

The Springfield Reporter's twenty-first birthday was an event of which Editor Stiles may feel very proud.

The Hardwick Gazette's political forecaster reads the stars and turns out the following:

A family squabble is recorded as being the hottest fight going, and if the Republican party of Vermont don't, within the next two years, experience as near an earthquake as is possible the signs of the times utterly fail.

The outlook is not so bad as it might be. Political and most other affairs are operated by a very few men and they will have a controlling hand on any earthquake that may happen along.

If "trusts" ever prove a blessing to this country we shall have a great deal to be thankful for in the Republican tariff. The year begins well for the formation of trusts and if other months equal January's record the list will be a long one.

The Enosburgh Falls Standard thinks the average farmer has outgrown the farmers' institutes as at present conducted by the board of agriculture and ventures the opinion that they "do not amount to a row of pins."

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Gen. Wood says that 50,000 troops will be necessary to garrison Cuba and he follows by explaining that because of climatic conditions not over 40 per cent can be depended on for active service at any one time.

A canvass of the agricultural press shows it to be very largely opposed to these tropical annexations. With a few inconspicuous exceptions, the farm journals are emphasizing not only the moral and financial exceptions to the proposed policy, but they agree that the free admission of sugar, tobacco, fruits, vegetables, cotton, rice and other products from the tropics will play havoc with the American agricultural industry.

Senator Lodge could not have been talking seriously when he told the Senate that no one could think of amending the treaty. That is exactly what Senator Hoar says can be done. An amendment to the treaty, says Mr. Lodge's colleague, "could be agreed to by Spain through the French ambassador, without fresh negotiations at Paris."

Not since the populist Pfeffer retired from the senate has that body been graced with such a fine bunch of whiskers as the one owned, controlled and operated by the new Vermont senator, Senator Proctor and the new senator rode about the city of Washington in an open carriage, and the light wind had a great opportunity to enjoy itself.

In Harper's magazine for February Senator Henry Cabot Lodge begins a history of the Spanish-American war, illustrated by Carlton T. Chapman and from portraits, "With Dewey at Manila" is the title of a war article of rare interest. Joseph L. Stickney was an Admiral Dewey's flag-ship, the Olympia, and

was in a position that enables him to give the most vivid and readable account of the historic battle in Manila Bay that has yet been published. There are several excellent stories and the number is a good one throughout.

The February Ladies' Home Journal offers a pleasant variety of literary and pictorial features, among which are an article by Mrs. Ballington Booth, which tells of prison life; "The Story of New York's Social Life," and "The Largest Ranch in the World."

BETHEL.

A DOUBLE BEREAVEMENT.

Chauncey Stanley of Rochester, father of Dr. M. P. Stanley of White River Junction, died very suddenly of neuralgia of the heart Wednesday forenoon, having come to the creamery with his milk after recovering from the grip. The shock of his death proved fatal to his wife, an invalid for four years, and she died a few hours later.

Edmund C. Bowen, the 13-year-old son of A. H. Bowen, thirsting for adventure, appropriated somewhat more than six dollars which he found in the house, Wednesday forenoon, and forthwith took passage for Boston by the 10:30 train. He was missed at noon, but as he often dined out with a friend, little notice was taken of his absence.

The horse race on the ice last Saturday was a great attraction. Of four well contested heats, three were won by D. S. Phillips' fast pacer, best time 2:32. R. M. Johnson made an excellent driver, and the crowd enjoyed the work of the pneumatic sulky on the ice.

Dr. L. M. Greene was called to Rochester Wednesday as counsel in the case of Dr. Will Huntington.

D. L. Child has a force of men cutting ice at Lake Ansel, where he will store the largest supply on record in this town.

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Mrs. H. A. Thayer died Tuesday evening of bright's disease, at her home on River street in this village. The funeral was held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. She is survived by a husband, one of our best known citizens, and by five sons and a daughter, all of whom were present at the funeral.

Mrs. Louisa Williams Bowen died of pneumonia Thursday morning after a brief illness. She was the widow of the late Joseph Bowen, and eldest of the 14 children of the late Thomas Williams, of whom eight survive her, four brothers and six sisters.

The house warming at Mr. Howland's Wednesday evening brought together about 100 of their neighbors and friends of this place and Woodstock and was the occasion of a very pleasant gathering.

Mrs. Effie Welch of Lebanon, N. H., is here caring for her mother, Mrs. George Morse, who is sick and under the doctor's care.

Mart Stratton, who lives in the northeast part of Bennington, killed a wildcat near his barn last week. The animal measured 38 inches from tip to tip, was well marked and in good condition.

On a recent warm day a Woodford wood chopper was amazed to see a large striped snake on the sunny side of a rock where there was no snow on the leaves. The snake was killed, but it is said that the reptile showed as much life as it would have shown in June.

New Hampshire is getting a dose of obedience to prohibition by an order issued by the American Express company, forbidding shipments of liquor, beer or ale from any shipper in New Hampshire for transportation to any other point within the state. Goods of this character may be received in any other state for shipment into New Hampshire, but not otherwise.

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A girl who has theories has made up her mind that of one of them, at least, she will never again speak in public. At somebody's tea, not long ago, she met an elderly but still youthful appearing man, who is a power in society. The conversation turned on hair and the lack of hair.

"You can tell a man's character from the way he talks," announced the young woman who has theories. "A scholarly, studious, upright man always grows bald at the crown of his head first."

"Oh," said the young woman positively, "he's a very different sort, then. I never knew a man who grew bald above his forehead first who wasn't an utter scoundrel at heart."

"But," began her listener. "Oh, he may conceal his real nature," she went on, "but he's a villain just the same. Don't you agree with me?"

The elderly gentleman rose. His voice trembled a little. "Young lady," he said, "I wear a toupee."—Washington Post.

"If I were you," said the man who had bought an encyclopedia and several sets of biography, "I would call on the man in the next room."

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Love's Power. "Can you love me so far beneath you?" inquired Sir Frederick, his voice trembling with emotion. The fair lady Constance leaned from her casement.

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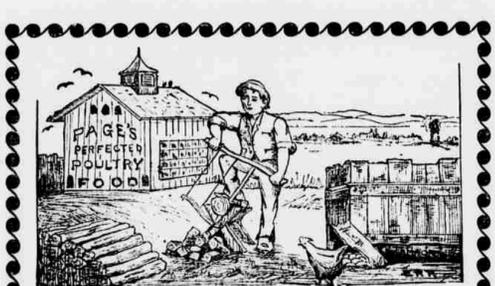
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