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NOTES OF BUSINESS MEETING.

R. Hawley, J. C. Higgins, and J. P. Hutchins were appointed a Committee, to investigate the condition of the salt-water vats at the Trap-Shop, and to report what changes, according to their judgment, should be made, in order to stop present leaks, and prevent further waste.

L. F. Dunn, E. L. Hatch and the Financiers, were appointed a Committee to consider the matter of supplying the family with spectacles, and to report their mind as to the best method. Some of the Board were of the opinion, that considerable deception is practiced by spectacle-peddlers, and that probably the Community interests, in this respect, will never be satisfactorily attended to, until we have a Community Optician, who makes it his special business to attend to the spectacle wants of the Community.

It was voted, as the mind of the Board, that persons who have occasion to drive teams to the barn should never leave them unhitched, and should make sure that they will be properly cared for, even if this involves their going to the hostler's house; and, still further, the Board recommend that the smaller class of boys should not be invited to drive teams to the barn.

To H. T. Clark, Geo. W. Hamilton and W. R. Inslee, was referred the subject of making patterns for casting three kinds of stoves, most commonly used in the Community. We have now over one hundred stoves, and much expense would be saved if we could cast such parts of stoves as often need replacing; and if we could cast the entire stoves we might supply ourselves and dealers in the neighboring villages.

We at the Printing Office, are sometimes placed in rather an embarrassing position, by our folks inviting strangers into the Office. If visitors call, they must be told that we print a Daily, and the next thing is, they want to see it, or if they see them lying on the table or shelf, they are free to take them up and read them.— Sometimes, to be sure, we should have no objection to their doing it, but it is not always so. Would it not be better, if it is considered necessary to invite persons who are unacquainted with us, into the Office, to let us know beforehand, that the JOURNALS may be put out of the way.

It was reported to us, yesterday, that Mr. John Kinsley, who is sixty-nine years old, has, since last spring, with the exception of two days and a half, been over to Willow Place every day, Sundays excepted, and worked as many hours in the shop as the other hands. This he has done cheerfully and heartily, and he enjoys his work very much. His labors are highly appreciated, as

is also his society and humorous companionship in the shop.—We heard it suggested, that he be invited to spend the Holidays at home, to study and recreate.

The Students in Theology, have, by a unanimous vote of the class, changed their Programme, somewhat.—Volunteers for singing can, if they choose, invite some one to sing with them, and, instead of questions and answers from the Berean, as has been the practice, one individual is to read and explain a part of the lesson, then another; each one occupying a limited space of time; the whole performance subject to the criticism of the class. A large number volunteered their services, to sing and also to read and expound.

There was quite a scene occurred in the kitchen Saturday. Some one observed Mrs. Bristol fingering round one of the posts and trying to hold on in a singular way. At length her efforts failed her, and she fell backward, Mrs. A. S. Burnham catching her in her arms: she had fainted. She was carried into the open air, where she soon recovered. She had not been very well, for a day or two, but she is about the house as usual, to-day.

Mr. Porter's oldest son spent Sunday with us. He is a young man about seventeen or eighteen years old, we should judge. He is engaged in some Printing Office in Canastota, and his mother says, he is a young man of excellent habits.

We have a sudden change in the weather. The warm south wind and rain of yesterday, has melted off the snow, and the ground is again bare.

Mr. Hall was out on a peddling trip last week, and brought home about \$300—the avails of his sales.

W. G. Kelly and F. A. Marks came home yesterday morning.

Temperature Saturday and Sunday,

7½ A. M., 28. 12 M., 36. 6 P. M., 35. Mean 33.

7½ A. M., 39. 12 M., 43. 6 P. M., 42. Mean 41½.

