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## POETRY.

[For the Oxford Democrat.]  
**Written on the Death of a Brother.**

Sadness steals o'er us  
As he means this gloom?  
Death has been near us,  
And sealed for the tomb,  
One of our number—  
The fairest and best;  
How sweet in his slumber  
How peaceful his rest.

We all are mourning  
Deep is our grief,  
Tears gush like a fountain  
But afford no relief,  
For the spirit is stricken  
And the heart is oppressed,  
Yet the loved and the lost one  
Is now with the blessed.

'Twas twilight, and a fitting hour  
For souls like his to steal,  
Away from earth like some fair flower  
Impressed with heaven's seal;  
And thus a gentle spirit's gone  
To seek its home above,  
And mingle with that holy throng  
With him whose name is love.

When the Autumn winds were sighing  
He left our household band,  
Now in heaven he is waiting  
To give the welcome hand.

No. Paris, Jan. 20, 1868. N. L. P.

## THREE.

BY NORA CREINA.  
Three tiny, lovely, sweet darlings  
All nestled together asleep,  
Pillowed in one little basket,  
With dimpled hands folded so neat.

Find them a bed where the violets  
And rose-tinted twin flowers bloom,  
Part the brown turf and the heather—  
And for the young birdlings make room.

Bring the first buds of spring beauties,  
"Antennae" white as the snow,  
Willow boughs tasselled with silver;  
And cover the damp earth below.

Call the wee birds of the valley,  
To sing o'er the loved-baby's spot,  
To soothe the dear little children  
To come to me—bolder them not.

Norway, April 17th, 1868.

## SPEAK GENTLY.

BY MARY TAYLOR.  
Speak gently to the erring one,  
Whose heart is saddened with dismay,  
Do not mock his only hope,  
But impart a hidden ray.

Speak gently, with a smile of joy,  
Scatter light along his way—  
Scatter beams of heavenly light,  
That may guide him on to day.

Speak gently, what a little word  
But to the sad heart so dear;  
It is a beacon to the soul,  
And a thing of right good cheer.

Speak gently, mortal, ye are frail!  
This world at best is cold and drear;  
Then strive to love thy brother man,  
And begin thy heaven here.

Norway, Feb. 20th, 1868.

## MISCELLANY.

### THE OUTLAWED NOTE.

BY CLARA AUGUSTA.  
Adela Marsh closed the heavy cover of the desk with a sigh of relief. At last it was all settled. She could afford to give herself a little rest, now. She had cleared her dead father's name in the eye of the world. She had paid every debt, satisfied every claim, however small, and found herself alone in the world, with just five hundred dollars—her sole capital.

Well, it was small enough perhaps, but it was a much larger fortune than she had expected to have. She thought it would have taken every cent to pay the liabilities, and that perhaps she would be forced to sell the watch and chain given her by her father. But she had been saved from the sacrifice. She prized this gift, not because of its intrinsic value, but because it had been his last gift. Only the night before he died he had fastened the chain around her neck, and kissed her as he said—"Adela, dear, keep this always to remember your poor father by."

At the time she had wondered why he had said "poor father," but afterwards she thought that perhaps he had some dim premonition of his coming death. For before the morning dawned he was seized with apoplexy, and the next day's sunset left a flash on his dead face.

It was generally supposed that Hampson Marsh was a man of wealth; but after his death, an examination of his papers revealed the fact that many of his investments were unsafe ones, and that he was largely indebted to different parties.

Before his business could be settled, one of those great financial crises to which this country is subject swept the land, carrying destruction everywhere; and the institution where Mr. Marsh had placed the larger part of his property went down in the general crash.

And Adela knew then that if she paid off the debts she should have left only a heritage of poverty. She might have taken advantage of the law, and retained sufficient of the assets to have made her comfortable; but she was too conscientious to cheat a single creditor. No one should say she was living on other people's money. All these debts had been legally incurred, she said; and the creditors had expected to be

paid. And even to the last cent she intended to satisfy them.

For more than three months she had toiled at the dingy office, assisted by her father's legal adviser, Mr. Stearns, a faithful, kind-hearted old fellow, who would gladly have paid the debts out of his own pocket to have saved Adela the trouble, if he had only been able.

But at last everything was arranged. The last creditor had been paid, and Adela looked his receipt in full away in the great desk.

Stearns had gone home. She was alone, and in no hurry to go. She boarded now, and her room was just over the room of a music teacher, and the broken stringed piano was being tortured from morning till night. The sound annoyed Adela, and she was glad of the quiet of the little back room office.

It was in March, and still cold enough for a fire. She moved up to the grate, and leaned back in the well-worn leather-cushioned chair, thinking. She was poor enough, and must depend on herself hereafter; but after all, she felt satisfied. I think we all have that feeling when we have done to the very best of our ability what duty requires of us.

She rose at last to go home, and then she observed a slip of folded paper lying on the floor just under her desk. She picked it up with a vague fear at her heart—why she could not have told. It was something which had slipped from the desk without her notice. She unfolded it, but at the first glimpse of the ominous heading, the letters all swam together, and she had to sit down a moment and collect her thoughts before she could read it.

"For value received, I promise to pay Edward Romaine, or order, one thousand and two hundred dollars, on demand, with interest."  
"HAMPTON MARSH."

She sat still, like one who has received a sudden blow. Another debt still to settle; and she had not half money enough in the world to cancel it! Then a bright hope arose. The note was in her father's well-known hand writing; there could be no doubt as to its genuineness; but it had been in his possession, perhaps it had been paid, and he had kept the note instead of destroying it. But no. That hope was quenched almost immediately, for on turning the paper she saw the word "Copy" written across the back. It was a peculiarity of her father's to keep copies of all the notes he gave, and indeed of every paper of any consequence.

Twelve hundred dollars! Where was the money to come from? Twelve hundred? Yes, the debt must be more than that—there was the interest. She looked at the date—eight years back—and a cry of joy broke from her lips. The note was outlawed!—There was no indorsement of paid instalments on the back to save it, and in law it could not be recovered!

Only for a moment did this thought afford Adela any satisfaction. She remembered that honor was one thing and law another. She knew very well how that debt was incurred. She had heard her father speak of it. He had purchased goods of Mr. Romaine for several years, and at one time he had taken more than he had the money to pay for. Romaine was an easy sort of a man, and so the thing had run on until the note was really worthless. But her father had always intended to pay it. Not more than a year previous, Adela had heard him speak of it, and she had supposed he had seen to it at once. But she had been wrong in her conjecture.

She took her pencil and a bit of paper, and calculated the interest. She was aghast at the sum total. Almost two thousand dollars! Strange that interest will run up so! And how should she raise the amount?

Her watch and chain must go. There was no help for it now. She did not know how much the two would bring, but they ought certainly to sell for enough to pay the debt. They cost a great deal more. The watch was set with diamonds, and the chain had a diamond brooch with an emerald cluster in the centre.

She took out the watch, and kissed it tenderly, with tears in her eyes. Then she put on her hat and sack, and went up to Bird & Cassell's, the great jewelry store at the corner. Mr. Bird had been a friend of her father's, and she took him aside and showed him the articles.

"They are very valuable," he said, looking them over; "but surely you do not wish to dispose of them?"

"Yes, sir; that was my object in calling here," And she stated briefly the reason why she wanted the two thousand dollars.

"My dear Miss Marsh," said Mr. Bird, "I must admire your integrity, but at the same time under the circumstances, I should advise you to let the matter remain just as it is. Edward Romaine is dead, and his son has succeeded him in the business. He is rich enough so give away twenty such notes, and has probably never thought of recovering this debt. I would do nothing more about it."

"My father desired to pay it," said Adela firmly; "and although it is outlawed, it

does not alter the fact that the obligation remains undischarged. What will you give me for the watch and chain?"

"I will give you two thousand for the watch," said the jeweller, "and you can keep the chain."

The bargain was concluded, and Adela went to tell Mr. Stearns of what she had done, and to get young Romaine's address.

Mr. Stearns approved of her plan; but still he said he did not suppose it was one which would ever be generally adopted; and after a while he bunted up the address. Mr. Gilbert Romaine, No. —, Broadway New York.

"That's his place of business," said Mr. Stearns; "but here's a card with the number of his residence; perhaps you had better send the draft there."

Mr. Gilbert Romaine sat at ease in one of the splendid parlors of his handsome uptown residence one drizzly April evening. He was a very fine-looking young man of twenty-eight or thirty; but just now his face wore an expression of *ennui*, which detracted somewhat from its good looks.

"Heartless! every one of them!" he ejaculated to himself, for he had no other audience, if we except a greyhound lying asleep on the hearth-rug. "Now, I did think Lucille Gramont was made of different material; but it seems I was mistaken. Here she has gone and made poor Atherton wretched, just because that brainless Booseth happens to have a few thousands more! I wonder if there is an honest, single-minded woman in the whole world?"

"What's that about woman?" asked his sister Claribel, sweeping into the room radiant in silk and jewels.

"Oh, nothing," yawned Romaine.

"Don't fib," said she, stooping to kiss his cheek. "Come, Gilbert, do stir yourself. We shall be late at Mrs. Fanshawe's. And it is going to be the ball of the season."

"They are all the balls, Bella," and he drew her down on his knee as he spoke. "I had rather stay here with you, dear—"

"Oh, nonsense! Gilbert you ought to have a wife to pet. See there! you have mused my puffed undersleeves shockingly. Don't, Gilbert!" as she stole another kiss; my hair will be ruined, and Florine spent full an hour crimping it!"

"And it looks like a respectable colored person's, Bella, dear," said Gilbert, teasingly, and receiving a box on the ear for the somewhat equivocal compliment. "Ah, here comes the mail! let me just glance over my letters, and I am at your service."

There were several of them—all in buff envelopes except one. And that was subscribed in a lady's hand. Gilbert looked the others over carelessly, and took up this last one with a little feeling of curiosity. He did not know the writing, and he had no female correspondents. He broke the seal, and a draft on a country bank fell out. There was a brief note accompanying—stating the facts of the case, and asking Mr. Romaine to return the bond which he held against the late Hampson Marsh—and also to receipt the undersigned for the amount inclosed. The "undersigned" was Adela Marsh.

Romaine had to tax his memory a long time before he could recall anything about the matter. Then he remembered having at some time seen among his father's papers a note with the name of Marsh at the bottom. But he had noticed that it was outlawed, and had thought no more about it.

Well, here was an exhibition of honesty in a woman which was decidedly refreshing. He remained silent so long thinking it over, that Claribel got out of patience, and wanted to know if he intended going to Mrs. Fanshawe's, or reading proxy letters?

"Pardon me, dear," he answered, rousing himself. "I have been surprised by the contents of one of these letters. An old debt has been paid which I had given up long ago. Here, Claribel, I'll give you the draft for pin-money. I suppose St. John will be close as a miser with you."

"Thank you," said Claribel, blushing rosy at the mention of the man to whom she was so soon to be wedded. "St. John is a prince!"

"I only hope you will think so ten years after the honeymoon is over," said Gilbert, and went up to his room to make some alterations in his dress, before presenting himself at the house of the aristocratic Mrs. Fanshawe.

It was a little curious, perhaps, seeing that Mr. Romaine always burned all his letters, that he should carry Adela's brief business communication about with him in his pocket book. Occasionally he took it out and read it over, as if to refresh his memory. And after his house was left to him desolate, by the departure of his sister on her bridal tour, he took to reading the letter every day; of course he could not help feeling an interest in the writer, after following this business for a couple of weeks—or perhaps it was the interest he felt in her that prompted him to keep on reading her letter.

It was a noble thing to do! he said to himself. To pay up a debt which could never

have been recovered. He thought there were not many men honest enough to do it. He hoped Miss Marsh had properly enough left, so that she could never feel the loss of the paltry two thousand. He would have sent the draft back to her if he had thought of it at the time. But then Marsh was reported wealthy—so of course she had rather pay it.

Then he fell to wondering, as he had, in truth, many times before. How did she look? Was she young or old? Married? He thought not, for the name signed to the bottom of the letter was Adela Marsh.

Finally, Romaine decided to go to Parkersburg. That was where Adela lived; but then he was not going on her account. He wanted to see Fred Hardy, and Fred lived in Parkersburg. It was a little singular that during the ten years of Mr. Frederick Hardy's residence in that locality Mr. Romaine had never developed a desire to see him before.

What creatures of impulse we all are—in spite of our boasted reason and self-poise! We weigh some matter *pro* and *con*, and then a mere trifle decides us.

Romaine found Hardy delighted to see him, and Mrs. Hardy was in the same gratifying state of mind. Romaine was shown the baby, told all her cunning little tricks and antics several times over, and then Mrs. Hardy took her off to the nursery, and left Fred and Romaine to talk over old times amid the smoke of their cigars. We wonder how men who do not smoke ever get confidential! Somebody says that women are never confidential until their back hair is let down—and it is quite as certain that men are never very communicative until they get one room at least, full of smoke.

Fred told all about his courtship, and dwelt on the virtues and graces of his Kate, and the charms of his baby, which was the only baby of the kind ever known! There never could be another like it!

Then, when Fred had talked himself out, Romaine began to inquire into the capabilities of the vicinity; and learned, after a great deal of, as he thought, skillful questioning, that Adela Marsh was one of the prettiest young ladies in town. But she was reduced to work for a living, and during the past month she had been an operative in the Parkersburg cotton mill. She might have taught, or worked for Miss Grimes, the milliner, Fred said; but she preferred the factory. She should feel more independent.

Romaine laid awake half the night planning how he should manage to meet Miss Marsh. First he thought of visiting the mill—then of calling at her boarding house, and claiming her acquaintance; finally he decided on the very wisest thing. He told Mrs. Hardy that he wanted to meet Miss Marsh, and she arranged it all without the least trouble. She had a tea party, and invited Adela. Fred looked on with sagacious eyes, for he had flattered himself that from the first he had known just what Romaine was "driving at." He had told Kate, in the first place, that Gilbert Romaine had not come all the way from New York without some object in view.

Mr. Romaine walked home with Adela that night, to the infinite disgust of Miss Le Forrest—the belle of the village, who had counted on the special honor of Mr. Romaine's escort for herself.

Perhaps you will think that he was hasty; but when he left Adela that night at her boarding-house, Gilbert Romaine had made up his mind in regard to a very important matter. If ever he married, his wife would be Adela Marsh.

He remained at Parkersburg so long that his partner sent for him to return, saying that if he did not do so before long, he should look out for another partner. Romaine's reply was brief and characteristic.

"DEAR FANSHAW:—Have patience. I am looking out a new partner myself."  
"ROMAINE"

Just six weeks after Romaine's arrival at Parkersburg, he was married in the little parish church, and Adela Marsh was the bride. Her husband's presents to her were magnificent and costly, but more than anything else she prized the watch given her once by her father—sold to save his honor, and restored to her now by one she loved better than life.

A Prussian journal relates a story of a Jewish congregation which determined to present to the Rabbi a ton of wine, in token of their respect and love. Each was to bring a bottle and pour the contents into the receptacle. After the plan had been carried out, the cask was tapped and found to be filled with pure water. Each one of the donors had conceived the idea that in such a quantity a single bottle of water would not be detected, and the result was as stated.

There is no spot of moral dirt that a pile of greenbacks will not cover, and there is no pool so foul that some men will not dive into it, if there is money at the bottom.

The editor of the Gospel Banner, who heard Dickens read in Portland, speaks of the personal appearance of Mr. Dickens as somewhat different from the usual newspaper descriptions of that celebrated individual. He is about five feet nine inches in height, with pretty good sized shoulders and head, but rather lightly formed below, weighing, perhaps, one hundred and fifty pounds. He is gray with a bald head on the top and back, but with hair combed so as to favor its appearance. His forehead is not so massive nor his countenance so intellectual looking as his pictures show. His face is not one that a stranger would regard as remarkable, and if seen in a crowd, people would not be likely to ask "What gentleman is that?" His eyes are blue, his brows rather heavy, and the complexion of his face florid and healthful. His dress was arranged very neatly and in keeping with the occasion. In his reading he makes no effort at display of eloquence or oratory, but his style is that of a right-down story-teller. The audience were delighted with the performance, and it is said that Mr. Dickens has expressed himself as being highly pleased with his reception in Portland.

The Maine Board of Agriculture, at its late session, passed a vote directing the several Agricultural Societies receiving bounty from the State, to offer in premiums for the encouragement of wheat culture, during the current year, a sum not less than one-fourth of the amount of bounty so received during the year. The vote is under statute enactment, and any society omitting to offer premiums will lose the bounty.

Have you ever read the "Ancient Mariner?" asked Rev. Mr. Spurgeon one day of his congregation. "I dare say you have thought it one of the strangest imaginations ever put together, especially that part where the old mariner represents the corpses of all the dead men rising up to manage the ship—dead men pulling the ropes, dead men steering, dead men spreading the sails. I thought what a strange idea that was. But do you know that I have lived to see that true; I have seen it done. I have gone into churches and I have seen a dead man in the pulpit, and a dead man as deacon, and a dead man holding the plate, and dead men sitting to bear."

A new wonder called "Planchette," has made its appearance in Portland. It is a heart shaped piece of wood, about 8 inches long, by seven in its widest part. There are two pentagonal wheels at the widest end, and a pencil at the other. It is placed upon a sheet of white paper—two persons place their hands on it, and then a question being asked, by either of the parties or a third person, the pencil writes an answer—sometimes correct, sometimes not. They are manufactured and sold in Portland for \$3.00. What next?

A good joke is told since the late fire in Bridgeport, Conn., inasmuch as Messrs. Hatch & Watson, insurance agents, whose office was badly damaged, were not insured. There is an old saying that "shoemakers always go barefoot."

In Virginia, in 1851, a woman was indicted, tried, and sentenced to two years' imprisonment for teaching a slave to read. The indictment reads as follows:

"And the said—, not having the fear of God before her eyes, but moved and instigated thereto by the devil, did teach a negro woman to read the Bible, to the great displeasure of Almighty God, etc."

This was a Democratic indictment, under a Democratic law, in a Democratic State.

A blue horse, without hair, is exhibited at London. Any horse without hair would be blue in the weather we have had lately.

The value of the property in New Orleans recently decided in favor of Mrs. General Gaines, is \$7,000,000.

It is estimated that emigrants are going to Wisconsin at the rate of a thousand a week.

"Gentlemen" said the clerk of a certain hotel to his guests at eleven o'clock, "I don't know whether you have talked enough or not, but as for myself, I am going to shut up."

Vice is the saucer of the cup of sorrow. Is it not singular that army surgeons should wait until after the battle to take up arms?

Advice to parties in doubt whether to buy or hire a house—O! two evil choose the leased.

"What," inquired a school-master, "is the plural of penny?" "Two pence!" shouted the sharpest in the class.

What liquor is most like (or should be put in) a sherry cobbler? Monongahela, of course.

"I am certain, wife, that I am right, and that you are wrong, I'll bet my ears on it."

"Indeed husband, you should not carry betting to such extreme lengths."



# The Oxford Democrat

PARIS, MAINE, MAY 1, 1868.

## Second District. UNION REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

The Union Republicans of the Second Congressional District are requested to meet in Convention by delegates, at Auburn, on Wednesday, the 6th day of May next, at one o'clock, P. M., to select two delegates to represent the District in the National Union Republican Convention, to be held in Chicago, Illinois, on Wednesday, the 29th day of May next, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of President and Vice President of the United States.

The basis of representation will be as follows: Each city, town and plantation, one delegate; an additional delegate for the first fifty votes cast for the Union Republican candidate for Governor in 1867; and an additional delegate for each additional one hundred votes cast for said candidate; a majority fraction of one hundred will entitle to an additional delegate.

CHAS. J. TALBOT, District.  
JAMES T. CLARK, Committee.  
R. P. WHITNEY, Committee.  
ROBERT MARTIN, Committee.  
March 30, 1868.

## UNION REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Union Republicans of the Town of Paris are requested to meet at the Town House on SATURDAY, the second day of May next at four o'clock P. M., to select six Delegates to attend the District Convention to be held at Lewiston, on the sixth day of May A. D. 1868.

Per order of Town Committee.

## CAMPAIGN PAPER.

### Now is the Time to Subscribe.

We are receiving new subscribers to the Democrat, daily, as the Presidential campaign approaches, and in order to reach a larger class, we propose to send our paper to new subscribers, from the 1st of May, till after the Presidential elections, for fifty cents, in advance.

Five copies, or more, to one address, during the same time, for forty cents a copy, in advance.

In no way can money be more judiciously expended, for political purposes, than by furnishing the people with reading matter, from week to week. Men may be convinced in this way when public addresses, and pamphlet meetings may fail to reach them.

As there will be no postage to subscribers, in the County, let us have a large list.

### Personal.

Having now had six months' connection with the Democrat, we are inclined to indulge in a little personal review.

We promised to enlarge our paper, when an addition to our list warranted it, and we much desire to carry out our designs in this matter, immediately. Our subscription list has increased two hundred and ten, and we need more space, both for reading matter, and advertisements. But there are several considerations which lead us to defer this move for a while. It would be more desirable to do it at the commencement of a volume, on account of binding the paper. Then, an enlargement of the paper involves a pretty thorough renovation of the office—new type, head, (not of the Editor, necessarily) but of the paper, and possibly, as we much fear, the procuring of a new Power Press, and motive power, involving an outlay of some two thousand dollars. Then other questions come in, incidentally, both as to a change of location, change of name, &c., which are so difficult of solution that we conclude to let "well enough alone," for the present.

We take this occasion to thank our agents for their promptness in furnishing local items. We have received many flattering testimonials from our patrons, which our modesty forbids us to mention.

We may be pardoned, however, for giving the following, to show that our system is working favorably.

An Oxford County boy, residing in Massachusetts, says: "Your plan of getting local items throughout the County, is a success. It was in this way that the Springfield Republican built up one of the largest circulations in this State. I see so much Oxford County news published in other papers, which is credited to the Democrat, that I must have the paper. Your enterprise in this direction will tell; it cannot fail to enlarge your subscription list."

Another correspondent, writing from another State, says: "I am much interested in the weekly perusal of your paper. I like the high moral tone it takes, and I think it's political ring sounds from the right key, for the good of our country. I hope in the issue of next week, you will be able to announce that A. Johnson & Co., have for the last time, turned their backs to the White House. I think your paper is doing much to mould and fashion old Oxford in the right shape. May its influence never be less."

We have striven, by close attention to business, to deserve the commendation of all—it is pleasant and encouraging to receive it. We hope to deserve it, in the future, for we are determined to devote our ability and all the enterprise in our power, to the work.

School Agents should bear in mind that the law requires them to give notice, in writing, to some member of the Superintendent School Committee, before the commencement of a term of school, when it is to commence, whether it is to be kept by a master or mistress, and how long it is expected to continue. Agents neglecting to give such notices forfeit one dollar for each day the school is kept before notice is given.

## Relief from Taxation—The Nation's Finances.

Hon. Sidney Perham made an excellent speech on the above topics, in Committee of the Whole, on the 21st, of March, which should be laid before all his constituents. It is a sensible, practical view, which will commend itself to the good sense of all.

He considers the following points: "How to lighten the burdens of taxation—to establish the National credit, to give a currency that shall be equal to gold, to lower the rates of interest, and to provide for the payment of the National debt."

He thinks the discussion of intricate financial questions, by men who profess to comprehend the whole subject with mathematical certainty, has only resulted in "Confusion worse confounded." He vindicates the course of Congress in exempting Government bonds from taxation, under the circumstances of a war and depressed public credit, and argues that we are solemnly bound not to repudiate our faith in regard to them—but he favors finding the debt as soon as practicable, on more favorable terms and lower rates of interest.

He considers the question as to whether the 50 bonds shall be paid in gold or currency as wisely thrust upon us, as an inopportune time. Upon this topic, we quote his language: "It is getting up a controversy on a question that, if we let it alone, would settle itself in a few years. We have neither the coin nor the currency with which to pay. And yet we are working ourselves into a high state of excitement about how we shall do what we have no prospect of doing, while the cause of division exists. If our legislation shall be wise we will resume specie payment as soon as we shall be able to pay enough of the debt to make this subject of any great importance, and thus settle a question that never had any occasion for existence. It seems to me that it is much better to wait all our efforts to find the shortest and most practicable way to a sound specie basis, and then it will make no difference whether we pay coin or currency."

Whatever may be the strict legal construction of the several acts under which the five twenties have been issued—and I do not propose to discuss that subject now—it is undeniable that those who purchased the bonds, had good reason to expect that when the principal should be paid, it would be in gold or its equivalent. When the acts referred to were passed, it was generally expected that before they could be paid, our currency would be equal to coin. The Government allowed its agents, through whom a large portion of the loan was made, to advertise to the world that the principle of the bonds would be paid in gold. Two Assistant Secretaries of the Treasury, Messrs. Harrington and Field, declared at different times, in answer to inquiries on the subject, that these bonds would be paid in coin. I submit that in view of the facts I have stated, and the importance of our national credit, it would be exceedingly unwise to declare in favor of paying our bonds in depreciated currency, but that by a wise financial policy tending toward a gold basis, we declare to all the world that the time is not distant when we will be able to meet all the demands against the Government, in gold or paper money, as our creditors may desire. This is the best method of settling a question the agitation of which has, in my judgment, only served to weaken the confidence of this country and Europe in our securities.

Mr. Perham contends strongly for relief from taxation, and presents figures and data to show that an honest and efficient enforcement of the laws would at the present rate of taxation, upon distilled spirits, fermented liquors, tobacco and its manufactures, with the other resources of government, afford a sum amply sufficient to meet all contingencies and have a very considerable sum to be applied to the reduction of the debt—certainly as much as ought to be paid now. He shows the evil of depression of the ship-building interest to the country, and especially to his own Congressional District, and argues with great reason for a drawback on all imported articles entering into the construction of vessels, and for a repeal of all other taxes that embarrass their building and sailing.

### Impeachment.

The past week has been occupied by arguments on each side. Messrs. Boutwell, Thad. Stevens and Mr. Wilson, having spoken, on the part of the managers, and Judge Nelson, Mr. Groves and Mr. Evans, for the President, Mr. Stanberry, it is said, will occupy two days in his closing argument, followed by Mr. Bingham, who will want as much time—so that the arguments will run into next week.

When they are concluded, we may epitomize them for our readers—giving the main points in each.

In our next, we expect to be able to announce the result, which we have no doubt will be GUILTY.

The Dramatic Entertainment of the Thespian Club, on Friday Eve. last, at Academy Hall, drew a full house. The bill was a good one, and the characters were all well personated. The comedy, "Everybody's Friend," in 3 acts, afforded much amusement; but the farce of "Little Tod dlekins" brought down the house. Every one was on the qui vive to see the distinguished comedienne, who was to appear for the first time. The character was a great overgrown country girl, and was rendered to perfection by one of the Paris Hill young men who stands about six feet in his stocking-feet, and who reminded us, for all the world, of the great Nora Scotta girl, in Barnum's Museum. It was a taking part and created much merriment.

## Gleanings by the Way.

MASON, April 27th, 1868.

It has been a general time of health among the people the past winter and present spring, but of late an epidemic has broken out which seems from its present rate of progress to affect all classes of society—merchants, mechanics and farmers; and the ladies are not exempt from occasional attacks. I think this disease is generally known as the Hop Fever, or Hop on the brain. Go where you will, you hear nothing but hops, hops; and any one who cannot talk hops, might as well be dumb. From present appearances, there will be thousands of acres planted the present spring, in Oxford County. Nearly all the surplus of native roots have been engaged, and if we are to believe all the stories of the different agents concerned in this business, the States of New York and Wisconsin, are put under enormous contributions to supply the demand for roots from those States.

There is great rivalry among the Agents, in regard to the relative value of the different kinds of roots; and in order to test them, the whole farming community is to be made the judges, and every farm will soon become a hop field. Hops have not lived well the past winter; there has been too little snow, and too much cold weather. Those planted last season have generally kept well, but old fields have suffered badly. Some few fields are nearly all dead.

The spring term of Gould's Academy closed, after a session of eleven weeks, on the 24th of April. The school has been under the charge of Mr. Geo. M. Bodge, as Principal, assisted by L. D. Bean, as teacher of Mathematics, and Mrs. Jennie E. Bodge, in the primary department. The school has been a great success. Mr. Bodge is a perfect master of his business, and brings both practical knowledge and irrepressible energy to his work. As a teacher he is excelled by but few. Mr. Bean, and Mrs. Bodge, are every way fitted for their positions. Good natural ability, sound judgment, practical education, and temperaments adapted to the task of forming young minds after the desired moulds, seem to be their peculiar characteristics. The pupils have numbered, during the term, some one hundred and ten, and it will may be questioned whether there was ever a more profitable term of school within the walls of Gould's Academy.

G. H. B.  
[An interesting account of the Exhibition at the Universalist Church, is unavoidably omitted this week.]

### Bethel Items.

Farmers are now busily engaged plowing and sowing.

The roads have become dry and business lively. Many of the farmers in this section are going into hop culture, as they do well here. One man, in this town, cleared fifteen hundred dollars last year, from three acres of hops. There is hardly a farmer in this section, who has not got a hop field. All those that are in want of hop roots, can have them delivered to the nearest station, by leaving their orders with Charles B. Lovjoy, Bryant's Pond, at five dollars a bushel.

There are many valuable farmers in this vicinity with great sugar orchards, some with a thousand trees. I wish, Mr. Editor, you could be present at some of our sugaring off, I would warrant you a good time, if you like warm sugar, and a good chat. I had the pleasure the other day of taking a walk across the farm owned by Dea. E. Foster, who lives in the eastern part of this town. Mr. F. has a valuable farm under high cultivation. Through his politeness, he took me into his barn and showed me his stock, which was very nice and handsome. One day last week, he sold a yoke of three year old steers, coming four, girthed six feet and five inches, to Mr. Abel Chandler, for two hundred dollars. Wages are high, men getting from fifteen to thirty dollars a month, by the season, six to eight months. Girls are scarce, their wages high, with but a few in the market. Those in the want of employment as school teachers, house keepers, step this way; old bachelors plenty—that's so.

Mr. M. Pendergrass has purchased of Mr. J. L. Doston, his harness shop, on Maine Street, and has moved the same building over on Greenwood St. and will repair it over into a dwelling house.

Mr. S. Robertson has filled up his store on Maine Street, and keeps on hand a good assortment of all kinds of furniture, which he sells cheap for cash.

### Upton Items.

River driving has commenced in good earnest, and all the available young men have gone at it, making business lively for quite a spell, and using up the time usually spent in farm work, at this season of the year, necessarily shortening the crops and preparing the way for large sales of flour, another year. There have been three hundred barrels of flour sold to the lake inhabitants the past winter. Those attending strictly to farming about here, from year to year, do better than those who neglect their farms for hunting and logging.

The Lake House has changed owners lately. Wm. R. & H. R. Godwin are the purchasers, and they have also united their interests in the "Angler's Retreat," thereby increasing the advantages of sportsmen, for the pleasure offered in their cool forest retreat, and the angling of the red spotted trout, the chase of the bear, deer, and other game. The above gentlemen, the public will have confidence in.

The lake is still covered with ice, but the rivers are open. The ice will probably melt and give us boating again, about the middle of May.

An Engineer has arrived from Portland, to

take charge of our beautiful steamers, the coming season, and will wait impatiently for the opening of the lake.

Our own Mr. Keen will drive the Bethel and Upton stage, daily, after the first of May, making it easy and pleasant to come up the eight hundred feet rise, from the Androscoggin, at Bethel. "Dunn has arrived."

Upton, April 21, 1868.

### South Paris Items.

We are glad to learn that Messrs. Burnham & Morrill, of Portland, have leased the lot of land below the Flouring Mill, and are getting ready as fast as possible to erect thereon suitable buildings for the purpose of doing a large business in canning Sweet Corn during the present year.

Mr. Andrew Bennett has contracted to put them up a building 46 x 100 feet on the ground to be arranged with a steam boiler and cooking apparatus, and to be in working order by the first of July next. The arrangements will be of sufficient magnitude to put up as much corn as can be raised on one hundred and twenty five acres of land, and the proprietors apprehend no difficulty in securing that much, as the farmers in this vicinity who have raised sweet corn for canning purposes are satisfied that they can raise no other crops, with as much profit. The well known enterprise and simple means of Messrs. B. & M., and the fact that they have leased the land for five years, will be a surety that they will do a brisk business in their line, for that time at least, and we have no doubt the success of the enterprise will secure its permanent location here.

Alvah Shurtleff Jr., is fitting up the old "Stevens & Shurtleff" store, in a superior style, and will immediately put in a full stock of goods.

Granville M. Chase, Esq., of Portland, has purchased a lot of land of Dea. Elisha Morse, upon which he will build, during the coming summer, a stylish brick house for a summer residence. A Newcomb, of Portland, is the architect, who will superintend the building. The stable is already finished in a very tidy manner.

Mr. A. Hervey, Depotmaster, is to throw open his fine residence, and entertain summer boarders.

The Paris Flouring Co. having made arrangements to manufacture their own barrels, are now busily engaged in sawing staves and heading, running the machinery night and day, and making business lively in the vicinity of their mill.

The Company have made large purchases of wheat in the West, and will do a large business this season.

[For the Democrat.]

SOUTH PARIS, April 28th, 1868.

Will you please publish the following Report, so as to relieve the minds of those, who have left so bad to think that the funds obtained by the Young People's Dramatic Association, had been recklessly squandered:

Amounts received at Engine House Hall, first evening, 3.75; second eve. 4.45; third eve. 5.50; Total, \$13.70.

Expenses for Plays, &c.—\$3.80; balance, 9.90.

Amounts received at Levee: At door, 37.00; at table, 14.00; for voting cake, 14.75; for ice creams, 6.60; guess cake, 3.30; Total, \$75.65.

Expenses of Levee:—Cloth for back of stage, 3.04; eggs and sugar for ice creams, 1.41; cambic and green paper, 1.92; oil, 0.25; help, 1.15; wood for rehearsals, 1.00; lamp chimneys, 0.30; lights for tableaux, 0.50; expenses on same, 0.50; lumber for stage, 3.50; plays, 2.40; incidentals 1.75. Total expenses, 18.02. Balance 57.63.—balance at Engine House Hall, 9.90.—Amount paid to Paris Soldiers Monument Association, \$67.53. Amount squandered, 00.00.

Those who wish to obtain any further information with regard to this matter, are respectfully referred to Stephen Richardson, who took the money at the door; D. N. True, who paid over the money taken at the table; J. D. Williams, who had charge of the voting cake; Z. C. Perry, who had charge of the ice creams, and E. F. Stone, who has the records of the guess cake.

And now the Young People's Dramatic Association would take this occasion to return their thanks to those of the citizens who so kindly aided them in their work, especially to Smith & Jones, who generously gave the use of their hall, for the Levee; while to the few who have exerted themselves so much to spread false and injurious reports, we would simply say, that we hope they will never realize the truth of the old proverb (slightly changed) that "slanders like chickens come home to roost."

Y. P. D. ASSO.

SUDDEN DEATH. Mr. John Parsons, of South Paris, died very suddenly on Friday, 24th inst. He had worked as usual during the day, but complained at night of fatigue and feeling unwell. He left the house to complete the work of the day, and was found a few minutes afterwards prostrate upon his face. He breathed but once after being found. Dr. Webster was called immediately, but no efforts to resuscitate availed. His trouble was, undoubtedly, organic disease of the heart. Mr. Parsons was a man of strict integrity and was universally esteemed.

In the S. J. Court in session at Portland last week, the suit of Albert Stordvart vs. Dr. David B. Sawyer, of South Paris, was tried. It was an action to recover damages laid at \$500.00 for malpractice in setting P. H.'s arm, a bone of which had been broken while engaged in shelling Cars at Mechanic Falls, Jan. 15th, 1868. Deft. was then residing at Mechanic

Falls. The case excited considerable interest among Surgeons, and resulted in a Verdict for Deft. We shall publish in our next a more extended notice of the case.

### Oxford.

We learn from the Lewiston Journal, that a very pleasant affair came off on the 22d of April in the Methodist Vestry, in Oxford. Rev. Samuel Paine, the efficient and popular pastor of the M. E. Church, is according with the unanimous wishes of the people, was returned to his old charge by re-appointment, at the recent conference at Brunswick.

Yesterday Mr. Paine returned with his estimable lady from the conference, and from attending the Lodge of Good Templars at Bath. His church and society at the village started the idea of giving them an impromptu reception; arriving in the village about half past seven in the evening, they were carried direct to the vestry, where they found over two hundred people assembled to greet their return. It was a spontaneous gathering, composed not only of his own church and society, but of the people of the village generally, without respect to sect or party.

They were welcomed back in a brief speech by Gen. Perry, to which Mr. Paine made a feeling, eloquent response.

A purse of over ninety dollars in money was made up and presented to them in a few minutes upon the spot, after which the whole party partook of a generous collation provided by the ladies. The whole affair was a complete surprise upon Mr. P. It shows the high regard universally entertained by the people of the town for Mr. Paine, not only as a christian minister, but as a citizen.

Had the notice been more general, there would have been a much larger attendance from Wellsboro village and other parts of the town.

Mr. Paine's pulpit and pastoral labors in Oxford, the past year, were a complete success. May his "shadow never grow less."

### Base Ball Game at Norway.

By an announcement in the Portland Press it appears that the Pennessawasee Base Ball Club of Norway, accept the challenge of the Androscoggin Base Ball Club to a match game of base ball for the possession of the silver ball and championship of the State of Maine. The game, to be played at Norway, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 23d day of May, 1868.

The Lewiston Journal, referring to the game, says: "The P's. &c., have a troublesome game on their hands. The Androscoggin will play the opening game of the season with the Rough and Ready Club of South Auburn, on Tuesday afternoon the 28th, on the grounds in 'Perryville'—Auburn."

The Portland Star has the following comments upon the course of the Androscoggin, and undoubtedly reflects the sentiments of the Portland boys upon the matter. We are not aware that the Pennessawasee boys ask any favors, on account of the coldness of the season.

Many thought that so much excitement and interest was manifested in this game last season, that but little would be thought of it the coming season, but from appearances, we should judge that all the Clubs will soon be hard at work and the fever is to run very high. Already the Pennessawasee Club, present champions, have accepted a challenge from the Androscoggin Club of Lewiston, and Saturday May 2nd is the day appointed for the game to be played. We are not partial to any Club but don't think the Lewiston boys are doing just the fair thing toward securing the emblem of the State Championship. It will be remembered that last season they did not contest at all for the Silver Ball, but wanted till the playing was about to close and then sent in their challenge to the Bowdoin who had defeated the Eons. The Bowdoin however had received one from the Oxford Boys which they accepted, and the Lewiston Club was not able to play but carried their challenge over to this season and now expect the Norway Club to accept or forfeit the Ball. Any one who has engaged in this game, must know that it is no time to contest for a championship. In the first place the clubs are hardly organized, and then the weather is such that none could play with comfort. We don't think the Pennessawasee Club is obliged to accept last year's challenges, and if it is not, the one sent by the Androscoggin is null and void. As for the weather and ground is in a proper condition to play it will be perfectly fair to challenge, but we think it is hardly right to oblige a Club to play for championship until a proper time. The clubs in this city are inactive."

The Oxford Association of Congregational Ministers will meet with Rev. T. T. Merry, at Norway village, May 12th.

### THE PARTS ARE:

1. Devotional exercises of half an hour.
2. Report from each member of the state of his parish.
3. Sermon in private—T. T. Merry.
4. Original plans—one from each member.
5. Review—Rev. D. Garland.
6. Exposition of the parable of the Unjust Steward—Rev. Geo. Tewksbury.
7. Sermon in public—Rev. Mr. Tiley.
8. Written exegesis on Heb. 6: 1, 8—by Rev. Mr. Elliot.

An exercise in Scripture and Hymn reading.

Brothers, let us strive to be present, and execute the above programme like christian men.

T. T. MERRY, Scribe.

The estate of the late General Veazie of Bangor is estimated at \$1,500,000.

## Editorial and Selected Items.

The ladies of the Universalist Society of Paris, will hold a May Festival, at the Court House, Friday night of this week—(May night). The young ladies will brand a May Pole, and crown a Queen, among the other festivities—Refreshments will be furnished. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged.

We had the pleasure of attending the State Convention of the Y. M. C. A., at Portland, this week, but must defer a report of it, till next week.

We are printing a neat Catalogue of the students of Paris Hill Academy, which will be distributed the present term.

The friends of Geo. G. Stacy, Esq., of Kezar Falls, will be glad to learn that he has been appointed Deputy Sec'y. of State, in place of Mr. Cochran. Mr. T. J. Woolard has been appointed Librarian, and interim.

John M. Cummings will sell at auction at Ramford Corner on Saturday, May 9th, a lot of Horses, Carriages, Harnesses, Robes, &c.

The course of Academy Lectures for the present term will close with a Lecture from Alvah Black Esq., on Wednesday evening next.

The S. S. Committee, of this town, will be in session on Saturday, 9th inst., also on the Saturday following. See notice.

Warden Rice of the State Prison came after Young, the Norway Bank robber, and the Indian, on Tuesday, and took them to Thomaston.

Rev. T. W. Dickinson, of Gorham, N. H., has received and accepted a call to become pastor of the Congregational Church in Turner.

LARGEST BIDDY'S EGG OUT. Mr. D. M. Foster, Canton Point, has a hen's egg, laid on last Sabbath, that weighs 6 1/2 ounces and measures 7 3/4 inches, the smallest end, 9 1/2 inches, largest in circumference. Beat it if you can.

Capt. W. Parington, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Bowdoinham, died on Wednesday, aged 84 years. Capt. Parington, it is said, built, unaided, the Baptist church in that place.

Mrs. Lively, wife of Rev. William Lively, supplied the pulpit of the Methodist church of Middleton, in the absence of her husband, on Sunday, week before last.

The Rockland Democrat says a lady in a neighboring town died a few days since while under the influence of ether or chloroform used during child birth.

Any person who shall introduce any mascalonge, pickerel, pike, sunfish or bream, yellow or black bass, to any waters where they do not exist, must pay one hundred dollars.

We regret to hear that Mrs. Dore, of West Sumner, fell, while coming up the cellar stairs of her house on Monday forenoon, breaking her thigh. She was about 80 yrs. of age. It was supposed that she was faint, and fell backwards, but her leg caught in one of the stairs, and held her, preventing her head striking the stone wall, which would probably have proved fatal. She was taken up with great difficulty, and her injuries attended to by Dr. White.

At the trial of a liquor case before Judge Tapley at Bath, one witness was ordered to be imprisoned for perjury and another was ordered to recognize in \$100 to answer for the same charge.

The Bath Times says, last Wednesday morning John L. Weston killed twenty-three crows at one shot, in the field of Mr. Winslow R. Lilly in the north part of Woolwich.

The Farmington Chronicle says, some of our farmers are putting up maple Syrup, in cans containing from one to four gallons, for shipment. Geo. Hunter of Strong puts his syrup up in cans hermetically sealed, and neatly labelled, and finds it a very remunerative business.

Mr. Ephraim H. Brown, of Norway, last week, executed a nice piece of workmanship, in wood, for our Press, and we deem it but just to his skill, in wood turning, to refer to it. Any one can get a neat job done at Mr. Brown's as well as in Portland.

Mr. D. Arny McGee leaves a wife, and two daughters, respectively sixteen and nine years of age.

We learn from the Androscoggin Herald that the Superintendent of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad gives notice by order of a vote of the bond holders and stockholders at a meeting held April 21st, that trains will be run for only sixty days from April 22d, for the transportation of freight and passengers. After sixty days, the iron is to be taken up and the trains run only for its transportation. All of the property of the road is to be disposed of, and the road forever ended. As towns have declined to loan their credit and individuals refused to aid in the building and extension of the road from Canton to Portland, the company are unwilling to take upon themselves the burden of sustaining the road longer.

Sheriff Wornell has commissioned the following Deputies for 1868:—Andrew Buzzell, Fryeburg; Samuel E. Beal, Oxford; Broughton Bartlett, Bowfield; Thomas R. Day, Woodstock; Charles H. George, Hebron; Benjamin Hartford, Lovell; Alvan B. Godwin, Bethel; John Jackson, Dixfield; Henry A. Jewett, Waterford; Daniel R. Rallon, Porter; Nathaniel T. Shaw, Backfield; Winthrop Stevens, Norway; Daniel H. Tague, Turner; Jacob Thompson, Hiram; Isaac G. Virgin, Canton; Sullivan R. Haskins, Paris; Russell Lamson, Bridgton; Cyrus M. Wornell, Bethel.



OXFORD 22.—At a Court of Probate held at

**GUARDIANSHIP.**—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1868, **GEORGE COLE**, Guardian of **EMMA A. PICKER**, minor, being **STEPHEN COLE**, late of **Hebden**, in said County, deceased, having presented his final account of guardianship of said ward for allowance:

Ordered, That the said Guardian give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the **Oxford Democrat**, printed at **Paris** in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court, to be held at **Paris**, on the 31<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of May next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any.

**JAMES WALKER**, Administrator on the estate of Rebecca Long, late of Denmark in said County, deceased, having presented his list and final account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

Ordered, that the said Administrator give notice to all persons claiming to be interested in the estate of said deceased, to appear before the court on the first Tuesday of March, A. D. 1868, at the Court of Probate held at Paris within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1868, to show cause, why the same should not be allowed.

A. H. WALKER, Judge.

A true copy—attest: J. S. HOBBS, Register.

OXFORD, 25—At a Court of Probate held at Paris within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1868.

order, to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Fryeburg, on the 21st day of May next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

A. H. WALKER, Judge.  
Attest: J. S. HOBBS, Register.

OXFORD, ME.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford.

**O**N the petition of **WILLIAM A. MERRILL**, Administrator with the Will annexed, of the estate of James Flint, late of Norway, in said County, deceased, praying for license to sell and convey all the real estate of said deceased, as a partial sale would be injurious to the residue, for the payment of debts and incidental charges.

**Ordered**, That the said Petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing an abstract of his petition with this order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear

**Oxford, 22-1-**At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of May next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

**A. H. HAWKS, Judge.**  
A true copy—attest: J. S. HOBBS, Register.

**Oxford, 22-1-**At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1868.

**ON the petition of OLIVE S. LITTLEHALE**  
Guardian of Marcellus T. Littlehale et al., minor heirs of Joseph G. S. Littlehale, late of New

Ordered, That the said Petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing an abstract of the petition with this order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, on the 21 Tuesday of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shew

**O**XFORD, N.Y.—At a Court of Probate held in this town and for the County of Oxford on the 31 Tuesday of March, A. D. 1888.

ON the petition of **ADELI MCINTIRE**, administratrix of the estate of Levi S. McIntire late of Disfield, in said County, deceased praying for license to sell and convey certain real estate which belonged to said deceased, and known as the Ephraim Blake Farm, situated in New

Glooucester, County of Cumberland, for the payment of debts and judicial charges, at an advantageous offer of \$600:

Ordered, that the said Petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing an abstract of her petition, with this order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris on the 31 Tuesday of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon said Court, to show cause, if they have, why the same should be granted.

A true copy—attest: J. S. HOBBS, Register.

OXFORD, 28.—At a Court of Probate held at  
Paris, within and for the County of Oxford  
on the third Tuesday of March A. D. 1868.  
DANIEL B. RIDLON, Executor of the last  
Will and Testament of Ivory Stanley, late  
of Paris, in said County, deceased, having pre-  
sented his final account of administration of the  
estate of said deceased for all allowance:  
Ordered, That the said Executor give notice

to all persons interested by causing a copy of the order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Fryingburg on the 21st day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

A. H. WALKER, Judge.

A true copy—attest: J. S. HOWES, Register.

Oxford, ss:—At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, Mississippi, this 14th day of March, 1884.

(N) the petition of SARAH BOUME, widow of Joseph W. Boume, late of Fremont, said County, deceased, praying for an allowance out of the personal estate of her late husband: Called, The said petition given in and read; all persons interested, being sworn of the order here published three weeks successive in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Lovell, on the 20th day of May next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

**JOSEPH A. HILL, Executor of the last Will and Testament of Joseph A. Hill, late of Denmark, in said County, deceased,** having presented his first account of administration of the estate said deceased for allowance:

Ordered, That the said Executor give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this

order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that the same may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Fryburg in said County, on the 21st day of May next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

A. H. WALKER, Judge.

A true copy—attest: J. S. Houns, Register.

OXFORD, 28.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1865.

A. LEXANDER S. THAYER, Administrator.

At the estate of Benjamin Merrill, late of Paris in said County, deceased, having presented his last and final account of a liquidation of the estate said deceased for allowance:

Ordered, that said Administrator give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that there may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County on the 31 Tuesday of May next, to check in the forenoon and show cause if any he have why the same should not be allowed.

**JASPER PINGREE**, Administrator, with  
Will annexed, on the estate of **Parson Pin-  
green**, late of Denmark, in said county, deceased,  
having presented his final account of administra-  
tion of the estate of said deceased to allowances

the Oxford Democrat printed in Paris, that they appear at a Probate Court to be held at Fribourg, in said county, on the 21st day of May next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

A. H. WALKER, Judge.  
A true copy—attest: J. S. HONES, Register.