

TOWN AND COUNTY.

Resorts for the Week.

In peace prepare for war. And in winter prepare for summer. Our rural readers are doubtless in a brown study these days upon the vital question of where they shall obtain their new farm implements for the coming summer. We can assure them they need not go farther than Ithaca for every thing they want. If they will look over the advertisements of the enterprising firm of Titus & Bostwick, they will find suggestions that will save them lots of money. Their grain drills, iron tooth rakes and improved farm implements generally, are premium articles. We have seen them work in the field and at the farm, and would advise all farmers to examine them before going abroad for the same thing.

The holidays are just the time for trading the old fashioned and worn out stoves for new ones, also for laying in the year's hardware. Every buyer should take advantage of competition and secure the best bargain. At the old sign of the "padlock" a large assortment is presented for choice. All kinds of hardware, cutlery, walls, sporting material, &c., are dealt out by John Rumsey at living prices. His stoves would make a Laplander wish he had been born in Yankee land. Don't pass by No. 46 East State street in looking for hardware.

And now, good husbands, make your good spouses glad once in their lives. How? Why buy them a sewing machine. You get your labor saving rakes and drills of Titus & Bostwicks, and your cunningly devised hardware at John Rumsey's, which is all perfectly right. But remember your wives and daughters, of course, you will, and you will take them with you and crowd the rooms of Mr. B. G. Jayne, No. 77 East State St., near the hotel, all through the holidays, "examining, testing and buying" that sprit of mechanism and utility, the far famed Grover & Baker sewing machine. Mrs. Grant buys them, Queen Victoria treats one, Mrs. Napoleon had a present of one from Louis on New Years, Mrs. Alexander, of Russia, gives lessons on them, and every sensible woman will get tight up and refuse to live with a husband who won't buy her one. Mr. Jayne will show you all the good points of them and the bad ones too if there are any, which we doubt.

We do like to see a neat dry goods store well filled for holidays, and all other days. Every one is speaking of the attractive appearance of Mr. Granger's store, and such goods! Just step in and see how fine every thing looks.

But there is another class we must not forget. Those who don't hang up their stockings because they don't have any corner. You who are "afloat" find a home where hearts are larger than your purses. Col. Welch, at the Ithaca Hotel, will make you feel at home and will feed you till you are satisfied. Orlando, that chip from the old block, will give you such holiday dinners, and dinners every day, and breakfasts, and suppers, and beds such as you are used to at home.

At the Clinton House, also, Mr. Thomas will bid you welcome and furnish you your transient home. You need not feel lonely in our town for the want of hospitable landlords.

And after the holidays are over and you all have the dyspepsia and colic, ease your pains by going to White & Burdick's for restorative drugs and all others.

Drs. Mellotte and Hoyeradt will fill your teeth ready for the next year's feast, or if you swear off on holiday dinners they will pull your teeth out so quick you won't know what hurts you.

**DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN ROCHESTER.**—On the night of the 21st a fire broke out in the printing office of the Rochester Daily Democrat, which destroyed the office and building, the Union Bank building and Sargent's stock factory, and injured other buildings. The loss to D. D. B. Brown, proprietor of the Democrat was \$30,000; insured. Mr. Sargent's loss \$15,000; partially insured. This is the third time the Democrat office has been burned out within the 25 years of its existence. This time it was thoroughly cleaned out of every thing in the printing and editorial rooms. The Democrat is now issued from the Express rooms.

**MEETING OF CENTAL NEW YORK.**—Bishop Foxe has called a special convention to be held in Syracuse on the 15th of January.

Notes About Town.

A Merry Christmas!

A number of our exchanges are trying to send Ole Bull to Ithaca next month.

The Messrs. Boys have had a large force of men at work this week on the new dwelling-house which Mr. C. F. Livermore, proprietor of the Cayuga House, is putting up at No. 78, East State street.

A cry of "stop thief" was raised on Monday at the Inlet. The main door of Mr. Halsey's store-house was found open and it was thought at first that burglars had been breaking the Sabbath the night before. Further research convinced the frightened gatherers that a strong nor-wester had burst open the door, but went off about its business without taking anything but chaff.

A son of Mr. A. B. Whitlock came near losing his life at the Steamboat landing on Saturday. He was skating with some other boys when the ice broke and the little fellow went down. One of the boys with him came to his aid, and by remarkable presence of mind, took off his coat and threw it to the unfortunate skater and by this drew him out.

Another sterling foreigner has settled among us. He is an Oneida county man, and a former neighbor of Mr. P. B. Crandall. The name of the new comer is Mr. Babcock, of Bridgewater, Oneida county. He has bought the house and surroundings of twenty acres, of Mr. H. T. B. Schuyler, on West Hill, paying \$12,000. Mr. B. is a valuable citizen, and we are glad to welcome him to the Forest City. West Hill is getting to be a second Oneida community with the "community" left out.

We hear of a young lady on — street, in this village, who has driven her father nearly crazy already this winter by her importunities for skating. The old gentleman refused for weeks to allow her to go on the ice, but a day or two since the persistent daughter out-did the patience of her father, and he has concluded to "let her slide."

The average number of teams per day, on State street this week, has been 146.

If our Presbyterian brethren expect us to attend their church this winter, they must shovel the snow a little more to the right and left on the walks leading to the broad doors of their sanctuary. As it is now, a general order of "single file" must be observed as the church is approached, and it is impossible for an outsider to tell which lady belongs to one man and which to the one ahead.

The foot of State street presented a rare spectacle at a certain hour on Monday last. A genuine battle of the Amazons was on the tapis, and all Inlet was on hand to witness the spectacle. It appears that Mrs. — and Miss — never had settled an important and long mooted question which has caused them many a sleepless night, as to whether the one or the other was entitled to the greater share of attention from a gentleman whom Mrs. — assumed to be her consecrated husband. The gentleman himself never having felt competent to decide the matter, it has run on till the accounts between the two female portions of the firm became very badly mixed. On Monday a final balancing of accounts took place. The two amiable creatures resorted to the final argument of kings and opened a regular Amazonian war. "Now direful fury rose, and clamor such as heard" at the Inlet "till now was never." The combat deepens in-doors, and now the two rush forth upon the broader battle field of the street. A crowd collects and the fight goes on. Mrs. — grabs a handful of the flowing locks of Miss —, and she in turn thrusts her snowy fingers into the bright orbs of Mrs. —. The throng of spectators swells. The Inlet is aroused and flocks to the field of action. The struggle grows fiercer till by one desperate effort—the promptings of a forlorn hope—Mrs. — fastens her grasp into the heaving bosom of Miss — and then with one wild crash, down came Gracia bend, corset, erinoline and all the trappings of the now vanquishedatrix. The white flag of truce being displayed, a "masterly retreat" is effected by the vanquished party and all is still. Verily, "two women shall be grinding in one mill, the one shall be taken and the other left."

A highly important surgical operation has just been performed by Dr. E. J. Morgan and able assistants, at his residence, corner of Buffalo and Cayuga streets, in this village. The operation was performed upon one of our oldest and most respectable residents, and consisted in ampu-

tating both of the lower limbs at the hip joint. For a number of years, a disease of the lower parts had been growing worse and worse until it was evident this painful operation must be performed in order to prolong life. He was a loved friend of Dr. Morgan's family, and at the risk of his life, he consented to the amputation. Last week a council was held in the family of the Doctor, and it was decided to put off the painful day no longer. The sufferer, old as he is, took no anesthetic, but with a heroism wonderful to contemplate submitted to the operation with only a slight murmur and now and then a sigh. The skillful hands of Dr. Morgan amputated the limbs in an incredibly short time. The venerable sufferer's name is Will O Tree and he is now in a fair way of recovering and rising once more notwithstanding the loss of his lower limbs.

We hear that Prof. D. T. Ames, of Syracuse, is trying to get up a writing school in this village, this winter.

**THE CASE OF HOLLISTER VS. HALSEY.**—This case has occupied the attention of the Special Term of the Supreme Court for the past five days—Justice Boardman presiding.

This action is brought to recover damages the plaintiff has sustained by reason of being deprived of certain water rights, and which were reserved by Jacob M. McCormick, plaintiff's grantor, when he conveyed the mill property to Halsey. The plaintiff complains that the waters of the Six-mile Creek have been diverted by defendants, by allowing the Corporation to take water from defendants' flume, above their mills, and receiving therefor the sum of \$100 per year. The plaintiff further complains that he has the right to construct a dam below the old dam which was carried away by the flood of 1857, and that defendants have so located their present dam as to deprive him of this right. Also that the waters of the Six-mile Creek have been unreasonably detained by defendants, preventing the plaintiff from running his mill and machinery as he otherwise would; that he has been debarred the use of a lane running from State street to Six-mile Creek.

Defendants claim that they merely permit the Corporation to conduct water across their premises for fire purposes and that the Corporation have exercised this privilege for more than twenty years. Also claim that they had a right to locate their dam in its present position, and that they have not deprived the plaintiff of any of his right of privileges, neither have they unreasonably detained the waters of the Six-mile Creek.

Plaintiff demands judgment for damages and also that the right and privileges of the respective parties may be defined by decree of the Court.

Testimony closed Thursday afternoon. The cause is to be summed up by Attorneys for the respective parties at some subsequent day.

Milo Goodrich, Esq., of Dryden, H. D. Donnelly, of Ithaca, appear as counsel for plaintiffs and Messrs. Ferris and Dowe and E. M. Finch, Esq., for defendants.

Cornell University.

The Faculty have decided on conferring the following in addition to the usual degrees: For the Combined Course, Ph. B., (Bachelor of Philosophy); Modern and Scientific Course, B. S., (Bachelor of Science); three years study after graduating in either course Ph. D., (Doctor of Philosophy); and a probable degree of Licentiate for special studies. It is also under advisement to give a degree of B. L. (Bachelor of Letters), comprising a course of languages, English literature and the studies embraced in history and social and political science. This would be a very suitable course for students who propose to engage in journalism, and we hope it may be established. There will also talk of a course of Civil Engineering of six years with the degree of C. E. This would probably make the University the most thorough polytechnic school in the country.

By a letter from Prof. Wilder to the Cornell Era, we see that a daughter of the late Joshua Quincy has presented to the University Library two works of value, one the history of Harvard College, by Joshua Quincy, and the other the recent biography of the same man by his son, Edmund Quincy.

The following is from Charles Dickens' *All the Year Round*:

The plan of the Cornell Institution, which has benefited our country, an Mr. Goldwin Smith, among its Professors, is partly based upon the good later results

obtained at Cirencester. About six years ago Mr. Ezra Cornell, of Ithaca, New York, who had made a large fortune by telegraphy, visited the collegiate Cirencester with Colonel Johnstone. He afterwards made his offer to the New York Government of more than a hundred thousand pounds, in addition to the considerable grant of land from Congress to a state that would provide agricultural teaching, on condition that the whole should go to the founding of a single institution, not as a grant to be divided among several districts. The result is the Cornell University in the State of New York, one department of which is planned upon the model of Cirencester, and forms the only good agricultural college in the United States. There is a large agricultural school at Yale, but it is not very efficient. Mr. Cornell was told at Cirencester of the complete failure there of the system of paying students wages for field labor. Nevertheless he means to try it in America, but not in the same form. The large endowment makes the teaching practically gratuitous in his new University.

The Cornell Era will not be published again until next term.

There is call for a Junior song on the hill. Let it be written by all means. How's this for a start:

"Where, oh! where are the Hebrew children?"

The University examinations result in the rejection of between 20 and 30 students, and the conditioning of between 30 and 40. The latter are to be re-examined at the beginning of the next term, and if not up in their studies will be then rejected. The intention of the Faculty to be thorough is becoming pretty apparent.

The number of students in the University is 370. Many new ones are coming at the beginning of next term.

There were 23 competitors for the Physiology prizes. The Committee, consisting of Professors Wilder, Wilson and Law, made the awards on the 22d, as follows:

First prize of \$50, to E. H. Scofield, Lansing, Mich.

Second prize of \$20, to W. C. Barrett, Philadelphia.

Third prize of \$10, to W. H. Youngs, Huntington, Long Island.

The Committee thought worthy of honorable mention H. C. Colburn, W. D. Scott, F. W. Frost, Fox Holden, S. P. Thomas and J. F. Burdick. They also expressed their sense of the very great excellence shown in the examinations.

We understand that C. J. Chatfield, the efficient Quartermaster of the Cadet Corps, has been appointed Military Assistant.

There is one striking defect in the construction of the first building put up for the University, which ought to be speedily remedied, and not appear in the other buildings. It has no ventilation, and even the upper sashes of the windows are immovable. In consequence, the rooms are close and unhealthy. It is strange that so important a thing as ventilation should have been overlooked.

Prof. Morris has gone to Utica to visit friends among whom is Hon. Ellis H. Roberts editor of the *Morning Herald*.

President White, Prof. Smith and Hon. E. Cornell are in New York.

The halls (werwiah we could say "old and classic," are deserted. The money-eyed Cascadilla look glum there cold nights, its sides forbidding. The yells of the Freshmen have ceased for a season and our firemen may take off their clothes when they go to bed, about fifty students remain during the vacation.

**BUSINESS ON THE RAILROAD.**—The rolling stock of the Delaware and Lackawanna railroad is taxed to its utmost, this winter. Freight has accumulated at the station in unprecedented abundance. There are now waiting transportation over 50,000 bushels of grain. On Monday no less than twenty car loads of flour and feed ordered from abroad, from our millers were waiting to be forwarded. The regular trains go out with all that can be hauled up the hill, yet it is impossible to meet the demands upon the road. This is an indisputable evidence of the growing importance of Ithaca as a shipping point.

**TRUMANSBURG.**—Says the sentinel: "The old red furnace on Main Street has recently changed hands, being purchased by Messrs. Aylic and Tobey."

Rev. W. N. Page has resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in Trumansburg.

**MAGIC.**—Prof. Anderson opens his budget of wonders in Wilgus Hall Christmas evening. He gives a first-class entertainment and distributes valuable gifts in profusion.

**DANBY.**—The lecture season of the Danby Soldiers' Monument Association opened on Wednesday evening at the Town Hall. The exercises were opened with a fine quartette song, "Speed Away," with instrumental accompaniment by Miss Julia Hawes.

After the singing, the President of the Association, E. L. B. Curtiss, introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. H. D. Cunningham, of the THE ITHACAN, who occupied about three quarters of an hour with a critical review of some of the poetry of Tennyson and Longfellow. Another song, "Lora Vail," by the quartette was followed by the reading of a poem, "No Spect in Heaven," by Mrs. L. Curtis. Another song was sung, after which the curtain rose on the irrepressible and ever amusing "Widow Bedott" and her troublesome household and neighbors. This was followed by a beautiful piece of vocal music, "Call John," and then an entertaining play, "The Greatest Plague in Life," was put upon the stage. The ladies who took part in the dramatic exercises were Miss Cornelia Knapp, Miss Fanny Force, Miss Mabel Beers, Miss Hattie Swartout and Miss Lottie Jennings. Mr. Charles C. Howell, Jr., and Mr. Leroy Swartout also took prominent characters. The whole was under the management of Miss Ella Howell, who was voted a perfect success as manager of theatricals.

A solo, "I wait for the coming of my darling," by Miss Hawes, with a choral and instrumental accompaniment, was well received. The exercises then closed with a tableau, "Artists Studio," consisting of a number of the enviable faces of Danby's fair daughters, set behind appropriate frames.

The entertainment throughout was marked by good taste, fine order and thorough preparation. The music under the leadership of Mr. Josiah Hawes was well conducted.

The Association is now on the down hill side of the amount the people wish to raise for their monument, having in the treasury some \$3,00.

The next will be held one week from next Friday night, January 8th, Rev. G. W. Reynolds of South Danby, will give the addresses on the occasion.

The ladies of the Congregational Church will give a supper and festival at the Danby Hotel on Wednesday evening, December 30th.

**AT THE INLET.**—The boat building interests, at the inlet, are unusually dull this winter. But one boat is in process of construction. Mr. Robert Leonard is building this one. She was begun on the 17th of November, and has progressed but slowly, as only a light force has been employed upon her. Leonard employs three men besides himself, but although slow, the boat when finished will undoubtedly be one of the staunchest of Ithaca's staunch Erie goers. She is to be of the largest class, her keel being 93 feet long with 17 feet 5 inches breadth inside the iron work, and with 240 tons capacity.

Another nearly completed, lies on the stays, but no work is being done upon her. Between twenty-five and thirty boats have been launched the past season at the Ithaca yard. The one on which Mr. Leonard is engaged is not sold. It will be ready for the opening of navigation, and will doubtless find a ready purchaser. The whole number of boats about this port is twenty-six.

**PERSONAL.**—In noticing *Macmillan's Magazine* for January, the London *Illustrated News* says of Prof. Goldwin Smith's article on "Peel," which is reprinted in *Every Saturday*:

Mr. Goldwin Smith's Essay on Peel is more temperate than usual with him in political sentiment, and worthy, in point of style, of this great master of fine English prose. We do not quite understand why Peel's career should inspire Mr. Smith "On the whole, rather with a feeling of sadness," and are more inclined to assent to Mr. Greg's estimate of the statesman's position during his closing years, that "greater reward, God, out of His ample treasury, has not bestowed."

C. Fred Hart, Professor of Geology, went to Buffalo this week to unite himself in matrimony with a lady of that city. He will visit Washington in his ton.

Prof. Blake left town this week with his wife, who is sick.

Professors Crafts and Cleveland are away.

**WIRE NEWS.**—The second Sociable under the auspices of the Why Not Club will be held at the residence of D. C. Garrett, E. Seneca Street, Monday evening, Dec. 20th. A large attendance is expected.