Mrs. V. A. Pierce is visiting relatives and friends in the central part of Pennsylvania. A reunion of the family will be held at the old homestead.

Mrs. Frank Vogan and children, who have been visiting among relatives for two or three months, left Andover for their home at Canton, Ohio, Friday morning.

Mrs. J. A. Travis of Washington, D. C., is expected home to-morrow (Thursday) morning. She comes this early because of the illness of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Spaulding.

Mrs. V. A. Willard of Belmont was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Beebe Saturday and Sunday. Virge came up Saturday night, spent a few hours here, and returned home Sunday noon.

Mrs. D. C. Hardy, who has been at Backus, Pa., for several weeks, caring for her daughter, Mrs. Cooper, came home Saturday, but owing to Mrs. Cooper's health was obliged to return Monday.

WANTED—Several persons for District Office Managers in this state to represent me in their own and surrounding counties. Willing to pay yearly $600, payable weekly. Desirable employment with unusual opportunities. References exchanged. Inclose self-addressed stamped envelope. S. A. Park, 320 Caxton build'g, Chicago.

John Phillips Dead.

John Phillips, a pioneer of the town of Bolivar, died at his home in Friendship, Jan. 28th. Mr. Phillips came to Allegany county in 1822, and has lived here since. He located in what was then a wilderness, now called Phillips Hill, and lived there until the early days of the oil boom, when he sold his farm there for a snug little fortune and retired, going to Friendship to live. One daughter survives him.

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Church Notes.

Union services next Sunday, preaching will be held in the M. E. church.

Rev. J. B. Arnold will occupy the pulpit of the M. E. church next Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. V. L. Eggleston will take for his subject next Sunday morning, "The test of ownership." You are invited to this service.

Services in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 10:30; Sunday-school at 12; Mission Band at 3; and Christian Endeavor at 6:30.

Rev. Q. U. Whitford of Westerly, R. I., Secretary of the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Society, will preach in the Seventh-day Baptist church in this village next Saturday morning. All are invited.

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ADEPTS AT LYING.

Pertinacious Untruthfulness Is a Dominant Trait of the South African Kaffirs.

The kaffir makes an interesting study. You cannot understand him all at once. It requires time, and a good deal of it. A new arrival thinks the kaffir is a born prevaricator of the truth, and has his reasons for so thinking, says the London Mail.

Suppose you catch a "boy" committing a misdemeanor. Ask him what he has been doing, and he will look up in your face, a picture of innocence and reply: "Ikona, baas"—plump denial. Tell him you saw him do it, threaten him with punishment, he will still persist in maintaining his innocence. He will still plead ignorance of the misdeed and mutter in astonishment or fear: "Ikona, baas." In fact, he knows nothing whatever about it.

If the offense be one that cannot be overlooked you proceed to administer reproof—with the foot, if you are not particular and wish to be impressive. What does he do? If he is a raw "boy," and not used to it, he runs off with a terrified look on his face; if he is used to it he retires precipitately with a satisfied smile, not necessarily because he has got the thrashing, but because he no longer has it to look forward to.

The only explanation for the systematic lying of the native in face of the most convincing proof is that the native mind is totally unable to form a conception of what we understand by truthfulness.

DESERVED HER CRACKER.

This Parrot Awoke Her Master When Burglars Came, and Saved the Silver.

A Philadelphia writer relates the story of a parrot that protected her owner's home from burglars, who had entered through one of the front parlor windows. They crept through the hall-room past the bird and began jimmying open the sideboard in the dining-room, where the silver was kept. One of the other men gathered up the costly Turkish rugs on the floors and another was taking down the curtains when Polly spoke up.

"Is that you, Frank?" she queried.

The burglars stopped as if they had been shot. Polly repeated the question in a louder and more imperative key. The noise of the parrot awakened her master, Mr. Fister. He grasped a revolver, which he had bought only a few days before, and kept under his pillow, and made for the head of the stairs. He pressed an electric button on the wall and lit the lights in the hall-room, when he saw three men struggling to open the front door. He promptly opened fire, but they succeeded in getting away. Mr. Fister then went downstairs, where he found the parrot in her cage under the piano. The cage was upset, but the bird uninjured. The owner placed her right side up upon the piano, when she lifted her frightened head from under her wing and asked:

"Is that you, Frank?"

A Valuable Book.

A very valuable book is a Hebrew Bible in the vatican. In 1512 the Hebrews tried to buy it of Pope Julius II. for its weight in gold. It is so large and heavy that two men can hardly lift it and it would have brought $100,000.

Has Its Advantages.

Queen Victoria always has her new shoes worn a few times by one of her maids. After all, there is some advantage, thinks the Chicago Times-Herald, in being a monarch, even in England.

Slurring Kentucky Again.

A Jersey justice of the peace sneezed so hard he paralyzed himself, and the New York Press, commenting on this, says that even a smile will do it effectively for some men.

The Valentine Joker

A Devoted Sort of Lover.

Patsy—Say, Chimmy! Jess sock me a good one in de snoot, will yer?

Jimmy—Wot fer?

Patsy—Why, me mother jess sent me a few groceries, and I spent all de change bayin' a perfumed lace valentine for Kitty Doolan, and I want ter be cryin' as natural as possible when I git home an' tell me mudder I lost it!—Puck.

Valentine to a Dude.

The game of tag, my boy,
Wouldn't give you any joy,
Not a bit;
For throughout the entire game
Your position'd be the same—
You'd be "It."
—N. Y. World.

Getting Even.

"Julia, are you going to send any valentines this year?"

"Well, I think I will send you that epiteful comic one you sent me last year."—Detroit Free Press.

His Escape.

'Tis well that Cupid's blind, for he
Would weep at the design he did
Which, some queer people love to see
In comic valentines.
—Chicago Record.

HARDLY APPROPRIATE.

The Clerk—Don't you think that that valentine is pretty?

The Coon—Ya-as, but in de po'try it see "snow-white dove." Now, dat's hardly de way I'd speak ob de lady I 'tends if I o'l'—N. Y. Journal.

His Valentines.

He chose a comical one for a man,
And a tender one for his lass;
A twist in the envelopes ruined his plan—
So now she can't speak as they pass.
—Chicago Record.

A Comic Valentine.

Easee Lyre—I wish I knew what kind of a valentine to send Miss Bullion.

Brushand Pencil—What's the matter with a photograph of yourself?—Up to Date.

Their Sentiments.

A valentine he penned with glee,
This vainly striving youth.
He hoped that it was poetry,
She hoped it was the truth.
—Washington Star.

Ambiguous.

Cholly—How would you like to buy me for your—aw—valentine, Miss Molly?

Molly—But I haven't a cent to-day.—N. Y. World.

HORSE WITH HORSE SENSE.

The Intelligent Animal Learned How to Operate an Automatic Feeding Machine.

The manager of the Maine Provision and Cold Storage company, Mr. Vose, has a gray horse which knows as much as any animal in the city, says the Portland Press, not excepting the fire department horses, and his owner thinks. The company stables its horses on Fore street, and Mr. Vose's horse is also kept there. To do away with the necessity of hiring a man to go to the stable at four o'clock every morning to feed these horses an ingenious device was arranged which answered every purpose until the arrival of the gray horse. The device consisted of two alarm clocks which were set to go off at four o'clock. A heavy weight was so arranged that when the alarm started the weight would drop and pull a wire which opened the trap doors and the feed then came tumbling into the mangers of the horses.

After the arrival of the gray horse it was noticed that all of the horses became very hungry long before noon each day. This could not be accounted for until some one stood watch to see what was the occasion for the state of affairs. The watcher soon learned. After the horses were fed at night and had eaten all that was given them, the gray horse reached up and, taking the wire in his mouth, pulled upon it. Down came into the mangers the feed that was intended to fall at four o'clock. Of course the horses proceeded to eat at once, and before noon were very hungry. A man now feeds the horses at four o'clock, and the gray horse pulls the wire in vain.

In regard to plans for beautifying a town the American architect makes the striking remark that it has been shown many times that where sutiable places inviting decoration are provided in our cities, "there are plenty of people ready to contribute money for their adornment." The observation covers so much important ground that it deserves careful and permanent consideration.

R. G. Cooper, of Belmont county, one of Little Genesee, was shot at Belfast one day last week, as he was going into a store there. The bullet struck him between the knee and thigh of one leg, and was supposed to be a stray shot from some hunter on the adjacent hills. Dr. J. L. Eddy of Olean found the ball lodged in a large muscle, having penetrated in a diagonal course to a depth of nearly six inches. It was necessary to make an incision on the opposite side of the thigh and the result is a hole through his leg. The ball was a 32 caliber, and was very little battered.

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WHAT THE NEWS SAYS, GOES IN ANDOVER. WHAT ANDOVER DOES, GOES IN THE NEWS.

ANDOVER PERSONALS.

The Pleasant Sure to see One's Name in Print—Error

L. D. Bronner was in Alfred Sunday.

W. F. Snyder was in Hornellsville Friday.

Horace Eaton of Alfred was in Andover Sunday.

George McGinty reports everything O. K. at Scio.

G. W. Probasco had business in Belmont Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Burdick visited in Alfred Sunday.

Rev. V. L. Eggleston was in Hornellsville Monday.

D. J. Bronner of Alfred visited his son L. D. Saturday.

Peter Kilbane visited Mike Cannon and family Sunday.

Geo. McGinty left on train 12 last night for New York.

Miss Agnes Boyle visited friends in Greenwood last week.

Miss Ethel Swink has returned home from New York.

Mrs. O. E. Vars and son Floyd were in Wellsville Thursday.

Ralph Lester of Richburg is visiting friends and relatives here.

Ed. McLaughlin and sister Ella were in Wellsville Monday.

Glenn Lee of Wellsville visited his aunt, Mrs. Martindale, Sunday.

Fred Coran and daughter Louise were in Hornellsville yesterday.

Attorney Jesse S. Phillips was in Wellsville Friday on legal business.

Mrs. C. P. Whitney of Orleans, N. Y., is visiting the family of C. B. Lever.

Mrs. Richard Carter and son of Alfred are spending a few days in Andover.

Miss Rosa Joyce was the guest of John Mitchell and family a few days last week.

G. B. Proper left Saturday for Honeoye Lake for his periodical piscatorial project.

Misses Mayme Dean and Nellie Horan visited friends in Hornellsville Thursday.

Thomas Riley of Wellsville spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. J. M. Mosher and daughter Margaret were in Hornellsville Monday afternoon.

Miss Minnie Horan went to Hackensack, N. J., Thursday, to visit her uncle, Edt. B. Dean.

Walter Hammond has gone to Ithaca for the purpose of going into the broom-making business.

Mrs. Thos. B. Titsworth, of Plainfield, N. J., is visiting her brothers, S. G., W. R. and M. A. Crandall.

Miss Anna McCormick of Hammondsport, N. Y., passed part of last week at the home of E. J. Atwood.

Low Fredrick and Miss Lillian Hills of Wellsville were Sunday guests of Miss Anna Sullivan at Mrs. Catlin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Grantier and Mr. and Mrs. Weaver of Hornellsville spent Sunday with A. C. Frisbey and family.

Mrs. Emily McCarn of Genesee, Pa., returned home Tuesday noon after a week's stay with the family of H. Mourhess.

Capt. Geo. H. Blackman of Wellsville had business with John Prest in town Thursday. He made the News force a friendly visit.

A. C. Frisbey of this village, and his daughter, Mrs. A. A. Porter of Providence, R. I., were visiting friends in Wellsville Thursday.

School Commissioner Burdick was in Andover on official business in regard to the trouble in the Shovel Hollow district, Monday.

Mrs. Chas. F. Hough and Master Nathan Saunders of Alfred were visiting Mrs. Hough's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hunt, Saturday and Sunday.

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BAPTIST.—Rev. V. L. Eggleston, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday-school at 12; Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m.; Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Thursday evenings prayer meeting of the church.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.—Rev. W. B. Wagener, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday-school at 12 m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Epworth League at 6:30. Prayer meeting Thursday evenings of each week.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Rev. C. M. Janes, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday-school at 12 m.; Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m.; Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Prayer meeting each Thursday evening.

BLESSED SACRAMENT, ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH—Rev. T. A. Murray, Pastor. Masses at 8 and 10:30 Sunday morning.

SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST.—Rev. Stephen Burdick, pastor. Preaching every Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Sabbath-school following. Junior Endeavor 2 p. m.; Christian Endeavor 7:30 p. m. Prayer meetings Friday evenings.

SOCIETIES.

Mutual Tent, No. 18, K. O. T. M., meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month. Benj. S. Brundage, Commander; Tim Hyland, R. K.

Maple Grove Hive, No. 188, L. O. T. M., meets second and fourth Saturday evenings of each month. Belle Gardner, Lady Commander; Dell Rollins, Record Keeper.

Andover Lodge, No. 555, F. & A. M., meets first and third Monday of each month. E. F. Stearns, W. M.; B. S. Brundage, Secretary.

Andover Lodge, No. 793, I. O. O. F., meets every Tuesday night. L. A. Burrows, Noble Grand; J. H. Backus, Secretary.

Edward Seaman Post, No. 484, G. A. R., meets first and third Saturday evening of each month. T. N. Boyd, Com.; E. K. Carpenter, Adjutant.

Woman's Relief Corps meets first and third Saturday evening of each month. Mrs. Flora I. Mosher, President; Mrs. M. Fowler, Secretary.

Andover W. C. T. U. meets first and third Thursday afternoon. Mrs. H. C. Coleman, President; Mrs. E. Everett, Secretary.

Catholic Mutual Benefit Association meets the first and third Monday evening of each month. John Casey, President; P. W. Corran, Rec. Sec.

Andover Lodge, No. 289, I. O. G. T., meets every Monday evening. Mrs. R. B. Burrows, C. T.; J. M. Mosher, Secretary.

Andover Legion, No. 266, N. P. L., meets every Thursday evening. O. E. Vars, President; Mrs. O. E. Vars, Secretary.

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

Andover Free Library, open every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3 to 5, and Saturday evenings from 7 to 9. The Reading Room is open to all every evening from 7 to 10, and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:30, and opened with the Question Box as follows:

"Is Holstein milk just as good for cheese as milk from native cows?"

Mr. Cook: It is just as good. If better, it will make more. But one pound of milk is not just as good as another if it is poorer. I am sorry that, in Allegany county, the idea so largely prevails that one pound of milk is just as good as another for making cheese. The casein in milk follows the fat in proper proportion up to a certain point. Beyond that there is not casein enough to hold the fat. The only fair way to determine the value of milk is in measuring its butter fat. There are many Holstein cows that give milk having a good fat per cent., and there are those which do not. We are milking 100 Holstein cows and their grades, so I cannot be accused of being prejudiced toward other breeds. It is not a question of breed but of the per cent. of milk to that of butter fat, either for cheese or butter.

"Which is cheaper for drains, tiles or stones, if one has the stones and wants to dispose of them?"

Mr. Ward: I have had some experience with stone drains, and I am of the opinion that, all things considered, the tiles are the cheaper in the end. I know of tile drains laid when I was a boy, that are now in good condition, while some stone drains laid later are all stopped up and worthless.

"Taking a good healthy dairy of cows, feeding them good corn ensilage, 30 to 35 pounds each, daily, with two full feeds of clover and timothy, with a good grain ration of bran oats and corn, say 7 pounds of the mixture and 3 pounds of cotton seed meal, ought such a ration produce a good quantity of milk? What changes would you suggest, if any, to better the quality and quantity of milk?"

Mr. Cook: I should think that would be a very good ration indeed, but one ought to watch the cows and feed accordingly. The weak point in that formula is its cotton seed meal, the per cent. being pretty high.

"What do you know about Canada wood ashes for fertilizers?"

Mr. Cook: I would not buy Canada ashes except on a guaranteed analyses. As a rule, one can buy potash more cheaply in the muriate or sulphate.

"Which is best for the ground, ashes or phosphate?"

Mr. Cook: It would all depend. If the soil were sour the ashes would sweeten it, as they contain a good per cent. of lime, while the phosphates do not. It would require an hour's time to fully answer the question.

"What class of reading is best for the average farmer?"

Mr. Converse: The Cornell reading course furnishes good literature. I have taken that course. It pays. Any one, whatever department of farming he may be engaged in, should read farm literature suited to his business. If a dairyman, take Hoard's Dairyman, and the other first class farm papers. I heard Prof. Bailey, of Cornell, say, recently, that there are now about 10,000 farmers in the state, taking the reading course. Take it and also the Bulletins from Geneva and Cornell. You will find them of great value.

"What is the best early summer feed to grow for milch cows?"

Mr. Converse: I incline to the belief that silage is the cheaper. Very many farmers are building silos for summer feeding. If you do not have it, grow alfalfa or oats and peas. Alfalfa is, perhaps, best, as, when you get a good stand, it will last a number of years, while from two to four cuttings may be made in a season. It should be cut before it ripens, else it will become hard and woody.

"Is cotton seed meal a safe food for dairy cows, if fed in connection with other foods?"

Mr. Cook: From one to two pounds of cotton seed meal may be fed, if some succulent foods such as silage or roots are fed with it. By no means feed a pound of it unless in connection with such foods. It is too constipating and will kill a calf. We used to feed it, but have abandoned it, just as have one of the Tioga county dairymen, who a few years ago fed it largely. I prefer linseed oil to it.

"What should be done with a cow that is to freshen in hot weather, to prevent loss from sickness or death?"

Mr. Cook: Keep her in the barn and feed her a little hay, some grain and a little grass. Do not turn her out into a good pasture and allow her to fill herself with grass, because it stimulates the milk-producing functions too much.

"Will it pay to grow rape for hogs?"

Mr. Ward: Yes, decidedly. It will pay to grow it for hogs. One of the largest swine breeders in our county grows a large quantity of it for his hogs, and says it pays better than does grain. But do not feed it to milch cows, as it taints their milk. Horses will not eat it, but every other animal on the farm will.

"What is the difference between mammoth and pea vine clover?"

Mr. Converse: I suppose that what is meant by the question is the medium and mammoth varieties. If so, I will say that I prefer the medium to the mammoth, as it does not fall down so easily. Besides that, it is finer in stalk and is eaten more closely by the cattle than is the large variety.

"What variety of corn is best for the silo?"

Mr. Converse: The variety that will produce the most and mature it in your latitude. "Pride of the North" and "Learning" are the two best dent sorts. By good cultivation, either variety may be hastened to maturity at least ten days, and in good land will yield from 15 to 20 tons per acre, and every pound will be just as valuable for feeding as are any of the flint varieties.

"Which is the greater crime, to sell whisky without a license or renovated butter for the genuine article?"

Mr. Cook: I shall have to ask the Domine.

"Will it pay to use commercial fertilizers on the corn crop to be used for silage?"

Mr. Cook: I think it pays to use a little nitrate of soda, say 50 pounds mixed with 150 or 200 pounds of South Carolina rock, about 200 pounds per acre, and apply it in the hill to give the plants a quick start. If one were using 400 or 500 pounds, it should be broad casted, else the plants would be burned by the nitrate of soda. But a small amount, just to start the plants rapidly, put the mixture in the corn hills.

"Is it better to feed soaked corn in the dry stalk or feed in the form of ensilage, for making winter milk?"

Mr. Ward: I suppose that means soaked corn. I would never put corn in in that way. It were better to plant it in rows, three feet and a half apart. We use Stowell's Evergreen for that purpose, and use about 14 quarts of seed per acre. If I had such soaked corn I would allow it to dry a little, then put it into the silo.

"What is the best way to prevent or destroy the San Jose scale?"

Mr. Cook: Spraying with Kerosene Emulsion is said to hold the scale in check somewhat, but to be sure of eradicating it, fumigation with hydrocianic gas is the only cure so far known. But it cannot be applied to large trees.

"What do your cows average per year?"

Mr. Ward: I believe that a man ought to weigh and test each cow's milk, so as to be able to weed out all the poor ones. How many here do that, hands up.

Jerry Clarke: I had 11 cows which made me $100 worth of butter each, in a year. I also got a pair of oxen for $300. They were Holsteins, too. One man here says that there is no such thing as a general purpose cow, but I know better. Mine not only brought me good results in butter, but calves also. The Holsteins are ahead every time. [illegible]

"Upon what crop should we use our manure on our hard pan land?"

Mr. Converse: I would, if I kept cows, put it onto a good sod, then plow it and put in corn for the silo. But I would use all the manure, by which I mean liquids as well as solids. Sixty per cent. of the value of the manure is in the liquids. So I would use absorbents in the stalks, then draw the manure out as rapidly as made and apply it to the land on which I wanted to grow corn.

"How many farmers get the free reading course sent out by Cornell, and of what benefit is it?"

Mr. Converse: I answered that in part with another question. Prof. Bailey says there are now about 10,000 of them in this state, and more are being added to the list every day. The course cannot fail of being of great benefit to any reading, thinking farmer.

"Which is the better way, to cut the corn and stalks square off or to shred them for ensilage? Give advantages of one over the other."

Mr. Cook: We cut all our ensilage square off. But I have a neighbor, Mr. Bassilin, who has shredded his a number of years. I have watched him, and recently I asked him if shredded ensilage was of any more value than that not shredded. He said in reply that he was frank to say that he did not believe it was any better, and that was the opinion I formed when I first saw the experiment tried. Shredding forces the ensilage somewhat, and it may be more easily digested by the cow, but I do not believe she gets enough more out of it to balance the extra cost.

An address entitled, "Compounding Cattle Rations," by Mr. Converse, after a selection by a male quartet, was the next number. It was followed by one by Mr. Cook, the text of which was "Barn Building." Both addresses were illustrated by the use of charts, showing figures and designs, which helped to make them better understood. The address closed the afternoon program.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was opened at 7:15, and the Question Box continued.

"Is the maple tree caterpillar likely to kill our trees? How is the best way to get rid of them?"

Mr. Cook: That question comes up at every meeting, but I don't know what to say. We can kill the apple tree worm, but the forest tree worm is another fellow. If we can reach them paris green will do it, and I think the best way will be for the village board to take hold of it, and employ men to spray the trees in the village. When it comes to spraying the forest trees, however, it cannot be done. But some of the cocoons may be hunted out and mashed. We ought, I think, to give more protection to our song birds which are our best friends. The women ought to make a stampede against wearing any more dead birds on their hats, and, instead of encouraging their slaughter, to protect them. We make too much fuss because the birds take a few berries.

A Farmer: I have known men here to shoot a half dozen robins because they took a quart or two of cherries.

"What is the best market potato for this section?"

A Farmer: The Carman No. 3.

Another Farmer: Charles Downing is one of the best.

"Is it advisable to sow alfalfa in this locality? If so, how should it be handled?"

A Farmer: I sowed a little of it. It did not grow; perhaps the ground was too wet.

Mr. Converse: It will not grow on wet land. Have the ground dry and well fitted, then sow 30 pounds of seed per acre, and allow it to have the entire use of the ground. When it is six inches high, run the mowing machine over it. Cut it down to within three inches of the ground and leave it for a mulch. The next season two or three crops may be cut.

"How old should a ram be when used in the flock?"

Mr. Ward: One year; but five years is better.

"With bran at $18 per ton, corn meal at $16, and hay at $11, which is the cheapest cow feed, and in what proportion should each be fed?"

Mr. Cook: I know of no way by which to compare corn meal and wheat bran. They are entirely different. If you have corn ensilage or timothy hay, it would be the height of folly to buy corn meal. If you have neither the ensilage nor timothy, but clover, then put in some corn meal. But I prefer good wheat middlings to the bran. It is not right, theoretically, but I have noticed that when I substituted them for the bran, the cows invariably gained in their milk flow.

"In taking manure from the stable, is it best to spread it or leave it in piles?"

Mr. Converse: Experiments go to show that in so way can there be so much value got out of manure as to draw it out as fast as it is made and spread it where it is to be used. There will be none or but little loss in disposing of it in this way.

"What is the best feed for laying hens in winter?"

Mr. Converse: It is a physical impossibility to make a fat hen lay eggs. They must have protein foods. Our plan is to feed a warm mash in the morning made of a mixture of 200 pounds of coarse wheat bran, 200 pounds of ground oats and peas, 200 pounds of yellow corn meal and 100 pounds of animal meal. It is all mixed thoroughly and wet with skim milk if we have it; if not, warm water is used. The whole grain ration is composed of one part of corn, one of wheat. This is scattered in the straw and the hens allowed to work for it. They should also have some vegetables such as beets and mangage; also something to make shell, such as ground oyster shells; also dust baths; and there should always be provided an abundance of pure, clean water.

"What will kill the lice on hens?"

Mr. Converse: Spray with Kerosene Emulsion to kill the nits. Pyrethjun powder blown into the feathers will kill the big fellows.

The last grist of questions having been ground, the orchestra favored the audience with two fine selections, after which Jesse L. Grantier favored the Institute with an excellent address, entitled, "Training the Youth for Farming Life." It was full of good advice, not only as for properly training the youth for the farm but for other occupations also. Those parents who were present could not have failed to be gratified and pleased with the timely address.

Frank Ward, when Mr. Grantier had concluded, the Institute program gave an address, the topic of which was, "British Methods on American Farms."

The audience at each of the sessions was very large nearly every seat being occupied.

A BEAUTIFUL PLAY AT HORNELLSVILLE.

One of the Greatest Produced There During the Present Season.

Manager Bird desires to announce the production at the Shultuck's Opera House, Hornellsville, of "At Piney Ridge," one of the sweetest and greatest plays seen in the Maple City this season. He guarantees the play from every standpoint. "Piney Ridge" was produced in Hornellsville Nov. 11th last, and made such a wonderful hit that a return date was immediately arranged. An effort will be made to have train 5 stop at Andover on that evening. The date is Friday evening, Feb. 23d.

Bad Runaway.

From the Genesee Times:

Wednesday evening, Roy Ewell drove up in front of the post-office, where Lynn Sullivan got in the buggy with him. As he turned around he cramped too short, tipping the buggy so that Roy was thrown out, but he held on by one line and was dragged as far as Carpenter's store, or 50 to 75 rods before he got loose, which was good grit, Lynn Sullivan climbed out of the back end of the buggy, and was caught in the wheel, striking his head on the hard road, leaving him insensible and badly injured about the head, and his knee hurt. In a minute Lynn was carried up stairs, and his injuries treated. He was out of his head considerable, but is getting along nicely now. The doctor thinks that no permanent injury resulted, although at the time it seemed as though he was seriously, if not fatally hurt. Roy had his clothes badly torn The horse ran to D. Potter's. People on the street got out of the way pretty lively at the time.

Gospel Temperance Lecture!

Mrs. Georgia A. Hewitt, President of Orleans County W. C. T. U., will lecture on the subject of temperance at the M. E. Church to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon and evening, under the auspices of the local Union. A collection will be taken at each service. Mrs. Hewitt comes well recommended as a gifted speaker, and one calculated to interest her listeners. Go and hear her.

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