

Remarkable Days.

- 1 Parliament Buildings burnt at Quebec, 1854
- 2 Purif. Virgin Mary.
- 3 SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY
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- 5 *Much falling weather.*
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- 7 *Fine*
- 8 Tea picking in China begins again.
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- 10 QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY
- 11 *Cold.*
- 12 Shrove Tuesday.
- 13 Ash Wednesday. Oregon admitted as 33d State in American Union
- 14 Valentine's Day.
- 15 *Storm.*
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- 17 1st SUNDAY in LENT.
- 18 Luther died 1546. Battle of Eupatoria, 1855. *Quite pleasant.*
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- 22 Washington b. 1732
- 23 *A driving*
- 24 2d SUN. in LENT. ST. MATTHIAS
- 25 Napoleon escaped *storm*
- 26 from Elba, 1815. *may be expected.*
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You have a little time to spare now, and, after doing up the chores, suppose you spend a part of it in reading and mental improvement. A farmer ought to keep up with the times as well as other people. He ought to know as much, and a little more. Last Nov. I gave you a list of works on farming, which I thought should be on every farmer's shelf. I have no doubt you got them, and that it was money

well laid out; but, if it slipped your mind, it is not too late yet. It will be, though, when spring work begins, and you feel sleepy and tired at night, and won't have time to read. Many a man has got a single hint from a good book or newspaper, that put many a dollar in his pocket. That's the reading that pays; and my experience has been that those who keep up a good degree of mental activity, reading and seeking knowledge from every source, always get along the best in life.

But mind you don't neglect the chores. Look out sharp for the health and comfort of your live stock, this cold weather. Don't expose them to driving storms. It costs more than it comes to. Give them clean, well aired barns, sweet feed, and plenty of it. If you have cows in milk, remember they can't create anything out of nothing.

To live with a true economy is to live wisely. The man who lives otherwise has no prudent regard for his own happiness. But there is no worse folly than false economy.

They are best situated for happiness who are neither too high nor too low—high enough to cultivate good manners, and obscure enough to be left in the sweetest of solitudes.

Charity would lose its name were it influenced by so mean a motive as human praise.

The truly independent man is he who is free from obligations.