

Geo. P. Rogers was in Antwerp last week.

The Band is making arrangements to present a comedy some time in February.

Misses Stella Burrows and Maud Cline left for Potsdam yesterday afternoon, after a two weeks' visit in town.

Several interesting articles have been crowded out of this weeks issue for lack of space. They will appear next week.

At the regular meeting of the Lynde Hose Co., last evening, the following officers were elected: John Given, foreman; Frank Murray assistant foreman; C. E. Green sec., and Wm. Johns, treasurer.

The annual gathering and donation visit for the benefit of the pastor of the West Hermon M. E. church, will be held at the home of Geo. Dillabaugh, Friday evening, Jan. 13th. A cordial invitation is extended to all. A.

The Gouverneur Free Press Almanac, for 1888, has been received, and is a model of neatness as well as usefulness. It creditably reflects the energy and enterprise of Brother Parker, the publisher.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. connection with the Temperance Society, will be held on Friday afternoon of this week. All are invited to attend. This is no secret society. No pass-word is required or admittance fee charged. Secretary.

An alarm of fire was sounded last Thursday, and proved to be from the residence of E. D. Morgan, on Canton street. The firemen responded promptly, but before reaching the house the fire was extinguished by the family, without much damage being done.

The first death penalty inflicted in St. Lawrence county was upon the person of Louis Getreau. He murdered three persons in the town of Louisville, about a mile from Masena village on the 22nd of February, 1816. He was executed in Ogdensburg on the 12th of July, 1819. —Journal.

A committee from the Horse Co., has been appointed to canvass the village for the purpose of ascertaining how many of our citizens will purchase a ticket for a firemen's ball, to be held shortly. If a sufficient number subscribe, the company will at once make arrangements. We hope our citizens will be liberal in this matter.

The Ogdensburg post-office is the oldest in St. Lawrence county, having been established April 1, 1807, with Louis Hasbrouck postmaster. The next was Stockholm Oct. 1, 1807. William Gay, postmaster. Hopkinton came next Nov. 3, 1807. Theophilus Laughlin postmaster. Then Canton Dec. 27, 1808, Daniel W. Sayre, postmaster.

Jas. Kelly has secured the services of Prof. S. David, of Ogdensburg, to take charge of his carriage painting department, and the Prof. and family will arrive tomorrow. Prof. David has the reputation of being one of the finest carriage painters in Northern New York, and Mr. Kelly has been very fortunate in securing his services. Prof. David and family will occupy the Bragdon residence on Main street.

Report of the M. E. Sunday school, of this village, for 1887, is as follows:

Officers enrolled.....	7
Teachers enrolled.....	15
Scholars enrolled.....	188
Average attendance of officers..	5 1/2
"    "    " Teachers..	11
"    "    " Scholars..	59 1/4
Total average of school.....	7 3/4
Money received.....	\$66.06
Money paid out.....	30 95
Balance on hand.....	34.11

Chas. Loucks, Supt.

G. T. Chaney, Sec.

At a regular meeting of W. T. Rice Post, No. 169, G. A. R., held in Seymour's Hall, Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, 1887, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, and will be duly installed on Saturday evening, Jan. 14th, 1888: P. C., H. C. Maine; S. V. C., S. B. Kelsey; J. V. C., E. P. Backus; Adjt., L. H. Fuller; Q. M., Adam Frison; Surgeon, Dr. E. G. Seymour; Chap., F. A. Stalbird; O. D., Geo. Flack; O. G., E. Stephenson; S. M., Owen Murray; Q. M. S., G. H. Knox; Delegate, H. W. Day; Alternate, C. D. Roulston. The

Post will hold their meetings hereafter, and until further notice, every second and fourth Saturday evenings in each month.

**School Notes.**

We wish to announce to the public that we are now prepared to give instruction in any and all branches usually taught in graded schools. The increased attendance this term and the large number fitting themselves for teachers, and for commercial pursuits, have made it necessary to employ another teacher. The penmanship and commercial department is under the control of Miss Warner, who was formerly a teacher in the large business school in Syracuse. This is by far the best opportunity for acquiring a business education ever offered the young people of this section.

**Pleasant Social Events.**

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Babbitt entertained about seventy of their friends at their residence on Thursday evening of last week. Good music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Day, and the young people joined in dancing while others were engaged in cards and conversation. Refreshments were served about eleven o'clock, after which the gentlemen adjourned to the dining room for a quiet smoke, while Miss Ida Lynde and others entertained the ladies in the parlors with music. It was not long before many of the older gentlemen, who had claimed their dancing days were over, cheered and strengthened, no doubt, by the elegant repast which had been served appeared in the parlors, and joining the dancers, continued to trip the light fantastic until the small hour of the morning. The host and hostess spared no pains in contributing to the enjoyment of their guests, and their many friends will long remember the pleasant evening spent with them.

Miss Ida Lynde entertained a few of her friends in a very pleasant manner last Friday evening. About six o'clock the jingle of merry bells was heard and a large sleigh, filled with heavily muffled but light-hearted people, might have been seen driving out of town. The horse were turned toward Russell, when town was reached about 7 o'clock.

After an hour spent in sight-seeing and "warming-up," the merry company took their places in the sleigh and were soon speeding on the way toward the home of Miss Lynde, where they found a bountiful supper awaiting them and to which they did ample justice. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and card playing. They all agreed it was one of the pleasantest evenings they ever spent. The young people of Hermon have much reason to rejoice at so pleasant a social addition to their town as Miss Lynde has proven herself to be.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Monday evening Miss Maud Clive entertained a small party of friends. With music, refreshments, &c., several hours were pleasantly passed, the guests taking their departure with sincere wishes for a Happy New Year and many like occasions.

#### Lum Smith's Herald.

The following, clipped from the Public Herald, published at Philadelphia, Pa., will be of interest to our readers:

For several weeks editors and publishers have been writing us letters similar to the one given below, in which Hale's latest scheme to "raise the wind" is exposed:

LUM SMITH, *Dear Sir*—In 1884 I offered "Health and Home" with my paper as a premium, and when I found out through your exposures that its editor was a fraud, I withdrew my offer, but many had already taken it. I heard no more of the matter and supposed of course that all "Health and Homes" were discontinued at end of year. Now I find out that my patrons of that clubbing arrangement are getting threatening duns from the "Chicago and Cook Co. Collection Agency," in which \$2.50 is claimed from each subscriber. I desire to know if you can furnish me with copies of your Agents' Herald containing the exposures of the "Dr." who edits the Health and Home. I have written the "agency" to sue the claims, and desire all I can get to use in defense. Can you supply this or any other evidence, and what will you charge?

Respectfully,

JOHN A. CLARK, Ed. Enterprise.

Of course Hale is only playing the game of "bluff." He dare not sue any. Hale has had considerable experience with the courts, but as an arraigned criminal. It is hardly possible he will seek the meshes of the law when it has cost him so much to keep out of the law's clutches. Why, he has a scheme afloat now that may cost him his liberty. He is selling, or rather trying to sell, stock in an alleged "Publishing Co.," that is supposed to be engaged in publishing his fraudulent Health and Home. The stock is worse than worthless, and if any one is foolish enough to buy it Hale will have to look up another location. The safe way is to have nothing to do with Hale and his schemes.

#### HERMON, JANUARY 11, 1888.

Girls, don't be bashful. This is leap year.

E. B. White, of Richville, is in town.

P. G. Carr, of Russell, was in town Tuesday.

Potatoes are worth \$1.00 a bushel at Cape Vincent.

Attend the firemen's ball next Wednesday evening.

Rev. W. H. Kanoff, of Rensselaer Falls, made us a pleasant call last Friday.

The ice men began cutting and hauling from the creek Monday. The ice is all that could be wished for.

Rev. L. L. Gage, was called to his home near Utica last Friday, to attend the funeral of his wife's mother.

Chas. Austin with three teams, hauled from Trout Lake to this village, yesterday, 6,970 odd feet of green lumber.

In 1851 there were fourteen plank road companies in St. Lawrence county and about 116 miles of plank road.—Journal.

Russell was visited by fire last evening. Gibbon's and Goer's stores were burned, the loss being between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

A social will be held at the residence of Wm. Little, this Wednesday evening for the benefit of the E. Church. A general invitation is extended.

General N. M. Carris, of Orleansburg, it is said will have a strong backing for state department commander of the G. A. R. this year.—Utica Herald.

Fred Johns and family leave this week for Anwerp and will occupy the Lynde farm near that village. Fred has the best wishes of all for success.

The hose cart is now kept in the barn formerly occupied by Mc Bane's livery, Mr. Ladd having kindly tendered the use of the building, free of charge, to the hose company.

Mrs. Levi Dresser, last Wednesday, fell and broke her arm, above the wrist, near the entrance to the I. O. G. T. hall on Main street. Dr. Seymour was called and reduced the fracture.

A grand social ball will be held at the Union House, DeKalb Junction, on Friday evening, Jan. 20. Landlord More's family having arrived, every thing will be done to make this an event of much pleasure. A large number from this section will no doubt attend.

Last Saturday evening we had the pleasure of attending a social gathering of friends at the residence of W. A. Leonard, and with a beautiful repast and pleasant conversation several enjoyable hours were passed. Misses Leah Leonard and Engartha Phelps were the recipients of many compliments as waitresses.

On Friday evening of this week, the southern district meeting of the Good Templars will be held in the Baptist church of this village. Delegates from Gouverneur, Russell, Edward and South Edward lodges are expected to be present. A choice literary and musical program will be rendered, together with remarks from representatives of the different lodges. All are cordially invited to attend.

### Firemen's Ball.

Lynde House Co. No. 1, will hold their first social ball in Gline's Hall, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 18. This is an organization worthy the support of every citizen in Hermon, and it is hoped the coming ball will be liberally patronized. The Company has to pay its own expenses, such as hall rent, fires, lights, &c., and the money raised in this manner will be used for that purpose. Tickets are only 50 cents, and whether you attend or not, buy a ticket and help the boys along.

### Items of Interest.

In 1810 St. Lawrence county had five slaves, and there were 14,638 in the state.

In 1850 there were 33,365 cows in St. Lawrence County, worth \$2,144,176.

In 1840 there were 118 pensioners of the revolutionary and 1812 wars in St. Lawrence County, fifty-six of whom were 80 years old and over, and three over 90 years.

Nineteen thousand and forty-seven yards of woolen, 36,000 yards of linen, and 1,926 yards of mixed cloths were made in St. Lawrence County in 1810.—Journal.

### North Russell.

Jan. 7th.—The school organised a Lyceum, Tuesday evening Jan 3rd with the following officers, J Dutton, Pres.; Chas. Morgan, V. Pres.; Bertie Pool, Sec.; Geo. White, A. Clark, L. Coon, J. Reynolds, F. Hunkins, Miss Edith Ray and B. Pool, Program Com. The first meeting of the "Association" was held Thursday evening the 5th inst, with question for discussion, Resolved, "That whiskey causes more misery than war," with Messrs. Cyrus and Leland Clark leading disputants, and was followed with a spirited discussion, that merited the disputants much credit and was decided for the negative. Question for Tuesday evening the 10th inst. Resolved, That the works of nature is more pleasing to the eye and the mind, than the works of art. Leading disputants Leland Clark and Frank Hunkins.

F. Hunkins, Teacher.  
(Frank)

### The Surprise Party.

An event that will long be remembered, occurred last Friday evening, at the Hermon House, the occasion being a surprise party in honor of Landford Ladd and wife.

In order to prove that it was a complete surprise to "Spence," and that he did not know of the coming event for more than a week in advance, it is claimed by some of the first to arrive, that he was found in his room dressing, and to a remark that he should have dressed sooner, he answered that it was not proper for the person to be "surprised" to be dressed and ready to meet his guests at the door and that he was only following an unwritten law in this respect.

As soon as the guests arrived they proceeded at once to make themselves at home, and at ten o'clock over two hundred "men, women and children" were enjoying themselves as they never did before. Those who felt young enough (and we could not find anyone who did not feel pretty young on this occasion) made their way to the hall to join in the merry dance.

Between dancing, card-playing social chats and refreshments the evening slipped by unnoticed, and it was not until the small hours of the morning that the guests thought of taking their departure, and then it was with feelings of regret that the evening was not longer.

Ed Burnham, Geo. Babbitt and Martin Kinnie were the ring-leaders in the raid, and much credit is due them for their untiring efforts to make everything pleasant.

It was the largest party held in Hermon for a long time, and the recollection of the event, by the two hundred guests, will be that of pleasure for years to come.

### The Stacy Clan.

The annual Christmas gathering of the descendants of Peletiah Stacy occurred on the 24th of December, at the home of E. W. Stacy, near the village of DeKalb. One of the last requests of the aged parents was that their posterity should observe each recurring Christmas day, and thus far it has been regularly observed. This year about forty of the relatives, representing several generations, began to assemble at early hour with merry greetings and expressions of good will, and all intent upon crowding the greatest amount of enjoyment into the shortest space of time. Everyone, from the gray-haired grandmother of 80 years down to Baby Bruce, of six months, were intent upon adding their share to the happiness of all about them. An ample bill of fare had been provided, and the tables were adorned with delicacies such as delight the senses of sight and taste. There were assembled this Christmas day guests from Gouverneur, Hermon and Ogdensburg. Three brothers and four sisters of the Stacy family were present this year, all living within a radius of a few miles. John S., Elisha, and Charles Stacy, whose homes are in Iowa, were too far away to join the brothers and sisters at the Christmas gathering, but they were kindly remembered and spoken of by those who were so fortunate as to gather together around the festive board and partake of the social enjoyment of the happy occasion.

The next annual gathering will be held at the residence of Owen Murray, Hermon, N. Y., on Tuesday, December 25th, 1888.

### 49 Jan 1888 LEGAL.

NOTICE—PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF Vasco P. Abbott, Surrogate of the County of St. Lawrence, and according to the Statute in such cases made and provided, notice is hereby given to all having claims against the estate of Porter Pitts, late of Canton, in said county, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers therefor, to the subscriber, at her residence in Canton, in said county, on or before the 1st day of April next. Dated, September 24th, 1887. (Sept 27) SALLY PITTS, Executrix.

NOTICE—PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF Vasco P. Abbott, surrogate of the county of St. Lawrence, and according to the statute in such cases made and provided, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of John W. Taylor, late of Russell, in said county, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers therefor, to the subscriber, at his residence in Hermon, in said county, on or before the 1st day of July next. Dated, December 24th, 1887. STANLEY JOHNSON, Executor.

# Amendments to the By-Laws of Hermon Village.

AN ACT to amend an act passed January 10, 1884, entitled "An Act Amending the Ordinances of Hermon Village."

Passed January 4th, 1888.

SECTION 1. An act passed January 10th, 1884, entitled "An Act Amending the Ordinances of Hermon Village," is hereby amended to read as follows:

It shall be the duty of all persons owning or occupying premises in this village, to build and keep sidewalks in front of and adjoining such premises in good order and repair and free from snow, and all such persons are hereby required to build such sidewalks and to make or cause such repairs to be made upon such sidewalks within such time as the Trustees shall direct, and after having received notice in writing from the Trustees of said village to build such sidewalks and to make such repairs. If said Trustees are unable to serve, or cause to be served, such notice upon such person or persons, it shall be equally binding if such notice shall be left at the residence of such person or persons with some person of suitable age and discretion. If such person or persons fail to build said sidewalks or make such repairs as said Trustees direct, it shall be the duty of said Trustees to cause said sidewalks to be built or such repairs to be made, and the amount of the expense for doing the same shall be by the village assessors levied and assessed upon such lot or lots, and the same shall be collected as all other corporation taxes are collected. All such persons are also hereby required to keep their sidewalks in front of and adjoining their lot or lots free from snow, and if any such person shall neglect to remove the snow from such sidewalk, it shall be the duty of the Trustees of said village to remove or cause to be removed such snow and the amount of expense for performing such work shall be levied and assessed by the village Trustees upon such lot or lots and collected as other village or corporation taxes are collected.

AN ACT repealing Section Three of Chapter Three of the By-Laws of Hermon Village, passed August 6th, 1883, entitled "Rules, Ordinances and By-Laws of the Village of Hermon."

Passed January 4th, 1888.

SECTION 1. Section Three of Chapter Three of the By-Laws of Hermon Village, passed August 6th, 1883, entitled "Rules, Ordinances and By-Laws of the Village of Hermon," is hereby repealed.

## THE COURIER.

F. L. DOYLE, Editor.

HERMON, JANUARY 11, 1888.

### To Our Readers.

About April 11th, we intend enlarging the COURIER to an eight-page paper, and from thence forward Hermon can boast of as large a paper as is published in this or adjoining counties. The subscription price will be \$1 in advance. The expense to make this change will be large, and in order that our venture will prove successful, no person will receive the enlarged COURIER unless the above terms are complied with. We make this announcement thus early in order that our subscribers may be prepared, at the proper time, to renew their subscriptions as per above terms.

HERMON, JANUARY 18, 1888

Henry Laroe is happy. It's a girl. It's a poor land that can't hold its own.

Don't forget the firemen's ball this evening. A good time is anticipated.

The ice has frozen to a thickness of about fourteen inches, and the ice gatherers are busy.

The district meeting of the Sons of Temperance will be held in the S. of T. division room, tomorrow, afternoon and evening.

Go forth in haste, no time to waste, proclaim to all creation—that men are wise who advertise in the present generation.

We understand that Landlord Phelps, of the Phelps House, contemplates giving a ball on the 22d of February, Washington's Birthday.

Don't forget the social ball at the Union House, DeKalb Junction, on next Friday evening. No pains will be spared to make it a pleasant affair.

The officers of the Choral Union will meet at the residence of A. A. Matterson on Thursday evening, and it is hoped every one will be present.

It was claimed by a married lady that if her husband was under Fairburn's safe when it tipped over he would have got hurt, and we have no reason to doubt the assertion.

Miss Bessie Fuller, while coasting upon the Kinnie hill, Saturday evening, was thrown from a sled and sustained a number of scratches and bruises around her head and face.

J. J. Rosback, an old and respected citizen of this village, was stricken with apoplexy last Saturday morning. We understand his condition is gradually improving, although very slowly.

Jas. Given, who accompanied his father to the Utica asylum and remained with him for over a week, arrived home last Friday. He reports no change for the better in the condition of either his father or Lelia Campbell, also from this town.

Gen. Curtis has introduced a bill for improving water power of Oswegatchie river by alterations at the outlets of Cranberry and Black lakes. It would provide a third reach of water to deepen the channel of Oswegatchie river at theeel weir rapids.

Several parties were arraigned in Justice of the Peace Malby's office in Ogdensburg recently and fined \$10 each for being present at a cocking main previously held in that city. Several others for whom warrants had been issued fled across the river into Canada.

It is related that a man was peddling farm products in this city a few days ago who gave evidence of remarkable liberality. He visited a home where the housewife was frying doughnuts, and he asked for some for his little boy, who was with him. The lady told him to help himself. He asked her how much was "to pay." She told him nothing, but he insisted upon paying her, and taking a penny out of his pocket, offered it for that purpose. The lady refused, saying she could not change his money.—Watertown Times.

#### The Gouverneur Murderer.

The trial of John J. Davis, for the murder of his wife at Gouverneur, Oct., 15th 1887, began at Canton last Thursday and ended Monday of this week, when he was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree and was sentenced to Dannemora state prison for 20 years, at hard labor.

The report to the bureau of Vital Statistics for the month of December shows that in the city of Ogdensburg there occurred during the month 17 births, 12 deaths and 14 marriages against 17 births, 22 deaths and 11 marriages for the month previous.

A curious incident of one of last week's snow storms, was a cat found sitting in the middle of a snow bank. When called by the person who discovered it, no response was received. Jack Frost had taken possession of its nine lives and spirited them away to other lines of feline mousing grounds.—Journal.

A man near Kingston finds it impossible to collect outstanding accounts without some inducement, so he has decided to give an oyster supper to every one of his debtors who will call at his shop and pay the full amount of their indebtedness and fifty cents. This offer holds good until the first of February, 1888, at which time all accounts must be paid, or they will positively be handed into court for collection.—Ex.

Mr. Derbyshire, a familiar figure on the board of trade of this city for several seasons at a meeting of dairymen at Peterboro, Ont. said: A poor factory was a detriment to the business and the country, and there shouldn't be too many factories in one section. There was a danger of holding cheese for speculative purposes, injuring the trade of the section. It would pay each factory to give \$20 to an inspection fund to employ inspectors.—Advance

The 9th annual musical festival of the St. Lawrence International Musical Union, will be held at the Opera House, Ogdensburg, Jan. 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1888. The festival will be under the direction of Carl Zerrahn, of Boston, who has been similarly engaged by the union for many years. Martha Dana Shepard and Blaisdell's orchestra will also be present. Other musical talent, of a high order, will take part in the exercises and concerts, and lovers of vocal music will have little to wish for in the matter of entertainment. Prof. E. H. Gale is the local committee for Hermon, and any information desired will be furnished by him.

A sudden death took place in a lumber camp of W. L. Averill in a woods known as the Burnck Lot which is about three miles from this city. On Tuesday forenoon John Mills of this city, who was one of the choppers was at work, and complaining somewhat of not feeling well, he was allowed to stop chopping and to work at piling wood. About noon he came up to a small camp fire which was burning, with his dinner pail in hand intending to take dinner. He reached out and handed his dinner pail to a man, who was standing near the fire and fell into his arms dead. He was a young man of between 25 and 30 years of age and leaves a wife and two children.—Advance.

It is said, says an exchange, that the fumes of kerosene, when a lamp is turned down, is liable to cause diphtheria. The New York board of health decided that to this, more than any other cause, the prevalence of this disease was to be attributed. This is given as accounting for the fact that diphtheria generally begins to spread with the advent of short days and long nights. Children dislike to go to bed in the dark and the mother lets down the flame in the lamp so the light shall not keep the child awake. Many bedrooms are thus semi-lighted all night and the windows being closed, or raised but slightly, the atmospheric condition of the room is simply deadly. A turned-down kerosene lamp is a magazine of deadly gas that the healthiest lungs cannot be exposed to.

#### Surprised.

Master Don Conant was completely surprised last Thursday evening by his teacher and about twenty-five of his school-mates. It had been previously arranged that one of the little boys should invite him to take his sled and go coasting on a neighboring hill. Imagine his delight and surprise on reaching home to find the house just ringing with the laughter of his happy little friends. Precisely at the hour of ten they all donned their wraps and took their leave in as quiet and orderly a manner as those much older than they could have done.

#### I. O. G. T.

The district meeting of the Good Templars was held in the Baptist church last Friday evening. The weather was anything but pleasant, and visitors from the surrounding lodges were not expected. To the surprise of the Good Templars in this village, nearly seventy put in an appearance, representatives of the Russell, Edwards and Gouverneur lodges. The meeting was called to order by Rev. C. H. Harris, president of the district, after which a choice literary and musical program was rendered. The program from beginning to end was of the most interesting nature, and the participants received frequent and merited applause. After remarks from Rev. Harris, the meeting adjourned to the Good Templar hall, where four new members were initiated and the business of the district transacted.

Lent begins three weeks from today.

Perspiration never rains—it simply pores.

Earl Knox, of New York, was in town Sunday.

W. A. Leonard was in Morris-town last week.

L. B. Loid was in Gouverneur Monday and Tuesday.

Wednesday, Feb. 22, Washington's birthday, is the next legal holiday.

Miss Octive Gates, of Antwerp, is visiting at the residence of Jerome Gates.

Z. W. Babcock, who was visiting his son Juan in New York, returned home Friday morning.

We are indebted to Lieut. Gov. Jones for a pass to the floor of the Senate during the session of 1888.

Nothing is so small to escape the notice of the editor—not even the man who tries to get his paper for nothing.

The change of time on the Rome road does not benefit the mail service in the least. If possible it is worse than before.

More wood is being drawn into this village the present winter than during the past three winters and is bringing good prices.

Failing to avertise in dull times when customers are scarce is as sensible as a man trying to eat because his stomach is empty—Ex

M. R. Wait, secretary of the Canton board of trade, reports an increase of \$357,450.22 in the value of dairy products last year over 1886, in St. Lawrence county.

A very pleasant surprise party was given Mr. & Mrs. R. Fairbanks last Friday evening. A large number from this village attended and report a very pleasant time.

The first meeting of the Choral Union was held in I. O. G. hall last evening, and was largely attended. Meetings will be held every Tuesday evening hereafter in the same place.

The new postal arrangement for the transmission of parcels between this country and Canada, goes into effect Feb. 1. The limit is five pounds and the rate 12½ cents per pound.

A prominent potato shipper at Watertown thinks that farmers who are holding their potatoes for higher prices are making a mistake. He says there are plenty of potatoes in the country.

The firemen's ball, on last Wednesday evening was attended by about 75 couple, and a very pleasant occasion it proved to be. The Hose Company appreciate the liberal patronage and returns thanks for the same.

John F. Burns and Miss Jennie McCarthy were married at the Cathedral, Ogdensburg, Tuesday evening, Jan. 17. A reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents. The presents were numerous and beautiful.

There are several who have not yet paid in their subscription to the Hose Co. All who wish can do so by calling at this office. Those who have not been called on and wish to subscribe something can call as above.

#### To Voters.

All persons interested in the formation of a Union Club are requested to meet at the band hall at 8 o'clock on Saturday evening next.

VOTER.

#### North, Russell.

Jan 21 — The question discussed at the school "Lyceum," held Tuesday evening, Jan 10th, Resolved, That the works of nature are more pleasing to the eye and the mind than the works of art, was decided for the affirmative. The question for discussion on Tuesday evening, 17th, Resolved, That the manual laborer deserves more praise than the brain workers, was decided for the affirmative. The attendance was large and the discussion interesting. The students merit much credit for the pleasing manner in which each sustained their respective parts.

Question for discussion, Tuesday evening, 24th, Resolved, That country life is more beneficial to the youth than city life. J. B. Dutton and E. Stiles leading disputants. A grand time is anticipated.

Frank Hunkins, Teacher

J. B. Fairburn's jewelry establishment is now pleasantly located in the store directly under the Courthouse office.

We are of the opinion that in a town where a paper is published, election notices &c., should be inserted in the paper. Every voter should know of any appropriations to be voted upon.

"My Brother's Keeper," a beautiful drama in three acts, will be presented by the members of the DeKalb Junction Band, in Union Hall, DeKalb Junction, on Friday evening of this week. A cordial invitation is extended to the people of Hermon to attend.

E. Burnham & Son's stage line will connect with all trains, at DeKalb Junction, to and from Ogdensburg on the 26th inst. Those wishing to attend the great musical festival, to be held in that city on the above date, will be carried to and from the Junction at half fare.

The managers of the St. Lawrence State Asylum for the Insane recommend the appropriation of fifty thousand dollars for extending buildings; seven thousand for furnishing; five thousand for expenses, four thousand for salaries of resident officers; six thousand for stock and farming utensils, and twenty seven hundred to purchase the balance of the Oliver farm. This makes a total of \$274,700.

We see John H. Haffery the popular marble and granite dealer of Ogdensburg in town this week. Mr. Haffery has sold and set up the best monuments in our cemetery among them are the Ladd, Maine, Burrows, Curby and Lasell monuments. All in need of anything in his line should look at his designs, as he is now selling Scotch Granite cheaper than ever before. John is a good fellow and does as he preaches. Give him your orders.

#### MARRIED

POOR—HILL. At the parsonage in Hermon Jan. 19, 1888, by Rev. F. S. Chesebrough, Edward R. Poor, and Miss Eva A. Hill, all of Depeyster, N. Y.

### A Narrow Escape.

An accident which might have proved fatal occurred in this village yesterday afternoon. The safe of J. B. Fairburn, which weighs over 3,700 pounds, was being put through the window into the store directly under this office, and planks were laid from the sidewalk to the window sill and from thence to the store floor, an incline up and down of 2 feet. Everything worked smoothly until window sill was reached, when the left forward wheel of the safe struck the plank reaching from the sill to the floor, pushing it forward a few inches, breaking the window sill and tipping the safe to the left, pinning J. B. Fairburn and Leon Ladd between its huge bulk and the wall. The top struck both near the hips and tore their limbs in a very painful manner down to their feet. It completely buried Ladd under its weight, and he certainly would have been killed but for Fairburn, whose limbs kept its full weight off from him. Willing hands soon extricated them from their perilous position and they were taken to the Hermon House, where Dr. Seymour was summoned. After an examination no broken bones were found, although their limbs this morning are very painful. 11 January 1888

### Special Notice.

Having purchased the business, formerly owned by Anson B. Smith, I wish to say to the people of Hermon and vicinity that the business of fire, life and accident insurance will receive my most prompt and careful attention, and I respectfully ask a continuance of your patronage.

17 Feb 1888  
CLARK G. MAINE.

C. G. Maine, having purchased my interest in the insurance business in Hermon, I desire to solicit for my successor the kind and liberal patronage which I have received from my many friends in this and the surrounding towns. You will find Mr. Maine ever ready to advance your interests and carry out any and all agreements, made by me, as far as consistent with circumstances and events. With best wishes for you all, I remain, Yours truly,  
ANSON B. SMITH.

### Surprise Party.

None could have been more surprised than ourself and wife upon reaching home last Thursday evening, to find between fifteen and twenty couple of our young friends in possession and seemingly enjoying themselves. It was a leap year and surprise party combined, and its pleasures on this particular occasion will be treasured in our memory long after it has been forgotten by those who attended.

Refreshments, in abundance, were provided by the raiders and in a short time after our arrival all were partaking thereof. After the tables were cleared a still further surprise awaited us. Miss E. M. Wright in a few well chosen words and in behalf of the assembled guests presented us with a beautiful silver preserve dish and butter knife. This last surprise fairly took our breath away, and although we endeavored to respond, we had to "give it up."

To the kind friends, who unexpectedly brought so much pleasure to our hearts, do we return thanks, and especially to Miss Lelia Day and Miss Eliza Childs who were the promoters of the surprise.

May this happy occasion be only a little more of the pleasure each one, individually, shall bring to those with whom they may come in contact with during their journey through life. 25 Jan 1888

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Lost.—On the road between Alvin Corey's and Asa Miles', a silk scarf. Finder will please leave at this office and be rewarded.

HERMON, FEBRUARY 1, 1888.

Town meeting two weeks from yesterday.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church meets to-day at the residence of Richard Bennett.

Misses Fannie Warner and Ella Porter of Gouverneur, were visiting last week at James Porter's.

Do not run in debt to the shoemaker; it is unpleasant to be unable to say your sole is your own.

Regular monthly meeting of the Hose Co., Tuesday evening Feb. 7. All members are requested to be present.

Mrs. Dan. Dart died at her home in Edwards Sunday morning. Her funeral took place yesterday morning.

As town meeting approaches our local politicians assume an air of mystery. A lively time is anticipated.

Cards are out announcing a grand ball at the Phelps House on Washington's birthday. Frison & Barker's orchestra will furnish the music.

The water is so low in the creek that J. H. Fuller has been compelled to use steam power to run his machinery during the past week.

The band entertainment advertised to take place at DeKalb Junction last Friday evening was postponed on account of the weather.

The show window in Pepper's tailoring establishment is attracting the attention of pedestrians to a considerable extent. Call around and "take a look."

A large number of our people took in the musical festival at Ogdensburg last week. They report a pleasant time and the festival a grand success.

The weather prophets who predicted an open winter were a little "off" in their predictions. The open winters we get in this latitude are few and far between.

Cold weather generally brings a greater degree of losses by fire. Let there be no doubt about your fires. Oftentimes precaution might have prevented a great loss of property and lives.

The leap year party to be held next Friday evening, under the auspices of the ladies of the village promises to be a very pleasant affair. The members of the sterner sex are very anxious to get a "bid."

The members of the band are preparing for a grand musical concert to be given in two or three weeks. Prof. David will take part and this alone is a sufficient guarantee that it will be first class. Particulars will be given shortly.

We understand James Kelly is receiving orders for his celebrated vehicles by almost every mail, and from all parts of the country. For durability and fine appearance they cannot be excelled, and it is not to be wondered at that they have obtained a reputation extending throughout the United States and Canada.

**Great Fire at Malone.**  
[Special Correspondence]

MALONE, 29th.—At this writing some of our most substantial buildings are in ruins, and worse than all, a life has been lost.

At 4 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in McTuller's store, in the east end of the Howard Block. It soon spread and in a short time the entire block was enveloped in flames.

While the firemen and citizens were removing goods from the Farmer's National Bank, an explosion of gas took place which drove out the north and west walls. A merchant, Isaac Chesley, who was just stepping out of the bank, was struck by the falling wall and killed. Several others had very narrow escapes, one having an eye put out.

The buildings burned were some of the finest in the village, and it is to be regretted that lack of water prevented the firemen from even making an effort to save them.

The loss by the fire is the heaviest that has ever fallen on this place, and will aggregate over \$250,000.

H. A. L.

L. B. Ladd left this morning for Philadelphia, N. Y., to accept a position in the R. W. & O. R. R. office at that place.

E. B. White now lays claim of having the finest law office in this county. He has recently refitted it throughout. The walls have been adorned with beautiful hangings, the woodwork repainted and grained in an artistic manner, making it a very pleasant office indeed.

Hereafter, according to a recent postal decision, letters which are advertised will require an additional one-cent to be collected from the person to whom the communication is addressed. Of course, postmasters have no election in this matter, but must collect the cent in every case as required by law.

The fame of the Ogdensburg mineral well, says the Journal, is rapidly growing and extending. Every person who has given it a fair test for liver and kidney troubles and indigestion will tell you he has received a positive benefit. Also many who are sufferers from rheumatism, have experienced great relief. Those who use the water are now numbered by thousands.

There is said to be in the Treasury Department at Washington, a girl who can pick a counterfeit bill out of a pile of good money containing \$20,000,000, and there is an editor in this county who doubts her ability to do so and offers to put up the \$20,000,000 if she will come up this way and test her skill. The editor lives in Ogdensburg and offered to bet \$1,000,000 a short time since that a Prescott editor did not know what he was talking about.

**School Notes.**

The following program will be carried out at the entertainment to be given by the Thalian Society, at the close of this term of school:

- Soluditory.....Allen Mattson
- Declamation.....Leon Wood.
- Recitation.....Ed Mott.
- Editor of?.....Roy Tuller.
- Recitation.....Wm Hyland.
- ".....E. T. Gale.
- Debate.....Wm McMillan.
- ".....C. G. Leonard.
- Recitation.....Winfred Lewis.
- ".....Carl B. McLean.
- ".....Fred Hayes.
- Validictory.....Leon Wood.
- President's Address, Jas. Robinson
- Validictory.....

Music will be furnished by Frierson's orchestra. The entertainment will conclude with the laughable farce entitled, Initiating a Granger.

Postmaster Baird, of Ogdensburg was in town Saturday.

Country roads are reported very badly drifted by the heavy wind storm.

Don't fail to attend the band quadrille party this evening at Clines Hall. Tickets 50 cents.

Dr. Cole and James Marble of DeRath Junction, made us a pleasant call Saturday.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will occur on Friday afternoon of this week.

Mr. Ingersoll, of Lewis county, has been visiting at the residence of John Ellis during the past week.

Noah was the first man who strictly observed Lent. He lived on water for forty days and forty nights.

The I. O. G. T. County Lodge will be held at Gouverneur Feb. 21 and 22d. Dr. Mann, of Brooklyn, will be present.

The three entertainments, under the auspices of the students of the school will take place on the evenings of March 1st, 2d and 3d.

A discount of ten per cent is charged upon Canada money, and our readers should govern themselves accordingly in money transactions.

"Sim" Grems, at Conant and Reswick's, claims to preside over the finest assortment of candies and cigars in town and invites his friends to call and see him.

About thirty Good Templars from this village attended the district meeting at Russell Friday evening. They report a large number in attendance and a pleasant time.

Bills are out announcing a Washington Ball, at Clines Hall on Wednesday evening Feb. 23, under the management of C. D. Towell. A good time is assured all who attend. Tickets 50 cents.

A bill has been introduced in the assembly providing that at municipal elections for the next five years women who pay taxes, lease a whole building or conduct a professional or commercial business, may vote.



Stanley Johnson has given the use of a room in his building, rent free, to the Hose Company. At a meeting of the Company, held in their new quarters, Monday evening a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Johnson for his kindness.

Remember the Washington Ball, at the Phelps House, on Wednesday evening Feb. 22. The indications are that it will be liberally patronized. Frison and Barker's orchestra will furnish music. Tickets, including supper, \$2.00.

Charles Hyde, of Ogdensburg was in town Monday and moved the telephone office from the Hermon House to the rooms formerly occupied by Dr. Cole. He also put in a long distance transmitter. Miss Sarah Nicholson is the new operator.

Stephen Jeffery, of Canton a blind man fifty-five years old, was married at the Hodkins House on Monday, by Esquire Chandler, to Hattie Emory of Norwood, a girl of nineteen. The nuptials were celebrated by the loving pair, by an order for beverages stronger than water, the effects of which became visible before they left.—Phairdealer

The St. Lawrence County Lodge, I. O. G. T., will meet with the Gouverneur Lodge (instead of at Lawrenceville, as was expected) on Feb. 21st and 22d. Dr. D. R. Mann, of Brooklyn, Grand C. T., and Rev. H. C. Munson, P. G. C. F., of Maine, are expected to be present. A rousing meeting is anticipated.

Willis F. Henerack, Co. Sec.

Miss Cecie Hatch, of Marshville was happily surprised, last Friday evening by over eighty of her friends, who came in the shape of a surprise party. They came to have a good time, and we are assured by those who were present that their expectations were more than realized. Music was furnished by Prof. Day and dancing was indulged in to the enjoyment of all. At an early hour (in the morning) the guests took their departure feeling that this particular evening was most agreeably spent.

#### MARRIED

Fuller—HENDERSON. At the residence of G. G. Milne in Hermon, Feb. 21st, 1899 by Rev. E. S. Chesebrough, Gilbert N. Fuller, of Antwerp, N. Y., and Miss Martha A. Henderson, of Hermon, N. Y.

A bill has been introduced in the Assembly providing for the annual registration of votes in every town and city of the state, and requiring local candidates to be nominated 30 days before election. Providing that all ballots be printed at county expense, and that appointed ticket holders alone shall peddle ballots. Electors shall receive a full set of all ballots. Not more than 25 persons shall at any time be permitted within 50 feet of polling places. Bribery shall be punishable by ten year's imprisonment and disfranchisement for life.

#### I. O. G. T.

The following officers were installed last Wednesday evening for the ensuing quarter; P. L. Doyle, C. T.; Mrs. W. E. Dodge, V. T.; A. B. Hale, R. S.; Mrs. W. Little, F. S.; A. A. Matteson, T.; Mrs. Maxim, Chaplain; Drusa Watson G.; Allen Matteson, S.

#### School Notes.

The closing exercises of the Hermon school will occur on the evenings of March 1st, 2d and 3d. A slight admission fee will be charged to defray part of the expenses. No labor or money is being spared to make these exercises the most interesting ever given here. We solicit the patronage of all who are interested in school work of any kind.

#### Notice.

Quarterly meeting services will be held at the M. E. Church in this place next Saturday and Sabbath Feb. 18th, and 19th. Preaching at 6.30 p. m. Saturday and at 1.45 Sabbath by Rev. L. R. Grant of Richville. This is the last quarterly meeting of the year and the last that will be held while the present pastor remains in charge.

#### Washington Excursion.

A large number from this vicinity intend taking in the Washington excursion. Four special tourist agents will accompany the excursionists to Washington and give personal attention to the wants of passengers. In addition to these special agents, a distinguishing feature of the excursion and one which will particularly commend it to the ladies traveling alone, will be the presence of a lady of culture who will act as chaperon. Not

only en route, but during the stay in Washington, the chaperon will be at the service of the ladies either singly or in groups, who may desire to place themselves under her guidance. With such complete arrangements for careful supervision, the excursion will be conducted in a manner to please the most refined and fastidious taste.

All who have not paid their taxes are requested to do so before March 1st. L. H. Fuller, Collector

#### Town Meeting.

Town meeting, this year, was one of the most interesting for years. Never was the town so thoroughly canvassed as this year. Early in the morning teams were sent in all directions, and at nine o'clock the streets and polling place were thronged with voters, and a total vote of 415 was polled. The republican ticket, with the exception of justice of the peace, highway commissioner and excise commissioner, was elected. The following is the ticket elected.

For Supervisor,  
Harrison C. Maine.

For Town Clerk,  
John B. Fairburn.

For Justice of the Peace,  
Gaylord F. Chaney.

For Collector,  
Lewis H. Fuller.

For Highway Commissioner,  
George M. Barber.

For Assessor,  
W. W. Matteson.

For Overseer of the Poor,  
Walter C. Northrup.

For Constables,  
Stanley Johnson  
Degrasse Foster  
George H. Knox.  
William Grens.  
Caleb Van Valkenburg.

For Inspectors of Election,  
A. W. Risley.  
Edgat Dewey.

Maine, for supervisor, received 217, and Leonard 195, a majority for Maine of 22 votes. The vote was very close, the candidates being elected by majorities ranging from two to twenty-four.

Russell elected Derby, supervisor; Canton, Hepburn, and DeKalb, Gibbons. DeKalb and Russell voted license and Canton no license.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barber spent Sunday in Canton.

P. R. Leonard, game constable, was in town this morning.

Wm. Vodra, of Ogdenburg, paid us a pleasant call last Thursday.

E. B. Peppers, wife and daughter were in Potsdam over Sunday visiting his father.

Several interesting correspondents have been necessarily crowded out this week.

A. V. Farnsworth, wife and daughter, of DeKalb, are in town, the guests of G. W. Kinnie.

Miss Sussie Taggart, of Watertown, is the guest of her uncle, Orson Taggart, of this town.

Twelve new members were added to the membership roll of the Good Templars, last Wednesday evening.

Miss Stella Burrows, of the Potsdam Normal, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Doyle Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lucy Reynolds died at the residence of her nephew, E. O. Reynolds, Monday night about 12 o'clock, of heart disease. Aged 74 years.

A dancing class has been organized in this village, under the direction of James Robinson. The class meets twice a week in Seymour's hall.

John Bradley, the new proprietor of the Trout Lake House, is laying out extensive improvements in and about the same. An addition will be built nearly as large as the present structure.

Miss May McIntyre, Mrs. C. P. Earle and daughter, of Gouverneur, after a week's visit with friends and relatives, returned home Friday accompanied by Libbie Chapin, who will spend the winter in Gouverneur.

We have just received a new piece of music called "Silver Bell Waltz," by the popular composer, Charley Baker, which we can recommend to our readers as very good, it not being difficult but at the same time very showy. It can be played on the piano or organ, and will be sent at the special price of only 11-cents stamps. Address J. C. Groene & Co., 39 and 46 Arcade, Cincinnati, O.

Dr. Bragdon, of this village, met with a serious accident last Saturday, while driving on the road from DeKalb Junction to Canton. At the railroad crossing near the Forest house, which is diagonal, the cutter runner caught between the planking and the rail, overturning the cutter and throwing the driver violently to the ground, injuring his left hip very badly.

A new swindle is being worked in the rural school sections. A gentleman calls upon a school teacher and explains that he is introducing a new and valuable cyclopaedia, which he would be pleased to have the teacher examine, and then write his or her name in a book as reference. The teacher usually complies and in a few days a large package of books comes and another gentleman presents a bill for \$20 and produces the teacher's order for the books.

He came in from Hermon, in a fur overcoat, and "lit" down on the local of the Journal, and extending his hand in a Who-am-I? sort of way remarked: "What will the weather be for the next twenty-four hours?" The local looked at him earnestly and replied: "Hi and Windy!" and they both laughed loud enough to raise the neighbors.—Ogd. Journal.

Hiram claims a mistake somewhere—that the only question he asked Nathaniel was: "What will be the price of chewing gum for the next twenty-four hours?"

Hon. D. S. Lynde and his estimable wife gave a very pleasant party at their residence, the Harison place, on Friday evening of last week. Many of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Lynde and their daughter Miss Mattie, now living near Providence, R. I., were pleased to meet them again in Canton after an absence of quite nine years. They were the honored guests. The evening was passed very pleasantly, some indulging in six-hand euchre, others in whist, and yet others in intellectual conversation. Supper was served at eleven. All enjoyed the evening greatly, except Ben, who, I am told, claimed "that they changed the trump on him."—Plaindealer.

School Notes.

Don't forget the entertainments March 1st, 2d and 3d, at Cline's hall. Admission only fifteen cents.

The board has decided to retain the services of the commercial teacher another term. Those desiring to take a full commercial course can do so at the slight cost of six dollars.

It is requested that all those students who expect to attend this school during all or part of the coming year, will try the examinations at the school house next week.

The questions will be those sent out by the department at Albany, and pass cards will be given in view of graduation. S. C. K.

Choral Union.

Perhaps it is not generally known that such a society exists in Hermon, but such is the case.

The Union meets every Tuesday evening in I. O. G. T. hall for the practice and study of vocal music. The object of the officers is certainly a worthy one, but it has not met with the support from the singers in town which it deserves. Everyone must realize the condition of the singing in town, and we have excellent young talent among us, yet without study and practice it amounts to nothing. If the older ones who should be interested would take hold of this work and interest the younger ones, we might have a large and well trained chorus, and we would all enjoy and be benefited. Let all who should be interested in this work meet at the next rehearsal, and take steps to make this organization a permanent and prosperous one.

## RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

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One Man Killed.

A terrible accident occurred at Canton last Thursday afternoon about 3 o'clock. The north-bound express left DeKalb Junction just eight minutes ahead of a through freight, which had orders not to stop until Norwood was reached. At Canton the express had a hot journal and was obliged to wait, giving the freight time to catch up with it. The engineer was under his engine doing some work when he heard the whistle of the coming freight, and leaping to his place he pulled the throttle so wide open that his engine broke away from the cars and set the air brakes, leaving the cars with locked wheels and offering rigid resistance to the incoming freight. Warning was given in time so that several jumped to the ground before the engine struck, but most of the passengers remained inside. Mr. Heller, of Syracuse, a commercial traveler, rushed to the rear platform and was either struck by the engine of the freight train or fell in trying to jump off, and rolled under the wheels and was dragged along the ground for a distance of ten or twelve rods. He was dead when reached after the train was stopped, his head being crushed and one arm and one leg broken.

The passenger coach, mail and baggage cars were wrecked, and if the engineer of the freight had not shut off steam as soon as he saw the situation, his great mogul engine would have cut through the entire passenger car and doubtless caused great loss of life.

Coroner Botsford came and took charge of the body, and summoned a jury. After taking evidence in the case the hearing was adjourned until next Monday.

An exchange says: "Never judge by appearances. A shabby coat may contain an editor, while a man wearing a high-toned plug hat and supporting a dude cane may be a delinquent subscriber."

HERMON, FEBRUARY 29, 1888.

Easter falls on April 1st, this year. Leon B. Ladd was in town last week.

Read Clark G. Maine's card on first page.

V. P. Abbot, of Gouverneur, was in town Monday.

A five and ten cent store is to be opened in this village soon.

Gouverneur wants a cavalry company. Better start a navy.

Teachers' examinations will be held at the school house on Saturday.

Our annual village election will take place three weeks from yesterday.

H. C. Maine attended the G. A. R. state encampment at Syracuse last week.

Our pocketbook is now in such a feeble condition that it cannot stand a loan.

"The backbone of winter is broken" was the general verdict of our citizens last week.

Trotting races will take place on the ice at Trout Lake next Saturday afternoon.

S. W. Day, of Ogdensburg, has been appointed a special treasury agent. Verily the faithful shall be rewarded.

The St. Lawrence County board of Supervisors as elected consist of twenty-seven republicans and eight democrats.

The Washington Ball at the Phelps House, last week was attended by about 75 couple, and was a very pleasant affair.

The school entertainments, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, will be very interesting and should be liberally patronized.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the race to take place at Trout Lake Saturday afternoon. A large crowd will be present.

The Sons of Temperance held a warm sugar social, in their rooms, Friday evening. A pleasant time was enjoyed by those who attended.

W. C. Eddy, a hackman at Watertown, shot three times at his wife, Monday noon, doing her no injury, then cut his throat, dying almost instantly.

Leven A. Wells aged 27 years, of Pierpont, has been adjudged insane, and upon the order of County Judge Kellogg has been taken to the Utica asylum.—Ex.

Regular monthly meeting of Lynde Hose company, Tuesday evening, March 6th, in their rooms in Johnson's block. A full attendance of the members is desired.

Lynn J. Gale, who has been attending the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, at Philadelphia, Pa., arrived in town Friday having finished his first year's course.

Guns that will shoot five mile have been invented. We mention this fact only to emphasize again to spring poets the advisability of sending in all their contributions by mail.

The coroner's inquest in the case of D. T. Heller, recently killed at Canton station has been adjourned until March 14th, owing to the unavoidable absence of two jurors and the illness of an important witness.

John Culloton, of Russell, claims to have drawn to Canton, the other day, a distance of eight miles, four cords of 20 inch wood, which weighed five tons, and says that if any one would come up to that he will draw a six ton load.—Ex.

The County I. O. G. T. Lodge held at Gouverneur last week, was one of the most profitable in the history of the lodge. Nearly all the subordinate lodges were represented. County Secretary Hendrick is the right man in the right place.

When visiting a printing office keep these rules in mind: Subscribe for the paper and pay in advance, keep six feet away from the devil, hands off the manuscript, don't talk to compositors, don't carry off the exchanges, don't read type on the galleys.

James Barber claims to have killed nine skunks, who had set up quarters under the veranda of the Hermon House, in one evening. It's a pretty tough story, but as "Jim" is a distant relative of George Washington, we cannot doubt the truth of it.

A large number from this vicinity are making arrangements to take in the R. W. & O. R. R. excursion to Washington next Tuesday. The fare, \$10, for the round trip is exceptionally low and those who can go should not miss this grand opportunity to visit the National Capital.

The pupils of the primary and intermediate departments of our school, will give a public entertainment in the school rooms Friday afternoon. The teachers have been untiring in their efforts to make the exercises interesting, and from what we know of the program we are certain it will be a success.

A visit to James Kelly's carriage works, of this village, will reveal the fact that about 300 vehicles of different styles are to be put upon the market from that establishment the coming season. Preparations are also being made to commence the manufacture of lumber wagons on an extensive scale.

\* F. A. Porter gave an exhibition of stereopticon views in the Acres school house to a large and appreciative audience last evening. Prof. Ives, during the evening, pleased the audience with his marvelous tricks and comic songs. A good many from this village were in attendance.

Everyone can be a boomer. Keep your money at home. Patronize those who patronize you. Spend your money among home institutions, where you stand a good chance to get it back. Every dollar you spend with a home man finds its way back into your own pocket. A dollar spent in some other town goes to help build up that town. Figure the thing down fine and you lose money by buying away from home, even if you get the article for one half what it would cost at home. Remember this and act accordingly.

We had the pleasure of attending a private party, given by Engartha and Arena Phelps in honor of their young friends, last Friday evening. Never was there a happier gathering than on this occasion. Dancing was indulged in by the little ones, music being furnished by the Marshville and Hermon Orchestra, Wm. Woodrow and P. L. Doyle. Hart Phelps did the "calling" and Wait Leonard acted as floor manager. Supper was served in the dining-room of the hotel, to which the little people paid particular attention. All in all it was a great night for the youngsters.

#### Grand Army Notes.

General N. M. Curtis has been elected Department Commander of New York state, G. A. R.

The Albany Journal says: The selection of Gen. N. M. Curtis, of Ogdensburg as department commander by the Grand Army of the Republic of this state is a high compliment to a gallant soldier who well deserves this recognition. Gen. Curtis is a native of St. Lawrence county and one of its most prominent and active republicans. He served in the Union army, entering with the commission of a captain in 1861 and retiring at the close of the war with the rank of major general by brevet. Gen. Curtis' civil career has been equally honorable. In the legislature he has been a prominent figure. As collector of customs and special agent of the treasury department he served his country as loyally as he did in the field. He has been a member of the assembly five terms and is at present doing excellent service in that body. Gen. Curtis has many friends in this city who unite in congratulations on his promotion to a post of the highest honor which a Union veteran in this state can reach.

HERMON, MARCH 7, 1888.

Mrs. H. B. Cline's sister, of Jefferson county, is in town.

Band quadrille party Friday evening, at Cline's Hall. Tickets 50 cts.

Don't forget the entertainment in the Good Templars Hall, on Thursday evening of this week.

A large number of people, from out of town, were present at the school entertainments last week.

In spite of our best efforts our delinquent subscribers are still holding their own--and a little of ours. —Ex.

Anybody bringing the first robin or any other sign of spring to this office will receive a liberal reward. We are sick of this winter.

Deacon Horatio Marsh, one of the first settlers of Hermon and who left 30 years ago for the west, died at Beloit, Wis., February 18th.

The Band Concert will take place some time next week, the date of which will be announced hereafter. A fine program is being prepared.

The race at Trout Lake, last Saturday, did not take place as advertised. The Mitchell horse failed to appear when the race was called and the Edwards horse was given the money.

A letter from the superintendent of the Utica asylum says that he notices a slight improvement in Lelia Campbell's condition though she is, however, very insane.

An inventor has patented an electric contribution box for church use. Whenever a button or piece of tin is deposited in the box an electric bell rings and informs the congregation of the fact. —Ex.

A bear with two men made their appearance on our streets last Thursday. One of the men being sick, the bear concluded to remain in town for a short time in order that he might recuperate.

The comet discovered February 18th at the Cape of Good Hope it is said will make its first appearance to vision here on or about March 20. It can then be seen near the horizon in the southeastern skies shortly before sunrise. —Journal.

Lena Frison was presented with a beautiful photograph album by the members of the Athenian society Friday evening. Jessie Alverson and Pauline Fell were each presented with a music folio, the compliments of Principal Kimm.

A bill has been introduced in the assembly, fixing a state bounty of two cents on each sparrow killed, the head to be shown to the town supervisor, who shall issue an order for pay on the county treasurer, the bounty to be a county charge.

A good advertisement is the best possible salesman. It is a salesman who never sleeps, who goes after business early and late accosts the merchant in his shop, the scholar in his study, the lawyer in his office, the lady at her breakfast table, who can be to a thousand people every day, saying to each one the best thing in the best manner.

#### OUR SCHOOL.

The closing exercises of the Hermon Union School on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of last week, were grand.

The Clionian Society's entertainment, on Thursday evening, drew a full house and gave general satisfaction. The greeting song, scripture reading, by the society, were interesting and appropriate as opening exercises. Salutory. Eliza Childs, was well-timed and abounded in commendable and practical thoughts. Miss C. did very nicely. The Settler's Story, Mildred Hamlin, was an effort that gained for the young lady the hearty approval of the audience. The recitations by Lillian Loop and Ida J. Hayes were rendered in good style, as was also the quartets on the program. The Charcoal Man, by Drusa Watson, and Old Woman's Railway Signal, by Hattie Stone, were ably rendered. The Clionian Bulletin, as read by its editor, Carrie Loucks, was an unusually interesting paper. The jokes, conundrums, &c., were very laughable, but the personal hits brought down the house. Ramon, May Grant, music, Jessie Jones, and Mary Garvin, by Lucy Stalbird, were spiritedly given, especially the recitation by Miss Stalbird. One of the best pieces on the program was the rendition of the Thunder Storm by Vila Nicholson. The

literary part of the program was ably closed with the president's address, Bessie Fuller. The young lady has received much praise in the past for her ability in this line, but on this occasion she certainly surpassed any previous effort. The characters in the farce, "A Boy's Plot," were well taken, and created much amusement.

Friday evening the Athenian Society was greeted with another very large audience, and the same general satisfaction characterized the second entertainment.

After the song of welcome, bible reading and prayer, Cecile Hatch delivered the salutatory address in a very creditable manner. Recitations by Blanche Powell and Jennie Green received well-earned applause. Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight, by Winnie Eggleston, was a meritorious effort, as was also the recitation by Blanche Miles. The Athenian Offering, under the talented editorship of Blanche Cline, was a success. The columns were replete with sharp cuts and witty sayings. The prophesy was good, and no doubt portrayed the future of some of the students. Marv Day did splendidly in her recitation entitled, Wounded, and the Pride of Battery B. by Pearl Sheldon, reflected much credit on that young lady. The recitation and valedictory by Gertrude Reynolds, were some of the best rendered pieces on the program. The president's address, by Lena Frison, followed, and was a most commendable effort. Everything in her remarks and gestures seemed to be natural and the applause that followed proved the approbation of the audience. The Polish Boy, a very difficult recitation, by Jessie Alverson, was an effort that proved her a good elocutionist. After good bye song, by the society, the program was closed by the laughable farce, Two Ghosts in White. The pranks of the young ladies at boarding school were not overdrawn and were laughable in the extreme.

The Thalian Society's entertainment, Saturday evening, was the last of the series though not the least. Our space will not allow an extended notice, and as the "boys" are always willing to give place to the "girls," we hope they will not make this an exception to the rule. We cannot pass over the program without noticing a few parts. Allen Mattesen did well as salutorian. Debate, are lawyers a benefit of society? created considerable interest. Will McMillan, negative, in our opinion, showed the best side of the question. The Bachelor's Whistleblows a spicy paper edited by R. K. Fuller, and read in his clear and forcible manner, drew out continued applause. E. F. Gale's recitation was good, and Nilie Hyland's account of Jim Wolf and the Cats was amusing. In the farce Les Robinson, Ed Mott and Frank

Scofield did well. In fact everyone on the program did themselves credit and are deserving of much praise.

Friday afternoon the students of the intermediate and primary department gave an entertainment in the school building. Those who were present are enthusiastic in praise of the efforts of the little ones. Mrs. Maxim and Miss Wright have reason to feel proud of their little charges, and their credit as teachers lost nothing by the rendition of the program.

The closing exercises of our school, this term, will certainly be events not soon to be forgotten. Prof. Kimm and the students are to be congratulated on the success attained.

A large number from this section took in the Washington excursion. G. P. Rogers, C. Acres, J. B. Ryel, Frank Wescott, E. B. Peppers and Mrs. Isaac Gibbons were among the number.

According to a Watertown dispatch judgements to the amount of about \$50,000 have been secured against the Whitney marble company of Gouverneur. Attorney General Tabor has commenced an action in the Supreme Court to dissolve the company.

Ed. Fredinburg is again a wounded hero. This time it is a knife that drew first blood. In some way he struck his right hand against a knife blade in the hands of Roy Fuller, and received a very severe gash, severing an artery. It will be some time before Ed. will be able to handle his razor as of old.

The Band will give a quadrille party at Cline's Hall on Friday evening of this week. This is the first and will be the last for this season under the auspices of the Band. It is hoped it will be liberally patronized. The organization is in need of financial aid and the citizens should purchase a ticket even if they do not attend.

A stereopticon entertainment is advertised for Thursday evening at Good Templars' Hall, and for the benefit of that order. Almost every scene of interest in the world will be shown and fully explained by the exhibitor. In addition many marvelous tricks will be performed, making in all a grand entertainment, and one which our citizens should not fail to see. Admission 15 cents. Children 10 cents.

#### A Challenge.

HERMON, March 5th, 1888.

The Payne stallion, of Edwards, is hereby challenged to trot against the Mitchell mare, of Hermon, on the ice at Trout Lake on or before the 10th day of March, 1888, for a purse of \$50, to be equally contributed between Hermon and Edwards. Said race to be one mile heats, best three in five.

Geo. Babbitt, Sec.

#### HERMON, MARCH 14, 1888.

Band concert Friday evening.

Village election next Tuesday.

Janes Brown was in Ogdensburg last week.

E. R. Fredinburg spent Sunday in Watertown.

The spring term of our school begins next Monday.

Mr and Mrs S.W. Phelps of Richville, are in town visiting.

Local items this week seem to be buried deep under the snow.

D. S. and Benjamin Lynde, of Canton, were in town Saturday.

Miss Louisa Johnson of Richville, is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Phelps.

A new \$65 five octave organ for \$35. For information call at this office.

The total amount of school money appropriated to this county is \$74,580.25

Mrs. James Wood died at her residence near Trout Lake, Saturday

Monday and Tuesday convince everybody that the backbone of winter was broken.

Candidates for the office of Sheriff of this county are springing up in all directions.

F. S. Fell formerly of this village is now bookkeeper for George F. Stroud, Oskosh, Wis.

Monday was a genuine March day. It was one of the worst days of the whole winter.

Dr. J. N. Bassett, of Canton formerly principal of our school, is very sick with diphtheria.

Read Stevens and Sherwin's new advertisement in this issue, also the Texas Loan Agency's ad.

Allen Clark, who is now employed at Watertown, came up to attend his sister's funeral Sunday.

Don't forget the concert by the class under Mrs. Clark's instruction at Cline's hall Saturday evening.

Daniel Hill has moved his stock of groceries into the McLean store on the south side of Church street.

Mrs. P. R. McMonagle, wife of reporter P. R. McMonagle, died at her home in Canton, on Thursday.

Mr. VanOrmon and wife, formerly publisher of the Hermon Advertiser, were in town last week, the guests of Mrs. E. Robinson.

We have a very fine lot of visiting cards which we are selling very cheap, either printed or blank. Only forty cents per hundred.

Those who receive five dollar silver certificates will do well to examine them. A clever imitation has been put in circulation.

It is unlawful to shoot, trap or kill wild ducks, geese or brant within the limits of St. Lawrence county during the months of March and April.

Minnie Little, who has been very sick for the past two weeks, we are pleased to say is some better and hopes are entertained of her rapid recovery.

At the last meeting of the village board, the contract for building the new engine house was let to Sheldon and Reynolds, who are now busy getting out the lumber.

A black-bird was seen flying over this village, in a southward direction, yesterday. It was noticed he wore a fur overcoat and had his trunk checked for Florida.

A concert by the class under Mrs. E. A. Clark's instruction will be given in Cline's Hall on Saturday evening of this week. A fine program has been arranged and a splendid musical entertainment is assured.

How much unhappiness would be avoided if this rule was generally adopted: Think twice before you believe every evil report you hear, and think twenty times before you repeat it, especially if it is about a woman.

The Band quadrille party, last Friday evening, was not a success, only about five couples being in attendance. It is hoped that the concert next Friday evening will be more liberally patronized.

Over 800 people went out of Northern New York on the Washington excursion. They required three special trains, consisting of 27 cars and 13 sleepers. They were from Franklin, St. Lawrence, Lewis, Jefferson, and Oswego counties.

An exchange very truthfully says there is no law on the statute books so utterly disregarded as the act requiring commissioners and overseers of highways outside of villages to paint a sign-board indicating where the respective roads lead to.

The body of Mrs. A. F. Butterfield who died at her residence in Ogdensburg, was brought to this village Saturday morning and taken to the funeral home where the funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p. m., Rev. Phelps officiating. What makes this doubly sad is the fact that her husband lies at the point of death and was unable to attend the funeral.

James Kelly had the misfortune to lose a valuable cow, in a peculiar manner, Monday morning. It seems that during the night the cow got one of its horns into a knot hole and was unable to extricate it. When found she was lying in her stall completely exhausted and unable to arise, and it was found necessary to kill the poor animal.

A young lady at Little Falls a few evenings ago, filled a jug with water, corked it tightly and put it in the stove oven to heat, intending to place it at the feet of her mother, who was ill. In a short time the jug exploded and sent the stove flying in every direction. The lady was struck by some of the pieces and quite badly bruised. The stove was rendered completely useless.

#### Band Concert.

The Hermon Band Concert will take place at Cline's Hall, on Friday evening of this week and will be the best ever given by that organization. The Band will be assisted by Prof. David and his orchestra, as well as the best musical talent of Hermon and vicinity. Prof. David as a musician, is well known throughout northern New York, and one of his solos is worth the price of admission. Lovers of fine music should be sure and attend this concert. Tickets 25 and 15 cts.

#### HERMON, MARCH 21, 1888.

Fred Gilmore, supervisor of Parishville, was in town Monday.

The receipts of the Band Concert Friday evening were about \$30.00

Mrs. David Shaw and son Fred, of Three Mile Bay, are at C. V. Gale's.

Snow disappeared very fast under the influence of a warm rain yesterday.

E. R. Fredinburg, who has been laid up with a cut hand, resumed work Monday.

I. L. C. Lockwood, of Madrid and chairman of the Board of Supervisors, was in town Monday.

The water in the creek this morning is over five feet deeper than it was last evening at six o'clock.

Band and orchestra at the I. O. G. T. ice cream social Saturday evening. Everybody is invited.

The next convention of the I. O. G. T. of St. Lawrence county will be held at Little York, March 23, 1888.

Through advertising we have come into the possession of a very fine five octave organ which we will dispose of very cheap.

All members of Loyalty Division S. of T., are requested to be present next Friday evening. Visitors from abroad will be in attendance.

The National W. C. T. U. have named from March 18th to 23rd a week of prayer and ask that it be observed by all local branches.

B. R. Stone, who has been thro' Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado during the past ten months, returned home last Friday evening.

Rev. E. S. Cheeseman and wife were happily surprised last evening by about thirty of his congregation, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

President White says the affairs of this village hereafter will be conducted on the basis of tariff for revenue only. And don't you forget it.

Those desiring any information in regard to the Texas Loan Agency can call at this office for a descriptive book of the workings of that institution.

The month of March possesses many of the general characteristics of the man who starts out to lick the editor. When they come in like a lion they usually go out like a lamb, and a bleating lamb at that.

We understand our townsman A. A. Matteson is a candidate for the office of county clerk. Mr. Matteson has held this office before, and being a thorough business man, will in all respects, give satisfaction if elected.

The prohibitionists of Jefferson and St. Lawrence counties will meet in convention at Gouverneur on Tuesday afternoon and evening, March 27th, to choose delegates to attend the national convention to be held at Indianapolis, May 30th.

Next Saturday afternoon and evening the Good Templars will hold an ice cream social in their hall. In the evening the Band and orchestra will be present, and vocal and instrumental music will be the programme. Don't fail to come as a big time is assured.

Miss Laura Stevens, formerly of this village, is now on the editorial staff of the New York Sun, where she is meeting with flattering success. Many of her articles have been copied by some of the leading papers of the country. We join with all her friends in wishing her much success.

The five and ten cent store, in the post-office building, seems to be very liberally patronized. Almost any thing desirable can be found upon the counters, and you can get all you can carry for a small amount of money. Our former readers would do well to call at the store and see the big bargains.

The Band concert on Friday evening, drew a fair audience, and was one of the best entertainments of the kind ever given in this village. Those who took part in the programme did exceptionally well and their efforts were applauded to the echo. The vocal and instrumental music was of the very highest order and proved the participants musicians of no small ability.

Mill No. 3 of St. Regis Lumber Company, at Santa Clara, N. Y., exploded one of its boilers about 1 o'clock on last Thursday afternoon killing two men and injuring three others quite badly. The boiler was carried about fifty feet from the Mill, striking a house occupied by George McNeil, injuring Mrs. McNeil severely; also two children slightly.

At 3 o'clock Sunday morning a fire broke out in the large grocery store of Eldridge & Thompson, situated on the corner of Court and Main streets, Canton. Owing to the scarcity of water the whole interior was burned out before the fire could be checked. The loss is estimated at about 8,000. There was partial insurance.

Prof. David and his orchestra proved to be big cards at the concerts Friday and Saturday evenings. The orchestra is composed of members of his own family and is exceptionally fine. The solos of Prof. David were beyond anything ever heard in this village. Prof. David is a thorough musician and his efforts were highly appreciated by the audience.

Rev. Cheeseman will close his three years' pastorate in this village next Sunday, much to the regret of his congregation and the people in general of Hermon and vicinity. In his future charges all wish him christian success, and when he is called to an account of his stewardship, may his record be such as to accord him angelic welcome into that life that knows no end.

At the Baptist church next Sunday morning a concert exercise, with singing by the school and address by the pastor will take the place of the usual sermon. The exercise is entitled "The Chapel Builders." All cordially invited. In the evening the pastor will preach the second sermon on "The Prodigal Son,"—the return home and welcome. No postponement on account of weather.

Spring commenced at 11 o'clock Monday night, and will last till June 20th, 7 p. m. The beginning of spring is marked by that particular period of time in which the sun on his northward movement reaches the equator and "crosses the line." It has been a favorite theory with some that from the direction the wind is coming at that particular time will the prevailing winds come the next 90 days. But as all signs fail in dry weather and cold winters, everybody will have to wait and see just as they have waited to see if the dying winter would be an open one. —Ogd. Journal.

The Detroit Free Press has been writing up the Louisiana state lottery, and characterized it as one of the worst swindles of the day. Quite a large number of people in this section are regular investors in this concern.

James Fitzgerald of Lorraine, Jefferson county, was found frozen to death Wednesday morning by the roadside in that town. He was formerly landlord of the hotel in that village. He had been missed since Monday.

The concert, Saturday evening, given by the pupils under the instruction of Mrs. E. A. Clark, was a grand musical success. The pupils, everyone of them, did splendidly and we certainly think Mrs. Clark should feel proud of their efforts. When we expected to hear an amateur piece rendered a difficult classical piece was given, and by misses ranging from seven to fifteen years. The negro trio was one of the most comical affairs we ever saw, and was enthusiastically encored. From beginning to end it was a grand musical surprise, and we congratulate Mrs. Clark upon the success of the concert.

No paper can be published without home patronage and every man in the country is interested in keeping up a paper. If a railroad or factory is wanted the newspapers are expected to work for it. If a public meeting is wanted for any purpose the newspapers are on for a free notice. If the churches or charitable societies have a supper or entertainment of any kind, the newspaper is expected to give all the necessary notices and then a puff after it is over. The newspapers must look after the schools and do everything else to advance the interests of the business men of the place, and then give them a handsome notice when they go to heaven and yet they do nothing to keep up a paper.

#### Village Election.

Yesterday was village election and when the polls closed, at sunset, more votes had been polled than at any previous corporation election. The following ticket was elected by large majorities, averaging nearly three to one:

President, E. B. White; Trustees, E. T. Chaney, 1 year, John Ellis, James Brown, 2 years; Police Justice, G. T. Chaney; G. H. Knox, Collector, and J. G. Conkey, Treasurer.

#### A Card.

Mr. and Mrs. Cheeseman desire to express their gratitude to the company of young people who on last evening gave them a most genuine and hearty surprise. On returning to their home from Mr. Childs', where they had been invited to tea, they found their house most brilliantly illuminated and a company of thirty or more of the young people of the Sabbath school and congregation in full possession. A bountiful supper was furnished by the company, —a most enjoyable and pleasant evening spent together, when the company quietly retired, leaving the pastor and his wife richer by some dollars in cash and far richer in the assured possession of an abiding friendship and love that is more valued and precious than silver or gold. With deepest gratitude to these young friends, we ever remain yours in love and warmest friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cheeseman.

HERMON, MARCH 28, 1888.

D. R. P. Parker was in Gouverneur Monday.

No services will be held in the M. E. church next Sunday.

Asa Gardner returned to this village Monday after an absence of several days.

We understand a calico leap year party is being talked of for the near future.

Regular monthly meeting of the Hose Co. next Tuesday evening, at their rooms.

The republican state convention will be held in Buffalo on Wednesday, May 16th.

This is the time of year when the Board of Health should look over the village.



Several from this place attended the prohibition county convention at Gouverneur yesterday.

It is expected that work on the the Ogdensburg Insane Asylum will be commenced at once.

Robins made their appearance in this vicinity Monday, and were welcome harbingers of spring.

Ogdensburg had an exhibition of electric light Saturday, and the Journal says it was a grand success.

Stephen Kellogg, an old resident of this village, died at his residence on Canton street about 6 p. m. Tuesday.

M. Y. Wells, for many years a resident of this village, died Sunday of pneumonia. He was sick but a few days.

O. H. Farnsworth, and wife, of Williamstown, have been in town for the past week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly.

McLaren & Millard have just put up a neat sign over their floor. It was painted by Prof. David and is a fine piece of work.

Our subscribers need not be backward in coming forward with butter, eggs, maple sugar, &c., to apply on subscription.

We understand that Mrs. Alverson, Mrs. Booth's mother, who was stricken with paralysis recently, was a little better this morning.

Report was current on our streets yesterday, that Mrs. F. E. Ford, of Richville, who was stricken with small pox some time ago, was dead.

The Good Templars' ice cream social, Saturday evening, was a success, over \$15.00 being realized. The Band was in attendance and furnished excellent music.

Mauftice Dalton will soon put in a stock of groceries in addition to his clothing business. Workmen are now putting in the necessary shelves to accommodate the new goods.

John Pickens, cashier of the First National Bank of Canton, was stricken with apoplexy last Thursday. He is somewhat better, and hopes are entertained of his ultimate recovery.

We have a wonderfully sweet tooth—will some one mind the fact the first time he "sugars off?"—GOUV. TRIBUNE.

We have just bought a cake, Come over and we will divide.

If the old chestnut weather prophecy were true, it would only be necessary for the month of March to make both ends meet in order to have the lion and lamb lie down together.

Three business places were burned at Waddington Sunday. The village seems doomed to utter annihilation by fire. Out of twenty five stores situated on Main street six years ago, only five of the original buildings are now standing.

One of the most commendable acts our village fathers could do would be to have about six or eight street lamps distributed around the village. These lamps are a necessity and we, with the rest of our citizens, hope to see them up in a short time.

#### *Inventions*

Joseph G. Hubbell, for several years past, has been collecting a royalty from the cheese factories in this county, on an alleged patent on "moulding cheese in the bandage." He has collected a royalty from nearly every factory in this section. William Vert, of Morristown, has done the cheesemakers thus prayed upon a great service. Though cheaper to pay than to litigate, he has contested it for the past three years. At the U. S. Circuit Court held in Utica, the 22nd inst., Judge Wallace handed down a decision dismissing the Hubbell vs Vert suit, and holding the patent void.

One of the greatest literary hits of the season is the story of "Baby Bunting; or, the Alphabet of Love," by Laura Jean Libbey, which is at present being published in the New York Family Story Paper. The paper containing the opening chapters of this wonderfully popular romance appeared on the news stands this morning. The tremendous rush for that number by the young ladies of the town shows clearly that the publishers have struck a bonanza. The Family Story Paper is for sale by all newsdealers, or will be sent to any address four months, postage free, for \$1.00. Norman L. Munro, publisher, 24 and 26 Vandewater street, New York.

#### *Baptist Church.*

Easter Sunday will be observed with appropriate exercises in the Baptist church next Sunday.

In the evening, by request, the pastor will address the W. C. T. U. Some recitations by members of the Temperance School will be rendered. All are invited.

After Easter services will be held at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

#### *Kelly's Carriage Works.*

Yesterday, under the guidance of Jas. Kelly, we were shown through this well known establishment, and were surprised at the magnitude it has attained. The most interesting department is the painting, a room 35x109 feet, which is packed from packed from floor to ceiling with carriages in the different stages of painting. What attracted our particular attention here were four light buggies made to order for New York parties. To say that they are handsome, well made, &c., is putting it mildly. They are in fact some of the very best vehicles ever turned out from this establishment, and will hold their own with any carriages built in the country. The carriages under the skilled brush of Prof. David assume a magnificent appearance, and Mr. Kelly has certainly reason to feel proud of his painting department. Mr. Kelly this year will build over 300 carriages of all descriptions and about 200 wagons, and from the number of orders received every day for them, we are certain they will be all sold before they are finished. The first shipment for the season will be made this week, some two car loads, and will go to Westchester county near New York.

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**NOTICE—PURSUANT TO AN ORDER**  
Vasco P. Abbott, Surrogate of the County of St. Lawrence, and according to the statute in such cases made and provided, notice is hereby given to all having claims against the estate of Porter Pitts, late of Canton, in said county, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at her residence in Canton, in said county, on or before the 1st day of April next.  
Dated, September 6th, 1887.  
[Sept 1887] SALLY PITTS, Executrix.

**NOTICE—PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF**  
Vasco P. Abbott, surrogate of the county of St. Lawrence, and according to the statute in such cases made and provided, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of John W. Taylor, late of Russell, in said county, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his residence in Hermon, in said county, on or before 1st day of July next.  
Dated, December 30th, 1887.  
STANLEY JOHNSON, Executor.

**NOTICE—PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF**  
Vasco P. Abbott, surrogate of the county of St. Lawrence, and according to the statute in such cases made and provided, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Charles E. Matteson, late of DeKalb, in said county, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at her residence, in Gouverneur, in said county, on or before the 1st day of September next.  
Dated, February 2d, 1888.  
MARY MATTESON, Administratrix.

#### Notice.

In the matter of the distribution of the proceeds of the sale of the real estate of Margaret Allen, deceased, Notice is hereby given that the balance remaining of the proceeds of the sale of the real estate of Margaret Allen, late of Heuvelton, N. Y., deceased, lately made under the order of the surrogate of the county of St. Lawrence, by James Allen, administrator, &c., of said Margaret Allen, will be distributed by the said surrogate among the creditors of the said deceased in proportion to their respective debts according to law at the surrogate's office in Gouverneur, N. Y., on the 26th day of March, 1888, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day.  
Dated, January 28th, 1888.  
W. S. FARMER,  
Clerk to the Surrogate's Court.

HERMON, APRIL 4, 1888.

James F. Barber was in Canton Tuesday.

Fred Johns, of Antwerp, was in town Monday.

R. Kinnie is buying the cigars. They are twins—calves.

This is the sweetest season of all the year, maple sugarly speaking.

The Northern New York conference is being held at Rome to day.

Frank Craig came up from Watertown Thursday. He returned Monday.

Workmen were engaged yesterday in repairing the chimneys on Cline's Hotel.

Henry Laroc, who has been seriously ill for some weeks past, is slowly improving.

Mrs. James Barber, who visited friends in Canton for the past week, returned yesterday.

Remember we carry a fine line of blank calling cards which we are selling at 30 cents per hundred.

Dr. Cole was in town last week. We are always pleased to see the Doctor even if it is at a distance.

All you can see in the post office now is the word "vacant" and Postmaster Pitts' big diamond pin.

We live in hopes that our merchants will be more liberal, so far as advertising is concerned when we enlarge the paper.

Butter is bringing a good price in this market at present, good creamery bringing as high as 24 and 25 cents a pound.

Chas. L. Grandy of Russell and Miss Nettie Manchester, of Fine, were united in marriage at the latter place last Wednesday.

Mrs. Alverson, who was stricken with paralysis some time ago, died last Thursday her funeral was held Sunday, Rev. E. S. Cheeseman officiating.

A "sugaring off" party was held at A. V. Farnsworth's Monday, and a number from this village were present. A real sweet time was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. White and daughters, and Geo. Alverson, of Mich., daughter and son of Mrs. Alverson, were present at the funeral of their mother Sunday.

The members of the Sons of Temperance entertained their friends with an oyster supper Friday evening. Those who attended report a splendid time.

Farmers say that in spite of the severity of the past winter, it has been more healthy for horses and cattle than it has been for several years past, even in the mildest of them.

G. W. Corey has traded his farm on the Edwards road for the property of Wm. Woodrow, of Marshville. In addition to the grocery business Mrs. Corey will open a millinery store.

Mrs. Esther S. Hiller, of Syracuse, widow of Daniel T. Hiller, who was killed in the accident at Canton, a short time since, will sue the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg railroad company for \$5,000 damages.

One of the sweetest gifts we have received for a long time, is a nice big cake of maple sugar (the finest we ever saw) from Horace Chapin. As a general thing Horace has not much to say, but always has a kind thought for the printer, and we appreciate his kindness very much.

We would respectfully suggest to our city fathers the advisability of having the proceedings of the Board published after each meeting. As we are told that public officers are public servants, we think it consistent that the public should know what their servants were doing.

What is generally known as the Coffie house was burned Friday evening. As no one had occupied it for the past winter it is supposed to have been ignited by a spark either from the evening express on the Burnham & Son's railroad, Lampson's freight train or Gale's steam saw.

At the prohibition convention of the 22d congressional district held at Gouverneur, last week, William Whitney, of Gouverneur, was elected chairman and J. D. Huntington of Watertown and Gates Curtis of Ogdensburg, delegates to the national convention. Walter Gray of Heuvelton was nominated for member of congress.

Easter morning service at the Baptist church was largely attended. The pulpit was decorated with flowers, and presented a very pretty appearance. The sermon was appropriate to the day and was very interesting. In the evening the W. C. T. U. held services in the same church. The program consisted of an address by the president of the Union, reading, recitations, singing and remarks by Rev. Gage. A large congregation was in attendance.

People passing Fairburn's jewelry store need not become frightened at the unearthly sounds issuing from that establishment. It is only Claud Gates, the clerk, practicing upon a band instrument.

The class term of the dancing class, under the instruction of Jas. Robinson, came to a close, last evening, with a "12 o'clock dance." A large number of young people were present and a good time was the result.

Persons visiting this office will find it healthy to observe the following rules: As you enter close the doors after you, after which take a chair and sit down—not in the way of the compositors but in some out of the way corner; let the "devil" alone as he is sometimes ferocious and may fall on your neck and hurt you; don't ask "how many papers do you print?" because the circulation clerk won't enlighten you a cent's worth; don't ask for the copy in order that you may read what is to appear in the next issue. An accident may happen if you are so reckless; keep your hands in your pockets, as then you will not "pie" type, and will also save the compositors the trouble of throwing you down stairs. By observing the above rules, and several hundred others, you will not only establish yourself in the esteem of the printers, but will save your family premature funeral expenses.

#### To Be Remembered.

On May 2d the COURIER will be enlarged to an eight-page sheet, and the subscription price will be \$1.00 in advance. We make this announcement thus early in order that those desiring the paper for the coming year may comply with the above terms before that date.

We are very anxious to have a large list of subscribers, but during the coming year we will do business on the principle that it is better to have 500 pay-in-advance subscribers than 1000 pay-as-you-please.

Any person who wants to live is desirous of having a local paper published in their town, and by a little effort on their part, Hermon, in a few weeks, can boast of one of the largest and best newspapers published in the county.

#### Murder at Plattsburgh.

Chas. Harrison murdered his wife on the public streets of Platsburg, Saturday night, in the presence of her sister, by cutting her throat from ear to ear with a razor. Mrs. Harrison was 27 years of age. Her husband suspected her fidelity and watched her. He saw her and her sister walking with John Soper, of Supernault, and followed on the opposite side of the street. When they turned to come back to the point where they started, he crossed over, seized his wife, said: "I've got you now," and cut her throat from ear to ear. The woman never uttered a cry, but her sister took hold of Harrison and begged him not to hurt his wife. He made no reply but kept at his work as unconcernedly as a butcher would in killing a hog. When he had finished his work he went into the house of Mr. Banfield, near the scene, and told them a woman was dying out in the ditch and they had better go out to her. The murderer was arrested and taken to jail. The murder caused a high state of excitement in Plattsburgh.—Journal.

#### Teachers' Institute.

Gouverneur, N. Y., April 3d.

The teachers' institute for the 1st commissioner district of St. Lawrence county will be held at Hammond, during the week beginning Monday, April 30, with Prof. I. H. Stout as principal conductor. None may register after Monday without the consent of both conductor and commissioner. The law requires all schools in the district to be closed during the institute and the teacher to attend. The law is imperative on this point, and no teacher can draw pay for teaching during the institute. Reduced rates will be furnished on railroads and stage lines, and entertainment will be furnished for fifty cents per day. None but persons sixteen years of age or over who are teaching or intend to teach may register.  
T. B. Mackey, School Com.

HERMON, APRIL 11, 1888.

Mrs. Charles Page, of Canton, is in town.

James Brown was in Potsdam yesterday.

Old papers for sale at the COURIER office.

The small boy now dreams of "marble hauls."

C. D. Powell, of Rensselaer Falls was in town yesterday.

M. H. Kinsley, of Canton, paid us a pleasant visit Monday morning.

Geo. Babbitt recently purchased the residence occupied by Wm. Watson.

W. G. Fell attended the Northern New York conference, at Rome, last week.

Dan Dart, of Edwards, has moved into town and occupies the Parker residence.

Bessie Fuller has been engaged to teach the Porter Hill school the coming term.

Mrs. William Little has been very sick for the past week. She is now on the gain.

The funeral of Mrs. Jacob Layton will take place this afternoon at three o'clock.

A warm rain fell yesterday and under its influence the grass started wonderfully.

Now the trout fisherman will begin to reel in his line and to reel off his lies.

Mrs. E. A. Conant is spending a few days in Canton, the guest of Mrs. D. S. Lynde.

The quarantine at Richville has been lifted, there being no more small-pox cases.

Mr. Massock, of the St. Lawrence University, Canton, called at this office Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Lynde and daughter, Grace, of Canton, were in town Sunday.

Jas. Kelly shipped another car-load of his celebrated buggies a day or two ago.

Don't fail to subscribe for the enlarged COURIER. Only \$1.00 a year in advance.

Eugene Gale has entered the employ of Fred Johns, at Antwerp, for the coming summer.

A cold rain is falling this morning. Spring seems a little backward in coming forward.

Mrs. Emily Gibbons, of Morris, Ill., is visiting her brother, E. T. Chaney, in this village.

Earl Derby, of Russell left Monday for Vermont in the interest of Row's Russell gum factory.

We understand that a calico leap year party will take place at Cline's Hall Friday evening.

The funeral of Benjamin Wood's child was held Monday at the M. E. church, Kents Corners.

Martin Kinnie has purchased the Anson B. Smith property, on Church street. Consideration \$1,300.

At the meeting Monday evening, the Board of Trustees appointed John Bass police constable for one year.

A number from this vicinity attended the teachers' examinations at DeKalb Junction and Pierrepont Saturday.

E. R. Fredinburg will soon remove his barber shop to the rooms formerly occupied by Fairburn's jewelry store.

L. H. Fuller has just placed a wood carver in his furniture factory. It is a fine machine and does splendid work.

Daniel Hill has moved his stock of groceries to his cheese factory, and will, during the summer, keep a general line for sale.

Charles P. Holmes, of Hailesboro, died at his home in that place last week Tuesday. He was well known in this vicinity.

It is as difficult for a man to get a job of work done by a delinquent debtor as it is for a needle to go through a camel's eye.

Mrs. Jacob Layton died very suddenly at her residence in this village Monday evening. Mr. Layton who is very sick, has the sympathy of the entire community.

The sugar makers report an unusually fine season, to date, for sugar making. The past week has been extra good, and there will be a large quantity made.

The saw mill and tub factory of G. L. Stanton, of Canton, with contents, were entirely consumed by fire at noon Wednesday. The loss is estimated at \$4,000. No insurance.

There is a movement on foot to build a sidewalk from this village to Marshville. Plank enough has been subscribed to lay it the whole distance, nearly a mile, also nails and some labor.

A rumor is afloat that Rev. W. C. Rider, of Chicago, has bequeathed the St. Lawrence University, the sum of \$93,000. If true this sum will put the institution on a solid financial basis.—Ex.

The president Wednesday nominated Thomas L. Harrison of Canton, to be collector of customs for the district of Oswegatchie, N. Y., in place of W. H. Daniels, whose term of office has expired.

Rev. Seymour who some years ago was pastor of the M. E. church at Russell, has been appointed to this charge. Those who are acquainted with him say that he is an able man. Rev. E. S. Cheeseman, we understand, goes to Theresa.

If farmers would make it a rule, to which there are no exceptions, never to "monkey" with pen and ink at the request of strangers, there would be less swindlers in the country and fewer of the swindled.—Ex.

Peddlers often palm off on the public fluids, or powders, the former containing dissolved mercury, and the latter consisting of clay or whiting holding invisible mercury. These applied to silver, copper, gold, etc., coat them with mercury, which is bright and shining for a brief time, but soon ruins the surface.

A subscription paper, to raise money for the Band, is being circulated. The Band is an organization worthy the support of every person who enjoys good music, and it is hoped a sufficient sum will be raised to pay all its present indebtedness and leave a balance in the treasury to meet necessary expenses for some time to come.

M. B. McCarthy, of this town, in a letter to the Gouverneur Herald, desires to inform Hermonites in general that he or she had nothing to do with the writing of an article "derogatory to the 4th of July celebration which occurred in this town in '86." We assure M. B. McCarthy that the people have forgotten all about the article, and our advice is: let the past bury its dead.

The case of supposed murder, near Spragueville, on the line of the R. W. & O. R. R., was an accident. The name of the unfortunate man was Alfred Beckwith. After taking the testimony, the jury retired for deliberation and in half an hour announced its verdict, which was to the effect that Beckwith came to his death accidentally while in a state of intoxication, and that the R. W. & O. was not in any manner responsible for his death.

Many of our business men are in favor of forming themselves into an association, the object of which is to warn each other of dead-beats; sell goods at a standard and reasonable profit, and sell for cash. Such an organization would be very beneficial to them and a good thing for their customers. With such an organization honest people would not have to make up the loss, to the dealers, of bad accounts; with a standard price on all goods a customer need not feel that he is paying one merchant more for an article than it could be bought for at another store, and selling for cash, no accounts would be run to be regretted afterwards.

The coroner's inquest as to the death of D. T. Hiller, who was killed at the railroad collision at Canton in February last, was continued Wednesday. Mr. C. H. Burdick, of Norwich, N. Y., was present, and testified in substance that he was in the car and in the same seat with Hiller immediately before the collision. This evidence was evidently convincing to the jury that Hiller was endeavoring to get off the train at the time of the collision, and in their verdict they held the railroad company responsible for his death by reason of their neglect to provide proper regulations for running trains past stations.

**Board of Trustees.**

Hermon, April 12, 1888.

The new board met and organized by appointing W. G. Fell clerk.

The resignations of John Ellis and E. T. Chaney, as trustees, were read, accepted and placed on file.

To fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Chaney and Ellis the Board appointed E. T. Chaney trustee in place of John Ellis and Z. W. Babcock in place of E. T. Chaney.

The claim of J. B. Fairburn of \$15.00 for winding the town clock for 1887 was received, and audited to be paid out of the fund appropriated for that purpose at the annual village election held in March, 1887.

On motion the Board adjourned to Monday evening, April 9th.

April 9th, 1888.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, E. B. White, president, and Trustees Chaney and Brown.

Z. W. Babcock duly qualified and took his seat with the Board.

On motion the bond of police constable was fixed at \$100.00

On motion John Bass was appointed police constable for the ensuing year, at a salary of \$25.00.

Board adjourned to Monday evening at 7 p. m.

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HALL-GRANDY. In Russell, by Rev. L. L. Gage, Wednesday April 11th, 1888, Addison Hall, of Gouverneur, and Miss Carrie Grandy, of Russell.

Roscoe Conkling is dead.

Read Fell's new advertisement in this issue.

D. A. Moore, of Potsdam, was in town yesterday.

The Hermon village Cheese factory opens April 30th.

Be sure and read Fuller's locals this week. They may be of interest to you.

Mr. Burdick, the eminent temperance lecturer, is in Ogdensburg the present week.

William Algic, of the firm of Wilson & Co., Ogdensburg, was in town Monday,

If you desire the enlarged COURIER for the coming year, don't fail to settle before May 1st.

In a breach of promise suit at Watertown, recently, the plaintiff was given \$3,000 damages.

B. R. Stone spent Sunday in town. He is in the employ of the R. W. & O. R. R. at Adams.

Mrs. A. C. Stevens and daughter, of Morristown, are in town, the guests of Mrs. W. A. Leonard.

Past Commander Sayles, of Rome, will deliver the Decoration Day Oration at Gouverneur this year.

Gouverneur editors seem to be deeply in love with each other. How pleasant it is to dwell together in harmony.

The leap year ball, at Cline's Hall, Friday evening was attended by about forty couples. It was a very pleasant affair.

Leon B. Ladd, who is in the employ of the R. W. & O. R. R., at Philadelphia, N. Y., came up Friday and remained until Monday.

The Southern District, I. O. G. T. will assemble in Gouverneur, Friday evening, April 20. The meeting will open at seven o'clock.

Our sugar makers are visited to their hearts' content by the "boys" who call around to see "how it's done" and to sample the sweet sweetness.

A case of sickness may be avoided by cleaning up your back yards and cellars and removing other refuse that may have accumulated during the winter.

In our report of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees, in last week's issue, we should have said the salary of police justice was fixed at \$25.00 instead of police constable.

Rev. E. S. Cheeseman arrived in town Monday noon and yesterday was busy attending to the packing and moving of his goods. He will leave today for his future residence at Theresa.

The meanest man on the face of the globe is the one who takes the paper a year or two and then leaves town without paying for it. We will publish their names one of these days if they persist in forgetting.

Would it not be the proper thing to scrape the accumulations of the winter off our streets, especially in front of our business places on Main and Church streets? By so doing it would save a great many from being choked with dust during the summer months.

We are not in the habit of "bragging" but we do say, without fear of contradiction, that we have as pleasant and neat an office as can be found in St. Lawrence County. Call and see us when you have leisure.

Ed O'Neil and Mrs. James Barber, of the Hermon House, while out riding Sunday met with a peculiar accident. In turning around near W. W. Matteson's one of the wheels fell apart, precipitating both to the ground. Fortunately they escaped without injury.

Mrs. G. W. Corey was in Ogdensburg last week, attending the spring opening of millinery at Willson & Co's. and making selections of goods. The ladies are cordially invited to attend the millinery opening at her store in Marshville next Friday.

It is hoped that all members of the fire department will respond promptly to the call in an other column for practice Thursday evening. It is necessary to keep the engine and hose in proper condition at all times, and trying them occasionally is the only way to find out whether they are or not.

Decoration Day will be observed in Russell this year by Rice Post, of this village. A large number of the members of the post are residents of Russell, and they taking the matter in hand, have raised nearly \$150.00 to defray necessary expenses. Further particulars will be given hereafter.

McLaren & Milliard's new peddling wagon, under the efficient command of "Billy" Little, started out Monday, and will, no doubt, bring joy and big bargains to its customers. Energy and enterprise have built up a large business for this firm. Keeping good goods, at reasonable prices, and advertising them, is the secret of their success.

Hermon and Marshville will in a day or two, be connected by a good substantial sidewalk. Several residents of Marshville with the aid of a number in this village took the matter in hand a short time ago and have raised a sufficient amount to complete it. In summer it will be one of the pleasantest walks in the county and will no doubt be liberally patronized.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Western New York will hold the semi-annual session at DeKalb Junction, April 24th. Some of the most eloquent, earnest workers in the temperance cause will be present and a good time is expected. Any person desiring further information in regard to the meeting may address J. A. Penny, DeKalb Junction, or E. A. McMillan, Hermon, N. Y.

#### Attention Firemen.

All members of the Hose and Engine Companies are requested to meet at the engine and hose houses respectively, at 7 p. m., Thursday evening, for practice.

P. L. DOYLE, Chief Engineer.

#### Hermon Cheese Factory.

The annual meeting of the patrons of the Hermon Village cheese factory was held in Green & Babcock's hall Saturday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by H. C. Maine and the following officers were elected for 1888. Executive committee, H. C. Maine, Oscar Taggart and John Loucks. H. C. Maine, who has given universal satisfaction as salesman and secretary, was again re-elected. He receives  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1 per cent. for his services. It was voted to pay \$1.00 per hundred for manufacturing, the patrons furnishing their own rennets. The factory opens April 30.

#### Notice.

The board of health of this village desire to call the attention of all owners and occupants of property in the village to the law, which requires that all garbage, rubbish or other offensive material shall be removed and destroyed and that all cess-pools, sewers, drains and out-buildings shall be thoroughly cleaned and cleansed as soon as the frost is out of the ground. Now is the proper time to attend to it. Look your premises over and see that you properly comply with the law and preform your duty as becomes a good citizen.

E. B. WHITE, President.

#### Shooting Accident.

Timothy Fogarthy, second son of Wm. Fogarthy, of the Second Ward, of Ogdensburg, met with a shocking shooting accident Wednesday afternoon. In company with his brother he was out in a boat, on the Oswegatchie river hunting muskrats. By some means his gun discharged, the charge of shot carrying away the thumb and little finger on the left hand, tearing in a terrible manner the right wrist, and then entering the right lung and liver. Made unconscious by the pain, he jumped into the river, but was caught by his brother. Physicians were summoned and every thing was done to relieve the sufferings of the unfortunate boy.

After lingering in an unconscious condition until Saturday evening he died. He was a young man of correct habits and his sad end will be mourned by a large circle of friends.

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HERMON, APRIL 25, 1888.

Old papers for sale at this office.

Geo. P. Rogers spent Sunday in Antwerp.

Merchants report trade as being very dull at present.

Don't fail to read Dalton's new advertisement in this issue.

A. M. Philbrick has been appointed street commissioner.

Snow, hail and rain was the bill of fare dished up by the elements Sunday.

Miss Chloe Ladd is visiting friends in Gouverneur and Philadelphia.

Regular monthly meeting of the Lynde Hose Co., next Tuesday evening.

Tuesday was a very unpleasant day. There was nothing spring-like about it.

L. W. Ames, of Potsdam, made the COURIER office a very pleasant call yesterday.

County court will convene at Canton on Monday, May 7th, at one o'clock p. m.

With the exception of an air hole here and there, Trout Lake still remains ice-bound.

G. W. Kinnie is building a new sidewalk in front of his residence on Maple street.

Rev. M. G. Seymore and wife, our new M. E. minister arrived in town Thursday.

P. H. Doyle, plumber, of Ogdensburg, is expected here tomorrow, to repair our fire engine.

Don't fail to read our great serial the opening chapters of which will be found in next week's COURIER.

The funeral of Mrs. A. Z. Scoville was held Sunday in the Baptist Church, Rev. L. L. Gage officiating.

I. O. G. T. — Election of officers this Wednesday evening. A full attendance of the members is desired.

James Barber and wife, of the Hermon House, leave today for a week's visit with friends at Ogdensburg.

Most of our sugar makers have gathered up their buckets, having made all the sugar they desire this season.

The Band gave an open air concert Thursday evening. The playing was exceptionally fine on this occasion.

Misses Stella Burrows and Maud Cline spent a few days in town last week. They returned to school, at Potsdam, Monday.

The man who talks the loudest has the poorest side of the argument; just as the mule kicks the hardest that has the least cause.

A car load of silk, direct from China, valued at \$100,000, was recently ferried at Ogdensburg, on its way to New York.

Bessie Fuller had charge of the intermediate department of our school Monday, Miss Wright, the teacher, being absent.

T. H. Peppers has put up a neat sign over the door of his tailoring establishment. Nothing like advertising your business.

Last Wednesday the depot, S. H. Morrison's store, Dr. Dunton's barns, S. H. Stearns' house and barns, at Stockholm Depot, were totally destroyed by fire.

Parties from Canton purchase butter here every Friday. A large number of farmers were in town last Friday disposing of their butter. Some eighty tubs were sold.

With a sufficient number on the brakes our fire engine will do as good work as a steam engine. It is a first class machine and should be kept in good condition.

We have received a number of inquires, this spring in regard to houses to rent. It would pay those who may have houses to rent to leave word at this office.

With this issue the COURIER ends the second year of its existence. All subscriptions for the last and this coming year are now due. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Ogdensburg will soon be made the northern distributing point for the Armour packing company, of Chicago. This firm deals largely in dressed beef and provisions.

Now is the time for the amateur gardener to begin operations. It is well to begin early in the spring so as to get thoroughly disgusted and abandon the business before the warm weather sets in.—Ex.

Rev. Seymore, the new M. E. pastor, preached to large congregations Sunday morning and evening. He is a gentleman of pleasant address and an interesting speaker.

F. A. Stokes, on Monday, purchased the A. B. Smith property. Consideration \$1,370. We understand Mr. Stokes will finish the uncompleted work on the house at once.

Richville has another case of verioloid Mrs. Cheeseman of Gouverneur who had been caring for Mrs. Smith since the death of her daughter, Mrs. Ford, being the victim.

The first assembly republican district convention will be held at Gouverneur May 8th, and the second assembly district democratic convention will be held at the same place May 12th.

All efforts to make barbed-wire fences a "legal fence" have failed in the legislature, and persons who use it must take the chances of paying damages in cases of injury to persons or property.

G. T. Chaney has in his possession an army captain's commission signed by Silas Wright, governer of the state of New York, and Thomas Farrington, Adjt. General. The commission is dated August 16th, 1845.

Matches should never be left loose in a house or other building, as an experiment in Boston demonstrated the fact that rats, although well fed, will some times nibble matches. Many so called mysterious fires have no doubt been started by rats.

A variety of oranges grown in Florida is called the "kid glove" orange, because when peeled they are so dry they can be handled without soiling the gloves. Then there is a variety sold on the railway trains that should be called the "buckskin glove."

There is no doubt but that the citizens of Hermon are anxious to have an efficient fire department, but ask any of them to help pump and they are either sick or very busy. It is a matter of congratulation to know there are a few people in town who are willing to do what they can in this respect.

W. E. Haskell left on our table yesterday a hen's egg that weighs four ounces and measures 6x8 in circumference. Mr. Haskell informs us that he has another egg that measures a quarter of an inch larger all around, but the one left at our office is the largest we ever saw. Bring on your big eggs.

We desire to add largely to our office material, and for this reason we ask those who have accounts with us to call and settle at their earliest convenience. Our agent will call on as many as possible this week, and we hope they will be prepared to pay up. Prompt payment will accomodate us very much.

Wm. Green is agitating the question of a soldiers' monument for our cemetery. Almost every village has a soldiers' monument. Hermon should not be behind in this matter. It is not expected to be able to raise one this year, but it is well to talk the matter up, and next year erect a monument that will be a credit to our soldier dead and the generosity of our citizens.

An exchange says that when a man comes into the office and puts down the cash and says "send me the paper for one year" that means business; when one says "I want your paper, but have'nt got the money now" that's all right. When one takes it out of the post office for several months, and then sends it back "refused" that's meanness. When a man buys cigars and beer and says he can't take a home paper that's a lie. When a man borrows his neighbor's papers to read every week, that's check, badly mixed with a stingy, greedy disposition.

The annual meeting of the St. Lawrence County Board of Trade will be held in the board of trade rooms at Canton, Saturday May 15, at 2 p. m.

Special to the COURIER.

### Body Found.

Ogdensburg, April 22nd, 1888.

The body of Frank Montroy was found today under the sidewalk in front of Burt's tannery, on Main street. The last seen of Montroy was on the second day of the ice races here, Feb. 11th, last. He was a resident of the 4th Ward and was at one time cook in the Windsor Hotel. Nothing but the cloths and skeleton were left of him. He was about 25 years of age. P. H.

### Teachers' Institute.

The Teachers' Institute for the Second Commissioner district, of St. Lawrence Co., will be held at Canton, May 7th to 11th, 1888.

Teachers and trustees are reminded of the law requiring the closing of the schools and the attendance of the teachers at the institute.

Persons intending to teach during the year must be present during the entire session of the Institute.

Trustees and others interested in educational work are cordially invited to attend day and evening sessions.

John A. Haig,  
School Com'r. 2nd Dist.

28 March 1888

### To Texas.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Texas Loan Agency will be held in Corsicana, Texas, April 16th, 1888.

The Texas Loan Agency desiring to have as many of the stockholders as possible present at this meeting and desiring also to give an opportunity to their many investors and friends in the North to visit Texas and see its resources, its advantages and its prospects, has arranged for an excursion to Corsicana at greatly reduced rates, viz: \$45.00 for the round trip. Excursionists from Northern New York can take the West Shore train at Utica at 12:49 a. m., on Tuesday, April 10th, arriving at Corsicana, Texas, on Saturday, April 14th. Tickets will be good until May 26th. Excursionists will be entertained as guests in private houses in Corsicana until after the meeting of stockholders.

Further information may be had by communicating with the Agency at Corsicana, or its agent in this village.

### Texas Loan Agency.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Texas Loan Agency, of Corsicana, Texas, in this issue. The Agency has a paid up capital of 400,000, and a surplus of 54,906.95 and is one of the most substantial institutions of the kind in the country. Their business to negotiate loans on Texas real estate, and as the officers of the company own one half of the stock it is imperative with them to see that the guaranty of the company is placed only on absolute safe loans. They advance only 40 per cent. of the value of the land and have never lost a cent of principal or interest. Investors have the option of placing their money either in debentures or land mortgage loans. Debentures are the promissory notes of the Texas Loan Agency each note for a certain sum, payable at a certain time, with 7 per cent. interest from date. These debentures are issued in series of fifty thousand dollars. That is, the aggregate amount of the promissory notes in any one series is fifty thousand dollars. Each series is entirely independent of all other series. To secure each series the Texas Loan Agency transfers to the American Loan and Trust Co., 115 Broadway, New York, real estate loans amounting to five per cent. in excess of the series. That is to secure a loan of fifty thousand dollars, the Texas Loan Agency transfers, as aforesaid, loans amounting to fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars. These loans are themselves secured by first liens on land worth from two and one-half to six times the amount of the indebtedness they evidence. It follows, then, that 50,000 worth of debentures of each series are secured by land worth from \$131,250 to \$315,000. The security of each series stands for that alone.

An old subscriber hands us the following four items for publication:

What is a Mugwump? A respectable-looking gentleman who wants to do right, but does not know how to do it.

What is a Prohibitionist? A man who believes that the saloons ought to be abolished, and when he goes to the polls votes exactly what he thinks.

What is a Democrat? A man who is opposed to all "sumptuary laws that vex the citizen," and whose tender sympathy for the "vexed" causes him to vote for the continuance of the saloons in order that the "vexed" can have their spirits cheered by a "Tom and Jerry."

What is a republican? A man who believes that the war of the Rebellion is still going on, and that when the question of African slavery is settled he will go to the ballot-box and demand the correct settlement of some other evil. While he favored the abolishment of slavery in human flesh he favors the regulation of slavery in human souls. He means to be good, but is willing to postpone time indefinitely.