

# Home and County

## FEBRUARY.

Will winter never be over? Will the dark days never go! Must the buttercup and clover Be always hid under the snow?

Ab, loan me your little ear, love, Hark to a beautiful thing, The warmest month of the year, love, Is shortest and nearest to spring. Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney, in N. Y. Tribune.

## HERE AND THERE.

Mrs. Cora Flint has been quite ill.

F. L. Brown is still shut in by illness.

W. W. Kingsley has been shut in by illness.

Courtland Davis was home from Cornell last week.

Mrs. Otton Webb spent a few days in Syracuse last week.

Rosa Green went to Utica last week to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Baker are spending a week in Albany.

Mrs. Dell Burden of Oswego, with her two children, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Ann Day.

A bill to abolish coroners has been introduced in the New York Legislature.

Mrs. D. A. Fradenburg of Altmar spent two or three days with her mother, Mrs. Mary Orvis, last week.

Mrs. M. A. Hoose recently attended a gathering of the alumni of Whitesboro Seminary.

Dr. R. J. Taylor of Spragueville, N. Y., visited his mother, Mrs. Florence A. Taylor, last week.

Nature never makes a mistake, but she sometimes leaves a job for the dressmaker to finish.—Oswego News.

It is said that East Syracuse has no less than twenty-five saloons, or one for every 100 inhabitants.

About the greatest case of self-deception is that of the man who dyes his whiskers and imagines nobody knows it.—Ex.

A Madison county man, a widower, advertised for a wife. Among the replies were letters from his two daughters and a niece.

Miss Beale L. Taylor, Syracuse University, spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Florence A. Taylor.

Van Denny has bought E. L. Huntington's farm and Mr. Wright, of the firm of Wright & Osborn, has bought the Edwin Emery place.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pearl J. Tryon have removed to Syracuse, where Mr. Tryon has secured a position with the Continental Canning Company.—Fulton Times.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Buck spent part of last week in Oswego, guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Smith. The latter recently purchased the farm owned by Henry Backus.

A pupil in one of the public schools was asked to write a sentence containing the words "bitter end." He turned in the following: "A dog chased a cat and bitter end."

A farmer's hired girl has been arrested in Essex county for bathing herself daily in the milk before it was sold, because she had read that milk baths were good for the complexion.

A large number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Buck made them a surprise visit last Wednesday evening. The gathering was a very enjoyable one. After refreshments, G. W. Johnson, Esq., in behalf of the guests, presented Mr. and Mrs. Buck with a handsome clock.

The New York Tribune Farmer has reduced its price for clubbing purposes, and from this time on to Oct. 1, 1905, the INDEPENDENT and that paper will be furnished one year for \$1.25 to all who pay arrearages and one year in advance. The Farmer alone costs \$1 per year.

Remember that the members of Mexico Grange will give a Farmers' Dinner at Fraternity Hall next Saturday, from 11:30 until 9 p. m., to which the public is cordially invited. Price of dinner only 15 cents. This organization is an excellent one. We trust that our citizens in large numbers will take dinner with the Grangers, and thus show that interested in the farmers, and they are their families.

Hon. T. M. Costello authorizes the announcement that he is a candidate for State senator to succeed Mr. Gates of Madison county, when the term of the latter expires a year from next fall. Mr. Costello was member of Assembly for quite a number of years, during which he served his constituents most faithfully and efficiently, and became one of the most influential members of the assembly.

Two or three degrees below zero this morning, but bright and clear.

G. H. Munger has bought Rev. O. E. Dorr's place on Church Street.

Floyd James of Manassville has been in town.

Miss Alice Hardie of Oswego has been the guest of Miss Allie Clark.

Mrs. John R. Porter has been the guest of Mrs. Frank Luddington in Syracuse.

What is the matter with the town clock? Has it scarlet fever, grip or measles?

Albert D. Bidwell and Homer D. Newcomb of North Syracuse are visiting at the Baptist parsonage.

Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller a number of the friends of Lopa Smith were very nicely entertained last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Kellogg entertained very pleasantly last Friday evening in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Countryman.

There will be a dime social held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Parks next Friday evening, for the benefit of the minister at North Mexico. Ladies are requested to bring cake.

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One of the most despicable and misleading old adages is, "Honesty is the best policy." A man who is honest for policy's sake is not one to be trusted very far.—Ex.

Assemblyman Lewis has introduced a bill in the Assembly which enables needy Spanish War veterans to secure from towns the same financial aid now accorded veterans of G. A. R.

The members of Mexico Fire Department are requested to attend the regular meeting, to be held on Monday evening, Feb. 13th, as business of importance will be brought before the meeting.

Mrs. Henry Munger gave a very enjoyable musical last Saturday evening. About 30 persons were present. Mr. Streeter and his sister, from Mount Pleasant, were among the guests and the former gave much pleasure by his graphophone.

It is said that a young miss in Fulton a few days ago called at a neighbor's house and when asked how the family was, she replied "Oh, we are all well but Louisa, and she is threatened with appendicitis in the music room."—Fulton Patriot.

The mother of 30 children, 17 of whom are now alive, charged her husband at Westminster on Saturday with neglecting her and her family.—Wiltshire Advertiser, Devizes, England. [If this woman lived in this country she might lay her case before President Roosevelt for redress, as he believes in big families.—Ed. IND.]

We are indebted to Joel Tubbs, of Ida Grove, Ia., for a copy of The Ida County Pioneer. It would seem from an article on the weather that Ida Grove has had a cold blast, the mercury on Feb. 1st, registering 41° degrees below zero. It gives a record for a week in which the cold ranged from zero to 41° below, 18°, 19° and 25° below occurring during that time.

Mexico, Feb. 7, 1905.

There will be a meeting of the Farmers' Association at Washington Hall Monday, Feb. 13, 1905, to consider the milk question, at which Mr. Dunham will be present.

O. B. Mowry, Sec.

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Millions of dollars have been spent in vain efforts to grow hair on bald heads. Other millions have been spent in an effort to restore faded hair to its natural shade, and still others to banish dandruff. Still hair refused to grow; but tints of brown, blond and auburn failed to return, and dandruff declined to disappear.

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Rexall "93" Hair Tonic is a positive cure for all hair and scalp troubles. It is not sticky nor gummy, will not thicken on the hair, does not become rancid, has no disagreeable odor. It is clean, agreeable and pleasant to use.

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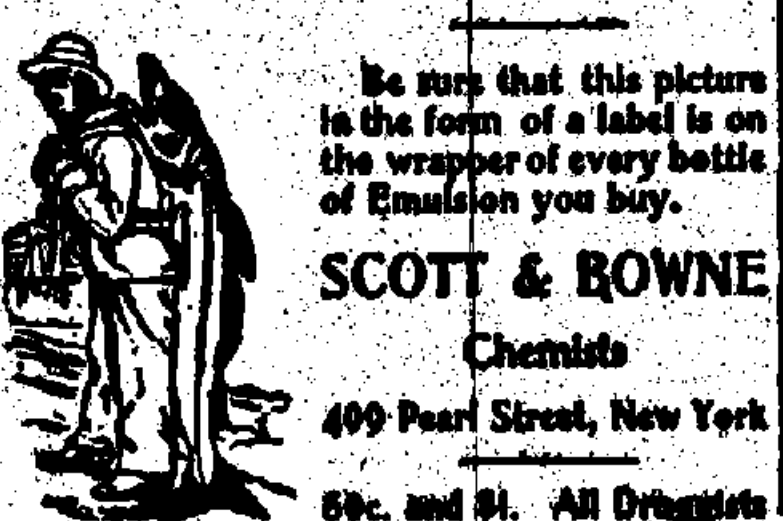
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## All Run Down

THIS is a common expression we hear on every side. Unless there is some organic trouble, the condition can doubtless be remedied. Your doctor is the best adviser. Do not dose yourself with all kinds of advertised remedies—get his opinion. More than likely you need a concentrated fat food to enrich your blood and tone up the system.

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