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ETNA INSURANCE CO.
OF HARTFORD, CONN.
On the 31st day of December, 1875, made to the State of Maine.

Capital Stock Paid up	\$3,000,000.00
Assets as follows:	
Real Estate unimproved	\$95,000.00
Cash on hand, in bank, and in Agents' hands	1,120,238.83
United States Securities	350,322.60
State, City & Town Stocks and Bonds	1,208,109.69
Bank and Trust Company Stocks	1,230,120.00
Railroad Stocks and Bonds	1,295,240.00
Loans on Real Estate	2,150.00
Loans on Collaterals	12,727.00
Accrued Interest	500.00
Total Assets	\$9,578,127.44
Liabilities:	
Losses adjusted and not due	\$4,857.50
Unpaid claims	200,000.00
Insurance Fund	1,811,171.02
Interest Premiums and Agency Commissions	85,477.46
Other Liabilities small, for printing, etc.	5,992.92
Total	\$2,143,098.98
Total Income for 1875	\$1,007,011.63
Total Expenditures for 1875	\$3,572,816.05
Risks written during the year	\$315,084.00
Risks written in Maine during the year	\$28,150,000.00
Premiums received in Maine in 1875	\$25,121.28
Losses paid in Maine in 1875	\$14,159.13

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE COUNTY, JANUARY 1, 1876.

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County of Oxford in account with C. C. CUSHMAN, County Treasurer, from Jan. 1, 1875, to Jan. 1, 1876.

Dec. 31, To Paid Law Library	\$75.25
Salaries	1,350.00
Commissioners' Orders	3,839.92
C. C. Cushman, Treasurer	280.00
Constables' Bills	137.50
Jury Bills	2,347.72
Sheriff's Bill	63.25
Land Damages	1,122.00
Committees Fees	49.84
Criminal Bills	2,771.90
County Road Bills	95.00
Interest Account	50.16
Coroners' Bills	84.64
Outstanding Loan	350.00
To Cash in Treasury	585.21
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OXFORD NORMAL INSTITUTE
South Paris, Me.
The Winter and Spring Term of this Institution will commence
TUESDAY, February 1st, 1876.

INSTRUCTORS:
F. T. CROMMETT, A. B., Principal.
ADDIE C. MATHEWS, Teacher of Higher English and French.
ABRIE C. MOISE, Teacher of the Intermediate Department.
ANNA B. CROMMETT, Teacher of the Primary Department.
Teacher of Drawing and Painting.
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TUTION:
The rates of tuition will be the same as usual at all public schools, outside the limits of District No. 2, in Paris. Pupils who are not present the whole term will pay 10 cents per week for Common English and 15 cents for Higher English and Languages. In addition to the usual course of instruction, arrangements are in progress for obtaining the services of a teacher of Vocal Music. If successful, two lessons per week will be given free to all pupils of the High School and Intermediate Department.
For circulars or catalogues of the School, apply to GEO. A. WILSON, Esq., Wm. J. WHEELER, Esq., F. STONE, P. M., or F. T. CROMMETT, Principal, South Paris, Maine.
January 1, 1876.

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Poetry.

NOW.

Arise, for the day is passing
While you lie dreaming;
Your brothers are called in armor
And forth to the fight are gone;
Your place in the ranks awaits you—
Such man has a part to play;
The past and the future are nothing
In the face of the stern to-day.

Arise from the dream of the future,
Of gaining a hard-fought field,
Of storming the sky fortress,
Of building the giant to yield;
Your future has deeds of glory,
Or honor (and gain it may);
But your aim will never be stronger
Or sweeter as now to-day.

Arise! In the past days
The sunshine and storm forgot,
No chaos so unworthy to hold you
As those of a vain regret.
Sad or bright she is lifeless ever;
Nay look back, save to learn the lesson
Of a soldier's strife to-day.

Arise, for the day is passing;
The soul that you dimly have
Is your earnest marching to battle—
Rise! Rise! For the day is near;
Slay not to slay, but to save;
The hour will strike at last,
And from dreams of coming battle
You will wake and find it past.

—Bartlett Post.

Agricultural.

For THE OXFORD DEMOCRAT.
Planning Improvements.

While sitting by the fire during these long winter evenings every farmer can think of some improvements or alterations which it was his intention to make during the past summer, but which, by some means, have been neglected and postponed. Indeed, it is quite likely that many of us can call to mind improvements which we designed to have executed more than one year ago, and which have been postponed from one time to another, until we have nearly found time to do these little things which we intended.

The trouble, as a general thing, is that there being no system of work upon the farm, no particular time for doing any particular thing, (unless it be milking) everything is done at such time as happens to be convenient, and many things which should be attended to, are forgotten or crowded out when thought of, by more weighty or pressing matters.

This Centennial Year is a good time to begin improvements in the way of doing business, and no the first requisite of a successful accomplishment of our work is a well considered and well matured plan, to what better use can we put a portion of our winter evenings than to the discussion with our families of the desirable alterations and improvements in the buildings and grounds, and the drawing up of a plan of operations for the coming season, with the determination to carry it out?

The number of little improvements which will suggest themselves as desirable and practical, in a family enclosure, will surprise anyone who has never tried that method of getting ideas, and the interest which one and all will take in the matter will be found a great assistance in carrying out the proposed work when warm weather comes, and it is time to put in execution the plans of the winter.

For THE OXFORD DEMOCRAT.
Walking Horses.

A horse that can walk five miles an hour is of vastly more use to the farmer or drayman, than a horse that can trot "down in the twenties," and yet how few even when raising and training horses for their own use, take pains to improve any gain except the trot!

It is just as practicable to breed fast walking horses as fast trotters, and of late years some attention has been given to the matter. There has not, as yet, been sufficient labor and care bestowed upon this gait of the horse, to have produced a breed of horses noted for their fast walking; and consequently, there is just as much chance for one as another to bring out the horse which shall win the next walking match. Before many years there will be walking matches for horses at all our agricultural fairs as we now have trotting matches, and for the first few years after walking matches have become popular, they will be won by animals which have not been bred with particular reference to their capabilities in that line, just as a few years ago trotting races were won by horses like Flora Temple and others taken from butcher cattle, express wagons, etc.

Here is an idea for the boys who are breaking colts this winter. If, instead of devoting all your attention to the increase of trotting speed, you will do all you can to get his fastest walk from your animal, you will stand a far better chance of winning a race when your colt is well trained, and ready for exhibition, besides making a much more valuable animal for use upon the farm.

Raising Cattle.

One of the anomalies in the agricultural practice of our Middle and Eastern States, is the comparatively little attention paid to the raising of cattle and other live stock for the butcher. Our markets have to be supplied from Ohio, Indiana, Iowa or Kentucky, and even from Kansas and Texas, so that most of the beef consumed in a small country village in any of the Middle and Eastern States comes from the Western States named. If really good mutton is desired by a resident of one of these villages the chances are ten to one that his butcher has to send to the city and buy a carcass raised in and sent from Canada. If he wishes to buy hams or salted pork the country storekeeper supplies him with that, cured at Cincinnati or St. Louis; to get a first-class article of meat grown near his own door is almost an impossibility.

Immense quantities of artificial fertilizers are sold in the Eastern States for manuring fields upon which to grow corn or other cereal crops with which the West can more cheaply supply us, than the first class meats and dairy products. Large quantities of horse manure are sold in this city at 20 cents a load or seven or eight bushels, at the wharf, to farmers on Long Island, thenceforth to grow such crops, these same farmers paying from 20 to 45 cents a pound for western butter for

their own tables, and the butcher supplying them with beef and mutton from the same States. Under such a system it is no wonder that they complain of farming as not paying.

We think that one reason why the Western agriculturists are controlling our meat market is largely to be found in their superior quality as compared with that in this section; more is due to this than in the less cost of feeding. They have paid far more attention to breeding stock for market than we have, crossing their native stock with thoroughbred cattle and thus raising a grade stock which is of superior quality and comes to maturity a year or eighteen months sooner than scrubs, thus making a great saving in the cost of feeding.

We have noticed that at all the sales of thoroughbred stock in this State and eastward, Western men were the largest buyers and paid the highest prices, showing that they fully understood the advantages to be derived from such a course of breeding. Very seldom do we find an Eastern farmer buying any such stock, the choicest may be bought by those who make the breeding of such stock a specialty, and are willing to pay from 3,000 to 30,000 dollars for an animal which was perfect or nearly so, in all the points which these fanciers consider as necessary to be possessed in such animals.

But it does not follow that because a few animals thus approach perfection, or are perfect, that others of the same lineage are of no practical value. Bulls, which at these sales could be had from 200 to 300 dollars each, were equally valuable for ordinary breeding purposes as their more perfect brothers, the color and set of whose horns, the straightness of backs, the set of their tails and other fancy points made them rare exceptions in the herd. Their less fortunate brothers possessed small heads and horns, small bones, great width and depth of frame, a mottled, soft skin and all the points necessary for breeding for the butcher and with the power of so impressing their offspring.

Farmers are too apt to think that fancy cattle breeding is a business, or at least a business infatuation of gentlemen farmers, but it is not so in reality; the real infatuation rests with those farmers who laugh at the breeders. If they desire to breed fine colts they will have their mares served by some blooded stallion of good pedigree, who may be standing for the season in their town or county, and pay a good price for the service; but they look at the idea of paying one-quarter or one-half the price to have a cow served by a bull of as good pedigree as the stallion. They think that the town bull, who has scarcely a good point in his whole carcass is as good as the best or nearly so.

In the case of sheep, their ideas get no further than wool, which certainly does not pay when raised on a small scale; but when sheep are raised as a business the case is far different, as can readily be seen by comparing the value of sheep which only set for the value of their fleeces, and those of 50 to 120 pounds weight selling at 10 to 15 cents a pound on their feet; and yet there are a hundred of the first raised by farmers to one of the latter; the raising of the first hardly vouchsafing that sheep raising cannot be made to pay.

We think that this is a subject which all country or local agricultural societies should take up. In no way could they more greatly benefit their members pecuniarily than by purchasing bulls or rams of the proper breeds and first class pedigree, and allowing their use to their members at reasonable price. We have no doubt that if such a course were adopted in our Middle and Eastern States that in ten or twelve years a plentiful supply of first class meat could be had in our cities and towns, and our farmers find it pays well to raise it in the resultant products of the dairy. They would also increase the value of their farms, for all experience shows that properly understood and managed stock-farming increases the fertility of the land, whereas grain-farming alone only impoverishes it.

Successful stock-farming requires the cultivation of roots and a different system of management to that of grain-farming; the masses of our farmers are, we fear, too much inclined to move in the ruts which their forefathers have made. Times have, however, changed greatly since our grandfather's days, and if we would be successful in business, we must adapt ourselves to the new order of things, or we shall be left in the lurch. It is well to be prudent and even conservative, but it is also well to understand that where there is no progress there is no profit, and progress involves change.—[N. Y. Express.

Wheat and Potatoes.

There is no better fallow crop for wheat than potatoes, especially on strong, heavy soil. The thorough cultivation needed for potatoes leaves the ground in excellent tilth, and only a slight plowing is needed, if the potatoes were planted in soil that is usually well rotted by fall, and is turned to the surface where most needed for the young wheat plants. The objection to wheat after potatoes is the difficulty of getting the crop off in time for sowing. With the old fashioned peackblow it was practically impossible; but the early rose inaugurated a new era in farming. I know several men, and the shrewdest of farmers, who make a practice of planting three to five acres of early rose to be followed by wheat. Planted very early on clover sod, the crop is marketed early, much of it selling for the fancy prices generally paid in most markets for new potatoes. There is then a full month for plowing and preparing the ground.—Even when planted later, there is usually time to get early rose off soon enough for wheat sowing. And later planted early rose usually yield better than those got in early.—[Country Gentleman.

An easy way to drive screws into hard wood is to file a flat space about a quarter inch long on the side of the screw, beginning at the point. This cuts the wood and forms a thread in the same way that a tap does. The screw follows and holds well.

—A farmer in Cambria County, Pa., having the deed for his farm in his vest pocket, hung the garment on the fence, while at work in his field, and a cow coming along, ate part of the vest and the deed. The question in that vicinity now is: Is that cow a freeholder, as the title of the land was duly vested in her?

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Mr. H. R. STEVENS.—Dear Sir, I will most cheerfully and truly testify that I have been cured of a most ruinable disease, and have already received in return of your great and good medicine, the VEGETINE, for I do not think enough can be said in its praise, for I was troubled over thirty years with that dreadful disease, Catarrh, and had such bad coughing spells that it would seem as though I could never breathe any more, and VEGETINE has cured me; and I do feel to thank God all the time for it, as it has given me the best medicine for my cough and weak and sickly feelings in the stomach, and added the power to take food, and I can assure you it is one of the best medicines that ever was.

MRS. L. G. STEVENS, Cambridge, Mass.

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Report from a Practical Chemist and Apothecary.

Boston, Jan. 1, 1871.

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