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Poetry.

The Order of Odd Fellows continued as a convivial and beneficial society for many years. In 1803 the various Lodges in Liverpool and London were united...

Miscellaneous.

Historical Sketch of Odd Fellowship. Extract from an Address delivered at Omaha, Neb., Apr. 26th, 1859, by F. M. S. H. Parker. Anecdotes of the very name of our institution was a secret known only to the initiated...

at his death the family receive a stipulated sum. There is, also, a difference in the mode of acquiring funds. These, each brother paid a sixpence, or other small sum every time he entered the Lodge...

Another system prevailed, which has become obsolete. A brother was entitled to the right of visiting the Lodges in his own territory...

Some of our Connecticut brethren tell us that there was a Lodge in Britain as early as 1798; and Boston, New York, Baltimore, and Charleston (South Carolina), all claim that Lodges were first formed in their respective cities...

White ever land his jovial tribune bring. From the date we have last mentioned, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has advanced with gigantic strides...

NOTICE.—The friends of the I. O. O. F. are respectfully invited to attend a meeting of the Order on Tuesday evening next, at the Portsmouth House...

Upon diligent inquiry, we find that there was then a regular working Lodge in San Francisco, with the books and regalia of a lodge; but it was a self-instituted body, without a charter...

After the discovery of gold, and long before any chartered Lodges were instituted in the more thickly settled parts of California, Odd Fellows assembled in meetings and organized themselves to take care of the sick and aged...

In 1826 the Patriarchal Degree was received from England; but its honors were, at that time, only conferred in Grand Lodge. In 1827 the Order was established in the District of Columbia...

The number of Lodges in Great Britain at a late annual report, was 5,872, composed of over two millions of souls; its total income more than \$200,000, and the value of its property \$800,000,000.

Death of Horace Mann. They must be few in Massachusetts who will not be saddened by the telegraphic announcement in another column that Horace Mann died at Yellow Springs, Ohio, on Tuesday afternoon...

Dr. J. A. Kennicott, known to all horticultural readers as the "Old Doctor," furnishes the Prairie Farmer with the following chapter on evergreens.

Our people of the prairies are beginning to show their good taste, by planting evergreen trees, and their good sense by selecting living specimens from the nursery, instead of dead ones on the street...

There is no hardy species to compare with it. Even as far south as Washington, where the Deodar barely survives, I saw large Hemlocks, in the Semitic region of Illinois. During the last month of June, it is true, the new growth on our Hemlocks was badly scorched by frost...

While President of the Senate, he contributed materially towards the founding of the Board of Education, of which, in order to insure its practical efficiency, he became the first Secretary. Giving up a lucrative practice, he was elected to this most honorable and important position in 1847...

Owing to the inadequacy of the funds supplied by the State, he sold his own library to help build a Normal school—his only contribution to the State, and the knowledge of the Legislature, was justly repaid. At his own expense, in 1844, he visited Europe to examine the schools there; and the results of his researches, which he published in his return, have had a wide circulation at the North...

His essential features Mr. Mann was a characteristic offshoot from the old Puritan stock—keen-witted, intrepid, indomitable, philanthropic, whole-souled, and well-to-do in his private life, all of which were in his command of trenchant language did not, at times, lessen the number of antagonists which his decided course was calculated to evoke...

From a gentleman living near Fort Scott, we learn that a couple of the non-timbered Jay-Hawkers of Southern Kansas were taken in custody, twelve miles this side of Fort Scott, on Friday last, by some parties from whom it was alleged they had stolen horses, and that an armed posse numbering near five hundred, had collected and sworn to rescue the Jay-Hawkers, at the peril of their lives.

The State Board of Equalization of Indiana, having concluded its labors, reports results as follows: The whole number of acres in the State is 22,125,124; of which 1,200,000 are improved, and 20,925,124 are unimproved. Increase in value of real estate in eight years, a trifle over 100 per cent.

Every cadaver is subject to inspection every five minutes. It must never be left without everything being put "to rights"—table set back, books in their proper places on it, wash bowl with soap suds, &c. A cadet was reported, not long since, "for not having his wash-bowl standing in it." This was for two marks. All are allowed to make an excuse before the mark is set against them, and he asked to be excused for the "water standing in it," as he was marked for not being up side down; had it been, the water would not have been in it.

In one of the fortifications rooms of the Academy hall is a plan of the fortifications surrounding a besieged city. It is about ten feet square, and is a beautiful piece of workmanship. It is constructed of the materials which are used, such as brick, stone, and earth, and was made in France. In the distance stands the city, the houses with their roofs and upper stories knocked off, presenting some such appearance as we might expect to find on entering Sebastopol after its bombardment...

The chief facts to be accounted for are these: 1. Dew (as distinguished from small rain or hoar-frost) is deposited on a place colder than the air. 2. It is never deposited in cloudy weather; and so strict is its connection with a clear sky, that its deposition is immediately suspended whenever a cloud passes the zenith of the place of observation.

To Farmers.—Preserve the Quails. A correspondent of the Rural Centralist Press, writes that about the first of June last, Wm. Norton, an intelligent, experienced farmer boy, near Tamora, observed the quails (commonly called "partridges," in Egypt) very busily among his young corn. He observed a small flock commencing at one side of the field, taking their first row, and following them gradually through the field, scratching and picking about every hill till they came to the other side of the field; then taking another five rows on their return, and thus continuing till he thought they were certainly pulling up the corn. He then examined the corn ground. On all the ground that they had been over found but one stalk of corn disturbed; that was scratched nearly out of the ground, but the kernel was still attached to the stalk. In the crop of the quail he found one cent worm, two or three grasshoppers, over one hundred chinch bugs that still retained their individuality, a mass, apparently consisting of hundreds of chinch bugs, but not one kernel of corn. The quails have been decreasing in number in this vicinity for about five years past, and the chinch bug increasing. It is believed that these facts stand in the relation of cause and effect to each other.

The American accepts any work for the time, if it pays. He does it cheerfully; he does it manfully; but if it is the bidding of another, he does not intend to do it always, or to do it long. The American journeyman intends to be an employer. The American clerk is in his own mind, that in good time he will be a capitalist. Any man who is satisfied with perpetual dependence, any man who is void of aspiration, and incapable of effort, is not in harmony with the spirit of American life and with the genius of American society.

A physician in Louisville has discovered that by living principally on botanical, a human being may prolong existence to the period of two hundred years. This may be considered a utopian idea, but it is certainly a very interesting one. It is believed that these facts stand in the relation of cause and effect to each other.

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