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CURRENT EVENTS

In This Vicinity.

Children's Sunday.

Last Sabbath was observed as Children's Sunday at three of our churches.

METHODIST.

The program at the Methodist concert was attractive and well carried out. The object of the meeting was to aid education, and a collection was taken up to assist indigent students. The platform was very daintily decorated with potted plants and wild flowers. In the center was an arch entwined with wild flowers behind which was the altar covered with evergreens, making a very pretty effect. Following was the program:—

Organ Voluntary.
Song, School.
Prayer, Rev. T. B. Baker.
Selection, Male Quartet.
Opening Address, Irving Dale.
Recitation, "Give us a Chance."
Gladys Rogers.

Selection, Choir.
Recitation, Three Girls.
Recitation, "Do Your Best."
Archie Somerset.

Solo, Madge Waterhouse.
Recitation, Addie Keene.
Recitation, "Summer"

Cora Woodsum.
Song, School.
Recitation, "Cyrus the Great"
Newtie Stowe.

Recitation, Grace Campbell.
Recitation, Mattie Sands.
Solo, Mr. W. T. Kilgore.

Recitation, Edith Kelly.
Recitation, Gerald Herrick.
Recitation, Ada Sands.

Recitation, Madge Waterhouse.
Solo, Miss Ethel Saunders.

Remarks, Rev. T. B. Baker.
Selection, Male Quartet.
Benediction, Rev. W. A. Waterhouse

BAPTIST.

The concert at the Baptist church was well presented and greeted by a large audience. The church was handsomely decorated with evergreens, wild flowers and potted plants with an evergreen arch on each side of the platform. Following was their program:—

Singing, School.
Scripture, Rev. G. S. Chase.
Prayer,
Exercises, Mrs. Waldron's Class.

Recitation, Marion McDonald.
"Wolves in Sheep's Clothing"

Geo. Campbell.
Sunbeams, May Nason, Gertie Strout and Agnes Strout.
Love is the Sunshine, Five Girls.
What Can the Children Do?

Harold Perkins.
Something for Children to Do,
Percy Crooker.

God Cares for Small Things,
Mabel Benson, Beulah Waldren and Eva Crooker.

Song, Mrs. Waldron's Class.
Little Words of Kindness,

Tommy Prince.
My Garden, Merle Prince.
Just Say No, Geo. Benson.

Solo, School.
The Mustard Seed, John Benson.
Duet, Stella and Ada Gray.

Rev. C. H. Spalding of Boston gave an interesting talk on the gospel chapel cars sent out by the Baptist denomination, and a collection for their aid was taken up.

CONGREGATIONAL.

There was also a very pleasing concert at the Congregational church and the platform was tastefully decorated with potted plants and wild flowers. A collection of \$5.05 was taken for the aid of Sunday School work in destitute places. Following was the program:—

Singing, School.
Opening Address, Geo. Ellsworth.
Song, Vera Bancroft.
Recitation, Annie Farrar.
Recitation, Four Children.
Recitation, Mamie Cobb.
Singing, Children.
Recitation, Elsie Farris.
Recitation, Bessie Duran.

Recitation, Jimmie Grant and Robbie Walker.
Recitation, Bessie Newport.
Recitation, Several Children.
Address, Rev. F. Newport.
Recitation, Margaret Milliken.
Recitation, Nellie Farris.
Recitation, Rosa Royal.
Benediction, Rev. F. Newport.

Our Schools.

Next Sunday, June 20th, will be observed as Public School Sunday; and a sermon will be preached, at 10.30 a. m. at the Congregational church by Rev. Frederick Newport to the pupils and teachers of our public schools, who will attend in a body.

The Elm street Primary school will close June 18. The High, Grammar and Pleasant street Primary schools will close June 25th.

June 24th, at 2.30 p. m. will occur the graduating exercises of the Grammar school at the Grammar school room; to which the public is most cordially invited. Following is the program of the graduating exercises:—

Music, Singer's Invitation, School.
Prayer.

Concert Recitation, School.
The Gladness of Nature.

Music, Ossia's Serenade.
Masters Dwinal, Briggs, Morrill, Lane.
Salutary, Lilia Faunce.
Declamation, Getting the Right Start.
Austin Jordan.

Music, The Brook, School.
Recitation, Home Sweet Home.
Maud Campbell.

Calisthenic Drill, Six Boys.
Concert Recitation, Paul Revere's Ride
School.

Declamation, The Unknown Speaker.
Percy G. Hayford.

Instrumental Music, Selected.
Tressie Pinkham.

Class History, Clarence D. Waterhouse
Recitation, Dick.
Tressie M. Pinkham.

Music, The Way to Succeed.
School.
Class Prophecy, Agnes Campbell.

Bugle Song with Pantomime.
Misses Faunce, Hayford, Pinkham, and Campbell.

Valedictory, written by Wendell Lane.
Delivered by Jessamine Hayford.

Music, Dip, Boys, Dip the Oar.
Masters Briggs, Milliken, Morrill, Lane

Presentation of Diplomas.

Music, Morning Invitation.
At 2.30 p. m. of June 25th the Senior Class of our High School will have their graduating exercises at the Universalist church.

The Intermediate schools will close July 2nd, on which afternoon parents, friends and citizens are invited to visit the 1st Intermediate, lower room of High School Building.

On the afternoon of July 1st, the friends and citizens are invited to be present at the closing exercises of the 2nd Intermediate School, lower room of Grammar School Building.

The Lillian Tucker Co.

The Lillian Tucker Company is making a week's stop with us and giving some first-class dramatic entertainments.

Monday evening they presented "The Little Duchess" in a pleasing manner although the audience was very much smaller than it should have been. The play, however, was a good advertisement for the company and we bespeak for them a full house the rest of week.

Miss Lillian Tucker has gained an enviable reputation in the circuit traversed by this company, and she sustained it fully in her part of The Little Duchess Monday night. Miss Mary Horne as Duchess of Arland, was impersonated in a very natural manner and her specialty acts won much applause. Miss Madge Tucker made a typical old maid much to the amusement of the audience. The parts of Henry Graham by Mr. Geo. F. Moore, Sir Leslie Gordon by Mr. Chas. Tremaine, John Ainsworth by Mr. C. C. Vaught, Peter Robbins by Mr. H. Prince and James Center by Mr. Harry Horne were all creditably taken.

Tuesday evening they gave "The Wife's Peril," a play fully as interesting and as well presented, as that of the previous evening. The manager tells us, that while their plays differ in character and of course appeal to different audiences they are all fully up to the standard of excellence set by the first two, and as they are acted by the same persons we can trust that they will be presented in as artistic a manner as were the initial dramas.

Magnifying pictures are thrown upon the screen every evening, and this is something of which our people have not yet tired.

The company labor under the disadvantage of not having a hall suitably equipped for their work. Not only that, but it is not complimentary to the town. Our people are pleasure loving and would like to hold out inducements to first-class attractions to visit us; and in order to do so we must have a hall. Mr. Perkins has a good hall, centrally located, but it needs new settees, scenery and a piano. If these are not secured, it will be an inducement for some one to put in a modern opera house.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from malarial poison. Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle at Merrill and Denning's drug store.

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To Rangeley and return via Farmington, Sandy River and the Phillips and Rangeley R. R. \$3.50.

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As there has been considerable talk about my selling short quarts of milk, I have decided that after April 30th, 1897, I will furnish milk to those wanting 1 or more qts. in tin cans holding the old fashioned quart, at 4c. per qt. for 5 months commencing May 1st, and 5c. for 7 months. Any who prefer the glass cans can still have them. Cream will be sold as in the past. Skim and sour milk at 5c. per gallon. I shall try and serve my patrons as well as possible and hope to give satisfaction.

John H King

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Time Table in effect Nov. 29th, 1896.

TRAINS WESTWARD.

	11 EXP.	2 EXP.	5 EXP.	7 EXP.
Portland, G. T. St.	\$7 30 a. m.	7 50 a. m.	1 30 p. m.	4 00 p. m.
Portland & Rochester Jct.	7 35	8 04	1 35	6 05
Danville Junction	8 26	8 55	2 40	7 14
Lewiston Junction	8 30	9 01	2 45	7 20
Lewiston	8 44	9 15	2 55	7 30
Mechanic Falls	9 15	9 25	3 25	7 50
Norway	10 47	11 15	4 45	10 00
Gorham	11 00	11 30	5 58	10 16
Berlin		1 10	7 45	12 15
Island Pond arrive		1 35		12 40
Coaticook		2 21		1 35 a. m.
Sherbrooke		3 03		2 25
Richmond		3 40		3 35
Levis (opposite Quebec)		4 00		3 55
Montreal		6 50		7 00
Toronto		12 35 a. m.		12 30 p. m.
Hamilton		9 10		10 03
Woodstock		10 13		1 30 a. m.
London		11 12		3 10
Port Huron		12 15		4 30
Detroit				6 45
Chicago		9 10 p.		1 00 p. m.

TRAINS EASTWARD.

	PASS.	2 EXP.	4 EXP.
Chicago		8 15 p. m.	4 02 p. m.
Detroit		11 50	11 25
Port Huron		7 55 a. m.	12 45 a. m.
London		11 30	4 02
Woodstock		2 40 p. m.	4 48
Hamilton		3 20	7 00
Toronto		4 55	8 35
Montreal		8 00 a. m.	11 00 p. m.
Richmond		10 45	2 30
Levis (opposite Quebec)		11 25	7 30
Sherbrooke		12 08 p. m.	4 21
Coaticook		12 55	5 20
Island Pond arrive		1 20	5 50
Berlin		2 45	7 30
Gorham		2 57	8 05
Norway		6 20	9 25
Mechanic Falls		4 35	10 03
Lewiston		7 00	10 05
Danville Junction		7 16	10 20
Portland & Rochester Jct		7 22	10 25
Portland		8 25	11 25
Chicago		8 25	11 30

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Our Exchanges

Lost, strayed or stolen: One summer month.—Boston Herald.

Says the Rev. Dr. Savage: Some people regard it as a virtue to get up early in the morning. They are wrong. Sleep enough.—Boston Herald.

If Lewiston had waked up to the need of that new theatre in time, she might perhaps have saved her chance to entertain the Maine Musical Festival.—Waterville Mail.

Sound Money, the personal organ of J. S. Coxe, has suspended publication. Coxe liked its music, but he was tired of raising wind to blow the organ.—Press and Printer.

To give place and independence to Cuba without involving the country in war with Spain, which, it is said, Mr. McKinley aspires to do, is a pretty sizable job for any administration to undertake.—Portland Sunday Times.

While the tariff tinkers are about it, they might as well put a prohibitory tax on the genius of Tesla. His plan of telegraphing without wires is going to interfere seriously with the telegraph pole and wire industry. Assess Tesla.—Boston Herald.

Don't neglect a cough because the weather is pleasant; before the next storm rolls around it may develop into a serious difficulty beyond repair. One Minute Cough Cure is easy to take and will do what its name implies. Merrill and Denning.

Bacchante was too shocking for cultured Boston but metropolitan New York welcomes Macmonnie's work of art with open arms. The metropolitan museum of art has accepted the lady whom Boston jilted. Boston has yet to be educated to Bacchantes, Seelye dinners, etc.—Lewiston Sun.

There is no royal road to better times. We must work our way slowly. Probably more slowly than ever before. It looks as if we were getting down to a European basis, with reduced wages, reduced profits, a fall in values, with abundance of capital and labor and a sharp competition in both.—Pittsburg Post.

Every Japanese newspaper has what is called a "dummy editor," whose duty is to go to jail whenever the paper is suppressed for offending the Mikado. The dummy editor is occasionally encountered in this country. He rarely goes to jail, however, or does anything else worth mentioning, except to draw his salary, which, by the way, is usually the biggest on the payroll.—Press and Printer.

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OUR NEIGHBORS

And Their Doings.

The O. & W. R. R.

The stockholders of the Oxford and Welchville Electric Railroad Company met in the office of Ludden Bros., Auburn, Tuesday morning of last week and made choice of the following directors:

John B. Robinson, George Hazen, E. S. Richmond, Oxford; George W. McFadden, C. L. Turgeon, E. W. Eastman, Auburn; Fred C. Wilson, Norway.

The directors elected W. E. Ludden of Auburn clerk and adjourned.

The company has surveyed the entire proposed route from Oxford Village to the Grand Trunk station in Oxford, thence to Welchville, and has applied for a charter under the general law, which requires that five per cent. of the capital stock of companies so organized shall be paid in.

The company will be capitalized at \$25,000 with \$8,000 paid in.

The plans and estimate of cost of construction, equipment, etc., have been made, and in case the railroad commissioners approve of the location the money for its immediate completion will be forthcoming. The length of the road will be two miles and a half. From a careful estimate of the passenger traffic between Oxford and Welchville to Mechanic Falls, Lewiston and Auburn the stockholders are more than confident that the road will be a paying investment from the start.

At a later meeting of the company Geo. Hazen was elected president, G. W. McFadden vice president and John B. Robinson treasurer.

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Fish and Game Protective Association of Oxford.

Those interested in the propagation and protection of the fish in Thompson Pond met, May 31, and formed an association styled as above. The following officers were chosen:

Geo. Hazen, President.

F. L. Walker, Secretary.

Geo. H. Jones, Treasurer.

The association starts out with a good membership and undoubtedly will be rapidly increased, and with proper care and judicious stocking Thompson Pond will become the best fishing in this section of Maine.

The fishing has improved there year by year since the stopping of spearing in the fall. Several redspots and a large number of togue have been taken, this season.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address,

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Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. Thos. P. Baker, pastor. Sunday services, preaching, 10.30 a. m., Sabbath School, 12 m., Junior League, 3 p. m., prayer meeting, 7.00 p. m.; Class Meeting, Thursday evening at 7.30.

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 rooms corner of Elm and Judson streets at 2.30 p. m. Everybody welcome. Mrs. S. I. Jewett, Pres., Mrs. O. W. Hawkes, 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 Tuesday of each month.

Pleasant St., Baptist Church—"Strangers Sabbath Home." Seats Free. All welcome. Rev. Geo. S. Chase, pastor, J. S. Merrill, clerk. Sunday service, 10.30 a. m., 7 p. m. Tuesday and Friday evenings in vestry 7.30 p. m.

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

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

Androsogin Lodge, N. E. O. P., No. 205, meets 1st and 3d Thursdays of each month, Charles Waterman, Warden, Lillian M. King, Sec'y.

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Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 27, I. O. O. F., meetings 1st and 3d Wednesday, Flora R. Thurston, N. G., Kate L. Denison, Sec'y.

Dwinal Chapter, Eastern Star, meetings 2d and 4th Wednesdays, Flora E. Mason, M., Ella J. Bailey, Sec'y.

A. A. Dwinal Post, No. 3, G. A. R., Charles Tenney, Com., I. P. Davis, Adgt. Meets every Tuesday evening at G. A. R. Hall.

W. C. Bridge Camp, No. 23, S. of V. Meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays in G. A. R. Hall. George E. Benson, Capt., Ernest Smith, Lt. Sergeant.

Ladies Aid Society, No. 5, of W. C. Bridge Camp, No. 26, Minnie D. Harnden, Pres., Inez Jackson, Sec'y. Meets 1st and 3d Wednesdays in G. A. R. Hall.

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Monami Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F., J. W. Wayne, N. G., E. K. Holbrook, R. S. Meets Monday evening at Odd Fellows Hall, Elm St., at 7.30.

Orion Encampment, No. 27, I. O. O. F.—A. A. Bumpus, C. P., P. T. Murray, Scribe. Meetings 2d and 4th Wednesday of each month.

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Items of Interest Picked up by Our
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The rosy month that all hearts love the best,
The glad forerunner of heaven's bliss and rest;
When Fancy would resign her wondrous sway,
And the soul dream of immortality.

—George Bancroft Griffith.

Mr. Clifford Harmon of Bridgeton, visited town last week.

Mr. P. T. Munsey of Boston, is stopping in town for awhile.

Miss Minnie Grover, of Toronto, is visiting at Mr. P. R. Cobb's.

Mrs. F. E. Emrich and children are visiting at Mr. I. A. Denison's.

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Miss Lottie Bates, of Natick, Mass., has been the guest of her friend, Miss Eva B. Tyler.

Misses Inez and Ora Decker, who have been at the Farmington Normal School, returned Friday.

Mrs. Lydia Ferguson, of Searsport, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Patterson of Myrtle street.

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Mr. George Bridgman has finished his engagement with Mr. S. T. Rowe and Mr. George McMann has taken his place.

Mrs. Rose Pooler of Passaic, N. J., arrived in town Saturday, on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis S. Perkins.

Supt. H. A. Clark, of the shoe shop is taking a vacation, and he and his wife are visiting friends in the vicinity of Bangor.

Mrs. F. O. Purington and daughter, Beulah, have been attending Commencement of the Normal School at Farmington.

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About 50 members of Colfax Rebekah Lodge visited Mount Pleasant Lodge, South Paris, Friday, and reported an enjoyable time.

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Mr. H. E. Thurston and wife have moved from Auburn to this village and will occupy the W. B. Bucknam house. They have been very much missed during the year they have lived in Auburn and their return will be welcomed by all our people.

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Many of our local knights are interested in the Silver Anniversary of Knights of Pythias—or the 25th anniversary of the introduction of the order in the state of Maine. This will occur in Portland, July 8th and 9th, and promises to be an enjoyable affair. There will be a grand parade, a reception and ball. The governor and staff, the officers of the 1st and 2nd regiments National Guards, the commandant of Fort Preble, as well as officers of the K. of P., will be present. The White Squadron will be in the harbor. Reduced rates on railroads.

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Mrs. Hortense Bradford has been visiting in Turner.

We are very glad to see Mr. W. A. McCann about town again.

The election of officers at St. Andrews R. A. C., occurs tonight.

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The ball game which was to have been played Saturday June 12th has been postponed to June 19th at 3:30 p. m.

Mr. C. A. Cousens has been going around with a black eye. Reason.—He came in contact with a fence post while working on his lawn.

Sick headache can be quickly and completely overcome by using those famous little pills known as "DeWitt's Little Early Risers." Merrill and Denning.

Rev. C. H. Spalding of Boston, occupied the Baptist pulpit Sunday giving a sermon which pleased the audience very much. He also gave a lecture Monday evening at the same place entitled, "Grit and Gumption."

A change of time went into effect Monday on the Grand Trunk Railway. Trains now arrive as follows: From Portland 9:54 a. m., 3:10 and 9:53 p. m.; from Montreal and Gorham 5:32 and 8:57 a. m., and 4:37 p. m.

A tramp, who came down through here a few days ago had a singular experience the night before. He crawled into a saw mill at West Paris and made his bed for the night on a pile of sawdust. When he awoke in the morning he found a circular saw buzzing away within two inches of his head.

Mr. Edwin Riley, manager of the big paper and pulp mills of the Otis Falls Pulp Co., has received his appointment as postmaster at Chisholm and he has appointed as his assistant Miss Lillian Fielding of this place. Just what arrangements Mr. Riley will make relative to location of the post office is not fully settled.

A chorus choir has been organized at the Universalist church and made their first appearance Sunday. It was made up as follows: Mrs. Blanche Dwinal, Mrs. Helen Hawkes and Miss Gertrude Elliott, sopranos, Mrs. Fred Dwinal and Miss Lizzie Briggs, altos, Mr. Hahn, tenor, Mr. Geo. H. Montgomery, cornetist and Mr. George Moore, organist. They made some good music.

They say that nature has been sad during the past few weeks, and if tears are any sign, we don't know of any who will doubt it. It has made our people sad, also, they kick at everything. The birds, however, don't seem to mind it. They give us a concert every morning, just the same. Some of our people, don't seem to enjoy it, probably, owing to wet weather. They say they haven't any technique.

After years of wandering as the guest of postal clerks, "Owney," the dog tramp, ended his days at Toledo. "Owney" had been sick until a few days ago, when he started out from St. Louis, in the face of stringent orders excluding him from the mail cars. He has lately grown savage, and soon after entering the Toledo office bit Clerk Blankertz, inflicting painful wounds on his arm and leg. Postmaster Brand ordered a policeman to shoot him. The Toledo clerks are having his skin mounted, after which it will be sent to the postal museum in Washington. "Owney" went through this village on a mail car one day last year.

Mr. John Murdock is moving to Oxford.

Mr. Fred Seal of Lynn, Mass., is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. R. R. Bonney of Haverhill, Mass., is visiting town.

Judge DeCoster was at South Paris and Norway, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cobb of Auburn, spent the Sabbath here.

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Mr. W. M. Mitchell has been appointed manager of the Maine Mutual Life Insurance Company for this village.

Remember the ball game next Saturday at 3:30 sharp. Admission 15c. Ladies admitted free, a good game may be expected.

Miss Gertrude L. McDonald returned from Richmond, Tuesday, where she has been assistant in the High School for the past year.

We understand we are to have a series of band concerts, the first one to take place this week. We are very glad to announce this.

The beard, mustache and eyebrows may be made a desirable and uniform brown or black by an occasional application of Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers.

Miss Gertrude Elliott and Mr. Frank Goldermann are attending the District Union, which meets this week in Turner, as delegates from the Union in this place.

Mr. Alden Fuller, who was engineer of the first passenger train that ever run into Mechanic Falls, died Monday, at Paris Hill, at the advanced age of 73 years.

The Monthly Temperance Meeting of the W. C. T. U., will be held at the Methodist church next Sunday evening at 7:30. Rev. Marcia Selman, Pastor of the Universalist church will give the principal address of the evening.

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Harris Hill.

Mr. Jonathan Everett died Saturday after a brief illness and was buried Monday under the auspices of A. A. Dwinal Post, G. A. P., of which he was a member.

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"Who can it be?" I said.

"I will show you," answered my companion.

We went down a side street where we had a full view of the bar-room, and through the window saw at the farther end a middle-aged man with bloated face and disheveled hair, sitting at a piano. His head was thrown back, and he scarcely seemed to look at the keys; he was not even looking at the wall before him; but away beyond, beyond the city around him and the sky above, into the realm of fancy.

"Who is he?" I asked again.

"I will tell you when we get to our room; but let's go in and hear him."

He played awhile then stopped and burst into tears. His companions crowded around him to persuade him to sing to them, many of whom would have been crazed with drink but for the magic influence of the player. In a little while he seemed to regain his will, and after a prelude broke out into a strong, clear and sweet tenor. It was a ballad he was singing. He seemed to put his whole life into it, and the pathos brought tears and sobs from many of his hearers.

During the second verse tears began to roll down his own cheeks, his voice was choked with sobs and at the end of the fourth stanza he was unable to proceed. He was dragged away to a couch.

At this juncture we hastened out.

We went through the streets in silence, each busy with our thoughts of the wonderful singer. At last, we reached our room. When we had donned slippers and dressing-gowns, and had sat down by the open grate, I sued for the promised tale; but my friend seemed disinclined and gloomy. It was a sad sight to see so talented a man reduced by strong drink to almost the level of a brute.

We were silent for some time when I broke the silence again by asking who he might be, and where he had become acquainted with him?

My friend answered that his name was Patrick O'Riley, commonly called Pat; that he was not personally acquainted with him, but that he had known of him for at least, two years, and hearing his story from his companions had become interested in him. He had accidentally become acquainted with the father of the unfortunate man, an old Irish porter, and had learned his early history.

Joe, that was my friend's name, seemed at length to have regained his cheerfulness of mind, and began to re-narrate O'Riley's history of his own accord.

"I will begin with the old man's story of Pat's boyhood.

"The family came from Limerick, Ireland, and was among the primitive hand-holders of that country, which gave them but a scanty subsistence. Mr. O'Riley's family consisted of a dozen children of whom Patrick was the youngest. When O'Riley's oldest son was fourteen years of age he went to sea, visiting America, and on returning the following year told such stories of this wonderful country that his father, and his whole family, emigrated and came to this city about the time that Patrick was born. He has lived here ever since, earning a living as a day laborer.

"Patrick, at an early age, showed a great talent for music. When he was five or six years old he was frequently hired for a few pennies, by the neighboring market-men, to sing to them. His musical talent became acknowledged among his acquaintances, and when he was ten years old he was employed to sing in the cathedral in which his parents worshiped.

"This was a golden opportunity for Patrick. He was petted, praised, and encouraged, which resulted in a few years in his taking lessons in music,

vocal and instrumental, also in composition.

"When about twenty years of age he began life as a music teacher and a singer in concerts. So much success did he achieve in the latter branch that in about a year he obtained an engagement in an opera and here a brilliant career opened to him. For several years the young man strove with his voice, and had the satisfaction of becoming one of the best tenors in this country. He also had composed some music, both vocal and instrumental, which promised to be popular.

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"At this time he was engaged in an opera for a two years' starring tour through the United States and Europe. Among the singers was a Miss Rand, and with this young lady Patrick fell in love. It was a year of bliss to him. His love seemed to deepen and enrich his voice, and his passion flowed in graceful ballads set to the sweetest music. He even attempted an opera, which those who are capable of judging say would have excelled anything ever before written, if it had been finished, but it ended sadly for him, poor soul.

"Before the tour was over he had certain proof of her infidelity to him. At first it prostrated him, and recovering slowly seemed plunged in apathy. He tried to keep up his engagements, but composed nothing.

"It was then that he took to drink. He tried to drown the passion that burned within him and seemed ready to consume him; he tried to drown time that hung heavy on his hands and was hateful to him. Soon he neglected his engagements and obtained a living as best he could when sober, which was seldom. Slowly, but surely, he descended the ladder until you see the wreck of the once brilliant singer and poet. Only under the influence of the fiend does his genius rise, as we saw and heard it tonight; should we see him tomorrow we should find either apathy or drunken stupor."

Joe paused as if he had finished his story, and I asked if there had been any endeavor to reclaim this sad specimen of humanity?

"Yes, his friends have tried but he has steadfastly resisted them. When the city missionary approached him he said his only wish was to die. They could rouse him in no way."

"But the girl; what became of her?"

"O, she still continues her old life somewhere, unmindful of her lover!"

There was a pause. Joe's eyes were intently fixed on the gleaming coals of the fire, while mine wandered about the room. Finally being in no social mood we went to bed.

When I awoke next morning the strange being of the day before haunted me and followed me through the day; indeed, it followed me for many a day; but during that time I did not catch a glimpse of O'Riley, though I peered into every bar-room that I passed.

About a month after the events narrated in the last chapter, as I was hurrying along a crowded thoroughfare, I caught the sound of the wonderful voice. It was more broken than when I last heard it, and as I stepped

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into the door I noticed his features were more bloated and his eye more bloodshot than when I last saw him. I inquired where he lodged but no one knew any thing about him.

There came another blank. At last, when hurrying home one night I came upon a crowd on the sidewalk and became aware that four men were bringing a body from an alley-way. I peered in among the eager throng of faces and recognized the disfigured features of Patrick O'Riley set in death.

I hastily inquired the circumstances and was informed that yesterday he raved in delirium, and wandering off in this deserted alley, had died alone.

They were bearing his remains to the city hall, and busy newspaper reporters were looking curiously on and interviewing the bystanders.

The next day, Joe and myself went to see this long sufferer's body returned to dust. A large number of the curious were gathered to see this last solemn rite. The charity of friends had robbed the deceased in decent habiliments, and encased the stiffened limbs in a respectable casket. The aged parents, with the brothers and sisters, were the mourners; and there was another clad in deep black, who wept and wrung her hands as if inconsolable. Who this woman was, the reader may guess as I had to do.

Several years had fled away since that sad event, and poor Pat O'Riley is forgotten by most of his associates. During this time I had become interested in a charity hospital. In this much of the nursing was done by sisters of charity. Among those who came often was a woman whose face reminded me of some one I had seen at some time, but I knew not where.

One day as I was passing through the wards, I heard a sweet voice singing at the bedside of a dying girl. So sweet was the voice and so touching the hymn, that I stopped to listen. As the last strain floated away in silence the girl thanked her.

"No thanks are due to me," said the nun. I owe many songs to propitiate a wrong I once did a dear friend!"

This life of mine among disease and death led me to serious thinking, and in these moments I was wont to walk through the various cemeteries of the city unconsciously thinking them, perhaps, a fit surrounding for such meditation.

One Sabbath while walking in one, I was attracted by a broken shaft of marble rising above the surrounding slabs, a short distance from me. I came near, and was just reading the word O'Riley when I noticed a nun weeping at the base, the same who had sung at the hospital. Then and there her secret became mine, and it has doubtless, become yours also dear reader.

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OF INTEREST

To Our People.

Another Interview.

Mr. H. W. Bearce, of this place, was recently chosen by the Society of Theosophy in Lewiston, to represent them at a meeting of Theosophists in New York. When he returned he stopped awhile in Boston and called upon his old friends there, of whom he has a host. For many years he was known in the clubs of that city as a free lance, and although his views were antagonistic to the times and even to his own manner of living, his talks were enjoyed. Mr. Bearce told his Boston friends we are living as we are, not, as some people suppose, out of "pure cussedness," but because we are victims to circumstances which we cannot control. Of course the majority of people do not believe with Mr. Bearce, nevertheless, they are evidently interested in what he says for they gave him considerable space in the newspapers; and as we know of no one else in town who could have gained the ear of these, we suppose our readers will be pleased to know what he said, which they considered of such importance so we publish below some extracts of an interview which appeared in the Boston Commercial of May 22d, last.

"I will say that the famous French writer Proudhon is my master. Upon subjects of political economy I regard him as the master mind of the world. I believe with Proudhon that labor produces capital and consumes it. Capital, with no producer to consume it, can only lie useless. Interest and rent are not founded upon any permanent principle, but merely arise from temporary necessities. Proudhon believed that specie money was the prime cause of all economic disorders of history; his remedy was mutualism of credit or circulation at cost.

"Our financial system is the same in principle today as that of 2,000 years ago; we have made progress in everything else but money. Gold and silver monopoly, the most fatal of all despotisms, have always remained the same. We have secured our political and religious freedom, and it is time that we reorganize, or, as might be said, repudiate our money system. Gold and silver are articles of commerce as well as representatives, where as representatives of value should have no other character, and be useful for no other purpose. The quantity of gold and silver not being proportional to the amount of product to be represented and put into circulation, while at the same time the circulation cannot be performed without them, it follows that who ever can get control of the specie of the world, can rule the market with despotic hand, and may work his will upon communities and nations: and also that such a monopoly of the circulating medium can be effected with an ease infinitely greater than a monopoly of any other article of general use. Thus specie from being a medium of circulation has become the tyrant of both the production and the consumption of the world.

"I do not expect that my idea of free currency will be adopted in the near future, but I do not forget that if any man had predicted in 1860 that slavery would be destroyed within 3 years he would have been called a lunatic.

"The masses are so grounded in custom, tradition and prejudice, that there is little hope of them individually, but every hope of them collectively. As a rule with most men, the catch words presented by the professional politician are more effective than the most profound arguments of philosopher and student.

"My hope is in a leader that can command the confidence of the people for ability and honesty, as Lincoln and Phillips commanded the forces of reform of 35 years ago. When such a leader shall appear the people will follow en masse.

"The national bank is destructive to the great mass of the producing class because of its monopoly. Besides getting its currency of the government free of interest, it has deposits to the amount of five billions to loan to the business world. With this vast sum

the banks and their natural allies, the railroad kings, the coal barons, and the stock gamblers, are able to control and reap the profit of every industry of the country.

"Under a correct system of free loans, all loans should be made on a stated time, thus providing for the redemption of all money loaned. The only duty of the agents of the government would be the seeing that the security was ample and that payments are made at maturity of loans.

"Let the people establish in all the business centres of the country a free loan system by which the national currency might be loaned to every one who could give the requisite security to return it at maturity of loans. Such a currency would be elastic; it would be called in use by the needs of legitimate business, and would be redeemed when the obligations were paid that called the money into circulation. By this plan every dollar in circulation would be sustained by the value of a dollar, and at all times there would be as many dollars in circulation as the business of the country demanded, and no more. Such a dollar in my judgment would be the first honest dollar ever issued by man. While this system of social money is so simple that a careless reader would hardly notice it, it would work a complete revolution in our present financial system. Capital would return to its parent, labor, and the producer and the capitalist would become one and the same person, which is what I conceive to be the true end of economic reform.

"Let me illustrate the free loan principle; and at the same time show the destructiveness of the present capitalistic system. Just now two of our most enterprising cities are rebuilding the bridges which connect them, at a cost of \$200,000 and the money is borrowed of the so-called capitalists, we will say at 5 per cent. per annum. Now what happens? In 40 years the tax-payers have paid \$400,000 in interest, and at the end of that period the principal is due and the bridges have cost \$600,000.

"Under the free loan system, the \$200,000 would be borrowed of the government, on exactly the same security given the capitalists, and on the same terms of the bank circulation without interest, and if returned in annuities of only 2 1/2 per cent. per annum in the same period of 40 years the taxpayers have paid only \$200,000 and own the bridges, and all this time they have had the use of a circulating medium free of tribute, fully secured, and its redemption provided for.

"Under the capitalistic system the two bridges would cost \$600,000, and under the free loan system they would have cost only \$200,000; the difference of \$400,000 between the two systems is a tribute paid to unproductive capital by the taxpayers.

"This destructive principle runs through every transaction of the business world, and aggregating thousands of millions annually is the error on the accounts that makes periodical depressions and panics inevitable. When the business of the country pays a tribute of so many millions yearly for nonproductive capital, there is no fund in society from which to pay it. The result is, debts must be carried to the utmost limit and the balance liquidated in bankruptcy. And that is our trouble now. Financial depressions and panics are inherent in this system under which are trying to live."

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