

FARMERS' CABINET

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Our subscribers of the county must understand that, as we have after this month to pay the postage on their papers, no subscriptions will be received at a less rate than \$1.25 a year. If less is sent it will be credited accordingly.

On our first page will be found the stirring appeal of the Evangelical Alliance, calling to the observance of the annual Week of Prayer. That it will find a warm response in every heart that beats for the Master, is a sure thing. How delightful, to those who believe that there is a power in prayer to move the hand that moves the world, the thought that during an entire week, day by day, those who God delights to bless, are beseeching the throne of grace for the same blessing everywhere, lifting up holy hands without doubting. The observance must be a joy in two worlds. And how inciting to the prayer of faith the results that have uniformly, and especially this year, followed the observance of this anniversary in this and foreign lands. (Ps. 87:3.) Now, then, all ye "who know the joyful sound," "come boldly" and "ask what ye will." Better things are yet in store! Expect great things if you would have them. Honor the Master by large requests and strong confidence, for you cannot even approach His munificence.

The secretary of the interior received, on the 22d, from the State Department, copies of the official letter announcing the acceptance by the British Government of the invitation to participate in the Centennial. The letter is signed by Lord Derby, and says that Her Majesty's Government "trusts that the exhibition will fully realize the objects which the United States Government and the promoters of the undertaking have in view, and they do not doubt it will tend to further the development of important commercial relations between Great Britain and the United States. Sir Edward Thornton has also written Secretary Fish, making use, substantially of the same expressions and requesting that President Grant be acquainted with the acceptance of the invitation.

Capitalists, and all who have been fortunate enough to have their funds invested in the stock of National Banks, for the last ten years, may well congratulate themselves on their good luck. The dividends paid to National Bank stockholders in this State since 1869 has averaged nine and eight tenths per cent. per annum, free of taxes, and our forty-two Banks now have a capital of \$5,135,000, and surplus amounting to \$1,019,620. Thus, after making almost ten per cent. for a series of years, in the average they have a surplus amounting to nearly 20 per cent. of their capital. The dividends of National Banks outside of this State, for five years, have averaged ten and a quarter per cent. Were it not for the high premium on bank stock it would be a very desirable investment, and as it is, it is a favorite with many good financiers, they taking the ground that the premium paid, is amply covered by the surplus.

Pardons are now issued in Massachusetts upon such conditions that the recipient would be re-committed to prison to serve the unexpired portion of his sentence should he during the time be convicted of any crime, whatever. The result of this custom has been remarkable. But a small percentage of those pardoned have been returned to prison. In most cases they have become law-abiding citizens. This certainly suggests the more general use of the pardoning power under these restrictions.

The wonders of modern science do not seem to grow less marvelous, as some anticipated. The electric telegraph is justly considered one of the greatest inventions. But the original invention is hardly more wonderful than the fact announced by Mr. Orton at a meeting of the Western Union Telegraph Company last week, that two messages can now be sent over one wire at the same time that two messages are going in the opposite direction over the same wire.

The use of Benzine for cleansing clothing, kid gloves, destroying moths, and other purposes, where there is a fire or light in the room, is exceedingly dangerous, as the vapor is exceedingly explosive. Several have been thus injured recently in cleaning gloves. Gunpowder is not a half as dangerous.

MUSICAL.—The announcement for the twelfth annual session of the New Hampshire State Musical Festival is issued. The festival will begin Monday evening, Jan. 11th, and close Friday evening, the 19th. Mrs. Smith, Miss McQueen, the Messrs. Finch, the Temple Quartette, the Beethoven Quintette Club, Master Albert Von Realle, Master S. W. Jamieson, Blaisdell & Ingalls' Orchestra, and Mrs. Martha Dana Shepard, are among the vocal and instrumental talent engaged. As these occasions are always the most successful and enjoyable musical gatherings in the State, those who are at all musically inclined should not fail to attend. Full information may be obtained of Prof. J. H. Morey, Concord.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.—Our town hall was well filled on Christmas night by the children of our three Sabbath Schools, and pleasant exercises held, embracing recitations and music by the young folks, with appropriate remarks by Dr. Davis and Rev. Messrs. Heald and Bean. A collation was served, which was not the least enjoyable feature to the boys and girls.

FARMERS' CONVENTION AT MANCHESTER.

A number of farmers of this State assembled in Manchester, Tuesday, 21th, in answer to a call extended by the New Hampshire State Agricultural Society, to attend a farmers' convention. The meeting was called to order by Gen. Nath'l Head of Hooksett, who in a few words stated the object of the meeting, and afterwards introduced—His Excellency Governor Weston, who made an address of welcome.

The subject "Deserted farms," was next brought up and discussed. Professor S. B. Arnold of Rochester, N. Y., Captain Brown of Derry, the Hon. Joseph Kiddle of Manchester, and others, spoke interestingly upon the subject. The convention afterwards adjourned to dinner at 12 o'clock.

The afternoon session was occupied by an address upon milk by Prof. L. B. Arnold of Rochester, N. Y. The Professor in a very able manner spoke upon the elements of which is composed milk, and the various diseases which it is subject to. His address was followed by remarks by Warren Brown of Hampton Falls, Joseph Kiddle of Manchester, Moses Humphrey of Concord, B. E. Hutchinson and C. C. Shaw of Milford, The President and others.

During the first portion of the evening session the subject of the afternoon was resumed, remarks were made by Prof. Arnold, the President of the convention, Gen. Head of Hooksett, Dr. French, ex-Mayor of Lawrence, Warren Brown of Hampton Falls, C. H. Hayes of Portsmouth, Col. G. Kiddle of Manchester, and F. W. Holbrook of Amherst. During the evening J. Bailey Moore of Manchester read an essay entitled "The abuse of domestic animals."

The second day's session opened with a full attendance. John McNeil of Winchester, Mass., delivered an interesting lecture on "The true principles of breeding domestic animals," occupying over an hour. An interesting discussion followed as to the best breeds and the best methods of breeding for New Hampshire use and profit, a goodly number of farmers from different sections of the State participating.

The afternoon session, General Head opened with a few introductory remarks, and introduced the Hon. Daniel Needham, President of the New England Farmers' Club, who addressed the meeting on "Method and Management of Agricultural Fairs." He said: "It gives me great pleasure to respond to the invitation by the officers of your society to speak on the subject of fairs. During the time the people thought that the days of fairs had gone by, and we never should have another. It is known to you, as it is to all who read, that this matter of fairs is a matter which belongs to our country particularly. Here the speaker referred to the manner in which fairs were conducted and managed in the old country comparing them with our fairs. The latter, he said, are a peculiar American institution, and differ much from those of foreign countries. Our industry is different. Our fairs are for the purpose of education—they are to bring together the best specimens of animals, machinery, manufactured goods, etc. We take our children to them, introduce them to the varieties of articles exhibited, which they study—those splendid products of skill and industry. Our fairs are the educators of ourselves, wives and children, and they should be upheld. Compared with our agricultural colleges, they are equal in many respects; one educates in practical life, the other is theoretical. They cannot be dispensed with any more than our public schools; 1500 or more agricultural societies hold, every year, a fair, at which the people gather from all around. It is an educational institution as necessary as our schools, and is a part of our civilization. We might as well dispense with one as the other. Our public schools improve from year to year by intelligent study and careful observations, as do our fairs. The address occupied over an hour's time, and afforded much pleasure to those present. Remarks were made and resolutions of thanks passed to Mr. Needham and Mr. McNeil. J. Bailey Moore offered a resolution relating to the abuse of domestic animals, which, with a resolution of respect shown by the convention to the bereaved friends of the late J. Stanton Gould, who was a prominent man among farmers and agriculturists, was adopted. The convention then adjourned.

SUICIDE OF A FORMER AMHERST SCHOOL TEACHER.—Mrs. Anna B. (Colcord) Morrill, wife of Henry R. Morrill, a lawyer of Litchfield, Ct., and daughter of Stephen Colcord of Candia, committed suicide at the Hazeltine House, Manchester, on the 23rd, by taking chloroform. Family troubles are the cause. The Mirror gives the following particulars:

For some time past Mr. and Mrs. Morrill have not lived happily together, and on the occasion of a recent visit to Candia, of which town they were both natives, he decided not to live with her again. On Monday she came to Manchester in search of her husband, and took a room at the Hazeltine House. She was in a very melancholy state of mind, and falling to find and effect a reconciliation with her husband, her troubles grew upon her mind until, on Tuesday evening, she purchased a bottle of strychnine and another of chloroform, and going to her room took a large dose of the latter. Immediately after she rang the bell and told the man who answered it what she had done. Medical assistance was immediately summoned and every means taken to neutralize the effect of the poison, but they were unavailing, and she died Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Morrill, (then Miss Colcord), will be remembered as the teacher of our High School in 1868-9. She was a graduate of the seminary connected with Bates College, Maine, and a brilliant and highly educated lady, with rare personal attractions. He age was 33. Her husband was sent for and came to her before her death, but his conduct toward her, even in her last hours, was not that of an affectionate husband.

"THE BOYS."—We are in receipt of a copy of the Stockton (Cal.) Evening Herald, a smart, sizeable daily now under the management of Henry S. Spaulding, a graduate of the Cabinet office, and for two years or more assistant editor of the Lowell Courier, which position he relinquished to seek the Pacific slope. George E. Todd, a New Boston boy; whom a notice in our press room records as "devil" under Spaulding, is now, with a partner, publishing the Dorchester News-Gazette, a large and handsome weekly, in the Dorchester District, Boston, with an extensive job office connected. H. F. Hildreth, who stood at the case beside the boys named, is foreman at the Lawrence Eagle office, which position he has held several years, assisting on the editorial corps when occasion requires, while R. P. Tutin, who cut his service short to "join the army" is now publisher of the Bellefonte (Penn.) Republican, the leading paper of the county. We are glad to see the boys thus succeed in life.

SUPPOSED MURDER AT WILTON.

Wilton has had another great sensation, and the excitement there has run high over a supposed case of poisoning. Sunday the young wife of Edwin W. Major, and daughter of Moses Lovejoy, residing at Wilton-Centre, died very suddenly, and circumstances of long standing led the selectmen to institute an investigation. Major objected to an examination of the body of his wife, and the funeral was held on Tuesday. Subsequently, the body was disinterred and a coroner's jury summoned. Dr. Dearborn and McQueston of Nashua made an examination of the body, but could find no trace of disease, and the stomach was sent to Boston for analysis, and the inquest adjourned till Thursday of this week pending the result of the examination of the contents of the stomach.

Major was arrested on Thursday and taken to the Nashua lockup where he will be detained until the inquest is completed. Major went to Wilton about ten years ago and found employment on the farm of Moses Lovejoy, one of the wealthiest and most respected farmers in town. Mr. Lovejoy had two daughters, both young and pretty girls, aged 15 and 19 years, respectively. In the course of time both were in trouble, and the elder one died very suddenly and mysteriously, and Major married the younger, since which time they have had four children, and Mrs. Major was about to give birth to another when her mysterious death took place. She was 18 years, 1 month and 7 days of age.

Major has an unenviable reputation at Wilton being accused of burning buildings, breaking the windows of the Baptist church, stealing the contribution money, tearing up the Bible, etc., and is suspected of having caused the death of two of his children who died very suddenly. But as yet there is no direct evidence to fasten either crime upon him, and public judgment should be suspended until the inquest is over. Major is a native of Goffstown and 28 years of age. In an interview he spoke freely alluding to his early indiscretions, and narrated the circumstances attending several affairs that have brought him as he claims, into ill repute in that town. He spoke of the robbery of the church in Wilton, Center, of the breaking out of the window and the defacement of the Bible. He claims that these things were done for the purpose of putting him under suspicion. He denied having any knowledge that he was charged with firing the buildings of Peter H. Putnam. He attributed his wife's death to cauphor, eating of which he says she has long been a victim. He claims further that his relations with his wife had always been pleasant.

DEATH OF DR. FRANCIS P. FITCH.—Dr. Francis Perry Fitch, well known throughout New Hampshire as a prominent physician, and in practice in Amherst for over a quarter of a century, died of asthma at Vineland N. J., on the 24th. Dr. Fitch after completing his studies, commenced the practice of medicine in New Boston in 1832, where he remained till 1839, when he removed to Amherst. Here he enjoyed a large practice and the entire confidence of the community till 1866, when failing health induced him to relinquish his business to Dr. Edward Aiken. He removed to Milford, marrying at sixty years of age, the daughter of the late Dr. Jonas Hutchinson, Miss Isabella N. Hutchinson. His health, continuing to fail him, he sought a milder climate, choosing Vineland as a temporary home. He was a prominent member and officer of the New Hampshire Medical Society, and during the war received appointment from the Governor and Council to visit the hospitals at Washington and vicinity, to look after our sick and wounded soldiers. He stood very high in his profession and as a citizen, being a man of strict integrity of character, with liberal opinions upon all matters. He represented Amherst in the Legislature, and held many positions of trust. He was a native of Greenfield, where his brother, Charles D. Fitch, Esq., resides, and where his funeral takes place to day. His age was 68.

SAD DEATH.—Mr. Charles N. Merrill, teacher of music in the public schools at Nashua, died Friday night of pneumonia. Mr. Merrill was a son of the Rev. Amos Merrill of Bath, and widely known in the State as a vocalist of more than ordinary talent. He was for two or three years a resident of Amherst, engaged in the boot and shoe trade, and afterward at Milford in the same business. He was about thirty years of age, and leaves a wife and two children to survive him. Mr. Merrill was a member of Benevolent Lodge Free Masons, of Milford, who show their respect for him by attendance upon his funeral at Nashua Tuesday afternoon.

A telegram was received here last week announcing the death at Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York, of Solomon E. Jacobs of this place. Mr. Jacobs was an Englishman by birth, greatly given to sociability, and a type of the English nobleman in the entertainment of friends. He had not long been a resident of Amherst, coming here about a year since, with his family, when he purchased the John Lovejoy place, putting it in thorough repair, intending to make it his future home. He was a Jew by profession, and sharp business man, well known in New York business circles as an importer. He came to this country in early manhood, married his wife at Hollis forty years ago, and has since resided in New York most of the time. His wife survives him, and three children by adoption—two daughters and a son. He leaves a handsome property. His age was 62, and his remains were interred at New York, in one of the cemeteries where he had a family lot.

SOVEREIGNS OF INDUSTRY.—A State Council of the Sovereigns of Industry was formed at Manchester, last week. There are now eleven councils in the State, nine of which were represented. W. H. Earle of Worcester, Mass., President of the National Council, and S. S. Davis of Nashua, Vice President, were present. The organization has been effected as follows:

President—G. H. Thayer, Keene.
Vice President—J. W. Crosby, Milford.
Secretary—C. H. Warren, Dover.
Treasurer—T. J. Rockwood, Nashua.
Steward—Wm. Critchley, Portsmouth.
Assistant Steward—Samuel Dearnley.
Lecturer—C. H. Foss, Manchester.
Inside Guardian—Dargin, Portsmouth.
Outside Guardian—Smith, Exeter.
The Canvass of the Delegates of the State Y. M. C. Association through the month has been of deep interest and attended with happy results. They close their meetings at Litchfield this evening (Wednesday) commencing at Merrimack at 9 a. m. Thursday, closing New Year's evening at Hollis Jan. 2, 3, 4th; Mt. Vernon 5, 6, 7th; and at Amherst 8, 9 and 10th.
Don't fail to attend the first meetings.
No young person should fail to read the article entitled "Room at the Top," upon our first page to day.

MATTERS AT MILFORD.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.—The Levee and Festival held by the Ladies' Charitable Association, at Eagle Hall, Christmas evening, was well attended. E. C. Batchelder, Esq. presided. The entertainment consisted of dialogues, recitations, &c. The latter part of the evening was devoted to the distribution of presents, three large trees being loaded, and many hearts were made glad by tokens of remembrance.

At Burns' Hall, the Methodists held a social gathering, a large company being present. Decorations by Charlie Pratt and C. J. Raymond, recitation by Nettie and Laura Clark and little Lulu Cressey, with duets by Mrs. Cressey and Mr. Fisher. The hall presented a beautiful appearance, decorated with trees, one handsomely loaded with presents, and the walls hung with evergreen and laurel mottoes.

On Christmas night a pleasant affair took place at the Baptist vestry, where several hundred met and enjoyed themselves in giving and receiving friendship's offerings. The evening's entertainment was interspersed with social games, recitations, and visiting the Fairy Grotto. There was also an exhibition of some of the curiosities which were quite a curiosity. The presents, which were numerous, were hung upon one of the pagodas used at the fair, and made a fine show. The distribution of the gifts made a pleasant part of the evening's entertainment.

There were also many family gatherings. Mrs. Dickey's house was made merry, where relatives and friends enjoyed themselves in social games and in giving and receiving some token of regard. During the evening a collation was served to the party. There was also a happy gathering of the Crosby families at the residence of Franklin I. Abbott. The young friends of James P. Meizer met at his house, where they spent the evening in a general good time, with a gift tree.

No services were held except at St. Patrick's church, which was crowded Christmas morning, mass being held, conducted by Father Hooshan. The "Masquerade Party" given by the ladies of the Unitarian Society last week was a grand affair. A large crowd was present to witness the grand entries, which took place at 8 o'clock, led by George Smith and lady, followed by some seventy five or more, who without introduction took their places, and from the time it was formed until 10 o'clock when they unmasked, the dance continued to the great delight of the participants, and amusement of the large crowd present. After intermission, during which time ice cream and cake was in great demand, all who wished enjoyed the dance till 12. There were several present from out of town, whose proprietor, among them, we noticed, the famous trumpeter of the Union Hotel, N. C. Curtis and lady. Lovjoy's Quardle Band furnished music.

O. L. Brown, formerly of Milford, died at the residence of his brother in Milford, (Mass.) on Friday night, after four weeks illness, of softening of the brain, aged 37 years. He was the inventor of Brown's type-setting machine, having given twelve years of hard labor to his invention. He was a brother of Rev. Edwin Brown of Malden, Thomas Brown of Boston, Mrs. Dr. Davis of Manchester, and Mrs. Isaiah Hutchinson of Milford, at whose residence the funeral services were held on Tuesday P. M.

Rev. Mr. Pierce preached an interesting and appropriate Christmas discourse on Sabbath morning, the subject being "gifts," taking his text from Mark 14: 3. A large congregation was present, the music was very fine, and the altar tastefully decorated and adorned with smilax and flowers, while just in front of the pulpit was suspended the motto "Gift of all Gifts," prettily wrought.

Paul Gray who ordered 100 loaves of bread to be distributed among the poor of Milford on Christmas, says Milford is highly favored as he has not as yet disposed of but 50 loaves among those whom he considers "needy poor."

The dedication of the new Baptist house will take place Thursday, Jan. 21, 1875. There will be a reunion of the past and present members of the Baptist church at their old house on Wednesday, Jan. 20th.

Rev. Mr. Moody gave a very able and interesting discourse, to his church, on last Sabbath P. M., upon the going out of the old year, taking his text from Psalm 90: "We spend our years like a tale that is told."

REVOLUTIONARY REMINISCENCES.

At the commencement of the Revolution, Barlow, Humphrey, Trumble and Dwight, with others, seem to have employed their leisure in writing patriotic songs for the soldiers and people. These being widely distributed, had great effect through the country.

After Barlow was appointed chaplain in the army, he is reported to have said he had great faith in the influence of songs and intended to write one now and then, as he thought one good song was worth a dozen addresses or proclamations.

I find in an old magazine, the following curious account of the overthrow of Burgoyne at Saratoga, said to have been written shortly after that luckless general's mishap.

As the soldiers from Amherst participated largely in the battle, which led to his surrender, fifty-five Amherst boys having been engaged at Bennington, where, on Oct. 4th, 1777, he lost his life, some twenty-three being in Cilley's regiment at Saratoga, where Sergeant Benj. Dyke was killed. I have thought it might be acceptable to the readers of the Cabinet, Cilley's regiment, being so nobly honored, and on one occasion they charged a British Battery which after a severe struggle they took, their veteran Colonel capturing one of the famous with his own hands. This he immediately mounted in the midst of the fight, shouting to his men to encourage them on ward.

Here followeth the daring fate Of Burgoyne and his army great, Who so proudly did display The terrors of despotic sway. His power and his kind threats Have been brought low by our brave states, To bend to the United States.

British prisoners by convention, 2142
Fought by convention, 2198
Fought across the lake, 1100
Burgoyne and his suite in state, 12
Sick and wounded, bruised and wounded, 523
New year's day before confounded, 430
Porters of war before convention, 308
Their loss caused great contention, 1300
They lost at Bennington's great battle, 600
Where Starbuck's glorious army did battle, 413
Killed in September and October,
Taken by brave Brown, some drunk, some sober,
Slaves to the high and mighty man,
United States, on rearward, vast
Indians, sutlers, butchers, drovers,
Enough to crowd large plains all over,
And those whom grim death did prevent
From fighting against our continent.

At the close of the day, they lay
Their down their arms, should lay
Abhorring that onerous day,
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The whole makes fourteen thousand men
Who may not wish his fight again, 14,000

This is a pretty fair account Of Burgoyne's legions, whole amount, Who came across the northern lakes To die at our happy States. Their loss caused great contention, Fifty-six—both great and small, And ten thousand stand of arms To prevent all future wars. Stores and implements complete, Of workmanship exceeding neat; Covered with canvas, they have got all— Fifty-six—both great and small, And ten thousand stand of arms To prevent all future wars. Six members of fame most rare; Six members of their Parliament. Reluctantly they seem content; And at the close of the day, they lay, Who came our country free to harass; Two Barons of high extraction, Were sorely wounded in the action; Col. John Brown of Mass., 'Probably Gen. M'Henry of New York.

Hon. Asa P. Cate, who died at his residence in Northfield last Saturday morning was a native of that town. He was born June 1st, 1813. His education was received at an academy, and after completing it, he read law with Judge Newhall at Franklin, going to Northfield to open an office in 1843. Since that time he has resided in his native town where he accumulated considerable property and enjoyed in a large degree the respect and confidence of his neighbors. He was much in public life, representing this town and Senatorial District in the Legislature for several years, serving as County Solicitor for six years, as Railroad Commissioner for three years, and as Judge of Probate for Merrimack County for three years. He was also the Democratic candidate for Governor in 1858-59-60 and president of the Citizens' Bank at Tilton, from its formation. He was a prominent and active member of the Episcopal Church at Northfield, in which his funeral took place last Tuesday. Judge Cate was a thoroughly upright man, of an even and genial temperament, which won for him a large circle of friends, and his loss will be widely and warmly felt. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

Josephine Mansfield has recovered by a suit at law from the estate of James Risk, Jr. the payment of two notes amounting to over \$30,000, and interest from 1869.

The emigrant ship Comptack was burned at sea Nov. 17, in lat. 37 north, long. 12 west, with nearly 500 lives lost.

A new bale of Buffalo Hoses just opened by H. W. Shaw. Read his new advertisement.

Gray and Howard invite the attention of the trade to their stock of Holiday Goods, which they have in great variety and at prices much lower than heretofore. Any one wishing any thing in the line of Dry and Fancy Goods should pay a visit to give them a call.

In order to reduce his extensive stock of Clothing before taking account of stock, G. M. Center will sell for thirty days, at 10 per cent. discount for cash.

Get something useful for a Christmas or New Year's Present. Nothing better or more appropriate can be obtained for father, son or brother, than a nice suit, a fine overcoat, or some selections of furnishing goods from the large and well fashionable stock of H. W. Shaw & Co., Milford.

Headquarters for Holiday Presents at K. M. Gray's, Milford.

A splendid line of Hats and Caps of the very latest styles at Center's Clothing Store.

A new stock of Clothing just received, and now ready for the Holiday trade, at G. M. Center's.

H. W. Shaw & Co., Milford, have just got in an immense stock of new and stylish goods, clothing, hats and caps, furnishing goods, &c.

A splendid assortment of Youth's all-wool Suits just opened at G. M. Center's, and selling at remarkably low prices.

Call and see Gray & Howard's Black Silks which they are offering at \$1.25, well worth 1.75.

Gray & Howard have the greatest bargains in Black Cashmere at \$7 1/2c. and \$1.00 ever offered.

DEPARTS.

In Milford, Dec. 21st, Mrs. Nancy, wife of Asa Burns, aged 73; 27th, of Dropsy, Mrs. Susan, wife of Henry Baker, and daughter of J. C. Crosby, aged 37 years and 8 months; 28th, of cramp, Eva, daughter of the late Daniel Sargent, aged 5 years.

In Wilton, Nov. 16th, Mrs. Mary A. Hyde, wife of Mr. Z. Abbott, aged 72 years.

In Nashua, Dec. 19th, Mr. Wm. Foster Henry aged 81; 16th, Mr. Charles E. McKean, aged 45.

In New Boston, Dec. 18th, Mr. John Smith, aged 78 years, 7 months.

In Merrimack, Dec. 16th, Mrs. Lucy Green, widow of the late Burjman Green, aged 80 yrs. and 7 months.

LOST between the residence of the subscriber and Milford or Bedford, a Whitebono Whip, mounted with ivory and German silver, and bearing the date 1825, 1831, 1837. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at Amherst P. O. CHARLES MBLINDY.

Notice. The Annual Meeting of the members of the Francoctown Savings Bank will be held at their Banking Rooms, in said Francoctown, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, 1875, at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the choice of officers, and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

THOMAS B. BRADFORD, Treas.
Francoctown, Dec. 14, 1874.

Southern National Bank. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern National Bank of Milford for the choice of Directors and the transaction of any other business that legally comes before them, will be held at their Banking Rooms, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12th, 1875, at 11 o'clock A. M.

F. T. SAWYER, Cashier.
Milford, Dec. 21, 1874.

Notice. The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the American Telegraph Company for the choice of officers, and the transaction of such business as may legally come before them, will be held at B. Wadleigh's office, in Milford, on Tuesday, Jan. 12th, 1875, at 10 o'clock A. M.

STEPHEN BARKER, Sec'y.
Keene, Dec. 21, 1874.

THE CONGREGATIONALIST. SPECIAL FEATURES FOR 1875. A DOCTRINAL SERIES. (1) A series of papers by Prof. S. C. Bartlett, D. D. showing the validity of the doctrine of Future Punishment, and the invalidity of objections against it.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES. (2) A series of articles on the International Sunday School Lessons, by a select staff of accomplished writers, among them Ralph Wells, Jacob Abbott, Richard Newton, C. C. Coffin, and Mrs. J. D. Chaplin.

FORBIDDEN LETTERS. (3) A series of foreign letters from Rev. Joseph Parker, D. D., pastor of City Temple, London. (4) A series, monthly, by Gen. M. Towle, on silent features of American History; historical, biographical and pictorial; all converging toward the International Convention of 1876.

We hope to make the Congregationalist more valuable and acceptable the coming year than ever before. Four editors now devote their whole time to it, not to mention the Agricultural and Commercial departments, &c. Send for specimen numbers. W. L. GREENE & CO., 1 Somerset St., Boston.

TO FARMERS' WIVES. NOW is the time to purchase slightly uneven Ball Knitting Cotton at 5 & 6 Cents per Ball, of MORSE, KALEY & CO., Milford, N. H.