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## MONDAY.

BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS.

Mr. DeLatre inquired what provision there was for mowing the lawn. It was proposed to try the mowing machine on the open space, and that the Appropriating Committee furnish help to cut around the trees. The Lawn Committee were instructed to inquire into the merits of the hand-mowing machine used in the Central Park.

The Road Commissioner has called on us to do some road-making out of our usual province. It was moved that we signify our wish to the Commissioner to be relieved from such liabilities in the future, as we now do more work on the road than our tax amounts to.

A note was read from Alfred Barron asking the services of Mr. Worden during the strawberry harvest at Wallingford. The plan was sympathised with and it was voted that Mr. Worden be free to answer the call.

A letter from Mr. Cragin was also read expressing a wish for a little help in the carpentry line. It was proposed that Mr. Woolworth go on there for a couple of weeks.

It was proposed to put more help in the trap-shop at

once, and not confine ourselves to the making of large traps. The prospects of the trade are such as to warrant us in making provision for a large demand.

Voted that Roswell have liberty to introduce improvements in the forge-shop.

Yesterday forenoon, a jolly party of Community brethren carrying hoes, spades and shovels, started for the Park, where they spent a few pleasant hours in extending the walks. These now reach far beyond the grove, into the pond hollow, and after many windings, pass by a well-known tree inscribed with familiar initials, such as C. A. M., W. A. H., E. H. H. &c., then push pioneer like, toward some other Ultima Thule where space may be found for a revised edition of arborigraphs. Such is human progress. The ancients were continually setting up boundary lines-Chinese walls-saying, "Thus far and no farther;" but whoever is on the right track, may safely assume that there is no boundary to improvement, because there is no boundary to truth; and truth has no limit, because its source is in God who is illimitable.

We had a very little rain last night, and to-day the clouds look showery. A steady pouring rain for a day or a night would be gladly welcomed.

There is a wonderful profusion of apple blossoms in the orchard, and if the crop of apples proves to be correspondinly abundant, it will astonish the oldest inhabitant of these regions. The Grand Turk hunters destroyed 560 yesterday.— To-day the numbers were 413, including prisoners. Capturing the insects alive, forms a novel feature in this branch of horticultural labor, which originated in a wish expressed by some of the family to see "the varmints." A few fat specimens were brought home in a phial and handed about on exhibition, after which they were given over to the executioner for capital punishment.

Last evening Mr. Noyes gave a talk on Dentistry as illustrative of our System of Criticism, suggested by his late experience. It was very interesting and will be fully reported in MS.

The new arrangement of the mails is somewhat unpleasant, and it is hoped that some modification of it will ere long be effected. We do not now receive our New York mail until after 10 A. M. and have no N. Y. mail on Sundays.

Mr. Towner, and his sister Mrs. Lasley, wife of J. P. Lasley of Berlin Hights, came on a visit to the Community, on Saturday.

Mr. Woolworth left for Wallingford this morning.

The following communication from Mr. H. R. Perry, to the family, was read last evening:

"I wish to say to the family that all my early training was a warfare against cant. All was negative with nothing positive. It was a constant criticism of God and religion as represented by the popular churches, a continual tearing down without building up. As I was under

such teachings for the first twenty years of my life, they made a very deep impression. Until I read Mr. Noyes's writings, I never found anything that was positive and at the same time satisfactory to my heart and mind in relation to God and eternal life. I find it difficult, even yet, to shake off the impressions of my youth, which I now see were just in accordance with the devil's plan and wishes in my case, to keep me from the true knowledge of God. I wish to separate myself from all sympathy with unbelief, and commit myself to God and his truth for eternity. I want the devil to understand that I am henceforth and forever on the Lord's side.

H. R. PERRY.

## METEOROLOGICAL.

Thermometer, May 19.

6 A. M. Clear and pleasant 55. deg.

The day was warm and beautiful, but I was away.—
The whole spring has been remarkably fine and favorable for business—farmers have plowed their land and put in the crops without interruption; but it has been too dry—wheat looks thin and rather poor, and grass is not very promising up to this time.

May 20.

7 A. M. 70. Fine and clear.

12 M. 81. 6 P. M. 80.

The mercury rose to about 86 during the afternoon, and in the sun at 4 o'clock stood at 112.

M. L. W.