

OXFORD COUNTY LOCALS.

ALBANY.—The dwelling house and barn of Geo. Crocker of Albany, were consumed by fire the 15th inst. Most of the furniture was saved. Insured for \$500.

J. H.

ANDOVER. July 22.—The late showers have revived vegetation that was very much in need of rain. Farmers in this vicinity had suffered very much from the drought, but very little rain having fallen since early in May. The hay crop, on many farms the lightest for years, is being secured as rapidly as the dull weather will permit.

Sunday the 10th, was the hottest day of the season. The thermometer indicating 100 degrees in the shade.

The Colorado beetles are a great annoyance to the farmer and gardener. "Paris green tea" is resorted to in most cases with good results.

City people who go into the country for a few weeks of rest and recreation, come here more and more each year. There are no more pleasant locations in this part of the State than Andover affords for drives, fishing, scenery, &c.

All kinds of berries are very scarce, and the apple crop will be almost a failure.

MOORE ANON.

CANTON.—It is said that the Buckfield and Canton Railroad made a net profit of three thousand dollars the past month, and business is increasing every day. The railroad has given Canton a big start; buildings are going up all around and the big saw mill and pulp mill will make things lively.—Yves.

DIVIDED CENTRE. July 26th.—Our cheese factory is still thriving. Its receipt of milk is over one ton per day. I think I never saw a better looking lot of cheese, in my life, some over seven tons in all up to this date. I have been offered as high as twelve cents, per lb, for my cheese at the factory. I am pleased to see Mr. Smith meet with his former success.

PATRON, L. H. C.

FREYBURG. July 23.—The poet Whittier, with a party of friends has been spending a few days at the popular boarding house of Mrs. M. A. Randall. He was the recipient of many kind attentions from our citizens. He visited several of the historical scenes, of our early history, and was delighted with the town and beauty of the surrounding scenery and mountains. But for his delicate health, (which forbids his taking long drives) our people would have been glad to have shown him more of the attractions of our own, and surrounding towns. He will return and spend the month of September in Freyburg. The Freyburg people were glad of the privilege of taking by the hand and looking into the kindly eyes of the venerable Quaker poet.

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Mrs. Frances M. Walker of Oxford, while riding between this place and Paris Hill, Tuesday, was thrown out of her wagon by the horse stepping on a rolling stone, and her side considerably injured.

About half a ton of milk is used daily at the South Paris cheese factory.

The frame of the agricultural building is up.

Mall Agent Stone reports an unusual amount of mail matter in transit. Thursday is the heaviest paper day. Monday is the heaviest letter day, and Saturday the lightest.

We understand that the section hands on the Grand Trunk now receive \$1.20 per day—an advance of eight cents.

The clerk of the weather last week was not very favorably inclined toward the haymakers.

Mr. N. Mason's new "Telephone" is nearly completed. It will be a substantial vehicle.

Two double teams run daily to Norway shoe shop to carry over the "hands" that work there.

The Band gave an open air concert Tuesday evening on Market Square. The concert consisted of both instrumental and vocal music. There were several fine singers in the band. "Way down upon the Swane River," a solo by Mr. Geo. Briggs, the entire band joining in the chorus, gave great satisfaction. We hope to be favored with a continuance of this new feature.

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WEST PARIS.—Mr. J. M. Hill travelling Artist, has just arrived in town, with his grand Photograph Salon. Open to all for one week only. On Main Street. Mr. Hill is an excellent Artist, and will give satisfaction to all who call upon him, before removing to East Dixfield.

Mr. N. H. Bartlett is running the hotel De Burlet as a Summer House this season with excellent success.

Business is lively. Farmer are most thronging hay. Crops are looking well.

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has determined to remove to Albany, where his two sons reside, and pass the remainder of his days there. Within two years Mr. Marsh has lost his wife, his mother, two daughters, and a favorite daughter-in-law. These troubles to which was added his ill health and the injuries he suffered in a railroad accident about six years ago, have resulted in a condition of melancholy in which he was unable to do any work, and as a happy and witty author would hardly recognize him.

—The table of contents for the August number of the *International Review* is inviting enough to tempt the attention and reward a thorough reading. George W. Julian opens the number with a most entertaining chapter of "Reminiscences of the Thirty-first Congress." The younger portion of this generation will find much information in the article which they can scarcely afford to do without. "College Graduates in the Ministry" is the topic selected by Rev. Charles F. Thwing for an article of considerable interest and value. He finds that the percentage of graduates from the seven principal American colleges who have entered the ministry, has steadily decreased since 1850, and explains the cause. Eugene L. Diller writes of "An American Bonaparte." A valuable contribution is W. H. Phillips' "The Divorce Question." A slightly metaphysical, but exceedingly readable essay upon "Rights," is contributed by David A. Wasson. An anonymous author tells of "Some Curiosities in Horological Reckoning," and the mystery is brought worthily to an end by a Celt's statement "Why Ireland has been Misgoverned." A. S. Barnes & Co., New York.

—The name of the corporation formerly known as Scribner & Co. (publishers of *Scribner's Monthly*, St. Nicholas, "The Spiritual Songs Series" of hymn and tune books, "Songs for the Sanctuary," etc.) has now been changed to The Century Co. The title of *Scribner's Monthly* will become *The Century*, with the next volume. St. Nicholas is slightly changed as to its sub-title, being now St. Nicholas, an illustrated Magazine for Young Folks. The July numbers of the new Century Co. are the first to bear the new corporate imprint. Price of *Scribner's Monthly*, \$4.00 a year; 35 cents a number. St. Nicholas, \$3.00 a year; 25 cents a number.

—Longfellow has been talking with a correspondent of the *Philadelphia Press* about some of his poems. "I wrote the 'Hymn of the Moravian Nuns' at college," he said. "I read the poem to a story that the Moravian women at Bethlehem had embroidered a banner and presented it to Potoski. The story made an impression upon my mind, and one idle day I wrote the poem." I called them Moravian Nuns, because I had heard of some thing I heard or read that they were called nuns. I suppose I should have said Moravian Sisters, but the change doesn't spoil the romance. I often felt a curiosity to go and see the people whose patriotic action furnished the theme for this poem. Longfellow said that "Evangeline" was suggested to him by a gentleman with whom he and Hawthorne were dining, and who urged the novelist to write a novel on the theme of the exiled young Acadian girl who spent the remainder of her life searching for her lover. The poet said, "I thought at once," the poet said, "that it would make a striking picture if put in verse, and said, 'Hawthorne, give it to me for a poem, and promise me that you will not write about it until I have written the poem.' Hawthorne said, 'I will do it to my request, and it was agreed that I should use his friend's story for verse whenever I had the time and inclination to write it.'"

—Bret Harte retains a good deal of the Americanism of all, according to this story which Walsingham writes to the *Philadelphia Press* from London: Mr. Bret Harte's hair is turning white, but he is as mercurial as ever in conversation. He denies the soft impeachment that he is turning into an Englishman and patronizing the Prince of Wales. He doesn't think over much of the Guelphs anyway, with the exception of the Princess Beatrice, whom he admires. She looks, he thinks, like a pleasant, comfortable, corn-fed Kentucky girl. Bret Harte still plays poker and, apropos, he tells a little story. Last winter he went, in company with Mr. William Black and Mr. Norman Lockyer of scientific fame, to Oban (Black's happy hunting ground) and put up at a summer hotel, of which the latter was the proprietor. The distinguished occupants, the landlord preceding them from Glasgow in order to warm the caravansary for his trio of guests. On the first evening Black remarked, inquisitively, "You have a game of cards?" "Yes," replied the host. "Let's try it. Will you teach us, Harte?" Accordingly our American writer and consul proceeded to show them how to play, Black and Lockyer proceeded cautiously as he directed them. The next night they were at Oban. On the third night, however, this time for money, "just to make it interesting." The limit was placed at four shillings, and off they went; but Harte began to "smell a mouse." It gradually dawned upon him that these British jugglers were experts in the game of cards, and he "went for" those "Heaven Chineses." In mercy, however he left the novelist and the astronomer enough to tip the waiter.

—The August *Atlantic* is especially noteworthy as containing the first chapters of "Dr. Green's Practice," a serial story by Mr. Howells, which will continue through several numbers. Mrs. Mary Halleck Foote, who is so widely known as a contributor to this number of the *Atlantic*, the first part of a story entitled "In Exile." It is to be completed in the September number. Mr. Steadman prints his striking poem, "Cordia Concordia," read at the opening of the session of the Summer School of Philosophy at Concord, July 11th. Mr. Whipple contributes an exceedingly interesting paper, "Recollections of James T. Fields." John Durand writes an interesting chapter on "French Domestic Life and its Lessons." Richard Grant White furnishes the paper on "The Acting of Iago." Octave Thanet writes a second paper on the "Indoor Pauper." Rev. James Freeman Clarke reviews Parton's "Life of Voltaire." Henry James' "Portrait of a Lady" is continued through four engaging chapters: M. G. Van Rensselaer's "New York in the Old Season" there are poems by H. H. and Edgar Fawcett; a review by Mr. F. H. Underwood of Ward's English Poets; some excellent short essays in the Contributors' club; and a chapter of notes on the important book of the month, a thoroughly interesting number of this standard magazine. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

—The prospect for the Webster heirs is not so good as has been profoundly hoped for. The suit against the Anneke Jans Bogardus estate, of which we made mention some time since, has been settled. The New York Times writes: "The application of Ruyner Van Gieson, of New Jersey, for letters of administration on the estate of the late Anneke Jans Bogardus, who died in this city some two hundred years or more ago, was dismissed in the Court of Appeals several months since, the decree of Surrogate Rogers, denying the application, being affirmed with costs. Today judgment was entered up making the decision of the court below, and awarding to Samuel Bridgford, the defendant, \$112 costs against the plaintiff, the petitioner. This will in all probability settle the question for good and all."

—It will probably be found that the long continued wet weather has been productive of some solid benefits. It has effectually disposed of the army worm on Long Island, N. Y. Millions of the worm are to be seen dead in the field. Before the storm set in they had begun their ravages and threatened to do as much damage as last year, when they mined thousands of acres of wheat, rye and other crops. Doubtless other enemies of the farmer met with the same fate.

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