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Quiet Lives.

In a valley, centuries ago, nestled in the green and slender-veined delia, and about there, waving from the wind swept down so low, the tall, and moss and grass grew round it; bright sunbeams darted in and found light; drops of dew stole down by night and crowned it; no foot of man ever came that way; earth was a soft, unbroken hollow.

Two Little Wood Shoes.

Two little wooden shoes, Two little wooden shoes, Treating the flowers and dew. From a field on a rocky steep He withdrew a stone, or which there ran fairly penitently, a quaint design.

A GOOD FELLOW!

"That desire to please every one will get you into constant trouble," said Mr. Wilbur, as he sat at his desk. "By an obliging and unselfish as you choose, but do not yield to every request. You are quite as ready to aid a friend in doing wrong as to help him to do right."

At a Natural Defect.

At a natural defect, or weakness, cannot be overcome by one lesson, however severe. He soon fell back in the old way. "Suppose you take a canter on him, Moore," he continued. "He hopes splendidly."

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"I don't care to ride to-day," he said. "Let Ed. show him off." "But Ed. had no idea of doing that," he said, with truth, that he felt quite sick, and that the motion of the horse would make him worse.

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An Awful Squirt.

A Rockland young man, until quite recently was courting a fat girl at the North End, and had progressed very favorably with his suit. One evening last week he dressed up in his best clothes, carefully combed his hair, and started out to make his tri-weekly visit to his fair one, who was waiting in the parlor with fond expectation in her heart and a cold in her hand, superinduced by the fluctuating weather.

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Hash—Comments and Reflections.

A leader of a band of robbers in the Maharashtra district, India, was, some years ago, converted to Christianity. He studied for the ministry, and is now the pastor of a church in Watwai.

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A Few Words to Delinquent Subscribers.

A large amount is due on subscriptions to the ARGUS, some for two years, others for one and a fractional portion of the second year, and more for the current year. To all this indebted we are sending statements up to Jan. 1, 1881. It is impossible to call personally as we would prefer, they being scattered through every town in the county. Each one can call or send to the city by a neighbor the amount included in the statement. We need what is due, small as amount to each subscriber, but large in the aggregate. We hope before the new year arrives that every such subscriber will comply with the reasonable request accompanying the statement so that we may be able to balance our books for 1880, and have what is due us. Not only this, but it would gladden the printer's heart if each would, in addition to his arrears, pay a year's subscription in advance, that we may be enabled to make certain improvements in the ARGUS that we desire.

Town Talk.

The supervisors will meet in adjourned session Jan. 5.
A merry Christmas to all the readers of the ARGUS.
Regent and attorney-general Van Ripper, was in town Tuesday.
This week and next the Ladies' library will be open on Friday instead of Saturday.
Cars on the Toledo road were crowded with students Friday, departing homeward.
Postoffice hours for Christmas day, 10 to 11 A. M. and 6:30 to 7:30 P. M. No money order business.
Ella M. Whelan died on the 18th instant, from a tumor weighing 212 lbs. She has been a resident 34 years.
Any person to whom a county order is due, can have it forwarded by mail by dropping a postal to the county clerk.
Christmas services will be held in Bethlehem Lutheran church this evening, beginning at 6 P. M., with a variety program.
Edwin Wilder of Chicago, '67, spent the past week visiting friends in the city and vicinity.
The one-third interest in the Maynard block, heretofore owned by Joseph Donnelly has been purchased by Messrs. M. and P. Duffy.
Circuit court commissioner C. Mahon was engaged on Monday taking testimony in the divorce suit of Mifer-Nava vs. Henry Johnson.
There will be a special Christmas service for Sunday school and congregation at the Unitarian church next Sunday morning. No evening service.
At the M. E. church on next Sunday evening at 7 P. M., Rev. J. Alabaster will lecture on the "Phases and Progress" of the American temperance reform.
Gleason F. Dixon, whose death is recorded elsewhere, was a graduate of Pharmacy class of '77. His remains were taken to Concord, Jackson county, for interment.
The Sunday school of the Methodist Episcopal church will give an entertainment for Christmas on Friday evening, at the audience room of the church beginning at 7 P. M.
After lengthy examination of policeman Porter and ex-constable Linus, charged with presentation of fraudulent bills to the supervisors for audit, justice Granger held the former in \$200 and the latter in \$100 for trial at circuit court. Constable Loomis waived examination and entered bail in \$200 to appear.
A strange little girl presented herself at the M. E. school on Sunday. Approached by a teacher, who saw her predicament, she was asked to what class she belonged. She replied: "No class, but I want to come to the Christmas tree." It is probable the little girl goes in time to join the annual summer picnic.
Among the early settlers and present residents of Ann Arbor are Lorin Mills who came here in June, 1829; B. Cornwell, August 10, 1829; Daniel Clark, Brown, October, 1829; Edward Clark, May, 1827; James M. Wilcoxen and his sister, Mrs. Mary J. Maynard, September 10, 1827.
Prof. Frothingham gave a lecture on "The Eye" at the opera house in Adrian on Monday evening, before the high school. Says the Times of that city: "Dr. Frothingham is not a professional lecturer by any means, and he only consents to lecture here at the solicitation of Prof. Curtis and many other friends. But none who know the doctor will doubt his ability to make the evening pass pleasantly to his hearers."
A copy of the Michigan Annals of date December 19, 1849, is received through the courtesy of E. J. Clancy, Jr., of Northfield. It is a seven-column folio, published by Cole & Gardner, and the contrast between it and the Annals of to-day is noticeable. It contains two columns of reading matter only on the first page, whereas we have now giving seven. But two local items appear, one relating to the death of an Indian in the county house, the other, the expulsion of twenty-two students from the University on the ground of belonging to secret societies. Every week we give eight, nine, and sometimes ten columns of local matter. Among the merchants doing business there are noticed: O'Hara, dealer in clothing; E. W. Wheeler, dry goods; L. W. and E. H. Spaulding, hatters; T. Edwards, groceries; G. Grenville, jeweler; A. DeForest, crockery and grocery; T. A. Haviland, farming implements; D. DeForest, merchant and blinds; M. Campion, merchant tailor; H. B. Hughes, land agency; A. Norton & Co., furniture; E. T. Williams, steam fowling; the Maynards, dry goods; E. Clancy & Bro., hats and caps. The attorneys whose names appear are B. F. Ganser, Manchester; Kingsley & Morgan, Geo. Danforth, E. A. Lawrence, Dwight Webb, O. W. Moore, Ann Arbor; E. Thomson, Justice of the Peace. From notices appearing, C. H. Van Cleve was probate judge. Jas. Weeks conducted the Exchange hotel. R. Hooper manufactured brown and pale blue and table beer. Homeopathy was practiced by Dr. C. Williams. S. D. Burnett, medicine; W. P. Cook, insurance agency; W. P. Cook opens a new grocery. H. W. Goodrich & Co. publish notice of dissolution.

Annual Meeting of the New England Society.

Members of the above society met at Hangsterfer's rooms on Wednesday evening.
Business meeting opened at 7 P. M., Prof. Pettee, president, in the chair. A committee appointed to select officers for the ensuing year reported the following:
President, C. K. Adams.
President-Prov. Theo. Taylor.
Sec. Sec., A. W. Hamilton.
Cor. Sec., Chas. E. Greene.
Treas., A. L. Noble.
Ex. Com., E. S. Dunster, E. Olney, P. L. Page. The report was adopted.
LITERARY EXERCISES.
Exercises in the parlors opened with music by Glee club led by Prof. Wilsey. Rev. Dr. Steele invoked divine favor.
The annual address was delivered by Rev. John Alabaster, beginning by referring to the birthplace of Wm. Cullen Bryant, whose parents came over in the Mayflower. His characteristics as a New Englander from boyhood to the ripe old age which he reached were described in glowing terms. More especially the long career as journalist, his fame as poet, quoting Thanaoasis, which in the speaker's opinion would outlive all his other efforts, and making quotations from other of his poems.
In his 71st year he began to translate Homer, and came to his task full of ripeness. In summing up his life 'tis no easy task. He was a lover of nature without being a recluse. His eye opened to all around him he could see only that which was good. Best of all were his virtues. The best traits of New England character were found in him. He is to be emulated. Bryant was more distinctly an American, singing of our hills and American nature. His long life compassed every president from Washington to Hayes. He was one of the poets who lived to enjoy his fame.
Supper was served in Hangsterfer's usual style, which requires no special notice here. After the asking of a blessing by Rev. W. H. Ryder, the company proceeded to satisfy as best they could the inner man. This over, president Pettee made the sons and daughters of New England welcome, and in the course of his opening remarks said it was probable this was the most flourishing society west of the Hudson, and we must represent not only Michigan but the Northwest. The president called on Rev. J. W. Hough of Jackson who responded to the toast "The Pilgrim Fathers." He believed in keeping alive the memory of our forefathers. We should fail to do them justice if we did not credit them with Divine inspiration. We shall most honor them by keeping their lives in view.
A Poem on the "Memorabilia" was responded to by Prof. L. N. Demmon. He said the Puritan ancestors did their own thinking and named their children as they desired, and from those in use in an early day they pretty nearly exhausted the catalogue. A recitation of their created considerable laughter. We may laugh at our ancestors but can not despise them, who laid the foundations of this country and its sacred institutions.
"The Star of Michigan" by Hon. Isaac Marston of the supreme court bench. He thought Michigan might be called the New England of the west, and in this contrast, viz: The latter is declared to be poor to maintain a landed aristocracy, whereas the former can, but she won't for she is too well grounded in N. E. ideas. The speaker referred to a son of N. E. who was presently engaged in negotiating a treaty which would be based on N. E. ideas. He predicted N. E. principles would prevail in the politics of Michigan and the abuse of public men would cease, even in warmly contested campaigns.
The Press" by B. Frank Bower, who said the press required no sponsor for its rights. Journalism is the product of the five last decades. Its history is the history of civilization. It carries to the household the tidings of the day or week. The press takes for its motto, "excelsior." The pioneer press does much to develop the country. Its power is vague and undefined. It makes and unmake public opinion. The independent press strikes the pulpit and judiciary when it is deserved. It follows crime in all its phases with unceasing vigilance. It will go on in its career, growing in strength.
"The Eastern Man," by Hon. Rufus Waples. The speaker born and brought up in Maryland where the Yankee school never was seen, he therefore grew up without having seen a N. E. man. But in New Orleans where he lived many years, he had an opportunity of studying the "eastern man." New England furnished many an editor as well as schoolmaster, who became the most violent hater of abolitionists. When the yellow fever epidemic swept over the land the eastern man came to his successor. No where has he found a better type of the N. E. man than in this city of Ann Arbor.
J. M. Still of Detroit spoke to "Common Schools." Remarkable the speaker, everything is charged upon the schools, which are the safety-valves of society. He believed the common school was the target of everybody. If scholars are saucy, without reference to influences at home, the fault is laid at the school. We revere N. E. as the mother of common schools. In bringing out the common school N. E. introduced a splendid fashion. We of the west hail N. E. as the fostering mother of common schools.
"New England's Mercantile Enterprise," was responded to by Prof. T. P. Wilson, who remarked that he knew nothing more appropriate than to make out a balance sheet in favor of N. E. Her mercantile enterprise has been marveled. How often have we heard of wooden nutmegs and patent hams? What markets have not been crowded with her production? Go where you may the spirit of her enterprise is found. The Professor was the facetious speaker of the evening.
Persons desiring to acquire a free, rapid and beautiful style of writing, or acquire a complete and practical knowledge of book-keeping in all of its parts, should attend my classes. I have on hand visiting and New Year's cards in great variety of styles which will be written in an artistic manner. Individual instruction given in writing. J. S. HAINES, 52-1st Room 10, Opera House Block.

FOR SALE.

One span grey collie coming four or five years old—will sell separate. N. Van Derwerken, Manchester, Mich.
MACK & SCHMIDT.

The County.

D. W. Palmer, Esq., of Bridgewater is ill, of erysipelas.
Rev. J. L. Gage of Dexter received an \$80 donation last week.
Mrs. Chas. Danahy of Augusta is seriously ill of consumption.
Business opened in the new depot at Chelsea on Monday last week.
E. S. Tate of Clinton, has purchased the farm of ex-supervisor Daniel LeBaron of Bridgewater, consisting of 80 acres.
Where the Messrs. Childs reside in Augusta is midway between Belleville and Milan, and it is thought a station will be located there.
Lawyer Riggs of Sylvan has sold his farm to Cyrus Updike, from Grass Lake, who has been living on the farm for the past few months.
Six Chelseans, viz. Wm. Bartell, Frank Ellsworth, John Haggarty, M. Kellen, Thomas Riley and another left last week to work on a levee.
Tuesday, Dec. 14, Eugene Chaplain of Ypsilanti, and Miss Florence McCollum of Coldwater, were united in marriage. They will reside in Ypsilanti.
Col. J. H. Fellows of Sharon received a telegram from Musings, Schoolcraft Co., of last week, conveying the sad news of the death of his son James.
There were in attendance at the meeting of the state grange held in Lansing last week, Albert Day and wife, H. Baldwin and wife of Washtenaw county.
The Herald calls upon the Chelsea city fathers to look after the marshal of the village, who it claims is remiss in duty in that of not arresting noisy drunken youths.
J. S. Wood of Saline, president of Michigan Sheep-Breeders' association last year, which met at Lansing last week, was succeeded by Representative Ball of Hamburg.
A Delhi Mills correspondent of the Dexter Leader says three of the new iron bridges, recently put up on the M. C. R. R., are condemned and will have to be taken down.
Lawrence B. Harrigan, Judge of the Memphis (Tenn.) criminal court, and candidate for U. S. senator, was born and reared in Dexter in which place he emigrated about 11 years ago.
Mr. A. R. Linden of Bridgewater sold his 70 acre farm on Monday to Isaac P. Halpin of Brockport, N. Y., and contemplation of the purchase of Michigan, Consideration \$4700.
At the meeting of Merino Sheep-Breeders' society of Michigan, which met at Lansing last week, C. M. Fellows of Sharon was re-elected president for ensuing year; Arthur A. Wood of Saline director.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jarvis, Jr. residing two and a half miles west of Ypsilanti were surprised on Wednesday, Dec. 15, by friends who dropped in to celebrate their wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Palmer of Ypsilanti city were likewise dealt with on Dec. 6, to celebrate their tin wedding.
Mr. Joseph Rawson, who died recently, started the first nursery plant in Bridgewater, bringing apple seeds from Ohio, part of which he traded for a yoke of oxen with which to begin farming, planting the remainder on lands now known as the old Anli's farm, which became a source of profit to them both.
At a regular convocation of Manchester Lodge, No. 148, F. & A. M., held Dec. 13th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. M.—W. H. Webb, S. W.—C. W. Case, J. W.—W. H. Pottle, S. D.—S. W. Clarkson, J. D.—J. A. Field. Treas.—Stewart.—R. G. Loveloy and E. E. Root. Tyler.—E. G. Carr.
At the annual election of Saline Lodge, F. & A. M., held at their hall, Dec. 14, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. M.—J. McKinon, Jr. S. W.—E. R. Aldrich. J. W.—D. P. MacLachlan. Sec.—A. J. Warren. Treas.—J. Sturm. S. D.—G. W. Hall. J. D.—L. M. Thorn. Stewards.—A. M. Clark and S. Moore. Tyler.—C. N. Howe. Installation Monday evening, Dec. 27th, 1880.
At a regular convocation of Meridian chapter No. 48, R. A. M., of Manchester, held Dec. 15, the following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: H. P.—P. F. Blosser, K.—Arthur Case, S.—E. P. Crafts, C. of H.—Albert Case, P.—S. A. D. Van Dyun, R. A. C.—J. F. Nestell, M. 3 V.—H. C. Calhoun, M. 2 V.—C. W. Case, M. 1 V.—C. W. H. Pottle. Treas.—M. I. Vase. Sec.—S. W. Clarkson. Sentinal.—E. G. Carr.
At a regular meeting of the Chelsea No. 156, F. & A. M., Dec. 14th, 1880, the following officers were elected and installed: W. M.—M. J. Noyes, S. W.—J. D. Schuaitman, J. W.—J. A. Palmer. Treas.—H. S. Holmes, Sec'y.—E. D. Wood, S. D.—H. M. Woods, J. D.—C. M. Davis. Stewards.—R. S. Armstrong and F. F. Tucker. Tyler.—Byron Wright. The retiring secretary, Geo. A. Robertson, was presented with an elegant gold headed cane, by the lodge.
Mr. Aaron Childs is the elder, and J. Webster Childs the younger, of a large family of children. Both settled in Augusta at an early date, residing on opposite sides of the highway. Both have been nominated on opposite party tickets for supervisor, one elected one spring, the other another. They have been pitted against each other for the legislature, and during all the local as well as the state and national campaigns, although each is as positive in his partisan views as the other, not one word of unpleasant feeling has arisen between them or their families. They have pleasantly agreed to disagree, politically.
Charles Assenheimer's house, in Freedom, one mile east of the Bethel church, was burned to the ground together with its contents, yesterday afternoon. Mr. A. was in town and Mrs. A. had gone to a neighbor's after water, leaving her children alone. When she reached the well she looked back and saw the house in flames. She ran home and entering the burning building snatched up her youngest child, and made her escape, but her hair and clothing were singed by the fire. The older children ran out of the house when the fire broke out. Nothing was saved from the building. The house was built of logs, but was a good one. It was insured in the German insurance company of this county. Mr. A. also lost a lot of tools, valued at \$100.—Manchester Enterprise.

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