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TOWN AND COUNTY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Probate Order—Estate of John Bennett. Probate Order—Estate of William Smith. Notice—Order of Common Council.

Miscellaneous local notices.

Hayes-y. More Hayes-y. Most Hayes-y now.

Thiden didn't get that other vote. Girls, can't you get up a cooking club?

Dunning is to have a great sale of tea, commencing next Saturday.

An epidemic, known as roller-skating, has made its appearance in Lansing.

Who has Sayers & Phelps' meat-outer? They want it returned immediately.

W. A. Bowe's interesting history of the Hesian fly will be published next week.

M. W. Chapin writes from Stanton, "I still hurrah for Thiden, but must have the News."

It is rumored that the drug store now occupied by O. W. Halstead, will soon be used as a clothing store.

The fact that three-fourths of all the teachers and clergymen in the country are republicans, needs no comment.

Mason society has just received fresh tone by the return of "sons" of the Owen girls from the Detroit work-house.

Louisiana has given between 8,000 and 4,000 majority for Hayes and now the democrats say he is "counted in" beyond a doubt.

Groom up your Bantam rooster, and your old speckled hen. "The Farmers" club will have a poultry show about the first of February.

Our enterprising express agent and "newsman," H. Whiteley, has associated with him, in his newspaper business, C. E. Fowler, of this city.

W. H. Clow, formerly of Vevey, is organizing writing schools along the line of the new railroad in this county. Mr. Clow is a superior penman.

Judge Wm. R. DeLand, one of the oldest pioneers of Jackson, was buried Sunday afternoon, a large concourse of people attending his funeral.

The young ladies in nearly all of our neighboring towns are establishing cooking clubs. Wonder if anybody eats the provisions they practice upon.

Contrary to expectation, we are enabled to lay before our readers, this week, the last annual message of the president. See our double-page supplement.

Another old pioneer of Ingham county has passed away. The wife of James DeForest, of Locke, died Nov. 16th, aged 70. She had lived in this county 36 years.

The Lansing Republican comes to our office twice a week, filled with the most lively kind of local and general news. It is one of the most spicy papers in Central Michigan.

Hayes has gone for Louisiana! Florida has gone for Hayes. And when we remind our democratic friends of this fact, they half-heartedly and half-madly remark: "Let'er go!"

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MASON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Average Standing of the Pupils for the Four Weeks Ending Nov. 24, 1876.

The following averages show the pupils' actual standing in school, including recitations and deportment, the department being counted as one study. A star (*) indicates that the person after whose name it is placed has been neither tardy nor absent:

Boys' class. The following averages show the pupils' actual standing in school, including recitations and deportment, the department being counted as one study.

Girls' class. The following averages show the pupils' actual standing in school, including recitations and deportment, the department being counted as one study.

Grammar school. The following averages show the pupils' actual standing in school, including recitations and deportment, the department being counted as one study.

Summary for three months ending November 24, 1876.

Number of days taught. 90 days.

Number of pupils. 100 pupils.

Number of recitations. 1000 recitations.

Number of deportments. 100 deportments.

Average No. belonging. 100.

Percentage of attendance. 90%.

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He Called Them Croakers.

Stockton, Dec. 2, 1876. Ed. News:—Seeing a communication in the last issue of your paper from your special correspondent, reflecting upon those that did not attend the church social and supper at the hotel on the evening of Nov. 21, and calling them croakers, we think John Billings' saying in regard to modern education would apply to him, to wit: "That the great error of his education is, that it trained the head and left the heart to rot. It makes him quick at figures, and smart on an eclipse, but the virtues of truth, charity, affability, and even honesty, seem to be almost neglected."

At the annual election of Ingham Chapter No. 61, Royal Arch Masons, the following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year:

H. P. Johnson, H. S. Dunning, King-C. D. Huntington, Scribo-Geo. W. Bristol, G. H. S. A. Dunning, P. S. H. Henderson, R. A. G. Chas. G. Huntington, Secretary—A. B. Rose, Treasurer—H. Darrow, M. J. V. C. Webb, M. J. V. F. Cornett, Sentinel—Daniel Campbell.

The Mason Farmers' club has decided, after due inquiry, that "scientifically and theoretically" they ought not to turn to chess, but practically it does; a decision which moves the News man to ask whether he may not now save a handful of buttons and a few bits of dog collar with the well-grounded hope of reaping a harvest of cash. There don't seem to be any serious hindrance to an editor's making a raise of cash in that way, provided, of course, he can get dog-buttons on subscription.—Detroit Post.

We don't exactly know what the Post means by "dog-buttons." Perhaps they are a new kind of button worn by Detroit ladies; and perhaps it means dog-collars, or perhaps—but it is good joke, whatever it means.

The paper that wants it distinctly understood "that we don't beg for advertising, job-work, or subscribers," says, in another column, in huge capitals: "Help us now. There is a touching pathos in that brief cry."

"Help us now" or we must perish. And the party games we north. Will be lost in one wild crash. And our doors will be nailed up. And salt river will be sealed up. And, perchance, we may be jilted up. If you don't roll in the cash.

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Michigan County News.
MASON, MICHIGAN.

General News Summary.

THE GENERAL ELECTION. Tilden's official majority in New York was 11,945. The Republican candidate for Delegate to Congress from the 1st District, John Sherman, was elected by a majority of 11,945. The Republican Council is composed of six Republicans and three Democrats, and the lower house of eighteen Republicans and twelve Democrats.

A Greenback (N. C.) special to the New York Times, of the 29th, says the returns show that the vote for Hayes and Tilden in North Carolina could reach and probably exceed 100,000. Tilden's majority would reach 10,000, and Hayes would win some 5,000 votes. The Greenback party were very much excited by the discovery of the fact that one of Tilden's electors, William B. Glendon, is believed to be one of the commissioners appointed by the Southern Claims Commission to take testimony.

The following is the result of the official count of the votes for President in Michigan: Hayes, 160,584; Tilden, 141,083; Cooper, 9,058. Hayes over Tilden, 19,501 majority in Michigan.

Tilden's majority in New Jersey, according to the official count, is 11,945.

The total vote in Kansas for President was: Hayes, 78,283; Tilden, 57,810; Temperance, 107, American Alliance, 12.

A special to the New York Herald of the 28th says Col. Thomas B. Keoch, the Chairman of the Republican State Committee, had filed a protest with Gov. Broden against an announcement of the vote of North Carolina for Presidential Electors. He enumerated twenty-three counties to which he objected on the ground that the returns were not certified to him. He stated that he had written to the counties, with the omission of eight counties not heard from, give the State to Hayes.

A Salem (Ore.) dispatch of the 4th says the official vote had been canvassed by the Secretary of State, in the presence of a number of prominent Republicans and Democrats. The Republican majority is 1,163. A protest was filed, signed by Senator Kelly and eight other Democrats, charging that the returns were not certified to him, and in favor of giving it to the next highest on the list. The Governor refused to certify to the returns, and the matter will be taken up by the Supreme Court.

After some preliminary proceedings on the 28th, the Parish of Ouscutilla was taken up, and four negro witnesses were introduced in behalf of the Republicans, and were examined and sworn to by the Democratic witnesses, named Eliza Pinkston, told a fearful tale of cruelty. She related the murder of her husband, Henry Pinkston, and a little girl seven years old was taken from the house the same day. The witnesses, named Eliza Pinkston, told a fearful tale of cruelty. She related the murder of her husband, Henry Pinkston, and a little girl seven years old was taken from the house the same day. The witnesses, named Eliza Pinkston, told a fearful tale of cruelty. She related the murder of her husband, Henry Pinkston, and a little girl seven years old was taken from the house the same day.

THE NATIONAL GRANGE.

The National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry closed their session in Chicago on the 29th. The Inter-Occurrence furnished the following report:

The most important act of any session of the National Grange was the passage of the final report of the Board of Trustees. This report referred especially to international co-operation. The recommendations of the Board were adopted by the members on an important resolution providing for a system of State granges was also adopted. The Board also recommended the formation of a National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, and the formation of a National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, and the formation of a National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry.

Resolved, That we, the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, with great pleasure accept the report of the Board of Trustees, and we thank them for the kind reception and hearty cooperation of the members of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, and we thank them for the kind reception and hearty cooperation of the members of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry.

INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS.

A landslide took place on Rattlesnake Mountain, in Wentworth, N. H., recently, which swept off trees two feet in diameter. The lands were several miles, and resembled an earthquake.

The recorder of the Dallas, Washington Territory, having the other day, expressed the opinion that a Chinaman who, with others, had been arraigned and brought before him, was somewhat to blame for "Hedge lord" blandly remarked that if the recorder would permit, he (the Chinaman) would like to see the wife into the adjoining room (N. H.).

The St. John's (N. B.) Telegraph records this case: "A few days ago, while Mrs. Mowatt, of the parish of St. Stephen, accompanied by her husband, was driving down a hill, she stepped over to clear her cloak from one of the wheels, when a 'cloud' which she had about her neck became entangled in a fore-wheel, and was drawn so tightly by the severely strangled her. The team could not be stopped, and her husband, seeing that she would be crushed, drew his knife and cut the cord, but she had been so severely injured that she died in a few minutes. Her husband, who was sitting at the breakfast table with his wife, was sitting at the breakfast table with his wife, who was sitting at the breakfast table with his wife, who was sitting at the breakfast table with his wife.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

Vanderbilt has stopped fumbling at the door-knob of death, and is reported slowly getting well.

An English writer compliments Elihu Burritt by saying that "he looks as though he had just dropped out of the Old Testament."

Mrs. Lucy Stone says Massachusetts is hard to women, and she writes every thing that belongs to the State except its rocks, and its trees, and its brooks.

European literary journals complain that the depression so widely prevalent in financial and political affairs has extended also to the domain of literature and art.

Mr. Jacob Beede, of Oakland, Pa., who will be one hundred years old at May, writes four lines to the poll and voted last election day. He cast his first vote for Thomas Jefferson.

Old Mother Wilson, who has kept a first stand in front of the Academy of Music, New Orleans, for many years, has returned to her place from the Georgia fever districts. She has voluntarily nursed yellow-fever patients in every epidemic since 1857.

It is related of the late Cardinal Allen, as one of his most admirable traits, that even when he was overwhelmed with business and the cares of church and

CONGRESSIONAL.

When the Senate was called to order on the 4th, the new members were sworn in, and the two from Colorado drew for their respective terms. Claflin securing the long term, and Teller the short term. The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the bill to amend the act relating to the election of Senators, and the bill to amend the act relating to the election of Senators.

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At Columbus, Ohio, on the night of the 29th ult., while Mrs. Richard Barr was filling a lamp with burning fluid poured from a pitcher on the table, the lamp overturned, the table was communicated to the fluid, which exploded and ran over the clothing of Mrs. Barr. A quilt was speedily thrown over the woman, but her body was so badly burned that she died a few hours after.

A mass dispatch was received in San Francisco on the 1st, from Victoria, stating that fifty rounds of ammunition had been issued to the militia of the province, in anticipation of a Fenian raid. Torpedoes had also been placed on the 1st to two vessels.

The telegraph line between Cheyenne and Deadwood was completed on the 1st.

A FIRE in New Orleans on the 1st destroyed 112 houses, fifty of which were occupied by a hundred families who lost nearly all their effects and were left in a destitute condition, many of them being all the poorer for the loss. About twenty firemen were injured, several seriously. Value of property destroyed estimated at between \$300,000 and \$400,000; insurance \$200,000.

CHARLES B. WILKINSON, defaulting United States Revenue Collector at St. Joseph, Mo., was committed to the Missouri State Penitentiary, and to pay a fine of \$500.

The Democratic candidates for Presidential Electors in Nebraska petitioned one of the District Courts of the State, on the 24th ult., to issue a writ of habeas corpus, and to issue a writ of habeas corpus, and to issue a writ of habeas corpus.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

A WASHINGTON dispatch of the 30th ult. says the resignation of W. F. Clarke, Chief of the Customs Bureau of the Treasury Department, had been requested, tendered and accepted.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

It was telegraphed from Constantinople on the 29th ult. that Turkey had caused to be drawn up proclamations addressed to the Sultan, and to the military and naval authorities, in consequence of the refusal of the Sultan to support his refusal.

THE MAIN BUILDING.

The Main Building at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia was purchased on the 1st by a joint stock company, which designs to use it for a permanent annual exposition. Price paid, \$2,000,000.

THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Rhode Island General Assembly convened its annual session on the 1st. Gov. Lippitt communicated the opinion of the Supreme Court that, unless one of the Presidential Electors be elected, the President of the United States will be elected by the people.

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THE NATIONAL GRANGE.

The National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry closed their session in Chicago on the 29th. The Inter-Occurrence furnished the following report:

The most important act of any session of the National Grange was the passage of the final report of the Board of Trustees. This report referred especially to international co-operation. The recommendations of the Board were adopted by the members on an important resolution providing for a system of State granges was also adopted. The Board also recommended the formation of a National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, and the formation of a National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry.

INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS.

A landslide took place on Rattlesnake Mountain, in Wentworth, N. H., recently, which swept off trees two feet in diameter. The lands were several miles, and resembled an earthquake.

The recorder of the Dallas, Washington Territory, having the other day, expressed the opinion that a Chinaman who, with others, had been arraigned and brought before him, was somewhat to blame for "Hedge lord" blandly remarked that if the recorder would permit, he (the Chinaman) would like to see the wife into the adjoining room (N. H.).

The St. John's (N. B.) Telegraph records this case: "A few days ago, while Mrs. Mowatt, of the parish of St. Stephen, accompanied by her husband, was driving down a hill, she stepped over to clear her cloak from one of the wheels, when a 'cloud' which she had about her neck became entangled in a fore-wheel, and was drawn so tightly by the severely strangled her. The team could not be stopped, and her husband, seeing that she would be crushed, drew his knife and cut the cord, but she had been so severely injured that she died in a few minutes. Her husband, who was sitting at the breakfast table with his wife, was sitting at the breakfast table with his wife, who was sitting at the breakfast table with his wife.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

Vanderbilt has stopped fumbling at the door-knob of death, and is reported slowly getting well.

An English writer compliments Elihu Burritt by saying that "he looks as though he had just dropped out of the Old Testament."

Mrs. Lucy Stone says Massachusetts is hard to women, and she writes every thing that belongs to the State except its rocks, and its trees, and its brooks.

European literary journals complain that the depression so widely prevalent in financial and political affairs has extended also to the domain of literature and art.

Mr. Jacob Beede, of Oakland, Pa., who will be one hundred years old at May, writes four lines to the poll and voted last election day. He cast his first vote for Thomas Jefferson.

Old Mother Wilson, who has kept a first stand in front of the Academy of Music, New Orleans, for many years, has returned to her place from the Georgia fever districts. She has voluntarily nursed yellow-fever patients in every epidemic since 1857.

It is related of the late Cardinal Allen, as one of his most admirable traits, that even when he was overwhelmed with business and the cares of church and

CONGRESSIONAL.

When the Senate was called to order on the 4th, the new members were sworn in, and the two from Colorado drew for their respective terms. Claflin securing the long term, and Teller the short term. The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the bill to amend the act relating to the election of Senators, and the bill to amend the act relating to the election of Senators.

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SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY.

An Unrivalled Illustrated Magazine. When Scribner issued his famous Midwinter Holiday Number in July, a friendly critic said of it: "We are not sure but that Scribner has touched high-water mark in his career. His other numbers are left to it to conquer." But the publishers do not consider that they have reached the *ultima ratio* of excellence—their latest issue is a masterpiece of art and science, and is the most complete and perfect work of the kind ever published. It is a masterpiece of art and science, and is the most complete and perfect work of the kind ever published.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

With me? No, I haven't seen her! said Fred, excitedly. And then, seeing the look of disappointment on the face of the other, he said: "You don't mean that you haven't seen her to-night, do you?"

HOW GRANDPA LOST THE BABY.

"Will you hand this baby to Mr. Benson? He's in the car ahead." "With pleasure, sir." And the gentleman standing on the platform held out his arms to receive the dainty bit of young womanhood, aged three, who sat in her grandfather's arms as though on a throne.

When he heard the house a deep groan burst from his lips. It was as though he had been struck by a lightning bolt. The curtains were still drawn, and he could see the tree, gay with its hundreds of lights and glittering with presents prepared by loving fingers to please eyes he might never see.

More Experiments in Telegraphy.

For some years past, Prof. A. Graham Bell, professor of vocal physiology in the Boston University, has been engaged in the invention of apparatus for the use of which persons are enabled to talk to each other by word of mouth over the telegraph wires.

Heller's Basket Trick.

The trick known as the "basket trick," which Mr. Heller performs at the Grand Theatre, excites a good deal of surprise, as it is only natural that it should. The conditions of the trick are simply as follows: A large basket is suspended in the air in full view upon a bench supported on four primitive wooden legs, and leaving an open space between the basket and the floor.

What is Done With the Redeemed Currency. The National Bank and fractional currency, when first turned out of the Treasury, are very pretty to look at. The engraving, too, is a particularly attractive feature, and the bright green and moderate quantity of rose color very pleasing to the eye.

A Gorilla.

Pungu, the young gorilla lately received at the Zoo, has been the subject of the Prussian Capital, and dwells in a large glass palace created for his express occupation. His interesting manners have been the subject of a paper read before the German Association of Naturalists and Physicians, from which Nature takes the following particulars: He nods and claps his hands to visitors, wakes up like a man, and stretches himself.

Three Men Discharged as Innocent After a Prison Sentence of Two Years.

The Newark (N. J.) Courier supplies the following: The case of Carr, Finnegan and Farley, known as the Bannister robbers, is quoted as an illustration of the justice of the law. It will be remembered that one evening, about five years ago, three men entered Mr. Bannister's watch and jewelry store, on Broad street, near Bridge street, and immediately they stepped out from behind the screen, and with the help of his assistant, Mr. Heller, took to flight.

On the evening of the robbery these men were in the Newark opera-house, watching the performance of a ballet, and passed out only to visit for a short time a saloon in the neighborhood. This plea was sustained by abundant testimony, and the witnesses, who were the lawless classes, and were untrustworthy. It was urged by the prosecution that the defendants had time to leave the opera-house, commit the robbery, and then return and re-enter the opera-house before the performance ended.

Foreign Fortunes-Hunters.

The notice of the arrival in New York of Earl Rosebery reminds me of the numerous fortune-hunters who are attracted by foreigners on account of their lack of fortune. There are more than ten of the fair belles of Washington who have been taken to New York, and who are determined to do as well as they can in this city, and to change her religion in order to remove what the family called an objection. Her lover dejected that the necessary return, and she has never seen him since; but shortly after his arrival in France, he wrote to announce his marriage to a lady whom he had met in London.

Eliza Pinkston's Story.

One witness, Eliza Pinkston, whose husband, Henry Pinkston, and whose baby were murdered by a band of bull-dozers on the Saturday preceding the election, Eliza was present, and saw her husband cut all the pieces in his own house, and his body dragged out and shot full of bullets after he was dead. The baby was killed in her arms. She has a bullet wound in her breast, which passed through her lung and out of her back, a deep gash from a knife in her neck, a bullet wound in one leg, a cut with a knife from the hip nearly to the knee, and her head is covered with wounds, one of which was given with the butt-end of a pistol, and the other with an ax.

Mr. Nabby Investigates an Intimidation Case and Finds the Police-Will She Live Was Not Drawn on Color-Mr. Nabby's Report. I was not invited by the President, nor yet by the National Democratic Committee, but I felt it my duty to go to the States, and to see the situation of affairs there, particularly in the South, where the colored people are being persecuted.

AN UNWILLING BRIDE UNDER LOCK AND KEY.

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The Ingham County News.

Thursday, December 7, 1876.

Rural Topics.

Written for the News by a farmer, gardener and fruit-grower of great experience.

A cow fed on 20 pounds of hay daily, having no shelter in the winter season except, perhaps, an open shed about to tumble down, would be in no better condition in the spring than she would be if fed on 15 pounds daily, and kept in a warm stable at night, and allowed the run of the barn-yard in pleasant weather. Ten cows not well protected, will require 50 lbs. a day more than when kept in a warm stable, for at least four months, or 112 days, worth 371 cts. daily, or during 112 days \$42. Probably the loss on each animal, no matter how fed, would be at least \$5; consequently farmers who study their own interests, build warm barns, but so as to be well ventilated in mild weather, and thus save enough in fodder in a few years to pay the cost of them. But much can be done with old buildings, to make them warm; battens can be nailed over the cracks, the roofs can be repaired, doors made to shut close, and thus the comfort of domestic animals can be enhanced, to say nothing of the saving in fodder. Farmers do you realize this important fact? Some of you do not seem to realize it at all; and such men are always talking of "hard times," being slack in all they do.

SAVING MANURE.

Probably but few farmers exist who have not read articles in the paper advising them to keep their stable manure under cover in a cellar under the stalls, or under a shed; but in both places dung is liable to become too dry, and the straw among it will not decompose so rapidly as it will when exposed to rains; or if much horse dung be mixed with it, or if it be all horse dung, it will "freeze," and will be greatly injured. A cellar under the stable stalls, into which all the manure and urine of the stock is received is a good thing, but it would be a great deal better if the manure could be thoroughly wet once a month from a pump adjoining or near the cellar. The same can be said of manure under a shed when piled in deep; it must be kept moist, or it had better be kept in the open barnyard. Indeed, I am of the opinion that when a barnyard is made concrete, with no drain to it, manure can be kept in it from fall to spring without any loss. Some farmers think that much of the virtue of manure in open yards passes down into the soil, and is lost; but such is not the case, as it will be found on removing it in the spring, that the soil under it has not become colored by its juices but two or three inches deep. Now, I claim that if an abundance of litter be used upon the surface of the manure to retain moisture and to prevent evaporation, all that a farmer makes can be as well preserved in his open barnyard as under cover; and I would prefer to have my manure spread over the yard occasionally, and covered with straw, than to have it thrown into heaps by the stable door, and through windows back of the stalls, and so remain all winter, with much of its virtues washed away and lost.

PROTECTING STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

Strawberry plants require protection about December 1st, and after the ground has frozen; and anything, as leaves, straw, or hay is suitable; but a great many people injure, and sometimes destroy their beds of strawberries by covering them too thick, and thus smother the plant. The covering must be light, and admit air to the plants, or they will be found to be dead in the spring. A dressing of fine, well-rotted manure spread among them before they are covered would be beneficial, but not particularly necessary. The covering may be left on in the spring as a mulch to keep the ground moist; but it should be removed from over the crowns of the plants to give them room to grow. Some strawberry growers add more hay or straw in the spring to their mulches, so that no weeds will grow before the plants fruit; but this mulch system cannot be adopted where the plants are grown in matted beds, but only where they are grown in rows or hills.

THE BEST BREEDS OF POULTRY.

Everybody who keeps domestic poultry desires to keep the most profitable fowls; and if we examine the poultry papers we shall find so many conflicting opinions, that we might as well read them, so far as giving reliable information is concerned. Then if we should ask the question: "Which is the best breed of fowls?" of a score of the most experienced fowl-breeders in the United States, their replies would be so various that we would still be in a fog. Perhaps there is no man living who has had more experience in keeping poultry, and writing on the subject, than I have for about half a century; yet if that question were put to me, I could not give a direct answer. It depends on what use you desire to make of your fowls. One who wants them to sell dressed, and a breed that will produce a large number of eggs, would need a good sized fowl as the Brahmas. Then if eggs be the chief object, a smaller breed would be better, as the Hamburgs and Leghorns, which are non-sitters, and excellent layers. I think that no other breeds are superior to the three I have named. The white Brahmas are the most popular, and may be kept on about the same quantity of grain as the Leghorns, and the Hamburgs. I am sure that the list of breeds of poultry in this country is more extensive than beneficial, the additions that have been made during the last ten or fifteen years from France, and other countries, being more for the benefit of dealers in poultry, than because those breeds were superior to what we previously possessed.

POULTRY-FOOT.

A writer in the Country Gentleman says: "In my experience, I have found four-foot to be the result of a disorganized or overheated system, more than of anything else. To corroborate what I say, I will give you a

very strong instance of it. One year ago last spring, I had a valuable herd of short horns under my care. Among them I had thirteen cases of very acute foul, in animals from six to eighteen months old. Every one of the infected animals was being highly fed. In addition to oil-cake, they were getting a very liberal allowance of chopped wheat daily. About 20 youngsters in all were receiving chop; the rest of the herd only oil-cake and bran. Now those 13 cases all happened among those that were being fed on wheat. Not a single case happened among those that were not fed on chopped wheat. All alike were kept scrupulously clean under foot. On reference to my note books, I observed for three previous years the result had been the same. This illustrates plainly that four-foot is the sequence of a disorganized or overheated system. His remedy is first to give the animal a large dose of salt; then as soon as dressed, proceed to clean thoroughly the affected foot of all outside uncleanness, then lift the foot, and pass a hair or hemp rope between the hoof, drawing it several times to and fro; continue this gently till you have removed all filth and noxious matter. The next operation is to poultice the foot for 24 hours at least—and longer if necessary—all the inflammation is thoroughly reduced; use bran, turpentine, or linseed meal for this purpose.

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INSURANCE.

The Subject Aply Discussed by A. M. Chaplin,

Before the Farmers' Club Last Saturday Afternoon.

The "Mutual" Plan of Insurance the One to be Preferred.

"To educate the people." That, Mr. President, is my apology for occupying the time of this club, while I endeavor to say a few things in regard to insurance.

I propose to speak, Mr. President, of only two kinds of insurance, stock and mutual, omitting amalgamations and hybrids. Presuming that no apology is necessary, let me proceed at once with the subject, by asking a few questions:

- 1. What is insurance?
2. Will it pay to be insured? Yes?
3. Who should be insured? Every one who is unable to lose his property.
4. Why should we insure? Duty we owe ourselves, our family, and friends.
5. Where shall we insure? Mutual. Why?
6. When shall we insure? Now. Why?

1. Insurance is a contract, by which the insurer agrees, for a consideration, to indemnify the insured against loss, arising by the occurrence of a contingent event, such as the destruction of buildings, or other property, by fire, etc.

2. Will it pay to keep an insurance on your property for 48 years? I have had my property covered by a policy of insurance most of the time, and I can say: Certainly; it did pay—paid by that feeling of safety or assurance that all was not lost. You have some part of its value insured to you in the policy you hold.

3. Who should be insured? Every person who is unable to lose his property without feeling it, or who is not doing a business so extensive and various that he can afford to be his own insurer.

4. Why should we insure? Because it is a duty we owe ourselves, our family, if we have one, and our friends, and to our creditors, if we have any. To ourselves, because it relieves us of that anxiety that is usually felt when we are carrying more risk than we are able to do. To our family, if we have one, because on account of our neglect in this matter they might be homeless, helpless, and penniless. To our friends, because they, as it were, feel under obligations to assist you in your misfortune, which they are, perhaps, not as able as willing to do. To our creditors, who we should, perhaps, find ourselves unable to assist on account of our loss. And all this, perhaps, for the want of a little forethought or foresight. Many say, no doubt, they will get insured in a few days—by-and-by—until by-and-by their all is but a pile of ashes and iron. I can not tell you, on looking back on the 68 years of my life, how many times I have seen the like, but I could tell you of many a heart-rending scene, many a sorrowful and pitiable case, many a case where penury has been the after thought, merely for the want of a moderate insurance.

5. When shall we insure? Now! To-day. To-morrow we are not sure, and if we were, we are not as sure that the fiery fiend will wait even that short space of time; and let me ask, can you point to the farmer or mechanic who can afford to lose his house or barn, or the merchant or business man who could afford to lose his stock in trade by fire to-night? Ay, you should ask, where is the man? Echo only would answer, where is he?

6. Where shall we insure? This is, perhaps the hardest question to answer to the satisfaction of all. It is a matter in which interest as well as prejudice has a greater or less influence. My answer would be to merchants and such as have hazardous and extra hazardous risks, to insure in stock companies; to farmers and mechanics, the mutual plan is best.

It is a fact, often overlooked, that the interest of insurance companies and the insurance public are identical. The honest companies should be sustained, and looked upon with approbation by the community at large. To get an insurance for less than it is worth, by misrepresentation or withholding information in regard to the risks, is no better than setting one's building on fire to obtain the insurance. Like a farmer for his grain, a mechanic for his labor, or a merchant for his goods, he must have a remunerative price, that is, a price that will pay him for all outlay of labor and money to put his produce, wares or merchandise on the market to keep himself whole, and an advance upon this to make himself a living, unless he is one of those philanthropists who profess to live entirely for the good of others.

There is one thing sure with an insurance premium: it must pay the company all losses sustained and all expenses incurred, or it will not be a living business. It must pay more than that or it will not be a paying business; and, as I said before, there are few that will work unless paid. We can not forego the fact that persons embark in the stock insurance business to make money, some in a fair and honest way, by charging such a premium as will pay all expenses and a surplus to be used as dividends. Such we call honest stock insurance companies, and should be patronized by those who wish insurance.

Another class of stock companies will insure for the best rate they can get, without special regard to the risk taken, and many persons will procure insurance at the best bargains they can get, the less they have to pay the better the bargain, regardless of the soundness or of profit and loss to the company. Both of these, the insurer and the insured, we call sharpers, no better than professional patent-right or lightning rod swindlers and horse jockeys.

Fair and honest insurance means, in a stock company with a real, paid up capital (and not a fictitious deposit of stocks of speculative, imaginary or defunct manufacturing or railroad companies), and the issuing of policies upon the payment of fair premiums, corresponding with the risk taken, and an honorable adjustment of losses. That there are

many such I am happy to say, and I am sorry to be compelled to say almost every week, convince me that there are the opposites by which people are being swindled out of their money. "Don't want any in mine. No, sir—no," said an old gentleman, as he finished reading the terms of the Sure Pop Insurance company. "I don't want any in mine. It is a miserable disgusting imitation of betting. For example I take a risk; that is, a man bets me \$500 that my horse will not be burned. He doesn't put up a cent, but I have to keep putting up, and if the place don't go, it costs me a good deal. On the contrary, if fire does hit me, then he comes around and says the statement of the bet was not understood, and pays me nothing. No, sir, I don't want any in mine."

When a person proposes to become insured, the first thing desirable to know, is the company good, that is, can it be compelled by law to fulfill its obligations? If not, we would have nothing to do with it. If it can be, the next question is, is it just and fair in its dealings; in a word, is it safe and reliable in all respects. To illustrate: We will take a stock company; its capital is, say, \$200,000, consisting of bonds and mortgages, railroad and manufacturing company and other bonds. Now let me read you by what means that capital is secured to you, so that in case of loss and neglect to pay you could collect your pay. (Read commissioners' report of 1876, p. 12.)

Now let us look at a mutual company under the act of 1878 of this state, and I will read from same of date. Take our own County Mutual, if you please. What is its capital? On May 1, 1876, it was \$1,607,845, perhaps a little more to-day. It consists of the legal pledges or bonds of about 1,000 land owners of Ingham county, mostly farmers. It is for each one to judge for himself, when looking about for a safe company, whether a pledge of \$200,000 in doubtful bonds, or the legal obligation of 1,000 land owners of Ingham county, with a pledge of \$1,607,000 in round numbers, is safest, the one insuring no more than the actual capital pledged to pay, while the stock company insures, with capital of \$200,000 on its pledged securities, property to the amount of \$1,658,050.16.

Which is the cheapest? is another consideration. Stock or mutual? We have already seen that the stock company must make something over and above the actual cost of insurance, or there is no object to continue the business. While a mutual has only to pay actual cost, as there are no stockholders to receive dividends. The stock company takes from the insured to divide the surplus among the stockholders, while the mutual takes from the insured the actual cost, leaving the saving or profits among or in the hands of the insured. From actual data, it is shown that the Mutual of this county, since its organization in 1862—14 years—has cost the insured a trifle less on an average than \$1.40 on \$1,000 each year, with no risk of money paid in advance being lost by failure of the company in which you insure, a circumstance which has happened more than once, as many a victim can testify, who has insured in weak stock companies.

The cheapest stock companies ask \$2.50 for \$1,000 for one year, requiring three to five years in advance, or \$7.50 for three years and \$12.50 for five years. It will readily be seen that the interest on the five years advance, \$1.25 per year, will nearly carry out in the mutual.

I have given you but a brief outline, such items only as would be likely to interest farmers and mechanics, or those occupying isolated buildings. Gentlemen, there is opportunity for asking any questions you would like. I know that every farmer is not familiar with insurance; there is much ignorance prevailing on the subject. Some believe that the amount of their policy will be paid them if their property is burned, if it is insured for double its value; others, that they are to get but two-thirds or three-fourths of the amount of the policy in any case. Both are erroneous.

BUCKERHILL. [From Our Special Correspondent.] [The following communication was considerably crowded out of last week's issue.—Ed. News.] BUCKERHILL, Nov. 10, 1876.—It is a never-to-be-disputed fact that arrogance and ignorance are generally combined. That is, where we find one we generally find the other to exist in a like degree. Arrogance is a sort of blustering way of covering, or trying to cover, what we lack inside. Sometimes it succeeds, but generally only serves to show our own moral weakness and depravity. An instance of this kind was amply demonstrated at the Catholic church in Bunkerhill, last Sunday morning. Most of the congregation had assembled, the men, as many of them do, standing under the gate and fence, when some discussion arose as to whether President Grant had ordered men of the republican party only, or some of both parties, to investigate the election, Patrick Woods claiming that only republicans had been sent. Mr. Smith said that he understood that men of both parties had been sent, when Woods turned upon him and said that Smith was a republican, and a blacker one than old Grant, and a mean Irishman for being so, and that Smith ought to be drummed out of that community, and that if he came to mass again he would kick him out. When Smith retorted with what was calculated to hurt Wood's feelings, as he is very sensitive to political cuts, saying that he did not know as anybody knew what party he (Woods) belonged to, as the democratic party repudiated him some two years ago; and it is to be hoped that the church, for the sake of its name, if not from justice, will repudiate him from their committee. It is due to Mr. Smith to say that several gentlemen of the congregation and of Woods' party congratulated Smith afterward on his neat reply to Woods. I think it would puzzle a very intelligent lawyer to arrive at Mr. Woods' idea on the subject. He certainly did not think that he had any right or authority to put a man out of the church because he did not vote the same party ticket with himself, nor did he forget that both religious and political liberty are guaranteed to every citizen under the constitution of the United States. If he thought to intimidate Smith by threatening to use brutal force, he was mistaken, as Smith did not run, which he probably expected. He must have a very exaggerated idea of a committee man's duty and importance, of which it would be well to relieve him. If Grant adopted as blustering a manner of ruling a great nation, and thought himself of as much importance as some church committee men and petty officials, I think the country would be worse off than it is now; but as the truly great need not make parade over themselves, it is not to be wondered at that a petty official would feel some envious pang, and seek by bluster what he cannot gain without.

WAGON MARKETS. PRODUCE MARKET, CORRECTED WEEKLY BY E. G. HUNT.

PROVISIONS. THURSDAY, Dec. 7, 1876.

MEATS AND POULTRY.

GRAIN MARKET, CORRECTED WEEKLY BY E. G. HUNT.

BUILDING MATERIALS.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Common Council of the city of Mason will meet at the Common Council room in said city, on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1877, at 7 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of hearing objections to the vacating of part of the alley running through block 10 in said city, as recommended by the said Common Council in the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, By the Common Council of the city of Mason, that it seem advisable to vacate such part of alley between A and B streets, as is named in the petition of John Rayner and others, for the purpose as therein named in said petition, and that the eighth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, at 7 o'clock P. M., be appointed to hear objections to the same. Which said resolution was adopted unanimously.

By order of the Common Council. N. B. VAN VLIK, City Clerk.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM SMITH, DECEASED. State of Michigan, County of Ingham, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Ingham, holden at the Probate Office, in the City of Mason, on the 25th day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, Present, M. D. Chatterton, Judge of Probate.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified of William Smith, praying that an instrument in writing and on file in this office, may be admitted to probate as and for the last will and testament of said deceased, and that the heirs and next of kin, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court then to be holden at the Probate Office, in the City of Mason, and show cause, if any there be, why the petition should not be granted; and it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and of the hearing thereon, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ingham County News, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Ingham, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing.

(A true copy.) M. D. CHATTERTON, Judge of Probate.

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On reading and filing the petition, duly verified of John Bennet, praying that an instrument in writing, now on file in this office, may be admitted to probate as and for the last will and testament of said deceased, and that the heirs and next of kin, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court then to be holden at the Probate Office, in the City of Mason, and show cause, if any there be, why the petition should not be granted; and it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and of the hearing thereon, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ingham County News, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Ingham, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing.

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