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THE DAIRYMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Milk Producers' Institute, which is the result of the efforts of the men of Friday and Thursday of next week, as announced elsewhere in our columns, is an event which, on many interests, is in any way in the milk industry can afford to miss. Many good speakers will attend who will talk upon the subjects which are of great interest to you, and even those who are not possible to attend this event, it will be a pleasure to listen to them, and you will surely learn some things to your advantage. It is, besides, a good opportunity to meet your friends and neighbors, and, besides milk producers, and their things, there should be some who will come to pay their respects and do their duty.

It will interest all.

The evening session, on Wednesday, will be of an entertaining nature and of special interest to the women. It should not be missed. The program which the officers have issued gives the names of all the speakers and tells what they are going to talk about.

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#### SEND ITEMS IN EMAILED

Last week we were obliged to omit several good news items, which came in after the time of our printing. We are sorry to say that, although we are always on the lookout for news items should it be in by ten o'clock

Thursday morning, and if it is, we will

and then we will be able to use it.

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THE OLD HOME TOWN

By T. R. Hawks

When I was but a boyful lad I dabbled in thy brooks.

Or went with playmate boys and girls to school to com my books.

I wandered o'er the near by hills, or strayed through woods and fields.

Extracting all the sweets the earth to childhood kindly yields.

In wintertime we boys were in for winter sports with vim.

And snowdrifted, coasted, skated, did Frank, and Joe and Jim,

And Miles and Albert, Carl and Howard, myself and many more.

The most of whom have left the place, some for that far off shore

I knew the houses, stores and shops, and even all the trees.

That shaded every street and that were fanned by every breeze;

The puddles in the roadways, and the lanes through which we walked.

The fences made of pickets, over which the women talked.

The sidewalk made from boards, in which were always many holes.

The miseries about which neighbors quarreled, bless their souls.

I knew the town's old landmarks, then, the windmill at the south,

The bounces where our heroes rest, who faced the cannon's mouth.

The high school in the north of town, where Simonds used to teach,

And Derby and then Austin placed their learning in our reach,

And Dickinson's old drug store, Mr. Conn's old planing mill,

And many buildings which are gone, though some are standing, still.

I see the woods and bushes where we boys oft gathered nuts.

I see the dear old roadways, which were all cut up with ruts.

The monster maple tree that stands at Powers' corner lot,

The house and barn of Elias that all time don't seem to rot,

The well at Mcintosh's, where I drunk from out a gourd.

A thousand things come crowding up from memory's musty hoard.

I knew the boys and knew the girls that round the village played,

The fathers and the mothers who were more solicit and staid.

I loved those dear old sacred spots, and loved those people, too;

The thoughts of them sweepes my soul and thrill me through and through.

It seems to me that it is winter in the days of long ago.

Come John and Henry, Wayly, Frank, and let us skating go.

Come Phil and Carl and Miles and Ed, lets pile the snow in heaps.

On Wilmuth's pond, let's clear it out, and skiate right to keep.

Come Nettie, Emma, May and Nell, the ice is smooth as glass;

Come Jenne, Lottie, Cora and every bonnie lass.

Go gather all the boys and girls, whose names the haze of time has dimmed within my memory, the sport is just sublime.

It will restore the blush of youth to every dear old face.

Inspire the souls of all of us with all the old time grace.

Come boys, my blood's a'fire, and awfrest thought within me whirls.

On blades of steel we'll glide tonight with all the old-time girls.

Let's shake the rounds of all the ponds, and coast down Holmes' hill.

And have a snowball battle, boys, with royal, right good will,

Then have a sleighing party, and we'll ride upon the straw.

And take the girls, God bless them, for tonight their word is law.

Extend the dream, don't bring me back, as yet awhile, too now.

I see the old two-room school house. It has become, somehow.

A sacred milestone in the path of Barrington's career—

We little toots, who studied there, our forms are getting sear.

I see the dear old teachers, and I see the old playground.

As nature's God had made it, here a slope and there a mound;

No terraces nor seeded lawn surrounds the schoolhouse door.

Was formed in nature's fashion in the dear old days of yore.

Again I'm in the schoolroom, and I'm in the reading class.

God grant we prize our schooldays we should before they pass.

Our lesson is a poem through which my prophetic soul

In some way seemed to see the intervening years until.

The statous held my name and then, I think, they ended so.

And swing our sweethearts, pretty girls, just twenty years ago.

And now these twenty years and more have passed away my head.

And most of my old schoolmates now have gone away or dead.

A few are left to greet me, but little do they guess.

The thrill that passes through me as their hands I gladly press.

One sweet, fair girl, I daily saw when I was but a lad,

Was still within the village—Ah, why should I tell so sad?

Why in t' Jemine, leaves of time will never backward fold?

We then might see our friends just like they were in days of old.

I look from mother's cottage as the children pass the door,

But I can see no children that I knew in days of yore.

At the about town I see young men, and maidens sweet and shy.

But none of them are youth or maid I knew in days gone by.

The gray-haired folk I know who have succumbed to death's attack.

I feel I'd give a million if 'twould only call them back.

Still lives the old schoolhouse was added to, until the rooms were six;

An ample, up-to-date schoolhouse now stands there, built of brick.

The night of production, and in operatic circles it was a success.

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