January 9, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

La grippe seems to be quite prevalent, as in nearly every house one or more has had an attack of it.

The cold wave that has been sweeping over the Northwest has at last reached New Hampshire, and we may now expect some rough weather to take the place of the mild weather we have enjoyed through December, and which enabled some of our farmers to plough until Jan. 4.

Monday, Jan. 4, the annual business meeting of the church and society was held. The usual number was in attendance, and a unanimous vote was passed to procure the services of the pastor, Rev. C.S. Bates, the coming year. His efforts in our behalf have been duly appreciated, and he seems to have won the respect and esteem of all his people. The treasurer's report shows there are funds in the treasury, and more has been raised for benevolent purposes than for many years. Resolutions were passed expressing gratitude to one of our number who so generously donated a handsome sum, the income of which is to be devoted yearly to the support of the Gospel in this place.

January 16, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

Miss Edna Lang is teaching in the Layn district school, taking the place of Mrs. Snell, who is sick.

The widow of the late John S. Walker of Newmarket, died in Epping Friday night. She had long been an invalid.

Another wild animal was seen Sunday, but the man who saw it didn't shoot, being of a religious turn of mind.

Sickness and death reign in our midst, and to those who have been afflicted with la grippe, it is too serious a subject to joke upon.

The grange flourishes, 'like the bay tree.' Eleven candidates were recently initiated into its mysteries, while many more stand knocking, pleading for admittance. For the Spring cometh when the farmer would fain be sure of the correct way to plant.

The Lyceum convened last Saturday evening after a vacation of two weeks on account of the weather. The programme laid out for Jan. 10th will consist of music reading by Miss Florence Mathews: essay, Sam Hill, singing by the Bartlett sisters, recitation by Agnes Illue, etc. The question to be discussed is 'Resolved, that the pen is mightier than the sword.' The paper this month is ably managed by Sam Hill, the ladies just now being too afflicted with indisposition to assume its care.
January 30, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

George W. Plumer has had his faithful horse, Nellie, killed, she having become aged and very feeble.

Nearly all the sick ones are convalescent, very few deaths have occurred during the epidemic, compared to the fatalities in our sister towns.

Bernice Lang was given a surprise party last Saturday afternoon, by her schoolmates, to celebrate her eleventh birthday. It was a very pleasant affair.

We had the privilege of viewing a fine catch of pickerel last Saturday. Eighteen in number, averaging one pound apiece. They were taken from Peas Porridge pond. The loss to future fishermen is irreparable, as every one of them was filed with spawn. Wheelwright's pond is well patronized by fishermen, who meet with average luck.

The Lyceum society has joined the National league club of the Youth's Companion, and will now be called the Union Club of Lee. Eighteen signed the charter, and many more have since joined. It promises to be of great benefit to the young men, and clubs are organizing all over the United States. The Lee club number is 758. The following officers have been chosen for the month: Pres. Frank Dow; Vice Pres., Lewis Demeritt; Sec. Sec. Dow Chase, Cor Sec. George W. Bettis, Treas. Frank Haley; Standing Committee, Frank Dow, John Tilton, Frank Haley. There was a large and appreciative audience in attendance last Saturday evening who pronounced the entertainment "fine". The programme laid out for Saturday evening, Jan. 30th, is as follows. Reading, Agnes Ilenue; Singing, Annie Brien; Recitation, Emma Thompson; Duet, Ida Mathes and Hattie Wiley; Harmonica Solo, Leroy Fogg; Singing, Bartlett Didters, Address, Wm. H. Paine, Esq. Question for discussion, "Should the Nation own the telegraph systems of the United States," by four disputants, Reading of the paper by the editress, Bertha Lang. All are welcome.

February 6, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

Rev. Charles Bates is taking a three weeks vacation, and rumor says—well she's always saying things.

So far as we can learn, none of the aged people in town have been attacked with la grippe, so surely fatal to old age.

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The South Lee school closed last week Friday. The young Misses of the school presented the teacher, Mrs. Laura Morrison, with a handsome table lamp, as a token of their regard for her.

Thursday night of last week Wm. Currier who boards with his brother on the Tash place, came home from the village, filled with evil spirits, and proceeded to clean out the house. He drove his brother and wife from their bed, and out of the house by threatening to shoot them, which he was preparing to do, but finally broke up the gun, and after breaking nearly all the window glass, and part of the furniture, he settled down and felt better. His brother felt obliged to have him arrested. He was tried before Justice of the Peace, I.D. Edgerly, when he plead guilty of assault with intent to kill. He is now in jail to await the opening of the February court.
February 13, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

Lee, as usual, hasn’t much to say, but such as we have, we give unto thee.

Henry Trickey of South Newmarket, who has been sick with pneumonia, is stopping for awhile with his parents.

The parsonage is undergoing a complete renovation inside, as far as new paper and paint go, after that comes new furniture, and after that—nothing serious.

The fine sledding gives the lumbermen a chance at last to get in some good work, and wood and lumber are piled mountain high in the vicinity of the depot.

The Union club gave a fine entertainment, as usual, last Saturday evening, and a still finer one is promised for Feb 12. A number of new names are enrolled on the club list every evening. We bespeak for the club a successful career.

There is one Mr. Sanborn loading on lumber at the depot, who attracts much attention from his peculiarity in always being bare-headed. The coldest days find him minus a head covering. It seems that he was a soldier brave, and received a bullet wound in his head, causing an unnatural heat there.

Last Saturday afternoon quite an interesting event occurred in Wadley’s, being the birthday celebration of an aged lady, Mrs. Phoebe Wentworth. Among the invited guests were Rev. Dr. Durgin and Dr. Elkins, of Newmarket, who are able judges of a good supper, and if their inner man was not satisfied, it was not the fault of the caterer, Mrs. John Cook, daughter of Mrs. Wentworth, who knows how to get up a good meal. The invited guests from the shoe manufactory enjoyed themselves immensely, and tried to persuade Mrs. Cook to continue the celebration this present week, for they did not meet with such viands every day. Mrs. Wentworth’s age is quoted as being one hundred years, but we can hardly think her so aged, as she appears very much younger. However, all join in wishing her many happy returns of the day.
February 27, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

Anna Lang is home from the School of Oratory for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Sarah Davis has secured a divorce from her husband, Erastus, for desertion.

Two or three accidents have occurred at the depot, by men falling from their teams, but nothing serious.

Frank Dow, president of the Lyceum club, with his wife, gave a small party Monday evening at his home in North Epping, which was highly enjoyed by the participants. Ice cream and cake was served, which to use a school girl's phrase, "was lovely."

Patrick Gillin had the misfortune to lose his fine horse, Dandy, a short time ago. He died in a fit at the foot of Long Hill, on their way home from Newmarket. Mr. Gillin being alone and no one happening to pass in the mean time, he had a sad time of it for over an hour; and froze some of his fingers.

There is in Nottingham a little four-year-old French boy, who smokes and drinks and we think it would be a good idea if an angel would reach down and take him upward. Week before last he fell into a tub of scalding water. The shock caused convulsions, and a doctor was called to attend him. When the infant recovered from a spasm he called for his pipe and some whiskey. Upheld in this precocious depravity by his mother, who could wish him to live.

The Lyceum club have hung a generous sized curtain in the Hall, which runs clear across, and they will soon be ready for anything from a Shakespearean tragedy to a farce. A long and varied programme is prepared for Feb 27th, to end up with the comedy, "The Mock Trial," by a party of Epping young men. The club is making active preparations for an Ethiopian entertainment to come off some evening next week, probably Wednesday.

With a day or two more of such mild weather we shall lose our sleighing, as we now see more bare ground in many places.

We noticed G. Edward Chesley had arrived in town for a few days from Boston, where he has been for the past year.

Mrs. Hannah Jenkins, widow of the late John Jenkins, died Tuesday morning, after a short illness. Funeral from her late residence.

On every hand we hear of sickness, not many cases fatal. Mr. Charles Otis has been quite sick with lung fever and pneumonia, but at last accounts was getting better. Mrs. Timothy Davis has been quite ill, but is now convalescent.

The past week both old and young have improved the good traveling, as our farmers have been busy with both horse and ox teams, improving the good sledding, as well as our young people have been made merry with the jingle of the sleigh bells.

The farmers in this vicinity are quite fortunate in having their ice harvested. We notice Mr. Hood, milk dealer on the Nashua and Rochester railroad, has his ice house near Wheelwright's pond filled, employing a large gang of men, filling it in three days.
March 5, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

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March 12, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

There are a great many mourners in town on account of the state of the Newmarket Savings Bank.

We have recently seen some elegant specimens of pen and ink drawing, the artistic work of Eugene Taylor of Crowley's Falls.

The Lyceum sociable was postponed for a week on account of too much weather, and appearances indicate that there will still be another postponement for the same cause.

Mrs. Com not allowing us at the polls to vote, we, at the time of going to press, have not heard of the polls breaking any heads or causing bloody noses. So the country is safe till next election.

We are pleased to notice that the men who are hauling wood and lumber from Nottingham to the depot, are driving some fine horses. They are strong, well fed, well worked animals, and in most cases a credit to their owners. We owe so much to the noble equine, that would it entered the heart of every man to be merciful to those under his charge.

Charles Dearborn, a young man residing in Epping, was killed Monday by one of the evening trains between Lee and Epping. Three trains passed over his mangled remains before they were discovered Tuesday morning. The section men were ordered to gather them together, and they were taken to his home. It is supposed he was stealing a ride and fell off.

We append the programme to be carried out at the Lyceum Club Saturday evening.

Reading, Florence Matthews; Music, Elizabeth Ciley; Reading, Edna Lang; Reading, Jennie Bartlett (from School of Oratory); Reading, Agnes Henue; Singing by the Coons; Dialogue, Three Characters, Question, “Resolved that the President should be elected directly by the people,” Affirmative, Charles Trickey; Negative, John Tilson; Reading the paper, Agnes Henue.

Monday afternoon, as John Haskell was driving across the track at “Pendergast’s crossing” on his way home to Nottingham from Lee Hill, he for some strange reason did not hear the three o’clock train come thundering along. It struck his sleigh, throwing him forty feet away through a board fence, landing him in the snow beyond. The horse was turned over but escaped injury. The train was stopped, the body of Mr. Haskell taken aboard, where at Lee they e-le-graphed for a doctor to be in waiting on their arrival in Epping. Dr. Buswell attended to his wounds, which are serious, although he was conscious and talking easily. He was brought back to Lee on the 5 o’clock train, and as carefully as possible conveyed to his home in Nottingham, some four miles from the station. He was accompanied by the physician. His freight of shorts and cotton seed meal completely covered the engine. At last accounts the man is comfortable. Everybody heard the whistle, and the spot where the accident occurred commands a clear and unobstructed view on either hand. So the fault cannot be laid to the train men.

The following are the town officers elected Tuesday, moderator, Howard M. Glidden; selectmen, Fred B. York, John S Jenkins, Charles H Allen, clerk, Daniel E Plummer; treasurer, Samuel W. Lane, collector, Daniel E. Plummer; auditors, Isaiah D. Edgerly, Allen Plummer. The ticket is the same as last year, all being re-elected. The school meeting is to be held next Tuesday.
April 2, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

The lovely weather induced a large crowd to attend the pound party and dance in the town hall Tuesday evening. It was a sweet time.

Our beloved and venerable townswoman, Phebe Cartland, has been very sick, threatened with pneumonia, but is at present a little better.

A hearing was had at Lee station Monday, Bessie Wright against Frank Kenerson for using libelous language toward her. He was fined one dollar and costs. Appealed.

George Sewell and Charlie Otis have left the shoe shop, having engaged to work at the agricultural farm in Durham. That is the place where farm hands will not have to work sixteen hours a day.

The lyceum league club has adjourned for three weeks, to give the mud a chance to dry up. Their minstrel entertainments netted them quite a sum, which is to be used in extending much needed repairs on the hall.

Miss Alice Titcomb, who has taken an active part in nearly every lyceum programme since its opening last Fall, has gone away for a short outing. We trust she will return with renewed courage, for the opening of the lyceum, April 16.

It is very nice to know that the town is free from debt, and has money in its treasury, but it gives one solemn thoughts to hear from the "oldest inhabitant" that whereas the population used to number thirteen hundred or more, we are now reduced to the mere handful of six hundred.

A horse and buggy was found on the premises of B. F. Lang early Sunday morning. The buggy was a complete wreck, presumably made so by the animal’s efforts to get into one of the buildings sometime during the night. The owner was found the next day in Newmarket endeavoring to paralyze himself with fiddling fluid. When told by one of our citizens where his team was, he kindly invited said citizen to “bring it down to him.” It seems he did not want to leave the joys of the town even to regain his property.

March 26, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

There will not be a sociable at John Wiggins’s March 30th. Reporters, like other gossips, do not always tell the truth.
April 9, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

Dance at town hall Fast day evening. No feasting.

Lyceum sociable at Mrs. Joseph Harvey's Wednesday evening.

The Union meeting house (now Lyceum hall) is being newly plastered this week.

There is a new blacksmith at the Wadley’s Falls shop, Blaisdell having gone a little farther up the road into Greenleaf Kenerson's commodious building.

It is rumored that Mr. F. J. Davis is to teach again in the South district. School. It will be good news to the scholars, and others who appreciate his efficiency.

Misses Susie and Edna Lang have returned to Athol, Mass., where they are engaged as teachers in the Seminary. Miss Susie holds the same position as last year, that of head assistant.

Monday morning, Mr. Joseph Cilley of Nottingham Square was thrown from his wagon at Lee station, by his horse taking fright, and suddenly starting to run away. The animal was nabbed ere he had got a great distance. Mr. Cilley escaped with a few bruises, and it was fortunate that no bones of any kind were broken.

Last Saturday evening as a freight train was coming into the station, a heavy piece of timber fell across the track, thereby causing quite a wreck, one flat car being snapped in twain, and the track torn up some ways. Other trains were delayed in consequence. The wrecking force were called upon to straighten things out.

The delightful weather of the past and present week, seems to awaken every thing into new life, particularly spring birds and poets. And when we saw Mrs. Com. emptying a panful of buzzing flies and wasps into a very warm stove, our erratic fancy conjured up the following jingle.

When Spring slips from cold winter's bed,
And imprints on the earth a warm buss,
Then the crocus raises its modest head,
And also, alas! Does the flycuss.

Then the birds renew their old time song,
And with each other gaily flirt;
But woman groans, and rushes headlong
Into cleaning out cobwebs and dirt.

Mr. Charles E. Thompson recently felled a white oak tree which measured 16 feet in circumference, and yielded six cords of cleft wood.

The social dance at the town hall Thursday evening was well attended and a good time had.
April 16, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

Our esteemed citizen, Joseph Jenkins, is very low with pneumonia.

Is it not about time for Nottingham to send her obituary notice? Or is she only sleeping?

A brother of the late lamented Christie Warden of Hanover, is visiting at Horace Caverno's.

We notice that the students, George and Bertha Lang, also Otis Tuttle, are indulging in a short vacation.

No teacher has yet been appointed for the turnpike school, which with the South side will commence next Monday. There was a large attendance at the prayer meeting in the Chapel last Sabbath evening, and many testified to their love for the Master.

Blacksmiths come and blacksmiths go. We had just time to herald the arrival of one at Wadley's, when he turned his back on us and fled—to some sequestered spot, perhaps, where there is less excitement.

The man who was conveyed to the insane asylum the other day lays the cause of his brain trouble to the omnipresent Lydia Pinkham, and seemed to feel relieved that he was going where he should never see a paper.

John J. Tilton of Epping, president of our Lyceum club, has been appointed lecturer at the grange in Epping, a position he is well qualified to fill. He is also president of the athletic club in that town.

The Lyceum club has postponed its next meeting to April 23d owing to the new plastering not being dry. A choice programme is prepared, and the "dog tax" is the subject for a spicy debate. Perhaps the originator would like to take a hand.

I see that you made a number of mistakes in regard to my sister. It should have been Miss Adaline Durgin, brought to Newmarket Monday (not Saturday); and carried to Josiah Durgin's in Lee, and buried in the family lot there (not Newmarket), beside her father and mother, brother and sisters, grand parents and great-grand parents, where five generations are buried. J. Durgin
Mrs. Dame, Mrs. Hosea Snell's mother, tripped over a rug Thursday afternoon, and fell, breaking her left arm.

There will be services in the Union meeting house every Sabbath afternoon, commencing May 1st. Rev. Charles Bates will conduct them.

The Rev. Frank Tyler and family are moving from Contoocook to Hinsdale. Mrs. Tyler (nee Cartland) is visiting at the old homestead here.

Remember the last Lyceum of the season Saturday night. The debate on the bog license and tax will probably be a spirited one, as one of the negatives has been in jail because of it.

Our genial young minister, Charles S. Bates, has demonstrated the fact that it is not well for man to live alone in a great parsonage, and has taken unto himself a helpmeet. May their life's journey together be a happy one.

Charles Huntress has in his possession five ancient deeds, etc., bearing dates 1753, 1760, 1783; mentioned as being in the "thirty-third year of King George," and other years of his reign. They are curiosities from their antiquity, and pertain to the town of Durham, "Province" of New Hampshire. Any one desiring to obtain one or more, can do so for a reasonable compensation. Here is a chance for collectors to add to their cabinets of curios.

John Rollins, who is suffering from a cancer on the lip, is being looked after by the Epping post, G.A.R., of which he is a member. He would not listen to friends who tried to persuade him to have it cut out a year ago, thinking nature was better to run it away, than surgeons skill. It runs, but not away, and the poor man is in a sad state. The Post intend to compel his removal to some hospital, where he will be made comfortable. He has always been a steady, industrious man, draws a pension, and lives alone, being a bachelor.

May 21, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

The South district school has fifty-five scholars, being more than one-half of all the children in town.

If all the florists gave their customers such a liberal quantity of seed as Josiah Durgin, they could not afford such elaborate catalogues.

Mr. McCarty of the Marcella St. Home is in town this week looking after the interests of the young people who have found homes in this vicinity.

If anybody has a barren tract of land too poor to grow a mullein stalk, just let them set out a strawberry bed on it and it will become a rich field of grass.

George Manville of the Glass place, has planted 56 bushels of potatoes. What a rich harvest the potato bugs will have. Elsewhere we hear of big plants of the murphys.

Representative Otis Woodman celebrated the completion of his fine new barn by giving an invitation to young and old to a dance last Saturday evening. Over a hundred responded and for a few hours the barn floor presented a lively scene.

One of the Lyceum members, having left his almanac at home, made a slight blunder in fixing the date for the next meeting. It was moved and seconded that it should be on the twelfth of June, but should have been the eleventh, as the twelfth is Sunday.

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The Lyceum Wednesday evening was well attended. The Sunflower dialogue, gotten up by Miss Florence Mathes, with the assistance of ten young misses, was the most novel and unique feature of the entertainment, and judging from the applause was highly appreciated. Miss Jenny Bartlett's versatile recitations won a well deserved encore; they were delightful to say the least of these.
May 14, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

Our little budget of new having gone astray last week, we will try to warm it over for the present occasion.

An infant of Peter Lamini died last week, aged two weeks.

Abram Thompson of Nottingham Centre is dead. We did not hear particulars.

The disease called pink eye is raging in town. It is no respecter of persons, and attacks young and old.

Another poor equine slipped away to rest last week. Death is sometimes the kindest friend of the brute creation.

Allan Plummer, father of Daniel Plummer, our popular town clerk, died May 3d, the result of a paralytic stroke.

The J. S. grange will give an entertainment in Grange hall, May 19. A fine drama will be given, among other good things.

Miss Anna Lang is teaching in Madbury. Her sister, Mrs. Morrison, with her husband, have accepted positions at the County farm as head assistants.

Charles Allen has taken the contract to clear the lumber from the Marston lot in Nottingham, and load it on the cars. There is a manifest thinning out of the Nottingham forests, but there seems to be plenty of new growth springing up for the next generation.

Now for snakes. They are so plenty on the railroad near the station, that a gun is kept loaded all the time to be ready for them. Three were shot one day last week, whose size was enormous, if the section men tell the truth, and we never knew one of them to lie.

It is a matter of regret that the evening for our Lyceum meeting has been changed to Wednesday. It will prevent many who teach and have other business out of town, from attending or taking part. Our next meeting will convene May 18th, to be continued once a fortnight.

On Tuesday evening, May 3, the Rev. Charles Bates, who has recently taken a prize ticket in the "matrimonial lottery," was treated to a donation party by his parishioners. These days are unlike the old times, when donation parties meant, give the poor "Elder" something that nobody wanted, and eat up all that he needed himself. Therefore, we are able to chronicle that Mr. Bates' pantry and cellar were generously filled and an enjoyable evening spent.
The question of the hour—"Is it hot enough for you?"

The drama, "Enlisted for the War," so successfully presented at Grange hall, is to be repeated in Epping in the near future.

If the grangers and Lyceumites want a question to discuss, we think a very important one would be, "How to rid the pastures of junipers."

Will Harvey, while wrestling with a friend Sunday, had his shoulder dislocated. He was quickly conveyed to Newmarket and the unlucky member put in place by Dr. Greene.

Charles S. Cartland has recently disposed of three of his wood lots to Mr. Clough, the lumber contractor, who will immediately reduce the "grand old pines" into building material.

Wm. O. Thompson of Brooklyn, N.Y., is having a new house built for his daughter-in-law near the site of the old homestead. It is being erected under his personal supervision, and will doubtless be cozy and convenient.

L.D. Manville has added another nine bushels to his big plant of potatoes, making sixty-five bushels, which he has laid in the ground for "his reaping by and by." He has also planted thirty-two quarts of corn. Nothing small about that amateur farmer.

Charles Watson the Northwood murderer, is well known in these parts, having lived in Newmarket and Lee. He is anything but prepossessing in appearance, and has but one eye. If he had not any, the present murder would probably not have been added to New Hampshire's unenviable record in that line.

Mina Kenerson of Epping died May 26th of consumption, aged 22 years. She had a host of friends in Lee and other places, and the gentle girl will long be remembered lovingly by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. All through her wasting sickness her faith was pinned on the "better land" to which she was drifting. Her funeral Sunday was attended by a large concourse of people, who thus testified their regard for the dear departed.
June 11, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

At present writing the small boy is in a beatific state of mind, which will only return to its normal state, after the circus tent is folded and gone.

An epidemic of German measles has been prevailing in town. The school children and shoe shop folks have had an experience with the distemper.

The dreaded road machine is on the way path, and those who are obliged to jolt over the roads after they are fixed, mildly bless the inventor, as they feel in their pockets to be sure their life insurance policy is safe.

Those who saw the poor man who ended his life behind the Epping station Saturday by cutting his throat from ear to ear, say it was a ghastly sight, which they never can forget. His name, we think, was Charles Langley.

Little Middy Williams’ favorite cat, Peter, presented her the other day with "three pair of twins" as she expressed it. "Now mama," quoth she, "we'd better keep 'em seeing there's so many, cos 'twill be so 'spensive drownin' them. Why 'twild take three stockings." Her ideas were based on the fact that the last two kittens had occupied a single stocking when taken to the river.

Children's day, connected with the National Grange, was celebrated last Saturday evening in Grange hall, which was literally packed with an appreciative audience. The children entertained their elders with tableaux, singing, recitations, etc., and acted their parts finely. In Brentwood the children held a picnic in the woods in the afternoon, at which over two hundred persons participated, and enjoyed themselves hugely.
June 18, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

The pastures are looking finely, better than the fields, which give but small promise of a good harvest.

Mrs. Joseph Knight, who fell down cellar a couple weeks ago and received serious bruises, is gaining slowly.

Quite a number of our young men have received invitations to the Agricultural barn celebration on the evening of the 17th.

Wm. Kirkwood has gone to Nashua, as foreman in Griggs’ lumber yard, a position he is well qualified to fill. Our loss is Griggs’ gain.

A strawberry festival was held in the town hall Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Congregational church. It was a pleasant affair.

The small show artists are just finding our little town. Last Thursday week, a nice old gent, all by his lone self, presented an entertainment at the So. Lee school house, and those who did not attend the circus found satisfaction in viewing the magic lantern pictures and other paintings in the aforesaid temple of learning.

John Morrison, track foreman here for two years, has, with his wife (see Kathy Broderick), removed to Nashua, where he will occupy a lucrative position in the B. & M. Company’s yard. His faithful services here and his genial disposition have won for him many friends, who wish him good luck in his new position.

Last Tuesday evening a “polyrama” was exhibited in the Union meeting house. We judge from the circulars that it must have been instructive and pleasing. The school children were very helpful in distributing circulars and selling tickets, and only the heavy showers and threatening weather prevented a large attendance.

The Lyceum league club met last Saturday evening to elect officers for the ensuing six months and make arrangements for a celebration, arranged by the National League club, to be given by all the clubs of America the 17th of June. But owing to the Durham Agricultural celebration coming off the same day and evening, this one is postponed to July 9th, when a good time may be expected.

The terrible thunder shower Tuesday evening was short but effective, destroying or injuring trees and demolishing buildings. Jefferson Sawyer’s old barn, which has stood in his meadow, has borne the buffets of many a storm, but this one laid it low. A part of a large tree on Creek bridge was shattered, and falling on the guard rail sent it into the water. At the depot in a few minutes after the hailstones began to fall, one could shovel them up by the pailful.
The latest in suits, is law suits. Warranted. May be found at the depot.

George and Bertha Lang are home from New Hampton school for the holidays.

Mrs. Frank Thompson, who with her little daughter, was thrown from her team Monday, begins to think that Bronchos are "uncertain critters."

Our esteemed pastor, Chas. S. Bates, has received an invitation to take the pastorate at Milton, with a largely increased salary. He has not yet decided whether to accept or not. His people here are very anxious to have him remain here.

Our crank, Leavitt, says his grandmother told him that she could remember when the men used to go out in the fields and mow all day, and only get a straw tick full. The croakers this year have predicted but half a hay crop, but appearances indicate that they will get more than a straw tick full.

One of our young men spoke truly when he said, "the Nottingham folks never do anything by halves." Tuesday evening the Christian Endeavor society gave a musicale and strawberry festival, charging only fifteen cents for the whole entertainment. Strawberries, ice cream and cake being served in abundance.

A delightful entertainment was given Wednesday evening at Lyceum hall by the pupils of the So. Lee school, under the management of their indefatigable friend and master, F. J. Davis. Where everything was so well rendered it is hard to particularize, but it is generally conceded that the finest piece of all was "Columbia's daughters," the thirteen original states impersonated by as many young ladies, each bearing a star banner with the name of the state she represented. Columbia was represented by Carrie Bartlett; on either side of her "the army and navy," by two little lads. The young ladies acted their parts to perfection, which were quite lengthy. It would take a column to give each one the credit due them. Many of the pupils took several parts each, and their wonderfully retentive memory was greatly commented on. The cutest bit of acting was the tableau of Tom Thumb and his bride, by our charming little William Thompson and his sweet younger sister. The Impersonation was perfect and elicited a storm of applause and encore. The proceeds of the entertainment are to be devoted to the very laudable purpose of purchasing a flag for the school house. Lee may be a little slow, but she gets there just the same. And may the bright and merry young folks of this town feel as the old sailor once expressed himself, when viewing the dear old flag as she floated from the gilded dome of Boston State house. Looking at it earnestly a moment he exclaimed "She's the prettiest creeter in the world."
Rev. Charles S. Bates will exchange pulpits Sunday with Rev. Mr. Bacon of Milton.

Frank Furber was taken suddenly ill Sunday, and rumor had it that he had a shock. Happily it proved to be nothing serious.

The strawberry crop was “short and sour,” owing to so much rain and the birds having become very fond of berries.

We rather expect our Lee bard will admit that the perfume of the hay he has made this week is sweeter than that of the “red rose,” because more lasting.

The Lyceum League club did not do any celebrating last Saturday evening, the elements having taken the business out of their hands, “and rained in torrents.”

We regret to learn that Dr. Spaulding of Epping is still very low. He had a pleurisy fever, and typhoid pneumonia followed. Dr. Burnham of Manchester and Dr. Mitchell of Epping attend him.

The hop-vine aphides have been unusually troublesome this year. Some vines look as if a fire had swept through them. If the pests were minus wings, one could seem to manage them better.

Hazen Durgin has instantly killed at Layn’s crossing, Tuesday afternoon, by the passenger train from Rochester. His remains were shockingly mangled. He (with his wife) had just arrived at his sister’s, Mrs. Samuel Layn, on a visit, and thought he would walk out on the track, thus strangely meeting a terrible fate. It is said that he saw the train approaching, and thought he had time to cross the track ere it reached him.

One of the lumber teamsters, who but three weeks ago had purchased a finely matched pair of roan horses at Manchester, lost one of them last week. They were the finest pair of team horses with one exception, in this vicinity. The trouble seemed to be that he was not acclimated. The man has the sympathy of all, as he could ill afford to lose him. His yankee grit was expressed when he said, “I’ve lost my horse but not my courage.” As the Irishman said, “these Western horses should be acclimated before they are sent here.”
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Mrs. And Mrs. Theodore Knight and daughters of Nashua are visiting his parents.

Mrs. C. J. Doane of Swampscott, Mass., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Smith.

Frank A. Davis and wife of Boston are passing his vacation at the home of his parents.

Mrs. Selina McDaniel and daughter, formerly of Lee Hook, are visiting relatives in Nottingham.

"Old Bob White" has been singing rain. We would like to see it. We notice one of the finest pieces of corn in Lee beginning to curl.

G. F. Dodge, a student of New Hampton, is meeting with good success in canvassing for subscribers to "King's Handbook of the United States." It is a very instructive book, and young and old ought to possess a copy.

William Gouin and Joseph Bennett, two French wood choppers, working at Lee, while intoxicated, committed an aggravated assault on George Amazeen of Durham, who had driven them home from that place. The assault was committed with an ax handle, a bad cut, extending into the skull bone being inflicted. Amazeen still lies in a semi-conscious condition. Gouin and Bennett were taken to Dover. They were arraigned before Judge Firost, and the case was continued until next Monday in order to ascertain the extent of Amazeen's injuries. Both men were ordered to recognize in the sum of $500, and in default were committed to jail.

As we go to press, the condition of Mr. Amazeen is more favorable, and it is thought he will be able to appear in court next Monday.

July 30, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

A grand concert, consisting of vocal and instrumental music and readings, will be given at the Union meeting house, South Lee, M.S., Friday evening, Aug 5. The programme of the evening will consist of selections by an Orchestral quartette, Mr. C.A. Pendergast, violin; Mr. W.E. Harvey, clarinet, Mr. C.B. Edgerly, cornet; Miss Emma Bartlett, piano. Piano and vocal solos by Mrs. Frank A. Davis, Boston; vocal solo, Miss Nettie Crocker, Boston; vocal duet, Miss Crocker and Mrs. Henrietta Mathews, cornet solo, Mr. Ben Bartlett; vocal selections, Mrs. Wilbur Rollins; banjo and piano duet, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hill; readings, Miss Jennie N. Bartlett, Miss Anna R. Lang, Misses Annie, May and Lulu Plummer. The proceeds of the concert will be used for painting or other necessary repairs on the Union meeting house, and it is hoped that all interested will give the entertainment a liberal patronage. Admission, 20 cents. If stormy, the concert will be postponed till the following evening.
Rev. and Mrs. Frank Tyler and child are at the old homestead.

Mrs. Frank Fall of Charlestown, Mass., is visiting relatives here.

Mr. Huntress, with his wife and two children, have arrived from New York, on a visit to his father.

The shoe business in Wadley’s is not as brisk as usual. “Tis the best month of the year for a “slack up.”

“The village blacksmith,” Blaisdell, who has been on a haying tour, will return to his post the last of the week.

Woodchucks are as impudent as ever, and have got so that they follow the beans into the house, and there may be a “corner” in the baked beans yet.

“What awful roads you have in Lee,” remarked a visitor the other day. He thought Lee extended through Newmarket, and all the country ‘round.

A party of ten bachelors from Brentwood are camping out for a week at Pleasant pond, Deerfield, where sketers do not know and women are not found.

Chas. S. Bates preached his farewell sermon Sunday, both at the Chapel, and the Union meeting house. It is a matter of regret to all that he has decided to leave us.

George Durgin of Dover will dispose of a fine wood lot at auction Thursday, Aug. 4. It will probably go the way of all wood lots in this vicinity, into the lumber contractor’s hands.

It is [nb] great release in the number of visitors at [nb] camp ground this year. We further think they are finding out that it is a poor place to spend one’s vacation.

Irving Thurgood of Nashua paid a flying visit to his parents last week on a bicycle. Time, a little over three hours. He must have had the right kind of a one, which are not so [nb] as the kind that “don’t work well.”

The dance in the town hall Thursday evening, under the management of Fred Comings and Dow Chase, was a pleasant affair. The hall was packed with lovers of the mazy dance, and the dances will be continued Tuesday evenings during the month of August.

Has anyone noticed in looking through wire screening at the moon, that it appears to be in the centre of a cross. It is rather a weird spectacle, and a party took it at first to be a phenomena, until they went out of doors and investigated and found it was caused by looking through the checked wire.

During the last thunder shower, a bolt of lightning passed into the sleeping room of H. Smith at Brentwood, being attracted by his telegraph machine. Or a moment it seemed as if everything in the room was being crushed into splinters, but it passed out without doing any damage, beyond singeing his trousers’ cloth a little, which caused the young man to rejoice that he was not encased therein, he being in bed.
Mr. Huntress and family (late of New York) from Leominster, Mass., have returned home.

Frank Seavey of Dover was the purchaser of George Durgin’s woodlot, he paying $1,501.00 for the same.

The fourth season of the Lyceum course will begin the second Saturday in September, altogether too early.

There is a stout little girl of ten years, from the Marcella street home, stopping at Mrs. Geo. Titcomb’s, for whom the agent desires to find a home.

A stranger, whose name we did not learn, preached acceptably to the people last Sunday. A candidate from Andover college will occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

John Rollins, the victim of a terrible case of cancer, died at his home Tuesday evening, aged nearly 65 years. Funeral Thursday from the Chapel, under the management of Epping Post, G.A.R., of which he was a member. Burial in the Soldiers’ lot at Lee Hill cemetery. A soldier and a patriot, he allowed to one to speak a word against the government in his presence.

The concert last Friday night was a very enjoyable affair. That the people appreciate a first-class entertainment was evinced by the fact that the hall was completely filled with an intelligent music-loving audience. Over two hundred tickets were sold. The house was very tastefully decorated with ferns, clematis vines and other woodland sweets, the work of the Mathews family, who also, with the aid of Frank A. Davis, were directors of the concert.
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Frank Haley is erecting a stable on his premises near the depot.

A social dance was in the order of things Thursday evening at town hall.

Charles Chase and George Smith have gone to Durham to work carpentering.

The chapel was closed Sunday, the Congregational flock being without a shepherd.

There is considerable sickness in town. Principal defendants, green corn and cucumbers.

On the premises of the late John Rollins were found four cats and thirteen kittens, but their catowaulings now are o'er.

Misses Mary Pouff and Jennie Atwood, who have been stopping at Sam'l Layn's, have returned to their home in Nashua.

Our summer visitors are flitting homeward like birds to their nests, leaving us pleasant memories, and a hope that we shall meet again.

Miss Dell Thompson, the celebrated declamationist, formerly of Lee, has returned from Europe to her home in Brooklyn, N.Y. Rumor says that she is soon to appear on the stage as an actress.

Mr. Dodge is delivering his "King's Hand Book at the United States" to his subscribers. Those who have taken it are glad, for it is a valuable work, and we hope those who h ave not subscribed will not be sorry for it.

The steam saw mill which has been running all summer has completed its work, and been removed to West Epping. The mill was an extra one, and there were no breaks or pull backs. The men connected with it were a quick-generously set, whom it was a pleasure to meet.

A hearing was had before Justice C. A. Morse at So. Lee Tuesday. Gen. W. Bettis, station agent, against Ezra Kenerson for assaults. Mr. Kenerson was bound over to appear for further trial at the September court in Dover, at which time and place two other trials, for or against said Kenerson are on the docket.

There was quite a scare in certain portions of the town last week. Strange people were known to have been sneaking into barns and hen houses. But the feathered bipeds and equines were either too young or too old, so nothing was taken. But one timid female keeps a club and an ax by her bedside since the night she saw one of the shadows glide by, and shrieked at him in tones loud enough to split his ear pan.

Mr. Fred Morrill, head carpenter of the agricultural buildings in Durham, told us that in framing the barn, two thousand mortises were made, and not a single misfit was found. Mr. Morrill is a very unassuming young man, blessed with a level head of his own. A great many visitors have inspected the barn. Within a few hours in one day seventy visitors had called. The barn is an immense affair, and its perfection will become more apparent after the finishing touches are given, the debris cleaned up, and the stock quartered therein.

A petition is being circulated by the energetic Northwooders, praying for a new road, to be cut from Northwood down through the Nottingham woods, to what is now called the "back road," which they would be the main thoroughfare to the depot and Newmarket. It is said that it would curtail the distance between two and three miles, and would be much more level than the present main road. The petition was nearly unanimously signed by the Nottingham citizens, and others who are interested in the matter.
Com’s original, tried and true remedy for hiccoughs. Gargle the throat with water.

Mrs. Osgood and daughter of Amesbury are visiting Mrs. George Titcomb the present week.

We wonder if that feather bed is cleansed yet that was tied up and laid out in Little River.

Having the November storm in view, the town house has been strengthened by a new coat of shingles.

Several tramps have been over the roads lately; one with a badly lacerated hand; another with but one hand; and all with immense gastronomic qualities.

The Nottingham blackberries are luscious and plenty this year. A number of Lee sinners landed into hornets’ nests up there Sunday. The inhabitants of the same paid their regards, as faces and hands testified.

Lena, daughter of Calvin and Harriet Harvey, died Saturday night after an illness of only three days, from cholera morbus. She was thirteen years of age. The funeral services were held Monday at Nottingham Center. Her parents have the sympathy of all in this their sad bereavement.

September 24, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

Agnes Henue is teaching the North Epping school.

Will Harvey dislocated his shoulder again last week.

Clarence Pendergast has a cucumber on exhibition that measures seventeen inches in length, and fourteen inches in circumference.

We had quite an interesting Lyceum last Saturday evening. The next meeting will be held October first. Probably after that, weekly.

Our few veteran soldiers, with one exception, have gone to the grand reunion in Washington. The cars that passed through here were beautifully decorated. It is sad to know that not a single officer of the reviewing party of 1865 is living to-day.

Rev. Mr. Lees of Bradford, Vt., a former pastor here, has been spending a part of his vacation in Lee and has preached the last two Sabbaths, calling out some, who, from disinclination or disability, have been strangers at the chapel for a long time.

A couple of Brentwood bee hunters succeeded in securing a swarm, last week, that one of them has been trying to locate for several years. It was found in a spruce swamp so dense that they were obliged to carry a compass to aid them in finding their way out. They are rejoicing in the possession of a large quantity of fine honey.
Born in Tilton, Sept., 3, to Mrs. And Mrs. Geo. Bettis, a daughter.

The question of the hour, "Have you got any flour barrels to sell?"

Misses Ethel and Lena Dustin of Nashua, are visiting Mrs. Geo. Plumer.

Mrs. Clara Harvey Greene and baby of Hampton are visiting relatives here, and in Nottingham.

The Christian Volunteers met in town hall Tuesday evening under the leadership of Arthur Thompson. The young folks turned out in goodly numbers.

A "poverty party" was given in Nottingham town hall Wednesday evening. The young people from Lee very wisely wore their best all the same. Poverty is an affliction that should not be caricatured. Let some one try getting up an Indian party. They are gay.

The question for discussion at the Lyceum Saturday evening will be "Should Foreign Immigration be Restricted?"

The disputants have had so much time to study the subject that we shall expect a fine discussion, they being very nice speakers at any short notice.

Mrs. Henrietta Mathews and daughter, Florence, have moved to Newmarket, into Frank Durell's house. Their business qualifications as dressmakers are unexceptionably fine, having taken a thorough course at the dressmaker's college in Boston, and have had a large experience since.

The town was well represented at the opening of court in Dover, so much so that one of the interested ones remarked that Lee was taking an upheaval, only that wasn't just the word. We are lucky in having so good a representative on the grand jury, (Bert Thompson). "There are no flies on him."

The Lang sisters have gone to their chosen vocations as teachers. Susie is again engaged at Athol as head assistant, giving great satisfaction; Annie is teaching in Pepperell, Mass.; Edna is engaged at the high school in Lisbon, N.H., as head assistant. Bertha and George (their brother) have returned to their studies at New Hampton.

Travellers speak in unqualified terms of praise regarding the new road from Epsom to Northwood. One of them said he kept riding back and forth on it, dreading to go back to the other roads. It is almost as hard as adamant, and nearly level, being about five miles in length. Would that it could spread all over the county like a contagious disease.

The schools in town commenced the fifth inst. In the So. Lee school are many vacancies. A number of our bright-buds of promise being destined for another sphere of action, save one, Lena Harvey, so sadly called from life. Mamie and Johnnie Gallagher have gone to Boston to live, the three children of Wm. Kirkwood, George, Willis and Nellie, are to remove with their parents to Nashua, Emma Thompson has gone to Wolfeboro to attend the Brewster academy; Annie Brien, whose delicate health prevents her attending, and one or two others, who have other plans in view. They will be missed both in school and Lyceum, as well as among their friends.
Mrs. Charles Glidden of Lynn is visiting at Joseph E. Knight's.

The Christian Endeavor held a sociable in town hall Wednesday evening.

Rev. Mrs. Lees preached his third and last sermon to his old parishioners Sunday. It was very pleasing to them, that he spent his vacation here.

The pupils of the So. Lee school will unfurl their new flag to the breeze, "Columbus day." "Old glory" will be the greatest ornament of the town in our eyes.

The farmers are wearing very smiling faces on account of the apple boom, and the prices offered were never equaled before, the on years. 'Tisn't so bad being a farmer, after all.

A great many came home from the fair with bandy legs, but they didn't stop in this town. We hear of losses by gambling some ways from the fair grounds, but the parties landed not at our station. It's a poor way to get rid of money.

Sunday was a bad day for breaks. Young Willie Mattox fell from an apple tree and broke his wrist. A young lad visiting at Daniel Dow's slipped from a horse and broke his arm, and one of our neighbors fell and broke nine eggs. We are sorry for the little fellows' mishaps and hope they will bear the tedious waiting for the bones to knit together better than adults do.

The Lyceum League held a very interesting meeting Saturday evening, and those in attendance felt well repaid for going. A little tot of six years, Blanche, daughter of Daniel Harvey, sung "the farmer's boy," with whistling chorus, in a manner which "brought down the house." It was a wonderful performance. The next meeting will be held Oct. 15, when the "Tariff" will be ably discussed. All are invited.
October 22, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

Joseph Harvey fell from an apple tree last week and broke a couple of ribs.

One would almost imagine that all the apples in New Hampshire were being landed at Lee station.

It is expected that the public library will be opened some time this month; that is, open every Saturday from one till four o’clock. Lizzie Stearns, librarian.

An invitation has been extended by the So. Lee schools hereabouts to attend their flag raising Friday. In the evening an exhibition will be given in the hall, to which all are welcomed.

Orris Ellison and wife of Amesbury stopped in town on their way home from an extended bicycle trip up country. They were equipped with fine safety wheels, and seemed to be enjoying their “silent steeds.”

We have a hen that has averaged five eggs a week for over two months without taking a rest, and is still at it, her one idea being centered on her lays. She is of mixed breed, very small head, ditto eater, who can eat her.

A pleasant wedding took place in Wadley’s Wednesday noon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glidden, the contracting parties being their only daughter, Blanche, and Mr. Henry Learnard of Derry. The happy couple have gone on a trip to the South.

The regular lyceum programme was postponed Saturday evening, in order to give more time to the great tariff question, and then the evening was not half long enough. The cream of the occasion was the speeches of Messrs. Wm. Nason and John Scott, attorneys of Dover, who presented facts and figures so plainly that the most skeptical must be convinced that the present tariff is O.K. The weight of argument leaned so heavily in that direction that some of its opponents became dizzy headed, and were obliged to go out into the open air. Geo. W. Plumer, in his inimitable manner, introduced a terrible animal, whose name alone caused shivers to creep down one’s spinal column. It was a sort of offset to Wm. H. Paine’s incorrigibly bad parrot who has been around with him on his late stumpimg tour. The house reluctantly adjourned at midnight. The next meeting will be Oct. 29. Question not decided.
October 29, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

An interesting programme is prepared for the Lyceum Saturday evening, consisting of music, recitations, singing, a dialogue, and the question, "Should foreign immigration be restricted?" will be continued.

We overheard the following dialogue between two ladies the other day concerning the ADVERTISER. "Which features of the paper do you like the best?" enquired A. "O, I always read the local news first, next the Boston letter, and then the rest," replied B. "Me too," said A. So do not scrimp the local items, even if they are like the poor old woman's "lights" that she begged at killing-time, remarking, "There ain't much body to them, but they're fillin'."

The ceremonies attending the flag raising at the So. Lee school, Columbus Day, were very impressive, which we think every pupil will remember all through life. Mr. Edgerly, of the board of committee, made a few appropriate remarks, and the Rev. Mrs. Russell of Nottingham also assisted in the ceremonies. In the evening a very pleasing exhibition was given by the pupils in Lyceum hall, after which a collation was served. Mr. Davis' scholars will compare favorably with any in city or country on such occasions. We are glad to learn that the scholars of the Turnpike school also raised a flag on that day, but the particulars we cannot give, not being there.

The campaign rally at the town hall Tuesday evening was a "howling success," the hall being packed with an enthusiastic crowd, the speakers packed with ideas, the stairs leading to the loft packed with embryo voters who delighted themselves with much racket, and the whole affair stirring enough to make a Fourth of July. Mr. Pierce of Great Falls talked in a calm, dispassionate manner, making everything plain enough to those with ordinary understanding and favoring both parties. He was a very interesting speaker. We were also favored with addresses from Mr. Nason, John C. Bartlett, Mr. Scott, Wm. H. Paine and others. The latter favored the audience with a bran new story, made to order for the benefit of the farmers. As we have heard of two voters who have changed their base since then and will come out in favor of the present incumbent in the President's chair, we are of the opinion that our friend speaks in the Republican interests and doesn't know it.
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November 19, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

“To the victors belong the spoils.”

Asenath McDaniel is visiting friends in Dover.

John Harvery has gone to Florida to spend the winter.

Nellie McDaniel starts for New Jersey the 20th for a winter’s sojourn.

The lyceum will be conducted weekly hereafter on Saturday evenings.

George and Bertha Lang are home from New Hampton on a ten days’ vacation.

A jubilee dance was given at Lee Hill Friday evening. The jubilants made up about two sets.

The writing school is well patronized, there being between twenty and thirty in attendance. It is held Monday evenings.

Com’s tribute to New Hampshire.

Firm as the granite of thy hills,
Pure as thy streams and bubbling rills,
Thy vote gave all to wise protection
And none for sycophant’s election.

Charles Dustin had a boy from the “Home” living with him, who the other day took a notion to mutilate a hog with a hatchet. The animal had to be killed and the boy will “walk”:

“A delightful tour in Bible lands illustrated by the stereopticon, with an explanatory address by G.E. Whipp” will be given at the Union meeting house Thanksgiving evening. There will be a song service from Gospel Hymns, No.2, from 7:30 to 7:45.

Last Saturday, at about dusk, the house of John Warren of Epping was burned to the ground. The barn being on the other side of the road was saved. A great many Lee people saw the flames, but supposed it was the “conquering heroes” celebrating.

The schools will begin the winter term Monday after a vacation of two weeks. Your scribe had the pleasure of attending the examination of the So. Lee school a week ago last Friday. The board of committee were all present, and expressed themselves as being well pleased with the great progress the scholars had made, and complimented both master and pupils. There were thirteen visitors present.

Samuel Benson was found in the So. Lee school house entry-way Tuesday noon, in an unconscious condition and taken to selectman Charles Allou’s home. A doctor was sent for, but life was extinct before he arrived. Benson was seen lying there by passers by as early as 7 o’clock, who found his hands and face almost black, as if from suffocation, but concluding he was sleeping off a drunk, left him. Although it is proved that he had been drunk, it seems sad that the apparently friendless man was allowed to die by the roadside, out in the cold.
December 3, 1892 Newmarket Advertiser

The storm interfered with the patronage and profits of the farmer’s supper Wednesday evening, which was gotten up in the interests of the church.

Thieves broke into Lee depot Tuesday evening and obtained a few dollars, and all the postage stamps. Barrington depot was also entered the same night. We do not know what luck they met.

There is a heavy perfume of wedding cake in the air. David Fogg and Miss Artie Sherburne, Frank Clarkson and Miss Bessie Wright having recently ventured their barks upon the sea of matrimony.

Jeremiah Smith Grange will give an entertainment, consisting of tableaux, farces, vocal music, recitations, etc., at Grange hall, Tuesday evening, Dec. 6. Music by Edgerley’s Orchestra. Admission, 15 cents; supper, 15 cents.

The lyceum entertainment last Saturday evening deserves more than a passing mention, so we will give the whole programme. Fine organ solo by Mabel Harvey; reading (comic), Wm. Ryan; recitation, by Misses Alice Caswell and Bernice Lang; song with accompaniment, Miss Nellie Wiggins; French song, Ida Hammel; recitation, “Mizpah,” Mrs. Daniel Piper of Salem, Mass. (Nee Mamie Bartlett of Nottingham). It was the finest recitation we have heard for a long time. The pathos and tenderness she gave to the cradle, song, or lullaby, was very touching. The question for debate was “Does mortality increase with civilization?” It was ably discussed and much enjoyed. Miss Edna Lang, who is home from Lisbon on a vacation, had charge of the paper. The house was crowded and everybody seemed to be glad they came. A long programme is prepared for next Saturday evening.

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News is scarcer than hens’ brains.

Business at the shoe factory is good.

Simeon Doucet of Newmarket has come to Wadley’s to try his fortune among the shoemakers.

The wife of Nathaniel French died Dec. 5th of pneumonia. A frail invalid daughter will miss the loving tender care of her who “has passed on.”

Carrie Thompson invited a few friends to enjoy the fine skating near her home Monday evening. They were pleased to accept, and voted it a pleasant occasion.

The Job Thompson farm, with three woodlots, was offered for sale by auction Monday. The woodlots were purchased by Valentine Mathes of Dover. The farm was not sold.

Israel Bartlett died Dec. 2d of consumption, aged 77 years. He had been an almost helpless invalid for several months and bore his sufferings with patience and fortitude. He was a highly esteemed citizen, leaving a good name behind “which is better than riches.”
Lumbermen and teamsters are now waiting anxiously for a little snow.

Susie Lang, head assistant teacher of the Seminary in Athol, Mass., is at home for a few days.

Charles Edgerly, cornetist in the Lee orchestra, has gone to work in Swampscott with Scott Tuttle, the famous road contractor and builder.

Samuel Thompson, a well known lumber mill business man, is dead. He was a brother of Deacon John Thompson and the late Job. Have not learned particulars.

There is to be an entertainment and box supper at the Union meeting house Jan. 7, under the auspices of the lyceum. A good time may be expected, as well as some good suppers.

Thursday evening there will be a public installation of officers at the grange, of which occasion Professors Whitcher and Pattee of the Agricultural College will favor the audience with short addresses.

Misses Gertie and Annie Johnson of Newmarket gave a party to their many friends in that place, Lee and other towns on Wednesday evening. It was voted a “lovely time,” for Gertie knows how to make a party a success.

The lyceum programme was not carried out last Saturday night, the severe cold preventing any attendance, and was adjourned to Dec. 31st. Question for discussion will be: “Resolved, that intemperance is the root of all evil.”

The church and grange united and had their Christmas festivities in Grange hall Monday evening. The entertainment was unusually fine and greatly enjoyed by young and old. The trees were heavily laden with useful and ornamental gifts, and all felt that it was good to be there.