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Until further notice, the OXFORD DEMOCRAT will be sent to any address, post-paid, three months, on trial, for 25 cents. Those who wish to continue their subscription after they have tried it, may forward \$1.50 to this office, on receipt of which they will be entitled to the paper for one year.

Another Victory!



Louisiana for Hayes and Wheeler!

A JUST DECISION!

Down with Traitors!

Last Friday the great Commission completed their labors upon the contested State of Louisiana, and gave her electoral votes to Hayes and Wheeler. The decision was similar to that in the Florida case. They decided not to go behind the returns, and settled the case upon the merits of the certificates presented to them. The Republican certificates were properly returned and certified, and hence received the sanction of the commission. This is a second great victory for the Republican party. Successful at the polls at an honest vote, their position has now been established by the highest American tribunal ever established. Those who undertook to carry their point and elect their men by violent measures have been defeated at every point.

There are still two States, Oregon and South Carolina, to go before the Commission, but the decision in Louisiana virtually settles them all.

An Interesting Debate.

The National House of Representatives met on Monday, and decided not to agree with the great Electoral Arbitration Commission, because the decision of that body did not coincide with the views held by a majority of the House. Mr. Carr of Indiana, a consistent and rabid Democrat, read his political brethren a homily upon consistency that convulsed the Republicans with laughter, and set democratic teeth to gnashing. His remarks contain so many practical suggestions to Oxford County Democrats who complain of the commission, that we publish them, hoping they may serve to quiet unsteady nerves and calm the troubled breast.

Mr. Carr of Indiana next took the floor and made a speech, which created much amusement on the part of the Republicans and those Democrats who had opposed the electoral bill. While boldly asserting his belief that the Democratic friends were elected, he as boldly asserted that no one is to blame for the decision of the commission but those who established that partisan tribunal. When the Democratic majority of this House adopted this law, with the full knowledge that a majority of the commission would be Republicans, governed by Republican instincts, controlled by Republican interests, warped by Republican biases and moved by Republican motives, they deliberately abandoned every claim to a control of our national affairs. It is no more nor less than what could or should have been expected or required of them; you erected a political tribunal, invested with political attributes, and gave them political questions to determine, which they have settled from a political standpoint. Being Republicans they believe the Republican candidate for President was and ought to be elected. In making their declaration they have been true and faithful to their political opinions, education and associations. No legal wrong can attach to them for this; but when as Democrats, you deliberately put such power over such questions in the hands of a tribunal so constituted, you committed a glaring wrong to your pretended political convictions, and assuredly to your political associates whose political sentiments and rights you betrayed and abandoned to your political adversaries. I arise to remind the Democratic majority that in common decency your votes on this measure have bestowed you upon indulging in even one word of criticism against the decision of that tribunal. It is your own off-spring. You brought it into being; you gave it life and power; and you alone are responsible for the result. It is no excuse for you to assert that you did not anticipate such a result; you had no more right to expect a tribunal so constituted here upon this floor and amid the derision and contumely of the Democratic majority dared to warn you of the inevitable results of that day's work, have a moral right to complain of this day's labor. But while they have deep regrets as to the action of the commission, they have deep and bitter denunciations and condemnations to heap upon the heads of those who claiming to be leaders of the great Democratic party in this trying hour of its existence, have proven themselves either incompetent from ignorance or unworthy for base reasons. (Renewed laughter and applause on the Republican side.)

Here then in the name of the Democracy of the whole country, I absolve that commission from all charges save that it may be that of an honest mistake, and in the name of the same great power, I denounce the majority of this House as being responsible for the wrong and recent, ignorantly or corruptly recant, to the confidence which has been imposed in them and faithless to the trusts confided to them. (Applause.)

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"Reform" With a Great R.

Reform is a beautiful word from Democratic lips. During the campaign the Democrats failed to get the country precisely what would be done if they succeeded, but we might all be sure that they would take care of "Reform." The Republicans were very bad people, Mr. Fernando Wood was constrained to say it, and a regard for truth compelled Messrs. Cox, Willis, Morrissey, Spinola, Kelley, and others no longer to conceal the fact. Honesty, humanity, and liberty, but especially honesty, left a stricken country no resource but "Reform." The Democratic party was a kind of constellation of "Reform," or a prodigious comet, of which Mr. Tilden was the nucleus, and Messrs. Wood, Randall Cox, Willis, Morrissey, and Cronin—were the fair shining tail. Wells, of Louisiana, according to the gospel of "Tilden and Reform," is too great a knave to be mentioned patiently. But Cronin, of Oregon, is the hope of "Reform." "Reform" requires above all things "the will of the people," "the face of the returns," and "an honest count." Murders, maimings, whippings, burnings, and general terror and intimidation are things of naught to "Reform," but "the will of the people" and "the face of the returns" are indispensable.

In Louisiana there were forty political murders in one parish; there was intimidation as flagrant and undeniable, as we have before said, as Turkish barbarities in Bulgaria; and because the vote of parishes so terrorized and coerced was thrown out by the Returning Board—a proceeding undeniably lawful, whatever else may be said of it—the Democrats shrieked as if "Reform" were slain. It is confessedly a question whether there was a free and fair election in Louisiana or in Mississippi, South Carolina or Florida; but because "the face of the returns" is not admitted to be conclusive, the friends of "Tilden and Reform" refuse to be comforted. Now in Oregon there was no question whatever that the election was perfectly free and fair, and that "the face of the returns" elected the Republicans as indisputable as in New York it elected the Democrats. But not one of the Republicans so elected has been returned, and the friends of "Tilden and Reform" are not in the least discomposed.

Later developments and testimony reveal a still larger R in "Reform." It appears that on the day before Grover gave the certificate to Cronin, and Cronin elected his two associates, a nephew and agent of Mr. Tilden went to a bank of which that gentleman is a director and large stockholder, and procured a check for eight thousand dollars in favor of well known persons in Oregon. This nephew had no account at the bank, and had deposited no collateral, but on the evening of the day before the check was drawn and the Cronin performance took place, Mr. W. L. Scott, of the Democratic National Committee, told the cashier that he would "back" the nephew to the amount of twenty thousand dollars.

Here is "Reform" with the largest possible R, and the most painful anxiety for honesty and purity, and above all, for "the face of the returns" and the majesty of the expressed will of the people. The solemn appeal to be just and fear not comes with immense weight from those who are so bent upon "Reform" that if they cannot drag their candidate into office by respecting "the face of the returns" in Louisiana, they will try to do it by rejecting "the face of the returns" in Oregon.

Mention has been made in the papers of the "Mississippi Plan," but exactly what was meant by it, has not been understood. The Senate investigating committee, Saturday, applied the pressure to a Mississippi democrat official, and drew out of him the plan by which the democratic vote was so remarkably increased, and the republican vote so greatly diminished at the last election. He testified to a secret conference of leading democrats before election at which a plan was devised to furnish the judges, at each polling place, a duplicate key to the ballot box. He distributed the keys, each of which was done up in paper. He would slip the package into the vest pocket of a judge, saying as he did so, here is something that may be of use to you. He did not tell them what use, for he thought they were smart enough to find out. And it seems they were, as they made good use of those keys to open the boxes and pull out republican votes and substitute democratic. In Hines county the plan worked admirably. The total vote in that county was 5,977 against 5,554 in 1872. But the republican vote which was 4,015, in '72, sunk to 1,474, while the democratic vote which was 1,539, was increased to 4,503!

ASSASSINATION.—There is a certain class of individuals who become crazy at every breath of political excitement. It is composed of those men who drink rum and risk their incomes upon the result of an election. As soon as they perceive that they are beaten they promptly shout "fraud," and then talk about fighting somebody. Exacerbated by vile drinks and other exciting practice, they are sure to come out second best in the conflict. Cowed and enraged by a second defeat, they lay aside all semblance of manhood, clothe themselves in the dark mantles of assassins, and with a beastly thirst for blood, vow that they will neither eat nor drink while their opponent survives. We read this bloody record in the history of all nations; but our own country has been remarkably free from such scenes. But few of our public men have felt the assassin's knife. Hence it is with the keenest regret that all true men will learn that an attempt was made last week to take the life of Governor Packard of Louisiana. Every such attempt serves to make us more familiar with violence, and takes a degree from our reputation. It is the duty of all good citizens to denounce murderers (no matter how little sympathy there may be for the victim) and seek to bring such offenders to justice.

Attempted Assassination of Gov. Packard.

The Motive of the Assassin Unknown.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 15.—About noon today, an alteration in his office with a man unknown to the police on duty in the State House, Governor Packard was shot in the knee-cap. The man who did the shooting was fired upon by a bystander, and wounded in the arm. Mr. Packard's wound is only a flesh wound and very slight. His assailant, gives the name of William Henry Weldon of Philadelphia. He called to see the Governor, was admitted to his private office where he was seated in conversation with several gentlemen, and without warning or provocation aimed a pistol at his head. Gov. Packard struck it down, receiving the ball in his leg. One or two pistols were discharged at Weldon, who was seriously wounded. No cause is assigned for the attempted assassination.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.—Inquiries at the office of the Philadelphia Press disclose the fact that William H. Weldon, who committed a personal assault upon Gov. Packard is an imposter, having no connection whatever with the Press, and nothing is known of him at the office of that paper.

"Gobbler's" Cypher to Tilden.

One of the most interesting documents brought out in the telegraphic investigation is the following despatch from Portland, Oregon, to the Great Reformer in Gramercy Park:—

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 1, 1876. Hon. S. J. Tilden, No. 15 Gramercy Park, New York: Head. Scantiness. Cramp. Emerge. Peroration. Hothouse. Survivor. Of. Piameter. Pottish. Hothouse. Exactness. Of. Services. Highest. Cunning. Dettish. Of. A. Galvanic. Survivor. By. Accordingly. Respectful. Merciless. Of. Senator. Inconsequent. Coalesce.

GORBLE.

Nasby steps forward now with his plan for the settlement of the Presidential dispute. Nothing but his late appearance could have prevented its adoption. He suggests that a representative Republican and a representative Democrat decide the question by a game of seven-up, and adds: "I would suggest the representative Republican for this purpose Mr. Frelinghuysen of New Jersey. For the representative Democrat there isn't need for my naming him at all. The entire Democracy in one voice would exclaim, 'John Morrissey.' Spoke it was agreed to here. It seven-up and best two in three. Think you these reports from the Associated Press, 'The Presidential games—Frelinghuysen two?—Morrissey one!—Thanksgiving in the Churches!—Frederick Jubilation!—Luter!—Morrissey turns Jack, and makes High, Low and Gamel!—End up the First Game!—Morrissey shows out on high and low!—Frelinghuysen accuses him up chaotic!—A day of lastin ordered, and the gin mills illuminate! Then the second game: 'The first game conceded to Morrissey—Gold rises to 127—the manufacturers disheartened!—The South jubilate!—Frelinghuysen deals! Morrissey begs! Frelinghuysen gives him one, and Morrissey claims a misdeal, which the umpire allows! Morrissey makes four! The niggers discouraged and the South jubilate! Second hand—Frelinghuysen makes high and low, and Morrissey jacks and game!—Morrissey one point to go and his deal!—The Presidential question settled!—Morrissey turns Jack, wins the rub, and elects Tilden and Reform! Congratulatory despatch from the President elect!—Chagrin ur the Republicans!—Morrissey serenaded!—I simply did my duty! Morrissey to be Secretary of the Treasury!"

The Bethel Bull.

Mr. Editor:—I don't know what kind of a man you would be at a ball, but there was a good one at the Bethel House, Bethel, last Wednesday, the 7th inst. Something worth attending if one is not opposed to such institutions. Some fifty couples were present from Newry, Hanover, Ramford and Mexico, together with some ten or fifteen couples from Bethel Hill and vicinity. Hanover and Ramford people were the movers in getting up this sleigh-ride and ball. A large part of the company was made up of married people, some of them having seen nearly or quite three-score years, but who claim to be "just as young as they used to be." There happened to be present a number of Portland runners and a few gentlemen of note from Norway, Paris and Bryant's Pond. Host and hostess Barden were apparently pleased to meet so many friends under their own roof. They had provided the most palatable of viands for this company, and the three hundred and fifty meals furnished seemed to have had no effect towards diminishing the larder. We had "turkey supper" at 6 o'clock, "oyster supper" at 12 o'clock, with breakfast next morning from 8 to 9 o'clock. Everyone was profuse in praises of Bro. Barden's tables. The music was good enough, and to add to the comfort of the company the house was well warmed all through our stay there. The dancing continued until about 4 o'clock A. M. Thursday. Such ample accommodations are afforded for the comfort of a large gathering by the Bethel House, that it is one of the best places in the County for a large company to go. This fact, with that important one—"Barden knows how to run a hotel," now has advertised it more extensively than heretofore will be sure to secure many similar occasions and larger numbers in the future. The only fault found by anyone that came within my notice was found by your correspondent "Sparkes" when he heard Barden say they were going to have a "jollification there the 4th of March in honor of Tilden's election soon to be declared."

Yours &c.,

ONE OF THE PARTY.

—The fifth anniversary of the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. Albert A. Ford was the occasion of a very pleasant gathering of parishioners and friends at the parsonage at East Auburn, on the 6th inst. Heartily congratulatory remarks and substantial tokens of good will testified to the cordial relations existing between pastor and people.—Journal.

—It will be seen by notice in another column, that Norway Liberal Institute will be taught this spring by C. A. Black, A. B., assisted by an excellent corps of assistants. His previous successful term will call many students from abroad into the school.

Letter from Buckfield.

Buckfield, Feb. 10, 1877.

Business here during the past winter has been generally dull. Messrs. Morrill & Gardner have a large trade in groceries, etc., and Messrs. Atwood, Spaulding & Co. lead in dry goods, of which they keep one of the largest and best assortments in the County. The severity of the weather during the first of the winter put a veto upon wood and lumber business; but during the late pleasant weather there has been much activity in teaming, giving the village an old time business appearance.

MANUFACTURING INTERESTS.

Hanson's shoe factory runs steadily, giving employment to about fifty hands. His freight all goes by the way of Auburn, and is hauled to that station by his own teams kept for that purpose.

Nabum Moore's shop, recently occupied by Mr. Daicy, waits for an occupant. The crew of Messrs. Andrews & Waldron are at the Bridgton factory. Handle blocks are coming in freely to their shop here. They received about two hundred dozen more than last year at this time.

Messrs. Lint & Record, whose saw mill was burned last November, have laid the foundation of another and will be ready to saw in the spring. Other manufacturing interests are quietly active.

BUSINESS AND REAL ESTATE CHANGES.

J. H. DeCoster, our well-known postmaster and hardware merchant for fifteen years, has sold his business to Mr. I. W. Shaw, his former partner and clerk.

Fuller has opened a cash store at N. Anson. He will vacate his store here before the first of April, and is running off his goods accordingly.

I. E. Thurlow & Frank Fobes of this village have recently opened a drug store at North Anson.

A. G. Wood of East Buckfield has sold his farm to Mr. Luther Maxim of Paris for \$2500.

Charles O. Godwin and son, of the same neighborhood, have purchased a farm in Waterford. The last two changes take from the town five democratic voters.

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.

The schools, in general, have been highly successful. A majority of them closed this week. The village schools closed on Friday of last week with a public examination, which was very creditable to all concerned and largely attended by the citizens. The general advancement and attendance has been the best we have ever had. Teachers of the High School, J. F. Moody and Miss Staples of Hebron Academy, of the Primary, Miss A. H. Prince of this village. Ten scholars from this village will attend school at Hebron this spring, and probably as many more from other sections of the town. We shall not probably have a spring term, but the summer term will commence by the first of May.

CHURCHES.

We have three church buildings in town, but have regular preaching in only one—the Baptist, Rev. Mr. Farley, pastor. This church has a prosperous Sabbath School under the efficient superintendence of Mr. Wm. H. Atwood.

The Universalist church is occupied only occasionally during the summer, and the same may be said of the church at East Buckfield.

SPORTING MATTERS, &c.

Our bold fox hunters have occasionally returned from the hills with trophies of the chase, but less frequently than usual on account of the severity of the winter. Two excellent tracks have been scraped on the river, which afford great attraction to the horsemen.

Deatur Irish of Hanford caught one day last week from Swan Pond three pickerel, two of which measured twenty-three and the other twenty-two inches in length.

Prof. Staples is conducting a dining class of eighteen couples at Warren's Hall.

AMUSEMENTS, ETC.

We have had less than the usual number of public entertainments this winter. No lectures nor revues—only a few traveling exhibitions of an inferior character. But this dearth has in part been made up by the Reform Club and Ladies' Aid Society. The latter gave an oyster supper recently, netting \$18. The Reform Club still prospers finely. Their meetings are largely attended and frequently addressed by gentlemen from other clubs. A second club was started a few weeks ago, but, after having two excellent meetings it united with the old one.

GENERAL ITEMS.

The death of F. O. J. Smith has once more revived hopes that our railroad may again be brought to life.

The State and County tax of Buckfield is based upon a valuation more than a hundred thousand dollars greater than the real valuation upon which the town tax is assessed.

During the past year our Treasurer has liquidated \$8500 of the town debt.

The selectmen have prohibited coasting in the village streets.

PERSONAL.

Geo. D. Bisbee Esq. has recently returned from attending the Moody and Sankey meetings in Boston. We hope he has returned a better man!

Alfred Cole is collecting materials for a history of Buckfield. Any information relative to the early settlers will be gladly received by him.

O. H. Horsey Esq. has finished his school on So. Hill and is now devoting himself to the law in Mr. Bisbee's office.

Mrs. Jason Farrar, prominent in our musical circles, is spending the winter with friends in the West.

Miss Mary E. Storer is receiving pupils in music.

severe injuries by falling on the ice while on her way to church.

W. D. Chase has located at Auburn where he is devoting his time and energies to the Chronicle.

Wm. Birt, our genial and emphatic voiced truckman, is out again with his team after being confined to the house a long time by injuries received early in the winter.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Mary Emery, who has been dangerously sick at the house of her daughter in Malden, Mass., is recovering.

TOWN ITEMS.

Andover.

Feb. 15.—The pleasant weather during the past two weeks, has been vigorously improved by those who are engaged in logging. The lumbering operations in this town greatly exceed any former winter for many years. The lumber, upon an average, is of a superior quality. The most of it has been contracted for by Mr. Wood of Lewiston, and will be driven down to that city in the spring.

Mr. C. T. Poor has taken a contract to put in a lot of pine from the farm of Mr. Eben Poor.

Last Sunday morning a young and spirited horse belonging to Mr. L. F. Jones, ran away with a young man named Thomas, and before he could be stopped the sleigh and harness were nearly ruined. Both the horse and driver escaped without serious injury.

Two young ladies united with the Congregational church on Sunday, the 31st.

Rev. Mr. Sprague delivered a very interesting lecture in the M. E. Church last evening, upon the life and ministry of Mr. Moody, the great evangelist. The lecture was founded upon these words: "God was with him." The speaker showed the striking analogy between the life of Joseph and that of Mr. Moody.

The Reform Club last Friday evening elected the following officers: President, L. F. Jones; Vice-Presidents, Chas. Stevens, H. L. Poor, Chas. T. Poor; Secy., F. A. Badwell; F. Secy and Treas., I. W. Badwell. The Club has had very interesting meetings of late, and are working earnestly for the good cause.

The Congregational Sewing Circle, held last Wednesday evening with Mrs. John Akers, was largely attended and highly enjoyed by all present. Mr. Akers and his lady have the happy faculty of making every one feel perfectly at home.

The M. E. Circle held at the house of Mrs. Peabody Stevens, was also the most largely attended of the season.

LOVE STAR.

Bethel.

Feb. 15.—Monday afternoon last, a party of some thirty, connected with South Bethel Sewing Circle, dropped in upon the Rev. Mr. Center and his estimable wife at their residence on Chapman street. The visit was a complete surprise, and no preparations whatever had been made for any such occasion. It was an informal gathering, far more pleasant than if the warning had been given, and each member of the company came loaded in hand, signifying the love at heart which prompted the act. The Rev. gentleman is not a man to remain surprised long, and after the party had taken possession of his house, he was as much at home as his guests determined to be. The afternoon and evening were passed in the pleasantest manner. During the afternoon, Mrs. Mary C. Bean, President of the Ladies' Circle, made her appearance, and in a graceful manner, in behalf of the Circle, presented Mr. C. with a beautiful album quilt. A portion of the choir was present, therefore music was not wanting. A most excellent supper was served.

The Quarterly Meeting will be held in the Methodist church, Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and 4. Elder Martin, of Augusta, will be present and preside through the meeting.

The two Clubs held a public meeting Sunday afternoon in the Congregational church. A good meeting was the result. The next meeting will be held in Rev. Mr. Garland's church north side of the river, Sunday, P. M.

Our streets are filled with teams loaded with wood, hay and bark, and present a lively contrast to a few weeks ago.

Farmers who are in want of first-class fruit trees to set out next spring, should call or write to P. M. Kimball, who will furnish them at bottom prices.

The Sabbath school scholars connected with the M. E. society, will give a concert in the M. E. church Sunday evening, Feb. 25th. All are invited to be present.

C.

The warm weather of the past week has left many bare patches in the fields and made bad traveling.

Barbour B. Farwell broke the small bone of his leg Thursday while unloading lumber in his dooryard.

The types made me say, or I made the types say, that Rev. Josiah Dutton's cow "Starlight," in 350 days made 245 lbs. of butter. The facts are, that in 350 days she made 345 lbs. of butter, besides furnishing the family of four persons with milk and the calf four quarts a day of new milk for two months. Seven quarts of her milk makes one lb. of butter. The heifer "Topsey" makes one lb. of butter from five quarts of milk.

W.

The friends of Joseph F. and Harriet A. Kilgore, of this village, have been deeply grieved to hear of their sad loss in the recent death from congestion of the lungs, of their little son, Robert B., which occurred on the 21st inst., at the age of 2 years, 11 months and 17 days. He was sick only a short time, during which, to the time of his death, he was in the full possession of his senses, and for one of his age exhibited such remarkable clearness and expression as to attract much attention from all who saw and heard him. He had learned to play somewhat upon a melodeon and music seemed to be the one great object of his thoughts.

Especially in his last hours would he, almost constantly, request those around him to sing, naming the tunes he wanted to sing, and while he had strength he would himself join, his little voice seeming almost superhuman. A short time before he died he called them around him, and requested them to sing the following, which he repeated through word for word before it was sung:

"Hear, gracious God my humble moan,  
To thee I breathe my sighs;  
When will the mortal night begin?  
When shall my joys arise?"

Such remarkable expression from one so young seems worthy of notice, and it is all vouched for by those who heard him. He was a bright, pretty little fellow, and all who knew him will long remember "little Bash," as he was familiarly called.

HAT.

Bryant's pond.

The High School in this village commences Feb. 20th, under the instruction of Mr. W. E. Ranger. Mr. Ranger has taught the winter term of school in this place and has given excellent satisfaction. He is a thorough teacher and we anticipate a profitable term.

Mr. A. M. Chase, of this place, is now taking orders in this vicinity for a work of great interest entitled "Our Western Border One Hundred Years Ago." It is a historical work of the struggle between the white and red man for the ownership of this country.

The ladies connected with the Bryant's Pond Universalist Sewing Circle will give a Calico Masquerade Party at the Town Hall on Thursday evening, Feb. 22d. A mission 40 cents for gentlemen, ladies free, to include antiquarian supper. Each lady will be expected to wear a calico dress and masque.

East Buckfield.

Feb. 10.—Three years ago the Crystal Wave assisted their L. D. G. W. Shaw, to institute Sare Haven Lodge of Good Templars at East Hebron being the second lodge of their institution. Having received an invitation to meet with the Wave on the evening of the 8th inst. a large delegation witnessed, besides other exercises, initiation, declarations, episode by B. H. Irish, remarks for the good of the order, song, reading of the 190 number of this semi-monthly Pearl, by Mrs. H. Augustus Bicknell, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. Lodge closed for refreshments after which a sociable enjoyed the hour.

HARTFORD.

Denmark.

The weather for the past four weeks has been very fine—not a single storm in that time, but mild and warm part of the time as April. The snow was four feet deep four weeks ago and now it is two feet or a little more.

Business is dull as a general thing, in town, but still some lumbering is being done. E. Simber's mill has run day and night sawing staves which are made into shooks at the village and sent by the P. & O. R. R. to Portland and from there direct to Cuba.

C. B. Smith is drawing one hundred M. ft. of pine timber from his Miller lot to the Saco river. A. K. P. L. buys the timber.

A Lodge of I. O. O. F. is to be started at the village soon, and by every appearance it will be a thriving one, as many of our young men will join.

Most everybody complains of hard times, but I never knew more pleasure seeking than this winter. We have dancing schools, singing schools, dances, parties, oyster suppers, circles too numerous to mention.

The roads are quite bad in places, as the snow drifted only the first of the winter and the warm weather caused them to slump and they are very uneven—bare spots begin to show.

OCCASIONAL.

Fryeburg.

The second of the Band entertainments came off on the 13th, and consisted of a lecture by Rev. H. Carpenter on temperance and reform. It was an able lecture. The next will be a dramatic entertainment, on Feb. 27.

A Lyceum was formed here Thursday evening, with F. B. Osgood, President, S. C. Hobbs, Vice-President, and A. F. Lewis, Secy and Treasurer. The question: Resolved, That the Presidential Commission Law is creditable to the justice and patriotism of the American people, was ably discussed in the affirmative by E. C. Farriogton and T. C. Shirley, the negative, G. E. W. Burlbank and A. O. Pike. Col. G. spoke on one side, but no one knew which. The next question is to be resolved. "That there should be no distinction between the law on account of color, sex or race." Aff. Col. Gibson, A. F. Lewis and F. Y. Bradley, neg., B. M. Stone, A. O. Pike and D. Ballard.

It is reported that two or three of our young men had two days of fine sport fishing for trout, in one of the back ponds near the village, after which to their disgust, were informed that trout never were known in the pond.

Wm. E. is again selling corn and meal at the depot at a low price for cash.

Our Postmistress has been confined to her house for a day or two.

Gilead.

Feb. 9.—The weather for the past few days and weeks has been very pleasant, with tip-top sleighing, which is well improved, and business is still quite lively.

George Burnham is doing quite a business logging.

Thomas Wight is getting in quite a lot of timber to his mill, consisting of birch, maple, oak, ash and poplar.

Mr. J. Wiley is putting up quite a large building at the village to be used as a dwelling house and carpenter's shop.

J. W. Kimball is getting out the frame and un-riveting for a dwelling house to be erected early in the spring. He has purchased a lot of Bliphalet Adams, Esq.

Sam'l Wheeler has a steer thirty-two months old that girls six feet







