

street to last insisted that the bill was in the interests of manufacturing, and has several times made efforts for the insertion of saving clauses, at least in regard to railed grouse. In the very short sighted piece of business on the part of the Massachusetts Legislature.

The Rev. Samuel May has consented to read before the Society of Antiquary the comments of Oliver Johnson upon the Hon. Eli Thayer's recent address before the Society on the movement in 1831 to organize Kansas with Northern men who would oppose slavery. Mr. May's reply to the invitation is printed in another column and will be found something more than a mere acceptance. It is a pointed and fully expressed opinion. The main question at issue in this controversy,—for that is the point which this discussion has reached,—is the relative importance of the par-

ty of the Garrison abolitionists before the day and by the Kansas Emigrant Society, which mingled practically with its settlement. The question of how these respective classes should be pronounced is lively, because it is personal, but it is one which will not concern the good conciliation. The future historian of the anti-slavery movement will take up the question on its merits, and we may as well treat it according as he may be conservative, or enthusiastic by temperament. Such discussions as this which are just now arising will be of very great aid to the historian of the future. Those men who figured in this important and interesting period, are one by one passing of the scene of existence, and although those that run may not be old men, in the sense of having lost their vigor of mind and body, yet they have come to the period when past events are beginning to have more vivid interest than the events of the future. What is now said and written about the Kansas question will have special value, and hence the less that it is considered in a measure. It will one day be sifted and weighed, and perhaps more impartially than it could be to-day.

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**LOCAL NOTES.**

The Barnum show is expected in this city early next month. In Worcester date will probably be the 10th.

J. J. Pelton has removed her rooms from 310 Main Street to High Street, corner Pleasant Street.

Mr. W. J. Scanlan, who is to play the popular "Shane-in-Laws", for the joint benefit of Treasurer Clifford and Stage-Manager Martin, at the Worcester Theatre, on the evening of the 10th, is meeting with unusual success during his present tour through New England.

Mr. Edward S. Phelps has been appointed superintendent of the New Department of George Leaven.

The State Board of Health has an agent in town to-day striking up the cheap boiler system. In one place where the agent tried to purchase a pound of "grass butter" he was refused the goods, and will probably make a war on the firm.

Copies of the "New England Chantiquary," a pamphlet containing the programme and announcement of the 9th annual session of the N. E. Sunday School Assembly, at Lake View, South Framingham, July 11 to 23, may be obtained of Mr. Eimer G. Tucker, at No. 310 Main Street.

Prof. Walter S. Perry, late instructor of drawing in this city, will read a paper on "Drawing in high schools" before the Chicago Art Education, which meets in Chicago July 12 to 18. He will probably be connected with this a collection of drawings by the pupils of the Worcester High School.

The young physicians have changed their place of meeting to the Natural History rooms, where other physicians ordering medicines are welcome. The subject at last evening's meeting was "Infantism." At the next meeting Dr. "Sarasota" will occupy their attention. It is proposed to hold meetings Monday at 7:30 P. M.

The death of Gen. Aaron P. Stevens of Nashua is reported to-day. It will cause regret in a considerable degree where he was well known through his long connection with the Worcester and Nashua Railroad.

The choir and Sunday school of St. Peter's Church will hold a May festival to continue three evenings. To-night the choir will give a concert and every one is invited. The next evening a coffee supper will be served. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the church.

Friends of Russell Billings of Boston, who went down to the first representation of his new play, "The Girl and Mr. Hives," written by

**BRAWNY OARSMAN.**

**Eubear and Hanlan Talk About Training and Eating.**

A Sparring Exhibition Given by Amateur and His Company.

Yesterday was the greatest day at Lake since the season opened. The men who are out in their new boats, except Ten Eyck, who sacrificed his morning row to attend to his duties at home as a news-broker. Lucky Jim Long, ever found time about 6 o'clock, to take a short spin on the water. The oarsmen were paid the compliments of a visit by Mr. Joe Murphy and company, including the manager, Mr. Thomas H. Dublin, Mrs. Martine, Mr. and Mrs. Byers.

After the theatrical party were shown the captures of the bear house and the points,—about twenty man-made walls they took positions on the grassy point just behind the boat to greet the oarsmen who proclaimed, "By then the special honor of a spin." Well, take off your coat, boys and give the ladies a treat" said Mr. Murphy, as he whisked a camp chair to a conveniently stony point and lifted his hat in his salutation to appreciate the verbal blow. While the oarsmen were getting ready the company was entertained by several amusements, among which was the John Street race, who promise good work for the season. After splashing and splashing about in the water for some time, the rowers called the course and Eubear dropped his shell over the float and pushed out. O'Connell came next from O'Leary's and then Hanlan plashed down the water, lightly bearing his aquatic treasure, in which for the second time he fell over his head. The injunction not to think too much on one side, the injunction not to think fully cared for from the wharf and jolly body of the middle of the race. Eubear was hailed for O'Connor and the Toronto boat started. O'Connor was a fair while and then the shells blades rose and

**SHIPPED IN LIVERY COACH.**

First O'Connor took the lead, then he lost it to the ex-claimant, who could scarcely do so, but he was a good deal ahead of the rest of the fleet. At the end of the race the horse stretch and here was the contest of muscle and skill.

Just men were banded better here before and even better than they were at the Lake. River with his stakes, the championship of the world, did the famous sculler show a better form of quickness of distance was not far behind a mile and of course Hanlan, now that the young Toronto had come to the fore, had never been beaten, he rowed as fast as

slipped through. On the first row the front entrance opens into a vestibule and a hall, on the left of which is a private office 15 by 15 feet with a large window. The room is well furnished, the rear of the private office is a reception room 10 1/2 by 18 feet. These two rooms have open fire places. Beyond the reception room is the book-keeper's office 15 by 25 feet. The main entrance is through a side entrance and side hall one of which is the lavatory.

Woodworth has made the plan for a house for Mr. J. W. Fernald to be built on Vermont Street. The house is to consist of 6 rooms and a bath-room.

**INTERSTATE COMMERCE.**

**Freight Agents Opinions—The Tendency of the Law.**

**Effect upon Rates.**

The Interstate Commerce bill, which Congress undertook to regulate railroad traffic, continues to be as deep a mystery as ever, and all sorts of stories are afloat as to its alleged effect on business. One story is working great hardships upon the people by the increase in prices of commodities in daily use, another that it is that business is going to be ruined in consequence, and it, and a variety of other things are reported such as an increased price of lumber and brick. In relation to the latter, Agent George E. Howes of the Boston and Maine Railroad says there is no truth whatever. New Hampshire railroads are brought to Worcester as cheaply as ever. No new rates have yet been made on lumber from the White Mountains region, and when they shall be made they are quite as likely to be a little lower as a little higher than before, but that is all.

A team among some of the local freight agents, by a Gazette reporter, yesterday, was remarkable for the small amount of information to be obtained. They did not seem to think it advisable to say anything about the bill, they should be right foot in it. One good illustration of the working of the long and short hand clause of the law was found. The Fitzburg Railroad used to quote an all-rail coal business in this city, amounting sometimes from 10,000 to 12,000 tons per month. The road also has a skill rated at 10 cents in the north part of the country, at a rate of \$1.37 per ton from North Adams. Most of the coal from the coal fields come to Worcester by a route larger, but they are freight lower than to plants farther inland, or when brought to the city by rail, as by the Fitzburg. The Fitzburg obtains its coal business by giving the nominal rate of \$1.37 to Worcester, and

**FATINO A BREAK.**

In every instance where the long hand clause interferes with the rate, the railroads have produced it short hand by increasing their own haul

**THE SLAVERY QUESTION.**

**Letter from the Rev. Samuel May**

**Eli Thayer and Garrison.**

**Interesting Criticisms.**

Rev. Samuel May, of Leicester, has sent the following reply to the invitation of the Worcester Society of Antiquity to read, at its meeting this evening, in Natural History Hall, the paper of the Rev. Eli Thayer, read before the meeting of Hon. Eli Thayer's recent address upon the Kansas Emigrant Aid Society.

WORCESTER, MAY 7, 1887.  
To Elizeb B. Crane, Esq., President of the Worcester Society of Antiquity, and signed also by other gentlemen of Worcester,—all letters by me in high respect,—making that I would read to the Society, on the evening of Tuesday, May 10, a paper by Oliver Johnson, Esq. of New York, reviewing the recent address of Hon. Eli Thayer before your Society on the Kansas Emigrant Aid Society, a review of which I have carefully seen and am enabled to read his paper to you from great physical infirmity.

I have felt some pleading my years, &c., as reasons for declining calls of a public nature, but I have felt that I should do so from my fellow-members of the Society of Antiquity, and from those other gentlemen of your city who have lent their names, come to me not only as a high honor, but also with the force of a command. I felt it to be almost duty to accept your invitation, and I will do my best to do so.

And here I should stop, but for the idea which seems to be entertained in some quarters, that there is disposition to misunderstand what I should be thought to represent, to misunderstand the work of the Society of Antiquity, and to misunderstand my invitation. I should respectfully decline your invitation to read my friend Johnson's paper, if I were not so glad to do so. I have no objection, had a thought of rivalry with it, or any such thing, to derive from his address, and I am confident, I might indeed admit that more than one of our friends of the Society of Antiquity followed up and supplemented as it was by the bold and resolute stand taken by John Brown and his associates in the Anti-slavery Society originally organized. But the idea of rivalry, or any such thing, is not only possible could have had, any hostility to any sort and probable method of overthrowing or overthrowing the Society of Antiquity, but I have no objection to the fact that Mr. Thayer, when bringing before you his paper, should have the opportunity to introduce a letter and an extended attack upon Mr. Garrison and his associates. To my mind, as a matter of opportunity the society granted him, seems without any fault on his part, to have had an abundance of opportunity in the meetings of any of our public societies. In this our society, it stands the first instance of such discourtesy as I trust it will ever remain the only one. I am sure that the fact that the name of one of Mr. Garrison to honorable and grateful remembrance will be checked by Mr. Thayer's step and unwarranted attack upon the Society, the right of dissent and criticism can never be assumed, and that the Society's recreation will never be justified. The worst that can be said of Mr. Johnson's paper is that it is a best,—it will be as soon and heartily sorry for the mistake he has made and the wrong he has done. Let us neither regret nor regret the fall of slavery; be profoundly thankful if any good or desirable result should be accomplished; set our faces band, so long as it is day with us, to the work yet to be done for the redemption of our country.

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