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From the National Republican. WEARY. I am so weary, and the way leads farther from the vale of rest...

Ruby and Drover. 'What right has a vulgar fellow like you to walk by us?' said a handsome pointer, named Ruby...

And why not? said Drover; I see no such mighty difference between us. 'Pshaw! nonsense! you are a poor plebeian...

'Don't run away with idle fancies, friend,' said Drover; 'I am no poorer than you; I have, of my own, four good legs, and a tough hide, a stout voice and a quick eye...

Ruby shouldn't say much, but looking suspiciously at Drover, he answered: 'It's very well that you are satisfied with your condition; we are not all born to the same situation of life...

EXTRA FEED TO COWS.—The old plan of feeding cows used to be, to see with how little food the animals could be carried through the winter...

FATTENING SHEEP IN WINTER.—When animals are in the process of being fattened, several things should be observed besides that of giving them as much food as they will eat...

EMANCIPATION.—William C. Bryant and Wm. Curtis Noyes head a petition to the President which represents, among other things, that we are admonished—and day by day the conviction is gathering strength among us...

BLOXI.—This place, which has been occupied by Federal troops from Ship Island, is situated on Bloxi Bay, and commands the railway communication between New Orleans and Mobile...

FIRE AT JACKSON.—The Belfast Age reports that the house, store and outbuildings of Isaiah J. Ricker, in Jackson village, together with the house of David Downes and the stables of J. G. Cook and P. G. White, were destroyed by fire on the night of the 22d inst...

THE GOOD OLD TIMES.—What has become of the old-fashioned teaching of sewing in school for girls? How many young girls in New York could either make or mend a garment of any sort decently? We have plenty of French and drawing lessons; these are very well in their place...

The Eastern Mail.

The Eastern Mail. EPH MAXHAM, DAN'L B. WING, EDITORS. WATERVILLE... JAN. 16, 1862.

AGENTS FOR THE MAIL. S. M. PITTSFORD & CO., Newspaper Agents, No. 10 State Street, Boston, and 119 Nassau Street, New York, are Agents for the Eastern Mail...

WATERVILLE GYMNASIUM ASSOCIATION.—In the present troublous state of our country, 'muscle' is getting to be properly appreciated, and public attention is everywhere turned to its cultivation and development...

The following are the officers of the Gymnasium: A. A. Plaiside, Speaker. I. S. Bangs, Jr., Leader of Gymnastic Exercises. E. R. Drummond, Sec'y and Treas. S. Keith, Armorer.

NEW YEARS, in the army, was celebrated in various ways, according to the taste and disposition of different individuals. Among the items in the programme at Fort Griffin, Va., were—a foot race, a gender pulling, leaping and wrestling matches, climbing of a greased pole, and a grand pig race...

QUESTION.—Will the Lewiston Journal tell us frankly and honestly whether the "national bankruptcy," of which it professes to be so fearful, is really to be apprehended?—or is it only a standing subject for an attractive paragraph? Whatever the answer may be, we promise not to put it in the way to reach the soldiers of the North who are bazzarding their lives on the national credit; or to smuggle it over to Secession, where they hope it may prove true;—nor even to whisper it in Fort Warren, where so many would joyously respond, "I told you so!"

PRETTY WELL DONE.—We mentioned last year a choice flock of sheep kept by Mr. Ira R. Doolittle of this town. The following statement of their proceeds tells well for the profit of a good flock: 845 lbs. wool from 182 sheep—\$397 15 100 lambs raised from do. 300 00 \$697 15

Let the farmer make a few figures, and see what other farm stock pays as well. But it is only good flocks that yield such profits. Mr. D. would have shown a better net profit to have raised more lambs, but his flock was not arranged for it.

WAR OF REDEMPTION.—The Constitution, with the Maine 12th and other troops—a part of the Butler Expedition—sailed from Boston on Monday morning—questions of jurisdiction, mooted between Gen. Butler and Gov. Andrew, having been summarily disposed of at head quarters.

The Burnside Expedition, numbering about 50,000 men, mainly New England troops, has sailed—not for Norfolk, but farther south. It has, in all probability, gone to Hatteras, to operate in Pamlico and Albemarle Sounds. If so, Roanoke Island will be one of the points first attacked.

In Missouri, several small squads of secessionists have been scattered, and some prominent rebels severely punished. The combined land and naval expedition has started from Cairo, and we hope to hear of glorious results, though the rebels are said to be well prepared. The land force, alone, is said to number from 60,000 to 75,000, and the number of boats is 78, of various sizes and kinds—many of them being iron plated.

Reinforcements are going forward to Port Royal. We hear of nothing but continued success in that quarter. It is supposed that our troops have possession of a section of the Charleston and Savannah Railroad. A Cincinnati correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer gives the particulars of a grand advance which he says has been planned by Gen. McClellan, which includes the simultaneous movement of 485,000 men and a line of operations extending from the Chesapeake to the Mississippi, the grand climax of which is to be an advance and victory at Marassas...

OUR TABLE. THE CONTINENTAL MONTHLY.—The February number of this new magazine is out, with a good bill of fare for literary epicures. Its opening article, by Charles G. Leland, the editor, is entitled 'Our War and Our Want,' which discusses the slavery question with vigor and ability...

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Various reports, somewhat contradictory, come from the Upper Potomac, where Jackson, an active rebel leader is threatening Hancock, but it is very evident that the Union force will hold him in check.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Two new Sunday Schools were organized last Sunday—one by the Universalist Society, (perhaps we should say re-organized,) and the other by Dr. Sheldon's Society. Of the former, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Dillingham, was appointed Superintendent, and of the latter a committee consisting of Wm. Dyer, D. L. Milliken and C. K. Mathews. One hundred and fifty-eight names were enrolled at the last-named school. We wish much success to both; and though we have two other well conducted and highly successful schools, we presume there is room and material for several more, if it could only be brought into use.

In paying a well deserved compliment to the proprietors of the Bangor Daily Whisp, for their promptness and liberal enterprise, the editor of the Gardiner Home Journal mentions with shame that there are men of means in that city—mighty mean men they must be—who regularly and habitually steal the reading of it at the Post Office or in the stores and shops about town, and notifies them that the copy mailed to his address must no longer be used in that way. The sneak who stole the paper head from a blind beggar's cane will feel relieved when he hears of this; for it will show him that he is by no means at the bottom of the heap, but that there are infinite depths of meanness below his. We hope such conduct is not paralleled in Waterville.

CHOICE BEEF.—There is a fine display of beef at the new market of Hilton & Doolittle—such as epicures and gourmands love to look upon, and such as tells well for the bounty of the season past. We advise everybody to eat roast beef this winter—especially those who are short of pork. We never saw our markets so well supplied with this article, of the extra qualities. In years past there has been a deficiency, and some pretty poor beef has found a pretty good market. It is not so now, and customers from other towns are sending for nice bits and getting them at moderate prices. At both markets the display is worth looking at.

SICKNESS AT AUGUSTA.—We by no means give credit to all the reports of suffering in the hospital department at Augusta; but there is no doubt that the number of the sick is so great that there is actual destitution of some of the comforts generally regarded as indispensable in sickness. Assertions of this fact reach us from most unquestionable sources. No doubt the citizens of Augusta have been liberal in meeting the wants of the sick soldiers, and yet without meeting them all. An appeal to the citizens of Waterville came last week, and was promptly responded to by forwarding a box of bedding and other articles, that had been intended for the Sanitary Commission. The change was made with the approval of as many of the contributors as could be seen, and it was not doubted that all would be satisfied to know that their kindness has reached the soldiers of our own State, and relieved war is known to be real. The following note of acknowledgement shows that the donation was gratefully received:—

AGRICULTURISTS in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, are inquiring for seed, with a view to engaging in the growing of cotton.

A POOR WOMAN'S IDEA OF A POOR HOUSE.—Not long ago a destitute daughter of Erin walked into a broker's office, and in a very insinuating tone begged for a little aid to support her starving family. 'Why, my good woman, said the comfortable-looking gentleman to whom she addressed her petition, you ought to take your family and go to the poor house instead of begging about the streets in this way.' 'Sure, yer honor,' she replied, 'it wouldn't be easy to go to a poorer house nor my own.' The rich man could not answer this clincher with anything less than two shillings, and Nora went out with a smiling face.

HOMELY WOMEN.—For a homely—even an ugly man—I have no pity to spare. I never saw one so ugly yet that, if he had brains and a heart, he could not find a beautiful woman sensible enough to marry him. But for the hopelessly plain and homely sisters—these tears! There is a class of women who know that they possess in their persons no attractions for men—that their faces are homely, that their frames are ill-formed, that their carriage is clumsy, and that whatever may be their gifts of mind, no man can have, the slightest desire to possess their persons.

PLEASING EVERYBODY.—We do not remember to have read anything better than the following sentiments. They are true to the letter:— 'Heaven help the man who imagines he can judge his enemies by trying to please everybody! If such a person ever succeeded we should be glad to know it. Not that we believe in a man's going through the world, trying to find beams to knock his head against; despising every man's opinion; elbowing and crowding all who differ from him. That, again is another extreme. Other people have a right to their opinions—so have you; don't fall into the error of supposing they respect you any more for turning your coat every day to match the color of theirs. Wear your own colors, spite of wind and weather, storm or sunshine. It costs the vacillating and irresolute ten times the trouble, to wind, shuffle, and twist, than it does honest, manly independence to stand its ground. Take what time you please to make up your mind; having once made it up stick to it.'

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE has been abolished by Congress.

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WINKLES AND WRINKLES.—With the exception of the small-pox, pimples are the most destructive enemies to beauty. They are of various kinds, and young ladies should beware of using any of the lotions or washes advertised, or even cold cream, unless assured there is in it no preparation of lead. Medical advice should always be first consulted. Warm water, instead of cold, often produces a beneficial effect. The small red pimple is caused by obstructions of the skin, imperfect circulation, hot rooms, violent exercise, intemperance, of any kind, and also frequently appears after a foolish and dangerous attempt to reduce corpulence by the aid of large doses of vinegar.

WINKLES are occasioned by the obstruction or obliteration of the finer blood vessels; when this occurs, the larger veins are loaded, and protrude, as may be seen in the veins on the backs of the hands of very aged persons. Winkles may be prevented by preserving undiminished the action of the skin, and thus securing the assistance of the minor blood-vessels. A system of ablation and friction will insure to persons ten years' exemption from the invasion of these disagreeable reminders of mortality, beyond the period that unassisted nature would have imparted, unless any chronic or inflammatory disease prevents; observing, however, that as age advances, tepid water instead of cold must be used for ablutions. A warm bath, with friction for a quarter of an hour with a soft flesh brush, after being thoroughly dried, will be a great regulator of the appearance of the skin. A nutritive, but not over-bloisitic diet is also necessary to ward off these unpleasant visitors, and we need hardly say, that temperance, air, and exercise are indispensable, and early hours equally so.

FLAX COTTON.—A Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun is informed by the Agricultural Bureau that the idea of making what is called 'flax cotton' is pretty much abandoned, a process having been discovered by which the fibre may be made to 'felt,' so to speak. Mentime the increased culture of flax for ordinary purposes is recommended, as new methods for the manufacture of that article have been latterly put in use to good effect.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT has information that the Sumter was in the harbor of St. Pierre, Martinique, on the 22d of December and the United States steamer Iroquois which had followed her up was one league off the harbor awaiting for her to again come out.

A gentleman in Passaic, named SPECTER, selects a rare and valuable variety of the Sambucus fruit, which, with his new method of fermentation, he makes an excellent Wine without the addition of water or liquors of any kind. The wine is becoming celebrated among medical gentlemen of reputation in our large cities, and used in Hospitals as a superior article. Physicians recommend it as an invaluable article for weakness and general debility. It is a very gentle stimulant and at the same time a rich nutritive wine, possessing the virtues that make it valuable for weakly persons, and for general family use at this season of the year. Some of our first doctors say it is far superior to port or other wines. Our druggists and town agents have been getting some that is four years old, a choice article. It is called Specter's Sambucus Wine. The price is low, which brings it within the reach of all classes. It is said to be excellent for females.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Maine will hold a session in Bath on Wednesday and Thursday the 29th and 30th insts.

If a petition for government is not more oppressive now than formerly, it is certainly of double value.

General Butler was looking on the map the other day, when a gentleman asked him where his Expedition was going to. 'I am looking at the place now,' replied the General. The gentleman couldn't see it.

Mr. Albert W. Bradbury, son of Hon. Bro. Bradbury of Eastport, has been promoted from a 2d to a 1st Lieutenant in the first Maine Battery attached to Col. Shurtleff's regiment. The destination of the regiment is Ship Island.

So far from that terrible disaster and starvation that was predicted, the N. Y. Sunday Times says the demands made upon the benevolent societies have not as yet reached the aggregate of former years.

A single snowflake—who comes for it? But a whole day of snow-flakes, obliterating the landmarks, drifting over the doors, gathering upon the mountains to crash in avalanches—who does not care for it? Private opinion is weak, but public opinion is almost omnipotent.

A correspondent of the New England Farmer says his method of curing scratches in horses is to rub on West India molasses a few times. He has never known it to fail.

Col. Colt, the celebrated revolving arms manufacturer, died at his residence in Hartford Conn. Friday, at 6 o'clock A. M., of paralysis of the brain. His health has been very precarious for over a year.

President Jaurez writes to gentlemen of Washington that it is his determination to make the best fight possible against the invaders of Mexico, and that they never will yield to Spanish domination until completely subdued.

The Boston correspondent of the Bath Sentinel, writing under date of Dec. 30th, states that a painful rupture pressing on the bowels of a young man, and that the rupture had been affected to such an extent by the death of his wife, that he is now receiving medical treatment at a private lunatic asylum.

A Nashville paper says that a few steel cannon are wanted at Bowling Green. The Louisville Journal guesses that Floyd's little detachment were offed him could soon steal the iron caws.

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FACT FUN AND FANCY: You flatter me, said a thin exquisite, the other day to a young lady who was praising his moustache...

Which is the queen of the roses in the garden? The rose of the watering pot, for it rains over all the others...

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In this village, 9th inst., at the residence of Mr. Henry B. White, her step-father, Carrie A. Hodgdon, aged 17 years 4 mos.

DR. EDWIN DUNBAR, DENTIST: I would respectfully inform the public that he has returned to Waterville, and has an Office at his residence on Centre St.

Merrifield's Traveling Agency: If you want to go to any place, cheap, go to Merrifield's.

There's one thing certain: I'd like to be keeping, but I do the work while he makes it say, I've sold more shoes, now, than he ever can count, but I still keep me running about.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CONNECTICUT MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY: Being a Mutual Company, has no Capital Stock.

Being a Mutual Company, has no Capital Stock. Amount of accumulated Capital, \$4,126,072.79

Amount of Bonds, \$57,600.00

Lasell Female Seminary: The next term begins on THURSDAY, Feb. 20. This Institution has been since its foundation, ten years, and continues to be under the same care.

SPEER'S SAMBUCCI WINE: PURE AND FOUR YEARS OLD. OF CHOICE PORTO FRUIT. FOR PHYSICIANS' USE.

Scrofula, or King's Evil: A constitutional disease, a corruption of the blood, by which the system is rendered impure and weak.

Ayer's Compound Extract of Sarsaparilla: The most effective remedy with the medicinal skill of our times for this every where prevalent and fatal malady.

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MEAT MARKET: The subscribers have opened a new stock of choice meats, and are prepared to furnish them at the lowest prices.

Chase's Patent Sleigh Bells: THE BEST in use, for sale as above. Call and see them.

Oh Ladies! You ought to see them! ADIES! Double soled SHOES BALMORAL BOOTS, at MERRIFIELD'S.

Serviceable, Seasonable, and Fashionable. AT MAXWELL'S OLD STAND.

NEW AND ELEGANT VARIETY: The Furniture Ware Room of W. A. CAFFEY, is a found a great variety of patterns.

ISLAND NURSERY: This Nursery contains nearly FIFTY DIFFERENT KINDS OF EVERGREENS AND DECIDUOUS TREES.

Particular Notice: I have prepared material, and made arrangements to apply rubber soles to Boots and Shoes of all kinds.

Appropriated by Congress to carry on the war! NOTWITHSTANDING all this, HILL & SAVAGE believe in their duty to their shop and are ready to attend to all orders in the painting line.

Friends in the Right Place: HERICK'S SUGAR COATED PILLS. The Best Family Cathartic in the World.

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Kendalls Mills Adv'ts. DR. A. PINKHAM, SURGEON DENTIST. CONTINUE to execute all orders for their fine dental Office.

Androsoggin & Kennebec Railroad: WINTER ARRANGEMENT - 1862. On and after Monday, Nov. 4th 1861, Trains will leave Waterville for Portland at 10.00 A.M. for Bangor.

Portland and Boston Line: The splendid new sea going Steamers FOREST CITY, LEWISTON, and MONTREAL, will leave Waterville for Portland, every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 6 o'clock P.M.

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FURNITURE WARE-ROOMS: At the New Ware-Room, No. 3 Boutele Block. Goods for sale by this line to and from Montreal, Quebec, Bangor, Bath, Augusta, Portland, and New York.

Dining-Room and Common Furniture: Embracing Chairs, Mahogany Chairs, Mirrors, Mattresses, Chamber Furniture, &c.

A Laxative and Tonic Combined: A GREAT REMEDY to the system, mild in its operation; it is used by the strength, or it interrupts the action.

DOORS, SASH, BLINDS AND WINDOW FRAMES, FURISH & DRUMMOND: HAVE commenced again in their new Shop in Moor's building, Waterville, with a new set of the latest and most improved Machinery.

ORIN T. GRAY, Counsellor at Law, WATERVILLE, MAINE. Office on Main Street, near the Williams House, lately occupied by P. L. Chandler.

IMPORTANT TO THE PUBLIC: THAYER & MARSTON. WOULD inform all who are about purchasing their WINTER OUTFIT, that they have just received a large stock of goods.

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