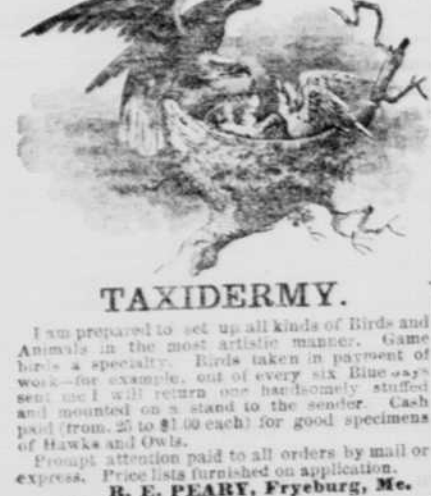


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both feel "put out." The "catchers" are being used for "bunters" at the terminus of railroads, and they say it is bloated luxury compared with the old job. The "umpires" are hard at work on the Fishery question, and the "uniforms" are used for under-clothing.—*Lewiston Gazette*.



TOWN ITEMS.

BETHEL, Dec. 12.—A severe rain storm set in here Tuesday morning, lasting with unusual severity up to Wednesday morning, causing a very rapid rise of the river which overflowed its banks carrying away several bridges and washing the roads badly. The water in the Androscoggin has not been so high since the severe storm of 1870. The up train due here at 5 P. M. Wednesday did not arrive here till Thursday 3 P. M. The town bridge over Alder river was carried away, and a total loss. The Beaver Cushman bridge near A. P. Blake's was swept away, and we hear several small bridges in the eastern part of the town were carried out. Mr. Mills Brown's house near the Steam Mill was flooded so the family was obliged to move upon the second floor. Mr. B.'s cattle were all driven from the barn in safety, but the poor pig being left behind was obliged to seek refuge in the top of the hay mow. It was said the water in the Androscoggin rose fifteen feet in twelve hours. The damage to the roads will be very heavy.

Mr. Eugene Twichell, formerly of Gorham N. H. has moved to Bethel with his family. Mr. T. has opened a shop on Main street, where he keeps a good assortment of confectionary fruit, oysters, fresh fish, pork, beef and lamb. Just give him a call.

Our winter schools have nearly all commenced. Mr. Philbrook's new house on Main street is rapidly progressing toward completion on the outside and will be one of the handsomest buildings in town when finished.

On the account of the bad traveling last Wednesday Hon. Wm. E. Gould of Portland did not deliver his lecture on The Hugenots. We learn Mr. Gould will come up the first of next month. Due notice will be given.

We recently saw June flowers in blossom picked December 10th.

December came in with a smile on his face, and up to the 12th inst. sheep are feeding on the hills so bare. Farmers have had a lovely time to do their fall work. Sheep and cattle come to the barn in good condition.

The Universalist society will hold a Christmas Festival at their church.

C.

BUCKFIELD, Dec. 13.—The damage by the late storm was quite extensive at this place, the water being higher than in the flood of 1869. By the bursting of Mr. G. A. Harlow's dam, Mr. Burt's stable, horse, job wagon, top buggy, sleigh, harness, hay, and in fact all its contents, were carried off, over two dams. The horse was taken out a half mile below, some bruised but not seriously damaged. The bulk head of Mr. Moor's mill was crushed in, and a Record's saw mill was badly damaged. Andrews & Waldron have sustained quite a loss, their canal being washed badly. Mr. Barrett's machinery saved, loss about \$1000. The roads and bridges are in a dangerous condition, being washed and galled out very badly.

H.

DENMARK.—We have had Dec. 9th and 10th, the most powerful rain-storm for years. The roads were badly washed, many places impassable. A new stone bridge near Hancock pond was washed out and wrecked, while water courses in great number were filled up or torn out, so that it will cost a large sum to make the roads passable.

E.

The district schools, many of them have commenced. C. B. Smith teaches No. 1; L. A. Poor, Centre district; Moses Cobb, No. 3; A. Walker, No. 8. The mills at the village are nearly all at present, but B. F. Smith, E. Sarnora and Augustine Ingalls are buying stave timber to work in the spring. In previous years these same mills have employed some twenty men the whole winter, besides twelve or fifteen coopers to work staves.

A small amount of pine timber will be sent to the Saco river.

Diphtheria has made its appearance in town, but in a mild form. Whooping cough has raged all the fall, and some schools, or teachers are sorely troubled on that account.

Pork is from 3 to 4 cents per lb. and plenty at that. C. McIntire killed the boss hog, wt. 574 lbs. while C. B. Smith, E. Libby and others followed close up to him. The new Church is almost completed, and will be a very useful ornament to the town.

The Centre district are to build a new schoolhouse. It is to be a nice house, to accommodate a graded school, to be completed next season.

We are to have a public Installation of Officers, and a good time looked for.

FLYBURG.—Heavy rain the past week, has done much damage in this part of the County. Roads have been washed and many bridges washed away, although this town has been free from loss of bridges.

The Swedish church has been erected, and is being boarded and shingled. Work is being done as fast as possible considering the time of year and changeable weather.

Fellows' new steam mill is doing a very fine business.

Penwicket Rifle Club have challenged any ten men to be selected in the city of Portland to a shot at this place Friday, Dec. 20, for a supper to be furnished at the Oxford House.

We understand it is now decided to locate a carpenter establishment at this place, and the West Oxford Agricultural Society's grounds would be used for it if it is to be had, and we understand a meeting of the society is to be called to see if a vote can be had to sell.

Officers of Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, for ensuing year: Wm. H. Jones, W. M.; Thomas S. Pike, S. W.; F. H. Osgood, J. W.; John Locke, Treas.; Frank E. Howe, Secy.; Seth W. Fife, S. S.; Charles T. Ladd, J. S.; Enoch S. Chase, Tyler; Frank V. Brainerd, Marshall. Officers were all installed by P. M., Wm. C. Towle.

GERRARD, Dec. 12.—Since December came in we have been visited by two heavy storms; the last, which came the 10th inst., caused the heaviest freshet that ever was known. There were about 4 inches of snow when the rain began, and the weather being cold the rain did not

waste the snow much until dark, when the air became warm and the snow melted very fast, which caused a rapid rise of water in the small streams, and by twelve o'clock the river covered the Intervale. It kept on raining until about 3 o'clock, when the rain ceased, and by daylight it had fallen some six inches and was then above the highest water mark. The storm did immense damage to roads, bridges, and other property. The saw mill on Lary Brook owned by Samuel Wheeler, was swept away; also a mill in Shelburne, owned by John Newell, was carried away. The dam and a part of the floor belonging to the mill on Wight's Brook was also carried away. A number of washouts are reported on the railroad above here which have stopped the running of trains until to-day. The roads are left in a very bad condition and will cost the town considerable to repair them, it being so near winter and the ground being frozen they will only be made passable now.

HARTFORD, Dec. 10.—The storm of the 4th confined the sheep to the barn. The day before was the most beautiful December day I ever saw in Oxford County, the state of the air being such the geese spent most of the day in the water, and the other fowl in the fields. The number of sheep and geese to be wintered has increased and the number of turkeys and other fowl decreased. Horses will not support oxen for work on the farms in this part of the county, owing to the uneven surface which is so well calculated to make extra pastures for sheep, cattle and horses, which add so much to the income of good farmers.

Abram and Hannah Lathrop, living near Buckfield village in its infancy, reared a family of six daughters and three sons. Among the living are five daughters: Mrs. Morris Dodge of Hallowell, aged 70 years; Mrs. John True of Buckfield, aged 65 years; Mrs. Leander Hodgdon of Buckfield, aged 63 years; Mrs. John Murdoch of Hebron, aged 56 years; and Mrs. Wm. Morrill of Buckfield, aged 52 years, were visiting together at Rouses Waits, Leander Hodgdon's, Wm. Morrill's, Wm. and Asa Taylor's this fall.

The Crystal Wave have selected a committee of its members and non-members to make arrangements for a public Christmas Festival at East Buckfield church. The return of absent members of the Wave, including Mrs. Julia C. Forbes and two daughters from Lewiston, Miss Virginia DeCoster of Winthrop, and John Richardson and wife from Ashland, Mass., added much interest to its meetings.

HARTFORD.

HEBRON, Dec. 12.—The Rev. D. P. Bailey died last night at half-past six. Funeral Monday. He has been failing for some time, although able to do some work, until within a few weeks. Age, 74 or 75.

A Pike boy who lives at Mr. Joseph Hibbs', while at work in the woods two or three weeks ago, put one of his eyes out. He is doing well.

The storm of Tuesday washed the roads very bad.

Prof. J. F. Moody is at Brunswick studying Chemistry for a few weeks.

LOVELL.—Rev. O. M. Cousins of Bridge-ton will lecture at Good Templars Hall, Lovell Centre, Friday evening, Dec. 20, on the "Rights of Scotland." Admission 15 cts. Mr. Cousins is a very attractive and interesting speaker and should have a good house, as he doubtless will.

E.

PARIS.—Hawkes & Garland opened a fine display of Holiday Goods at their store, on Thursday. A long counter through the centre of the room is filled with fancy articles, as toilet sets, vases, mugs, dolls, daria, books, boxes, perfume, &c., &c. A large number of these articles were sold the first day, but the tables still look pretty enough to call for giving the proprietors a call. Prices are lower than ever before. Also in addition to the regular holiday stock, persons wishing to make durable and useful presents, will find a large line of dress goods, and household ware—that always prove acceptable.

On Wednesday evening, the Unity Club entertainment committee presented the comedy, "Our Boys." The frequent mention of this play, and the activity of those interested in it, raised high expectations among our village people. These expectations were more than realized. It was as fine a piece of amateur acting as is often seen. Every part was well sustained. It is hoped that the committee may see fit to repeat the play as many were detained at home by the bad roads.

Regular business meeting of Unity Club, Wednesday evening. This is the annual meeting for choice of officers.

Our sled factory is running from 7 till 9 p. m. to fill orders for holiday goods.

A very pleasant temperance sociable was held at the residence of Mr. E. H. Marble, last Friday evening. Two previous appointments had been cancelled by bad weather.

The district surveyor is repairing roads. The Universalist Society proposes to have Christmas festivities at their church, Tuesday evening. A tree will be dressed among other attractions. A general invitation is extended.

At the temperance meeting, next Saturday evening, there will be a discussion. Question, "Is a republican form of government more preferable than any other?"

NORTH PARIS.—The recent heavy rain made things lively in this place Wednesday morning. The water was the highest it has been since the great freshet of '69. There was such a pressure on the chair factory of O. P. Ellingwood & Co., that the boards on the basement story were pressed out several feet. They have been obliged to shut down on account of back water for two or three days. The saw mill bridge was lifted off the pier at one end and swung round, but did not go off. The roads were washed to some extent in several places, but little damage was done.

Mr. Gibbs Benson saw a lively woodchuck near his house a few days ago. It is not often this bird is seen loafing about in December.

On Sunday evening last Rev. G. B. Hannaford, of the M. E. Church, Rumford, had a paralytic shock at the residence of Rev. Mr. Pendexter, West Paris. He was attended by Dr. O. K. Yates.

So. Paris.—We were called very suddenly to attend Court at Fryeburg, last week, and, as a matter of course, there for, neglected many things. Among them was a report of the Congregationalists fair at South Paris, on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The entertainment proved to be a great success, notwithstanding bad weather and bad traveling. Monday evening, some thirty-five dollars were taken. Tuesday eve, there was a stage entertainment, in addition to the usual display of fancy articles, books, edibles, &c. Full amount of proceeds has not been reported to us.

Elliot & Stowell have their store filled with winter goods. Give your son a holiday present of a suit or an overcoat.

A telegram was received last week, announcing the death of Ellis T., son of Tristram Harrow, formerly of this village, at California. He was an engineer in a mine. He was killed in the mine. No further particulars received.

Capt. Bolster has just put into his stock a line of little lanterns which must prove very popular. They are triangular in form and very simple in construction. They sell for 50 cents, and can be easily repaired, if broken. They are worth twice the price of an ordinary lantern. The Captain says his tailoring business is much better even, than he expected it to be. He keeps from five to seven girls constantly employed on custom, and is putting out some handsome suits.

WEST PARIS.—About three inches of snow fell on Monday the 9th, but turned to rain on Tuesday. From three to four inches of rain fell and as the ground was well frozen it found its way quickly into the ponds and streams causing the greatest rise in the Little Androscoggin at this place since 1869. The dam at the outlet of Twichell Pond in Greenwood gave way, and this in addition to the water already in the stream came near sweeping everything before it. All the mills on the Stream have been damaged more or less.

Our lyceum held at Centennial Hall once in two weeks is made highly interesting. The next lecture in the course will be given on next Friday evening.

The singing school taught by Ripley of Bethel, is progressing finely.

Mr. Weeks of Norway, is to teach a dancing school here which will commence on Monday evening, the 16th.

There are living in the town of Greenwood three pensioners of the war of 1812. John Field, Frances Caldwell and Mrs. Patch, widow of Isaac Patch whose aggregate age is about two hundred and seventy years.

A patent self-wringing cradle is on exhibition at the chair factory, which is thought by some of our bachelor friends will have a tendency to increase the population of the State.

H.

The late freshet did considerable damage in this vicinity. At the clothes-pail factory, occupied by Mr. Mann, the dam at one end gave way, but not much damage done. The dam at the same place was very badly injured. The bridge immediately below the factory was washed away. It was owned by H. W. Childs. He has also twenty-five cords of good hard wood scattered about over the meadows in all directions.

Mr. Charles M. Swift while at work on a splitting-saw in the clothes-pail factory, sawed the end of his thumb on his left hand.

The friends of Rev. G. W. Gould, irrespective of denomination, paid him a visit on Thursday evening last, and brought with them many tokens of their respect. Prayer was made by Rev. Mr. Pendexter; and after remarks of Rev. Mr. Gould, the company quietly dispersed.

X.

PORTER, Dec. 8.—The freshet threatens imminent danger to property in this village.

The typhoid fever still rages in this town and Parsonsfield.

Maj. French is preparing a list of the amount of snow and rain which fell in 1873, to be published in the Democrat.

There is considerable excitement among our citizens concerning the proposed road. The subject has been thoroughly discussed, and it seems, under the present circumstances, that the petition is unwise, uncalled for and unjust. The town is severely oppressed by taxes and debts. Many of our roads are in a wretched condition, and this road will injure many, only benefiting a few who, for their own selfish reasons, demand it to be constructed. The majority, not for selfish purposes, oppose it as being a vindictive and most oppressive measure.

Mr. Stacy is teaching in this town. Long since he gained a reputation as a teacher and townsman which ever confers honor and respect upon him. Annie May Stacy is at Farmington Normal Institute.

The present faculty of Parsonsfield Seminary, is as follows: Rev. T. F. Millett, Principal, teacher of Languages, Mental and Moral Science, H. G. O. Smith, English Composition, Elmer E. French, English Education and Penmanship, John Kenard, Physiology. This school is in excellent condition.

Thomas Moulton, a graduate of Colby, is preparing a history of Porter.

R. N. Moniton, formerly of Bowdoin, intends to finish his medical studies in College of Physicians and Surgeons at New York.

A dwelling in this village came near being consumed recently, through the carelessness of filling a burning lamp. People should be more careful.

We believe that J. G. Blaine is to be our next President.

The Greenbackers in this town have engaged rooms with the "potato beetle."

E. E. F.

NEW STORE!

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DOLLS

for the little girls and big girls, Wax Dolls, China Dolls, India Rubber Dolls, all kinds of Dolls, from such as we can almost give away, to the most elegant and expensive wax specimens.

Give It Up!

I shall have to give it up, right here, or I shall fill the whole DEMOCRAT. You just come in and see my Stock, as your eyes will take them in quicker than you can read of them, and they look prettier than type, also.

No charge for examining goods.

A. M. GERRY.

NEW DRUG STORE,

ODD FELLOWS BLOCK,

SOUTH PARIS.

E. SUMNER, Dec. 14.—The recent storm at this place was very severe and caused great damage to roads and bridges. The water reached the highest point ever known. It required a full force of all our citizens for two days to make the roads passable. Probably no railroad of its length has suffered greater loss than the K. & F. B. Its managers have displayed commendable energy in their efforts to repair and resume their regular trips. Probably they will be able to make regular trips by Tuesday. The bridge at this place was injured considerably, but we carried off, as has been stated. There are bad washouts near West Minot, and more or less damage done to the line. The road was, before the storm, in good condition and doing good business. The same day we injured considerably. No girl could nearer than Canton in operation. Gammon's shunting to the lake factory was carried down. As a big storm, it was a decided success.

SLOUCH.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 12.—At the annual meeting of Franklin Grange, P. O. H., No. 124, of Woodstock, on the 7th inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Darville J. Libby, Master; Emerson Billings, Overseer; J. S. Curtis, Lecturer; G. N. Felt, Steward; S. B. Curtis, Assistant Steward; Aiden Chase, Chaplain; J. L. Bowker, Treas.; Ellen E. Bowker, Secy.; Cyrus Millett, Gate-keeper; Emily J. Felt, Ceres; Mary Wynnan, Pomona; Clarinda Felt, Flora; Anna Billings, Lady Ass't Steward.

There is an advertisement in our columns to which we take much pleasure in referring our readers, because we believe in it and can attest to its truth. We refer to the notice of Hall's Hair Renewer. We remember many cases in our midst of old and middle aged people who formerly wore crested hair or whose locks were thin and faded, and who now have presentable heads, and with no little pride announce to their friends that they have a gray hair in their heads. It is a pardonable pride, and the world would be well off if there was more of it. For when the aged make themselves attractive to others they are more certain to win and retain the esteem and respect of their associates. We have seen many cases of this kind, and we are sure you will thank us for our advice.—*Pen House News, Woburn, N. Y.*

CHAIRMAN GENERALITY.—Rev. W. B. Chapman of Kingston and Dr. W. A. Lapham of Augusta have compiled a brief Genealogy of the descendants of Edward Chapman, who was at Ipswich, Mass., in 1644, and from whom descended in the fifth generation, Rev. Eliphaiz Chapman, an early settler in Bethel. The records of this branch of the family are quite complete. It is a neat pamphlet of 34 pages and sold at fifty cents each. Copies may be had on application to W. B. Lapham, Augusta.

—Messrs. Adams, Blackmer & Lyon of St. Louis, Mo., the publishers of that excellent magazine the "National Sunday School Teacher," will the coming year issue in continuation with it, "The American Sunday School Worker." This will doubtless be "glad tidings" to their numerous subscribers.

The large sale of *Adams's Botanic Balsam* is because when once used it becomes a household remedy. Children like it; it cures their colds and prevents the croup. Sold everywhere at 50 cts.

E. E. F.

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The Poland China Hogs.

According to naturalists all the hogs of this world are descendants of two distinct species of swine, one species being designated as the *Sus Scrofa*, which resembles the common wild boar, and which still exists in various parts of Northern and Central Europe. The other species is called the *Sus Indicus*, and has for its descendants the hogs of Siam and China. The infusion of blood of this latter species into the various breeds of Europe has given them a disposition to lay on fat, that they did not, and could not, possess before this cross. To the black hog of Siam is given the most credit for improving the breeds of English swine, and all modern black and spotted hogs are colored by the Siamese. To the white hog of China, also, many of the breeds of the present day are indebted for their fattening qualities. Prominent among the descendants of the hogs of China and Siam are the Berkshires and Poland Chinas.

But as I propose to speak particularly of the Poland China I will merely say of the Berkshire that it is one of the oldest and most permanent of the English breeds of hogs. Originally it was a very large hog and was frequently brought to the scales at half a ton net, but the improved Berkshire, so called, was produced by crossing them with the Essex and then again with the black hog of Siam, which gave them their remarkable aptitude to lay on fat when young.

The Poland China hog originated in the Miami valley, Ohio, and was the result of crossing the big China and its descendants with the Berkshires and Irish Grazers. The big China was first introduced into Ohio in 1816, and was mostly white with a few black and sandy spots. They were large with good constitutions. These hogs were extensively crossed with the best breeds then existing, and the products of these crosses were known as the Warren County hogs. I ought to add that at a subsequent period to the first importation of the big China, other China hogs were brought into the Miami valley and were intercrossed with the crosses of the first named. They were smaller in size and had exceedingly fine fattening qualities. The Berkshires were next introduced in 1835, and in 1839 came the Irish Grazers, a large, top-eared, white hog, which grew to an immense size if fed two or three years. These two breeds having been carefully bred and intercrossed with the descendants and crosses of the big China with other breeds produced a stock which constituted the true and original basis of what is now known as the Poland China hog; a breed of hogs whose superiority as pork producers is acknowledged by all who know them. There are some who turn up their noses at them on account of the color, which is mostly black, but this is the result of foolish prejudice, as sensible people keep hogs for profit, and not for pets, and in these times of low prices and close margins, it takes but a very little variation in the quality of stock fed to tip the scale on the side of loss instead of profit. As a proof of the superiority of the black over the white breeds I refer to the advertisements of 170 swine breeders, which appear in the National Live Stock Journal, 120 of which breed Poland Chinas and Berkshires. The Poland China hog I think peculiarly adapted to meet the wants of the farmers of this county and state; first, because of their susceptibility of being fattened at any age; second, their capacity for growing very large if desired. They will produce more pork for the amount of feed than common swine; they are also handsome and good style, and will dress off as white as the Chester. Their quiet and gentle disposition is another good quality. In closing, I will quote a few lines from an address read by Dr. Eliason before the Illinois Swine Breeders' Association, in which he speaks as follows on the Poland China hog: "So far as I am capable of judging—and my education in this line has cost much money—the Poland China hog possesses all the constituents of hardiness, with powers of assimilation second to no breed. They may be bred to any size desired, and may be fattened at any age, and are as prolific as any of our modern breeds. They are the only breed known to me that will eat and be thankful, and if not fed well will squeal about it."

Best Protection against Rusting.

For farm implements of all kinds, having metal surfaces exposed, for knives and forks, and other household apparatus, indeed for all metals likely to be injured by oxidation or "rusting," we know of no simpler, more effective application than that furnished to the American Agriculturist by the late Prof. Olmsted, author of Olmsted's Natural Philosophy, etc. He used it on air-pumps, telescopes, and various other apparatus. Take any quantity of good lard, and to every half pound or so, add of common resin (rosin) an amount about equal to half the size of an egg or less—a little more or less is of no consequence. Melt them slowly together, stirring as they cool. Apply this with a cloth or otherwise, just enough to give a thin coating to the metal surface to be protected. It can be wiped off nearly clean from surfaces where it will be undesirable, as in the case of knives and forks, etc. The resin prevents rancidity, and the mixture excludes the ready access of air and moisture. A fresh application may be needed when the coating is washed off by the friction of beating storms or otherwise. This simple recipe will be worth many dollars to any one in the long run. There was talk of patenting it, at one time, but Prof. Olmsted gave it to us to be published for the general public good.—*American Agriculturist* for December.

Virginia's Material Progress.

It is about time for Virginia to give up talking about the state of things "before the war." Charles Dickens, and every other traveler who visited the state before the war, testified that everything was going to rack and ruin. Dickens, especially, noted "the decayed appearance" of antique Richmond, and it is certain that the state capital is now twice as large and ten times as beautiful and prosperous as it ever was "before the war." It is since the war that Norfolk has made giant strides, and become the second cotton port of the Union. It is since the war that Danville has risen from a city of two thousand to nearly twelve thousand inhabitants. It is also since the war that Lynchburg, Farmville, Staunton, Ashland and many other towns have increased their trade and multiplied their inhabitants. Doubtless the landed aristocracy were better off "before the war," but all other classes, including the small farmers, have no real reason for grumbling at the changed condition of affairs.—*Farmville (Va.) Mercury*.

Some Items About Sugar.

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