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MATTERS

Picked up About Town.

Installation—Eastern Star.

The installation of officers at the Eastern Star occurred Wednesday evening of last week, too late for a report to appear in last week's Ledger. After the installation, refreshments were served and a social hour spent. Past Worthy Patron, F. R. Harmon, installed the following officers:—

Ella J. Dwinall, Worthy Matron,
H. M. Mayberry, Worthy Patron,
Flora E. Mason, Asso. Matron,
Ella J. Bailey, Secretary,
Ada F. Mayberry, Treasurer,
Kitty P. Libby, Asso. Conductress,
Adriana C. Bradford, Adah,
Lizzie Jewett Butler, Ruth,
Grace Dwinall, Esther,
Annie M. Jefferies, Martha,
Ethel E. Harmon, Electa,
Lucy A. Bailey, Warder,
Otis N. Bailey, Sentinel,
Edna D. Whittle, Chaplain.
Georgia V. Dwinall, Marshal,
Maud L. Cobb, Organist.

Red Men.

District Deputy Great Sachem Geo. H. Eacott of Lisbon Falls, assisted by Past Sachem Frank Tobie as First Great Sannap also of Lisbon Falls were present and raised up the chiefs of Osceola Tribe to their respective stumps on the last regular sleep. The new officers are

C. A. Cousens, Prophet,
H. Fielding, Sachem,
F. R. Harmon, Senior Sagamore,
A. H. Briggs, Junior Sagamore,
F. L. Perkins, Keeper of Wampum,
O. C. Bridge, Chief of Records,
F. C. Chaplin, 1st Sannap,
L. W. Mason, 2nd "
F. L. Davis, 1st Brave,
T. S. Harris, 2d "
Fred Keston, 3d "
C. M. Hutchins, 4th "
L. Jefferies, 1st Warrior,
W. O. Bancroft, 2d "
A. S. Bray, 3d "
Levi Pooler, 4th "

After the ceremonies were over there were solos, duets, quartettes, by members of the order and last but by no means least, a lunch in the banquet hall. The Red Men in this state are making rapid strides in membership and bid fair to outnumber all competitors if they keep up the present growth.

Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the Poland Paper Company in Portland, last week, the old officers were elected as follows:

President—W. G. Davis,
Treasurer—C. R. Milliken,
Clerk—C. H. Milliken,
Directors—W. G. Davis, J. Munroe,
W. S. Dana, W. F. Milliken, F. D. True, C. H. Milliken.

CHANGES

On the Highway.

The New Manager.

General Manager Hays has assumed the charge of the Grand Trunk Railway.

Few railroad men in the country are better known in railroad circles, than General Manager Hays. His work in the Wabash is acknowledged to have been of great value to that system. In appointing him to his important office, the Grand Trunk did not permit the question of nationality to influence them. They took the one they considered the best in sight, and the fact of his being a foreigner was not allowed to stand in his way.

Mr. Hays was born at Rock Island, Ill., in 1856, and at the age of 17 entered the passenger department of the Atlantic & Pacific railway at St. Louis, Mo. A year later he was transferred to the auditor's department, and soon passed into the superintendent's office where his ability and aptitude were soon manifested. From 1878 to 1884 he was secretary to the general manager of the Missouri Pacific and from 1884 to 1886, secretary to the manager of the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific. In 1886 he was appointed assistant general manager of that road, and in the following year became general manager of the Wabash Western. In 1889 he was appointed to the office of general manager of the Wabash system, and five years later was elected vice-president of that company.

Mr. Hays accepted the general management of the Grand Trunk railway company early in October last. He succeeds L. J. Seargeant, who goes to London to act in an advisory capacity to the board of directors, and his contract is for five years, at a salary of \$25,000 a year. It is understood that the new manager will be a much greater measure of actual control of the Grand Trunk than has ever been given to the Canadian head of that corporation. He is not to be hampered by specific instruction from the English board, as to the general policy of the road, and will introduce modern, wide-awake American methods wherever practicable.

Mr. Hays is in the prime of life, is a man of great energy and conceded ability, and is one of the most popular railroad men in the West. It is believed that one important result of his appointment will be much closer traffic relations between the Grand Trunk and the Wabash systems, a probable end of the present keen competition between Detroit and Chicago.

Mr. Hays will be joined by his family at Montreal in March.

CURRENT EVENTS

In This Vicinity.

"I Couldn't Blame the Boy Could You."

The story goes that one of the men (perhaps one would call him a boy, though he is nearly full grown) who has been putting in the electric lighting system at the shoe shop got taken somewhat aback by one of the women in the stitching room, whom he probably took, in connection with the rest of the natives here, for a "jay". He is one of the kind that whistles so sweetly all the time whether at his work or play and evidently thinks the rest of the universe revolves around Boston. It happened in this way. He was tripping along with a sort of I-be-long-in-Boston air, when the lady above referred to accosted him and asked him if he learned that tune in Auburn, to which he very sarcastically replied "that he did not, that he learned that in Boston." After a few moments' conversation on general subjects he began a discourse of the hardships and privations of rural life and among other things spoke of our poor insignificant little village with its dark street (which by the way we are sorry to say is too true) and various other inconveniences and incidentally remarked that he supposed it was all right though as we were used to it and had never known anything different, contrasting it with the beauties of Boston and the conveniences there and apparently thinking that she had never heard of that wondrous city, much less ever been there. As soon as she got a chance to put in a word she said with a sweet smile "young man, I lived in Boston years before you were born, and by the time you have lived there as long as I have you will appear a great deal more insignificant to yourself than you do now." As he moved away in a dazed sort of manner he even forgot to strike up the sweet little tune that he was whistling, when the conversation began. He evidently found out that while we were somewhat green and did not have all the conveniences here that one can enjoy in Boston (providing he has the means to pay for them) that there were people here who had heard there was such a place and at least one who had been there.

"What could the dear boy do, girls; What could the dear boy do, He hurriedly left his seat And he beat a quick retreat Now I couldn't blame the boy, could you?"

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STATE NEWS.

From Quoddy Head to Kittery.

History of the Week in Short Paragraphs.

A verdict was rendered, Saturday, in the West Buxton libel suit in the Supreme court. Rev. John D. Waldron was found guilty of conniving to induce Mrs. Mary J. Frost to sign a confession of authorship of the anonymous letters, which caused the trouble in West Buxton in 1894. Damages were awarded in the sum of \$300. The other three defendants, F. A. Smith, Cyrus F. Davis and Leroy McCrisor, were acquitted.

Hon. David R. Hastings died at his home in Fryburg, Monday evening. He was the son of John and Abigail Straw Hastings. Major Hastings was born in Bethel August 25, 1823, and was a member of the famous Bowdoin college class of forty-four, having for his classmates Judge Virgin, Gen. S. J. Anderson, J. S. Palmer, Judge Goddard and Samuel F. Gibson. He studied law with Judge Appleton, and opened a law office in Lowell in 1847. He came to Fryburg in 1864, was a member of the National Democratic convention of 1768, 1876 and 1884, and was county attorney in 1853, 1854 and 1855, and a candidate for Congress several times, an overseer of Bowdoin college and president of the board of trustees of Fryburg academy. He was reporter of decisions and published volumes 69 and 70 of the Maine Reports. He enlisted as major in the 12th Maine Regiment in 1861, and was in service at New Orleans one year, when he was taken sick with fever and was discharged. In 1850 he married Mary J. Ellis, by whom he had two children, Alice O. and Edward E. Hastings of the law firm of D. R. Hastings and Son. His widow and children survive him.

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Some Thing To Be Expected.

Americans are not much in sympathy with Spain in her struggle with the Cubans, and she is not without reason for this. Spain has ever been a tyrant and no one is likely to forget the Spanish inquisition, or the horrors of the old wars: and according to the following dispatch she has not even yet forgotten her cruelties and might just as well be classed with the unspeakable Turk. The following dispatch is from Pontiac, Michigan, dated Jan. 3d, and speaks for itself:—

"Simon Ensign of this city, who was confined in Morro castle at Havana, Cuba, for 20 years, has filed at Washington a claim of \$200,000 damages against the Spanish government.

Ensign was an American citizen employed at railroading. He was suspected of sympathy with rebels and was imprisoned and held 20 years without trial.

His two companions died in prison, and it was only by accident that he escaped. He fled from the Spanish man-of-war to which he was transferred while it was anchored at New Orleans. Ensign is 72 years of age."

On Thursday.

A friend of the Ledger says that our publication day is the red letter day of the week and gives us an adaptation of "Sally in Our Alley" as a bit of sentiment:—

"Of all the days within the week,
I dearly love but one day;
And that's the day that is the fifth
In counting on from Sunday."

Immigration.

Much has been said in regard to immigration. Some saying that it was to be encouraged, others that it should not; also some saying that it was a matter which would regulate itself and others that it should be regulated by law. America has been the land of promise and many have thought because we had a republican form of government that it would always be so, but as the country becomes older it approaches more nearly the condition of Europe and chances for individual advancement grow correspondingly less. At present it seems to be a matter of money or unprincipled push, not caring what the consequences may be. These things seem to have had a bearing on immigration and it has fallen off to a large extent. The high water mark was reached in 1882, when the number of foreigners arriving were nearly 800,000, while this year has recorded the smallest number since 1879, viz. 258,536.

The Crown of Creation.

Our readers are probably well aware the "new woman" has been giving us a new Bible, that is they have been tearing the work to pieces to show that it was edited by man for his own advancement and to establish his supremacy over woman: but they have gone one step farther and declare that according to the Bible woman was not only the equal of man but the superior sex, for the Genesial order of creation went up from "reptile to beast, from beast to man, and from man to woman as the crown of the universe."

What Our Friends Say.

Rev. W. H. Harris of Reading, Pa., evidently has a good idea of the press, for he says the following concerning it: "Let me control the press of the land, and I care not what is taught in the schools, in the churches or in the books of the public library."

He got into the ears blowing like a porpoise. For a minute his cough was awful. He took a sip from a bottle and coughed no more that trip. The label said Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam.

A Town Library.

There is one thing which the thriving village of Mechanic Falls needs, which at present there seems no way to obtain, and that is a public library. The towns all about us have this modern necessity, not only Lewiston and Auburn, but Oxford, Norway and Paris—yes, the latter town has four. There are plenty of provisions made by law for the establishment of a free public library in each town without hardship to any citizen and we should not neglect to use some of them. We quote from a paper read by E. W. Emery, assistant state librarian before the Massachusetts Library Association in Boston. Mr. Emery says:—

The following paper, representing the Maine State library, was read before the meeting by Mr. Emery:

"In 1854 a law was enacted authorizing any town to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding one dollar per ratable poll for the founding of a public library therein, and a yearly sum not exceeding 25 cents per poll for the subsequent maintenance of the same.

"This law remained unchanged for more than 30 years and there is no evidence that any municipality acted under its provisions.

"In 1864 the Legislature authorized towns to receive gifts and bequests dedicated to the establishment and maintenance of public libraries within their respective limits. Under the provisions of this law, many valuable libraries were established within the State through the intelligent generosity of her citizens.

"In 1887 towns were empowered to receive and hold lands, buildings, maps, arts and works of art by donation or bequests for the establishment and use of public libraries. At the same time a law was enacted giving to each county law library 10 per cent of the fines derived from the enforcement of the Maine Law. Subsequently this provision was enlarged to 20 per cent of such fines, but limiting the amount so received by any county law library to \$500 per year.

"It was not until 1893 that any practical encouragement was given for the establishment of free public libraries. The Legislature of that year enacted a law designed to encourage the founding and maintenance of free libraries in each city and town within the limits of Maine. By provision of this law, every free public library is entitled to receive from the state a yearly sum equal to 10 per cent of the amount appropriated by the municipality where it is established. By another section, any municipality is authorized to appropriate a sum yearly not exceeding \$1000 to secure from any corporation or association owning or controlling a library within its limits, the free use of such library for the inhabitants thereof, and such towns may receive from the State 10 per cent of the amount raised.

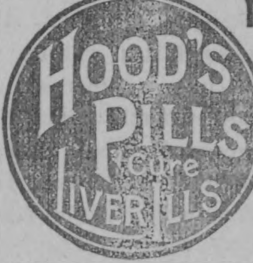
"Another section of this law provides for a donation of books not to exceed \$100 in value to every library established in a town of not more than 1500 inhabitants. All the department reports, laws and decisions of the courts, published by the State, and distributed to the towns are placed by law in these free libraries for the free use and reference of the people. Such is, substantially, the library law in Maine today.

"At the present time, various forces are operating along independent lines, which tend to produce an imperative demand for the free library in every town and city of Maine. Not the least among these forces are the Unity Clubs and other literary, artistic and benevolent associations inaugurated and maintained by the women of Maine. Numerous calls are made upon the State library for the loan of books, by members of these associations. In rural districts, the granges, where old and young and men and women, meet and become equally interested in the mental and moral improvement of their respective neighborhoods, the demand for books of reference as well as those of lighter character is far greater than the supply. The lectures of university extension courses and similar associations for the general education of all the people are rapidly creating the need of large collections of books in every considerable community. The change of methods of study in the public schools of the State render the reference library necessary to the proper education of our children. Above all, the wants

and needs for self improvement among the working men and women of the large manufacturing towns can only be fully met by the free public library.

"Although the free library movement has barely commenced with us, yet it has manifested considerable vitality within the past twelve months. On Dec. 1, 1894, there were 34 free public libraries within the State. On Dec. 1, 1895, there were 45 such libraries.

"The people in every considerable town and village in Maine seem to be impressed with the importance of establishing a library in their midst, or to be engaged in adding to the efficiency and value of their collections of books and documents. It only needs the impulse and inspiration of public lectures and meetings, where the value and necessity of free libraries shall be discussed and made known to the people, in order to place Maine abreast of her sister states in this great and important educational movement."



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Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church.—President, Thos. P. Baker, Miss Ethel Saunders, Sec'y. Meets Tuesday evening at 7.30; social and business meeting on 2d Monday evening of each month; cabinet meeting Wednesday preceding.

W. C. T. U. meet every alternate Tuesday at their room corner of Elm and Judson streets at 2.30 p. m. Everybody welcome. Mrs. S. I. Jewett, Pres., Mary E. Perkins, Sec'y.
First Universalist Church.—Rev. F. E. Wheeler, pastor. Sunday services, preaching 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. C. U., 6.30 p. m.—Officers of the Union, Rev. F. E. Wheeler, Pres., Mrs. F. E. Mason Cor. Sec'y. Business meeting of Y. P. C. U., 2d of each month.

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Pleasant St., Baptist Sabbath School.—Every Sunday at 12 o'clock, m., Miss Flora Bunker, Supt., Mr. W. A. Gould, Librarian, Miss Blanch Gould, Sec'y.

Secret Societies.

Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, A. F. and A. M.—Fred E. Dwinall, W. M., L. Jefferies Sec'y. Meetings, Thursday on or before each full moon.

St. Andrews Chapter, No. 51, R. A. M.—Frank R. Harmon, H. P., L. Jefferies, Sec'y. Meeting Thursday following each full moon.

St. Elmo Lodge, No. 55, K. of P., meets every Friday evening in their Castle Hall, Perkins' Block, Main St., J. K. Denning, C. C., W. P. Perkins, K. of K. and S.

Oceola Tribe, No. 24, I. O. R. M., meets every Tuesday evening in K. of P. hall, H. Fielding, S., O. C. Bridge, C. of R.

Court Mechanic Falls, No. 1728, I. O. F., meets last Friday in each month, L. Jefferies, C. R., E. L. Lovejoy, R. S.

Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 27, I. O. O. F., meetings 1st and 3d Wednesdays. Flora B. Hawley, N. G., Kate L. Denison, sec'y.

Dwinal Chapter, Eastern Star, meetings 1st and 4th Wednesdays, Ella J. Dwinal, M., Ella J. Balfey, Sec'y.

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MECHANIC FALLS

And Her Neighbors.

Items of Interest Picked up by Our Reporters.

Untrimmed hats 25 cents at M. H. T. Merrill's.

Mrs. Ellsworth Spofford of Newton is visiting town.

Mr. J. A. Pooler of Rumford Falls, was in town over Sunday.

Mr. F. E. Harmon of Rumford Falls spent Sunday at this place.

Mr. A. R. Merrill of Portland was in town the latter part of last week.

Mr. H. W. Boothby has been stopping in Berlin, N. H., for a few days.

Mr. C. R. Denning is on an extended pleasure trip in the western states.

Mr. F. E. Tufts attended a Masonic meeting in Portland last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Everett of South Paris spent the Sabbath with friends here.

Messrs. Bucknam and Wight have opened the club room in Walker's Block.

Mr. Win. Cook of South Paris, was in town last week, trying to get a singing class.

Come in and see our hats marked down to two dollars, all trimmed—M. H. T. Merrill.

There are reduced rates on the Grand Trunk to Will Carlton's reading in Norway, Jan. 11.

Mr. Charles E. Waterman attended the annual meeting of the Maine Press Association at Portland last week.

Don't forget the social dance at Perkins' Hall this evening. Good order will be maintained and good music will be in attendance.

Chas. Strout and Chas. Benson were before the court Thursday morning for assault and battery on Algernon Cox. Both pleaded guilty and the fine and costs amounted to \$20 each. In default of payment both were committed.

Civil Engineer John Straw and a force of subordinates commenced Thursday morning to survey a route connecting the Portland and Rumford Falls railway at Poland station with Norway. The line will run through Rabbit valley, so called, via Oxford village making the distance about 11 miles.

As another instance of the grasping and avaricious disposition of the telephone and like companies we mention a raise of 10 cts. on the rates from here to Lewiston making the fee 25 cents now. Only 66 2-3 per cent, raise.

LATER—Since this article was written they have seen the error of their ways and put it back to the original price, 15 cents.

The Harper's Ferry Quartette of Storer College, Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, will give grand concerts at the Congregational church Friday and Saturday evenings, Jan. 24th and 25th. These singers have gained wide renown and every one who loves good music should attend. The company's repertoire includes the quaint negro melodies, interpreted to bring out the true peculiarities of the colored people, and also the leading classical, sacred and secular music. The harmony produced by this quintette of voices is seldom equaled. Storer College, in whose interest the company sings, was founded by a Maine man, and is fostered by a Maine institution—Bates College. Rev. N. C. Brackett, president of Storer College is a native of Phillips, Me., a graduate of Dartmouth; the school and these singers are worthy of most liberal patronage.

The Gift Giving Season

is here and our preparations are complete. What mother, sister, wife or daughter would not consider a new carpet, a handsome rug, a comfortable couch, a useful sideboard or a parlor table as a valuable addition to the home?

What father, husband or brother would not like to have a reclining chair, a desk, a book-case, a hat and coat rack, or a good, comfortable, easy arm-chair?

What sweetheart would not appreciate a fancy rocker in oak or in curly birch?

We have presents that will be appreciated by every member of the family.

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Mrs. W. C. Chipman is visiting friends in Dixfield.

Have you seen the piano organ at J. S. Merrill's?

Mr. Arthur Bumpus has gone to work for G. O. Goodwin & Co., at this place.

The celebrated Weaver's organs can always be had by calling on J. S. Merrill.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Tufts went to Portland to see Keller, the great magician, Tuesday evening.

Rev. H. S. Whitman, president of Westbrook Seminary, occupied the Universalist pulpit Sunday.

James Grover, D. S. C. R., organized a court of Foresters at Portsmouth, N. H., on Friday evening last.

Miss Emma Jordan will go to Berlin, N. H., Saturday, having accepted a position there in the office of Chick Bros.

One bale of brussels, tapestry, extra super and cotton chain carpets in one yard and one yard and a half pieces, for rugs, cheap at J. S. Merrill's.

The ladies of the Baptist church had a quilting bee at the house of M. H. T. Merrill Tuesday afternoon, at which time they finished a quilt for a lady in Boston for which they receive \$5.00. This amount they turned to the church fund.

Rev. F. E. Wheeler will deliver a sermon in the Universalist church next Sunday morning on "The Seriousness of Life." This sermon is for all, but especially for young people. In the evening at 6.30 the Y. P. C. U. will consider the topic "The Early History of Universalism."

Monday while Mr. Fred Chaplin was turning down the face of a wooden pulley in the basement of the new mill, the turning tool caught in such a way as to bring the fingers of the left hand between it and the face of the pulley, breaking the third finger, taking off the end of the fourth and bruising the others. He is as comfortable as could be expected at this writing.

The temperance meeting, Sunday evening, was one of unusual interest as all the exercises were of the highest order. Mrs. May Henderson Thurston gave a recital from the lectures of John B. Gough with great credit to her self and it was highly appreciated by the large audience present. Her selections were some of Gough's grandest sayings and were rendered in a pleasing and effective manner. May the earnest appeal to the young men be heeded and cause "a halt" before it is too late. We are fortunate in having this talented woman, living in our midst and we sincerely hope to be favored with another recital from her in the near future.

There are many new surprises in view for those who are so fortunate as to witness Edward E. Rice's resplendent extravaganza "1492" at Music Hall on the evenings of January 20 and 21. To dwell upon the many merits of this production would be superfluous, as they are well-known to all admirers of theatrical delection from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Its many pleasantries have driven dull care from thousands of hearts and instilled a long, lasting cheerfulness. Both the minds and eyes of its auditors are simultaneously interested and pleased, the former by the bright dialogue, jokes, etc., and the latter with the dazzling scenic effects and rich costumes, while the most charming and catchy music engages the ear. To insure getting seats orders must be left with F. L. Perkins not later than Thursday evening (to-night) as he starts on the first train in the morning for the tickets. Seats will not be bought unless specially ordered as they are not returnable if unsold. Prices for seats are 50 cents to \$1.50 according to location.

Frank D. True of Portland was in town Thursday.

Lace curtains 18 cents per yard.—M. H. T. Merrill.

A nice upstairs rent to let with city water inquire of A. W. Folsom or at the house 26 West Park St.

Anyone in want of a piano organ can save money by purchasing of J. S. Merrill. No fancy prices asked.

The annual meeting of the Mechanic Falls Manufacturing Company will take place on Tuesday next at 7 p. m.

The collectors are particularly anxious that the subscriptions to the shoe shop fund be paid before Jan. 21, the date of the annual meeting of the company.

M. H. T. Merrill has made arrangements with Miss Rose Perkins to do what millinery work that comes in at the season when her regular milliner is not here.

The Simon Pottle estate has been sold for \$6000. This estate comprises large wood and timber lots and could have been sold for double the amount 30 years ago.

Simeon L. Harris was thrown from his carriage near the Grand Trunk railway, on Page's Mill road, Thursday evening, and was picked up in an insensible condition.

The oyster supper and entertainment at the Congregational vestry Thursday, Jan. 16th, is gotten up by the men, oysters, cake, rolls, sandwiches, in fact everything for a good supper, and all you can eat for 20 cents.

Geo. O. Goodwin & Co. have just received a carload of the "Mount Washington" flour also a carload of the "Superior," which they are selling at very low prices. Get a barrel and compare it with higher cost flour and see if it is not just as good or better.

J. W. Penney & Sons have shipped a carload of phosphor bronze vacuum pumps, blow valves, etc. to the Masterman Sulphite Fiber Co., of Chatham, New Brunswick. These pumps weigh, each, about seven tons and have bronze cylinders 25x18 inches. They occupy a floor space of 8x5 feet and stand about 10 feet high. The are fine machines and are appreciated by foreign as well as our own people.

We clip the following from Zion's Advocate:—"Rev. Geo. S. Chase, who has recently accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Mechanic Falls, returned to Springvale on Monday of last week for the purpose of removing his household goods. Some of his friends hearing that he would come, prepared a little surprise for himself and family, called upon him *en masse*, and filled his rooms. Rev. Mr. Shumway being in the secret, managed the affair so quietly that nearly the whole company had arrived before it was known that the incoming guests were the Chase's company and not Mr. Shumway's. After a season of social intercourse, Rev. F. G. Davis stepped forward as spokesman of the company and in kind and felicitous words presented Mr. Chase with a very fine revolving desk chair; Mrs. Chase with beautiful table-linen—cloth and napkins; and Miss Carrie with a music-rack of very pretty design. When this was done Mrs. F. O. Goodwin presented a purse of money, accompanied with a note, from the Ladies' Society, couched in pleasing terms expressing kindly regards. The recipients were renewedly surprised by each gift and assured the friends that they found it impossible at the time to give expression in words to their feelings of gratitude. Mr. and Mrs. Chase and their daughter now wish to acknowledge, to all who were in any way connected with the affair, the very pleasant surprise thus given them at the Baptist parsonage. For all friendly words, and for the tangible expressions in gifts presented, they feel gratefully indebted, and not for these alone, but for all the many kindnesses received in the six years' residence in the community. They will carry with them memories of these things, and of the friendships formed, which will be a bond of attachment to the place and the people."

A Letter.
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MERRILL & DENNING.

Oxford.

Dr. Weston of Bolster's Mills was in town Tuesday.

The young people have improved the past week with skating on Lake Thompson.

C. H. Robinson was kicked by a horse which he was shoeing and had his hand quite severely injured one day last week.

C. T. Wardwell has sued Robinson Manufacturing Co. for \$2000 damage on his farm by flowage of water.

Chas. H. Robinson observed the 25th anniversary of his marriage on Tuesday evening; also Cyrus Hayes the 30th anniversary of his marriage on Friday evening of last week.

Schools began Monday with the old board of teachers. 30 scholars attend the High School from out the district. An entertainment for the benefit of the High School will be given on Friday evening, Jan. 24th. It will consist of drama by home talent, reading by Miss Maud Mayo of Auburn, dance and supper. The admission to the dance and drama 25 cents and to the supper 25 cents.

Harper's Ferry Quartette of Storer College will give an entertainment on Monday and Tuesday evenings, Jan. 27 and 28. The company's repertoire includes the quaint negro melodies interpreted to bring out the true peculiarities of the colored people and also the leading classical, sacred and secular music. The harmony is seldom equaled.

The Sons of Veterans installed the following officers on Saturday evening:

A. L. Chaplin, Capt.
E. S. Fuller, 1st Lieut.
Walter Bean, 2nd Lieut.
W. R. Farris, Camp Council,
W. E. Holden " "
C. M. Andrews, " "
Frank Farris, 1st Sergeant,
S. M. Patterson, Q. M. Sergeant,
W. E. Perkins, S. Guard,
Willis Herrick, C. "
J. Martin, C. Sergeant,
Chas. Smith, Camp Guard,
Fred Smith, Picket Guard,
W. E. Holden, Prin. Musician.

The officers of the Sons of Temperance were installed by D. G. W. P., L. B. Jones.

E. V. Walker, W. P.
M. E. Hazen, W. A.
Sibbie Hanscom, R. S.
L. B. Jones, A. R. S.
Geo. Hazen, F. S.
Geo. Parrott, Treas.
Rev. Arthur Varley, Chap.
John Farris, Con.
Ida P. Lombard, A. C.
Geo. Blake, I. S.
Fred Smith, O. S.
Emma Jones, P. W. P.

Poland.

Telephones connecting with the butter factory and J. S. Briggs at Poland Corner from our station at the foot of the hill; also with Merrill and Denning and Drs. Rankin and Bradford of Mechanic Falls are a great convenience to the public. After 6 p. m. Mr. Moore, the accommodating station agent, connects the wire with West Poland so a doctor can be summoned thence at any hour of the night. Weather posters are also displayed in the station foretelling next day's probabilities.

Miss Edith Goodall, post-mistress, is visiting in Portland, while her brother John reigns in her stead.

Mrs. J. L. Kimball has been quarantined at her son John's in Turner for several weeks. Miss Helen Kimball is recovering from an attack of scarlet fever.

Miss Helen Kimball, senior, has been recalled to her old place of business in Boston, as stenographer.

Horace Brown has another new horse.

Everett Nutting of Naples has been the guest of J. P. Waterhouse and F. A. Pulsifer.

A literary contest, the prize an oyster supper, is in progress at the Good Templars Lodge at Poland Corner.

The Ladies' Circle at J. P. Waterhouse's was largely attended. The next meets at Harris Hill Grange Hall, Jan. 22nd, afternoon and evening. Admission five cents including supper.

A good attendance at the Rev. Mr. Newports service on Sunday last seems to indicate the people are awaking to a sense of these fine services; also that a more liberal spirit is prevailing. May it increase.

If it don't cure you, catch the check.

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GLIMPSES

At the Wide, Wide World.

Some Items of Interest.

Two earthquakes have occurred in the district of Khalkhal, the first on the night of January 2. Upon that occasion the large village of Janjabad was destroyed, several others were partially destroyed and 300 persons killed. The second earthquake occurred during the morning of Jan. 5th and was very severe. It was felt over an area of 100 miles. The town of Goi was destroyed and a thousand houses were demolished. In addition, great damage was done to many villages. The loss of life was very great. There were 800 persons killed in Goi alone, and large numbers of cattle and sheep also perished.

E. B. Wight, better known throughout New England as "Webb," the Washington correspondent of the Boston Journal, died Tuesday. Mr. Wight was the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Inter-Ocean and was one of the most prominent newspaper men. "Webb's" letters were particularly widely read throughout New England and few men in Washington were better posted on political matters. He owned the best and most complete scrap book in the country, prepared after a system invented by himself, which he had patented. Wight was a statesman.

Twenty-two members of the national reform committee, whose efforts were devoted to fomenting the recent rebellious acts of the Uitlanders, were arrested by the officers of the Transvaal government at the rooms of the reform club last evening on the charge of high treason. They will be taken to Pretoria. The prisoners included Col. Rhodes, a brother of Cecil Rhodes, Sir Drummond Miles Dundar, Lionel Phillips, and other leading residents of Johannesburg. The arrests created no excitement, the populace maintaining a perfectly indifferent attitude to the action of the authorities.

The Cuban rebels are making things lively for Spaniards. They are within a dozen miles of Havana and destroying everything within their reach.

A special from Texas, says, "James H. McHan, his sons, A. J. Blevens and Walter Stockland, Americans on a hunting and trapping expedition along the Rio Grande, were fired upon by Mexican soldiers, forty miles south of Carrizozo and were compelled to jump into the river to save themselves leaving four skiffs, traps, bedding etc., which were confiscated by the Mexicans."

Hon. J. B. Foraker has been elected by the Legislature of Ohio, United States Senator to succeed Brice.

It is announced that Great Britain has agreed to cede to Italy the town of Zella, on the Somali coast. The possession of this town would enable Italy to throw troops into the southern and central parts of Abyssinia without their having to make a long march from Massowah, the capital of the Italian colony.

Abyssinians, Monday, attacked Makallem for the fifth time. The Italian garrison withheld their fire until the Abyssinians were in close quarters and then poured volley after volley into them with terrible effect.

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THE NEW BUILDINGS

Of Oxford County.

Some Account of Them.

The new Oxford County buildings at South Paris are now practically finished with the exception of the jail which is waiting for the stud cells. The grounds will not be graded until spring. Following is an account of them, published by the Oxford Democrat which may be pleasing to our Oxford readers:

The buildings are of face brick, with trimmings of granite and terra cotta. The roofs are all of slate, and there is a basement under all. The work of construction has all been well and thoroughly done.

The grounds in front will be graded in terraces another season, with a driveway up each side of the lot and around the buildings.

The front steps of the court house lead to the portico, which is floored with granite blocks. Double doors open, through a vestibule with tiled floor, into a corridor ten feet in width extending through the building. On this floor are the county offices and grand jury room. The height of the rooms on this floor is 11 feet in the clear. Dimensions of the rooms are given below in even feet, disregarding the inches.

On the right, as you enter in front, is a probate office 19x29 feet, with two entrances, and connecting with it a vault for records 12x20. Behind this is the registry of deeds, 17x19, connecting with a vault 12x20, and in the rear corner the country treasurer's office 12x17.

On the other (south) side of the corridor, in front, is the office of the county commissioners, 13x15, and behind it and connected with it by double roll doors, is the office of the clerk of courts, 15x18, with a vault of the same size as the others. Behind this is the grand jury room, 20x23, with a small waiting room for witnesses.

The vaults for the records are considered as nearly absolutely fire proof as it is possible to make them. There is nothing about them except the contents that can burn. They close with vestibule doors, and have metal shutters at the one window which each vault contains.

A stairway at each end of the corridor goes up to the second floor, the middle of which is occupied by the supreme court room. The floor of this room is 48x52, and is 19 feet in height while in the center a large dome rises above the ceiling. The judge's desk is at the west end of the room, the public entrance at the other end. The large windows in the sides are of plate glass. In the two east corners of the building, opening directly out of the court room, are jury rooms 12x13, and over them is a gallery for spectators. In the south-west corner, opening out of the court room, is the attorneys' room and law library, 19x22, and in the northwest corner the judge's room, 12x13.

A corridor connects the court house with the jail and jailor's residence. The residence is 34x40, with four large rooms on each floor. The jail is 34x48, and will be supplied with eight cells, giving a capacity of thirty-two prisoners and an opportunity to double the capacity, if it should ever become necessary, by adding another story of cells. The cells for women and poor debtors, are separated from the rest of the jail by a brick wall, and the construction of the cells will be of the most improved form, so that the jailor can lock and unlock the cells, and control his prisoners, without going in where they are, or giving them a chance to "get at" him.

The buildings are heated by steam supplied from a boiler in the basement of the court house, and all of the rooms are plentifully supplied with radiators. They are lighted with electricity, about ninety incandescents being used. There are several toilet rooms. Water is supplied from the Norway water works.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Our Neighbor's Doings.

West Minot.

Grange Hall is up and boarded, other granges are very generously helping.

At the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Rand, Thursday, Jan. 9th, over fifty friends gathered to wish the happy young couple many years of prosperity and happiness. There were very many presents and a lot of silverware. The couple stood in an archway of evergreen. Refreshments were served. All enjoyed the evening and departed about eleven o'clock.

Luther C. Bridgman of West Minot has given up his school on account of sickness. He is a graduate of Colby, but on account of ill health was induced to take a small school in Minot, with the result above stated.

Megquier Hill.
R. K. Haskell has been quite sick but is improving rapidly.

Della Herrick has been quite sick. Everyone is wishing for snow on account of hauling wood.

Sabbathday Lake.
Mrs. Mary Thurlow, Mrs. Lizzie Wescott and Mrs. Mary Shackford are on the sick list.

Mr. William Paul, a former shaker, has returned and is at work for T. M. Merrill.

John A. Merrill, Esq., of Auburn was here on business last week.

Poland Springs.
Hiram W. Ricker was elected a fellow of the Maine Academy of Medicine and Science at its last meeting in Portland.

Welchville.
We hear that John Brown has purchased the J. S. French farm of S. E. King.

Center Minot.
Crosby S. Noyes, formerly of this place, now editor of the Washington Evening Star, has sent \$100 to the church of his native place, to be used in buying new lamps, fencing the cemetery, righting up the horse sheds and supplying other needs of the church.

The Late Rev. Chas. A. Merrill.

EDITOR OF THE LEDGER:
Some of your older readers may remember, Rev. Charles A. Merrill, who was once a Poland boy and who has just died in Springfield, Mass. He was born in Woodstock, Maine, 70 years ago. He was a graduate of Boston Theological School and for many years did splendid service in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church. Twelve years service were given to the New England Southern conference. In 1867-8 he was the first pastor of Grace church, Springfield, serving ten other churches in the New England conference. His ministry closed in 1890, by reason of failing health. He was universally beloved, always a man of clear insight into questions touching his profession, loyal to his church and his work, out spoken in his convictions, a man whose conscience controlled him in the duties and relations of his daily life.

Many state of Maine men are among the preachers of this section, all of whom stand well in the profession and as men.

None can live a cleaner life and make a better record for faithfulness to the duties of life than did the subject of this sketch. Mr. Merrill has relatives in New Gloucester. He has occasionally visited them of late years.

G. F. D.

Real Estate Transfers.
POLAND—William Hackett to Charles L. Hackett 125
Harry W. Thurlow at al to Hiram Ricker & Sons 1
Mary E. Stanton to Ella E. Brown 875
Frank T. Austin to E. T. Brown 1

Lucresia Borgia.
Lucresia Borgia was a singularly beautiful woman, with gray eyes and yellow hair. It was said of her that her upper eyelids drooped over more than half the iris, so as to give the eye a languid expression. She had a peculiar trick of looking steadily sideways at those with whom she conversed, and this peculiarity invariably excited distrust in those who observed it. She was singularly gifted in conversation and repartee and could hold her own in any company.

Books, Magazines and Authors.
No one ever thought of introducing so expensive a feature as lithographic color work in the days when the leading magazines sold for \$4.00 a year and 35 cents a copy. But times change, and the magazines change with them. It has remained for The Cosmopolitan, sold at one dollar a year, to put in an extensive lithographic plant capable of printing 320,000 pages per day (one color). The January issue presents as a frontispiece a water-color drawn by Eric Pape, illustrating the last story by Robert Louis Stevenson, which has probably never been excelled even in the pages of the finest dollar French periodicals. The cover of The Cosmopolitan is also changed, a drawing of page length by the famous Paris artist Rossi, in lithographic colors on white paper takes the place of the manilla back with its red strip. Hereafter the cover is to be a fresh surprise each month.

He Built a Dam.
All kinds of animals do wonderful things without ever being taught. Each in its own line inherits an education which in common language goes by the name of instinct. The Woman's Journal gives this story of a beaver:
A college professor in Maine tells how he convinced a friend who did not believe that beavers could build a dam. He bought a baby beaver of a hunter and sent it to his skeptical friend.

The creature became a great pet in the house, but showed no signs of wanting to build a dam until one Monday morning a leaky pail full of water was put on the floor of the back kitchen. The beaver was there. He was only a baby, to be sure, but the moment he saw the water oozing out of a crack in the pail he scampered into the yard, brought in a chip and began his work.

His owner was called and watched the little fellow, very much astonished at what he saw. He gave orders to have the pail left where it was, and the industrious beaver kept at his work four weeks, when he had built a solid dam all around the pail.

A Royal Editor.
One of the most interesting of newspapers is the New Zealand Te Pakio Matariki, or Pleiades, or Seven Stars. It enjoys the distinction of having a king for an editor. His royal highness Tawhiao is not, it is true, an independent sovereign like Emperor William, but when he descends from the royal throne to the editor's "easy chair" then, indeed, is he monarch of all he surveys, even of that otherwise independent personage, the "printer's devil."

The Pleiades is a small eight page paper, three columns on a page. It is printed in the English and native tongues. Sometimes the translation is in the center column, sometimes in one of the outside columns.

The Maori language is a Polynesian dialect. It closely approaches that of the Sandwich Islands, of the Navigator's group and of Rarotonga. Natives of these mutually understand one another.—Strand Magazine.

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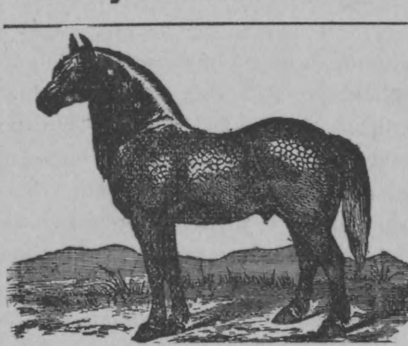
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