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-with a large fire of pitch pine wood glowing upon the hearth. This tempera-ture, however, is of rare occurrence-for the fact remains undeniable in the evidence of one's senses-for, on looking out of the window, the garden flowers remain untouched, the roses and japonicas continue to smile beneath their foliage, as if the cold snap had no terrors for them. Today the mercury stands at 62°. Next month, March, the range will be 70°, our average ummer weather at home.

This place reminds me very much of Fredericton, in a very important respect, and the thought makes me feel quite at home, viz., the great liberty the cows enjoy, for they have full possession of the streets and squares, and bellow about everywhere at their own sweet will-nor do they respect the sidewalk any more than our cows do; but Tallahassee is a little ahead of us in another respect-even the pigs seemed to have shared all the privileges as well as the cows when the mancipation act came into force-for these innocent little creatures are constantly to be met with wherever one walks on the streets and highways; but they are not at all sluggish animals, whose only ambition is to eat and live. They seem to go through the streets like racers. I saw two of them, yesterday, scudding along at full speed, as though they had some objective oint in view, and were vieing to see which should get there first. In fact, all the pigs here are full-blooded and great racers.

The tide of travel hitherward has not been very great this season. This is accounted for in two ways, viz., the open winter at the North and the yellow fever visitation at Jacksonville, which seems to have discouraged the usual winter visitors

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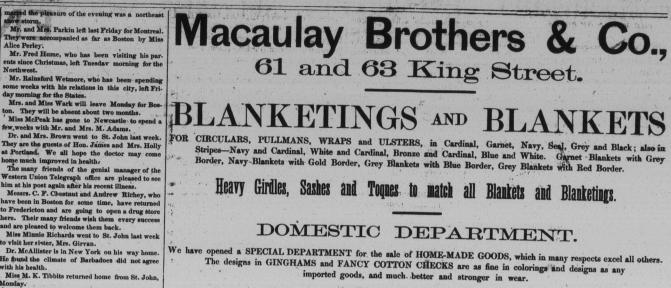
PROGRESS, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Parks' Mill,

Ar. Prod Rune, who has been visiting his par-ents since Christmas, left Tuesdav morning for the Northwest. Mr. Rainsford Wetmore, who has been spending some weeks with his relations in this city, left Fri-day morning for the States. Mrs. and Miss Wark will leave Monday for Bos-ton. They will be absent about two months. Miss McPeak has gone to Newcastle to spend a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. M. Adams. Dr. and Mrs. Brown went to St. John last week. They are the gruests of Hon. James and Mrs. Holly at Portland. We all hope the doctor may come home much improved in health. The many friends of the genial manager of the Western Union Telegraph office are pleased to see him at his post again after his recent illness. Mesars. C. F. Chestnut and Andrew Ritchey, who have been in Boston for some time, have returned to Fredericton and are going to open a drug store here. Their many friends wish them every success and are pleased to welcome them back. Miss Minite Richards went to St. John last week to visit her sister, Mrs. Girran. Dr. McAllister is in New York on his way home. He found the climate of Barbadoes did not agree with his health.

with his health. Miss M. K. Tibbits returned home from St. John

Monday. I have heard of three more weddings which are to take place in the near future. Miss Annie Lugvin sang a song last Thursday evening in her very best style, in the oid Kirk, on the occasion of Rev. Mr. Macnelli's lecture. Mr. Randolph Yerxa has gone to Boston to take a clerkship in Cobb, Bates & Yerxa's grocery. STRLLA.



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visitation at Jacksonville, which seems to have discouraged the usual winter visitors in a marked degree. Last year, I am told, the hotels and boarding-houses in this place were filled to overflowing, while this season it is quite otherwise, which fact may be due to one of the above assigned causes—the very mild weather at the North—certainly not to the other cause, for the yellow fever is as great a stranger in this place as it has ever been in New York or Boston, and the reason for this is obvious and apparent even to a stranger. The home of yellow fever, malaria and all billous diseases is in low, boggy, swampy lands—whereas the features of Leon coun-ty, of which Tallahasee forms the centre, as well as the capital of the state, are hills elevated 200 feet above the sea's level, affording thorough drainage. It is said to be one of the healthiest places, not only in the South, but in the world. The death rate, according to the well authenticated vital statistics before me, assures me of this fact. Although the population of Talla-hassee is said to be 3.500, there are but three physicians in the place. But more upon this head hareafter. Be the cause, however, what it may, there is an abund-ance of room this year for northern visi-tors, whereas last winter every house was filled. Cabbages and turnips are growing in the gardens about, the same as with us in the

olde. Tabbages and turnips are growing in the gardens about, the same as with us in the middle of summer, and exposed tor sale in the stores—while peas are a foot above ground, and the strawberry is in blossom. Early March will bring these latter to our table. While some folks are planting potatoes, others have them some inches above ground. In fact, they are sowing and summer alike. Our garden is now in the process of digging. Whether we shall gather the fruit of our sowing is a problems —as our visit may run out before our peas come up and ripen, so that we only expect while others have the huxny of seeing them grow, while others have the huxny of sum finders all right, whatever betide the future. G. E. F.

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