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AMONG THE FARMERS.

"SPREAD THE FLOW."

Correspondence on practical agricultural topics is solicited. Address all communications to the Editor of the Maine Farmer, 100 Main Street, Portland, Me.

Written for the Oxford Democrat.

POULTRY NOTES.

Incubator and setting hen time are

dawning upon the wide-awake poultry-

man, now that the historical "ground-

hog day" is looming in the near future.

If he behaves himself, the farmer to look

ahead a bit and make up his mind as to

what he proposes to do in poultry the

coming year.

It is now that the careless or impro-

vident owner of a flock of hens awakes

to the fact that he wishes to add a new

bird to his flock, or that his own male

bird is ailing or has unexpectedly died.

He thinks himself the man who has

all the past fall had choice birds for

sale, who has perhaps been willing to

sell his surplus at a low figure, rather

than wait till he could get a better

price. He would have been better off

if he had waited till the coming year,

and that far outdied anything that the

surrounding poultry yards might have

shown. He didn't buy at that time be-

cause he was willing to wait till he

showed the large sum of one or two dol-

lars. Incidentally it may be that he

finds, that the owners of choice birds

perhaps, may have no more for sale, or

that they may be making profitable use

themselves of their choice birds for the

end of the ultimate sale. Little vision-

ary foresight seems to be a rare com-

modity in the poultry world.

But to the provident poultryer there

awaits now a spirit of happy anticipa-

tion in the labors of the coming season.

He feels stirring within him vague

and delightful sensations, for the lover

of poultry has long been a lover of the

country, and has many a taste that is

refined because of his contact with the

study of nature, and his imagination

finds charming little visions in the

things he feels are possible for him in

the life of his chosen work.

To him also, she did to the sainted

Agassiz.

"Nature, the old nurse, took

the child upon her knee."

"Come, wander with me," she said,

And read me the story of the world."

And now we are still in the world.

Even so it is with him who is truly in

love with his livestock, whether it be

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THE DEAD BABE.

Last night, as my dear babe lay dead,

In agony I knelt and cried:

O God! what I have done,

Or in what way I have offended thee,

That thou shouldst take away from me

My little son!

Upon the thousand unguessed lives,

Upon the guilty that haunt thy throne,

Thy wrath was better spent

Why shouldst thou take my little son?

Why shouldst thou vent thy wrath upon

This innocent?

Last night, as my dear babe lay dead,

Before mine eyes that vision spread

Of things that might have been—

Forgotten prayers, a wasted life

To have an infant, asserts that the

care and attention rendered to a herd is

worth 5 cents per day per cow. In addition

to this, he estimates a depreciation in

value of individual cows, averaging the young

and old ones together, at 1 cent per day.

To this he adds 1 cent per day per cow

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the hardworking, versatile and travel-

ing newspaper man who cared little for

society or for anything but his profes-

sion, who told this story to a group of

reporters the other night:

"Five years ago I was working on a

New York newspaper. One afternoon

just as I set out from the office to do

my routine business, the managing

editor sent me a note. He held a yellow

cablegram in his hand, and as I entered

his room he glanced up from it and said:

"Harding, I am going to send you to

Honduras. You leave in two hours."

"I explained that a new uprising

was imminent and that the managing

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H. H. Brown of West Paris was at the Hill last week.

Jack L. Frink, Esq., of Broomfield, was in town last week.

George B. Staples of Gilead was at Paris last Wednesday.

W. H. Eastman, Esq., of East Sumner, was in town Thursday.

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Venues were issued for four jurors from the town of Paris for the February term of the United States court at Portland, and the following were drawn last Thursday: A. D. Andrews and Henry Forbes, grand jurors; Timothy Cleahy and L. B. Swan, traverse.

The Artesian well at Mountain View Farm is now down about seventy feet. Considerable water has been struck, and they will put in the pump and try it. Their rate of progress with the drill has been from six inches to five feet per day, according to the character of the ledge.

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THE DOINGS OF THE WEEK IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Business is very good here now. Birch is coming in to the mill quite fast, and the saw mill is soon to be started. A lot of changes have been made in the pool mill, and some new machinery set up, and several new men have been employed.

E. L. Tibbets made a business trip to Lewiston Saturday, returning Monday night.

Mrs. Abner Libby is somewhat improved in health. Mrs. G. Humphrey of Portland is stopping with her for a few weeks. Her sister and niece, Mrs. O. K. Yates and daughter, are with her.

Rev. R. A. Rich and wife were called to New Gloucester last week by the death of her brother. The sad news came suddenly, and was a severe shock to Mrs. Rich. She has the sympathy of the community.

Mrs. K. T. Bryant, who has been visiting her sons at this place, has gone to Bryant's Pond for a few weeks. According to the report, she is well and happy.

Station Agent Carr was called to Canada last week by the sickness of his mother. During his absence, Mrs. Carr went to Shelburne, N. H., with her little boys, and visited her parents.

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BYRANT'S POND.

The rear of the Byrants store building is being fitted up for a drug store. It has been rented to Mr. George Jones of Buckfield.

The Oxford Club held their first meeting Friday evening. W. H. Sturtevant, teacher of the high school, is president. A paper read by Misses Peverly and Stevens will follow the debating of the question. Several recitations are also on the programme.

Horace Cushman will attend the spring term of the state college and Lizzie Stevens at the Gorham Normal School.

The school factory started up again Wednesday.

Harry Estes is clerking in Morton's furniture store.

Mrs. L. N. Tabor is visiting her father in Easton.

J. M. Day sold two pair of fat oxen last week to Merrow Bros. of Auburn.

H. E. Cole in Lynn working for his brother, who is a shoe manufacturer there.

WEST FRYEBURG.

Mrs. Charles Lewis is quite sick with rheumatism.

Mrs. E. P. Hutchins has spent the past week in Fryeburg with her son John.

Henry Hutchins entertained the young married people's whist club Saturday evening.

Mr. Henry Andrews and wife and Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Towle and wife spent a very pleasant evening with Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Wiley Saturday.

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CANTON.

We understand there is to be a new store in town.

Mr. W. H. Gilbert is confined to the house with rheumatism.

Mr. Arthur McFadden is confined to his house with neuralgia of the face and head.

The Universalist Circle met with Mrs. O. Holt on the 17th, and the house was crowded to its utmost capacity. Every one enjoys these gatherings.

The ladies' relief corps meets with Mrs. George W. Moore next Tuesday afternoon and evening. This organization is in the most prosperous condition.

Horace Cushman will attend the spring term of the state college and Lizzie Stevens at the Gorham Normal School.

The school factory started up again Wednesday.

Harry Estes is clerking in Morton's furniture store.

Mrs. L. N. Tabor is visiting her father in Easton.

J. M. Day sold two pair of fat oxen last week to Merrow Bros. of Auburn.

H. E. Cole in Lynn working for his brother, who is a shoe manufacturer there.

WEST FRYEBURG.

Mrs. Charles Lewis is quite sick with rheumatism.

Mrs. E. P. Hutchins has spent the past week in Fryeburg with her son John.

Henry Hutchins entertained the young married people's whist club Saturday evening.

Mr. Henry Andrews and wife and Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Towle and wife spent a very pleasant evening with Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Wiley Saturday.

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