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THE KING'S DAUGHTER.

She wears no jewel upon hand or brow, No badge by which she may be known of men, But though she walks in plain attire now, She is the daughter of a king; and when Her father calls her at his throne to wait, She will be clothed as doth befit her state.

MABEL'S CHRISTMAS GIFT.

"A Merry Christmas, Miss Mabel!" It was the first time Mabel had heard the words that day. From early dawn she had toiled at her needle. The bells were chiming eleven, and Mabel stood dripping and shivering on the threshold of the wretched tenement, one of whose poorest apartments constituted her home. The night was dark and stormy, and she had had a long walk, through the driving rain and sleet, from the fashionable quarter in which her rich employer dwelt, to the humbler one that contained her own miserable abode.

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written part of the check, had he not known the contrary, he would have sworn to be his own hand. His check-book, too, was missing, though how it could have been abstracted from the safe in his room, of which he kept exclusive possession, of the key, was quite past his comprehension. "You gave me the check yourself, sir," said Mabel, "on the steps of my lodgings, late on Christmas night; you surely cannot have forgotten it."

family into exile, or at the stealing of the Mortara boy? What an outrage is it on our intelligence and common sense to ask the restoration of the Pope "in the name of freedom, of religion, and the rights of conscience!"—(Rev. Dr. Thompson. A good Liniment for use in the family or stable may be made of the following ingredients:— Alcohol (95 per cent.) 1 quart; Fluid extract of arnica, 4 fluid ounces; Camphor, 2 fluid ounces; Stronger aqua ammonia, 1 fluid ounce; Water, 1 quart. Add to the alcohol the arnica, camphor, and ammonia, and after the camphor has dissolved, the water may be added. This liniment may be applied, for the relief of sprains, bruises, rheumatic and neuralgic pains, etc., with decided advantage.

The Sabbath and the School.—We have hope for the future of our Republic. We expect that the grand old ship of state, freighted with the precious and priceless cargo of a world's hopes, will encounter storms, but we expect she will outride them all. The sudden sounds and shocks are to be, let us fondly hope, as they have been, of the gale and not the rock. Still, we are encompassed with dangers which he must be blind who cannot see. The mournful prophecies may be the true ones. We may yet add another to the long, sad list of corrupted States and buried Republics. Our Republic may be termed forsaken, and our Beulah desolate. The owl and the bat may yet inhabit our palaces, and the pelican of the wilderness stalk through our deserted streets. All these things may be, we know, but they are not now, and we trust never will be.

OUR TABLE THE TONE-MASTERS.—A Musical Series for Young People. By Charles Barnard, author of Mozart and Mendelssohn, "Handel and Haydn," etc. BACH AND BEETHOVEN. Boston: Lee & Shepard. We have already expressed our admiration of this charming series, of which this is the third volume. For a young friend, possessed of a delicate musical taste, we know of few more acceptable presents than this series of books, which are beautiful and good. Like the other volumes, this last is illustrated; and in addition to a sketch of the lives of the two eminent composers named, strung upon a thread of story running through the three books, there is considerable appreciative and genial criticism of their works, with valuable practical lessons on organ music and how it is produced. For sale in Waterville by C. K. Mathews.

inoes, checkers, or something else to kill time, so that you will be sure not to read any useful book. If you read, let it be the dime novels of the day. Thus go on keeping your stomach full, and your head empty, and your self playing time-killing games, and in a few years you'll be nobody, unless, as it is quite likely, you should turn out to be a drunkard or a professional gambler, either of which is worse than a nobody. There are any number of young men hanging about saloons, billiard rooms and other rum shops just ready to graduate to be nobodies. GIRLS DON'T TALK SLANG.—An exchange says: Girls, don't talk slang. If it is necessary that any one in the family should do that, let your big brother, though I would advise him not to talk "Pigeon English" when there is an elegant systematic language that he can just as well use, but don't you do it. You have no idea how it sounds to ears unused or averse to it, to hear a young lady, when she is asked to attend some place of amusement, answer—"Not much," or if requested to do something she does not wish to—"Can't see it!" Not long ago I heard a Miss, who is educated and accomplished, say in speaking of a young man, that she intends to "go for him!" and when her sister asked her assistance at some work she answered "not for Joe!" Now, young ladies of unexceptionable character and really good education, fall into this habit, thinking it shows smartness to answer back in slang phrases; and they slip flippantly from the tongue with a saucy pertinence that is not lady-like or becoming. Young men who talk in that way do not like to hear it from the lips they love or admire. It sounds much coarser than. And really slang does not save time in use of language, as an abbreviation. No! is shorter and more decided than "Not much." And I am sure, Yes! is quite as easily said as "I'll bet."

More than one promising wedding has been indefinitely postponed by such means; for however remiss young men be themselves, they look for a better thing in the girls of their choice, and it does not help them to mend a bad habit too often.

Mrs. Hoswell's Statement.—Mrs. J. D. Hoswell, wife of the convicted murderer, has made a statement under oath, of the testimony which she was ready to give at the trial, but which was excluded. She details her life with Hoswell, who, according to her story, was a scene of miserable strife and wretched jealousy; the separation in August, and partial reconciliation, etc. She states that Luffin came to her door a few minutes past nine on that fatal evening, and rapped at the door. She was just retiring, but thinking it might be Hoswell, threw on her wrapper and went to the door. Luffin said he came to show her a new carpet. She replied that she "was just going to bed, but would look at it." He stepped in and she looked at the carpet. Luffin remarking that he must put it down that evening. She adds: "I then opened the door and he went to step out, when Hoswell sprang upon him from the outside of the door, with a knife in his hand, striking him somewhere, but I don't know where; I screamed 'Oh, and started to go into the sitting-room. Hoswell instantly caught me by the hair, and struck me on the cheek with the knife. I was standing then, between the bed and the table. I tried to get the knife away from him, and got my hand cut. He then cut me four times on the hand. I broke his hold from my hair and he caught me by the wrapper; I threw it off and ran into the other room, fastened the door and screamed 'murder!' three times. I don't know where Luffin went. When he was struck he had the carpet under his right arm and pushed Hoswell away with his left." She asserts her fidelity to Hoswell, and Mr. Luffin's propriety of conduct.

Bowman's block, on Kunduskeny Bridge, in Bangor, was damaged by fire on Saturday morning to the amount of about \$3000, and the stocks of several confectionery stores were entirely destroyed. The Mercantile Library Association and Marston's photograph rooms in the same building were considerably damaged. The following is the amount of insurance on the stocks of confectionery, all of which are a total loss: Henry Lane, \$1500; Wentworth and Pond, \$2000; McFarland, \$1500; Ruben Sule, \$500. S. R. Merrill, fancy goods, lost heavily; the amount of loss and insurance not ascertained. White and Leonard, jewelry and fancy goods, escaped with slight loss. The Whig and Courier office, in the same block, escaped damage. The block is owned by Hollis Bowman and the estate of Samuel Clark.

REV. H. H. STINCHFIELD, formerly member of the Methodist Conference of this State, and about fifteen years a preacher at Gorham Village, dropped dead last Tuesday on the corner of Spruce and Fifth street, Philadelphia. He has recently been agent for the Macon Female Seminary.

It is reported that Sir John Rose is on his way to Canada entrusted with a mission from the British government regarding the fishery question. After consulting with the Dominion government Sir John will proceed to Washington with a view to conciliation and compromise.

Mrs. Careful looks after everything as formerly. If there is one thing more than another which Mrs. Careful is careful about, it is in keeping the sun from fading the carpet. "That carpet," says Mrs. C., "I've had for almost twenty years, and I wouldn't have it fade a bit for the world. It cost \$1 cents a yard—expensive things, you know, have to be keered for." Mrs. Careful excludes the sun from the house, and sunshine from pretty much everybody that calls. "She doesn't believe in laughing, and thinks people are wicked who joke. Mrs. C. is a character—lot of the sort that the world gets along best when it has the fewest about."

The Lewiston Journal says that Mr. Alden Bowman, who died in Fairfield a few weeks ago, aged 83 years, was the first white male child born in the town. Although never a professional hunter, yet in his younger days, he has killed 47 bears, all within the present limits of Fairfield.

George Tebbits of Fairfield, who is over 86 years old, works every day in the field in summer, and in the wood, in winter, and has never been sick enough to have a doctor. He is not a pro-seolyte to various patent medicines of the day.—[Somerset Reporter.]

The trial of Luffin cost the country of Kennebec \$2680.94, and the State \$700—the State expenses were \$500 allowed to the prisoner's counsel and \$200 extra to the County Attorney.

James Freeman Clark's defeat (the politician, as a man who thinks of the next election, while a statesman thinks of the next election.)

Wito has ever loved who has reserved anything for himself? Reservation is self-love.—[Betina Von Arminne.]

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WATERVILLE... DEC. 30, 1870.



AGENTS FOR THE MAIL.

S. M. PETERGILL & CO., Newspaper Agents, No. 10 State street, Boston...

ALL LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS relating to edit or the business or editorial departments of this paper should be addressed to 'MAXHAM & WING, OF WAT'VILLE MAIL OFFICE.

CLINTON ALL RIGHT. — A Clinton correspondent of the Portland Press, announces that that live little town, "taking note that \$240,000,000 worth of woolen goods are consumed in our country yearly; that sheep are growing in all this region upon a thousand hills; that the Sebasticook river furnishes power in their very midst without cost; that operatives can be had from among their own population; that abundant food for them can be raised at low cost on their own farms; and believing that Congress will stand firm to the interests of home manufactures," have voted \$20,000, to which private capital will be liberally joined, for the erection of a woolen mill.

But Waterville looks ahead too; taking note with Clinton of the hundreds of millions of dollars worth of woolen goods annually consumed in the country, the sheep upon a thousand hills; the wasting water power, the waiting help, the productive farms, and the firmness of Congress, in favor of home manufactures. She borrows money and builds a dam; and looking upon the work of her hands, says it is good. Then she folds her hands and lets the tax-gatherer add his vitriol to the corrosion of bank interest, while these two demons of financial destruction gnaw at the vitals of an enterprise that deserves to live. The money borrowed to build a dam that may or may not be wanted for the future development of the plan, but which is useless at present, is taxed by the town to whose prosperity the whole enterprise is aimed. Clinton may be far-seeing for the future, but Waterville is wise to-day.

Now, a few dollars, or a few hundreds, saved or wasted in the name of taxation, will neither make or break a wealthy town like Waterville; but they may "point a moral" more pungent than history in disclosing the reason of things present or to come. When "one of the best water powers in New England" stands unimproved, while all around it the elements that should give it life are lying idle, it is the most natural thing in the world, and generally as just as it is natural, to think that such a state of things comes from tangible causes. It may be the fault of one man or of many, or result from too liberal or too stingy a system of taxation and other management. Causes are at the bottom of the matter somewhere. Whether these causes have in any measure been thrown into the light by modern transactions or policy, is a question that surrounding towns may in time induce the people of Waterville to investigate.

FIRE.—On Saturday evening last, about 8 o'clock, the farm house occupied by Mr. Asa Coombs, on the John Mathews farm near the Town farm, was discovered to be on fire. A large family of children, some of whom had retired to bed in the chambers, made it the first thought to save life. As soon as all were out of danger Mr. Coombs rushed to the barns, three in number, and let out all the farm stock. As help was slow to arrive, hardly anything was saved from the house. Furniture, beds, clothing and family provisions, all were consumed—among the latter 150 bushels of potatoes and twelve barrels of apples. One barn, the best, adjoining the house was also destroyed. There was no insurance, but we do not learn the estimate of loss. The house was old, but the barn was a good one. They were the property of Mr. John Mathews, of this village. The loss of Mr. Coombs is peculiarly severe. He is working the farm on shares, and nearly everything he had in the world was consumed. With a wife and six or seven children, without a shelter or bed or a morsel of food, and with merely the clothes in which they escaped from the burning house, it is not easy to imagine a case that calls more distinctly for help. Mr. Coombs is well known in town as an honest and hard-working man and kind neighbor, and we are glad to hear that he is receiving help wherever his case is made known. Such chances to "help one another" are not of daily occurrence.

CHRISTMAS. CHRISTMAS was observed at the Congregationalist Church by a social gathering at the vestry, which was prettily decorated for the occasion. Presents were distributed from well laden trees, and a genuine good time was had by all present, old and young.

The Unitarian church was beautifully adorned for Christmas. Festoons, inscriptions and emblems combined in fine taste and show—among which the "Star of Bethlehem" was by no means winked out of sight. Saturday evening they had refreshments and a Christmas tree at Town Hall, when young and old mingled their rejoicings in their usual fashion. It was found that Santa Claus had remembered all the little ones, without forgetting that "men are but children of a larger growth." On Sunday evening the vesper service, rendered doubly pleasant by the fine performance of the choir, was enjoyed by a full audience. The church decorations will remain till after New Years, vesper service being the regular evening worship there.

CHRISTMAS was very pleasantly celebrated at the Baptist Chapel, by the children and friends of the Sabbath School, on Saturday evening. The large room, which had been previously decorated with good taste, was filled at an early hour with old and young, prepared for a season of rational enjoyment. At the appointed hour, some religious exercises were had, with singing of Christmas carols and hymns and recitation of scripture, soon followed by a bountiful repast of which all partook with evident relish. During the evening there were several poetical recitations by some of the little girls, which were listened to with interest; but the larger portion of the time was surrendered to genial social intercourse, in which old and young freely mingled. But the crowning event of the evening, to the little folks at least, was the advent of Santa Claus, with his well filled pack. A capital imitation of an old fashioned chimney, reaching from floor to ceiling, had been erected, with a fire place, and all the familiar paraphernalia including a mantel shelf upon which "the old, old clock of the household stock" stood and ticked the hours away. When it was nearly time to break up and go home proclamation was made that Santa Claus was coming, and while everybody stood on tiptoe, sure enough, after a preliminary sound of the bells on his team, out from the fire place stepped the ancient worthy himself, despite all the common sense teaching to which the children of this generation have listened. After a pleasant greeting to the company he proceeded to dispense to the children around his cornucopia crowded with goodies, which they took home to eat at their leisure, while they discoursed of the "jolly good time" they had enjoyed, probably wishing that Christmas came oftener than once a year. No general distribution of presents was made.

The Christmas Festival at the Methodist-vestry was an exceedingly pleasant and successful affair. The members of the Sabbath School and other friends had a picnic supper in the early evening, before and after which the children had a good time generally. At 7-1/2 o'clock the large vestry was literally packed. The exercises passed off to the satisfaction of all. The receipts of the evening were about sixty dollars, which will be used for the benefit of the library.

Christmas was pleasantly observed by the several churches at West Waterville. The Methodists had a well laden Christmas tree Saturday evening, which, with interesting exercises by the children, made a very pleasant time. The Universalists gave to their festivities the form of a Sabbath School Concert, which was conducted in good taste and gave pleasure to a large audience. The Free Baptists celebrated on Monday evening, when they secured an overflowing audience. It took an hour to gather and distribute the fruit of the Christmas tree. A little boy, Frankie Hubbard, made the little ones merry by his personation of Santa Claus.

We are gratified to learn that A. H. Barton, Esq., of Benton, to whose recent severe sickness we referred last week, is steadily though slowly regaining his health. He will doubtless qualify for the office of Sheriff, to which he has been elected, and be prepared to appoint his deputies in due time.

The Belfast Journal may add to its enumeration of advantages to our town resulting from the opening of their railroad, that we are now able to read that spicy paper one day earlier than before.

A SNOW STORM, on Thursday, which was quite severe while it lasted, gave us only a few inches of snow and improved the sleighing but little.

AN OLD LADY BURNED TO DEATH.—Mrs. Newell, wife of the late Breed Newell, living with her son-in-law, Royal Brown, Esq., in Winslow, was found burned to death in her chair on Wednesday forenoon. She was separated from the rest of the family by an entry. Smelling the smoke they went in and found her burned to death. It is supposed she took fire from her pipe as nothing else in the room was burned. She was 90 years old.

THE DUEL BETWEEN FRANCE AND GERMANY.—The address of Hon. CHARLES SUMNER, on the above topic, has been published by the American Peace Society, and is for sale at their office, No. 36 Broad Street, Boston, at 15 cents a copy. By sending that amount to the Secretary of the Society, anybody may read what thousands, during the past autumn, have paid 50 cents each to hear.

"What is a smile?" asked a man of a little girl. "The whisper of a laugh," said she.

THE FOURTH LECTURE of the Winter Course at the Methodist Church, on Wednesday evening, was delivered by Rev. C. F. Allen, of Bangor. The audience was small, there being several counter attractions on the same evening, but those present listened to a very interesting eulogistic sketch of the life of Sir Henry Vane the younger, one of the earlier governors of Massachusetts, who afterward figured prominently in the succeeding troublous times in England, and finally sealed with his blood his faithful adherence to his religious and political principles.

The next lecture of this course will probably be by Gen. Hall, of Biddeford, who will tell the story of the Battle of Gettysburg, "all of which he saw, and a part of which he was." The time for this lecture is not yet fixed. Rev. Mr. Ladd certainly deserves much credit for the energetic manner in which he has carried forward this enterprise, in the face of many discouragements, and we are sorry that these lectures have not drawn larger houses. As a whole, the course has been more interesting and much more valuable than that of last winter, while the tickets have only cost half as much. We hope that our citizens will see that the house is well filled at the next lecture.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies has voted, 192 to 18, to remove the capital from Florence to Rome within six months. Gambetta has announced to Rome that France terminates the Concordat in order to effect an entire separation of church and state in France.

THE WEATHER, at the South and West, has been very severe. One morning last week the mercury stood at 10 degrees below zero, and in Illinois it has ranged all the way from 10 to 20. That is worse than Maine weather, for as yet we have not had it colder than five or six degrees below zero. At Wilmington, N. C., there was a heavy snow storm on Thursday of last week.

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN.—This well known weekly, which is without a rival in its peculiar field, has been greatly enlarged and improved, and is one of the most useful and interesting journals published. Every number is beautifully printed on fine paper, and elegantly illustrated with original engravings, representing new inventions; novelties in mechanics, manufactures, chemistry, photography, architecture, agriculture, engineering, science and art. Farmers, mechanics, inventors, engineers, chemists, manufacturers, and people of all professions or trades will find the Scientific American of great value and interest. Its practical suggestions will save hundreds of dollars to every household, workshop, and factory in the land, besides affording a continual source of valuable instruction. The editors are assisted by many of the ablest American and European writers, and having access to all the leading scientific and mechanical journals of the world, the columns of the Scientific American are constantly enriched with the choicest information. An official list of all the patents issued is published weekly. The yearly numbers of the Scientific American make two splendid volumes of nearly one thousand pages, equivalent in size to four thousand ordinary book pages. Specimen copies sent free. Terms—\$3 a year; \$1.50 half year; clubs of ten copies for one year, at \$2.50 each, \$25.00, with a splendid premium to the person who forms the club, consisting of a copy of the celebrated steel plate engraving, "Men of Progress." Address Munn & Co., 37 Park Row, New York.

WESTERN DIVISION FARMERS' CLUB. Meeting at the residence of Chas. A. Dow, Wednesday evening, Dec. 29th. The President, Levi A. Dow, in the chair. Isa. Marston sec. pro tem.

Subject, "Feeding off mowing land by stock in the fall and spring."

What was said is summed up in two resolves, namely:

Resolved, That farmers suffer a loss in their succeeding crop of hay by feeding their grass fields.

Resolved, That farmers should plant or sow corn or millet to feed to their stock in the early fall, as a substitute for what their stock would crop from their fields.

Made choice of G. E. Shores as delegate to the Farmers' Convention at Farmington, next week.

Subject for discussion at the next meeting, "What is the most profitable stock for farmers to raise in this portion of the State?"

On account of the Convention at Farmington and our annual meeting next week, the club adjourned to meet at I. Marston's in two weeks. Mr. Marston gives a cordial invitation to the members of the Southern Club, and all others, to meet at his house on said evening.

I. MARSTON, Sec. pro tem.

MAINE ECLECTIC MEDICAL SOCIETY.—The semi annual meeting of this society will be held at the De Witt House, Lewiston, Maine, on the second Wednesday of Jan., 1871, at 10, A. M. All members should be present as it is expected that business of importance to the public will be transacted. All liberal minded physicians in good standing who believe in progress and reform are cordially invited. Its object is to promote the interest and aid in the advancement of Medical Science. This invitation is extended to your families and friends. In union there is strength.

PER ORDER. [Maine papers please copy.]

REV. F. MAGWIRE, formerly pastor of the Universalist Church in this village, but now of East Cambridge, Mass., has, as we learn from the Banner, accepted the call to take charge of a society in Fitchburg, Mass.

FARMERS—remember the annual meeting of the North Kennebec Agricultural Society, next Tuesday afternoon.

OUR TABLE

EVERY SATURDAY for Christmas—which unfortunately failed to reach us until this week—is a most magnificent number of this illustrated weekly, and is a gallery of fine pictures for the holiday season. Several of the best pictures are by well known American artists—Gathering Christmas Greens, by Darley; a charming portrait of Santa Claus, by Bush; an admirable sketch of a Southern Christmas scene, by Sheppard; a capital picture of Bob Cratchit and a touchingly beautiful face of Tiny Tim, by Eytinge; and a superb double page drawing by Hopkin, representing a Christmas party, with troops of children playing "King George" noisily and happily. There are several other attractive pictures suited to the season, and a fine variety of reading matter. The publishers announce that encouraged by the remarkable favor which has been bestowed upon their Journal, they have permanently enlarged it to twenty-four pages of its present size, and this without any increase of price. Published by Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston, at 85 a year.

OVERLAND MONTHLY.—We have the assurance of the publishers that the December number of this, the only literary magazine published on the Pacific Coast, has been forwarded to us; and though it has not yet arrived we feel that we can safely say that it is a publication of remarkable vigor, and that few magazines have made a more rapid advance in popular favor. In the hands of the new publishers, and under the able editorial management of F. Bret Harte, ("Truthful James"), whose name to prove as great a favorite as the most successful of the Atlantic magazines. A new volume commences with the January number. Published by John H. Carmany & Co., N. 409 Washington St., San Francisco, Cal., at \$4 a year, and sold by all periodical dealers.

THE CHRISTMAS LOCKET, a Holiday number of "Old and New,"—of which we made a full notice in advance—contains a beautiful Christmas Carol, the music by Mendelssohn, and bright and beautiful stories and poems for the holidays. One of these last, by a Maine lady, will be found on our first page. The number comprises ninety-six octavo pages, with an illuminated cover, and is for sale by all periodical dealers.—25 cents, sent to Geo. A. Colledge, care of Roberts Bros., 143 Washington Street, Boston, will bring it to you by return mail, postage paid.

THE PARENTHOLOGICAL JOURNAL for JANUARY—which commences a new volume—contains "The Beechers of To-day," with five life-like portraits; Importance of Chemistry, by Prof. Charles A. Joy; Dr. Land, the Nature of Dreams; Physical Education, Eating and Mental Action, Dyspepsia, etc.; Moderation, a Poem; Woman's Sphere and Influence; Decision, its relation to a Successful Life, The Mormon People, who and what they are, their Religion, Social Life, Accomplishments, and Prospects; The Editor's Message; The Study of Man; Leigh Hunt as an Essayist; What Shall I Do? Advantages of a Non-Combatant; The Condor, illustrated—and a dozen other articles, brief, pertinent, and interesting. Published by S. R. Wells 389 Broadway, New York, at \$2 a year.

TOBY CANDOR, who is generally well posted in these matters, gives Hon. Reuben Foster, of our village, the inside track for President of the Senate, saying that Hon. Charles Balfour, of Orono, will be his most prominent rival.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. R. Pitman, of Skowhegan celebrated their tin wedding on Saturday evening last. The spectacle of their married happiness must have been very moving, for another couple were so affected that they were joined in matrimony then and there.

THEODORE TILTON, Esq., has retired from the Editorship of the New York Independent and is succeeded by HENRY C. BOWEN, Esq., the Proprietor of the paper. The Independent is probably the most widely circulated religious Journal in this country, and each number contains a very large amount of reading matter. The Proprietor promises to improve it yet more. Mr. Tilton is Editor of the Brooklyn Daily Union and is to be a regular contributor of the Independent.

FARMERS' CLUB, SOUTHERN DIVISION.

At the call of the president the Southern Division Farmers' Club met at the Town farm buildings, Tuesday evening, Dec. 20th.

The club proceeded to the discussion of "Drought"—its effect on different crops, and the best methods of warding off, in some measure, its disastrous effects.

Mr. E. C. Snell would hoe his corn and potatoes often and use plaster as a top dressing.

After some further discussion around the members, the club proceeded to business.

Voted, To send a delegate to the Agricultural Convention to be held at Farmington Jan. 4, 5 and 6, 1870—his expenses to be paid by the Club. Voted to elect such delegate at the next meeting and to assess a tax on the members for the purpose of paying outstanding debts.

Voted, To meet at the house of M. B. Soule next Tuesday evening, Dec. 27th, and discuss the following question—"Is it profitable, under any circumstances, for the farmer to sell hay."

J. G. SOULE, Sec. pro tem.

Dec. 27, Club met at the house of M. B. Soule.

Question, "Is it profitable under any circumstances for the farmer to sell hay?"

Mr. G. A. Parker takes the affirmative; thinks it is profitable to sell hay and buy manure. If a farmer is in debt it may be expedient for him to sell hay.

Mr. B. H. Stevens would sell hay if he could buy manure.

Mr. A. M. Dearborn thinks if a farmer is in debt he would find it profitable to sell hay, since he is not able to purchase stock.

Mr. Wm. Valentine thinks it bad policy for the farmer to sell hay. What he gets for his hay he swindles out of his farm.

Mr. Haviland gave it as his opinion that it is better not to sell hay. Cited the opinion of successful farmers to the point; and the fact that the most successful farmers do not sell hay, but feed it to stock. Thinks the State of Maine would be better off in ten years if no hay was exported.

Mr. E. W. Cook thinks it poor policy for farmers to keep stock lean for the sake of selling hay, even at a high price. Agrees with Mr. Haviland that the State would be better off not to export hay.

Mr. B. G. Mitchell is opposed to selling hay. We cannot always buy manure, so the vegetable products of the farm should be consumed on it. Thinks there is profit in feeding hay besides the return in the manure.

Mr. Levi A. Dow agrees with Mr. Mitchell.

THE WAR.

The Prussians have caused an intense excitement in London by the seizure of six English vessels at anchor in the Seine, which they plundered and then sunk in order to prevent the passage of the Seine by French vessels. The victory of Manteuffel and Faidherbe in the north appears to have been complete, though the loss of the Prussians was nearly equal to that of the French. The French accused the Prussians of committing great outrages at Blois and Tours, which, if true, would show the Prussian soldiers no better than barbarians. Bismarck, having scared Luxembourg, has warned Switzerland that that power must maintain a more strict neutrality. It is reported that a scheme to assassinate the King and Von Moltke has been discovered. In reply to a patriotic address from the people, Prince Henry of Luxembourg expressed his confidence in their ability to defend the rights of the duchy. A despatch from the Saxon commander before Paris says the bombardment of Fort Avron began Tuesday.

The French official reports of the battle of Nuits on the 18th inst show that General Grenier was attacked by 24,000 Prussians with a heavy force of artillery. The French had only 10,000 men, who, after fighting many hours, retreated a quarter of a mile from the town. The Germans lost more than 600 killed and wounded, among them Duke William of Baden and several colonels. Re-enforcements came up next morning, and the Germans retreated in haste, and the prisoners they had taken the day before escaped. The French loss was 1200 killed and wounded.

At Lyons the defeat at Nuits caused a panic. The tocsin was sounded and meetings held at which frantic appeals were made to the people. General Armand commanding the national guards, refused admission to the City Hall to a mob who assailed him and broke his sword. In self-defence he discharged his revolver at his assailants. The mob then rushed upon and overpowered him and after a mock trial he was condemned to death and shot a few minutes after receiving his sentence.

London, Dec. 28. There is intense excitement at Havre, consequent upon the battle that has been going on in that neighborhood since the 28th, and is still undecided. The first important struggle between the French troops in this Department and the Prussians, occurred on Saturday morning at daybreak.

LATEST.—The Prussian government apologizes for the destruction of English vessels in the Seine, and dismisses the officer from the service who seized them. The intense cold weather has suspended military operations around Paris, but it is understood that the fire of the Prussians has thus far proved ineffective.

Lewiston, Dec. 27.—George Williams, of Lisbon, a young man about twenty-seven years old, was thrown from a carriage this forenoon and received injuries from the effect of which he died about three o'clock this afternoon. The accident was caused by the horse taking fright.

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Considerable indignation is caused in Washington by the refusal of the proprietors of Lincoln Hall to allow John H. Surratt to deliver his lecture on the assassination of Lincoln in their hall. The discussion brought out a fact concerning him which had never before been published. It is stated on most responsible authority that when Surratt's mother was on trial there, Judge Advocate Holt consented to release her if the former would give himself up to trial. Surratt was informed of this by friends who were in communication with him, and instead of at once complying, thereby securing the release of his mother, he immediately absconded, leaving her to her fate.

We learn that Col. F. S. Hesselton, formerly of this State, has resigned the office of Registrar in Bankruptcy at Savannah, Ga., and established himself in the practice of law in Boston. —[Bangor Whig.]

The Republicans concede that Georgia has gone Democratic by 35,000 to 40,000. Thus far only two Republican Senators have been elected, and they are both colored.

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