all noises, except perhaps those of the engines of the circular railway. The house in the Avenue is just such a one as Thackeray might have chosen if he had settled in the foreign capital he seems to have loved so well. Its red brick, faced with white stone at the angles, give it an Old World look, though, like most of the dwellings in the quarter, it was built yesterday. It is well fenced in from the curious, and its door is only to be reached from the common road as one of the

this city, of portes cochères open to all the world. Another circumstance, perhaps almost equally rare, is that it stands all to itself; so he is never disturbed, as are so many of the wealthiest people in Paris, by the vagaries of another free and independent tenant overhead.

It is something more than a house; it is a gallery of art. It is fitted with paintings, statuary, engravings, from hall to garret—furnished with them, in a word. There are pictures in the very vestibule; a few more purchases, you would say, and they must be hung outside for sheer want of space within. The dining-room walls are covered with them, and so are those of the drawing-room, where they run all up the stair-case, rather, one would suppose, for mere storage than for show, for their effect is altogether distorted by the light from the stained glass windows. And they are all good ones—gems of Fortuny, Corot, Regnault, Morot, Troyon—in water color or in oil. If the author were a Manchester merchant he could not have made a more profitable investment, for they are works whose value must increase in an enormous ratio with time. A tiny Moissignon alone would have to be covered with many layers of banknotes before it changed hands.

The secret of this painter's habit of working in miniature is revealed in the casual observation of M. Dumas. Moissignon has a peculiarity of vision which very narrowly limits the area covered by his glance. Where others would see by feet he sees only by inches; and he has to reduce his canvases in order that, in the most literal sense, he may keep an eye upon what he is doing. In a composition say of four feet by three, he would find it totally impossible to obtain any clear perception of the relation of the center of the outlying parts, because he used occasionally to imitate their performances as a sort of private exercise in gymnastics for the relief of body and mind. He acquired such facility that he had some difficulty in dissuading Madame de Bermon from becoming his target. George Sand had his skill, and, as if to show that in this, as in other things, she was not to be beaten by a man, she was soon at work with the knife-day by day, with a milliner's dummy for a mark, and with a success proportioned to her exertions.

The favorite relaxation of his master years is the tidying up of his own room. When his ideas are not so clear as he would wish, off goes his coat, and for a day or two he combines the fashions of Molly and a furniture porter in his own person, until, as the trainers might say, he feels himself fit for dramatic philosophy once more. His father was not without his misgivings in regard to this passion for order, this power of occasional attention to material details. "He will never succeed in literature," he murmured; "he has twelve pairs of boots—all in line." The son, for his part, knew how to reply, and some of the brightest specimens of the current coin of Parisian wit were minted by his brain in friendly contests provoked by his sire's complaints. In these their relationship seemed to be reversed; the elder man figured as the mauvish sujet, the younger as the mentor and guide. "My father is a big baby that I had when a very little one," Alexandre used to say.

The room in which he works is the house in miniature, a perfect nest of brio-a-brac. Here is a cabinet of oak (like most Frenchmen, he cannot abide mahogany) fitted with rare china; there a picture or a terra-cotta group. Some of the statuary is too large for mere chamber decoration. In the house in which he formerly lived he used to work in the shadow of a composition by Franceschi, which dwarfed him and every object in the place; and even in this one he has contrived to find a corner for a large figure, in terra-cotta, of Fame, inscribing on her scroll the name of the soldier-artist Regnault, killed in the war.

The large table in the middle is seen at a glance to belong to a mettledious craftsman. It is a piece of furniture contrived a triple debt to pay—a writing-desk, a pigeon-holed bureau, and a row of drawers in one. He has himself published a description of it in a letter addressed to a friend. "It is stored," he says, "with paper of every form and of varied tints, which I spread in a fashion about me to give me a taste for work; for as I like it, nothing is more appealing to a writer than the brand of their service to the Muse. His eyes, however, are four-deep, like those of Chief Justice Cockburn—himself half a Frenchman—world, however, always serve to distinguish him from the common run as one of the

old. And how many dead ones already! They are in an immense receptacle with partitions, which I call the common grave. Don't be astonished if I should one day publish a book with that title. When I have thought out to play, I take twenty sheets of paper for each act but the last, and away I go. As I near the twentieth, I begin to think it is time to finish the act. The last act is limited to seventeen sheets; it ought to be shorter than the rest. I have fixed the quantity of matter by long experience; the public won't digest more."

CHILDREN OF THE COMMUNE.—On the suppression of the Commune in Paris, among the prisoners taken were 5000 boys of ages averaging from 9 to 15. Of the many atrocities committed during the time the Communards held Paris, the most mischievous were those perpetrated by these lads. While the numbers and incendiarisms were perpetrated by men during an attack of political fury, the assassinations committed by these boys were done solely out of a spirit of cruelty and mischief. The Government not liking to be called the "Florist and Fatt" for his name, he is now prepared to fair under the name of "FLORIST AND FATT" and sell his wares at present prices. Also,

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THE SPENCER SUN, FRIDAY, OCT. 18, 1878.

## WHAT I LIVE FOR.

For those who love me,  
For the heaven that sent me above me,  
And the earth that made me.  
For the work that God assigned me,  
For the bright hope left behind me,  
And the good that I can do.

I live to leave their story  
Who've suffered my sake,

And their joys in awake;

Brave martyrs, patriots, sages,

The noble of all ages,

Whose deeds crowd history's pages

And time's great volume made.

I live to hall that season  
By gifted minds foretold,

When men shall live by reason,

When men to man united,

And every wrong thing righted

The world shall still be lighted

A Edie was of old.

I live to hold communion  
With every living divine;

Twixt nature's heart and mine;

To profit by affliction;

Reap truths from the fields of action

Growth from conviction,

And fulfil each great design.

I live for those who love me,

And those who know me true;

For the heaven that shines above me

And walks my way to go;

For the wrongs that need assistance,

For the future in the distance,

And the good that I can do.

## FAT MEN.

Daniel Lambert died at Stamford on the 21st of July, 1809, at the advanced weight of 738 lbs. In 1806 Lambert exhibited himself in London, and the following is a copy of one of his bills: "Exhibition—Mr. Daniel Lambert, of Leicester, the heaviest man that ever lived; who at the age of thirty-six years, weighs upwards of fifty stone, (fourteen pounds to the stone), or eighty seven stones, four pounds, London seven weight, which is ninety-one pounds more than the greatest Mr. Bright. Mr. Lambert will set company at his house, No. 53 Piccadilly, next Albany, nearly opposite St. James's Church, from eleven to five o'clock. Tickets of admission one shilling each." Lambert died suddenly. He went to bed well at night, but expired before nine on the following morning. A court reporter of the day, sitting at fine writing, observed—"Nature has endued all the trespass she could admit; the poor man's profligacy had constantly increased, the clogged machinery of life stood still, and this prodigy of manhood (sic) was numbered with the dead." His coffin contained 112 superficial feet of skin, and was six feet four inches long, 4 feet 4 inches wide, and 2 feet 4 inches deep; and the immense substance of his legs necessitated it to be made in the form of a square case. It was built upon two axles and four clog wheels, and upon these the remains of the great man were rolled into his grave, at St. Martin's Churchyard. A regular decent was made to the grave by cutting away the earth for some distance. The apartments which he occupied were on the ground-floor, as he had long been incapable of ascending a staircase. The window and part of the wall of the room in which he died had to be taken down, to make a passage for the coffin. A vast multitude followed the remains to the grave, the most perfect decorum was preserved, and not the slightest accident occurred.

The "great Mr. Bright," mentioned in Lambert's exhibition bill, was a grocer at Malden in Essex. He may partly be said to "have been born great," for he was of a family noted for the great size and great appetite of its members. Bright enjoyed good health, married at the age of 22, and had five children. An amiable mind inhabited his overgrown body. He was a cheerful companion, a kind husband, a tender father, a good master, a friendly neighbor and an honest man. "So," says his biographer, "it cannot be surprising if he was universally loved and respected." Bright died in his thirtieth year, at the net weight of 616 pounds, or 44 stone, jockey weight. His neighbors considered that death was a happy release to him, and so much the more so because his own self, and wished to be released. His coffin was 3 feet 6 inches broad at the shoulders, and more than 3 feet in depth. A way cut through the wall and staircase of his house, to let it down into the shop. It was drawn to the church, on a low-wheeled carriage, and the procession, which ranged by twelve men, and was led down into the grave by an engine fixed up in the church for the purpose, amidst a vast concourse of spectators from distant parts of the country. After his death a wagon was made that five men each on a pole could draw, and was used to draw his coffin to the church. It was decided at the black Bull Inn, at Malden, when not only five, as proposed, but even more were enclosed in it, without breaking a stitch or straining a button.

MAKE YOUR FARM VALUABLE.—Make our farm valuable by careful im-

provement, skilful culture, good fruit, ornamental shrubbery, and pleasant surroundings, than no money will tempt you to leave it. We think it should be the settled purpose of every young man to set down his stakes for life, in a permanent home, which he will never wish to part with till he is called to the better land.—*Spirit of Kansas.*

How to DRY APPLES.—To dry apples and to keep them when dry, they should be dried in quarters upon strings. Make light frames, fasten high and two feet wide. Drive nails in the sides four inches apart; tie the string of apple upon the frames, hang them upon the side of the oven, and when dry, take them in at night; and partly dry, take them off the strings and spread them upon the chamber floor carpeted with old papers.

For the keeping them, have a tight case made of oak or ash of the size to suit, with one loose head. Fill it with boiling hot water and let it stand till cold. Boil it again and repeat two or three times. When the apple is dry, pack it tightly in the case and put a cloth under the cover.

SKINS or FRUIT.—The skins of fruit, especially grapes, are often swallowed, with the vague notion that they promote digestion, or the idea that they prevent any bad effects from eating said fruit. No error can be more fatal than absurd. Cases have occurred where such practices have been the cause of death, and that of the most excruciating nature. The skins of fruit contain no nourishing properties, and are but of the most indigestible substances that can be swallowed. They pass the stomach without any change, although they cause excessive irritation, and frequently inflammation of the bowels. Exchange.

THE HEART OF THE WORLD.—The passengers were all fatigued for the purpose of having their baggage-luggage, as the English call it—examined for contraband tobacco, and were greatly annoyed by the inspection, which affects a complete and total embargo on all tobacco, with the result that it is also a species of monopoly. Cases have occurred where such practices have been the cause of death, and that of the most excruciating nature. The skins of fruit contain no nourishing properties, and are but of the most indigestible substances that can be swallowed. They pass the stomach without any change, although they cause excessive irritation, and frequently inflammation of the bowels. Exchange.

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is a Positive Cure for all those Complaints and Weaknesses Peculiar to Women.

There are hundreds of women now living in the United States, in good health, who are taking LILY E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND, had been invalids for years and had tried many and ineffectually the resources of physicians of different schools, could summon to their aid.

The Sufferings of Women.

One day, 3 or 4 weeks ago, a gambler, who seemed to have no friends in the world, was run over by a vehicle, on Madison Avenue, and fatally injured. After he had been in the hospital for a week, he became worse, and was treated as friendless and forsaken, told to ask about him and leave an orange. He seemed much embarrassed and would answer no questions. After that he came daily, usually bringing some food, and was fed by his sealing the box and giving me an order on the Collector at Dover, the amount I paid would be refunded. Then I informed the official that he had no chance to get well, the strange boy wanted longer than usual, and finally asked if he could go in. He was invited to my room, where he weighed the scales, and I disburdened for the benefit of the aforesaid most gracious Majesty the sum of \$25. I asked that he was going to Paris, and he said, "Yes, I am going to Paris, and I am going to stay there." 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AT THE**

**BOS'ON STORE.**

**Latest Novelties in Style and Material**

**AT THE BOSTON STORE.**

**Largest Variety and Handsomest Garments**

**AT THE BOSTON STORE.**

**The Cheap Lot of Cloaks ever Shown by any Goods House in the City,**

**AT THE BOSTON STORE.**

**DENHOLI & MCKAY, Worcester,**

**Have just bought from a New York Wholesale House, AT HALF THEIR VALUE, all their**

**PAISLEY AND FRENCH BROCHE SHAWLS,  
IMITATION STRIPE SHAWLS, SINGLE AND DOUBLE.**

**A large sum was for Cash, and it was important for this merchant to have us buy the goods very cheap, and we make a large saving in selling from the inferior quality of shawls.**

**WHOLESALE TRADE. If we ask is to CALM AND SILENCE THESE BABINS at the**

**BOSTON STORE,**

**Worcester, - - - - Mass.**

**A. M. THOMAS, TAILOR,  
IMPORTER OF FINE WOOLEN.**

**Special styles of English Suitings  
AND CLOTHES.**

**AT LOW PRICES.**

**Garments Made to Order**

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**JOSEN'S AND RETAIL**

**DRUGGISTS,**

**No. 66 Front Street, Worcester, Mass.**

**WE HAVE A FULL STOCK OF DRUGS, MEDICINES, SPICES, SPICERIES, CHAMOIS, TRUSSES AND SUPPORTERS, FANCY TOILETS, BOATS, HAIR, TEETH, AND DENTURES, AND ALL THE POPULAR PATENTS OF THE DAY. ALSO**

**PROVOST OF BUSH'S LIVER PILLS.**

**NEWTON'S COUGH BALSAM.**

**THESE AND OTHERS FOR THE USE OF**

**COMINS & AMES'**

**SPECIAL.**

**Received this week a splendid assort-  
ment of**

**OVERCOATS,**

**which we can afford to and will sell  
Lower than can be purchased elsewhere.**

**8000 Yd's Bleached, and  
Brown Cottons.**

**which we offer at the Lowest Prices ever  
known.**

**5 more pieces of that Magnificent**

**BLACK CASHMERE,**

**that we sell at \$1 per yard.**

**BUFFALO & LAP**

**LEADS,**

**REGAL BLANKETS, ETC.**

**Best assortment in town.**

**COMINS & AMES.**

**E. L. JAYNES,**

**Photographer,**

**COMINS & AMES BLOCK,**

**SPENCER, MASS.**

**For Sittings please call in the forenoon**

**especially with Children.**

**C. W. PIERCE, Secy.**

**HOB NEWS.**

**The Reform Club will need to wake up  
soon as election is over.**

**Thomas Sinnot is putting on a small ad-**

**dress to the Stranger's Hotel.**

**James T. Bemis has raised this year**

**two ears of corn, one 19 inches and the**

**other 14.**

**Norris Harribault took a party of al-**

**ien to Worcester on Wednesday to be in-**

**tralized.**

**Fiskard reports lively times. His prices**

**on overcoats and boys' suits attr. buyers**

**from miles around.**

**The taxes are due November 1, and if**

**they are not paid on that day 1 per cent.**

**per month will be added.**

**The wooden mills are all running full**

**time and a better quality of cloth is now**

**being called for than formerly.**

**Stacked & Co. are now show a bat-**

**ement of hats than ever before.**

**Low styles and low prices.**

**A new gas house is being built in the**

**rear of the Town Hall, and the new gas**

**works will be put in at once.**

**Read the story of the great Mammoth**

**Walrus on the fourth page. J. B. Ba-**

**rney Co., 478 Main St., Worcester.**

**Under Mammoth Head goods**

**are to be had.**

**Wednesday evening**

**Worces.**

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# POA S H C NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!

## FALL, 1878.

A BIG STOCK OF  
**OVERCOATS**  
FOR  
MEN AND BOYS,  
Lower Prices than ever.

**SACKS AND ULSTERS,**

Plain and Rough, Beaver, Diagonal, &c.

**NOBBY OVERCOATS,**

For Young Men;

**DURABLE OVERCOATS**

For Business.

**WARM OVERCOATS**

At very Low Prices. Also the Best and Cheapest Stock of

**UNDERCLOTHING**

In this vicinity. Get prices before you buy.

**All Wool Pants, \$2.25.**

**Boys' Short Pants, 50c.**

**HATS AND CAPS.**

S. Packard & Co. buy Hats by the case, and can give lowest possible prices.

**THAT NEW STIFF HAT,**

Also New Flange Brim, are very popular. S. P. & Co. are the only house who give NO CREDIT, and have no credit Lesses, and having two stores are able to save discounts on large lots.

**SHOES**

**BIGELOW & LONGLEY'S**

**FALL AND WINTER**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

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FOR GOVERNOR:  
**THOMAS TALBOT.**

With the issue the SUN enters upon its seventh year of publication.

GEN. BUTLER IN SPENCER.

This political phenomenon visited Spencer this afternoon, and gave our citizens a résumé of the flat doctrines and patent ideas of State reform which he has so persistently promulgated throughout the State for the last few weeks. The effect of his visit has been to excite much curiously and personal gossip, and we believe that is all. We do not think he has made one convert. Our working men, as a rule, are so well off, compared with other parts of the country, that the General's ideas do not obtain much credence. His anti-Democratic and anti-Republican heresy of the Federal Government issuing an irredeemable paper money, to flood the country with paper promises to pay, or a paper bill which is never to be paid by anybody, cannot be stufed down the throat of our voters, because the experience of the world teaches that a nation who rely on irredeemable money become a poor and depressed people. Simply because they are shut off from business intercourse from the rest of the world, who issue coin, which is the very life-blood of the body politic. General Butler's tirade against the State administration has as little weight with the people as such baseless attempts generally have and only serves to disgust the intelligent voter, whose ideas of pettifogging are anything but complimentary to the political shysters who employ it to further a bad cause, be it the great self-nominee or one of his more ignorant though not less worthy followers.

Gen. Butler has been making some great points in charging the Republicans with trying to intimidate voters, notably in the case of Boot Manufacturer Holmes of Marlboro. But the men employed by Mr. Holmes have come out with a card disclaiming that any such thing took place. In regard to other cases we believe they are as groundless as this one. Mr. Holmes says that a man who has paid out \$100,000 for labor the past six months has been a greater friend of the working man than a man who has been going about the state recently trying to get the people to put him in for Governor. He might have referred to that \$100,000 which Butler got from the poor sailors with much greater effect, and asked which was the greater friend of the working man.

We have no fear whatever of General Butler being elected. Our chief concern is to keep down his total as much as possible.

The yellow fever is subsiding at all points in the South, and frost may be expected any time now, which will put an end to it effectively.

Hon. Thomas Talbot held an informal reception at the Republican headquarters in Worcester on Wednesday evening. Mr. Talbot is sure to be our next Governor.

Gen. W. W. Rice has made some effective points in his travels among the voters of this section, and we think that they will send him to Washington to continue the good work he commenced last session.

There was a large and interesting Republican meeting at Charlton on Tuesday evening. The hall was crowded, scores being unable to obtain seats. F. P. Goulding, Esq., of Worcester, and T. C. Bates, of North Brookfield, spoke, and were listened to with close attention.

At the 9th District Democratic Congressional Convention on Tuesday, Hon. Eli Thayer was nominated. His principal opponent was John E. Russell of Leominster who was championed by H. L. Butterworth of Brookfield. Andrew Simott of Spencer was elected one of the District Committee.

In the Vermont Legislature Wednesday there was introduced a lengthy remonstrance against granting a new trial to John P. Phair. The Joint Judiciary Committee of the House and Senate will lay their McCall's attorney for Phair, make a statement of the case in the re-sentiment behalf.

If any one will notice the want of the great city daily newspaper, he will find that the above of course is the reason.

than there has been in the history of the greenback movement that is causing this.

"My judgment unqualifiedly condemns, and my heart and my manhood rebel against any system that would permit the great source of all wrong and misery and crime (the liquor traffic) to exist by authority of the Commonwealth." — THOMAS TALBOT.

The Prohibitory convention at Worcester Monday made the following nominations. Register of Probate, C. B. Knight, of Worcester; County Commissioner, J. D. Hunt, of Milford; Member of Congress from the Ninth District, J. A. Smith, of Westboro'; Counsellor, George W. Wheeler, of Worcester.

Some of the old friends of William Lloyd Garrison united Monday in a commemoration of the forty-third anniversary of the day on which the printer-philanthropist was mobbed in the streets of Boston. An informal reception was given in the rooms of the Woman's Journal in the afternoon. Mr. Garrison, J. Bronson Alcott, Wendall Phillips and others related reminiscences of the past, and the occasion proved a very enjoyable one.

Did not Thos. Talbot show as much opposition to the State rings, in refusing to sign the contract for the Danvers asylum as Gen. Butler would be capable of doing were he in the same place? We think so, and more too. The probabilities are Gen. Butler would have been deeper into the mine than any other man, judging from his past life. And the facts are that he has been a greater ringster in a national way than any other man in the public service.

The great storm which prevailed in New England Wednesday originated in the Gulf of Mexico Monday morning. The velocity of the wind was 50 miles an hour. The rainfall was severe, but not as heavy here as further South. The area covered by the storm is a narrow belt along the coast. The gale was most severe in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, where it became a destructive tornado. Thousands of buildings were demolished in Philadelphia and other cities, and the damage to property can only be estimated by hundreds of thousands of dollars. In New England the gale was most severe in Southern New Hampshire. But little damage is reported on the New England coast, but the losses to shipping have probably been considerable.

Judge Abbot made his first speech in the present campaign Wednesday night at Pittsfield. Of Mr. Talbot, he said: "Mr. Talbot I have known for the past twenty-five years with the intimacy of relations between counsel and client, involving great interests, and I can say of him that no truer man, no man more honest and conscientious, lives on the face of the earth. I am glad to call him my friend." Of Butler, he said: "I have known him for years, and I am ready to acknowledge his wonderful energy and power, but he is not a Democrat, and does not pretend to be. There are a hundred reasons against voting for him, one why a Democrat should support him. He has used his great ability for the purpose of forcing upon us all the evils the country has suffered, and is suffering, and he has not repented of a single act." Senator Eustis of New Orleans said of Butler: "He is a political What-is-it."

GREENBACKS AS A NECESSITY.

Would it not be well for some of the advocates of a larger amount of greenbacks to read the financial history of their country from 1861 to the present time? They would find the act which created the greenback guarded at every point, and provision made for the return of specie payments at the earliest possible time. This provision would have brought about specie payments per force, if it had not been repealed soon after it was enacted. The greenback act was looked upon by some Senators and Representatives as unconstitutional and declared by all of them to be a "war measure," which could not have been enacted in a time of peace. The country was in peril, and the Treasurer must have money to meet the daily expenses of the army and navy, which amounted to over a million dollars a day. Taxes and duties could not be collected to meet this large amount of expenses and so Congress made the Government's note a legal tender. The inflationists hug this elusive note to their heart and cries for more, declaring that all that is needed to start the great manufacturing interests of the country into life and give the laboring man work from morning till night, three hundred days in a year, is the fresh issue of millions of greenbacks. To this assertion the history of every nation that has been so unfortunate as to issue paper money, and especially our own history, gives most emphatic denial. If the United States had continued the policy of contraction inaugurated in 1866 we should long ago have been upon the full tide of prosperity. On the contrary however contraction soon became the policy, and in 1873 the crash came and the country has not yet recovered from the sudden blow. And yet there are some men today who have succeeded to say that the "3 per cent

is of no consequence" and that the loss of the public records, which show that the amount of paper money was greater in 1873 than ever before. One of the greatest curses of the irredeemable paper money is its effect on the morals of the people, inasmuch as it leads to extravagance, speculation and the contraction of debts. The foolish may laugh at this statement, and to satisfy himself of its truth I again ask him to consult the records. Extravagance in living, and more in business. Why, look at our State and City debt throughout the country, one-half of which has been contracted since 1866. Then look at the extravagance in business and the amount of credit obtained, four-fifths of which has been wiped out by bankruptcy. Would these debts have been contracted if the United States had slowly withdrawn its greenbacks from circulation, as recommended by Mr. McCulloch, in 1866? I answer No; for the reason that money being scarce would have induced individuals as well as cities and states to economize in every possible way. Does any sane man think today that the country really prospered during the period from 1868 to 1873, whatever he might have thought then? The records of Massachusetts show an increase in the value of taxable property in the State of over one billion dollars for the ten years ending with 1873, or an average of one hundred million dollars a year. Does any sane man assert these figures are reliable? There is a vast difference between price and value; price is effected by the kind of money used in the country, but value is not. On the other hand does any claim that Massachusetts is any poorer today than she was in 1873 because the records show a decrease of over four hundred and sixty million dollars in the value of taxable property? To every thoughtful mind it shows the evil consequences of irredeemable paper money. Massachusetts has always held sound views of finance, that has secured for her a world-wide reputation, and has secured markets for her bonds when those of other states, and even the United States went begging. It is her shame today that she is represented in Congress by a man whose views of finance are repugnant to her people. This man desires higher honors—to be elected Governor. Can she so far forget her past high record as to elect this man who night after night presents the same false statements and insinuations for the sole purpose of influencing men to vote for him? Voters, be it to you that the faith and honor of Massachusetts are kept inviolable. Vote for a man who has a heart as well as a head.

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There are three hundred thousand cattle in Montana.

Provide a shelter for the young stock before the nights get cold.

Powdered borax sprinkled around the baseboards and on shelves will drive cockroaches and ants away.

It is claimed the late instructions from the Postmaster General put a quietus on sending queen bees by mail.

A Virginia paper describes a fence made of such crooked rails that every time a pig crawls through he comes out on the same side.

Many times, florists, instead of removing a plant to a larger pot, simply wash the soil from the roots, and return it to the same pot, but in new soil.

To make silk which has been wrinkled and "tumbled" appear exactly like new, sponge it on the surface with a weak solution of gum arabic, or white glue, and iron it on the wrong side.

The utmost moisture that should be found in thoroughly worked butter is a very slight dew, and it should be of such a fine consistency as to slice down, hardly dimming the surface of a knife blade.

It has been discovered by Minnesota farmers that two acres of sunflowers will supply a family with fuel through a long winter. The wood of the stocks and the oil of the seed make roaring and cheerful fires.

In Canada they have summer gatherings that "boil off" maple syrup into maple candy and sugar. The summer syrup, which is carefully bottled in the spring, is used in place of sap, and crushed ice instead of snow.

Not only are the Maine farmers raising many potatoes for their starch works, but they are paying great attention to the production of beet sugar. At least two thousand of the farmers are cultivating beets for this new business, which the State aids by a bounty.

In England 40 bushels of wheat per acre is not an unusual yield and 50 or 60 bushels per acre is often realized as the result of high farming. Nevertheless England is obliged to import each year about 100,000,000 bushels in addition to her own crop to feed her people.

A housewife writes to the Maine Farmer that eggs may be "kept" as long as you wish" by simply placing them in a cooler, pouring boiling water over them sufficiently to cool "the thin outside skin," which excludes the air, and then set away in a cool place.

The way to tell a ripe watermelon is by numerous black specks, scales, or blisters on the rind. It is necessary to look closely to see them, but a ripe melon will always show them in abundance; and if they are absent, few, or only partially developed, it is safe to say that the fruit is not fit for use.

It is said by a farmer who has tried the experiment so often as to be sure of his ground, that buttermilk poured over the back of a scurvy pig will entirely and speedily remove the scurf. The remedy is simple. Almost every farmer can boast of one or more scurvy pigs, and if buttermilk will cure it, it should not be spared.

In an Oakfield, Cal., factory the entrails of sheep are used for making very serviceable belting for machinery. First the entrails are cleaned and soaked for a few days in brine. The prepared material is then wound on bobbins, when it is ready for working up either in ropes or flat belts. A three-quarter inch rope of this material is capable of bearing a strain of seven tons.

The Advertiser suggests that many country homes are gloomy, and their inmates out of health by reason of too much shade. Trees cast their dark shadows, and wide verandas complete the depressing work. There is wholesome hygiene back of that exclamation of the Book of Books. "Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun."

The corn canning business of Camden for the season was as follows: There are ten factories employing a total of 791 people, 466 of whom are men and 325 women. The number of acres planted this year is 1,048, and the number of cans put up 1,048,000 which are packed in 44,155 cases. The amount paid out for labor is placed at \$12,362, and that for corn \$31,565, making a total of \$43,827.

George Pinney of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, writes to the New York World: "I find by actual experience that lice on chickens can be destroyed without any injury to the fowls, by the use of a strong decoction of tea made from the common delphinium or larkspur. My method is to steep a spoonful of the bruised seed in about a pint of water, and saturate their feathers with it. After the space of twenty-four hours the lice can be found."

green wood loses a third of its weight in seasoning equal to 155 gallons every cord. The burning of green wood of green wood absorbs six cords in evaporating this extra

heat power in eight cords of green. The former also draws fifty cords of green wood on his wagons draws over twenty tons more of water than in dry wood.

**FERTILIZERS FOR GRAPE VINES.**

Bone dust, wood ashes and such like fertilizers are best for grape vines in low ground. Stable manure applied in large quantities on damp soil will produce diseased vines. On dry ground the effect is beneficial. The best soil for grapes is dry, light, warm and rich.

On such a soil apply top-dressings of well rotted manure, alternating every third year with a dressing of slack lime. Where grapes are being raised on damp ground care must be taken to keep the roots near the surface.—Western Rural.

**AMERICAN HORSES IN ENGLAND.**

American trotting horses are in demand in England. The farmers cry for them. A Hampshire farmer writes to the London Agricultural Gazette and says: "I see the subject of introducing the fast trotting horses of America is being broached. I sincerely hope it will not be allowed to drop. All sorts of stock are being improved except our mares. It is to be hoped that Americans will be represented at the great show in London next year, when I feel sure the horses will not be allowed to return. I should be glad to subscribe two or even five guineas toward getting a good exhibition of them."

**VALUE OF COAL ASHES.**

I have got all I could gather for several years; but now some others speak well of them. A professor in Miami University made walks in his garden with the ashes from the college. He found that when he dropped turnip or other seeds they grew finer than any other. I had a pile of anthracite ashes 3 feet high in my garden, hauled there in May, 1875. There was ice on the bottom of the heap. I thought it would save ice better than tan. On top of the heap there grew a number of pumpkins, which had been thrown in when rotten in the village. I thinned them to three vines, and they were the finest and largest I had that year. They were 3 feet from the ground. That is, the crown. The vines covered more than 150 square feet.—Correspondent of Tribune.

**HARSHETS FOR POULTRY.**

Calves' or sheep's lights and livers, which can be obtained in the market-houses for a few cents apiece, are valuable to feed poultry, for two reasons. They are devoid of bones, and they closely resemble insect diet.

We advise the cooking of any sort of meat food always. These "harshets" (or those of swine) should be boiled, seasoned with salt and pepper, and fed, say twice a week, to fowls, where they can be had handily.

For laying hens, when confined in winter, this change of food from constant grain feeding is excellent. For young stock, where the chickens are confined to small runs or loose cages, this meat, chopped up and mixed three times a week with their soft food, will help the younglings wonderfully.—Poultry World.

**BATHING.**

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A correspondent of an English contemporary gives his experience with regard to frosty nights that sometimes occur late in the spring or early in the autumn. He says that when he suspects that there is or has been a frost on his vegetation, he at once goes out into his garden, gets his watering-pot, and sprinkles with water those tender plants which are liable to be frost-bitten,

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#### HOME NEWS.

Recently lately occupied by James in the Spencer Depot is announced in this issue.

Wood & Standard of Worcester have goods bulletin in this issue which ought to be read.

Republican rally will be held in the house in Den. Bemis' district some to be announced next week.

A new gas machine arrived from Springfield this morning. It is about the size of a fifty-horse power base.

J. J. Lyman, an East Brookfield Talbot man, paid the first gold that this office has received. See his auction advertisement in another column.

John Conlin who bought the Montville house from the Spencers R. R. Co., has got it renovated since he moved it to the lot adjoining his own.

Mrs. Cleary, an Irishwoman, was drunk, ugly and incapable last Saturday afternoon, and Norris, with the assistance of other parties, dragged her to the lockup. She was up before Justice Dool on Monday, and she now resides on Summer street, Worcester.

The infant department of the Congregational Sabbath School gave a missionary concert last Sunday evening. Miss Wheeler, daughter of a missionary to Turkey, gave an interesting address on "Life Among the Turks." The report of the treasurer of the Hillside Workers shows that since their organization in 1875 they have contributed \$540, to foreign missions.

C. N. Simpson, the piano leg maker, says he has been forced by his largely increased trade in pianos and organs to open a wholesale warehouse for the accommodation of teachers and other parties who want to sell a few instruments without the trouble and expense of keeping a stock themselves. All such are invited to call and examine his stock, at 396 Main Street, Springfield, Mass., where he intends to keep at all times a well selected assortment, and it is no trouble to show them. Correspondence solicited.

Lata Warner, a young married woman of Charlemont, Mass., aged 22, having refused cider to a tramp, Thursday, was knocked insensible, outraged, and her body removed to an adjoining lot, where it was left for dead. She was found several hours after, insensible, but came to Saturday long enough to relate the above and relapsed again into insensibility. On Wednesday, Officers McGrath and Strachan arrested, at Winchendon, two tramps answering the description of the Indians who committed the above. The officers there were notified and replied "Hold them." They give the names of James Corcoran and Dennis Fitzpatrick, and say they worked in Spencer on the new railroad all last week.

On inquiring of Foreman Sheehan, we find that these two men were actually at work here last week, and therefore could not be guilty. Winchendon officers were also here yesterday and obtained evidence which will induce them to discharge the men at once.

**JOHN WHITE.**—Mr. White died at his late residence on Onondaga street, on the morning of the 18th instant, aged seventy-six years. He was born in Spencer, Massachusetts, and lived there until he arrived at the age of twenty-three, and then settled in Auburn, in this State. Two years after he removed to Oswego and there engaged in the mercantile business in company with his brother, under the firm name of W. W. & J. White. In the year 1835 he removed to this city and for about five years was in the mercantile business here when he engaged in the manufacture of salt in connection with Captain Hiram Putnam and Harvey Loomis, both of whom preceded him to the world of spirits. Mr. White possessed excellent business capacity, and accumulated a competence. He was largely interested in the Burnet Bank, the Fourth National Bank, and the New York State Banking Company, and was a director in each and Vice-President in the two latter for about five years. Such is the record of his life; but that was not all. He was modest and unassuming, simple in his habits, conscientious and faithful in the discharge of all his duties.—*Syracuse Daily Journal*.

**THE G. A. R. FAIR.**—The Town Hall was completely crowded last Friday evening, when the fair came to a close. The gross receipts were \$620, and the Post will net \$400, which will be put into their charity fund. The fair was in every way successful and the Post deserves much credit for the way everything was conducted. The prizes were drawn by the following: Henry Beaulie drew the Wood Sewing Machine; James Holmes, stove; Chas. A. Bemis, sofa; Ezra Stockwell, marble-top table; Nathan Prouty, sad irons; Clarence C. Myrick, barrel of flour; Joel Ballard, cord of wood; E. E. Stone, Britannia tea-pot; Samuel Beyden, bird cage; George Danforth, set of tea trays; Thos. J. Collins, dozen napkins; Thomas B. Clark, Jr., bushel of potatoes; Mrs. Nathan Myrick, ring cake; Henry P. Howland and Eddie Barr, weight cake; Matic Palmer, large doll; Nathaniel Myrick, soft pillow; Mrs. John Moore, ottoman; Mrs. James Ames, toy baby carriage; M. D. Barr, pin cushion containing

1000 pins. The following is a list of persons competing in the fair, and making "bull's eyes" and the names made by each: Joe. Sylv. 10; E. E. Stone, 15; A. B. Palmer, 15; Anna Hollard, 6; F. T. Prouty, 6; L. W. Worthington, 4; Ed Wood, 3; Robt Burns, 2; L. M. Prouty, 2; F. F. Monroe, 2; Arthur Woodbury, 2; Mr. Bow, 2; Henry Bemis, 2; five others made 1 each.

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Lightfoots of N. Brookfield,	5	Spencers,	4
Stars of W. Brookfield,	2	"	34
Riversides	7	"	16
Stars of Webster,	6	"	17
Leicester, of Leicester,	1	"	8
Unas, of Worcester,	9	"	14
Lightfoots, of N. Brookfield,	6	"	9
Irvinas, of Worcester,	12	"	10
Stars, of Webster,	3	"	13
Picked Nine, of Spencer,	8	"	16
Quinsigamonds, of Worcester,	3	"	9
Clintons, of Clinton,	10	"	4
Irvinas, of Worcester,	13	"	12
Picked Nine, of Spencer,	10	"	27
Naticks, of Natick,	10	"	0

Total 105 No. of runs in favor of Spencers in the grand total, 88.

The Spencers have every reason to feel proud over their first season's record, and we take this occasion to congratulate the lovers of the National Game for the very creditable manner in which the club has sustained the general interest, not only by good playing but uniform gentlemanly deportment of each individual member. Especial mention is due Messrs. W. E. Parsons and L. M. French for their indefatigable labors to promote a healthy favorable sentiment in the community for a noble sport, their success being marked and decided. The prospects for next season are very flattering, a number of this season's players have expressed a willingness to play with the club again.

The following Probate business relating to this vicinity was transacted Tuesday of last week:

**Administrators Appointed.**—James C. Ayres, estate of Emma A. Ayres, North Brookfield, \$500 personal; Thomas A. Prouty, estate of John Lahy, Spencer, 1800 real, 500 personal; of Sally Peck, Charlton, Joseph Buxton executor, 400 personal; Martha A. Sargent, appointed guardian of Mary E. Sargent, North Brookfield.

#### OUR NEIGHBORS.

##### BROOKFIELD.

[Charles H. Whittemore will receive subscriptions and advertising for the sun, and is authorized to receipt in payment for the same.]

Special Correspondence.

Vesper services will be opened at the Unitarian Church next Sunday evening (27th) at 7 o'clock, and will be held every other week until notice to the contrary shall be given. Special effort has been made to secure a choir for next Sunday evening, of over twenty singers. Penn Tyler will assist the choir, morning and evening. A good choir will render service at all the meetings.

**THE REPUBLICAN RALLY.**—Thursday evening the third of this series was well attended by the citizens of Brookfield, and the speaking afforded only added proof to what has already been said on the question of finance. The meeting was opened by Mr. Morris by presenting as the first speaker the Hon. Geo. W. Johnson, who only occupied a short time in refuting two or three of the statements made at the Butler meeting Tuesday evening; then Mr. Theo. C. Bates, of North Brookfield, was introduced and spoke very satisfactorily for over an hour, after which the Hon. W. W. Rice our candidate for Congress, closed the meeting in a specially interesting manner.

Our four hundred were present at the Republican Rally last Friday evening. The speakers, Messrs. Hyde and Thompson, were introduced by Mr. Sessions in a short speech.

The 22nd the Selectmen were busy in correcting the voting list and adding what new names there were as that was the last chance afforded them for the purpose.

The Democratic Rally on Tuesday evening last was attended by about 250 or 300. Speaking by Messrs. Thayer and Dorsey.

A Butler club will be organized Saturday evening.

A Podunk farm afforded the novelty of picking ripe strawberries and ripe chestnuts under the same tree a few days ago to three hunters.

##### SOUTHBIDGE.

Special Correspondence.

A correspondent writes us that Rev. A. S. Walton, pastor of the Congregation Church in this village, delivered a lecture last week in the Congregational course at Southbridge on "Getting on in Life." Everybody was pleased with the lecture, and some thought it the best of the course. The subject, though an old one, was treated

in a new and interesting way, and the audience made by such: Joe. Sylv. 10; E. E. Stone, 15; A. B. Palmer, 15; Anna Hollard, 6; F. T. Prouty, 6; L. W. Worthington, 4; Ed Wood, 3; Robt Burns, 2; L. M. Prouty, 2; F. F. Monroe, 2; Arthur Woodbury, 2; Mr. Bow, 2; Henry Bemis, 2; five others made 1 each.

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Conductor Everett of Springfield, is running in place of C. A. Howes, who is on a two weeks vacation.

A temperance meeting was held in Town Hall, on Sunday evening, at which a lengthy and quite interesting address was delivered by Rev. F. S. Potter of Somerville.

About four hundred and seventy-five took advantage of the reduced fare to Boston, on Friday and Saturday of last week.

##### LEICESTER.

The members of the Reform Club and Ladies' Christian Temperance Union were entertained in a social and pleasing manner at the house of Rev. Samuel May, Saturday night.

The doors of the Town Hall, schools and other public buildings, are being hung so as to swing both ways, as a precaution in case of fire.

##### NORTH OXFORD.

About three o'clock Saturday morning the Walker mill at North Oxford was destroyed by an incendiary fire. The buildings included a large and well built saw, shingle and box mill, of wood, and a brick engine and boiler house. The property cost the late E. B. Walker, who built it, about \$30,000 five or six years ago. It has been subject to some complications during the last year or two, and passed into the possession of Mr. O. O. Ward of Auburn about six months ago. It was unoccupied. Mr. Ward had insurance on the buildings of \$4000, evenly divided between the Columbian, Royal Canadian, Standard, and Lancastrian Generals. When the fire was discovered it was too late to do anything toward saving the building.

##### WARREN.

The Brockfield Conference of Congregational Churches opened a full session at Warren, on Tuesday morning the exercises continuing through Wednesday forenoon. Freeman Walker of North Brookfield was Chairman, and Rev. M. L. Richardson of Sturbridge, Scribe. After the transaction of necessary business, Rev. W. D. Brown of Gilbertville read an admirable essay on "The Best Methods to Awaken an Interest in Sunday-Schools Among Non-Attendants," which was followed by free discussion. A bountiful collation was furnished in the chapel at 1 o'clock, after which an essay was read by Rev. M. L. Richardson of Sturbridge, on "Sabbath School Literature," full of good points and warmly received by the conference.

Dr. Princes followed with an animated address to children, illustrated by actual facts from his own long experience as a pastor. In the evening, Rev. Dr. Perkins preached on "Christ, the Life and Light of the World." The attendance was good, large numbers coming from adjoining towns, and the exercises were of unusual interest. Wednesday morning Rev. Edwin S. Gould of West Brookfield read an essay on "Missionary Work: How it is Done," and William Hyde of Ware delivered an address on the "Sandwich Islands," where he has recently visited.

##### THE NEWS.

A FATHER'S HEROIC DEVOTION.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 22.—At an early hour this morning the dwelling house of Michael Reuter, at the foot of Price's Hill was burned. Reuter ran up stairs to rescue a little child, being obliged to pass through the flames. He found the child with her night dress burning, grasped her, forced his way back through the flames, and reached the ground safely. The child was badly burned, and Reuter received what will probably prove fatal injuries, both arms being burned almost to the bone.

**SPEAKER RANDALL ASSAULTED.**

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 22.—At a political meeting this evening some one threw a large stone at Speaker Randall, who was addressing a crowd. The Speaker's escape was very narrow, as the stone struck a door immediately behind him. No arrests were made.

**THE VERGE OF A PANIC.**

LONDON, Oct. 22.—There have been runs on some building associations and a very uneasy feeling still prevails, which may develop into a panic at any time. The reduction of wages by the Clyde ship builders begins to-day and will be accepted for the present by all branches of the ship building trade, under protest.

The State Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union has elected Mrs. Mary A. Parker president, and among the vice-presidents, Miss E. C. DeVeaux, Worcester; Mrs. M. L. Eastman of Orange, N. Y.; King of North Brookfield and Mrs. Amanda S. Wright of Dalton. The Union has greatly prospered through the year, and there are now 140 local Unions, with over 9000 paying members, besides 50 Juvenile Unions with 12,400 members. The receipts have been \$4119, and expenses \$2801.

A boy of 10 and a girl of 8 eloped from Brookline, Mass., and went to Boston, where they soon got lost in the crooked streets. Their expectation was to get married and live in a fine house somewhere. The reality was a spanking.

The Tallasse cotton factory at Montgomery, Alabama, has been transferred to the bondholders, who have organized under the name of Tallassee Falls manufacturing Co. In 1873 this factory paid a dividend of 18 per cent, but failed the next year.

##### THE OLD WORLD.

There is an extensive Bulgarian insurrection on the East Roumella frontier.

The stockholders of the Glasgow bank have resolved to put it into voluntary liquidation.

Raitaa and Barraburra, two islands of the Society Group, have completely burst up, and a large number of people have been drowned.

A recent examination at Goa, India, of the body of St. Francis Xavier showed it to be as well preserved as when exposed twenty years ago.

The Italian government has adopted plans for 2,500 miles of new railroads, to cost about \$150,000,000, to be secured by a pledge of the public credit.

Cape Town advices of the first of October say it is stated that Cetyways, a powerful chief of the Zulu Kaffirs, will shortly begin open hostilities against the British.

The most essential point of the indefinite treaty between Russia and Turkey, namely, the war indemnity and the time for the withdrawal of Russian troops, is unsettled.

The Austrian budget for 1879 has an estimated deficit of 15,807,740 florins, which it is proposed to cover, either by the issue of a gold rente or by an addition to the floating debt.

The bulk of the Russian forces in Bulgaria are moving southward. The Russian infantry alone in Eastern Russia already number 80,000 men. Another army corps is near Constantinople. There are 15,000 men in Adrianople. Between October 14 and 19 18,700 returned.

Wood County, Wis., produced 80,000 barrels of cranberries this season.

Cooks are numerous in New York; girls for general housework are not.

The residence of Joseph Shroder, of Bush county, Kan., was struck by lightning, one day last week, and the bolt dashed through a bed in which were sleeping three little children. Two were killed and the other was badly burned.

The crime for which John Pestash, a half-breed Creek Indian, has been sentenced to death in Arkansas, was that of murdering a whole family because he was refused a chew of tobacco.

##### UNITED.

In Stoneham, Oct. 15, by Rev. Mr. Batt, Walter Moore, of Spencer, to Miss Ellen L. Marsh.

##### CARD.

A VOTE of thanks is hereby extended by Post 37, G. A. R., to the Ladies of Post 37, G. A. R., Sewing Society, Louis Friendy & Co., Worcester, Mrs. John Holmes, Charles Hunter and to all others who assisted in making the G. A. R. Fair a success.

A vote of thanks is hereby extended to Comrades A. H. Foster and J. H. Lombard of North Brookfield, and Mrs. Elijah Adams of Brookfield, for the able and impartial manner in which they performed their delicate duties of Judges at the Baby Show.

For order of J. H. JONES, Commander, B. Bemis Adj't.

I have opened for the Season a full line of WOOL and FUR ROBES, which will sell at the Lowest Cash Prices.

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THE SPENCER SUN, FRIDAY, NOV. 1, 1878.

The Father of the Newt Anti-Slavery Society are arranging for dramatic entertainment, to come to this week in Vaughan's Hall at Worcester.

James Conroy, the man who attempted to address General Butler last Friday was fined \$10.50 last Saturday before Justice Durrell, but went to the house of correction for non-payment.

Edward E. Stone offers the best hard wood sawed for \$7.50 per cord, and soft wood, \$3.50; and \$6.50 for four feet lengths. Orders may be sent to the Post Office, or at his residence on High streets.

One of our most prominent Butter men got hold of a handful of anti-Butler pamphlets at the General's audience last Friday, and had circulated quite a large number of them among his friends before he discovered his mistake.

A large number of ripe raspberries were picked last Friday, by Wm. P. Brewer, on his farm in North Spencer. On Monday, Dan's Chickering of Upper Main Street picked a large handful of well filled and lusciously sweet green peas, from vines grown from seed scattered while gathering the regular crop about the middle of August. Strawberries and violets in full bloom were picked on Sunday, on Hall's Point.

The debate advertised for last Friday evening, did not take place, owing to the absence of Mr. Chas. McLean, by sickness. Mr. Edward Atkinson was present and addressed the audience on behalf of the speakers. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. Much disappointment was manifested on account of the failure of the debate.

The following we clip from the New York Sunday World: "Here is an inscription recently copied from a tombstone one of the graveyards in Spencerville, Mass.: 'He is moldering in the grave. No mother will my children have. They will no longer care for me. Who will be my mother now? Where can she be?' And here is another shorter, but more to the point: 'Died from swallowing the top of an umbrella rib into the lungs.'

Now is the time for all persons that are in want of nice parlor suits, studded, easy, rocking, parlor, students' and can, chairs, to call on Alfred Burrill of North Brookfield, having reduced his prices lower than ever in order to induce sales to reduce his extra large stock of said goods before Jan. 1, 1879. Also special bargains can be had in selecting from nearly forty black walnut, w.b., and very expensive armamented, finished chamber suits. This stock also includes a great variety of walnut, oak, maple, cane and wood seat chairs, student writing desks, extension, marble and wood top writing tables, walnut lunettes, looking glasses, also a good stock of wood grain, and oil cloth carpetings, &c., at very low prices.

Mr. C. N. Simpson, a gentleman who has had a wide and varied experience in dealing with piano makers, having made piano legs for thirty years or more, and in selecting and comparing the different grades of pianos and cabinet organs has opened a wholesale wareroom at 306 Main Street, Springfield, Mass., where he hopes to sell all his former acquaintances and as many more as are in want of these instruments. All instruments selected by him are fully warranted and special orders intended to personally with care and promptness. Mr. S. has very flattering letters from large dealers who have entrusted their selections to him, also from men standing high in musical and social circles, who have been abundantly pleased with his selections and fair dealings with him.

Mr. John Cullen Bryant of Wilmington, Del., delivered last Sunday evening, in the vestry of the Methodist Church, a lively and interesting temperance lecture, to a large and appreciative audience. Mr. Bryant is himself a reformed man and speaks by the book when he tells of the terrible terrors of the drunkard's appetite for strong drink, and in forcible language condemned the use of anything that could in the least tempt one who was struggling to overcome his appetite, denouncing the use of cider and even wine at the communion table, which had once led him to violate his pledge. It would have been well for everyone who is not a total abstainer advocate could have heard him, and should opportunity again offer that all will make an effort and hear Mr. Bryant.

LEICESTER.—The Sportsmen's Club of Spencer were the guests of the Club of this place last Saturday, when a friendly match was shot on the grounds, each man shooting at thirty glass balls. The highest score was made by E. Sprague of Leicester, who broke 27, the next highest by H. Brewer of Spencer, who broke 24. The total result was 138 for the Leicester Club and 130 for the visitors. After the shooting both clubs partook of a supper at the Centennial Hotel.

WEST WARREN.—Game is plenty in the woods surrounding this place and sportsmen are also numerous. Postmaster Elwell has found time to kill 15 grizzly squirrels.

West Warren's voters are increased by about 12 aliens, who have lately been naturalized.

## AN IMPORTANT SALE.

## THE "HUB" CLOTHING HOUSE.

do just what they say. When they advertise:

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INDEPENDENT.  
JAMES PICKUP, Editor.

SPENCER, MASS., FRIDAY, NOV. 1, 1878.

FOR GOVERNOR;

THOMAS TALBOT.

VOTE FOR TALBOT.

VOTE FOR TALBOT, because it will be a victory for Honest Money.

VOTE FOR TALBOT, because even his enemies cannot slander him.

VOTE FOR TALBOT, because no shadow of political corruption ever tainted his name.

VOTE FOR TALBOT, because he is a model of what a working man should be.

VOTE FOR TALBOT, because he is one of the people from the people, and for the people.

VOTE FOR TALBOT, because he has exhibited more backbone than any Governor since John A. Andrew.

VOTE FOR TALBOT, because his acts stamp him as the only man capable of breaking up the State Riggs.

VOTE FOR TALBOT, because his career as a private citizen has been one of local philanthropy and beneficence.

VOTE FOR TALBOT, because he has been exiled into the field by the people and did not circulate petitions to see whether he was wanted or not.

VOTE FOR TALBOT, because when the temperature question comes around he will be a better temperature man than even Dr. Miner himself.

VOTE FOR TALBOT, because the people of this country have tried smart men in public life long enough. We will now try good men if you please.

VOTE FOR TALBOT, because when he was governor he approved of the ten hour law, and it is wholly owing to him that it was placed on the statute book.

VOTE FOR TALBOT, because his administration cannot be controlled by such philosophies of dirt as Adin Thayer although he is chairman of the Republican state central committee.

VOTE FOR TALBOT, because he has the best record for economy and retrenchment of any man in New England. The legislature by refusing to take his advice set the state one million dollars.

Vote for the best man to the Legislature whether it is Oxford's turn or the turn of any other town, for more depends upon the character of the Legislature than upon the governor, so far as taxation is concerned.

VOTE FOR TALBOT, because in his mills workmen are paid \$1.25 per day for the same work as that which they only receive \$8 cents a day for in the Lowell mill controlled by Gen. B. T. Stover, who claims to be the friend of the working man.

On account of election, Probate Court will be adjourned to Thursday, November 7th, and not be held Tuesday, the 5th.

We have been a little modest in pushing the fortunes of our candidate for this council district, Hon. Wm. Upham, chiefly because his case does not need it, and secondly, because we are sure that he will lead his ticket by a handsome majority, as he deserves.

While the election of a flat money Governor would greatly help and encourage the Greenbackers, the whole power of issuing the greenbacks lies in the Conservative party, let all who, irrecive of party, believe in a sound money basis, and that the honor of the nation should be maintained, vote for Hon. W. W. Rice, the honest money candidate of this district.

VOTE FOR TALBOT.

Most of the Greenbackers charge the Talbot party with slandering in its attempt to lay bare the true character of General Butler. But we would ask why is not Thomas Talbot slandered? Is it simply because he is irreproachable in his public and private character? We think it is. But the followers of General Butler can not say as much for their candidate. We never knew of a really good man being slandered. General Butler must have given some cause, or his opponents would not dare assail him; and Thomas Talbot must have given no cause, or his opponents could certainly would assail him. The Butler men say that Talbot will be a political necessity to place himself at the head and call of the Republican party, but we cannot believe that the man who had the courage to refuse to sign the Davis Hospital contract, in the teeth of the combined power of both political parties, will stoop to anything of the kind. In

fact the Greenbackers are not the slightest cause for such a baseless institution, and this is all that the urge against his election. So we are in the moral right when we earnestly advise all who have the welfare of the state at heart to vote for Thomas Talbot.

When the legal tender act was under discussion Mr. Lincoln spoke of it, in connection with the Greenbackers, as "not the slightest weight to debtors," because it

there is scarcely a precept which can be more coin and paper. One of the chief points of the Greenbackers is to make notes legal tenders. Resuming will virtually do this, and people can keep their notes or exchange them for coin, and as paper is so much more convenient it is very unlikely that the people would resumption does not mean contract of the currency. There cannot be any real resumption. All of this not meaning that the legal tender act is the consequence of a permanent system for providing a National currency, that will, if wisely managed, be of great service to the country and a reliable support to the government in future.

After the act passed a law Mr. Lincoln sent it to Congress and the country on its adoption, in his Annual Message of December, 1863, and again in his Message of 1864, after a few banks had been organized. He spoke of the system in terms of highest praise, and concluded his reference to it as follows:

"That the system may be found necessary, in order to perfect the existing laws, but, in my opinion, will not be required."

These extracts, which might be increased many times, lead to the conclusion that the legal tender act is the consequence of a permanent system for providing a National currency, that will, if wisely managed, be of great service to the country and a reliable support to the government in future.

In 1860 Hon. Eli Thayer was our B. P. member of Congress but casting his vote in Congress in favor of the Slave code repudiated him, or rather, would not give him another nomination, and he ran as an independent candidate and got shamefully whipped. He was consequently beaten all through the war, and as yet the people do not want any of his statements. He had been boasting about like a crab looking for an oyster with its mouth open, and this was the result he has got into the same bed as Butler.

The Worcester Reporter says:—An eccentric but plain spoken Worcesterman attended a political meeting in Blackstone, last evening. At the close, he was introduced to Hon. Eli Thayer. After a little chat, the Worcesterman said: "You ain't fit to 'em lively, Mr. Thayer. Now, if you only had them guys sold the government, and a few baleful how you could put it to the d—d Republican thieves."

This ended the combat.

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## HALLOWEEN.

Hark! how the shrill wind whisks thy  
Witches in the naked trees not even stir.  
But stand and point still, fingers at the  
moon.  
As each of them were an astrologer,  
Or some old Druid, gray and grim with  
years,  
And worn by mighty gifts to the bone,  
Who now at last would stand stock still  
His arms outstretched, and maledict to the stars,  
Asking no names, no healing herb  
To balk his soul of immortality,  
And far beyond the shadowless hills—  
How far beyond in the wan depth melt  
the stars.

Fading era comes the reluctant star of  
more.

And the great day blots all the glory out.

And night there still remains for those  
who dream.

And set by more than daylight's lesser

What only can be seen by those who  
dream.

And dreamt only by those who truly see,

Hark! how the wind goes whistling thro'

the house!

Old house, beat by lurid groves of oak

That drop from off their immemorial

Brown auras in gray russet to fat swine.

And it is swift with many a cabin bough,

And on its walls you see these antlers

These deer were slain o'er Caesar came

from Rome.

With haws from ewe trees eat at full of

With many mystic rites forgotten now,

At Christmas there will hang the mistle-

toes,

And a great lug, hung in with joyous

shot.

Will burn and splutter, and October ale

song,

And the doughmen mads, health mis-

Be caught and kissed, and laugh and run

away.

To Hallowe'en, and through the house

That night under all the trees stand steidi-

still.

Witches are riding and the wind blows

shriek.

My curtain stir not, but the tapistry

Good swoing to and fro; the arras moves,

And my bed must stir from out his

sleep

Appalled, like me, by what he cannot

clutch.

L'ENTOY.

In an old house that crumbles to decay,

Or new fine mansion, still we feel the

And dreams at waking night, not sleeping

day.

Will come, as in the oldest time they

came.

J. D., in N. Y. World.

A RIDE FOR LIFE.

The only thing that now remained

Was to find a way to get away up-

and plain like hens' eggs in my nest,

and was preparing to walk my horse

candidly back to the clump of trees,

in order to make a start with my men

from there. At this moment my horse,

seeing and hearing his confederates in

the rebel camp, suddenly pricked his

ears, and gave a long and loud neigh

as a friendly intimation of his

He was instantly answered by half-a-

dozen equine throats in the rebel camp.

Aroused by the noise, a black-headed

native, who had evidently been sleep-

ing rolled up in his blankets under the

shelter of the bushes close to me,

started up about twenty yards off, and

gazed at me for a moment in blank

astonishment. Instinctively I drew my

pistol from my waist belt, in which I

wore it, and levelled it at him. Recol-

lecting, however, our critical position,

I hastened to fire, as I foresaw that

the report, close as we were to the re-

bel camp, would inevitably betray us

to the enemy. I tried, therefore, to ter-

rify him into submission. Accord-

ingly I called out to him in Hindustani

to come to me at once, or I would

shoot him. Instead of obeying, the man,

evidently a rebel spy, took ad-

vantage of my momentary hesita-

tion, and recovering from his first as-

tance, turned and fled like a hawk

in the direction of the camp, shouting

with all his might and main as he did

so. Our position was too critical to

try and stop him, and I saw no one

It was high time to make good our es-

cape while we could. My two men,

whom I had left concealed under the

clump of bushes, had grasped the situ-

ation at once when they saw the man

running, and rode out to me, exclaim-

"We must ride for our lives, for that

man will bring the whole

camp upon us." "Yes," said I, hastily,

"we will ride for the village; and,

if hard pressed, we will separate and

make the best of our way to the main

body of the picket." So saying, we

put spurs to our horses, and rode rap-

idly for the village whence we had come.

We had not gone more than

sixty yards or so when three rebel

horsemen dashed out from a clump of

water which we had passed over in

the early morning on our way to rec-

onnoit the camp. A thrill of hope

and joy passed through me. It was

a very fair jump, but nothing out of

the way for a good horse; and I knew

that mine, who was a good fencer,

would clear it, and there was a very

good chance that the horses of my

purposers would not, as natives seldom

practise their horses at jumping.

They seemed hardly more fitly of

cross me that I could not afford to let

him do.

Quick, as though I let down

my sword, letting it hang by the knot

from my wrist, and snatching out my

pistol from my holster. I levelled it full

at my assailant, a big black-bearded

Mohammedan, and fired as I passed

him at about two yards distance. The

ball hit him fair in the side, and

second he reeled in his saddle, then

dropping his uplifted sword-arm, and

tumbled forward to the ground, and

his riderless colt just past behind

me. A thrill of exultation

filled me, as I heard the thought dashed

out of my brain that my horses might perhaps

frighten it, and that in that case

my sword would be upon me.

Dreadfully is the peril in which I am,

and I have yet the coolness and presence

of mind to steady myself somewhat

as he comes up to the leap, and for a

moment to flicker his speed.

My galloping horse, a big powerful

Arabian gelding, his ears as he sees

the leap in front of him; and when

the critical moment, I dig my spur

into him with all the energy of despera-

tion, he answers to the call, takes off

well, and lands clearly, despite a some-

what unskillful landing.

As I reached the leap, I dashed

over him, and

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The Spencer Sun.

INDEPENDENT.  
JAMES PICKUP, Editor.

SPENCER, MASS., FRIDAY, NOV. 8, 1878.

Governor-elect Talbot held a levee at Union Hall, North Billerica last evening, to receive the congratulations of his friends, to whom he made a brief speech.

There is a stir in the air these days which has proved an effectual cure for yellow fever, and also for a good many diseases arising from foul odors in this vicinity. Frost is healthy.

The election being over, the editor has nothing but the usual current events to comment upon, and the annals of the human race will find no comment in themselves, and the reader scarcely needs our aid.

Charles H. Litchman, Grand Scribe of the Grand Lodge K. O. S. C. was elected to the legislature from Marblehead, and Chas. McLean who was to have been taken part in the financial debate here, was elected to the Executive Council, from Boston. Mr. Litchman has already a salary of \$1,000 a year from two organizations, besides what he makes from lecturing, and now his legislative pay will swell his income a few hundred more. We do not envy him his money, but think he ought to be content with the hard times

In the exciting campaign just passed there were a good many dark intricacies which needed pointing out and condemning for the benefit of those readers who have little time to spend in the perusal of voluminous essays on finance and other questions, and in our efforts for their guidance we only gave the opinions which the study of these questions inspired within us. We have not tried to serve the Republic party because it was a party, but merely for the principles involved in its triumph—notably that of honest money and for Talbot as a statesman.

In looking over the names of candidates who have been up in the different states we cannot help but notice the novel nomenclature which has of late crept into our politics. Here we have "D. G." for Democratic Greenback. In one place we site a candidate's name who is seeking admission to Congress as a Socialist. "L." signifies United Labor League, "I. P. G." for Protectionary Greenback. These are a list of strange bed-fellows for the public man. These indicate that the people have begun to think, and if you can get the people to think it is easy to get the people to think right, because common sense is inherent in the American people above all others.

A. T. STEWART'S BODY STOLEN

The remains of A. T. Stewart were stolen from the family vault in St. Mark's Church-yard, New York city, on early morning yesterday morning. The body was removed from the coffin, and the body with the exception of silver plates, left in the vault. Mr. Stewart died two years ago, and though the body was emaciated it was in an advanced state of decomposition. It is believed that the theft was committed in order to secure a reward for the restoration of the body. There were no valuables upon the remains. No reward will be offered, but it is believed the thieves will be captured speedily.

THURSDAY ELECTIONS

On Tuesday thirty elections in thirty states. This is the first that so many states have voted the same day. Twelve of those states chose governors, viz. Connecticut, Massachusetts, Delaware, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. In five of the states, only state officers were voted for, but in these we have seen that the people are bound by honest money. In the states enumerated and in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin, Congressmen were voted for, and the large Republican gain had a pivotal influence on the political aspect of the next administration of this government.

The decisive defeat of General Butler in Massachusetts, the loss of Connecticut to the Democrats, and the carrying of New York by the Republicans for the first time in 22 years, not to mention all the minor victories, are glorious signs upon the horizon of this republic and bode the return of the people to practical statesmanship and common sense. There is no political road to fortune, speaking in the honest acceptance of the term. The people are thinking right. They have done their duty and deposited their ballots, and they must now keep one eye open for individual affairs and keep the other upon their representatives so as to know that the result of the campaign is bearing proper fruit.

Now for Thanksgiving, as Butler is defeated.

THE ELECTION.

Massachusetts Makes a Stand for Honest Money.

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On Tuesday thirty elections in thirty states. This is the first that so many states have voted the same day. Twelve of those states chose governors, viz. Connecticut, Massachusetts, Delaware, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. In five of the states, only state officers were voted for, but in these we have seen that the people are bound by honest money. In the states enumerated and in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin, Congressmen were voted for, and the large Republican gain had a pivotal influence on the political aspect of the next administration of this government.

The decisive defeat of General Butler in Massachusetts, the loss of Connecticut to the Democrats, and the carrying of New York by the Republicans for the first time in 22 years, not to mention all the minor victories, are glorious signs upon the horizon of this republic and bode the return of the people to practical statesmanship and common sense. There is no political road to fortune, speaking in the honest acceptance of the term. The people are thinking right. They have done their duty and deposited their ballots, and they must now keep one eye open for individual affairs and keep the other upon their representatives so as to know that the result of the campaign is bearing proper fruit.

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The farmer to attain success must know almost everything. He must know how to plow down; how to make shallow; How to grow beef, how to make bacon; How to poison hogs, how to fix mowers; How to catch fish, how to kill pigeons; How to get fat men, how to make them; How to plant sweet corn, how to grow cotton.

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How to sow turnips, how to plant beets; How to use manure, how to prepare manure; How to raise cotton in South and West; How to get married, how to die best.

## THE STONE-CUTTER'S STORY.

He was whistling over his work, careless from long custom, of the solemn significance of the letters he was cutting in the white marble. The sun was nearly at the end of the day's journey, sinking slowly to rest upon the bosom of the broad Atlantic, whose waves washed the shores of the little seaport town of Monkton. A stranger, handsomely dressed in grey, with large lustrous brown eyes, came to the fence that was round the yard where the stone-cutter worked, and read the lettering, almost completed, upon the tombstone:

"HIRAM GOLDBY,  
Aged 35.  
LOST AT SEA, JANUARY, 1866."

The last 6 was nearly completed. A strange pallor gathered for a moment upon the stranger's face, and then he drew a long, deep breath and said:

"Is not ten years a long time to be cutting letters upon a tombstone, friend?"

"Ed, sir?"

The stone-cutter looked, shaded his eyes with his broad hand, as he turned his face to the setting sun.

"This is 1876," was the grave reply, "and Hiram Goldby has been ten years under the waves."

"Well, sir, that's the question—is he there?"

"Is he there? Your stone tells us he is and has been for ten years."

"Yes, sir, so it does—so it does. And yet she has ordered it. She came over a week or so back, with a worried look upon her sweet face, that I have never seen anything but patient in the ten long years, and she said to me, 'One more year, and I'll put it up in the churchyard, and I don't care what it will cost to see it.' I'll pay you whatever you choose to ask, Davy," she says, "but he's not dead, and don't want a tombstone." "Lord, mum," says I, "he'd a turned up all those years if he was not dead." But she shook her pretty head, the prettiest I ever seen, and said she wasn't a widow."

"Well, sir, I'm coming to that. A year ago, I saw him, a fine gentleman from France, here hunting for a child lost on this coast. He'd heard of Pearl's disappearance, if there is such, and came here. When he saw the clothes he left, fair and like a woman."

"She was related then, but the sea was growing chilly, but she hustled about the room preparing supper.

"Supper for two!" she cried gleefully.

The grand house in New York, for he'd followed his wife and child, sir, to the city they had never reached. He was rich and lonely. He begged his child to go, but he must find me. "Hiram will come here for me," she said, and he must find me where he left me."

"On what has she lived?"

"Sewing, sir, mostly. The cottage was old Mrs. Goldby's and, bless you, Pearl did not eat much more than a lux, and her dresses cost next to nothing. But there's no denying she was very poor—very, and yet the grand home and big fortune, never tempted her. So her father came on and on to her, until April. An' he died, sir, and left her Pearl all his fortune, and the grand house in New York. Then he said that she was free again."

"Enough Arden," muttered the stranger.

"What did you say, sir?"

"Nothing, nothing. What answer did the widow make Mr. Miles?"

"If Hiram's dead," said she, "I'm his faithful wife." "May be you are from the city, sir, and have not heard the story of our Pearl?"

"What story is that?"

"Well, sir, it's been told many times, especially in the last year, but you're welcome to it. I know it. There, that's it done, and I'll leave the Scripture till tomorrow morning. If you'll come to the gateway and take a seat on some of the stones, I'll tell you, that is if you care to hear it."

"I do care," was the ready reply. "I was very much to hear it."

"Maybe you're some kin to the Pearl of Monkton—that's what they call Mrs. Goldby hereabouts. It's a master of thirty-three years back, sir, that there was a wreck of Monkton Rocks, that you can see from here, sir, now that tide's low. Curst rocks they are, and many a wreck they've seen, the more the pity. You see them, sir?"

"I see them."

"Well, sir, this one wreck, thirty-three years ago, there was nothing washed ashore but a bit of a girl baby, three or four years old, with black hair, like a leaf, and great black eyes. Hiram Goldby found her on the rocks. He was a boy of twelve years, strong and tall, and he carried the child to his arms to his mother. You may see his cottage, sir, the second white one on the side of the hill."

"Not a word spoke Davy. Standing erect, he seized an immense sledge hammer and with powerful blows, from strong, upright arms, dashed the marble into fragm's. Then, panting with exertion, he held out his brawny hand to the stranger—a stranger he hardly knew."

"Tucking," said the reporter briefly, "why tucking is the name of the girls who make up many opportunities to test intelligence in the streets of Boston and Faneuil Hall. He is well maintained with all the leading manufacturers, and said that a man who was ignorant as that ought to hold his tongue. What the reporter had described was crocheting. Everybody ought to know what tucking was. The ladies making it used a little contrivance shaped like a mussel, with thread wound up inside it. Tucking could be purchased: he believed, for 10 or 15 cents a yard, and why intelligent girls should waste a whole day in making what they could get for a short bit was

"I see it."

"Well, Hiram took the baby

and Mrs. Goldby was the same as me about the stone. The neighbors drove her to ordering it, twisting her now she was rich, she grudged the stones to her husband's memory. So she sent me to the doctor, but says, 'Don't put me up in the poor house, for I am a woman, but I will be poor and come back to me.' She never looked at it. Hiram, never. And there's not been an hour, nor hasn't been for ten years, that she hasn't been looking for you to come back. Go to her, man, and the Lord's blessing be upon both of you!"

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## NORTH BROOKFIELD.

*Special Correspondence.*  
—The Ladies Library Association has organized for the ensuing year with the following officers: President, Mrs. Catherine Range; Vice President, Geo. French; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Bishop; Directors, Miss Susan Stoddard, Mrs. P. Bartlett, Mrs. Somers Holman, Mrs. S. S. Edwards, and Miss Alice W. Smith. Dr. L. C. Mrs. M. H. Bishop. It was voted to appropriate about \$60 for the purchase of new books and the following named persons were appointed a committee to purchase the same: S. S. Edwards, Geo. French, and Mrs. Dr. H. P. Bartlett.

—The final Republican Rally of this campaign was held in the Town Hall on Saturday evening, when the citizens of this town and the towns were favored with a very eloquent address by Rev. W. W. Rice of Worcester, who, in fitting language showed forth the principles of the Republican party and who during his entire speech was listened to with marked interest by all present. He was followed by H. E. Staples Esq. of Worcester who occupied about an hour in a very interesting and profitable manner.

—The most lively and interesting campaign in many years has passed and the Republicans have added one more to their list of hard earned victories. This town had its share of hard work by both parties, and the largest vote that has been polled for many years occurred on Tuesday last when every vote that could possibly be obtained was brought to the polls. Below we give the most important votes:

GOVERNOR.  
Thos. Talbot..... 402  
Benj. F. Butler..... 302  
Josiah G. Abbott..... 18  
A. A. Miner..... 1

REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS.  
9th District.  
W. W. Rice..... 442  
Eli Thayer..... 202

COUNCILOR.  
7th District.  
Wm. Upham..... 443  
T. P. Abbot..... 247

SENATOR.  
4th Worcester District.  
Alpheus Harding..... 441  
Russell S. Horton..... 285

REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT.  
Theo. C. Bates..... 455  
Joseph Smith..... 429  
Hammond Brown..... 371  
C. B. Carpenter..... 243

In the evening a large number assembled at Town Hall to hear from neighboring towns and cities. A short speech by T. C. Bates who in very appropriate manner thanked the voters for the honor conferred upon him in electing him as one of their next representatives. Also other speeches by Hon. F. Walker, T. M. Duncan, Thos. Ashby, and T. P. Abbot.

The oyster supper given by the senior class of the High School was a perfect success. The classmate tested about \$25.

A very pleasant gathering was held at the residence of Representative T. C. Bates on Wednesday evening when about two hundred of his friends met to congratulate him on his election. The North Brookfield Brass band furnished music for the occasion. Speeches were made by Dea. James Miller and others. Mr. Bates responded in his usual fitting manner. Refreshments consisting of oysters, ice cream, cake, etc. were abundantly furnished. The Company separated at a late hour feeling that they had spent an evening long to be remembered.

BROOKFIELD.  
*Special Correspondence.*

OBITUARY.—Newton Dunton, aged sixty-two years, died of dropsy and heart disease, Nov. 3d. The subject of this notice was a man of a very noble and generous nature, of strong common sense, unusually clear in intellectual and moral perceptions, and, in early life, had before him the promise of a successful future. Few persons were as well read in history, or better posted in the general intelligence of the day, or had a more independent judgment upon all affairs, political, religious or social. He had no fail in the letter of piety which characterized his spirit, and was a man always to find and to befriend the practical religion of every day life. Though by no means claiming to be religious, all having his faults with the rest of us, yet if honesty, if uprightness, and a kind of innocence, and loaded with kindness and filled with charity, constitutes practical piety, then Mr. Dunton was a good man, and a disciple of his Master. Nor was he without his devout aspirations and apprehensions of spiritual truth, as those know who

have known him best. He had natural abilities and popular charm which led the people of the town to send him to the legislature—he had served as chairman of the selection—and his musical talents were used to make him a character of the Unitarian Church for many years. His popular qualities were very early developed; for when a boy, and living with Parson Stone, he was loved by them as a son, and Mrs. Stone used to say "he was full of mischief, but she loved him from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot."

It is certainly true that he only lacked opportunity for having been a leading influence in the higher walks of life. Missed by his friends and neighbors, we have trust, entered upon a sphere of existence, where his powers of mind and grace of heart will find ample scope, and his life the balm of a sweet rest.

The second vesper service will be held in the Unitarian vestry next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Election day was very quiet, and passed as satisfactory to all parties as the circumstances would admit. The voting commenced at 10 A.M., and from that time until about 4 P.M. a steady stream went up and down from the ballot box. All parties worked unremittingly all day, as long as there was a man who had not voted. He was quickly looked up and if possible brought forward by someone. There were only seven different tickets in the field, and the Butler man had to look well, before he deposited his vote, lest he should put in the wrong ticket.

Outside of the Republican ranks, there was a good deal of "fixing up" and patching done. Some vote for Butler on the Republican ticket, others on the Democratic, while more voted for the "chuck" Talbot and Long & Rice on the F. T. C. and not a few voted for the whole Republican ticket to defeat Butler.

M. Hensley has just completed a two story brick house on the Brimfield road. The dark blue pottery is stylish, but looks cold on a white table cloth. The salmon canneries on the Saugerties have closed for the season.

Flowers and autumn leaves made of velvet, and so perfect they seem to rival nature, are found new on nearly every hat.

Invisibly checks and stripes are ruling designs in silks. The ground colors are often confused, jetting of dark and bright tints.

Velvet and satin united in the weaving, form a splendid dress texture; the raised figures are of velvet disposed in small regular patterns.

Cloaks are not worn as long as they were last season. They are trimmed with fringe, velvet, wide silk braids, and are made as much like gentlemen's coats as possible.

The family of red is well represented in this season's modes. For example, there are ten separate colors of this character—the Bourdeaux and Cardinal taking the lead.

Dresses are universally trimmed with embroidery which is applied, if not wrought upon the fabric, or they use combinations of a plain color, with a figured armure, or brocade.

One of the square crowned hats is of black silk, with a wide brim, which is lined with black satin. The trimming is principally massed at the top of the crown and consists of two red roses, a cluster of ribbons, and three feather tips, which curl over the front.

Black silks not worn for mourning are tinged slightly with a bluish shade—the red is medium and the texture is of a soft clinging nature. A very excellent blue silk can be had for \$1.25 per yard; embossed velvet is much used in the construction of silk suits, and particularly those dresses arranged in dark silks.

STURBRIDGE.  
*Special Correspondence.*

—The result of the election in this town was to give a triumph to the Republicans, and cut off communication between Bagdad and Mosul. The government functionaries of the district have fled.

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The English short time movement is extending in the mills of Burnley, where there will soon be 350,000 spindles and 6,000 to 7,000 looms operated on short time. The India Mill, the largest in Darwen, has stopped.

Francis Clark attempted suicide a few days ago, on the Southbridge road, while in a despondent state of mind. He was found and cared for by Dr. L. W. Curtis of Globe Village, who returned to his home.

N. D. Ladd & Son had their new shop running in just eight weeks from the day the old one was burned.

WEST BROOKFIELD.  
*Special Correspondence.*

—G. A. Ware, next Tuesday, will run an express to Worcester by the way of Brookfield, Spencer, Leicester and Cherry Valley.

The St. Petersburg journals report a large number of suicides and attempted suicides in the Russian army in Bulgaria.

LEICESTER.  
—A notable incident of election day was the voting of Dr. Edward Pilot, who went to the polls and cast a straight Republican ticket, in spite of the weight of the selection—and his musical talents were used to make him a character of the Unitarian Church for many years.

WEST WARREN.  
*Special Correspondence.*

The laugh is going around among those in the secret at a letter which has come to light since the election, and written by an aspirant to the Republican Representative nomination in the 12th District. Below are a few extracts taken from it, *verbatim et literatim*:

"This is a native of Maine, and is not a citizen of—his interest in Man is. Also, 'he will get but a small vote in this town all the time he is going for H. Brown.' Carpenter wraths than have man."

The Oldham cotton operatives held a meeting on Saturday and unanimously resolved to resist the reduction of ten per cent. in wages. Twenty thousand hands and eight million spindles will be affected by this action.

ARRIVED.

In Spencer, Nov. 4, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Daniels.

UNITED.

In Sturbridge, Oct. 25, by Rev. John A. Buckminster. Adam P. McKinstry of Southbridge, to Lizzie B. Allen of Sturbridge.

In Spencer, Nov. 4, by Rev. J. Cosson, John Labach and Elphozine Cote, both of Spencer.

In Lamora, Province Quebec, Oct. 29, by Rev. Clement Loranger, J. A. Robillard, M. D. of Southbridge, and Joseph Page of Lamora.

GONE HOME.

In Spencer, October 23rd, Mary Norton, aged 23 years.

In Spencer, October 22nd, Patrick Bowles, aged 40 years.

In Spencer, October 26th Peter Lovelly, aged 9 years.

In Spencer, October 29th, Henry Perry, aged 3 years.

FASHION NOTES.

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CLOTHES.

—The impression on all sides seemed to be that the contest in this town was to be decided close, and were quite surprised all round when the result was made known; even the most sanguine had not predicted more than a majority for Talbot, but it turned out 126 over Butler, and 90 over all. The Talbot men whether Republican or Democrat were delighted, and the Butler men, vis versa.

The vote for governor, as declared by the chairman, was as follows: Talbot, 319; Butler, 193; Abbott, 33; Miner, 5; total 548; and the rest of the Republican ticket was carried with about the same figures. Congressman Rice, as aforesaid, is his ticket. The Butlers were greatly taken in that their man got such a poor showing when they really expected so much better. During the evening the stores were full of men discussing the election, and waiting for every scrap of news, coming from the outside world, which when it came was always satisfactory.

—During the night succeeding the election, the Drug Store of Gerald Bros. was entered by unknown parties and goods to the amount of \$150 were taken, and no trace has yet been seen of it. The entrance was effected from the rear, through the window, which was broken, and the glass broken out, and entrance made of five or six razors, a cluster of knives, and a few pipes were among the articles taken.

—Gen. J. L. Swift opened his course of lectures, to be given by the young people of the Congregational Church at their house, Wednesday evening. A hearty invitation to one and all to call at the store.

WILCOX & WHITE

Organs!

Having become Agent for these Organs, I invite the public to call and examine the one I have at my home.

For Richness of Case and Quality of Tone they are Not Surpassed.

The Manufacturers WARRANT EVERY ORGAN BUILT BY THEM TO BE OF THE BEST QUALITY, and because they have made more than 1,000 organs, and have tried all the remedies that could be found, they have no fear of the organ failing.

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## MILLONIAN BRIDGEHOUSE.

T. COX.

One autumn night, the lamps shone bright  
In Alpine's castle hall,

And songs and roasts went blithely round;

While by the window, wistfully, we sat;

Melville, with an anxious eye,

Looked out upon the bay.

She heard the sullen mournur

The ocean surges make,

And in the distant headland

She saw the sun set and break;

And her heart sang out,

On swept the wild curw-

But, far and wide, o'er the heaving tide,

No sail appeared in view.

The ancient bell toll'd forth the hour,

From its windy turret slow—

And the poplars tall beat on castle wall,

Gave warning of the fire;

She watched the sky of her bridal morn—

Not a star was gleaming there—

And with a trembling hand she wreathed

The flowers in her hair.

Then a gloomy murmur deepened

Around the stars high,

The morning of a dark wind

A dark, gloomy sky—

And then came thunder crash on crash,

Over the waves that stormy grow,

And seen by the lightning's fitful flash,

The tempest flew!

Holloing bird! o'er the deep seas

The gale ceased to sweep,

The larketh morn for her bridegroom dear

Looked for o'er the heaving deep—

But he came not; ah! in vain she wept—

No sail appeared on the wave—

His bark had sunk—and the bridegroom

Fare down in his watery grave!

HINTS FOR AMATEUR DRESSMAK-

ING.

HOW TO MAKE THE SEWING AND PLASTRONS SHIRTED.

Yoke basques and blouses are in

Vogue, and when they fit like a glove,

they are becoming to sit figures.

If not quite close fitting their style is

completely spoilt; and if (made

with a bargue) at once recall the baggy

appearance of the Garibaldi, so

difficult to avoid even with an under

tightening of the belt. In Paris these

yoke bodices set to the figure; the

secret of their doing so depends main

ly on drawing strings as well as on a

peculiar skul' en', the gift of but a

few dressmakers. For inexperienced

hands the best plan is to fit in living

the exact shape of a tight-lining bod

ice, and on it fix the material of the

blouse. This method, though pre

sumed evidence.

## BE JUST AND FEAR NOT.

SPENCER, Nov. 14, 1878.

MR. EDITOR:

DEAR SIR: I submit a few remarks to

your readers, asking their co-operation in

harmonizing ourselves together for the

future. Now that election is over, we

must congratulate ourselves on the vic

tory, and also on the peaceful manner in

which it was conducted. The Republican

party has achieved a victory which has

brought joy to the hearts of many of its

true supporters, and has saddened, no

doubt, the hearts of many more of its

opponents. But the labor party has gained

a great victory also, the

and it has in hand, given it a grande

esse, but instead of starting for the

world below it sailed around the balloon

several times and alighted again in

the basket. She took it again into

her hand, patted it, and with words of

affection and assurance, flew from it a kiss,

saying: "Birdie, you will get home all right," and the pigeon, as if

it understood, flew off.

A good resort very like the shop of

a bawd, and is sometimes bawdy as

etc., etc. A lawyer once rushed up to

Jerrold on the street and said, with a

laughed face, "Mr. Jerrold, I've just

met a scoundrelly barrister!" Mr.

Jerrold looked at him with a bland

smile and simply answered, "What a coincidence."

A ergeman was telling a story of

ruthless violence when his

little girl made the inquiry: "Father,

is that really true, or is it only preaching?"

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is particularly

recommended for children. It cures

coughs, colds, croup, sore throat and

whooping cough. Is planned for the

use of infants and like 25 cents.

ALFRED BURRILL.

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INDEPENDENT.  
JAMES PICKUP, Editor.  
SPENCER, MASS., FRIDAY, NOV. 15, 1878.

**THE SPENCER ALMANAC.**

SOMETHING THAT WILL BE READ AND PRESERVED FOR A YEAR.

Will contain about 40 good-sized pages, with illustrations, beautifully printed. An epitome of local and vicinity incidents for 1878—vital statistics of Spencer—lists of officers of local organizations, and other fresh and important references, which will be continually referred to. It will be issued free to every reader of the Sun, with our edition of December 30, promptly. The record of the present management of this office will convince all that we shall give our patrons entire satisfaction in this venture.

It will be an excellent vehicle for OUR TIME'S ADVERTISING, and we shall hold its pages open to our local merchants exclusively until Dec. 10, and altogether as if they will extend patronage enough so that we may add it a credit to ourselves as well as the local merchants themselves. Among the miscellaneous articles the following may be found in the table contents: Astronomical signs, Baker Corn Cake, Business Proverbs, Calendars for 1879, Corn Dodgers, Chronological Cycles, Drawn Butter, Eclipse for 1879, Easter Days, Fixed and Movable Festivals, Goldsmith's Deseret Village, Gossip, Kissings, Masonic Calendar, Morning and Evening Stars, Mar. Parlor Receipts, Palimpsests, Oat Meal, Oyster Sauce, Scarfina Treatment, Seasons, Society of Friends, Spygraph, Summer Pruning, etc., &c.

HOPES.—At the session of the Probate Court, Nov. 7, the following business of this vicinity was transacted: Wills proved—Of Lathers C. Battellier, North Brookfield; Charles W. Adams, executor, \$2000 real, \$15,000 personal; Sarah S. Poland, North Brookfield, Calvin W. Nutting, executor, \$2000; John Loring, Leicester, Edward C. Koring, executor, \$5000; Lydia Ladd, Charlton; Varanus, Johnson, executor, 1500 personal; Richard Keefe, Leicester; Edward C. Waite, executor, 1500 real, 250 personal; Otis Howland, Spencer; Marcus Howland, executor; Chester Curtis, Southbridge, L. W. Curtis, executor, 1500 real, 2000 personal; Wm. L. Baker, Charlton; Gilbert Hammond, executor, 4000.

REPORTORIALS.—  
Kansas needs rain.  
The finding of a live mine excites Kingston, N. Y.  
A sugar factory at Alexander, Ill., is being talked up.

The Salt Lake belles engage in rifle shooting matches.  
Laramie City plumes itself on its genial mountain climate.

The great Comstock vein is worked at a cost of \$30 a ton.

The Peru, Ind., woolen mills have to run day and night.

Gadsden, Ill., exacts \$600 a year for each saloon license.

Mount Troy had about 15,000 visitors for the past season.

The old song, "Tell me, Mary, how to wear this," is to be sung.

Offers to adopt the yellow fever orphans are pouring into Memphis.

The lakes about Memphis are to be stocked with German carp.

The Texas wheat crop this year is estimated at 15,000,000 bushels.

Quails are thick in Iowa, but the law forbids their sale in market there.

A luminous meteor dodged and fizzled over Battle Creek the other night.

A Gilbertville, N. Y., man is off for Cape Town to run an ostrich farm.

Ad. Henrick, of Oswego, has picked his third crop of raspberries, this year.

Baconfield, according to Carlyle, is "not worth his weight in cold bacon."

J. Hungry and Shunk Denahoe are to play a quiet match at Covington, Ky.

The Arizona mines are said to be easily worked, and to grow richer with depth.

Opera houses keep multiplying. Boppler (which is in Colorado) is to get one.

Cleveland has a humanus square named Park, who wed a penniless couple gratis.

A bear, bold Washington young man, was eloped with a woman and her six daughters.

SCRAPS.—  
The mosquito is still extant.

The woods begin to pool for the winter.

Potatoes are but 20 cents a bushel at Salt Lake.

A late frost traversed Denver at 56 miles an hour.

Extensive smelting works are to be put up at Golden, Col.

Missouri loves company, immigrants are welcome.

A single Illinois county, Ogle, lost \$350,000 off hog cholera.

Geneva, Ill., will a c. cheese-box factory at work are long.

Cider apples are going for \$2.40 a ton in Oswego County, N. Y.

The hawk of the south-bound wild geese fills the Iroquois.

A band of flannel around the system promotes digestion.

A bell of England has had herself photographed in a snowstorm.

THE SPOTTING WORLD.

Capt. Bogardus has challenged Dr. Carter to shoot a match, with any kind of a gun, for from \$1,000 to \$5,000 a side.

Cory and Allison, of the Providence Nine, have signed with the Yankees for next season.

Geo. F. Avery, the pedestrian, had 35 minutes to spare in his 36 hours' walk of 110 miles, at Westfield Saturday night.

He rested four hours.

At a meeting of the Providence base ball association, Monday evening, the following officers were elected: President, Henry T. Root; Secretary, Henry B. Winslow; Treasurer, Henry T. Root.

Board of Directors, H. S. Bloodgood, John D. Thurston, Robert Morrow, and the President and Secretary. It was voted to raise the capital stock from \$3,500 to \$10,000, and over \$2,000 was raised on the spot.

THE OLD WORLD.

Midhat Pasha has been appointed Governor of Syria.

Russia has ordered the construction of several ironclads.

Lord Justice Christian of the Court of Appeals in Ireland, has resigned.

The St. Petersburg Golos considers Lord Beaconsfield's speech, of the 9th November, pacific, though it shows that the basis of his policy is still enmity to Russia.

CONDENSED NEWS.

The largest farm in the world is probably that which has just been purchased by a New York Joint Stock Company in Northern New Mexico. It covers 250,000 acres and will be used for cattle and sheep raising. A good start has already been made with 5,000 improved American cattle and 15,000 Merino sheep.

MIRACLE.

If you think of buying a new carpet this fall, you should see the new carpet stock of Metcalf & Luther, Springfield. Offered very cheap for cash or on installments.

PLANES of all kinds are selling at lower prices than ever before known, at the warehousess of Simpson, the piano leg maker, 386 Main Street, Springfield.

CASH STORE.

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TRUTH.

Carried into every detail of their business, has given them such an enviable reputation that the

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Feels PERFECTLY SAFE in implicitly relying on their word.

TRADE WITH THEM.

Again, their prices are

WAY, WAY DOWN.

They are enabled to undersell everybody else because they are running FIVE IMMENSE RE-

AIL STORES and they manufacture their own Clothing, thus making but one profit and saving one to the consumer.

If you want anything in the Clothing line BE SURE and examine their stock and prices before placing your trade. They will be glad to see you whether you buy or not.

If you want a SUIT, go to the MAMMOTH WARDROBE.

If you want an Overcoat go to the MAMMOTH WARDROBE.

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In the history of the Clothing Trade.

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Before have the people been able to get so

**Good Garments**

For so

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**FIRSTLY.**

We have the smallest expense of any house in the city.

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Our firm consists of Louis Friendly only, which makes consider-

**THIRDLY,**

We buy all our Goods for Cash Down, which gives us a good

**FOURTHLY.**

We are desirous of doing as large a business as possible and are willing to labor for the smallest possible living profit.

Give us a trial and we guarantee all perfect satisfaction.

**MIRACLE**

When one compares the goods made a few years ago with those of

several ironclads.

PLANES of all kinds are selling at lower prices than ever before known, at the warehousess of Simpson, the piano leg maker, 386 Main Street, Springfield.

**CASH STORE.**

The largest farm in the world is probably that which has just been purchased by a New York Joint Stock Company in Northern New Mexico. It covers 250,000 acres and will be used for cattle and sheep raising. A good start has already been made with 5,000 improved American cattle and 15,000 Merino sheep.

TRUTH.

Carried into every detail of their busi-

ness, has given them such an enviable

reputation that the

Forrest Judge of Textile Fabrics

Feels PERFECTLY SAFE in implicitly relying on their word.

TRADE WITH THEM.

Again, their prices are

**WAY, WAY DOWN.**

They are enabled to undersell everybody else because they are running FIVE IMMENSE RE-

AIL STORES and they manufacture

their own Clothing, thus making but one profit and saving

one to the consumer.

If you want anything in the Clothing line BE SURE and examine

their stock and prices before placing your trade. They will be glad to see you whether you buy or not.

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Open house is to be held at the Mam-

moth Wardrobe, and look

at a Stock of Clothing ONCE BY DAYLIGHT.

If you DON'T want anything in the Clothing Line visit the Mam-

THE SPENCER SUN, FRIDAY, NOV. 15, 1878.

**HE WAS SAD.**  
He lived just a mile from the village,  
Out there by the forks of the road;  
His farm, by the help of grace,  
Invariably what he could and covered.  
The roof was all covered with moss,  
But still by his fixing and patching,  
It kept out the rain and quiet;  
We knew him as Jeremy Fodd;  
So plain was his dress and his diet,  
The neighbor all said—“he was odd.”

The fashion he never would follow,  
Nor try to put on any style,  
But owing a debt or a favor,  
With a smile, “I’m poor, but well chosen.”  
The words were but few and well chosen;  
“Twas clear that he meant what he said;  
His temper—not bad, but he had  
A calm way in life that he led,  
And did nothing to the meeting,  
And said very little of God;

Butorphans were glad at his greeting,

And every one said he was odd.

He was offered to sell you  
A cow, or an ox, or a horse,  
He made it his business to tell you  
Of the animal’s faults.

He hired Billy Peters, the cripple,

To help out his own back.

And helped up the wheat for pay.

Name was not on the subscription

To see the poor heathen abroad;

His neighbors he helped abroad;

The people all thought he was odd.

**THOUGHTS WISE AND OTHERWISE.**

BY FREDERICK E. WILLIAMS.

—We sometimes maliciously build  
up the scold for another but to find  
out our own necks in the noose.

—Freedom is the fit-atmosphere for a  
true soul.

—Aversion for one often comes  
through love for another.

—The young heart is like to a vase  
for flowers, and love the flower that  
becomes it most well.

—What shall our worse Hell be but  
lack of Heaven?

—And yet we find a rose beside the  
thorn;

—A sweet within a thistle; and we glean  
The flower of comfort from the weeds  
of woe.

How true it is there is no deadliest  
poison

But there’s its antidote; there is no ill

But there surely is somewhere its cure:

There is no sorrow but there’s a solace

—A man may have every good gift,  
and yet just miss the magic power to  
touch one poor, weak woman’s heart.

—Herodias is the soul intoxicated—  
Fever-mad.

—Hate is the hideousness of the  
heart.

—Breadth of our earthly aspirations  
is the measure of our angel wings.

—Love people empty solitude with  
shame

Winged with the soft, gold plumage  
of bright dreams,

Vague, yet so sensible, their shadow-  
ings

Are more than others’ best realities.

—It behooveth man to horoscope

His future from the past;

For things done are but the mirror  
In which things to come are cast.

—He who hath long the great  
and glorious sun had will grope and shiver  
‘neath the sudden stars.

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In age’s gap hath token;

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When we life’s course have run,  
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Where was our youth begun,

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To surely Godliness we not command;

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O'er-heavice vice, and frightest virtue

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He, who with big with self imputing  
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Eyes world and life, and all with but a  
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And since some faults crop out where

’er he scan,

Reproachest God, while he revileth

man;

Whose cubiting harden where they

would amend,

For as he blames, and never doth

commend;

And harder toils to prove another’s  
shame;

Then man doth to keep their own  
good name;

Who flouts the sinner with such vain-  
ful state

That ‘e’en his virtues seem a cause to  
hate;

And brings despite down on the Sa-  
vior’s cause,

Who gentlest, humblest of all mankind  
was.

piece of Hamburg news” was in Ger-  
many a powerful expression for false  
political rumors.

On one of the hottest days last sum-  
mer, a Danbury man brought home a  
small paper bag full of sand for his  
landlady’s canary. He playfully re-  
ated it on her shoulder while he was  
telling her where he got it. Presently  
she uttered a scream.

“What are you putting down my  
back?” she cried.

He had put nothing down her back,  
but there was a small break in the bag  
and a thin stream of sand was trick-  
ling down her spine. She had to  
change every rag,” she told the woman  
next door, while the perspiration had  
mingled with the sand and formed a  
delicate coat of concrete over her back.  
Her boards in another place. —Dan-  
bury News.

—A brimstone match, with nothing  
to it upon which to ignite it, is but a  
useless piece of lumber after all. So  
a great soul, with no great opportunity  
to fire it, remains forever in dark ob-  
scurity, unrecognized and unknown.

I had been one, who, within my few  
and transient years of youth,

Had thought tales of head-long love, we  
read in books, lacked much of truth.

I had shaped a fair ideal in my heart,  
and vowed I’d own

No love but the one I had elected for my  
self alone.

I had still to learn, on earth our dreams  
become but seldom real,

And that he is an exception who attains  
his own ideal.

We may form within our fancies, in the  
hey-day of our youth,

A pure, classic face; a regal port; a soul  
for faith and truth;

And call it our own, our semi-mate; but,  
ah! see the truth of it,

Time hath proved that honest we wed  
its very opposite.

Love, that can be well controlled, is but a  
poor and trivial love.

And it is not worth a true and loyal lover’s  
following;

Ruthless of all kinds, not adapted to  
the compost heap, should be burned.

No seeds in seed should go into com-  
post. Few seeds are killed by any  
heat that can produce for fermenting  
mature.

Repairing of buildings is to be at-  
tended to; windows glazed, doors  
tightened, roofs made whole, and ven-  
tilators put where needed. It is a good  
time for painting out-buildings. A  
mixure of boiled and raw linseed oil, and  
mineral paint of a dark red color,  
is cheap, serviceable and attractive.

The barnyard should be cleaned up,  
and a heap made of all the manure in it.

This will ferment, and be the  
mucilage for a large pile of well com-  
posed material in spring. A quantity  
of warm, moist dung will soon start a  
heat in a new pile, and will act as a  
leaven to spread the fermentation, which  
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Father, don’t believe Mr. Dar-  
win is right.”

“Fathers!” said the parent, looking  
down at this unexpected reasoner, who  
stood before him with a little bible in his  
hand. “You do not, and why?”

“Because, papa, my bible says: ‘God  
created man in his own image, and I  
don’t believe it was a monkey.’ ”

“Well, well,” said the sire, laugh-  
ing, “run along, Tommy, you are too  
young to talk about such things.”

“But, papa, almost the next verse  
says: ‘God saw everything that he had  
made, and behold it was very good.’ ”

“Now it’s good if men were mon-  
keys, was it? For you are godder  
than a monkey, isn’t you, papa?”

FEEDING.—Grain is cheap, and it  
will pay to feed all kinds of stock lib-  
erally. With corn at \$12 to \$16 a ton,  
and oats at \$20, hay is dear at half  
these prices. By feeding straw, with  
increased rations of ground corn and  
oats mixed with bran, an excellent  
substitute may be made for hay, which  
may, perhaps, then be sold at a profit.

Milking cows are now taken up from  
grass, well fed, and permitted to take  
on some fat, which will enable them to  
stand the coming cold weather with  
comfort. A cow in full milk ought to  
eat, at each meal, half a bushel of  
moistened cut clover, hay, or corn-dod-  
der, and three quarts of mixed corn  
and oat-meal, and middlings or bran,  
besides a picking of dry hay at noon.

A safe rule is to feed a cow as she will  
eat up clean.

Live stock needs special care just  
now. The weather is changeable, and  
protection from sudden storms is im-  
perative. Good food, plenty of pure  
water, cleanliness, dry bedding and  
abundance of pure air, will promote  
the health of the animals.

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grow,

Eyes world and life, and all with but a  
frown,

And since some faults crop out where

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**OUR NEIGHBORS.**

**NO. 1 BROOKFIELD.**  
Special Correspondence.  
Conductor C. A. Howes was pleasantly surprised on Friday evening last by the employees of the railroad and presented with an elegant masonic pin.

The dedication of Mr. C. A. Bush's barn took place on Friday evening when about one hundred and twenty of his friends responded to his invitation, and assembled at the new barn. Refreshments, dancing, etc., filled the time in a very acceptable manner to all present.

John Duggan called at the saloon of Daniel Healy late on Tuesday evening and demanded drink. Healy refused to open his saloon whereupon Duggan began smashing a window but was compelled to stop by a well directed bullet from the hands of Healy which passed through his eye. The doctor has as yet been unable to find the bullet. Duggan lies in an insensible condition, and Healy has not, as yet, been arrested.

The Grand Army propose a course of six assemblies to begin Dec. 1st.

The Antislavery company are to give a grand ball Thanksgiving night, the German band of Boston furnishing the music.

Mr. Knight at the poor farm has raised 450 bushels of corn on less than five acres of land.

Rev. Mr. Thwing of Andover Seminary who supplied the pulpit of the Union Church last Sabbath will again supply Nov. 17th.

The funeral services of the late Benj. Cummings was held in the Union Church last Sabbath afternoon, Rev. J. M. Avan officiating. Mr. Cummings was a resident of this town the greater part of his life. He removed to Worcester in the Spring of 1875 when he resided until his death which took place Friday Nov. 8th.

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The long talked of High School re-union is to be held on Dec. 1st. The exercises are to consist of a gathering of a social nature at the new High School House in the afternoon; a meeting of an oration by Theo. C. Bates; poem by John Q. Adams; and short speeches by past scholars from abroad, and the whole to conclude with a banquet to be served at Union Hall by Landlord Warner of the Batcheller House.

One of the workmen at the Box Shop so injured his hand in a matching machine last week, that it was necessary to amputate two fingers at the first joint; the operation being performed by Dr. Cundall.

We are glad to learn that A. Frank Powers is rapidly improving.

Mrs. Sturtevant has taken the agency for J. Harmon & Co's Springfield dye house.

W. H. Whiting has commenced operations on his new house. Wm. Fullam has the contract for building.

Cannot something be done to prohibit the placing of coal ashes on the highways? Look at the street past the new reservoir that the town so well repaired a short time ago; where now is a pile of ashes at about every two rods.

The Methodist Church was well filled Sunday evening to hear Mr. Avan lecture on "Mohr Bibes the One." These lectures are becoming very popular, and all desirous of obtaining information on these important subjects should attend. Next Sunday evening, he has a talk Bible: "The Four-Sided Gospel," and a lecture: "The Apocryphal New Testament."

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their divided the property, each to dispose of his own share as he liked. Deputy Sheriff Capen, however, followed them so closely that he succeeded in arresting them both, and recovered all the property. Friday they were before Trial Justice Duell and held in the sum of \$3000 each for trial in the superior court in January. Officer Capen is entitled to much credit for arresting the thieves and recovering the property.

The case of Miss Alice M. Dixon of this place has excited no little commotion, having been nearly blind with acute infatuation of the eyes, and upon application to an eminent oculist, was informed there was no help for her save through a long and thorough course of treatment. She was, however, induced to visit Dr. Fuller, the Magnetic Physician of Worcester, who with a few passes of the hand over her lids, afforded her instant relief, and she was enabled to see very plainly, and has continued to improve to the present time, to the great astonishment of all good people and her own delight.

**WARREN.**

The officers of Quabog Lodge of Masons are: W. M., L. L. Gage; S. W., John Thayer; J. W., T. H. Jones; treasurer, B. A. Tripp; secretary, W. H. Shepard; chaplain, Joshua Moody; M. E. Strickland.

William Lincoln & Co. have sold their valuable farm and stock to Geo. Robbins of New Marlboro.

As there is a strong probability that the town will be willing to devote a portion of the first floor of the new Town Hall to a public library and reading-room, the Library Association are about making an effort to raise \$1000 by subscription to buy books.

Mrs. Rhoda Barlow, a middle-aged woman of West Warren, fell the whole length of a narrow flight of stairs Sunday afternoon at the house of George H. Swindell, but escaped with a badly dislocated shoulder.

The funeral of Miss Annie Shea, who was buried Sunday, was more largely attended than for any a long time, there being 95 carriages in the procession which took place Friday Nov. 8th.

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The programme for the evening was a choice variety of songs and difficult pieces, both ancient and modern. Mr. Maynard was educated at the Perkins Institute for the Blind, at South Boston, the method of which he gave a very interesting explanation.

The Ladies' Benevolent Circle met Wednesday evening at the home of Leonard Warren. The attendance was very large, and as usual, all had a very pleasant evening.

An accident to a freight train one day last week detained a few hours at the depot.

The Christian Union held a meeting at the Baptist vestry last Tuesday evening.

Peddlers are very plenty, though less than ten called at a house in this village one day this week.

The numerous friends of Zeb. E. Cary will be pleased to know he had a good time at Wells Beach, in September. A letter dated the 26th of Sept., which has just reached us, so states.

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this sentiment: expressive of the donor's ideas of life, "I was born for others as well as myself;" also, the verse Leviticus 26:2. He has also given the town two fine bells, one for the School House. They have one especially an inscription from Proverbs 14:15 and 19:8, which import the need of getting wisdom and understanding. The bells are made of the best metal and are models of artistic workmanship. The town and society appreciate Mr. Stebbins' noble gifts and will give formal expression of their thanks at a public meeting to be held in a few days.

Mr. William A. Sprague, son of the late Gen. Joseph A. Sprague, has recently accepted the important position of chief clerk of the carrier service department of the Dewey & Hudson Canal Co., with headquarters at Albany, N. Y., where he will reside. He was formerly in the employ of this company and resigned on account of ill-health. At the time Jim Fisk's attempt to seize the Albany & Susquehanna R.R., a few years ago, Mr. Sprague earned the thanks and admiration of his superiors by the coolness and daring he displayed in leading a charge of the A. & S. men on a strong position of the enemy, and defeated by a superior force, recapturing the position and causing the Erie men to flee. It was a knowledge of his efficiency as a manager and skill as an accountant which led to the offer of the place which he has now accepted.

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P. C. Hooker is building an addition to his barn.

A fancy matched pair was seen in town last week, creating quite a sensation.

Our new landlord, Mr. Sibley of Oxford, has nearly everything to his notation now the barn has been repaired and newly made over. All travellers will receive a warm reception and be well cared for by Mr. Sibley. Try him.

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The entertainment is prepared by the Spencer Amateurs for the benefit of the Reform Club, to occur on Thanksgiving night, at the Town Hall, will be a most excellent and enjoyable affair. The comedy of Don Caesar De Bazu will be recognized by our music-loving people as the speaking version of that magnificent English opera, "Maritana," and will be especially pleasing to them, while those of our good people who enjoy dramatic amusement will be pleased to renew their acquaintance with this very general favorite.

The elegant costumes will be furnished by Geo. E. Hayden, of Boston, and will be true to that period, in the Spanish court. The comic distress of Solon Slingsby—in the little comedy of "The People's Lawyer"—whose scene is the "feller what steale the ba'l of apple-sass," has been rendered famous by John E. Owens, the celebrated actor, will also be presented, the scene being brought out in all its ludicrous phases.

The show is to be held at the No. 16 Front Street, Worcester.

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Sell Plain Beaver Overcoats for \$9.

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Sell Children's Ulsters, GOOD ONES for \$3.

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INDEPENDENT.  
JAMES PICKUP, Editor.

SPENCER MASS., FRIDAY, NOV. 22, 1878.

Thanksgiving next Thursday.

Social entertainments, if of the right kind, are now to be counted among the best of our educating influences. It is strange that the Spencer people can't support a good Lyceum course of entertainments. Such courses are announced in our sister towns.

The Democrats and Republicans are holding together in Boston on the candidates for city offices. It is now proposed that the divided parties unite in giving ex-Mayor Prince a walk over to his old chair. The time has indeed come when the political lion and lamb lie down together.

Now that every man has done all in his power to purge the state from corruption, do not stop with the dropping of a paper into the ballot box; but take to heart all those requisites which you wish to see in your public men, and see if you are able to say "Am I so honest myself?" Individual reform is needed more than any other.

#### THE SPORTING WORLD.

A Boston sporting man proposes to match Johnny Dwyer to fight Mike McCabe for \$1,000.

Carver is to attempt to break 475 glass balls out of 500, at Salt Lake, on the 28th inst., using a rifle.

Joe Coburn has lost weight in prison. His fighting weight was 168 pounds. He stands only 138 pounds.

A Chicago man offers to wage \$3,000 to \$2,000 that Daniel O'Leary, the champion pugilist, can cover 560 miles in 14 hours.

Jos Ryan has challenged McGuire and Edwards the light weight wrestlers, to a battle at 100 lbs. each, for \$100 to \$200 a side.

H. W. McElroy, of Jackson, La., is to attempt to walk 100 hours without sleep or rest for a wager of \$500, New Orleans, beginning on December 7.

Jones the champion swimmer of England, has issued a challenge to swim a match from 100 to 1000 yards against any man in the world for \$500 to \$1000.

To the recent challenge of Prof. Bauer to wrestle Prof. Miller, Col. J. H. McLaughlin or James Owens, Miller agrees to meet Bauer in a Greco-Roman contest for \$2,000 a side.

It is said that Campana will challenge O'Leary for six days walk, that a large sum will be offered by a prominent Bridgeman, and that Gilmore's Garden will be engaged for the match if O'Leary accepts.

In a cocking main between New York and four Islands at East New York on Saturday, eleven battles were fought. The Brooklyn birds won six and the New Yorkers five. The New Yorkers who were ahead in the betting, were very much disappointed, and immediately made a match for another main to be fought on December 4, within 25 miles of New York. Each side is to show \$1 at weighing, ranging from 4 pounds 4 ounces \$100 a battle and \$500 on the odd fight.

**THE NEWS.**

HALIFAX AWARD—A DUEL—THE GLASGOW TROUBLE—MORE BOMBS.

LONDON, NOV. 21.—Minister Welsh today paid over to Her Majesty's government the amount of the Fisheries award, by a draft upon Morton, Rose & Co., for \$5,500.

PARIS, NOV. 21.—Gambetta and De Fourton fought a duel to-day, at Hantes Bruyeres. The fight was the result of a personal political quarrel. They fought at thirty-five paces, with pistols. Only one exchange of shots was had, and neither party was hurt.

LONDON, NOV. 21.—A quarter of a million pounds sterling has been raised in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Paisley and Greenock, for the relief of the shareholders of the Glasgow Bank, and an appeal is to be telegraphed to-day, to St. Andrew Club, in different parts of the world, for contributions to this relief fund.

PIRA, ITALY, NOV. 21.—During a demonstration of students and citizens last evening, in celebration of Queen Margaret's birthday, a bomb was thrown into the crowd, but it exploded without serious result. The person who is supposed to have thrown the missile, has been arrested.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.—It is stated that the application of Edison for a patent, upon a visible electric light has been rejected by the examiners of the Patent Office on the ground of infringement upon a patent of J. W. Starr of Cincinnati, which was taken out in England a long ago as 1845. Starr, who has since died, also filed a caveat in the United States Patent Office, but it expired by limitation. The Edison device is the one which has caused the gas companies throughout the country so much anxiety late. It is not likely, however, that the cause of their anxiety is entirely as written, we can copy it and will publish it.

**THE OLD WORLD.**

Charles Gobelin will be advertising and advertising for us, and we are bound to receive in payment for same.

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**THE VILLAGE GIRL.**  
Illustration of "Fondation,"  
Creation of "Fondation."

The sun went down and evening came,  
The quiet summer even.  
A mass of glowing purple lay between  
The farms and homes;—  
And the sun went by, their day's  
hard labor done.  
Tired and contented, towards their homes  
they wended one.

Their work was done, their harvest  
reaped, a gaudy harvest truly,  
A well appointed host of foes all slain or  
left dead heavily;

At dawn against this armed hand they  
had gone forth to fight,  
And all had closed in victory before the  
Clearing of the field where all day long the  
heat and strife was raging,

A cottage by the wayside stood, half-de-  
cayed and aging;

And on its worn old steps there sat a  
lady, and mused;

And watched the chase come slowly by,  
In weary line confused;

She looked like one who sought a friend,  
She seemed each man's nearly,

High burned the color in her cheek, too

High flushed her bosom;

She was as quiet, looked so warm, so

finished with secret heat,

It seemed she listened as she gazed, and

felt her own heart beat.

But as she saw the troops march by, and

darkness gather around them standing

To every eye, to every man, her anxious

eye appealing.

Seemed muttering in a shy distress, a  
question without speech,

More silent than a high spire, too an-

swer to be given,

But when the men had all gone past, and

not a word was spoken,

The poor girl's courage failed at last, and

all her strength was broken.

She wept, but hid her hand behind

her bosom, and burst into a fit of sobs,

And large tears followed one by one as

from a burning well.

Why did they weep? For hope may

break just where the gloom is deepest?

Daughter of the sun, your voice is a  
noises less than woe;

He whom thy eyes were seeking for, whose

face then could not see,

He is not dead, he thought of love, and

still he lives for thee.

He thought of love; I concealed him to

shield himself from danger,

I told him how to slip the fight, and

leave them like a stranger;

For they made him march with them,

but weak and raw not thus,

but weak he will not choose to die from

honor life and us."

Shivering the maiden rose like one whom

awful dreams awaken,

As if some grim foreboding all her soul in

had shaken;

She quivered, she sought the place

where all had reared the light,

And stole away and swiftly fled and

vished off of sight.

An hour went by, another hour, the night

had closed around her;

The moon was pale, the silver-white,

but darkness hung below them.

Silence! long! O daughter, come,

thy toll is all in vain,

To morrow, ere the dawn is red, thy

bridegroom's here again.

The daughter came; with silent steps she

came to him; he slept,

The tall, slender girl, her face white,

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But the little hand who purifies this

array—who are they? You may see

in their firm, heroic ranks the valen-  
tine costume of Illinois and Kentucky.  
At their head, urging his men with  
shouts, rides the gallant McKeith; that  
old man's sight. It was a mar-  
velous way, that, paid up the steep  
bank of the ravine. Littered on high,  
bathed in the glare, as his sword  
quivers on high it fails to kill.  
There, too, a wild figure, red with his  
own blood and the blood of his Mex-  
icans, his uniform rent in tatters,  
his shoulders striking terrible blows  
with his good sword.—Hardins of Illi-  
nois—came gallantly forward.  
And then, hard won in victory before the  
Cleaving of the field where all day long the  
heat and strife was raging,  
A cottage by the wayside stood, half-de-  
cayed and aging;  
And on its worn old steps there sat a  
lady, and mused;

Then it was, that gathering up his  
dying forces, and with supernatural  
vigor, Clay started from the  
strength of his supporters and stood with  
outstretched arms in the light of the  
setting sun. It was a glorious sight  
which he saw there amid the battle  
clouds—Santa Anna's formidable army  
nursed back into the ravine by Taylor's  
little band. But a more glorious thing  
it was to see dying men standing  
there for the last time in the light of  
that sun which shall never rise for him  
again. "Leave me," he shrieked, as  
he fell back on the sod, "I must die,  
and I will die here! Perish your lives  
no longer for me! Go! There is  
work for you yonder!"

The Mexicans crowded on, hungry  
for blood. Even as he spoke his  
bayonets, glistening by hundreds, were  
leveled at the throats of the devoted  
band. By the mere force of their over-  
whelming numbers, they crushed them  
back from the dying Clay. Only one  
lunger, a brave man, who had known  
the chivalric soldier and loved him  
long; he stood there, and covered  
him with his country's flag, with bared  
breast, upon the line of sharp steel—  
"Tell my father how I died, and  
how I met these pistols."

Lifting his ashy face into the light,  
he turned his eyes upon his comrade's  
face, placed the pistol in his hands  
and fell back to his death.

Even in their panic-stricken disorder  
they rallied by hundreds, they  
grasped arms and rolled into one long  
wave of lances and bayonets upon the  
foe. Woe to the brave men of Illinois  
and Kentucky!

Locked in that dead-  
ly pass, a wall of infuriated Mexicans  
between them and that wall of rocks,  
above their heads, through every aperture  
in the cliffs, the blaze of muskets  
poured a shower of bullets into their  
faces—whenever they turned the long  
and deadly lances pointed at their  
heads; and then darkness rushed  
upon the life of young Henry Clay.

—

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## OUR NEIGHBORS.

NORTH BROOKFIELD.

Rev. Charles L. Goodell, of New Bedford, will deliver one of his interesting lectures in the Union Church Tuesday evening Nov. 26. Mr. G. was known here a few years ago as a center in the Big Shop. Both speaker and lecture are highly spoken of. Those who attend may expect a rich treat. Subject: "Laurel Wreaths."

Theo. C. Bates is to present the town with a 600 pound bell for the new schoolhouse.

Mr. Freeman M. Haskell, and a

wife celebrated their crystal wedding Monday evening Nov. 18. The house was well filled with relatives and friends and a pleasant time was enjoyed.

A beautiful chintz set and other articles of silver and glassware were presented during the evening. Hirah Knight Kent, spoke briefly in behalf of the donors, and Mr. Haskell very appropriately acknowledged the favors after which a bountiful supper was provided.

Mrs. Lucy Hinde died at the Town Farm on the 19th inst.

Anasie G. Stone is to open a grocery store in the room formerly occupied by Geo. C. Lincoln.

Mr. Maynard the blind musician and Prof. Hill the violinist, gave free concerts in the Town Hall on Wednesday and Thursday evenings last week. A collection amounting to about \$50 was taken.

The band are arranging for a fair December 19 and 20.

Landlord Warner of the Batchelder house has been fined \$100 for selling liquor.

Dan Healy has been before Justice Jenkins charged with assaulting John Duggan with a pistol. He was released on his own recognizance to appear again in three weeks, when it is expected that Duggan will be able to testify.

Prof. Turner will give a stereopticon exhibition at First Congregational Church, Dec. 5th.

A new boot and shoe firm is to be opened in Cunningham's shop January 1st, by parties from Boston.

C. M. Clav, former principal of the high school, is reported as about to open a law office in the town.

George Jenkins has bought the meat market of Crawford & McNulty. Mr. Jenkins was for several years in the employ of F. A. Lincoln, and is well acquainted with the business.

The St. Joseph total abstineney society has a social dance Thanksgiving giving.

The Grand Army will have a course of lectures this season.

The Sunday evening lectures by Rev. J. M. Avann of the Methodist Church are attracting considerable attention, and are filling their church.

The closing exercises of the High School occurred on Tuesday afternoon and evening at Depot Hall, which was well filled both times by parents and friends of the school. In the afternoon the class from each division was called, and by their recitations showed that much improvement had been made during the term. At 3 o'clock the prize discussions were called for Miss F. Bessee King, the side of "Greenbacks," Miss Etta M. Prouty "Hard Money," Arthur E. Jenkins "Protection," Edgar H. Parkman "Free Trade." All of these were well written articles, and deserve much credit upon the writers. The prize, a copy of Milton's Poems, was awarded Arthur E. Jenkins. In the evening the exercises consisted of Music by Miss Cora Sampson; Essay, "Pictorial," F. Bessee King; Oratory, "Higher," John A. Perry; Reading, "Lovers," Floria White; Essay, "Thoughts," James E. Taylor; "Oration," "Patriotism," H. L. Miller. The friends and neighbors and kindred of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Walker called upon them on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., to congratulate them upon reaching their fiftieth marriage day. The gathering, as a whole, was an entire surprise, it only having been announced that some of the neighbors were coming to pass the evening socially. But as the door bell persisted in sounding, and faces appeared from our own town, from Brookfield and North Brookfield, the extent of the joy and greeting passed pleasantly away, every one enjoying the interest of thought and feeling, the recital of old experiences and facts. Rev. Mr. L. Richardson and Dea. Henry Haynes made some remarks, assuring the worthy friends whose good fortune and long married life the company came to celebrate, that it was a genuine respect, and a high esteem for those that prompted the coming. A letter was read from Rev. Mr. Parker, of Boston, containing the news, that the services of the Amherst brethren on their work of building a church.

Rev. E. P. King of Amherst presented the full report of the school, and after the service he was presented with a sum of money by the people to help their Amherst brethren on their work of building a church.

Elli J. Whiteman of Whitman & Gorham druggists, has retired from the firm.

The village schools will have only a two days' Thanksgiving recess, but there will be a two weeks' vacation at Christmas. The committee have lately introduced the Appleton readers into the schools.

The Ladies' library have added a lot of new books and adopted the card system of letting them out.

OKIAH.

Special Correspondence.

The Farmer's Club held their first annual exhibition and supper, Tues-

evening. The exhibition was held in Memorial Hall. There was an excellent show of corn, pumpkins, squashes, potatoes, fruit and garden vegetables. After spending a short time socially, the company went to repair to the old hall, where over a hundred sat down to a old-fashioned farmer's supper, to which, after a blessing by Rev. Mr. M. Marion, all seemed to do justice. After supper they returned to Memorial Hall, where a few minutes was spent in a social manner, and the meeting was called to order by Mr. H. P. Austin, the President. After a few remarks from Mr. Austin, he called the Gies Club which sang the song entitled "The Farmer's Boy," in a very acceptable manner. An essay on "What Crops to Raise and how to Raise Them" was then read by W. P. Adams of the Union Church. With malice toward none and charity for all" because it is said it is hard to get drunk or intemperate as liquor, of which there have been in a state of hilarity of intoxication ever since they joined, and still are not excommunicated.

Stanley F. Wright of Springfield will visit with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Wright, and spend Thanksgiving week with them.

The Good Samaritan Society has ignored the phrase in Murphy's saying, "With malice toward none and charity for all" because it is said it is hard to get drunk or intemperate as liquor, of which there have been in a state of hilarity of intoxication ever since they joined, and still are not excommunicated.

It has been whispered around for some time that there were two marriages during the winter of '76, neither of which were ever recorded, as the law requires. In looking into the matter, it is said that the gentleman who administered the rite of marriage to the parties, did not record it, as he had seen the best man. We think that it was a success, and that the Farmers' Club may justly feel proud of their first exhibition, and we trust that this show and the meetings which will hold during the winter will awaken new desires and aspirations, and that another year they may put forth greater exertions in the cultivation of their crops, so that their exhibition one year hence may far exceed the one just held.

Mr. Chas. Shedd of this town has raised over 800 bushels of potatoes this year.

It is reported there is to be a real wedding soon. Further, deponent saith not.

Friday and Saturday were two field-days for the Journal last week, in one instance as many as 50 families read the paper.

There was a suppressed excitement fearing that the report in part of the Brimfield council was designed for home consumption. In Fiskdale the Journal was almost literally devoured and every issue of 4000 pieces. He has a large number of Greek and Roman coins, some of them as early as 600 B. C. besides a fair representation from almost all the civilized nations.

The fourth of a series of Gospel Temperance Sermons, under the auspices of the Union Temperance Society, was delivered last Sabbath evening, by Rev. J. C. Smith of Southbridge.

Dr. E. Witter has gone to Ohio on a visit.

Mrs. Augusta Snell has been chosen President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union or the present quarter. This organization is doing a noble work for temperance in this town.

Mrs. Alice E. Whitaker of the Buxton Journal, and Messrs. H. E. Hitchcock and N. L. Ladd of this town were awarded 1st, 2d and 3d premiums, respectively, for the best reports, by the Committee on Reports of the Worcester South Agricultural Society.

Mr. Samuel N. Davis' horse ran away with him, last Saturday, while returning from Charlton Depot. Mr. Davis was thrown from his wagon and picked up in a state of insensibility by persons who saw the accident and carried the horse to Mr. Barnes, where he was kindly received until he recovered sufficiently to be removed to his home. Aside from some bruises and the temporary shock to his system, Mr. Davis was not much injured. The accident was caused by the breaking of a hold-back strap.

The recent heavy rain has removed the fear of a winter drought.

The Unitarians hold their annual fair the second week in December.

Another new house is in time to be erected on Brookfield Street.

P. S. Calahan has gone to Poughkeepsie, N. Y. to the Commercial School, and will remain during the winter.

WEST WARREN.

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The sociable at Wight Village last Wednesday evening was thinly attended, and ropes were in less demand than usual on such occasions.

Stanley F. Wright of Springfield will visit with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Wright, and spend Thanksgiving week with them.

It is not improbable that a Methodist Church will be built soon, as steps are being taken leading in that direction.

The Good Samaritan Society has ignored the phrase in Murphy's saying, "With malice toward none and charity for all" because it is said it is hard to get drunk or intemperate as liquor, of which there have been in a state of hilarity of intoxication ever since they joined, and still are not excommunicated.

It has been whispered around for some time that there were two marriages during the winter of '76, neither of which were ever recorded, as the law requires. In looking into the matter, it is said that the gentleman who administered the rite of marriage to the parties, did not record it, as he had seen the best man.

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Mr. Chas. Shedd of this town has raised over 800 bushels of potatoes this year.

It is reported there is to be a real wedding soon. Further, deponent saith not.

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The sentence, "No one Excommunicated" was to some like a clap of thunder from a clear sky. Some thought that the lying, duplicity, and falsehood which had been carried on in the Congregational Parish since April 1st, on or before, and since, was about to be exposed, but justice is delayed a little. In the mean time there is peace, but "it is not as peace of the grave." There is every indication that the numerical phrase, 11 to 9, is to become as proverbial as approachable, in reference to the voices of the Evangelical-Primitivist-Democratical-Ecclesiastical-Calvinistic-Paradoxical-Orthodox-Congregational-Society—Society, more or less, as the extra officious judicial phrase, 8 to 7, is spoken in relation to the Congressional political literature of the National Congressional Committee, constituted by Congress to decide the question whether Rutherford B. Hayes or Samuel J. Tilden was President of that portion of the North American Continent, known as the United States of America.

Mr. Samuel N. Davis' horse ran away with him, last Saturday, while returning from Charlton Depot. Mr. Davis was thrown from his wagon and picked up in a state of insensibility by persons who saw the accident and carried the horse to Mr. Barnes, where he was kindly received until he recovered sufficiently to be removed to his home. Aside from some bruises and the temporary shock to his system, Mr. Davis was not much injured. The accident was caused by the breaking of a hold-back strap.

The recent heavy rain has removed the fear of a winter drought.

The Unitarians hold their annual fair the second week in December.

Another new house is in time to be erected on Brookfield Street.

P. S. Calahan has gone to Poughkeepsie, N. Y. to the Commercial School, and will remain during the winter.

WEST WARREN.

Miss Belle E. Bowdon has postponed her concert from this evening to next Tuesday, on account of her sickness.

The friends and neighbors and kindred of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Walker called upon them on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., to congratulate them upon reaching their fiftieth marriage day. The gathering, as a whole, was an entire surprise, it only having been announced that some of the neighbors were coming to pass the evening socially. But as the door bell persisted in sounding, and faces appeared from our own town, from Brookfield and North Brookfield, the extent of the joy and greeting passed pleasantly away, every one enjoying the interest of thought and feeling, the recital of old experiences and facts.

Rev. Mr. L. Richardson and Dea. Henry Haynes made some remarks, assuring the worthy friends whose good fortune and long married life the company came to celebrate, that it was a genuine respect, and a high esteem for those that prompted the coming. A letter was read from Rev. Mr. Parker, of Boston, containing the news, that the services of the Amherst brethren on their work of building a church.

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The Reform Club having some money still in the treasury have voted to appropriate it for a course of temperance lectures, to be given this winter.

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## THOUGHTS WISE AND OTHERWISE.

BY FREDRICK R. WILLIAMS.

If there is anything that is disgusting and wearisome to me, it is the copying out fairly what I have once composed in the rough. The composition of it was a delight, the copying mere dull labor. I sometimes wonder if authors who speak of taking leave of the progenies of their brains, when they are hatched into print, with sorrow, mean quite all they say. They surely could not, it seems to me, if theirs had been the labor of mere amanuensis in connection with the final revision and copying their works. To go all over, line by line, mechanically what one has once composed, when the head is cool and the hand unversed, is certainly not pleasing. How tame the thought, which is calm now, once full of inspiration. I long for the lodgings place of "flair" to appear, so that I may put up for awhile and rest at my ease.

There is no monotony in nature. God is not guilty of repetition in any of His works. Even the humblest valley and the tiniest grains of sand on the sea-shore, have invariable diversities. These differences may not always be perceptible to the naked eye, but beneath the microscope they plainly appear. The countless flakes of snow which descend in winter, the far-off dull vagueness of the leaden skies—how numberless varieties of form and beauty—no two are alike. Some are diamonds, some stars, some miniature feathers, and all equally beautiful and varied. Nor is one snow storm ever precisely similar to a previous one. Some have roaring accompaniments of rattling north-west blasts; some slip so softly to earth as though slowly and gently sifted through the steady fingers of the Almighty himself. In the newest and completest work of man there is always a suggestion of something preceding it, but with God even the slightest accomplishment is supremely and perfectly original in and by itself. Every hour of His is unlike another; every lead of His tree has differences from its fellows.

—Use sanctions abuse.  
—The will to do is half the doing.  
—Change is the law on which hinges creaton.

—There are families who never open their "best rooms," save on special occasions. Their finest furniture, on ordinary days is swathed in holland; and their choicest liquors are hid away in dark closets. These families never think of enjoying the best they possess, fast and by themselves, but only produce it for the edification and the admiration of others. So it is with some so-called Christians—their religion is a Sunday-religion—never to be exhibited save on the Lord's day, for the behoof of a congregation of observers. During the week it is kept heedfully swathed up in worldly bandages; and its virtues and graces carefully deposited in secret places.

—And fate,  
With constant blow on blow, doth heap the ends  
Of our existence—rough shaped though they be—  
Until they perish in the fit event.

—A pebble at a time at last will turn a mighty river's course.  
—Ah! the pure white skirts of her virtue were all dabbled with sinful mire;  
And her soul-wings clashed with a brazen sound  
As bright with unholly fire.

—Many men think to bribe their way into Heaven by mere human morality.

—He who is good in many things is never best in anything.

—Love is a tender parasite,  
The flings a trusting clasp  
Over every proffered holding place,  
Afforded its grasp;

—And that prop—a woful day—  
By some dread blow is clef,  
It looks not for another hold,  
But elings to which is left.

—Hopes are but our speculations with the future's capital.

—She too, was changed, but not for worse. Her beauty had within those graces, bloomed into richer, rarer tints; The world had spiced her life's red trace And dressed her sunny path with flowers. Yet, withal, she had not grown vain, frivolous with happiness.

—But a true woman, fit to crown A poet's soul with a grand love,

And to support the weaker side Of his mortality with her strong, Pure companionship. The pride And host of ages is such nobler, True womanhood; above Low levels of its kind, it marks, with scorn, The puny wings, that love To fly like butter-flies, within The sunshade of the world, nor ask A higher mission.

—Ah! here have been Women who have sought the task Of universal reformation in their sex, And stood with man, Head bowed to head, and shoulder Braided to shoulder evenly, where man The world in a false rut, To labor into the right. So must Receive our fullest hearts, for they Toll on with all their lives in trust To their posterity to shrine Their names and memories, the years They do not take, an unregretful gift, But pay with blood and tears.

The world hath some big task for all; Death, as he who swanted thro' earth's dares.

And thus won Heaven's rest; Who sought his destiny, and worked it To the end. The glorious sun Was given to light us to our daily toil; Our labors are not done Till earth feath and Heaven, Through the blue and cloudless skies, With all its opening glories.

An endless day, dash on fixed soul's eyes,  
BROOKFIELD, MASS.

SELECTIONS FROM SWEDENborg'S  
ACACIA.

One of the Misers and Misers of Literature, (in Swedenborg,) is not measured by whole college of ordinary scholars.—*Emerson.*

The members of the church at this time know scarcely anything concerning their own life, and their posterity, although these things are all described in the Word.

—Lost, therefore, such a negative state, which chiefly prevails among those who possess much worldly wealth, will, should also infect and corrupt the simple in heart and faith, it has been granted me to be admitted into the society of angels, and to converse with them as one man converses with another; and also to see the things that are in heaven and those that exist in hell. I have enjoyed this privilege for the space of th' teen years; and I am now permitted to describe the heavens and the hells from the testimony of my own sight and hearing, in the hope that perchance may thus be enlightened and incredulously dissipated.

—What THE WORLD OF SPIRITS IS—The world of spirits is not heaven nor yet hell, but is a place or state intermediate between the two. Thither man first goes after death; and, having completed the period of his stay there, according to his life in the world, he is either elevated into heaven or cast into hell. Almost every man, at the present day, is in a state as to be determined whether he is to be saved or lost, and also from the understanding, to think them, and either do much of what they require, or little or nothing; or else to act in opposition to them. In order, therefore, that such a man may be fitted either for heaven or for hell, he, after death, is first translated into the world of spirits, where the conjunction of good and truth is effected for those who are to be elevated into heaven, and the conjunction of evil and falsehood for those who are to be cast into hell. For it is not allowed for any one in heaven, nor for any one in hell, to have a divided mind; but is, to make one thing the object of his understanding, and another the object of his will! On this account, in the world of spirits, realities, with the good, are removed, and truths are given them suitable and comfortable to their use; and, facilities are given them to save and to contribute to their well-being. The spiritual body, or the body of a man's spirit, has no other origin; it is formed of no other things than those which the man performs. The spiritual body, or the body of a man's spirit, has no other origin; it is formed of no other things than those which the man performs from his love or will. In one word, all those things that belong to a man and to his spirit are included in his deeds or works. From these statements it may now appear with certainty that it is the life, by the life which remains with man after death; that, in reality, it is his love and his faith which directed, not only as existing potentially, but also as existing in acts, comprehendingly, that it consists of his deeds or works, since these contain within them all things belonging to the man's love and faith.

A lady in our neighborhood who had been sick for three months the most extreme torque by a violent cough, has become completely cured by Dr. Butlin's Cough Syrup; for sale in every drug store.

—GREAT MERIT.

All the fair give the first premiums and special awards of great merit to Hop Brothers, as the purest and best family medicine, and we most heartily approve of the same, and we hope they deserve it.

—We advise all to test them. See another column.

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## HOME FOR THANKSGIVING.

"Home, Sweet Home," and how ready we all are to sing the words. "There is no place like home;" and how true that is! The joys of home are pure and sweet; for they like dew drops of morning and evening come to something in us which assures us it is true; and yet another truth that very many people think of home as a sweet place, and acknowledge that there is no place like it, when they are away from it. In five years, when a young man is treading about the world, it is home; he goes back, where the father and the mother and the brothers and the sisters were altogether, seeming to him a delightful place. It is delightful in imagination; but was it so; is it so in reality? And after all the reality of the thing is what chiefly concerns us. What is home life? "now?" That is the question. The fact that when we have it, we always imagine it to be something beautiful, is as good as an acknowledgment on our part of what it ought to be at all times. But when we look a little closely into our home life, and ask ourselves, "What is really the feeling in my heart about it? Do I love my home? Do I really think there is no place like it? Is it indeed home, sweet home, to me?" We rather doubt whether the sincere, the true answer would always be the satisfactory one; and there are grounds for this doubt—reasons for it. If the home were always a really attractive place, would saloons be so well frequented as they are? Making all due allowance for the weakness of men here and there, and the ease with which some men are led off by their companions, we don't think that very many, after a whole day's absence, from their home at work, would prefer to step into the saloon to go straight home if they really thought there were no place like their home. Nor, if home were really sweet to them, should we hear of young men far less young men, of their own accord, and when they get the means, leaving home and taking lodgings elsewhere—perhaps in the next street? In the face of facts like these it is impossible not to doubt whether home life, in many cases, is in reality what our imagination makes it. And so the question comes up, why is not, and what can we do to make it so? If any place ought to be dear to us, surely it is our home; if life is sweet at all, surely it should be our home life. For what, in very brief terms, is home? Home is the place where father, mother and children live together as one family. In the complete home these three elements are always found—father, mother and children—and these three are bound together by a tie of no common kind. For the father and mother are also the husband and wife, and, therefore, whatever strife or division may have crept in to separate them, one from the other, there is always this to be said: once upon a time, love invited them; once upon a time, they were bound together by the tie of love. And the children are the offspring of this love; so you see that home is the one place in this world where love is natural. Go outside of your home into the streets, or among the crowd, and you cannot feel towards those people, as they are, the same as you feel towards the members of your own family; and the reason is just there. There is a bond of natural love in the home, which there is not in the world; and it is this bond of natural love (which ought to be there, even if it is not), which makes home sweet home, and home indeed. So that our imagination which gains home for us in its givings colors it not after all exaggerating a bit what it should be, but only exaggerating often, we are afraid, what home is, and again the question comes, why is home different in reality from what it should be and might be? There must be something if home life is not happy, we mean something wrong with ourselves. Because all the conditions of the home such as it was designed by God to be, are so beautifully adapted to satisfy our wants, one can imagine that outside the home, in the great world of business and activity, a man may often meet with objects that thwart and vex and disappoint him. It must therefore necessarily be to some extent a strife and a race and a competition in which not only fortunes are lost but tempers too. But surely the home was meant to be a compensation for all these outside worries and fatigues and disappointments and vexations. It is the place on earth where rest is certain; where the wife has ever ready for her husband, as he returns from work, the loving smile of welcome; where the husband, too, brings to the wife the encouraging word and look, and the daily help of a strong arm. It is the place where the father can rest himself in the grate of his child's chair, where the mother finds her trusty interest in caring for the daily wants and watching the constant growth of her little ones. Truly worthy is it, at last, that the jury never had under

consideration the indictment or even the name of the ex-Secretary, and it is believed that the rumors which have called him into the time being from the rough winds and harder trials of the world. And, more than all, it is the place, where love naturally reigns, and where each one is willing to give up for the sake of someone else. Such are the natural conditions of home as it ought to be. Let those who have just, and are still enjoying a thanksgiving visit, carry this idea back to their own homes.

## REPORTERS.

Bridal veils are hemmed now.

They have found coal at Hebrew, Neb.

A factory at South Deer Isle, Me., puts up oats.

The Missouri has made a hole in Iowa City's levee.

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## THE NEWS.

THE CIPHER DESPATCHES TO BE FULLY INVESTIGATED.

It is understood that after a consultation among the members of the Potters Committee a majority favor a full investigation into the cipher despatches. The first step will be to determine their authenticity, which will be attended with many difficulties. Measures will probably be taken to compel the presence of witnesses, if necessary, to settle this question, and they will doubtless include Whitelaw Reid, editor of the Tribune, which first made the despatches public. It is the purpose of the Committee to anticipate the Republicans in opening this investigation, and to spare no efforts to place the responsibility of the despatches where it belongs.

A NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL BUREAU.

W. Goodwin Moody of Boston had an audience with the President today and presented a petition signed by Gov. B. F. Governor Talbot, Judge Abbott, ex-Governor Gaston, ex-Mary Prince, and five hundred others, praying for the establishment of a National Industrial Bureau.

A foot race at Denver, Col., Saturday, between C. H. Williams of Denver, and Davis of California, for \$1,000 a side, was won by Williams; time, 9.34 seconds; distance, 100 yards; \$30,000 changed hands on the result.

SLAUGHTERED BY THIEVES.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Publication is made here this morning of a statement from ex-Senator Lot M. Morris, denying the reports that he was indicted by a Chicago Grand Jury for complicity in the Custom House fraud. This worthy information is at hand, that the jury never had under

consideration the indictment or even the name of the ex-Secretary, and it is believed that the rumors which have called him into the time being from the rough winds and harder trials of the world. And, more than all, it is the place, where love naturally reigns, and where each one is willing to give up for the sake of someone else. Such are the natural conditions of home as it ought to be. Let those who have just, and are still enjoying a thanksgiving visit, carry this idea back to their own homes.

## THE OLD WORLD.

Louis Mieroslawski, the Polish General is dead.

Sophia couriers bring reports that some Turkish Medes massacred 220 inhabitants of the Bulgarian village of Chremnitsa, in Macedonia.

According to semi-official intelligence, eight Russian divisions, amounting to 120,000 men, will be sent into Bulgaria before the end of the year.

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## THE SPORTING WORLD.

John C. MacInnes, successor to WM. FINLAY & CO.

## CIRCULARS

The Lowest Priced Clothing House,

417 MAIN STREET, WORCESTER, MASS.

THANKSGIVING DAY.  
A DISASTROUS FAILURE!

## The Clothing Business.

For the past six weeks, having been far below the expectations of all dealers on account of the continued warm weather, the like of which is beyond the recollection of some of our oldest inhabitants. Therefore, be it resolved,

## THAT WE,

LOUIS FRIENDLY & CO., The Lowest Priced Clothiers,

417 Main Street, Worcester,

Do hereby agree to offer and sell to the inhabitants of Worcester County

## CLOTHING AND HATS.

For Men, Youth, Boys and Children, at prices never before named at any Wholesale, Manufacturing or Retail House, that ever has done or may do business in this city. We did not buy very heavy early in the season, preferring to wait; and, luckily, it was not in vain, as we have taken advantage of the New York and Boston Manufacturers, who are totally demoralized with tremendous big stocks, and are willing to SLAUGHTER GOODS at ANY PRICE,

John C. MacInnes, successor to WM. FINLAY & CO.

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We have Bought Goods within the past 10 days

Twenty-Five to Thirty-Three per cent. less

Than September and October Prices. Now, we propose to give the public the benefit of these purchases, and if the public do not feel satisfied that what we state is true, "THEN, DONT BUY."

Our Store is not large, but we CAN ACCOMMODATE a good many, who will receive polite attention from our salesmen, as we allow no inattention or angry remarks made by any employees, "if we know it," if the customer does not wish to buy, as we show goods willingly.

Come in and look over Stock over, and learn our Prices, and around, and you will be sure to come back to us and leave your money. The assortments is now complete—never was better.

Boys' Overcoats, \$1.50, worth \$2.50.

Boys' Short Pants, 50c.

HATS AND CAPS.

S. Packard & Co. buy Hats by the case, and can give lowest possible prices.

## THAT NEW STIFF HAT,

Also New Flange Brim, are very popular. S. P. & Co. & Co. are the only house who give NO CREDIT, and have no credit Losses, and having two stores are able to save discounts on large lots.

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CASH STORE!

Pay Cash and Get First-Class Goods at Lowest Prices, And thereby make money during the dull season.

FLOUR AND MEAL.

Best Potato Hazelnut, Old Wheat, \$9.00

Best City St. Louis, \$6.50

Best York State, Double Extra, 5.50

This last grade is the Gold Mine and every bbl. warranted to be a Good Family Flour.

10 lbs. Best Akron Oat Meal, 45

10 " Carr's Graham, 35

10 " Buckwheat, 25

10 " Rye Meal, 25

10 " Indian Meal, 20

TEAS AND COFFEE.

Best Orange Peels, \$1.00

Best Lemon Peels, .75

Best Lime Peels, .50

Mixed Peels, .50



**OUR NEIGHBORS.**

NORTH BROOKFIELD.

Special Correspondence.

About 75 of the friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hobbs, gave them a very pleasant surprise on Monday evening last, it being the 25th anniversary of their marriage. A silver cake basket, containing 102 silver dollars, and numerous smaller gifts, were presented by Dr. James Miller in behalf of the donors, and responded to by Dr. Warren Tyler in behalf of the receivers. The company separated at a late hour, feeling that they had passed an evening long to be remembered.

Rev. C. L. Goodell delivered his lecture on "Laurel Wreaths," in the Union Church on Tuesday evening to a rather small audience. The lecture contained many fine points, and was listened to with marked interest by those present.

The class of '78, of the High School had a very pleasant reunion at the residence of Miss Jessie Fairbanks on Wednesday evening.

Wm. Mason is soon to build on the lot above L. E. Barnes'.

Now that the politicians are selecting the speaker for the next state house of representatives, the Journal would suggest—as a Worcester county candidate—Theodore C. Bates of North Brookfield, as one who would fill the place in an able and acceptable manner. His election would be a handsome recognition of the services of the young Republicans of the late campaign.—*Southbridge Journal.*

**BROOKFIELD.**

(Charles H. Whittemore will receive subscriptions and advertising for the sun, and is authorized to receipt in payment for the same.)

South Brookfield has a military club of 20 members. C. A. Hunter is captain, Hiram P. Gerald is sergeant; and C. F. Prouty quartermaster. They drill Friday nights in the Town Hall.

John Mulcahey is building, near the depot, a big sales stable, opening on both the old and new roads.

Druggist George D. Fiske moves to Three Rivers December 1, to open a drug store there.

Work at Butterworth's and Brewster & Henry's shops is brisk, the bottomers working often till 9 p. m.

A tramp who spent a night in the lockup last week, said he was a London Times correspondent, lately fleeced by sharpers, and that he was educated at St. Petersburg, and has traveled extensively in Europe and South America. He characterized the Brookfield lockup as worse than any Spanish prison he had ever seen.

The Congregationalists had an elegant sociable at Rev. Charles Blanchard's the other night, 150 people being present, in spite of the rain.

**Special Correspondence.**

Brookfield is becoming notorious that is, in the robbery line. The latest addition to this item was made last Thursday, Nov. 28, when \$256 were taken from the house of Mr. Francis Howe, by John Murphy, a young fellow some 19 years of age who was in Mr. Howe's employ. As soon as the theft was committed, Murphy in company with another fellow about his own age named Harry Morgan, started for Boston where they were apprehended by some of the Boston policemen; notice having been sent to the superintendent's office as soon as the loss was known, which was not until the following Sunday. Murphy was taken on Tremont St. with \$70.42 and a ticket for New York on him, Monday afternoon. Sheriff Capen immediately went to the city with the papers and stopped over until the next day when Morgan was also taken in a theater. They were examined by Justice Duell, and placed under \$1000 bonds to appear for trial at next court.

Mr. M. Richardson lost, or had stolen, his pocket book last week, containing between 40 and 50 dollars. He offers \$5 reward for its recovery.

Thanksgiving ball in Town Hall Thursday evening.

Miss Amelia Crosby, for many years known as the teacher of the primary school in this village, died last Sunday after being a long and weary sickness, at her home, and her funeral Tuesday afternoon, was attended by a large number of friends. She was universally respected and her superior as a teacher for young children has never been known in this village.

The fourth of the series of lectures was given by Prof. McIntyre on the Solar System.

Wednesday evening the S. of T. held a sociable in their rooms, and had a very pleasant time, though the evening was extremely stormy, and the number was limited thereby to about forty.

The morning service in the Unitarian Church will be omitted next Sunday, Dec. 1, in the absence of the pastor of the town. The Sunday School will be at the usual hour. There will be a union service at the

Methodist Church at 4 o'clock p. m. for the benefit of the "Little Wanderers," and Rev. R. G. Foles will address it and some of the children from the Home will sing.

**EAST BROOKFIELD.**

East Brookfield people say they've got the "dead-wood" or Spencer's railroad folks, as rail connection is to be made with Spencer, after all. The track from Spencer village to the depot will be finished, it is expected, by Christmas, but as the Boston & Albany is to operate the road, trains will be run through to East Brookfield to connect with the Modoc and fast express trains. When John Gilman started the Spencer-East Brookfield railroad scheme, a year and a half ago, he offered to furnish bonds to build a direct road between the villages along Seven-Mile river, for \$40,000; or to Spencer depot for \$31,500. But on the company's organization, Gilman was thrown overboard, because it was claimed that he had no funds, and the engineers advised that the road be built by the yard, rather than to let Gilman have the job. Then the town voted to build to the depot, two miles off, rather than to East Brookfield, which will cost about \$50,000, owing to expensive ledge-cutting. Switches are being put in at East Brookfield depot for the Spencer trains, and the North Brookfield turn-table will do duty for both roads. Engineer Joe De Saud, who has driven the fast express ever since it was started, will most likely run on the new road. Two stage lines are discontinued by the new arrangement.

The young people are shortly to organize a dramatic club, with the Baptist vestry probably as a play-house. The first production, "Down by the Sea," is to be given next month.

Green & Twichell have just received a western order for 200 cases of boots. They have of late been running considerably on shoes, and propose to keep the shop running on full time during the winter.

**STURBRIDGE.**

Drs. Sargent and Martin of Worcester performed a surgical operation on John Ladd of this town, removing part of his jawbone, which had become dis-eased and enlarged, caused by a severe blow from a stick of wood several years ago. They were assisted by Drs. Rice and Gifford.

While Landlord Davis and a party of men were hunting coons Thursday night, one of his dogs attacked a strange animal, which ran under a ledge. Upon examining the dog they found a large number of quills in his mouth and legs, which must have come from a porcupine, which is seldom found in this region.

**WEST WARREN.**

The Methodists have voted to build a church, and are now ready for proposals. The cost is estimated at about \$5000, and the building will be located on Central street on a lot bought of J. B. Lombard. The work will be pushed; and the people are as thoroughly interested that they will doubtless pay for it when finished.

This town has been looked over to see if any trace could be found of the parties who stole the team from John Curley's farm at West Brimfield Friday night. The horse, worth \$100, was owned by a Frenchman named LePlant, and the buggy, valued at \$125, belonged to Mr. Curley. A twenty-five dollars' reward has been offered for the recovery of the team.

The weather prevented large audiences at the entertainments of the Warren high school debating society Friday and Saturday evenings, but the allegory and the drama, "The Flower of the family," were presented in an unusually able manner by the young participants, and to the credit of Principal Twichell, who had bestowed upon them patient and intelligent drill.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**FLAX THREADS FOR SHOE MANUFACTURERS' USE**—A GRAND PRIZE AT PARIS FOR BARBOUR'S THREADS—THE MILDEN FLAX MILLS, AT LISBURN, IRELAND—SELECTION OF THE FLAX AND PROCESS OF MANUFACTURING—PROVISIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF WORKMEN AND THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN—WAGES PAID, ETC.

BELFAST, IRELAND, Oct. 31.

I crossed over to Ireland, and, after a hurried visit to Belfast, where I found nothing to interest the readers of the Reporter, went out about a half a dozen miles to Lisburn, to see the flax-thread works of William Barbour & Sons, the house so well known in America under the style of Barbour Brothers. The business was founded in 1784, and from small beginnings, the house has grown to be one of the largest of the kind in the world.

The Barbour family are of Scotch descent, originally from Paisley, and, in the year 1780, removed to the North of Ireland. Mr. William Barbour was in the firm nearly sixty years, and was at the head of its affairs up to his death, which occurred about three years since. He was a man of remarkable energy and businessability,

and his son, who now carry on the business, have those qualities in an eminent degree.

In the three manufactures of the house they employ nearly 4,000 hands, and consume 3,640 tons of flax a year.

This firm have just received the grand prize and gold medal at the Paris Exposition, for their fine display of threads. This is the only prize of this grade given to any linen manufacturer in Great Britain, and the only one in any line coming to Ireland.

The case of goods shown by William Barbour & Sons, at Paris, is 12 by 5 feet in size, black ebony, picked out with gold, and its contents gives a very good idea of the variety of the manufacturers of the firm. There are shoe and saddlers' threads, in balls, and of all colors, sole sewing threads, twines, etc., in balls, spools and banks, and in nearly a thousand varieties. There are also exposed nine medals gained by the firm in various Expositions, and a framed picture of the Hilden flax mills.

At the Hilden mills they spin, bleach, dye and finish all grades of yarns: at the Sprucefield works they spin coarse yarns for carpet weaving, etc., and in Paterson, N. J., they spin all sorts of flax thread. The raw flax used at the last-named establishment comes principally from Ire-

land. Every portion of these factories is constructed of stone, brick and iron, even the doors being of iron, and all the machinery, tables, etc., of the same material. The structures are absolutely fireproof, and the firm insure their own property. The buildings, sheds and bleaching grounds embraced in the works cover some fifteen to twenty acres.

All the lands, for almost a mile in each direction from the Hilden mills, are owned by the firm. On this estate they have built nearly three hundred cottages for their workmen.

**GROWING FLAX.**

The raw flax used here is grown in Ireland, Belgium and France. The stalk of the flax plant is covered with a fine, fibrous bark, which, when stripped and put through various processes, becomes the linen of commerce. The north of Ireland produces large quantities of this material. It is sown from the flax seed, in March and April, and gathered in August and September. The Irish flax is superior for length of staple and strength; but the French flax is the finest, and, by the way, only the finest of the Irish flax will answer for manufacturing sewing threads—a fact readily understood when it is remembered that threads are manufactured by this firm in lengths of one thousand yards, entirely free from knots or irregularities of any kind.

The Lagan River, celebrated for its water for bleaching purposes, flows through the property, the mills being located on its banks on both sides of the stream.

**PROCESS OF MANUFACTURING.**

The flax, after being received, is stripped and combed, and subjected to the process of hacking, to clear out and form the fiber. It then goes to the sorting shop, where the different qualities are separated, then to the preparing room, where the flax is put on a spreadboard, and stretched, going through four or five drawings, according to the quality of the flax. It now goes to a reeling frame, and is twisted on large bobbins, to make it ready for the spinning rooms.

In the wet spinning, which is followed in making some kinds of thread, the flax is drawn through hot water, for softening it. It is then twisted into strands as required. All other spinning is the same as the process in cotton factories.

The strands, having been wound on bobbins, are, by use of beautiful and delicate machinery, twisted according to the nature of the article required, and are then ready for the bleachers and dyers.

Before dying, the thread is boiled and whitened to remove all impurities, without which it would be impossible to produce the more delicate tints, and to produce strength and evenness of texture.

From the dye house the thread goes to the drying sheds, and then to the finishing room, where it is put up in balls or skeins, or wound on spools, by machines made for the purpose.

This firm make every color of shoe and saddlers' threads, and the silk finish (six cord, cable twist) used in place of silk for shoe uppers; also threads especially adapted for all the sole sewing machines. They have lithographing machines for doing their fancy printing, labels and wrappers; also machines for cutting straw board in shape for paper boxes, and all their spools are made, and iron work and wood turning for bobbins, etc., is done on the premises. A railway siding and canal furnish direct means of transportation with the port of Belfast.

**BENEFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

On the estate is a school for the children of workmen, and attendance is compulsory. It was established many years ago, and every expense is paid by the firm. At the time of my visit there were one hundred and fifty scholars under instruction. All children must attend this school until they are fourteen years old. There is also a free lecture room and reading room for the use of the operatives. A co-

operative store for furnishing supplies to workmen is also established here.

An eating room on a very extensive scale is a prominent feature. The firm have erected a commodious dining room, capable of seating several hundred persons; a bowl of soup, or plate of potatoes, and tea, is furnished for a half penny; a plain dinner for four to six cents, and a breakfast for two to six cents.

Sick workmen and their families on this estate have always been provided for by the firm, but a beneficial organization is now being started on the plan I have described in other factories on the continent of Europe.

The wages paid in the mills to children are from \$1.50 to \$2, women \$2, and men \$4 and \$5 a week. The skilled workmen on the machines and in dye rooms make \$8 to \$10 weekly.

The threads made by the firm of Wm. Barbour & Sons and Barbour Brothers, are now favorably known and sold all over the world. In all the qualities which go to make the highest grade of thread, they have never been excelled, for they do not neglect one portion of their work for the advantage of another. In all their goods they give the greatest obtainable strength, with an evenness of fiber and an excellence of finish which can only be obtained where perfect workmanship, the most improved machinery, and the best quality of raw material are employed.

These threads have been on the market nearly a hundred years, and merchants and manufacturers have confidence in their well known trade mark, for, however keen competition may have been, Wm. Barbour & Sons, of Ireland, and Barbour Brothers, of New York, have never sent out any but the very best quality of goods.—*Shoe and Leather Reporter.*

**KNOWLTON & CAREY**

Sell Elysian Overcoats for \$4.

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Sell Fine Elysian Overcoats for \$8.

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Sell Fawn Beaver Overcoats for \$8.

**KNOWLTON & CAREY**

Sell Children's Ulsters, GOOD ONES

for \$3.

**KNOWLTON & CAREY**

Sell All-Wool Pants for \$2.50; Good Wool Pants, Solid Colors

(not printed), for \$1.50.

**ALL OTHER GOODS IN THE SAME PROPORTION.****KNOWLTON & CAREY**

No. 16 Front Street, Worcester.

**OUR LATEST****Great Sale of Trimmed Bonnets and Hats**

Read the following price list and then judge for yourselves. Every lady in want of a Bonnet or Hat should not fail to do this list. We guarantee you the largest assortment and lowest prices and every article enumerated below you will find exactly as described. The first on the list is a Trimmed Hat, made in both Felt and Velvet, 10 different shapes, splendid colors, very neat and pretty, only \$1.50.

No. 2. \$2. A Trimmed Hat, very stylish and handsome, in large variety of shapes and colors, and so great a bargain that sells at sight for just \$2.

No. 3. Only \$2.50, the cheapest and best Trimmed Hat offered in this city for the price, \$2.50.

No. 4. \$3, a splendid bargain, Trimmed in 15 different shapes of a Hat at a moderate price should examine this \$3 Hat.

No. 5. \$3.50, is a very nobby and stylish Hat, elegantly made and well worth \$5; we recommend it to all.

No. 6. \$4, is one of the best bargains we have ever shown; have them in excellent shapes and colors and find them selling fast.

No. 7. \$4.50—No. 8. \$5—No. 9. \$5.50. All these numbers are specialties which we have in all the fashionable shapes and colors, and warrant them to be worth 50 per cent. more than what we charge for them. We wish our customers to understand that each article named in this list we have and are constantly making up, so that the prices quoted are our own and will continue till further notice. Bottom prices on everything in the millinery line.

MRS. T. J. O'BRIEN,  
524 Main St., Corner Chatham  
Worcester.

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LIFE.  
W. O. REMIS.Life is noble, if we'll make it so;  
Wheat we gather, if when we sow;

None can reap the golden grain

From the stony, rocky plain;

Weeds and thorns unbidden grow;

Life is noble if we'll make it so.

Life is tollsome—on the way

We should bear the load of day;

Strive for manhood and the right;

And fill our souls with heavenly light;

Life is tollsome—life is grand—

All things perfect God hath planned.

Life is beautiful if we make it so;

Life of sunshine's amber glow;

All things lovely God hath planned—

The sky is glorious, the earth is grand,

Rivers churning in the flow—

Life is beautiful, if we'll make it so.

SHALL WE DRINK WINE?

It was useless to remonstrate with

Judge Warren. He would drink wine

and brandy, and would insist that he

was benefited thereby. A classical

scholar, he talked enthusiastically of

the wines of Cyprus and Lebosp;

and the pale old Falernian Quaffing at

so favorite vintage, his waxed elo-

quence, is descended upon the chear-

ing, spring influences of wine.

He boasted of his self-control and

moderation. Only the weak ones of

earth were in danger of yielding to

excessive indulgence; yet there were

many who had listened to his "after-dinner speech" when they knew him

to be under the spell of "cup."

"Then as God hears me, there will

be none more worthless at my table,

than my sin I will say what reparation I may."

And—  
One by one they went, leaving

Nellie and her John, her lover and

husband. The Judge forgot his hon-

or—forget the years which lay be-

tween him and that brightest day of all

his life, when he had promised to love,

honor and cherish the woman now at

his side. He was young again, with

life and its possibilities all before him;

but you will never give me back my

boys as strong as noble purpose had

thought of failure intruded to his dreams.

"Our children, John," at length

murmured his wife.

"Yes, Nellie, our children. Thank

God for them, every one, and may he

bless them with the choicest of his

grace."

He was wondering that Judge War-

ren should become a testifier, but not

one who heard him speak openly on

the great question of temperance doubted

that his whole heart was enlisted in

the cause for which he labored so

earnestly, and looked forward to

a line of de-semnments who should bear

it not unworthily. John's boys were

if possible, dearer to him than John

himself. He thought of all this as he

rested his head upon his hand, medita-

ting a reply to what he had heard.

Facts were stubborn arguments, and

his son must have spoken the truth.

What should he do? Yield to the en-

emy, and acknowledge that he had been

weak in the past. Should he do this?

Or should he take from his head in

crown, and triumph this crown in

the dust?

"John, call your brothers and sister,"

he said, without looking up. They

were surprised. "Call your mother,"

he said. "Now tell them to come."

"What did you tell them?"

"They all have told me, if you wish

them to know."

Glances of surprise were exchanged

as brothers and sisters waited silently

for what might be said. The mother,

clasping the hand of her first-born,

asked, "What is it, my son? I am

sure your father can do you no rea-

sonable request at this time. Let us

hear it."

John Warren looked around, and,

repeated the story he had intended only

his father should hear. He was a no-

ne man, a Christian man. Nevertheless

he gave a stronger proof of this than

when he acknowledged his sin in deplo-

ing the fascinations of the wine cup.

God knows how bitterly I deplore my

guilt," he said, touching his forehead

with his fingers. "And his sin! I am

sure your father can do you no rea-

sonable request at this time. Let us

hear it."

John's mother looked him lovingly,

while her eyes suffused with tears and

her lips quivered. "God bless you,

and give grace to you and yours to

keep your pledge inviolate."

"Nellie!" It was the old-time name

of John's mother, the crowning day of

my life? "With John, you astorian

me. I should expect rebellion at once

among the juveniles, to say nothing of

the fathers and mothers." The speak-

er passed his hand across his forehead,

and, after a moment's thought, said,

"Tell me why you expressed this

wink."

"Because, father, I cannot drink wine,

and my boys must not drink it.

I would rather they had never heard

your name than that they should drink

wine at your table to-morrow."

Again an expression of surprise was

uttered by the Judge.

"Tell you the truth," continued

John Warren. "Every member of my

family is pledged to total abstinence;

and yet—yet—

"Have you joined the army of fan-

atics, who are endeavoring to turn

the customs of society upside down, and

substitute their new-fangled theories

of religion? Tell me what you mean by this."

"I have a story to tell you. Will

you hear it now?" was the reply.

"Yes," answered the father, some

what impatiently.

"I have heard you say that wine is

a necessary stimulant, and that, if you

wish to speak eloquently, you would

drink of the fruit of the vine."

"Yes, John, that's all true. I've tried it for fifty years, and I ought

to know."

"And I have tried it for half the

time, and, to my sorrow and shame,

I know that wine is a mocker. Please

not to interrupt me," said the Judge.

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## THE STEINWAY

AND OTHER PIANOS



JAMES PICKUP, Editor.

SPENCER, MASS., FRIDAY, DEC. 6, 1878.

The Republican and Democratic parties will keep an eye on Butler and the Butler clitics, from now until the presidential election, for both parties hate him, and will sit up nights to hate him.

The vital question involved in the plan of building up home industry, is the principle of supporting home trade. So long as our citizens spend two or three, or as is the case, many more thousand dollars towards building up the cities, we are losing our growth in the same degree.

Working men, advocate postal savings banks. They are a national repository for the savings of workmen, especially reinforced, to protest the Thian Shan passes against the Chinese army on and near the Kiala frontier.

The British National expenditure for intoxicants in the years from 1874 to 1877 was £573,615,653. As it is here, the sans run their seventeen hours a day whether the mills run or not.

The remains of A. T. Stewart are reported discovered, but nobody seems to be able to confirm the truth of the report; and seems very improbable that they will ever be found.

## CONDENSED NEWS

It has been decided that the Potter committee will keep up the master of the cipher dispatches immediately.

A skiff containing five boys was upset by a storm at the foot of Canal street, New Orleans, Monday evening. Three of the boys, John Eckert, Andrew Ernest and James McFarland were drowned.

John Anderson, recently a clerk in the agency of the Nevada bank in Virginia City, has been arrested in San Francisco charged with embezzlement estimated at from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Bishop Whiner, of the diocese of Louisiana, a native of Virginia, aged about 65, died suddenly in New Orleans, Monday evening, of apoplexy. He leaves a wife and three children, now residing in Charlottesville, Va.

Large purchases of trade dollars have been made in Hong Kong for shipment to New York and San Francisco. A shipment of \$800,000 has arrived in England en route New York on account of Seignior Brothers. Further large shipments are on the way.

Her Majesty's ship Orontes, on the passage from Halifax for Bermuda, lost a man overboard. A boat's crew of thirteen men who went to the rescue, were all drowned by the upsetting of the boat.

Senator Blaine introduced a resolution at the opening of the Senate, Monday, making inquiry into the alleged disenfranchisement of citizens in certain Southern states.

Thirty colored emigrants sailed from New York for Liberia, Monday.

Private advices from South Carolina report Gov. Gwinnett to be in a very critical condition, in consequence of his recent severe accident.

Dana Hyde, a Binghamton, N. Y. boy, partially cut his throat and then made a save of it by swinging from a rafter in the barn—all because he was flogged for running away from school.

## LADIES' SUNBREATH.

Feathers and feathers are the rage of the season.

A new material for window curtains is called Manilla cloth.

New carpets and rugs are in antique Dutch and French designs.

Hannibal buttons are of buffalo horn, mixed with gold and silver.

Tropical and humming birds are much used for trimmings.

Stockings and handkerchiefs are supposed to match in color the trimmings of a dress.

Paisley ladies are wearing blue or red plush jackets with cushioned sleeves and steel buttons.

Pretty new toilet boxes are made of delicately shaded satin, and painted by hand in quaint designs.

Those who possess Canton cravats, shawls can now unfold and convert them into handsome overdresses, as they form with silk handkerchiefs and are much worn.

For rich customers silk stockings of every desired shape are imported; the latest patterns are those seen on bandanna half-tucked dresses during the summer.

The newest plaid of Scotch wool are of small bars of very quiet color, and made gay by many rows of narrow galloons, put on to produce the effect of orders like those seen on bandanna half-tucked dresses during the summer.

An American lady has purchased in this season the prettiest switch of hair ever made in that city. It was of snow-

white hair, a yard and a quarter in length, and cost \$300.

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Brighton CATTLE MARKET.

WEED ENDING DAY, Dec. 23.

Amount of stock at market—Cattle 23

47; sheep and lambs, 3890; swine 14,875

northern western cattle 1404; eastern cattle, 600; milch cows and northern cattle 260.

Prices of Beef cattle, per 100 lbs. live,

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47; sheep and lambs, 3890; swine 14,875

northern western cattle 1404; eastern cattle, 600; milch cows and northern cattle 260.

Prices of Beef cattle, per 100 lbs. live,

white hair, a yard and a quarter in length, and cost \$300.

Twenty-one young girls of Kenosha, Wis., have "Resolved, That if the young men won't come and see us, we will go and see them."

And the young men are stepping down and out and taking to the woods.

The course in dressmaking at Lassell Seminary began last week. The lecturer measures some out at random from the audience, and explaining each step, performs the entire work of cutting and finishing some garment before the session ends. Dressmaking is also to be taught in the advanced grades of the girl's schools in Indianapolis.

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"I am afraid, dear wife, that while I am gone, absence will conquer love." "Oh, never fear, dear husband, the longer you stay away the better I shall like you."

"What good is they, anyhow?" scowledly remarked a bootblack, referring to the fair sex. "Did you ever know one 'em to stop and give a feller a job? Not much! They ain't got no shoes on 'em fit to blacken, anyways!"

He who prays as he ought will endeavor to live as he prays. He that can live in sin and abide in the ordinary duties of prayer never prays as he ought. A truly gracious praying frame is utterly inconsistent with the love of sin.

A London hotel keeper charged in his bill "Swans, one guinea." "But I haven't had any swans," protested the astonished guest. "It's the view, sir, from the hopen winter," explained the waiter, pointing with a fork toward the Thames. "We don't charge for swans in a back room."

Mademiselle X.—meeting one of her old boarding-school friends who has just been married:—"Well, you are happy? Do you get along well together?"—"Happy? Yes, without a doubt; but we're liable a great deal."—"Already? and about what?"—"Paul pretends always that it is he who cares the most for me, and I'm very sure it is!"

A steady-looking individual stepped into one of our gentlemen's furnishing stores recently, and asked for a pair of four-ply cuffs. The articles were handed him, and he examined them in a dubious sort of way, and then remarked:—"See here! These ain't the right thing; I want the four-ply kind—that you can turn four times with washing."

#### SOMEBODY'S MOTHER.

Such wild eyes! such matted hair! such strange thoughts as came through her brain, as she staggered along the street!—A drunken man is an object of pity—drunken woman is a terrible sight. She loses every good emotion, every womanly feeling, and her eyes look so much like the eyes of a mad wolf that passers give her the walk and shudder as they meet her.

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#### THE FATAL OPPOSITION OF SOCIETY TO MARRIAGE.

When both those gifts are sent—a supreme affection and an opportunity to found a new home—it is distasteful, it is a flat defiance of the instincts of the soul, it is a deep infamy upon manhood, not to be willing to dare some thing for the love that one dares call supreme. Is it too much to assert that modern society deserves, perhaps, as much censure as infidelity itself for its hindrance to marriage? You have heard me on other occasions, but I am sailing infidel for an audience on my family; but what shall I say of this mistaken social pride, this absurd oxigenous living, which in many ways is more mischievous in preventing the founding of new homes than the voices of infamous social theories themselves? Poor Richter was always poor, and he married when he had hardly more than one room in a German cottage in which to live. Richter affirms that "no man can live piously or die righteous without a wife." A sentiment which I cannot say that I think science endorses. Some men can. But I must affirm with Richter that the men who, when a supreme

affection has been sent him, and an opportunity to found a new, self-supporting home, is yet determined to live alone, is living neither happily nor righteously. The man who does not look forward with Conscience's presence and endeavor to form his own heart-stone by anticipating what he will be by-and-bye, is a man likely to fall into temptation easily, and to be drawn away from virtue. He is drawn into the sea of ink, and it seems to be really marriable. Put out the fire of honor in the heart, and it cannot be extinguished. Those men who shiver through the ways of vice, their skeleton souls without trust, how shall they be warm before their future hearthstones? The treacherous put out his own family fire. Treacherous puts out a human being in an infamous manner and you will never treat another human being in the manner provided by natural law. Only he who will look onward and afar, and keep his family fire, or the opportunity to kindle it, bright, is likely to be successful in the pits of perdition. According to these rifts of darkness protecting themselves every now and then through these volcanic crevices, exhibiting to you, an audience to their abominable, treacherous ways, destruction blazes in the lower throat of the chasma, I leave no arriere, this absurd expensiveness, this mistaken, social pride, low salaries, unsafe parental interferences and poor opportunities of acquaintance between the marriageable classes. So far as they violate natural law, the coarsest science must condemn all these social forces as pushing men toward the pit of blue fire."—Rev. Joseph Cook.

**SPARKS GENTLY.**—A loud, boisterous tone shows a want of good breeding. The first principle of politeness is to make known about you, feel pleasant, and a rude, coarse manner of speaking and answering to most persons. A good etiquette is told of a man who went by the name of "Whispering John," which was given to him in ridicule. People said he talked as though he was brought up in a mill. One cold morning he walked into a public house and called out in his thundering voice: "Good morning, landlord. How are you?"

"Very well; how are you?" "Oh, I'm well, but I'm so cold I can hardly talk."

Just then a nervous traveler who was present ran up to the landlord exclaiming, "Please have my horse brought as soon as possible."

"Why, what's the matter?" asked the landlord. "Nothing," replied the traveler, "only I want to get away before that man comes."

The Duke of Sutherland, the largest landholder in Scotland, with an income of \$600,000 yearly, is one of the shareholders of the Glasgow Bank, whose failure, it is said, will cost him about \$50,000.

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A matron of Northfield, Minn., was addressed as "Your Honor." "Joe" and "your d—d fool" were the course of an eloquent speech by a light of the local heart, who was pleading a case before him.

For the HAIR.—A preparation for the hair which renders it soft and gives it a vigorous health, is made of one part glycerine to three parts animal Arabin. It may be purchased prepared as a drug store, or may be more cheaply made by adding ten cents worth of ceresine flowers to a pint of alcohol, to which has been added one pint of soft water. To prevent the hair from falling, pour a wineglassful of dry table salt upon a sheet of paper. While the hair is dry dip a metallic hair brush, or a stiff bristle hair brush into the salt, rubbing it into the roots of the hair. Apply every day until the hair ceases to fall; then discontinue. Alum water will check the fall of hair that has become saturated and dried with the use of soap, acting as an astringent. A strong decoction of short woods only, the sudden transition to a greater heat will relax their muscles, depress their spirits and break down their constitution. The leading cause of so many valuable horses being killed by long drives is being short of work. They are not prepared for such severe exertions. Condition will prepare their work cheerfully, last out

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NORTH BROOKFIELD.*Special Correspondence.*

The long contemplated High School Re-union took place on Monday last. Much enthusiasm was felt, as was shown by the large number present, despite the intense rain which prevailed throughout the day. In the afternoon about one hundred and fifty of the past and present members, assembled at the new building, which is composed of brick with granite trimmings and slate roof. In the basement there are two school rooms; on the first floor are two rooms for grammar schools, and on the second floor is the High School room, with two recitation rooms and laboratory connected, while the attic consists of a large room which might easily be fitted for a gymnasium. The plan examined this from cellar to garret, and expressed general satisfaction. They remained in the building until nearly 6 o'clock, when they dispersed to their several homes. In the evening at 7:30 the Town Hall was well filled by nearly the same party. This meeting was opened by Hon. Fred. Walker, who, after a few remarks, was followed by Theo. C. Bates who proceeded to read a very interesting and instructive essay prepared for the occasion. He gave a history of the school from its commencement in 1857. The total cost of the building recently burned, the one now in its place, and the sustenance of the school from 1857 to the present time is about \$40,000. During this time there have been 12 principals, 8 assistants, and 700 pupils. Of this number of pupils, three have their names honored on the tablet of Rev. ; three have M. D. attached to their names, two are practicing law; two hold the honored and trusty positions of bankers; one is a singer of much celebrity; two own extensive farms in the state of Nebraska, and scores of others hold state, county and town offices. Mr. Bates also spoke at considerable length on the necessity of a free public library and reading-room, and made the offer that if the past and present members of the school would contribute one dollar each he would gladly double the sum raised. The poem by John Q. Adams followed, after which speeches were made by Rev. J. M. Avann, Hiram Knight, Esq., and Dea. James Miller. The company then repaired to the Batcheller House, where a banquet was awaiting them. Henry W. King presided as toast-master. The following toasts were presented:

The High School: "May she live a thousand years, and may her shadows never grow less." Responded to by Chas. F. Goodell, by a very appropriate speech.

The Past Members: "We are but pilgrims here, Heaven (?) is our home." Responded to by John A. Perry.

The Teachers: "Most potent grave and reverend." Response by D. N. Putney.

Our Members who have Died: "Each at some well-remembered grave will kneel." For every heart best known its own loss." Responded to by a quartette—Misses Cummings and Nutting, and Messrs. Downey and Perkins.

The Town: "O, what love I note in the fair multitude?" Dr. H. P. Bartlett.

The Committee: "The village all declared how much we knew." Twas certain that he could write, and cipher too. Response by F. M. Ashby.

Our Visitors: "Our heard is little, but our hearts are great." Response by Miss F. A. Caldwell.

Our Lady Friends: "Lovelier than a dream in fairy land." By Mrs. Mary E. King.

Class of '70: "Duet female & male." Miss Isla Ayres.

"But knowledge to their eyes her apple page, Rich with the spoils of time, did never run." Response by Geo. S. Eaton.

Our Representative: Campaign of 1878—1478—majority, 606. By T. C. Bates.

The responses were all very well rendered and deserve much credit upon the authors, and while not for a moment condemning any, we would most heartily praise all. At the close of these meetings a committee of three were chosen to nominate a committee for the purpose of raising funds for a free library and reading-room, and the following gentlemen were chosen: Rev. J. M. Avann, T. C. Bates and Geo. French.

The schools in the village opened on Tuesday last, and are the fittest they have been for many years.

"Big Shop" running but eight hours a day at present.

Rev. G. H. DeVoevin is expected to resume his preaching December 15.

Rev. Mr. Hutchins at Union Church next Sabbath.

Assistant Adjutant-General James F. March visited Ezra Batcheller Post 51, G. A. R., on Wednesday evening, and after a social at their hall they adjourned to the Batcheller House and partook of a dinner of Warner's best suppers.

BROOKFIELD.

Charles H. Whittemore will receive subscribers and advertising for the Sun, and is authorized to receipt it in his office.

Correspondence.

Protest. McGovern's Lecture.—The fourth lecture in the course by the Rev. Mr. Thatch, former pastor of the Unitarian Church at the Center, is in town and is stopping at E. L. Bates'.

W. H. Upham has a large lot of confectionery, nuts, etc., for the Holidays. Examine them.

Rev. Mr. Thatch, former pastor of the Unitarian Church in the "Solar System," was very excellent. It was exceedingly interesting and instructing and was finely illustrated with the stereopticon.

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The meeting was well attended, one hundred and twenty being present, and the doctors think we will lose the sight of that eye and possibly of both.

The boys were marching, and young Keen was sitting behind the target, and popped up his head at the wrong time.

CHARLTON.

Moses Hemingway has lost three valuable cows lately. The first one died from the effects of eating apples in a neighbor's orchard; the second was shocked to death by getting a chain with which she was tied twisted.

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Three Lyceums, one at the center, at the "North Side," and one in district No. 6 in the south, east part of the town, have been organized for the winter, and are now in successful operation, and are now in successful operation, and the meetings are well attended.

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Eye sheeps next the wa'

Banane, an' mairie gie a place?"

The old standin' o' t'wa'.

I rin' an' fash them picces, drink—

They stow aye the moon—

They draw the blankets up, an' ery,

"Oh, baunes, cuddle doon!"

But ere five minutes gang wee Rab

Criv, crof, fra'neath the class,

"Mairie, mairie, mairie gie a place at once;

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comes I go. I know what she'll be: a little stuck-up minx, full of French airs she acquired by studying abroad for twelve years. She'll say, "Madame, and 'ma job," and she'll talk about her darts and her guadgets in her time; she'll speak bad French in the most pretentious, affected mood, of the first company, and she'll command all her questions with "Take care when you talk like the young man seen at the Vesuvius' party. I shan't see her that's settled." Write to Mrs. Flippy (midlifeless appellation) and say we are going on a visit; and we don't know when we will return; or, better yet, go to town, to Mrs. F., explain openly that I will never marry a Frenchified wax-doll, but that I want a wife who knows how to keep a house in order, can cook, preserve, sweep, bake, darn, sew mend, dust and, as the ad vid sements make, herself generally useful. In short, a woman like my respected ma; and so that you may kill two birds with one stone, find a cook who can cook, and fetch her back with you!

An idea seemed to strike Mrs. Clemmons, and she answered, gayly, "Well Dick, everything is for the best. If you won't marry her, you won't. So I'll do on with it."

After breakfast she made a hurried walk, and took the first train for the city. Toward evening she returned with as poor a picture of femininity as I have ever seen withal. The deify, cutely-hairled little woman straightway went to the kitchen, and then Mrs. Clemmons informed her son that she had made matters all right with Mrs. Flippy, and that the pretty conglomeration of minnie, curly, pink and white was a new cook she had engaged.

"Ah! cried the intelligent reader, "you can't deceive us: the pink and white little cook is Kitty Flippy, and the three women have formed a plan to catch Dick mawares."

And the intelligent readers are correct, but we vow and declare that we never had any intention of shrouding the girl in mystery and practicing deception if we had—but this egomism, and we did.

With the advent of the new cook came such luxuries as had never been seen on the Clemmons' table before. The cuisine (an Dick's Kitty Flippy might be) was perfect. Richard's stockings were mended so neatly that an old pair of socks were better than a new pair. His shirts, too, were washed and ironed so perfectly that their whiteness and gloss gladdened every bosom of all his male friends.

But he did take her, while the old lady discreetly looked out of the window and thought of you both.

And you were ill in the plot against me, oh asked he.

Yes, he yelled, looking at the lady.

Katy by Jupiter! what does this mean?

I am Kitty Flippy and Kate the cook too. I tried you, my deer, and you stood me test nobly. You have proved yourself, my ideal of a man. Take me, if you will, my darling.

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Yes, he exclaimed the ladies half-laughing now they were found out.

Well, I am glad of it. Kate, you have made a man of me. I insisted that my wife should be a worker, and it is your rule that will not work both ways.

Three days after, the little village church—but phew! the intelligent reader can guess the rest.

In fact, Dick was in love with the cook, and he found a huntin' excuse a day to go to the kitchen and have a word or two with the curly-headed little woman.

At first she was very cold to him, but, gradually, as she saw his res'ct, became more and more when our gentleman took his former walk, 'll, well, a—course note—why should there be any?

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"Will you marry me?" said he.

"No, I will not," she answered.

"Why?"

"I'm a cook and you're a gentleman."

"You're a lady as well as a cook, and fit to be a gentleman's wife."

"I daresay I am, but I don't want to be a cook a all."

Then mary me."

"And work to support you?"

"Why, my dear, I'm rich!"

"You mean your mother is."

"Well she would deny me nothing."

"I don't know about that. You don't know how she'd act if you married her cook. Besides I've no fancy for ma who can't support himself and his wife without help from his mother. I understand you, Dick, and I admit that I love you."

"My darling! he cried embracitg her."

"There, now stop. You wouldn't marry a wax-doll of a girl, who couldn't keep a house in order, cook, carre, preserve, darn, mend, sew, dust and sweep. I heard you say so."

"That is true, ruefully remarked Dick.

"Well, I will not marry a man who can't support me by his own labor. I don't want a club-house swell or a lardy-tardy man of society for husband; I want a man; a hard-fisted workingman, who can knock down a giant if he insults me."

"This is too bad," whined Mrs. Clemmons, wiping her eyes with a napkin, and not discovering her mistake until she rubbed some mustard into her blue orbs, which occasioned the use of her handkerchief in good earnest—"just when I thought I had such good news for you!"

"What is the news?"

"She's coming here."

"Kitty Flippy?"

"Yes. I received a letter this morning from her mother, saying Kitty would start in a day or two."

"O, my!" groaned Dick. You must stop her," he said, seriously. "If she

goes, I go."

We are pleased to say that our baby was permanently cured of severe protracted irritation of the bowels by the use of Bob Bitters by its mother, who is the same time recovering to perfect health and strength.—The Parents, University Ave., Rochester, N. Y. See another column.

GOOD FOR BABIES.

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SPENCER, MASS., FRIDAY, DEC. 13, 1878.

THE WEEKLY NEWS CALENDAR

A crowded testimonial meeting to Messrs. Booth & Smith was held Monday night at Amesbury, Mass. Mr. Wm. H. Smith, the well-known carriage manufacturer, with 35 of his employees, came a body and signed the pledge, together with ten rummers, all of the apostles, the proprietors of the "Elias Howe" House, the proprietor of the Merriman Opera House, and hundreds of others. The community is stirred to its very foundation, as the result of the many labors of the firm, and the railroad directors voted to name the salary of the company's president to \$10,000, but as he had the deciding vote he declined to accept more than \$7,500 next year. The "Elias Howe" House, the largest house in Boston, is father of a 16 pound 14 ounce son, the largest child ever born in the city.—At a meeting of the creditors of S. & J. T. Taitt, it was voted that the firm should make a statement showing liability of \$300,410.86, and contingent liability of \$26,713, with assets amounting to \$404,751.37. A committee of six, several of whom were members of the firm, was appointed to examine into the affairs of the firm and report by circular to the creditors.—John Hawdon of England, who is to row Hanlan on the Tyne, Nov. 15, 1878, has come to America. He is seven feet high and weighs 150 pounds. He began his career as a sculler in 1876, and has already gained eleven victories over English and American crews, and especially of Great Britain. He has agreed to a system, to go into effect on New Year's Day, under which they will issue stamps, for four pence each, for every victory won, and four pounds rewards yearly over any part of their lines.—The strike of laborers at the Chicago packing houses has virtually ended, nearly all having returned to work, and wages are up to \$75 per day.—There is said to be very cordial feeling manifested by Republican Senator and members generally in favor of the appointment of George F. Edmunds as Senator.—Members of Massachusetts vine Usher.—O'Leary accomplished thefeat at Philadelphia of walking 400 miles in 124 hours at 15° below zero, and in 1877, in 14 hours at 15° below zero, and in 1878, in 14 hours at 15° below zero, and in 1879, in 14 hours at 15° below zero.—John Pratt was reelected Mayor of Worcester with a majority of 1,265, and Prince the Democrat was elected in Boston, by a majority of 1,117.—A man, who had lost both legs, was amputated Tuesday, about six inches below the knee, and the Legislature elected him to the State Senate.—The Senators, including the Republicans, also voted for Hampson.—The Pope has sent a telegram to Central America, commanding the countries, drawn by Stanley and Livingston. The mission will cost \$40,000, and the missionaries will take with them 500 tons of supplies, etc.—John Hancock's District bank has failed, with liabilities amounting to \$17,500,000. It had seven branch banks.—Boston's music hall is soon to be demolished, and the cost is expected to be \$1.50 per night, with a light equal to 800 gas-burners, against the \$20 a night which the 220 burners now cost.—The manufacturers are soon to reduce the wages of their operatives.—John Hancock of Boston was found insensible in his bath tub, probably from his horse.—Pitchburg is troubled because a warrant has been issued for an election for a Common Councilman to take the place of a member of the Legislature, who died, and there is no vacancy, and can be no legal election till January.—Lull & Sage, extensive butter and cheese makers, of New Berlin, Chenango county, N. Y., have sold their business to the New York. They have thirty or forty factories in Chenango, Otsego, Madison, Herkimer and Oneida counties, and the business falls heavily on the hands of the New York buyers, at a price unknown.—The first half of Tuesday night's storm was terrific and disastrous throughout New England.—At East Concord, N. H., a train of express cars derailed at Northampton, Mass., the Mill River scenes are again witnessed. The river was at its highest, and buildings were swept away. At Westfield, a bridge was broken, and the horses at Bellows Falls, Vt., a train plunged into a swollen culvert and two persons were killed.—At Hartford, church steeples were blown down, and what would seem like a thousand disasters are reported along the coast.—The Golden Rule, the Rev. Wm. H. Murray's weekly organ, will hereafter appear as a monthly paper, published by T. & C. & Co. of St. John's, N. B., was robbed of \$10,000 yesterday. No clue to the robbery.

Senator Edmunds made a speech this week on the election bill, which has received unusual attention throughout the country, and it is probable that Congress will devise some means of relieving elections of that uncertainty which attended the last presidential election.

If the Boston & Albany authorities could be prevailed upon to change the name of the engine for use on the Spencer Railroad (knows as "The New England") into "The Elias Howe" it would be a very appropriate and delicate compliment to the fame and birth-place of the great sewing machine inventor.

Southbridge has a Republican club which proposes to effect a permanent organization in order to disseminate political intelligence in regard to future elections. This is quite a good idea and ought to be copied by the towns in this vicinity. There is nothing like intelligence in politics as in everything else, and what can better than political clubs and reading rooms?

A town with an efficient fire department, even if it has two or three thousand dollars in an extra steamer, is not guilty

of extravagance for the extra outlay is balanced by the reduced percentage which insurance companies are willing to pay for property in a town of this character, not to mention the vital help of a good fire apparatus at the commencement of a conflagration.

The ninth annual meeting of the Worcester County Convention of Christian Associations will be held in the Union Congregational Church, North Brookfield, Tuesday, December 17. It is nearly three years since the Convention was held on North Brookfield, and it is earnestly hoped that all parts of the county will be represented. Hospitality will gladly be extended to those who can be present at the preliminary meeting, Monday evening, and remain over Monday or Tuesday night.

**THE PRINT OF THE NAILS.**

By PROY. EDWARD PAYSON THIENW, MINISTER OF THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT, BROOKLYN, N. Y.  
Old Saint Martin sat in his cell. He was busy in his sacred study when a knock at the door was heard. "Enter!" said the master of the house. "Who is there?" "I am Christ." The confidant hearing this, and the commanding tone of the visitor who had overawed a less observant and spiritually minded person, said, "We are the living epistles of Christ." How do we know? "We are the body of Christ!" Are there any nail marks? He showed his hands and feet to his disciples and we are daily showing ours to the world. Are these hands feeding the hungry, rescuing the perishing, or occupied in busy idleness, perhaps on some fancy work that is red with the blood of numbered time? Or perhaps worse, buried in unlawful industries and illicit pleasures? Whither do these feet of yours carry you? to the sofa of the poor, the chamber of the dying; also all the material for social evil and jealousy, and this is what causes Social Stagnation.

In a city all the neighbors do not post themselves at the front windows and Mrs. —— does not need run the gauntlet of who's street full of critical eyes. (People) Tosses; she sits for church Sunday mornings; nor does Miss —— need to apply to a whole slate full of gossip engagements if she attends lectures with two different gentlemen in one week.

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## Select Miscellany.

THE WORLD FOR SALE.

REV. RALPH BOYD.

The world for sale! Hang out the sign, call every traveller here to me: who'll buy this brave estate of mine, and set me weary spirit free? 'Tis going! yes, I must fling the bauble from my soul away!

Then the fourth said, "This is Banach."

Then the tenth said, "In what month do the people of Banach least?"

'Tis February," replied the Jew, "for it is only twenty-eight days."

There are two natural brothers," said fifth, "and yet only one of them is my uncle."

The uncle is your father's brother," said the Jew; "and your father is not your uncle."

A fish now leaped out of the water, and the sixth asked, "What fish have they closest together?"

The smallest," said the Jew.

The seventh asked, "How can a man ride from Baise to Be, in the shade, in the winter time, when the sun shines?"

When he comes to a place where there is shade he must dismount and go soot," said the Jew.

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How can five persons divide fire eggs so that each one shall receive one, and still one remain in the dish?"

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## TRADE IN RIDDLES.

Nine persons sailed from Baise down the Rhine. A Jew, who wished to go to Schalpaw, was allowed to come on board and journey with them, on condition that he would conduct himself with propriety, and give the captain eighteen kreutzer for his passage. Now it is true something jingled in the Jew's pocket when he had struck his hand against it, but the only thing it was was a twelve-kreutzer piece.

For the other was a brain button. Notwithstanding this, he received the offer with alacrity, for thought to himself: "Something may be expected even upon the water. There is many a man who has grown rich on the Rhine."

During the first part of the voyage the passengers were very talkative and merry, but the Jew, with his brain under his arm—for he did not lay it aside—was an object of much mirth and mockery, and was gaud-natured and wealthy man, and a Jew had helped them to while away the time from Saint Volt to Schalpaw.

"I am a poor Jew," he said at last. "What has that to do with it?" said the Jew. "Give us the answer."

"You must not think it amiss," said the Jew, "for I am a poor Jew."

At last, after much persuasion and many promises that they would do him no harm, he thrust his hand into his pocket, took out one of the twelve-kreutzer pieces he had won, laid it upon the table, and said:

"I do not know the answer any more than you. Here are my twelve kreuzers."

When the others heard this they opened their eyes, and said that this was scarcely according to agreement. But as they could not control their laughter, and were gaud-natured and wealthy man, and a Jew had helped them to while away the time from Saint Volt to Schalpaw.

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That fellow comes to our house, just as he used to, only more, and wen I ast him why he comes so much he said he was a man of science, like me, and was a studious orator, which was birds. I ast him, wen I ast him he was a studyn, and he said anjils, and when he said that he was a studyn, he took out the winder said what a studyn it had turned out to be. But it was a ramin cat and dogs wen I ast him. He was a studyn, and when he said that he was a studyn, he says he is just as studyn as ever he was, and if you pay the price of a studyn, he says it is just as studyn as ever he was.

Owls has got to have his eyes cut, so he to be out a good deal at nite a dole bannis with rats and mice, wish keep late ours. They is said to be very wise, but my sisters young man says any body good be wise if they woud set up nights to teke notice.

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How many small-boiled eggs could the giant Golath eat on an empty stomach?" All said that it would be impossible to answer that question; but the Jew said—

"One; for he who hath eaten one egg cannot put another on an empty stomach; and the other paid him twelve kreuzers."

"Well, Jew," thought the second, "will try you out of the New Testament, and I think I shall win my piece." Then he said, "Why did the Apostle Paul write the Second Epistle to the Corinthians?"

"Because he was not in Corinth," said the Jew, "otherwise he would have spoken to them."

So he won another twelve-kreuzer piece.

When the third saw the Jew was so well versed in the Bible, he tried him in a different way.

"Who," said he, "prolongs his work to

as great length as possible, and occupies it in time?"

The spokesman, if he is indolent," said the Jew.

In the meantime they drew near to a village, and one said to another, "This is Banach." Then the tenth said, "In what month do the people of Banach least?"

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**Our Neighbors.**

NORTH BROOKFIELD.

Special Correspondent.

Rev. H. G. Tolson of Baldwin Place, home for little wanderers, preached in the First church Sunday morning and in the evening addressed a meeting of 600 and 700 at Town Hall. At the close of the meeting a collection for the benefit of the Home amounting to \$600.00 was taken. The singing by the quartette which he had with him was very good.

J. D. Neahitt delivered a lecture on temperance on Saturday evening at Town Hall, to a rather small audience.

The High School began on Tuesday, Mr. E. B. Clark of Cambridge filling the position of principal. Although much has been said in the past concerning this institution, it is hoped that it will now be dropped and that the term already commenced will continue unobstructed.

Remember "the fair of the season," Dec. 19 and 20.

The awning over the platform at the depot, taken down a few weeks since, has been replaced by a more substantial one.

Once more has the cruel hand of death removed from our midst—one of our promising and highly respected young men, Fred M. Norcross, who died after a brief illness of a few weeks. The funeral services took place on Wednesday afternoon at the First Church Chapel. The floral display was very fine. The services conducted by Rev. G. H. DeBevoise were short and very impressive.

—An occasional Correspondent.—A short time since Frank, son of S. Dexter Peck, was thrown from a wagon, violently falling upon the side of his face to the ground. The concussion was so great as to cause a fracture of the lower jaw in the chin, besides sustaining a severe bruising of the face. Dr. O. J. Travers was immediately summoned, who replaced the jaw and otherwise bandaged it. In a very short time the separated bone united without disfigurement, and with perfect use. A stranger examining it would not suspect the jaw had ever sustained so severe an injury.

Typhoid fever is raging with fatality among us, Mr. Fred Newman being the third to respond to the stern and silent messenger, Death. Fred was a young man of estimable worth and qualities. His death will be mourned by all who knew him, and none failing to sympathize with the afflicted family. John Bent is now lying seriously ill with the same fever.

Rev. Mr. DeBevoise is again in his pulpit. We are pleased to see him recovered from his long and severe illness.

All of our schools are in session for the winter term. The new building accommodated five schools of about fifty scholars each. Prof. Clark has been secured as Principal for the High School. We understand he has filled similar positions for nearly twenty years, and possesses an enviable reputation as an instructor. We expect the new arrangements will be productive of great good to the scholars.

Special Correspondence.

The young people of the Methodist Church gave an entertainment on Wednesday evening, the 4th, of a miscellaneous character, consisting of dialogues, sketches, &c., and the sketch "Never Say Die." The proceeds are to be devoted to purchasing hymn books for the church.

WEST BROOKFIELD.

—The last of the bells, the gift of D. S. Stelbini, arrived on Friday last, and has been placed in position. It is placed on the School Street building, the bell formerly there being transferred to the "Rugged Hill" Schoolhouse. The new bell weighs 485 lbs., and was cast at same foundry as the others.

E. H. Blair has received a new safe to take the place of the one "cracked" by the burglars. It is from the establishment of Herring & Co., New York, weighs 4,000 lbs., entered by two doors both being very heavy and substantial. The inner door fastens with a combination lock. One of the burglars attempted to have been in the gang which broke into Mr. Blair's store, was arrested by Officer Bush last week. Particulars are not out yet.

The dispenser of peanuts, candies, &c., hitherto located on corner of Main and Central Streets, has concluded to remove his magnificent stock, wagon, &c., to a very large space, patent combination turnpike safe, adjustable automatic turning arrangement, and all, in fact, to the best of his knowledge, the largest safe ever sold shop situated between the Town Hall and the establishment of D. Fairbanks. It is a place where one feels the wind somewhat on days when it comes from the northwest, but it is an improvement on the old location, even in that respect. In the evenings it is gor-

geously illuminated by one of those incandescent torches, which seems to attract custom or at least the sidewalkers and Town Hall steps show somebody has had custom. Peanut shells are everywhere, on the steps, in the street, in the hall stairways, and even in the Town Hall, causing much complaint.

There was a pleasant gathering at the house of Marion Barnes, on the eve of the 6th, the occasion being the celebration of the birthday of two of our.

Rev. Mr. Eaton, of the new Liberal Church in Palmer, will preach for the Unitarians next Sunday.

C. H. Jackson is building a large house near his residence.

Seth Allen has begun the new house on Lake Street for Mrs. E. H. Adams of New York.

EAST BROOKFIELD.

E. Twitchell & Co.'s boot shop has shut down. Butterworth is getting out samples, and the steam mill is hard at work on the government order.

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B. A. Tripp & Co. and W. B. Remond have shut down until January, to account of stock.

BROOKFIELD.

Charles H. Whittemore will receive subscriptions for the new LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL to be entitled "SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE."

Gerald Bros. Drug Store, in this village, is gaining a degree of notoriety as a resort for amateur burglars. Three times has it been visited in this way, twice within the last six weeks, and the goods in the store seem to which the term is generally used.

The last burglar's visit was paid to the store on the night of Dec. 8th. (Sunday). Henry Gerald, one of the proprietors, was at the store and looked it up leaving everything all right at ten o'clock in the evening, and on Monday morning the west front door was found broken in, which was simply done by smashing in a pane of glass 22 by 30 inches. Mr. Griffin, as soon as the fact became known, started for Worcester on the morning train and the police force there were put upon the watch, and by an understanding with some of the pawnbrokers there, that one of the thieves was to be found in that same afternoon while in one, Gerald Stevens, who as he called himself, showed his goods-blocked the door and notified the police, and Chief Herald arrested him. That night two more, calling themselves Melvane and Folsom or Kalahan, were arrested in the Station House in Worcester, where they had put up. Upon being searched some of the stolen goods were found upon them, and a man named Kelly was also arrested in that city with some of the goods. The quartette were brought to Brookfield with the goods, which were identified by the owners. Nothing could be obtained from the prisoners who appeared as if they were really strangers to each other, and could not swear to anything. Wednesday night the two were brought before Justice Duell, at which time he remanded them to the court, having been arrested in Milbury, he called himself Jackson, and he was witnessed against by a fellow dray named Holt who it seems ran across him at Worcester Junction, Monday, from which point the two journeyed together to Millbury, where they put up at the Station House until the morning. Jackson got his companion to shave off his mustache with a new razor he had with him. He told said witness that he got his chin whiskers shaved off in Worcester and gave the man a new razor for doing it. He had other new articles with him which are identified by Gerald Bros.

The blow to the family, and especially to the aged and infirm mother, was heavy and coming so soon after the loss of one daughter within the past year, the bereavement was doubly afflictive.

Fare thee well, beloved one, it is ours, to weep to weep, and yet should be ours to rejoice that thy crown is won, and that thou hast learned to love the music of angels, and hast found the home of the blessed, and art not far from us, or absent from our loved ones.

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evidently illuminated by one of those incandescent torches, which seems to attract custom or at least the sidewalkers and Town Hall steps show somebody has had custom. Peanut shells are everywhere, on the steps, in the street, in the hall stairways, and even in the Town Hall, causing much complaint.

There was a pleasant gathering at the house of Marion Barnes, on the eve of the 6th, the occasion being the celebration of the birthday of two of our.

Rev. Mr. Eaton, of the new Liberal Church in Palmer, will preach for the Unitarians next Sunday.

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In Spencer, Dec. 10th, at the residence of W. O. Morris, Mrs. Alma Shaw, aged 87 years.

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This bird of dawning sings all night long;  
And then, they say, no spirit dares to stir abroad.

The nights are wholesome; then no plagues strike,  
No fairy tales, nor witch hath power to charm,

So hallow'd & so gracious is the time,  
—Shakespeare in "Hamlet."

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THE WEEKLY NEWS CAULDRON.

Long life to our friends and may our enemies forgive us as we forgive them.

## THE HONEST DOLLAR.

On Tuesday the greenback was worth a gold dollar, the first time since January 1862, the premium on gold having for the first time disappeared during the whole of that long period, and there is a very visible effect produced on the minds of the inflationists, because the legal resumption is thus proved by the very fact itself in advance of the law. This very fact will do more towards killing the greenback lunacy than all the arguments in the world, because a greenback dollar is now worth a dollar in gold, and a greenback must from the very nature of the thing admit that he would rather have a note worth a dollar than one worth only 90 cents. We cannot give the political parties the whole credit of having accomplished this result because the great monetary laws have forced them to submit, and it was this feeling which was the main cause of resumption being legalized.

The Senate will agree to the House resolution to adjourn next Wednesday over the holidays.—The trial of the City of Glasgow Bank directors is fixed for the 20th of January. The trial of the 20th will be introduced in Congress. Tuesday, inquiring by what authority the Secret Service exists.—The House has already passed an appropriate bill, and the Point, Foreign, Consular and Diplomatic, Pension, and the Navy.—Karl Ferdinand Gutkow, the German dramatist in poet, died.—Mr. Alsop, the German humorist, died last evening from the sale of non-interesting drinks.—The Potter committee held a secret meeting, Tuesday, but made no allusion to the eight days' delay in presenting its report to the Baron Hirsch, three residents in Paris, for \$400 a day.—The German universities cost the State \$3,500,000 per annum.—There are 100,000 in the navy and 16,000 steamers.—An attempt will probably be made to force the Secretary of the Treasury to accept silver for exports, and to pay it out as interest on the public debt.—The British government in England for the Grand Duchies of Mecklenburg will last three weeks. The court will remain in mourning six weeks.—Socialism in India has increased rapidly, and the rate of increase is accelerating; the municipal vote: 1867, 69; 1871, 1,561; 1874, 17,71; 1877, 31,652; 1878, 56,836.—The report of the Committee of the House of Representatives on the War Department, which investigated the administration of the Navy under Secretary Robeson, severely censures that gentleman, and charges him with having been guilty of gross dishonesty, and recommends that the Attorney General prosecute them.—The National Penny Bank has been in operation in London for over a year, and in that time at its seventy-five branches there have been more than a million deposits; 127,000 persons have opened accounts, and nearly \$300,000 are at present in the bank.—A committee of the Senate, under Mr. Blaine, calling for an investigation into the political outrages in the South, provided a lively debate in the Senate, and overcame the opposition of Mr. Thurman, enlarging the scope of the investigation, was agreed to, and apparently the resolution was about to pass without much difficulty, when Mr. Sumner came forward with an amendment that the investigation be open ended. Of course Mr. Blaine decidedly opposed this, as it was offered with the evident purpose of inhibiting the investigation, which was finally defeated, and the Senate went into executive session. The Democrats hope to stave off a vote until after the holidays.—The report of the Committee on the West of England and South Wales District Bank, showed that the whole capital and reserve fund are lost, and there is a further deficiency of \$100,000, so that the shareholders are liable. There is no possibility of a reconstruction of the bank.—It is believed that the strong vote in the Senate, Tuesday, of 39 to 35, against taking up the Texas Pacific Bill, disposes of it for this session.

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## The Poet's Corner.

THE CHEMIST CRADLE.  
Two thousand years ago Christ  
And his birth were born to the  
Love of man's own Child.  
Had come from the Holy Land.

He was simple and strong,  
And it steeled his soul to stand  
So far from his wife and children,  
So long from his English home.

And yet with a noble courage  
He gave the Faith to light; "I  
For he carried upon his shoulder  
The sign of the Cross, the Knight.

It was Christmas Eve in the temple  
The child was born in the hall;  
And honest and shod and banner  
Showed shadows upon the wall;

And the bairn was falling stories  
To the little ones at his knee,  
Of some of the holy places  
He had visited over seas.

Then he spake of the watching shepherds  
Whose such marvellous sights,  
And the song that the angels chanted  
That first of the Christmas nights;

He sang of the shepherds who bring  
Out the cattle when it is dark;  
He told of the haltered cradle  
They showed him at Bethlehem.

And the eyes of the children listened,  
To think that Arost sufficed,  
With only the stars for blasters,  
To make the baby Christ.

May dry up your tears, my darling!  
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**COINAGE.**

Throughout the early part of the Scripturc, as well as through the poems of Homer, not a single passage occurs from which we can infer either the use or the existence of stamped money. Metals, however, being close and compact in form, universal as to use, and admitting of division into larger and smaller parts, must have become at an early period the representatives of value. Herodotus (*i. 94*) speaking of the Lydians, says they were the first people on record who coined gold and silver into money. The Persian Chronicle ascribes the origin of coined money to the *Argonauts*, under Jason, king of Argos, 885 years *b.c.* The best numismatists authorities agree in considering the coins of Argos, from their archaic form and appearance, as the most ancient known. They are of silver, and bear on the upper side the figure of a turtle, and on the other an indented mark, as if the metal at the time of striking, had been fixed upon a die, and from the weight of the blow had received a deep impression. The figure of Argos the turtle was changed to a tortoise, and the figure on the other side converted into a device. The coins of Lydia probably come next in antiquity, and then the early daries of the Persian kings, which occur both in gold and silver, and a strong resemblance to the coins of Argos in the mode of striking. These, if they are to be believed, the first, must have been coined in c. 550 and 450. There are coins in gold of the early kings of Persia similar to the silver daries, and of very minute size. The study of coins is not the province of the antiquary alone. Coins are among the most certain evidences of history. In the later part of the Greek series they illustrate the chronology of reigns. In the Roman series they fix the date and succession of events. Gibbon observes that if all our historians were lost, inscriptions, and other monuments would be sufficient to record the travels of Hadrian. The reign of Probus might be written from his coins. In illustrating the history and chronology of sculpture and ancient marbles, coins enabled the scholar and the artist not only to discern these peculiarities, which characterize style as it relates to different ages and schools, but to ascribe busts and statues to the persons they represent. The personation of the different provinces, too, forms another point of interest on the Roman coins.

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S  
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Coins are frequently essential to the illustration of obscure passages in ancient history. The present delineations of some of the most beautiful edifices of antiquity not existing now even in their ruins. Some of the medals of Sicily belong to a period when sculpture had attained its highest perfection, particularly those of Syracuse. In every quality of art, too, the Roman coins, to a certain period, yield to the Greek alone. From Augustus to Hadrian, the Roman mint was directed by excellent artists; and coins of admirable execution are found even down to the time of Postumus. The general of numismatic writers divide coins into ancient and modern; the ancient into the great divisions of Greek, Roman, and Barbarian. Modern coins are those which have been struck since the fall of the Western Empire.

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**Our Story Teller.**  
A THRILLING STORY.

A timid boy, about fourteen years of age, hesitated to go aloft, but by the captain's orders was forcibly put in the main rigging, and then a boatswain's mate was commanded to lash him like a dog until he learned to run aloft. The poor fellow's legs and arms trembled; he grasped the shrouds, he cried; he prayed the inhuman captain for God's sake to have mercy on him, but all in vain. The boatswain's mate was ordered to lay on harder and harder, regardless of the boy's piercing screams, which made even veteran seamen turn from the brutal scene in disgust. His clothes were rent from his back, the blood followed the lash, and still the tyrant roared out "Lay on, boatswain's mate!"

With one wild scream he sprang from under the lash, and bounded up the futtock rigging like a cat, passed up the topmasts and topgallant rigging with undiminished speed, shined the unruled royal rigging, and perched himself like a bird alongside of the pennant which streamed from the masthead. Here he paused, looking fearlessly upon the deck below. All of the hands came up to see "him," his cries and cruel treatment had already enlisted their sympathy, and, if possible, had increased their hatred of the captain.

The monster was smiling complacently at the success of his experiment. He was one of those tyrants who boasted that the cat, properly applied, could make men do anything. Still he was apprehensive that the boy might destroy himself, and the circumstance used against him at the Admiralty, where he knew representations of his cruelty had already been made. The man gazed in silence, looking first at the boy and then at the captain, who was seated near the taffrail. They dared not to be seen speaking to one another—it was a flogging offence; hammocks to ascertain if they whistled. The officers walked the leeward side of the quarter-deck, occasionally casting their eyes aloft, but were as silent as the men. Still the boy clung to the masthead, playing with the pennant, apparently unconscious of the interest excited below. Tired with gazing aloft, the captain sang out through the trumpet, "Down from aloft! Down!"

The boy sprang upon the truck at a bound, and raising himself erect, waved his cap around his head; then stretching his arms out, gave a wild laughing scream, and threw himself forward. The captain jumped to his feet, expecting to see the boy dashed in pieces on deck; but when clear of the shade of the sail he saw him sliding along the main royal stay towards the foretop gallant masthead, and heard him laugh and chatter like a monkey, as if enjoying the sport. He reached the masthead in safety, and then descended along the top-gallant backstay hand-over-hand. The captain looked at him, and was about to speak, but could find no words. The boy frothed at the mouth and nose; his eyes seemed starting out of his head; he rolled upon the deck in convulsions, staining it with the blood which still trickled from his back. He was a maniac. The surgeon's skill in the course of a few weeks restored his bodily health, but not his reason.

From that time forward he was fearless. In the darkest night, the fiercest gale, he would scamper along the deck like a dog, and bound aloft with a speed which no one on board could equal. He would run over the yards without holding, pass from mast to mast on the stays, ascend and descend by the leashes of the sails, and run upon the studding sail booms. He was as nimble as a cat, and had forgotten fear. Some of the light duties he learned to discharge in company with them—he did as they did, but could not be trusted to do anything himself. One order he always obeyed without hesitation. At the command "away aloft," he was off, and never paused until he reached the masthead. As he was harmless and rarely spoke, the captain kept him aboard, and, in the course of a year, sent him aloft for

fairy sparkled with pleasure. "My dear friend, it was a charming novel. They got married at last. A fact."

LOVELY WOMAN.

If we would comprehend and appreciate the awesomeness of the rose as known to its development, we must refer to the original state, and see it springing with pale red elements and crimson surroundings. If we would appreciate woman, we must see her various visages adown the stream of time, as she was once was, the miserablest of creatures, subject to most cruel tortures, insults and offenses at the hands of those boasted "Lord Creation." Looking back to the momental and historic records of the past and casting aside a many years of life, we see her as she once was, the greatest gift, "Woman," subject to the most cruel tortures, insults and offenses at the hands of those boasted "Lord Creation."

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**250 Boys' and Children's Suits,**

Composed of Broken Lots. We must have the room they occupy, and shall close the entire lot at a Reduction of 30 to 40 per cent, which is positively very much less than they cost.

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The Spencer Sun.  
INDEPENDENT.  
JAMES PICKUP, Editor.  
SPENCER MASS., FRIDAY, DEC. 27, 1878.

THE WEEKLY NEWS CAULDRON.

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Massachusetts having two lawyers to represent its large manufacturing industry. The general cry nowadays seems to be business men to the front in matters of legislation, and this is a good policy.

The Afghan war is at an end, thus making one more political victory for Beaconsfield. Russia has withdrawn her diplomatic mission, not daring to quarrel with England just now on account of internal dissensions, so the Beaconsfield Government are the leaders of the field.

Vicenzo Cassale, an Italian, was arraigned by the Municipal Court, Tuesday evening, for a brutal assault on his 14-year-old son, Michael Cassale. It appears that last Wednesday the boy returned home, and because he did not go to his father's house, he was beaten up. The boy was taken to the police station, and the latter expected Cassale took the boy and stripped him of his clothing. He then took a stick and beat him over the head, in such a manner, however, as to inflict a terrible punishment, when shown to the court to appear. After beating and kicking the boy, he tied his hands behind his back, took him to the roof of the house, and left him there for an hour.

The attention of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was called to the affair, and Dr. Dixwell, the agent, investigated, and reported Cassale being arrested by Officer Jellison. The defendant was found guilty, and sentenced to four months imprisonment in the House of Corrections. He was sent to the State prison in the sum of \$300. The suit against the Government brought by the heirs of Stephen A. Douglas for certain cotton lands in the United States, was settled in the fall, and sold as abandoned property, was settled finally in the Court of Claims Tuesday, by a judgment in favor of the claimants. The cause has been pending for years, and the subject of much controversy, investigation and litigation. The heirs are Robert M. Douglas, United States Marshal of the Western District of Illinois, and his son, Stephen J. Jr.—The sub-committee of the House Committee on Appropriations will have the legislative executive and judicial appropriation bill ready to report before the adjournment of Congress after the recess. Mr. Howitt is preparing the Army appropriation bill and will endeavor to complete it before the recess. The Appropriations Committee has agreed to all appropriation bills passed and sent to the Senate by Feb. 20 at the earliest.—Commissioner Baum has received a detailed report from the State of South Carolina of the operations carried on in Abbeville county, that State, by the special revenue force under Deputy Collector Hoffman, from the 3d to the 15th instant, in which about seven salaried stills were seized and ten distillers arrested. The Commissioner of Patents announces that from and after Jan. 1, 1878 letters patent and trademarks will be issued and registered for delivery upon the date when their respective terms begin to run. Heretofore patents were signed and bore the date of issue two weeks before the date of delivery. This has been done to prevent delays in the issuance of future patents of invention on their trip around the world. News specials from Mason, Texas, and Junction City say that Tom Donan and Louis Temple fought with pistol and knife on the 1st inst. Donan, a native of Ireland, shot Tom Donan, shooting him twice, then stabbed the boy eleven times, and cut the throat from ear to ear.

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The last paper of 1878.

Some of our distant readers already know they have not received their annuals, in explanation of which we would say that we could find no means of mailing it except as a supplement with this issue.

Forty eight children were drowned by the breaking of ice, at Chappelle Meads, France, this week, and such a thing is liable to occur in any village in this country unless the boys are taught to be precautions.

Springs seem to be very anxious about the Speakership, but we think the ruling of the house might be very safely entrusted to the hands of Col. Washburn who has both experience, ability, and sterling integrity despite the cry of \$5,000. We do not believe in a distribution of offices to different cities, but in putting the best men in the best places and this is a case of that kind, no matter where he is.

We are a little astonished that such a small-spirited civil service reformer, as President Hayes, should appoint a man to a foreign mission simply because a State has not been the recipient of any republican appointments as in the case of Senator Henderson, of Missouri, who has we are informed, been appointed to succeed Bayard Taylor on this assumption. Let us be represented by good men, if they all come from Ohio.

Work has commenced on the Mass. Central R. R. in the towns of Hudson and Weston, and Mr. Gilman, from Michigan. We may look for more agitation in TAYLOR'S DEATH—ANOTHER CANARY'S STRIKE—SOUTH CAROLINA SENATORSHIP—THE WHALEN-SHERIDAN BOUT.

Special Correspondence.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 23, 1878.

Resumption was accomplished so quietly that only three or four people who stood at the left of Register Merven's desk in the gold room knew anything about it until it was an accomplished fact.

The transaction was \$10,000, the time was 12:30 as the record shows, and the men were D. T. Corbin of South Carolina, who was in Washington contesting the seat of Geo. M. C. Butler, in the United States Senate, paid a flying visit to the White House. L. W. Gilpin of No. 16 New Street, Biddeford had been one-eighth all the morning, and the market fat with some bidding in splits (one-sixteenth), but some sales, although they were recorded at one-half price, had actually been guaranteed at one-eighth. Mr. Gilpin offered \$10,000 at par. His offer was taken at once, and a

couple of pen marks, made as quickly as the Register recovered from his astonishment, settled it. Gold at par was a fact, and theorizing had ceased to be in order. Four other sales for a similar amount followed at 12:31, 12:35, 12:45 and 12:50.

After the hour last named there were no sales, and gold closed at par. Biddeford 1 o'clock was in split; one sixteenth offered for bids, and said of sufficient amount to make a record. The gold room was almost empty at the time, and half a dozen men who were there were immediately in the stock exchange. The amount received was received there with pride, and in a moment sales were suspended, and the air was rent with the moans of broken who had never been in sympathy with the fluctuating of the gold currency. Cheers and applause followed as subsequent sales were announced at the same rate. When asked the cause of the unexpected fall, Register Merven said: "It's simple enough; it costs two per cent. to hold, while currency costs two per cent. It is cheaper to sell even at par than it is to keep it." That's the secret; nobody wants to carry it, and with gold at par, the only part that can afford to carry it is the Government. It will flow into the custom-houses and Treasury as so much water as soon as the thermometer there being below zero. It was a somewhat remarkable coincidence that the big record book in which the account of the sales were kept ran out on that day. The clerk began the day on the last page of the last leaf, and a supplementary book had been substituted, for which there will probably be no little use.

The German Government is so despotic that it will not allow a natural American to lecture in Berlin on the imperial prospects of the American West. Because it is afraid that well-educated Germans as well as Socialists would emigrate. We should think the German Authorities were very foolish, as their act of suppression would furnish the strongest incentive to those people who are wise enough to leave such a rotten old monarchy.

THE PENN YAN MYSTERY, is not one of those unhealthy sensations which are periodically flashed upon the people of our rapid-moving republic, but a whole series of illustrated weekly papers, published by Leon Lewis and bears the impress of the genius and talent of the truly great writer.

A dreadful tragedy, says the Worcester Reporter, resulted yesterday (Christmas) morning. Mrs. Harriet Lewis, whose death brought sorrow to many friends she had contributed to much pleasure and profit, by her frank and open chapters forwarded a new treat to us all. We have about

the news of the death of Bayard Taylor was received with general regret. The Lotus Club adopted a series of resolutions expressive of deep regret at his loss, and the Evening Post, in a long editorial, believes his death will be felt as a personal bereavement by all Americans, and says his writings not only made the young more studious and self-reliant, but made women of his generation who bear him through the body, inflicting a wound from which he died early next morning. He was a journalist enthusiastic eager to share with the public whatever he knew or felt. Speculation as to his successor has already begun. Among names mentioned is that of Mr. Whittier, whose management of his affairs during a critical period secured him the confidence of both French and German.

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**The Post's Corner.**

IN ONLY FOU WERE HERE.

If you were here tonight,  
I might lift my longing eyes to trace  
Your dreamy eyes down, looking on my face.

With their half-veiled, half-smiling tenebres,

Oh, first, best, and dearest, can you see?

How, in my lonely heart, your altar-flame

Would leap to sudden glorious fire, and shame

All these sad, darkened hours of fear and blame;

If only you were here!

If you were here tonight,  
Here close beside me, while the soft rain falls.

And through the darkness the sweet church-bell calls;

And all the world takes on repose,

Oh, gentle heart, if you were here so close;

That I might lean down on your breast,  
What could I ask of a wiser calm or rest,  
Who, in God's happy world, could be more blest?

If only you were here!

If only you were here tonight,  
Oh, love my love, my love, so far from me!

Through all dividing space, where'er you be,  
My winged thoughts fly fast, and far, and free,

Seeking, like birds, to find their sheltered nest,

Oh, gentle heart, make such a welcome guest;

Across the lonely world, I know not where,

I send the longing silence of a prayer,

If only you were here.

**Select Miscellany.**

**THE FASHIONS IN PAPER.**

**VISITING CARDS, INVITATIONS AND STATIONERY.**

In the midst of the pleasant excitement and occasional perplexities of making calls, preparing for weddings, and writing friendly notes and billets-doux, it is soothing to the feminine mind to be able to know that visiting cards, formal invitations, and the stationery of the writing-table conform to the prevailing fashion. A few original, independent people prefer to be odd in these particulars, but since these things are only matters of form, and, in consequence, comparatively trivial, it is good taste to avoid wasting much thought on them by frankly accepting and complacently following the lead of some good authority. About once a year, generally in the autumn, I find it instructive to call at Tiffany's in Union Square, to look at the novelties of the stationery counter. It is not long ago that new ideas in cards and writing paper were borrowed almost entirely from London. Recently the Tiffany's have aimed to originate their own styles in stationery, as for years they have done in jewelry and plate, and have established a manufacturing department with fine machinery and special artists, relying on Europe only for the best qualities of paper. It will not be long before American manufacturers will supply all the paper.

The changes that are effected, every season, in styles and etiquette, are not due wholly to the caprice of the manufacturer. Mr. W. N. Dickerson, a tall meditative gentleman with long sandy side-whiskers, who is at the head of the Tiffany department, possesses an inventive mind and almost unerring taste. He originates many things, but his business is rather to watch the tendency of the taste of fashionable society, and to be prophet enough to see what will appeal to budding fancy. A decided change in color fashion, such as that brought about by the great popularity of the deep-red *Jacquemine* roses, affects, more or less, every article in the whole list of fashion.

This is emphatically the season of good taste. There is a well defined longing after the unconventional, in everything. Light neutral tints and reds are the rage in color, and simplicity and quiet artistic effects are universally sought after by people of the best taste. In stationery and visiting cards, gilt edges and round corners are usually abjured, even abominated.

Visiting cards are perhaps a trifle larger in size than a year ago, and of pure ivory white card. The largest card is used for husband and wife, and old authorities, and especially upon

example, 'Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roe,' with the address '4 Fortescue Square,' in the lower right hand corner.



10 CHERRY STREET.

Proper size, 4 by 2 1/2.

Next comes a married lady's card 3 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches, and rears, 'Mrs. Richard Roe,' the address being given as above or omitted. If Mrs. Roe has a particular reception day, the card bears the word 'Thursday,' if that is the day, in the lower left hand corner.

J. H. Clarke & Co.

Proper size, 3 1/2 by 2 1/2.

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**Our Neighbors.****BROOKFIELD.**

[Charles H. Whittemore will receive subscriptions and advertising for the Sun, and is authorized to receipt in payment for the same.]

**Special Correspondence.**

—Christmas eve was remembered this year as usual by the different churches by trees and the usual festivities, for which preparations had been made during the three or four days preceding the evening. At the Unitarian Church there were trees with the presents for the scholars and members of the Sunday school, followed by a dramatic entertainment, which seemed to meet the appreciation of a goodly assembly. At the Congregational Church the preparations were quite elaborate, though perhaps not more so than on former occasions. The exercises here commenced at a little after five, with a concert in the body of the church, after which the assembly adjourned to the vestry, where a supper awaited them. Then followed the distribution of the fruits of the tree, which was devoted to articles for the children. When this was accomplished, Mr. Johnson, presented, in behalf of the Sunday school, a very fine engraving, neatly framed, to their superintendent, Mr. Chas. Blanchard, which was acknowledged by that gentleman in a few appropriate remarks. The exercises were then closed by two pantomimic sketches, which produced considerable merriment. At the Methodist Church a tree and supper for the little folks in the early part of the evening, was all that was attempted. Their vestry, however, was very prettily decorated with numerous designs in evergreen, and reflected much credit on the taste of the decorators. As has become the custom of late years, private trees at home furnish for all the more valuable presents, and these seem to be in order at any time during the week of Christmas.

—The select assembly announced in last week's paper as occurring Friday evening, was a mistake as it was this Friday evening of this week instead of last. Mr. Coolidge intends to hold one of these assemblies each Friday in Warren.

—The Town's Re-union has been postponed one week, to Tuesday, Jan. 7, on account of the pre-engagement of the hall.

**NORTH BROOKFIELD.****Special Correspondence.**

—The employees of the North Brookfield Railroad, through Conductor C. A. Howes, presented Firemen Chas. L. Dodge, on Christmas day, with a very handsome and valuable meerschaum pipe, as a token of their respect for him for the faithful fulfillment of all his duties during his connection with the road.

—The Band netted \$200 by their fair last week.

—Thursday evening Mrs. Livermore of Boston delivered one of her best lectures in the Town Hall, to a very large audience. Subject, 'Beyond the Sea.' It was one of the best lectures ever delivered in town.

—The foundation of Mr. Mason's new house and barn is nearly completed.

—Mr. John Bean is still improving. His friends have presented him with a nice easy chair.

—The new house of Mr. H. Whiting on Summer street, is rapidly progressing.

—We are pleased to say that all of our schools are doing nicely, especially the High School and the Second Grammar, which is one of the best governed schools in town, and great improvement is expected under its present teacher, Mr. Ashby.

—The Big Shop closed Tuesday for repairs and take account of stock. It is reported they will start next Monday at 10 per cent. reduction.

—Good Hope Division, S. of T., choose their officers next Monday evening. The Division is in a flourishing condition, with a membership of about one hundred and fifty.

**EAST BROOKFIELD.****Special Correspondence.**

—John G. Avery shipped four of his anti-friction bearings to Brooklyn, N. Y., on Tuesday for use on a turn-table. Four more are nearly ready to complete the order.

—A genuine elopement has occurred in this very quiet and moral town, which has been the topic of conversation for a week past. The parties are a young man of good family and formerly of good name, whose father died some years ago, and the wife of a young Frenchman. This young man has called quite often on this woman, and they have been seen walking out together several times during the past summer. All this was unknown to the mother of this young man; but the husband of this woman did not like the way things were going on, and told his wife she must stop seeing this young man or leave, which latter she did Tuesday noon of last week. The young man went to Worcester and drew out

of the savings bank some ninety or one hundred dollars, and left on the same train.

**PODUNK.****Special Correspondence.**

—Mr. Lyman Draper was kindly remembered by his Brookfield friends on Christmas, by a pair of gloves and an easy chair.

—The Christmas tree at Union Hall was loaded with presents. After reading by Mrs. V. M. Hobbs, Hattie Pierce and Miss Pope, and music, the presents were distributed, and then most of the party enjoyed themselves by playing ring games.

**PROGRAMME FOR NEW YEARS.**—Each one intending to join in the march will provide a sheet, pillow case, belt and mask or domino. Attendants will be in the lower hall from 6.30 to 8 o'clock to aid in dressing. From 8 to 9.30 marching, and such other amusement as will ensure the most social time, in costume. At 9.30 o'clock supper, consisting of oysters, cake, tea and coffee. Any one wishing masks will please leave word with V. N. Hobbs.

**OAKHAM.****Special Correspondence.**

—Mr. Artemas Maynard, aged about 70 years, a highly respected citizen of this town, met with fatal accident last Saturday afternoon, while doing chores at his barn. He was alone at the time, but from appearances he was ascending a ladder when he fell to the floor, striking on his head and rendering him unconscious. He was found a short time afterwards, and medical aid immediately sent for, but all efforts to revive him were unavailing. He remained in this state until 11.30 when he died.

—Next Monday evening the Farmer's Club will be favored with an essay from Dr. Brigham. Their meetings are gaining in favor every week, and are productive of great good to all those who attend, and those who do not avail themselves of this opportunity to gain information do not realize what they lose.

**BRIMFIELD.****Special Correspondence.**

—In the death of Mr. Edwin E. Sherman Brimfield loses another of its landmarks. Although not particularly conspicuous in society himself, he belonged to one of the old families of considerable significance, and whose present generation are of a high order of business as well as mental capacities.

—The new Town House is nearing its completion and will ere long be ready for occupancy. A town meeting will be held at the church vestry on Monday, the 30th inst., to act on various articles specified in the warrant, among them is one to raise money for the purpose of furnishing the new Town Hall, and also to purchase a suitable building for a school house in District No. 2, East Brimfield.

—We are sorry to say that the health of Mrs. Wm. H. Wyles is in no way improved, and we believe the family have given up the idea of occupying a city residence during the present winter. It will be a great disappointment to herself and family, as well as to her New York friends.

—The ladies of the Second Congregational Church celebrated Christmas Eve by a festival of music, speaking and other entertainment, at Munroe Hall, which was received with great eclat, but not the least on the programme was the Christmas tree, that hung full of bon-bons and toys innumerable for the gratification of the juvenile classes, and for the older class a well spread table, composed of all the viands—solids and liquids—that the taste could desire. Cake and ice cream found a ready sale. The company was large, many ladies and gentlemen from the neighboring villages being present. The evening was pleasant, the company agreeable and lively, and everything passed away with a merry and joyful sentiment of peace on earth and good will to all. There were about 150 persons present.

—Winter has come upon us in sober earnest. The woodman's axe resounds in all directions, securing fuel for the coming season, a wise thought of the industrial man and perfect farmer, who has his farming utensils stored away, his barns and store houses filled with sustenance for the flocks and herds that are housed, fed and bedded secure from the blasts and pelting storms of winter.

**WEBSTER.****Special Correspondence.**

—John G. Avery shipped four of his anti-friction bearings to Brooklyn, N. Y., on Tuesday for use on a turn-table. Four more are nearly ready to complete the order.

—The Reform Club, of which Mr. William J. Leland is President, is doing a noble work. It celebrated its first anniversary Saturday night at the "Opera House." Delegations from Worcester, Oxford and Dudley, were present. Speeches were made by several of the visitors. The music was kindly furnished by the Webster Brass Band, Mr. Coleman, leader, and a double quartette, Mr. E. D. Clemens, musical director. After the music, the invited guests, together with the friends sat down to a bountiful repast, and, at 11.30 P. M., all voted that this, their first anniversary, was a grand success.

**OXFORD.**

—Services were held in all the churches on Christmas eve. In the Congregational Church a Christmas tree for the little ones, with refreshments, singing by the members of the school, assisted by the choir, all under direction of the very efficient Superintendent of the school, Mr. O. F. Joslin through whose devotion to its interests the school owes very much of its present prosperity. Mr. J. has been unanimously chosen Superintendent for several years.

—Mr. Chas. A. Bacon has the right kind of fowls; one of them recently deposited in its nest an egg measuring nearly 8 inches by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

—Hon. Alex. DeWitt still continues in a very feeble state of health. His death would not be surprising at any time.

**WEST WARREN.**

—The Warren cotton-mills at West Warren, were obliged to shut down their No. 1 mill cloth-room and dye-house, Tuesday afternoon, because an anchorice caused a portion of the rock in the No. 1 canal to give way at noon.

—Goldberg & Simmons, traveling picture frame dealers, met with a serious loss Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Simmons was driving across the railroad bridge between West Warren and Warren, when a train passing beneath him struck the horse, which ran, frightening him and making a total wreck of the carriage. About \$100 worth of picture-frames were smashed in addition. The horse escaped without much hurt.

**SOUTHBRIDGE.**

—The Golden Rule Temple of Honor held a social gathering and oyster supper Monday evening.

—The attendance at the New Year's dances will be seriously interfered with by the action of the priests of the Catholic and French Catholic churches who have forbidden members of their congregations to attend. It is impossible to say how generally these instructions will be obeyed, but it is feared that enough of the ladies will be frightened away to endanger the success of the balls.

**CHARLTON.****Special Correspondence.**

—Professor Turner's Stereopticon exhibition, given in the Congregational Church, Friday evening, Dec. 20th, was good, and worthy of a better patronage.

—Mr. Tyler has sold his farm to Foster Ray.

—Mr. Livermore's singing school, at the centre, is progressing finely.

—James Flint fell and broke his hip while fishing on Walker's pond, last Sunday.

**WEST WARREN.**

—The foundation for the new Methodist Church is all in and the underpinning is nearly ready. The plans and specifications for the building have been finished, and contractors are invited to look at them.

—M. M. Henneby has finished his brick house on the Brimfield road, and occupies the upper floor for a tenement and the ground floor for a saloon.

—Rev. S. C. Carey of the Methodist Church, soon after he came to the village, arranged a series of home Bible readings for his people, so that all would read the same Scripture at the same time. The New Testament is to be read through before the annual conference, at the rate of about a chapter a day. Upon taking up a new book the pastor gives the congregation a simple history and outline of it, and the readings are accordingly interesting.

—At the Christmas celebration of the Congregational Sunday school, Rev. A. H. Somes received an easy chair from his people, and a silver dinner casket was presented to Mrs. Somes. The school gave Miss Belle E. Bowdoin, their superintendent, a fine edition of the "Encyclopedia of Poetry," and Misses Lizzie Clark and Carrie Loveland, workers in the school, were each given a Russia leather portefeuille.

**LEICESTER.**

—Ice Dealer Bond is building an ice house, 100 by 40 feet, at Patch's upper reservoir. A large ice house is also building at Patch's lower reservoir.

**COUNTY BREVIETIES.**

—Milford is talking of a fire alarm telegraph.

—The Fitchburg Ice Company is already cutting ice and taking out blocks one inch thick.

—The golden wedding of Miles Wood and wife of Northboro was celebrated Wednesday.

—John F. McDermott and Wm. H. Goggins of Worcester were ordained to the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Saturday.

**GONE HOME.**

In Brimfield, Dec. 14, of consumption Edwin E. Sherman, aged 57 years.

In Oakham, Dec. 21, Artemas Maynard, aged 69 years and 10 months.

In Charlton City, Dec. 19, Emma, wife of Geo. C. Prouty, aged 39 years, formerly of Spencer, to Miss Ella M. Holgate of Honesdale.

Life was sweet and earth had treasures.

They were but as the best.

But beyond all earthly pleasures

Was the hope of heavenly rest.

In Spencer, Dec. 21, Harry B. Stoddard, aged 12 years, 11 months and 18 days.

In Spencer, Dec. 25, Bruno Manville, aged 1 year and 17 days.

In Oxford, December 17th, Clementine Thayer, aged 68 years.

The annual New England conference of Methodist churches is to be held at Grace Church, Worcester. The presiding officer will be Bishop Simson of Philadelphia.

—It is understood that Rev. T. E. St. John, pastor of the Universalist Church, Worcester, contemplates resigning his pastorate at the annual church meeting in January, the resignation to take place April 1st.

—Saturday night's storm raised the water in the Lynde Brook reservoir three inches, bringing it within 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches of the rollway, and making the depth of water on the dam 37 feet and three-fourths of an inch.

—Mrs. Sarah Warren, a widow lady living at Webster square, Worcester, while sitting by the stove conversing with friends, Tuesday afternoon, was suddenly taken with a violent fit of coughing, and before recovering from it expired.

—District Judge Nelson of Worcester, just appointed by President Hayes, is a native of Haverhill, N. H., and a graduate of the University of Vermont in 1846, when he was 19 years old. For five years he worked as a civil engineer in railroad building in New England, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, and then studied law, finishing his course with Judge Dewey at Worcester. He was admitted to the bar in 1855, has been the partner of Congressman Rice and Dwight Foster, a member of the Legislature in 1869, where he was Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and for several years City Solicitor of Worcester.

George H. Brown met John H. Jenks on the street in Pawtucket, R. I., Christmas Day, and, after bidding him good morning, drew a revolver and fired twice. Jenks is probably fatally wounded. Brown was provoked to the murder by the discovery of criminal intimacy between his wife and Jenks.

Gen. Sherman approves of the Burnside army bill as consistent in all its details, and likely to bring harmony to all parts of the service, but the officers who will be shamed by it, especially those in the Ordnance Corps, are making great exertions to defeat it.

At the New England Society dinner in New York Monday night, speeches were made by Secretaries Evarts and Sherman, Senator Blaine, Rev. Dr. Storrs, Gov. Van Zandt and others.

Anton Moller, a New York Custom House broker, has been held in \$19,000 to answer to a charge of smuggling.

The Treasury officials regard resumption as already an accomplished fact. During the past week many persons who sent gold coupons to the treasury for payment requested that they be paid in greenbacks.

Calf Skins 10c per lb; sheep and lamb skins \$5 a 100 each.

Store Cattle—Yearlings, \$8 a \$15, 2-years-old, \$11 a \$19; 3-years-old, \$25 a \$45 per head.

Milch Cows—Extra \$45 a \$70; ordinary \$20 a \$40; farrow cows \$11 a \$20; springers, \$22 a \$45 per head.

Swine—Fat hogs, 3 1-2 a 3 3-4c per lb live weight.

**ARRIVED.**

In Southbridge, December 24th, a son to A. J. Bartholomew.

In Athol, 20th ult, a son to John A and Emma Thrower.

In Charlton, December 6th, a daughter to Rev. I. P. Quimby.

In Southbridge, Dec 11th, a daughter to E. C. Guy.

**UNITED.**

In Honesdale, Pa., Dec. 24, by Rev. Mr. Donning, D. D., Henry M. Jones, formerly of Spencer, to Miss Ella M. Holgate of Honesdale.

**GONE HOME.**

In Brimfield, Dec. 14, of consumption Edwin E. Sherman, aged 57 years.

In Oakham, Dec. 21, Artemas Maynard, aged 69 years and 10 months.

In Charlton City, Dec. 19, Emma, wife of Geo. C. Prouty, aged 39 years, formerly of Spencer,

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