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SATURDAY.

A MISSTATEMENT occurred in yesterday's JOURNAL. It was not the foreman of S. Adams and Sons' machine works who gave G. W. H. the free pass, but the master machanic of the R. and W. Railroad.

A slight fire occurred in the engine-room, at the Tontine, last evening. A pan of ashes, with a few live coals in it, was placed in contact with a piece of plank at the back of the engine, and in the course of time set the plank on fire. No damage was done, except the destruction of the plank and the filling of the Tontine with smoke, as both the plank and ash-pan were isolated from all other combustibile material. It was a hint however to watchfulness and certainty in the care of fire and ashes.

A company called in a sleigh last evening for the purpose of attending a concert, which they supposed was to come off in the Community Hall. As our programme for the evening did not include a concert, they were of course disappointed. They were, however, treated to a little singing.

In the evening meeting Charles Cragin was criticised.

There was a very general expression of commendation of and love for him. He is very prompt and executive in his business habits, and has a great deal of force and resolute manhood in business. Has lacked a little in some details as a mechanic, is not quite thorough enough in his arrangements of machinery—is apt to toggle things up. He does not keep his business snug enough. The tendency of his spirit heretofore has been toward hardness. He has had a great deal of pride and intellectual ambition, and the vibration between pride and self-depreciation has tended to make him hard in spirit.— There has been a marked improvement in him the past season. He is loyal to the Community and Mr. Noyes, and his heart seems open to faith. We have confidence in him that he will honor the truth in the new position to which he is called, and our love goes with him. In the course of the criticism Mr Hamilton made the following remarks:

“Hardness and pride come from unbelief. It is the vibration of the mind between egotism and self-depreciation that hardens the character and produces lack of faith in God, and ennobling faith in one’s self. In this connection I have thought with much interest of the following passage from John: “Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not because it knew him not. Beloved now are we the sons of God: and it doth not yet appear what we

shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." Here is indicated the only true foundation of improvement. No one can ever make real heart improvement who has not faith in God that introduces hope into his own life, and lets him see that there is noble blood in him through Christ. That is what has lifted me up; and that is the gospel Mr. Noyes preaches. The blood of Christ is poured out into human nature, and gives hope and assurance that we may become good, noble and pure like Christ, and true sons of God. When a person gets in earnest and sufficiently sincere and refined to appreciate and receive such a gospel as this, he will find there is such a gospel. The experience that turns into this result is surely good for us."

TALK IN THE CHAIN-SHOP.

E.—I hope Mr. J. you will not feel *chained* down to your business.

J.—[Nonchallantly.] I hope not. [Arousing.] O ho! you are bent on punishing me with puns. I must have a *lynæ* eye for you fellows.

E.—[Absently.] We must count these rings. How many rings are there to a pound?

J.—I thought from the abundant use we make of our

hammers that there were a good many *pounds* to a ring.

Note.—It is unnecessary to give the name of the reporter of the above dialogue. We shall doubtless see *more* of his productions hereafter.

ED. JOUR.