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Our Village Matters.

We are constrained, from our peculiar situation and from duty, to call the attention of our citizens in this place to some matters which ought to claim their immediate and earnest consideration. They pertain particularly to their pecuniary matters and to business.

In the meet, our citizens, we think, hardly need be reminded that the business of the village is declining, and alarmingly so; to those who are somewhat permanently located here and who depend mainly on the business of the place for subsistence; for the fact cannot have escaped the notice of any one who knows any thing about it, either from experience or observation.

Hence, we are constrained to advert to the subject with a view to唤起 the little community from its present fearful and lamentable apathy.

We are not going to charge the present state of things entirely to individual neglect, and to a want of public spirit in a very few, as some are disposed to do, for we are induced to believe that from cruel circumstances there is a general apathy prevailing; but which, perhaps, may with some propriety be charged upon a portion of those leading citizens who are usually looked up to for examples and to go forward in every thing in relation to improvements; but who, unfortunately, are not constituted precisely right by nature to set on foot matters of the kind.

If, however, we have no leading citizens amongst us, as is alleged by some, who may fancy to themselves that they are beyond the reach of adversity, and cannot be affected by any state of things, and upon whom no impressions can be made on the subject of the necessity of doing something for our village, we can say, no less than assure them that they have not only fallen into a very great error, but that they must ultimately be sensible of it—perhaps after it is too late to remedy the dismal consequences.

We may view this subject in an improper light, but if we do, we esteem it as much the duty of a citizen, to whom nature has given a good share of intellectual and other talents, and on whom good fortune has abundantly smiled, to aid and help in systemizing and advancing the public interest or the interest of the surrounding community, as to attend to such matters in his own immediate domestic relations and family.

But we must say that it would seem that the idea of "helping one another" had nothing to do with the affairs of this world if we take for a sample our own village, and that this benevolent maxim is an absolute absurdity. "To live" solely, was all that the precepts of morality had ever required, without the least regard to the idea that others were destined to "live" also.

It is to no wonder that our march is of the retrograde order—and no one need look for a change for the better until this deleterious principle and policy is entirely eradicated.

We are aware that in our present condition it requires the united efforts of all classes, occupations and professions to improve it. Professional and Salary men, on whom fortune has bestowed favors, should be the last portions of the community to be cold, indifferent and inattentive to this subject. The merchant, farmer and mechanic should be no less backward. The female part of society too, whom it is said governs the world, we would call upon to lend their aid, and their influence in this desirable object. To stimulate female industry and economy and set some noble example which would curb the extravagance of dress, &c.—and above all, without getting a livelihood and less about the fashions and luxurious living.

At any rate something must be done, and that speedily—it would seem that all the rest of the world was rapidly improving in business but our town and village. Hence we call earnestly and loudly upon our fellow citizens, one and all, to arouse from their present apathy, while relief is within their reach.

A LOVELY LADY.—The Vermont Argus and the Middlebury Free Press, (says the State Journal) are, word for word alike; one has excelled the other just as a snake swallows a toad. Even the laws of the United States are published in both. Has Mr. Van Buren undertaken to patronize both and pay double?—Most likely, and the addition will be called "extra allowance"—and abstracted from the treasury surplus which ought to have been distributed among the people.—*Ed. Herald.*

SOFTLY MY LADS.—The Editors of the Burlington Sentinel and the Vermont Patriot are taking up the new President for pledging himself—in his Inaugural, to veto any law which may be passed by Congress effecting slavery in the slave states or in the District of Columbia. In fact we have hardly seen a Van Buren paper which approved of this foolish position taken by the President. However, these hounds had better be a little cautious what they say about their master, or they will be expunged "the party"—and black marks will be drawn around their names.

THE WAR IN FLORIDA.

The Savannah Georgia of the 16th inst. states that the steam boat Charleston, Capt. Bonnell, had arrived that morning from Garey's Ferry, Florida, with the gratifying intelligence that hostilities had ceased, and a treaty had been concluded with Jumper and other chiefs. Philip had not signed it. The terms of the treaty are given in the following extract of a letter, dated Garey's Ferry, March 18.

Jumper, Cloud, Holstony, and others have just signed a treaty of the following effect: All hostilities are to cease from this time and by the 1st of April all the Indians are to be sent to the Hillsboro, and a line drawn east through Fort Foster.

By the 10th of April all are to be at Tampa with their families to take transports in the West. All the privileges of the treaty of Payne's Landing are secured to them, they are to be paid for their cattle and horses, and to receive rations. Hostages remain with us.

On the 10th of April it is to come in, and stay where the Commanding General chooses. The negroes that are now free to their own, are also secured to them.

A letter from an officer in the army, dated Garey's Ferry, March 14th, says:

"A treaty has been entered into with the Indians—they agreed to be ready to go West by the 10th of April. Mississippian to be kept a hostage until all leave."

We presume now that there is good reason to believe that the war is really at an end.

FOREIGN.

By an arrival at New York, London papers have been received to the 17th of February.

The money market in England, was in a bad state. The trade of Manchester, Birmingham, and Sheffield, were suffering most grievously, and failure were announced every day.

The price of cotton had fallen within one week two cents on the pound. The banks had used all their influence to reduce the price of cotton as a means of preventing the further depreciation of specie.

About twenty-five cotton-mills were out of work at Oldham. Contests between the owners and workmen were common events.

The proposed French expedition against Constantine in Africa, has been abandoned for the present.

The royal prince of Naples was either party or wholly destroyed by fire on the 6th of February.

Preparations for decisive action were making by the Queen's troops in the North of Spain. The 12th of February was said to have been fixed upon for a general attack upon the Gardeia.

From the Wind. Co. Democrat.
THE LATE STAGE ACCIDENT.
(NEAR BELLOWS FALLS.)

Mr. Editor: As there are various stories afloat in regard to the distressing stage accident which happened on the morning of the 14th inst., while crossing Cold River, and many of them being wide from the truth, I take the liberty to give below simple statement of facts, which you are at liberty to publish if you deem proper.

I left Walsley, N. H. on the morning aforesaid in company with four passengers, three ladies and one gentleman. The ladies and myself were seated inside the stage; the gentleman took his seat on the outside with the driver. The names of the ladies were, Mrs. Dunham, Mrs. Cheney, and Miss Tasket. The Rutland stage and an "extra" followed in the rear. When we came to Cold River the driver drew up, and proceeded upon the stage road. They appeared broken and was moving down stream very gently, without any apparent comodation. The stream however, appeared much swollen. When we were a part of the way across the bridge it fell, about ten feet, and so nearly all together that the stage kept its erect position till we began to move downward; but immediately the stage rolled upon stream upon its side. At the stage rolled Mrs. Cheney and Miss Tasket fell partly through the lower side, and were nearly under water. With great exertion I drew them up, and all of us stood with our heads out of the upper side of the stage. I saw the driver and the outside passenger on the opposite shore, having escaped by way of the horses and the floating bridge. The water in the Connecticut had not risen; in consequence of which the accumulated water in Cold River caused quite a fall as it entered the Connecticut. When we arrived at this fall the stage rolled, and it was with great exertion that we could keep above the water and ice. I succeeded in getting on the top of the stage and caught hold of Mrs. Dunham, she being nearest to me. At this instant the stage, being driven with tremendous force, struck the ice in the Connecticut, and at the same time the ice from Cold River above, the stage to atoms. Mrs. D. and myself were thrown upon the loose ice, she being enclosed to her middle, and also one of my feet, fast in the ice. The other two ladies had disappeared and I never saw them more! 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