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Bon voyage: The fleet. A Merry Christmas to all our friends.

Now Heaven forbid a green Christmas in the snow lines.

Epistol salutes seem to be coming up in the scientific world.

Are your stockings good and ready for that "night before Christmas, when all through the house," etc. etc. etc.

All the newspapers declare Thomas H. Dearborn to be a hustler, and that it is up to pests to disappear or to be exterminated.

The address of Ex-Governor Black of New York and New Hampshire, at the meeting of the state bar association in Concord last Thursday, was one to be read with profound consideration.

Judge David Cross of Manchester, the oldest practicing lawyer in the United States, with a son who is both poet and preacher, gave an address Tuesday at the old home of Whittier on occasion of the observance of the poet's centennial at Amesbury, Mass.

We agree with the Laconia Democrat in this word as to a recent notable address by Governor Floyd: "We reckon the governor made out a pretty strong defence for the Granite state, and at any rate it is a pleasant relief from the continual knocking, fault-finding and slurs which most of our prominent men seem to delight in when they speak of New Hampshire and her institutions."

It could be but a scene of splendor when last Monday the sailing signal by President Roosevelt, from the Mayflower was followed by "up anchor" from every vessel of the great fleet of Rear Admiral Evans and his captains, and the column of six miles in length, close formation, set forth from Hampton Roads for the other side of the world.

A recent local entertainment by Hawaiians reminds us that Leslie's Weekly has given interesting statistics relative to the island possessions of the United States. In 1880 the natives numbered 108,000. There now are hardly 20,000. This decrease in population is due to some extent to lack of habitual sanitation, and to delicacy of constitution natural to certain races in mild-weather lands.

Logical Supposition. Little Lloyd - Papa, was George Washington married to England? Papa - Of course not, my son. Why do you ask such a silly question?

He Was Incongruous. Underdone - My husband is complaining again of your cooking, Mary. Mary (reassuringly) - Oh, mum, I don't take any notice of him, for 'tis the nature of him to find fault. Ain't he forever complainin' of you, mum? - Illustrated Bits.

Good Nature. Good nature is worth more than knowledge, more than money, more than honor, to the persons who possess it, and certainly to everybody who dwells with them, in so far as mere happiness is concerned. - H. W. Beecher.

Alone? Aunt - And have you been all that long way alone? Niece - Yes, auntie. Aunt - Then how is it you went out with an umbrella and came back with a walking stick? - London Punch.

Among the Merchants.

Farmington merchants are exceedingly busy these days in their efforts to make the best possible display of holiday goods and so far they have succeeded. The show windows never presented a more attractive appearance than at the present time.

J. P. Bennett, a dealer in men's furnishings during a long residence in Farmington, will fit one out with everything he may need in his wardrobe or in his traveling trunks.

Buy Soon.

It is so natural to have the "giving impulse," when thinking of friends, that of course Farmington always gives home people a good holiday trade.

The name of Feinsman has been a household word in this vicinity for generations, and all descendants of "Fred" and of "Henry," as the grandfathers used to call those diligent and thrifty brothers, will find friends among our people, whether in one line of trade, or another, and whatever the name over the door in Rochester.

Our store will be closed all day Christmas, Wednesday, Dec. 25. Lock Box 39, Rochester, N. H.

Galena Well out of it. The electric light plant of Galena, Ill., was installed in 1898 at a cost of \$18,000. It was sold the other day for \$13,000, but this price included a twenty-five year light power and traction franchise.

No Exposures For Him. "Now, here," said the enthusiastic real estate agent to the prominent politician, "is one of the most desirable houses in the capital. It has exposures all around."

Sentiment Not Enough. The mere sentiment for ownership is not enough. It must be accompanied by the cold figures to demonstrate its practicability under a strictly business test.

The Restless Piper. A Wall street financier was talking about music. "I like all music," he said, "except such native and special sorts as the tom-tom, the bagpipes or the Indian hutia give off."

IN MEMORIAM.

A great many friends, including those in Farmington, have been saddened by the decease of Miss Jennie E. Niles on last Thursday at the private hospital of Dr. Emerson, in Boston.

Miss Niles, born in Boston, Oct. 20, 1864, was the daughter of Harris W. and Mrs. Lovey (Libbey) Niles, the latter dying when little Jennie was but a few years old.

MRS. CHARLES COOK.

It is with deep sorrow that the decease of Mrs. Charles Cook of Gardiner, Me., has been learned by the people of her native town, having taken place Dec. 16, from typhoid fever.

Preferably possum should be cooked over a wood fire in a log cabin and seasoned with the odorous blue smoke of hickory and ash as the lid of the oven is lifted now and again to give a glimpse of the promised viand to those who wait with whetted appetite for the coming feast.

Correct Interpretation Essential.

Many of the most beautiful pieces of poetry in literature would seem uninteresting and flat if read by a bad reciter. In the same way, a good reciter will make attractive a poem whose beauties are not so apparent.

A Real Wonderland. South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, bonanza farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland.

MRS. KENNISON.

Last Friday, Dec. 13, Mrs. Martha Kennison, widow of J. E. Kennison, passed away at the age of 74 years at her home on Spring street.

GARD OF THANKS.

We take this means of making a slight but sincere expression of the gratitude which we ever shall feel to our friends, who comforted and assisted us by word, thought and deed on occasion of the sudden decease of our parent, brother and friend.

One dollar will buy a dollar and a half worth at our great mark-down sale.

Lock Box 39, Rochester, N. H.

The First Church and Parish.

Probably two good men who have charge of the regular collections at the Congregational church never were more pleasingly astonished in the course of their Sunday duties than were they on December 15 when they found in the morning offering a cheque for five hundred dollars, this amount to be known as the Lucy Dodge Memorial Fund.

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Rheumatism Cannot Be Cured Unless Uric-O Is Used.

The Rheumatic person is skeptical regarding the claims of almost any remedy advertised to cure Rheumatism and one can scarcely blame him for being so.

Every Saturday afternoon, until further notice, C. D. Colman, the Real Estate man, can be found at Room 15, Odd Fellows Block, Farmington, N. H., for the buying and selling of Real Estate and Insurance.

PARKER'S HAIR DRESSING. Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Makes it grow luxuriantly. Gives it the youthful color. Cures itching scalp. 25c and 50c at Druggists.

Headquarters FOR Christmas Slippers. We have just received a new line of Slippers in all sizes and prices for Men, Women and Children, any of which would make an acceptable Christmas present.

PERSONAL.

N. L. Parker was in Boston Wednesday.

Charles Whitehouse of Middleton was in town this week.

John F. Cloutman is slowly gaining from his very serious illness.

Miss Iva Whitehouse was a visitor in town Tuesday, from Rochester.

Edward F. Card has had a sharp attack of grip in the present week.

Frank J. Smith attended the State grange meeting at Manchester this week.

Mrs. C. A. Jones returned to Old Orchard Friday, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. George W. Tanner.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving S. Grace have come home from the farm for the season, but the latter is visiting in Middleton this week.

Do You Eat Pie? If not, you are missing half the pleasure of life. Just order from your grocer a few packages of "GOURMET" and learn how easy it is to make Lemon, Chocolate, and Custard pies that will please you, your grocer won't supply you to one who will.

A Crisis and a Craze.

There are two forces which cause modern England to move—a crisis and a craze. It is far less necessary to do something that is great now in this country than it is to do something that will attract the attention of a great many.

Explosion by Music.

One of the most dangerous of all explosives is a black powder called lodide of nitrogen. When it is dry the slightest touch will often cause it to explode with great violence.

Santa Claus' Headquarters Xmas Suggestions. EACH CHRISTMAS it is always a perplexing question as to just what to purchase for a suitable gift. The tendency of late years is to select articles that have the advantage of being sensible, practical and useful.

Clothing Dept. Fur Coats, Overcoats, Reefers, Fancy Vests, Bath Robes, Beach Jackets, Fur Lined Coats, Raincoats, Suits, House Coats, Russian Vests, Beach Vests, Shoe Dept. Fancy Slippers in large variety, Patent Colt Shoes, also shoes of all prevailing style leather, Overshoes, Rubbers, Gaiters, Leggins, Babies' Shoes, Children's Shoes, Dress Shoes, Felt Shoes and Slippers, Dress Suit Cases, Leather Travelling Bags, Trunks, Fancy Felt Slippers, great variety.

Among the articles enumerated in this list, we trust that you will find many that will interest you, and we hope to have the pleasure of a visit from you when making your Christmas purchases.

Feineman Bros. New Hampshire's Largest Clothing and Shoe House, and only wholesale Clothing Manufacturers. Custom Tailors. Rochester, N. H.

J. F. Safford & Son ROCHESTER, N. H. QUALITY and PRICES that are RIGHT in HOLIDAY JEWELRY. We have a Great Variety of Beautiful and Useful Gifts for Christmas. PLEASSED TO HOLD GOODS FOR CHRISTMAS DELIVERY. Hand Painted China, Opera Glasses, Clocks, Silver Toilet Ware, Ebony Goods, Sterling Silver, Shaving Mugs, Fountain Pens, Cut Glass, Chafing Dishes, Smoking Sets, Sterling Match Safes.

Is your baby thin, weak, fretful? Make him a Scott's Emulsion baby. Scott's Emulsion is Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites prepared so that it is easily digested by little folks. Consequently the baby that is fed on Scott's Emulsion is a sturdy, rosy-checked little fellow full of health and vigor.