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FRIDAY.

THE frogs began their concerts last night.

Letters from Mr. Olds were received yesterday. They were criticised some for their continued iteration about business being dull. No matter if it is dull, it is a poor plan for our agents to be talking in that strain all the time.

Preparations for the Auction are going on vigorously. The women by extra exertion finished their ironing yesterday, so that the room could be used to-day for arranging the articles for sale. The grounds around the house are being cleared of their winter accumulation of rubbish. The agricultural implements will be sold at the horse-barn. Other articles will be sold at the Tontine. The auctioneer engaged is said to be one of the best in the country.

NOTES OF LAST EVENING'S CONVERSATION.

Mr. Woolworth.—I was thinking to-day of our new business principles, and of the proposition that we should adopt pre-payment, as soon as possible. I thought I should like to get into Mr. Noyes's spirit, and have true faith about this matter, and not look at it

through unbelief and the spirit of the world. I would look at it in the true light. I am satisfied there is an important revolution involved in this movement. But I don't want to see any bug-bears that are not there—not any that unbelief suggests, at any rate. Every such important principle as this, before being adopted, has to encounter a certain amount of opposition from unbelief. The devil is always ready to throw cold water upon it and make it look very formidable.

Mr. Hamilton.—W. A. H. and I had a consultation to-day and made a little beginning in the direction of pre-payment. We concluded to put on all bills going away, after this time, an offer of one and a half per cent. discount on all remittances made immediately on the receipt of the invoice or bill. I believe that is, substantially, what they are doing at the Agency. Probably we shall print something on the bills when we are fully determined what to say. I am inclined to think it would be a good resolution to begin with, to take all the funds we receive in pre-payment and use them in pre-payment again.

Mr. Cragin.—Are you now buying on the thirty days system for any department?

Mr. Hamilton.—We have not made any decided change in policy. We have not bought much lately, and are not fairly up with the old thirty days accounts.

Mr. Hinds.—Do you think, Mr. Cragin, we had better adopt the policy of pre-payment, immediately?

Mr. Cragin.—My feelings run in that direction. The more I think about what Mr. Noyes said to the family and to me, the more anxious I am to have a beginning made. I should like to have the family go into a committee of the whole, and have all our business men and women make this a matter of prayer, and seek to know the best way of pleasing the powers over us.

I am anxious to push the sale of landed property as fast as we can. I would like to have bills got out very soon, offering the Wilson place, saw-mill, foundry, etc., and also the stone quarry across the creek on the Wager farm, for sale. I have a strong inclination to advertise. I have got by any sensitiveness in reference to having it known that we are pretty heavily saddled with debt, and are anxious to sell off all unprofitable property in order to pay our debts. I don't know but we are going to be called upon to sacrifice our reputation for being wealthy, and so lose our credit. We have had the credit of being so wealthy that it would be safe for any one to trust us even to the amount of \$50,000. It is just as safe now as it ever was, for we should meet all obligations some way. But perhaps we have had too much pride and worldly feeling about our reputation and the trust people reposed in us, and may have looked to man too much, and not enough to God, to sustain our character as a business Community. I think it has been the fact that we have rather dropped down upon our landed property as the basis of our credit, instead of re-

garding it as resting in God and Christ. I am now prepared to be stripped of everything and have no credit with the business world, and be obliged to pay cash down for everything we buy. We are a great deal better prepared for this now than we were eighteen years ago. This is of course looking at the case in an extreme light. But at any rate I want the inspiration of God to control us hereafter in both buying and selling.

I had some reflections to-day, in reference to our past experience, that were profitable to me. When we have been prospered in business our wants have multiplied in proportion. Our expenses have increased without inspiration. Perhaps God is now putting us through a discipline calculated to prepare us for handling any amount of money without being contaminated and having our personal wants multiplied, or becoming puffed up in any way; learning us to handle his property as faithful agents and servants. We must attain to that state where we can have any amount of property around us and not be tempted to any thing that is not dictated by inspiration. That is the state for us as a Community to attain. It is the purpose of God and of Mr. Noyes that we should have a great business in New York, and make a great deal of money without being in the least contaminated by the handling of it.

METEOROLOGICAL.

April 5.

6 A. M. Mercury 56. Hazy sunrise.

12 M. Mercury 76. Clear and fine.

6 P. M. Mercury 72. Hazy sunset.

During the afternoon the mercury rose to 84 deg.