





## Newspaper Decisions.

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3. The Courts have decided that refusing to take newspapers and periodicals from the post office or removing and leaving them unsealed for its prima facie evidence of fraud.



## FAST DAY.

THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.  
By the advice of the Executive Council, I do hereby appoint Thursday, the 19th day of April next, to be set apart as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. Let the people of our State—in honor of the custom of our forefathers, and the veneration in which it has ever been held by the Christian people of New England—on that day abstain from all unnecessary occupation and assemble in their several places of worship; to confess the sins of the past, and consecrate their future to Him who is the giver of every good and perfect gift.

"Give the Lord the glory due into his name, bring an offering and come into his Courts."  
Given at the Council Chamber at Augusta, this twenty-eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventh.

FREDERICK ROBBIE.

By the Governor, JOSEPH C. SMITH, Secretary of State.

HARTFORD COLD SPRING.—As a sequel to our last week's article on Hartford Cold Spring, we are glad to add the following: A company of Boston capitalists, in connection with Mr. H. A. Bicknell of Hartford, met at the office of Hon. Geo. D. Bisbee, and organized a corporation, under the general laws of Maine, for pushing this business. The company has a capital of \$25,000; and it is expected that they will at once erect a large hotel near the spring, and also take measures for the introduction of this water into all parts of the country. This will bring a large amount of money into Oxford County, as the Hotel will not only accommodate a large number of boarders, but these will draw others to the surrounding villages, and farm-houses. Buckfield village is but 2-1/2 miles from the spring, and there are good accommodations for boarders here, so the town may look for a large influx of summer company during the coming years.

Gov. Robbie has nominated the following Justices for Oxford County: Fred A. Porter, Ramford; John M. Lane, Sumner.

## A NARROW ESCAPE.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Ezekiah Smith, the printer, was riding with Mr. Mitchell on the large cart of the Victor Moving Machine Co. Just beyond Smith's wharf the team was stopped while Mr. Mitchell went down the wharf for a moment. Upon his return he mounted the wagon and resumed the reins, but all at once heard shouts of "look out! look out!" Turning, both men saw a long freight train which was backing towards the Eastern station on Commercial St., close upon them. Mr. Mitchell applied the whip and gave a pull on one of the reins. The horses made a leap and turned, jerking the wagon off the track just in time. As the whip was applied Mr. Smith jumped and fell on the track, striking on the hip and one arm. He had sufficient presence of mind to roll over off the track as the train swept by, so close the wheels grazed him. Mr. Smith felt a great deal of pain from his hip and arm but was glad to escape with his life.—Portland Press.

Mr. Ezekiah Smith was foreman of this office for a number of years, and also of the Oxford Register office, while that paper was published by S. R. Carter, esq. He is known by many people in this section.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Monday: Ex-Senator Dorsey was called to the stand in the Star Route case; quite a sensation was created when Mr. Merrick in cross-examination asked him if he understood the nature of an oath.—Three feet of snow fell in places in North Carolina.—Ex-President Diaz of Mexico arrived in Washington.

Tuesday: Ex-Senator Kellogg was indicted for alleged complicity in star route matters.—Ex-Congressman Stetson of Bangor died.

Thursday: The investigation of Governor Butler's charges against the management of the Massachusetts charitable institutions was begun.

Friday: An earthquake in California broke plate glass windows and cracked brick buildings.—Fifty-three persons were injured by an accident on the Cincinnati Southern Railway.—Mrs. Meaker was hung at Wilkes, Va., the first woman ever hung in that State.

For the Democrat.

## AN ACROSTIC.

True and tried is this paper bright,  
Holding fast, in its aims, to the right;  
Ever growing in strength and power

On hearts that prize it in childhood's hour,  
Across sea millions bend the knee  
From fear, born out of slavery,  
Or sons crushed down by tyranny.

Readers of this dear paper own  
Delighted homage at its throne.

Dim are some eyes that love to turn  
Each well-filled page, where home-life burns.  
Many a wanderer from these hills  
O'er distant slopes, 'mid gentler hills,  
Can with its prompting, see once more  
Rare visions of the days of yore.

All hail, then, paper tried and true,  
Take our tribute—tis thy due!

Paris, March 25, '83.—ONE.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—Bicknell & Neal, Norway Branch of a Lewiston House, have opened clothing rooms on Main Street, near Beals Hotel. They have a large stock; say they have come to stay, and propose to let people know it by advertising.

Horatio Staples, Portland, this week advertises undershirts and drawers, sent by mail for 50 cents each.

Libbey & Moore, Auburn, want agents to sell cards, which they print at very low prices.

George Wise, So. Paris, advertises his cemetery business—office opposite depot.

S. L. Crockett has a large line of Room Papers, Shades, &c. All papers trimmed free. Also a large stock of Potash.

Freedom Notice of Frank W. Stiles. Caution by Samuel P. Harlow of Buckfield.

Two good work horses for sale by W. E. Perkins, Paris. Six Probate Notices. One Insolvency Notice.

## SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

MARCH TERM, 1883.

HON. W. W. VIRGIN, Justice.  
Albert S. Austin, esq., Clerk.  
Edward K. Milliken, Stenographer.

James S. Wright, County Attorney.

Jordan Stacy, Sheriff.  
Ronello A. Barrows, Deputy Sheriff, with Grand Jury.  
Elbridge G. Osgood, Deputy Sheriff.  
Austin P. Stearns.  
W. A. Barrows, Messenger.

## GRAND JURY.

Albany, Ebenezer S. Hutchinson.  
Andover, F. A. Cushman.  
Bethel, Hiram H. Bean.  
Buckfield, Gideon W. Hammond.  
Greenwood, Abner C. Libbey.  
Hebron, Aaron S. Cobb.  
Hiram, Joseph M. Edgcomb.  
Norway, Joseph E. Long.  
Paris, Hannibal G. Brown.  
Peru, Charles J. Tracy.  
Porter, Frank Lord.  
Rumford, M. N. Luffkin.  
Sumner, George G. Spaulding.  
Sweden, Charles B. Hamlin.  
Waterford, David G. Fride.

## TRAVES JURY.

FIRST PANEL.  
Woodstock, Isaac W. Andrews.  
Mexico, D. B. Austin.  
Paris, Ira Bartlett.  
Sumner, Isaac Bonney.  
Bethel, William F. Brown.  
Levell, Charles H. Brown, excused.  
Buckfield, Geo. H. Brigham.  
Paris, W. W. Dunham.  
Oxford, H. M. Eaton.  
Fryeburg, Seymour A. Farrington.  
Norway, Geo. E. Gibson, Foreman.  
Brownfield, James R. Hill.

SECOND PANEL.  
Norway, Geo. W. Hobbs.  
Dixfield, Harvey Kenney.  
Ramford, Dana L. Kimball.  
Gilead, T. G. Lary, excused.  
Stoneham, Albert Littlefield.  
Waterford, J. R. Longley.  
Hiram, Joseph D. Lord, excused.  
Albany, Moses L. Mason.  
Bethel, William W. Mason, Foreman.  
Grafton, Moses McAllister.  
Hartford, Emory Parsons.  
Roxbury, George M. Richardson.

SUPERNUMERARIES.  
Canton, William W. Rose.  
Hanover, Joseph E. Russell.  
Denmark, Sullivan R. Swan.

Record of cases disposed of since last issue.

No 250. Ephraim Wight vs. The Lewiston Steam Mill Co.

This was an action to recover the amount of \$626, as balance for furnishing lumber to said Company at five dollars per thousand, under a written contract, in the winter of 1878-9. The plaintiff had agreed to deliver from eight to ten hundred thousand, and had gone on and hauled and delivered, on the Androscoggin River, in Gilead, about five hundred thousand, when the timber was claimed by D. R. Hastings, as taken from land belonging him, and the defendant company was obliged to come forward and pay stumpage to said Hastings in order to hold the title to the same. Then the workmen came on with their claims for working in cutting said timber, and the company purchased up their time bills at seventy-five per cent, and with what supplies and money had been furnished the plaintiff, there would remain as claimed by the plaintiff, about six hundred dollars. The defendant claimed that inasmuch as the plaintiff had not fulfilled his contract, and had not got the amount of timber stipulated in the contract, the defense was not holden for the extra twenty-five per cent on the time bills paid the men, and filed in set off, the amount paid and furnished the plaintiff together with the stumpage paid. The jury returned a verdict for \$381.

Frye. Foster &amp; Herrick.

278. Charles H. Hodson and Harriet H. Hodson, vs. Liberty Kilgore.

Action of trespass. Parties live in Waterford and the action is brought to determine which party is to maintain a division fence. Withdrawn from jury "Law on Report."

Stearns. Chaplin.

280. Charles R. Eley, vs. Frederick S. Thorne, Jr.

Action on account annexed. Plaintiff seeks to recover the value of certain machinery delivered to defendant for sale on commission. Defendant says that he owes nothing, that his commissions on goods sold, and what he has already paid defendant exceed his indebtedness. Heard by Court. Decision reserved.

Fife. Hastings &amp; Son.

243. Jacob A. Thurston and The Androscoggin Water Power Co.

Action for balance due under a contract for hauling and driving lumber into the Androscoggin River. Defendant claims that through the negligence of Plaintiff, much of the lumber was suffered to remain over, in the streams, and was not seasonably driven into the river, and that in consequence he suffered damages by reason of such negligence. After the evidence was in, upon the suggestion of the presiding Justice the case was withdrawn from the jury and marked "Law on Report."

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## STATE VS. FIFE.

The case State vs. S. W. Fife, was put on trial Wednesday morning. This was a case in which S. W. Fife of Fryeburg, was called to an answer to an indictment by the Grand Jury, which found a bill against him as a common seller of intoxicating liquors. Mr. Fife is express agent at Fryeburg village. For nearly a year past, the citizens of this town say, the young men have had large quantities of liquor furnished them, in the drinking of which they became intoxicated, spending the nights in uproar, disturbing the peace of the community. The disturbance had become so great, and drunkenness so prevalent, that the best citizens of the place resolved to unite in stopping this inflow of liquor. They found that the liquor came to Fryeburg through the express office, and their investigations led them to believe that the agent Mr. Fife, was personally interested in the business. Therefore, a number of citizens, Republicans, Democrats, members of all the religious societies, united in signing a complaint against him. Proper papers were taken out before Justice A. O. Pike, and an officer raided Mr. Fife's stable, where he found a number of express packages, containing liquor, whiskey and rum. Mr. Fife appeared before the justice, was fined, appealed from the justice's decision; and came to this court. The matter was presented to the Grand Jury, and a bill was found against him.

Thursday morning, Mr. Fife was arraigned, plead not guilty, and asked for a trial. As is customary in important criminal cases, a jury was drawn, to hear this case. The jury was constituted as follows:

William F. Brown.  
Moses McAllister.  
William W. Mason, Foreman.  
Ira Bartlett.  
George M. Richardson.  
Stillman R. Swan.  
Harvey Kenney.  
Dana L. Kimball.  
J. R. Longley.  
George W. Hobbs.  
George H. Brigham.  
Albert Littlefield.

Seymour A. Farrington was drawn, but was challenged by the State on account of relationship.

Judge Virgin appointed W. W. Mason as foreman of the jury. Each member was individually sworn in special reference to the trying of this case.

James S. Wright esq., County Attorney, then opened the case for the State. He said that the State proposed to prove that Mr. Fife had at various times, in his stable, large numbers of boxes of liquors, so marked that their contents could be distinguished—that is, a box containing whiskey was marked "W," one containing rum was marked "R," &c., and that any one could get these packages from Mr. Fife by paying the express charges, and the c. o. d. bill. Mr. Wright declared that some of the State's witnesses had gone out of the jurisdiction of this court since the Grand Jury hearing; that he had been greatly embarrassed by not securing all of them, and that those who came were so unwilling to testify.

However, he had secured enough to make out the case for the State. Mr. Wright spoke very favorably of Mr. Fife's standing in the community; of his connection with the Court, as a member of Oxford Bar, and treated him very courteously, during the entire trial. However, he said he did not intend to so enforce the law in his capacity of County Attorney, that men of means and position should escape, while poor men were fined and imprisoned for violation of the laws. If Mr. Fife was guilty, he should not be shielded on account of his social and professional standing. He then called eleven witnesses for the State, who were sworn and testified as follows:

DUDLEY S. PERKINS, called and testified: Residence, Fryeburg. Am a shoek-maker. Was in Fryeburg during the fall and summer of 1882, and was acquainted with Seth W. Fife. In September, 1882, went to Mr. Fife's place of business, asked him if he had any whiskey; went with him to the stable, picked out a small box, knocked off the cover, and found a gallon jug of whiskey. Paid Mr. Fife \$3 for it; did not sign any receipt or book; did not receive any bill of goods; had not ordered any liquor from the firm of W. W. Whitney, Boston, whose label was on the jug. Did not know why he selected that particular box except that he thought it might be as much as he could take care of [laughter in audience, which was immediately suppressed by the Sheriff]. There were two or three other similar boxes in stable. Cross-examined by Hon. John P. Swasey.—Had never been to Mr. Fife's before; knew he was express agent; found him in front of store. Fife said he did not know whether it was whiskey or what it was; told him I wanted small box. It was on right hand side of stable going in; did not see any express mark or directions on box; asked Fife for whiskey; he said he did not know what kind it was.

LEWIS A. HAM: Residence Fryeburg, was in Fryeburg during the summer and fall of 1882. Bought a box of liquor of Fife in September, thinks it was on a Saturday night. Asked Fife for express package marked \$4.50, went with him to stable, got box, paid him \$4.50, and took it to boarding house. It contained gallon jug of whiskey, knew, because he tasted it. He had not ordered the whiskey in any way; Fife picked out the box, did not notice what was on box or express marks; did not sign receipt nor book, and got no bill of goods. Was not acquainted with Fife at that time, saw other similar boxes in stable. Cross-ex.—Is a house, carriage and sign painter, in business at Fryeburg; boarded at the Fryeburg House near Fife's place of business; knew he was express agent; did not ask who I was; delivered me box in stable and I carried it away.

FRED W. SPRING: Stable keeper at Fryeburg village. Last fall sent a man to Fife's to get a jug of rum, saw the man, named Suttell, come out of Fife's stable with box under his arm; brought it to my stable, sampled the liquor, found it to be rum [jug and box cover produced by State]; identified jug by a pencil mark placed on it by himself, at that time, also the cover likewise. Box was marked "W. F. C. Rodgers, Fryeburg, Maine, from Owen M'F' Co., Boston"; gave Suttell \$5 and he returned \$1.50; \$3.50 on cover of box. Never ordered the box, had no bill of goods. [County Attorney explained that this man Suttell, though a witness before Grand Jury, could not be found by officer.] Witness got another box liquor, same day. Gave Webster Elia \$5, told him to go to Fife's and get gallon whiskey; was gone ten or fifteen minutes and returned with jug. Tasted the contents, and found it to be whiskey. Elia returned 50 cents. Identifies box cover also jug by marks, as in previous case. Web Elia's name on cover, is familiar with Fife's handwriting, and thinks Elia's name was written by Fife. Had not ordered this whiskey in his own nor any other name; had no bill of goods. Cross-ex.—Met Suttell on street; did not know he had any express box, let him have the money to get rum, because he went for me. Did not go with Suttell; saw him come out of Fife's yard while I was in my stable, about five rods off. Same day sent Elia for whiskey; jug was kept in my stable for a few days, since then E. E. Hastings has had them for evidence in cases against Fife. Has not talked with Fife for 5 or 6 months, since he was summoned to Paris before Grand Jury in liquor case, though he claimed to bear no ill will toward him. See him every day. Have had c. o. d. packages and paid for them, before, but has no recollection of signing book. Destroyed boxes, but kept covers by request of E. E. Hastings, and marked them and jugs within one or two days after receipt.

ADJOURNED FOR NOONING.

Judge Virgin charged the jury and spectators to be careful not to converse with each other about this case, warning them that if they did so, they might spend a season in the "little house whose foundation stone comes up so near the roof."

WEBSTER D. ELIA: Residence Fryeburg, laborer. Bought box of whiskey of Mr. Fife, last fall, by request of Mr. Spring. Went to Fife's office, asked for Boston express, marked "W." Fife went through house, I out doors to his stable. Got a small box, paid \$4.50 for it, took it to Spring's stable, drank some of contents, found it whiskey; saw 3 or 4 other similar boxes in stable. Fife picked out the box, asked for box marked "W." because I supposed it would contain whiskey. No label on box, saw none tore off. Did not order the liquor from Boston, did not know there was any such box there; never ordered any liquor from this liquor firm whose label was on jug. Cross-ex.—Had no notice by mail or otherwise that this box had been shipped by express to me. Had received boxes before, on my order, but had never before received one without ordering it. Spring said that he would put Fife through, now he had got him, to pay him for summoning Spring as Grand Jury witness in a previous case, when witness asked Spring what he had got him in this scrape for. Said Spring told him, his hostler had burned the cover to this box.

IRVING KENNISON: Denmark, laborer on farm. Got gallon jug of liquor at Fife's store, in December, 1882. Had not ordered the liquor; delivered to him by boy, to whom he paid \$3.50; got no bill of goods, signed no receipt. Cross-ex.—Only got one package, had written order of Wallace Richardson; don't know to whom it was directed; Richardson did not send pay. Fife was not present.

HERBERT A. ADAMS: Works in steam mill. Was married Sunday, Sept. 24; boys called on him for treat, and he went to Fife's for whiskey. Saw Fife on Harmon's corner; asked him if he had box of whiskey; he said he thought he had one; went to Fife's stable where Fife picked out small box, removed cover with a hatchet, and chopped off label of directions; paid \$3.50, and took liquor to Pike's stable, where he treated the boys that Monday night. Had never ordered the liquor, but went to Fife's because it was generally understood by the boys, that it could be got there. Had conversation with Fife in Paris, told him should testify to truth; Fife said if he was summoned on Sunday, it was optional with him whether to remain as witness or not. Cross-ex.—Never had any liquor come there before; had no notice there was any there for me; cover was removed after payment; never bought any liquor before, declined to answer the question, "had you ever drunk any before?" Testified more in detail as to Paris conversation.

CHARLES T. LADD: Clothing dealer and barber. On a Sunday in August "chipped in" with three other fellows, and sent James Suttell to Fife's for liquor; Suttell brought back jug of rum. Had not ordered any liquor by express. [Suttell is the witness who could not be found.]

GEORGE H. SINCLAIR: A teamster of Stow. He with three other fellows "chipped in" one Monday, a week or two before the prosecution, and he went to Fife's for liquor. Thinks it was evening, and the box was brought in from stable, through the house; had not ordered this nor any liquors by express; asked Fife for an express box; Fife said he did not know what it contained; paid \$3 for it; took it to stable of Wm. Kelly, for it; tried it, and called it liquor which he got at Fife's and sent there for it, saw several other packages in stable.

WILLIAM KELLEY: Stable-keeper, chipped in with three others 75 cents each, and Sinclair went for liquor, said he was going to Fife's; brought back jug; contents looked like whiskey. [These witnesses were evidently not satisfied with the quality of the liquor.] Drank some of it. He identified cover of box presented by State, as belonging on box brought by Sinclair at above time. Had not ordered any liquor from Whitney by express. Was with Adams when Fife addressed him in Paris. Heard conversation about Sunday summons not holding witness. Cross-ex.—Marked the cover to box a few days after it was brought, might have been a week after.

EDWARD S. OSGOOD—City Editor Portland Daily Argus, testified to an interview he had with Fife after the prosecution before Justice Pike, which was the basis of an article in the Argus, and which we republished in full. The article was ruled out, and Mr. Osgood could only testify as to admissions of Fife. Fife explained how the express was done, showed his books, and Mr. Osgood took notes; c. o. d. packages came in fictitious names, or to initials; but the name of consignee was sent with bill in c. o. d. envelope. Some c. o. d. packages were ordered to be sold to any party who would pay charges, if uncalled for; others were returned.

ELBRIDGE G. OSGOOD: Deputy Sheriff Fryeburg village, brought in five small boxes and two large ones, containing jugs, all bearing label of same liquor house in Boston. These he seized on search and seizure process; but the papers in the case were ruled out and he was not allowed to testify as to this transaction. He was allowed to testify that he took these packages from Mr. Fife's stable. He identified the boxes as follows: one, "W. S. Chamberlain, Fryeburg, W. \$4.50"; one, "W. S. Clark, Fryeburg, \$3.50, from the Orient M'F' Co., railroad and mill supplies, India Street, Boston"; one, "C. H. Stevens, R. \$3.50"; one, "A. W. Williams, W. \$3"; one, "W. H. Davis, W. \$3"; one, "H. R. Billings, \$5." Testified that boxes marked "W" contained whiskey when he took them, and those marked "R" contained rum. He spilled the liquor; knew the people of Fryeburg well, and there were, to his knowledge, no such persons as above named in the town. Cross-ex.—Only order mark on boxes when he took them, was "from American Express Co." on each box; don't think there was any other express packages in stable when these were taken; Fife did not object to his taking the packages.

## DEFENSE.

Hon. John P. Swasey of Canton one of the counsel for defense, opened for the respondent. He spoke of the sentiment

in Maine against the sale of intoxicating liquors, but urged the jury not to do injustice to an innocent party on account of this sentiment. He intimated that this prosecution against Mr. Fife was the result of personal feeling against him. The defense would show that Mr. Fife had never sold a single package of liquor in violation of law. It was true that in his capacity of express agent, he had delivered liquor to various parties; but that was a part of his duty, as express agent. When any package was placed in an express office, it must be forwarded, under the law affecting common carriers, and Mr. Fife had simply acted in his capacity as agent, when these goods were delivered, and the c. o. d. charges were received. Mr. Fife had made no objection to seizures by State, which showed that he had no personal interest in the matter.

## THURSDAY.

SETH W. FIFE, residence Fryeburg, agent for American Express Co., at village, also member of Oxford Bar, Insurance Agent, and in connection with wife, runs a millinery store in village. Testified as to methods of doing express business; received from 300 to 600 packages per month; keeps a record of every package handled; delivers to residents of village; stores small bundles in store and large packages in stable, for non-residents, and notifies them that there is express, on cards furnished by Co. C. o. d. packages are those where shipper sends goods with order for agent to collect value of goods with express charges, when goods are delivered to consignee; with such packages is a c. o. d. envelope, containing shipper's bill; goods are delivered, cash is received, sealed in this envelope and returned through the express to consignee of goods. On the c. o. d. envelope are printed instructions, to agents, directing them to deliver goods to parties named on c. o. d. envelope, or to deliver according to special instructions of shippers, when any such are enclosed with bill in c. o. d. envelope. Had delivered c. o. d. packages to witnesses for State; naming each, according to special instructions of shipper, enclosed in c. o. d. envelope; but had never sold any liquor to them, nor delivered them any packages, except in compliance with the orders of express Co. (including the order to comply with special instructions of shipper.) Introduced express books, to show method of doing business; many c. o. d. packages are addressed to fictitious names; but the shipper's order tells agent who is to have goods.

Delivered c. o. d. package to Herbert A. Adams, Sept. 23, not Sept. 25, as he stated. Books show—"Inward Trip Book," No. 6, Date Sept. 23, rec'd one c. o. d. package, Saturday Sept. 23, 10:30 a. m., box from Boston, addressed to W. S. Bradley, Fryeburg, Maine, weight 26 pounds, charges prepaid to driver in Boston, 40c., delivered Sept. 23 to E. Adams (explains that entry is "E. Adams" by mistake, and it was delivered to this witness, Herbert A. Adams.) Second book called "Record of collections" shows Sept. 23, 1882, received on package addressed to W. S. Bradley \$3.50. Third book, "Outward Trip Book," No. 7, shows Sept. 25, 1882, 7 or 8 a. m., early train, Kimball, Messenger, returned to W. S. Whitney, Boston, c. o. d. \$3.50, received on W. S. Bradley's package. These records were all made at time of receipt of goods and delivery of same, and of receipt of money, and forwarding of same. Had in the c. o. d. envelope, order from W. S. Whitney to deliver to "H. Adams." Produced order from Whitney saying deliver to H. Adams package addressed to W. S. Bradley, which he swears positively was the identical order enclosed in c. o. d. envelope with bill of goods addressed to W. S. Bradley and delivered to Herbert A. Adams. Talked with Adams when he got box; he did not ask for box marked "W," but asked if there was any express for him. We went to stable, after he had paid charges, and got box. I did not knock off cover of box; did not know what it contained; did not chop off label.

Delivered to Dudley S. Perkins, Sept. 12, c. o. d. box. (Testified as in Adams case and produced entries in books to show dates of receipt, delivery, receipt of money, and date and train on which same was returned to Boston.) Box was marked "D. H. Knight," charges \$3. Perkins came to my stable and asked for express; did not ask for box of whiskey. I was not in front of store, as he testified, when he came, but was in stable; think I was greasing wagon. Produced order from Whitney, directing agent to deliver package addressed "D. H. Knight" to Dudley S. Perkins, and swears it was the identical order enclosed in c. o. d. envelope which came with package. Perkins asked permission to break package; did so; left box in stable, and walked off with the jug under his arm.

Oct. 4, delivered to Lewis A. Ham, package marked "J. H. Chamberlain," charges \$4.50. (Books show records in detail as in Adams case.) Had an order to deliver to Ham, as in other cases; but cannot produce it; has made diligent search, but cannot find it. Swears it was received with c. o. d. envelope, and was similar to others. Same day received package marked "R. S. Jackson," with orders to deliver to L. A. Ham, delivered same to Ham, Oct. 13, and received \$4.50 for same. Ham came to office, asked for express; told him there were two boxes; said he would only take one then; called for other at later date. (Books show entries as in other cases) Oct. 13, received another package, addressed "N. P. Walker," with orders to deliver to L. A. Ham; delivered to him Oct. 16, as books show. Had orders from Whitney, but failed to find them.

Webster D. Elia had a number of c. o. d. packages addressed to fictitious names; one received June 3, 1882, delivered June 10, charges \$2.50, addressed to "W. O. Green," order to deliver to W. D. Elia produced (Books show transaction as in cases above.) June 14 box addressed to "C. S. Whitney," charges, \$2.50, delivered by order produced to W. D. Elia, June 30. June 23, box received addressed to "J. Crowley," delivered on order produced, June 30 to W. D. Elia. Oct. 24, received box marked "W. H. Knight," c. o. d. charges \$3, delivered to W. D. Elia, on order produced Oct. 30. Nov. 21, box received addressed to "H. Maxwell," with orders to deliver to Web. Elia, date of delivery not carried out, but receipt book shows date Nov. 27. Box addressed "H.

P. Thompson," delivered to Web. Elia, Nov. 27, on similar order produced, and money returned to Boston, Nov. 23. Elia never asked for box marked "W." did not know the contents of any of these boxes, and had no conversation with Elia in regard to contents.

My boy delivered box to Irving Kennison, on written order of Wallace Richardson. Boxes were received addressed to "W. H. Rogers" and "C. H. Stevens," with orders from Whitney, to deliver to Wallace Richardson. [Books show entries of receipt, delivery, &c., as in the other cases.]

Nov. 25, received a box addressed "W. B. Weed," charges \$2.50, delivered to George H. Sinclair, on order of Whitney; no other box delivered to Sinclair. He called in evening, asked for express; paid charges, at my desk, went through liquor to the stable and got box. Had not notified him that box was there; he lives 11 or 12 miles from office; we had no conversation in regard to contents of box, and I did not know what box contained.

I never received any compensation on these packages other than commission on express charges, in regular line of business. Have never sold any liquor to anybody between dates mentioned in indictment, nor at any other time. Never sold any packages which came through express; never delivered any packages to any party unless so ordered, either by address or by special order of shipper, in compliance with instructions of Express Company printed on c. o. d. envelope.

## AFTERNOON.

Fife continued: In Ham case, there was an error in books; way bill contains name of "N. D. Warrington" while envelope and other book, showed name "W. D. Purinton," error was evidently made by calling name to party who made out the way bill. Did not deliver one certain package to Ham, though books show the transaction. [Mrs. Fife delivered the package as she testified.] Had lost instructions from Whitney, but they were received, as in other cases.

Testified in regard to a number of fictitiously addressed packages delivered to State's witness Suttell, showed book record of the transactions, and had orders from Boston to deliver to Suttell. Did not know Spring sent Suttell for liquor; did not know what box contained.

Since first year have not taken express book to parties for receipting, on delivery trips, because the storms injured book; made entries himself stating to whom goods were delivered; delivered express from way bills. Has not been on speaking terms with Spring for two or three years, did not know Spring sent Elia or Suttell; had not notified either of these three men, that there was express for any of them at office.

Cross-examined by County Attorney: Have been Express Agent since 1879; boxes have been seized on time by officers for violation of liquor law. Delivered boxes similar to these in case, to David E. Whitney and to Aug. Fessenden. Fessenden came to my place, asked me to write an order on Boston, for liquor; I did the writing; do not remember the kind ordered; sent order in general order envelope to Boston, not directed to any particular house. When box came, Fessenden said there was more liquor than he wanted; asked me to give him half; told him I had nothing to do with breaking packages; he paid \$2.50, and took the liquor. I have been to Boston since the December prosecution. Express Company employed counsel for defense in this case.

Mrs. ELIZA G. FIFE: Wife of respondent, dealer in millinery and fancy goods at Fryeburg village. Know L. A. Ham; last October he came to store, while Mr. Fife was out, and asked for express; tried to find Ham's name on express book; he said it was c. o. d. package and will not be in my name; gave name which she cannot remember; looked over Whitney's orders on file, found one ordering delivery to L. A. Ham, went to stable with him and delivered the package. Cannot find the Whitney order after having searched for it. Cross-ex.—Do not remember the fictitious name he gave; did not know Ham when he called; cannot remember how much he paid.

This closed the testimony for defense. Adams, Perkins and Sinclair were recalled on rebuttal; but added nothing to their former testimony; had heard the testimony of defense, contradicting their evidence, but did not wish to make any changes in their former testimony.

Hon. Enoch Foster of Bethel, made the closing argument for defense; declaring that this was a prosecution, instead of a prosecution; that Mr. Fife had fully obeyed the instructions of the Company, and was not personally liable, if the law had been violated in the delivery of these packages. No testimony had been produced to show that Fife had any personal interest in the matter. He reviewed the testimony, and declared his belief that witnesses for the State lied when they contradicted Fife's testimony; his theory being that this was a conspiracy to break down Fife. He argued ably and with much feeling.

James S. Wright esq., County Attorney, made an able presentation of the State's case. His theory was that although Mr. Fife had heretofore maintained a good reputation, he had delivered these c. o. d. liquor packages, knowingly, to any party who would pay the c. o. d. charges; and had since the prosecution at Fryeburg, gone to Boston and got these Whitney orders which he presented. He declared that if the State's witnesses had ordered the liquor from Boston the defense could have proved that such orders had been received and thus made out a perfect defense; that they had relied on circumstantial evidence to prove the ordering satisfied him that they knew no orders had been sent by witnesses who had so testified. He reviewed the evidence carefully called attention to inaccuracies in the express books, and particularly requested the jury to examine the Whitney orders, which he declared were all in bright fresh ink, evidently written at one and the same time.

Judge Virgin gave the jury a lengthy but clear charge, in the case. He instructed the jury, that if these liquors had been ordered by witnesses, from the Boston house; and they were packed and delivered to the express company as ordered, the sale had been made in Boston, and Mr. Fife was not liable. If the parties had not ordered the liquor, when they called for it at Fife's and paid the

charges, a sale was then and there made.

The jury was out about one hour, and sealed their verdict. Friday morning they reported that they had found the respondent guilty. Mr. Fife's counsel called the case to the Law Court on the ground that as Mr. Fife had obeyed the instructions of the express company in every particular case of delivery, he was not liable personally, for a violation of the law. This we understand, is the chief ground of appeal, though the bill of exceptions has not yet been fully prepared. Mr. Fife gave bond in the sum











OXFORD COUNTY LOCALS.

ALBANY, March 29.—Merrill & Grant are in the woods again, getting ship timber; having a contract for two frames of "doors," which they intend to get yarded ready for moving at the earliest wheeling.

Austin Grover has lost quite a good horse. Found him dead in the stable, he apparently died without a struggle.

W. Bisbee, of East Waterford, has a sheep that recently dropped four lambs. Three of them are doing well.

Austin Hutchinson sold his large oxen a few weeks ago. Their live weight forty hundred.

Several pairs of working oxen have been sold here quite recently. There is quite a call for oxen and cows. There is considerable enquiry for beef, but not much for pork.

Thomas Kine has sold his farm to W. L. Williams.

James Bennett has moved on to the Wm. Robbins farm.

William Foster of No. Bridgton and Amos Flint of Waterford passed away from earth last week. They both were respected citizens of Albany in their early life, and have many friends here yet who feel their loss.

Our days soon pass away and man goeth to his long home.

BETHEL, April 2.

Miss Parker, Instructor in Elocution in the Academy, will give an entertainment consisting of Recitations and Music, at the Congregational church, some evening next week.

She will be assisted by Mrs. F. B. Tull, Mrs. Alice L. Billings, Miss Edith A. Philbrook and Mr. Johnson.

Mrs. Tull will give vocal solos, and the others, selections upon piano and organ.

The entertainment promises to be well worthy of patronage, and will be the last opportunity we shall have of hearing Miss Parker this season.

FAIRBURY, Mar. 31.

Although Easter came so early, the decorations of the churches were very pretty. In the evening there was a S. S. concert at the New church, conducted by Col. E. C. Farrington.

The exercises consisted of recitations and music, suitable to the day. There was a praise meeting at the vestry.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Page of Leicester, Mass., are in town.

On Thursday, there was a circle at the vestry—a picnic supper and sociable in the evening; quite a full attendance.

MEXICO.—David O. Gleason for many years Clerk of the town of Mexico, and a merchant here, has sold his stand to Leslie H. Harlow who will open a hotel, keep a store and undoubtedly be appointed Postmaster to succeed Mr. Gleason, who will, it is understood, resign the position.

Mr. Gleason has filled the office of Clerk very acceptably for a long term of years, and made a very efficient and faithful Postmaster.

Our steam mill will start up soon. Teams are leaving the logging swamp.

SPARKS.

OXFORD.—The artist says that there is a larger number of very handsome girls in Welchville than in any other village in Oxford County—the land of lovely women.

We think the statement is correct. We had the pleasure of seeing the "six girl rose-buds" who carried away the first prizes at Brunell's recent "beauty-show" in New York.

We do not hesitate to say that from among the many Welchville beauties we can pick out six who would not only equal but would eclipse those famous six girl rose-buds, gathered from many States.

To go into the weave rooms is like going into a beauty show.

Until lately Welchville has been a very dull, dead place. Her people walked about the streets, like those who walk in their sleep. They had ears, but could not hear the ever-increasing clatter and din of the on-driving world around them.

They had eyes, but could not see that all the busy earth is rushing onward like a strong man in a race. Welchville stood still—the never-resting world rushed by and left them.

But a wondrous change has passed over Welchville now. Under the public-spirited, enterprising, and most praise-worthy management of the Libbys, it has been transformed, in a few short months, into one of the liveliest, fastest-growing, and most prosperous villages in these parts.

The sound of the hammer and chisel never ceased during the summer months. The prospect for this spring is most brilliant—a number of new buildings will be put up, and there is a rumor of another woolen mill and a new store.

Farsighted business men say that the road from upper Norway to lower Lewiston will some day pass through the busiest manufacturing section of Maine.

We see by the Forest and Stream, Police News, Lewiston Journal and other sporting papers, that Sam Wardwell of this town, has shot over 40 foxes this winter.

If there is another hunter in Maine who can match this record let him stand forth and do it.

Baker is piling the new goods upon his loc. counter with both hands—lots of new things.

Photo-man Chase has engaged for an artist, N. M. Philbrook, formerly of Portland. Mr. P. was the first man in this State to finish photographs, by re-touching, or fine finish. This was over twenty years ago, and M. H. King and J. H. Lamson of Portland have the honor of being the first photographers in Maine to furnish their patrons with fine finished photographs.

A man who has kept tally through all these long years, tells us, that there has been 390 odd feet of snow-fall in Oxford County in the past fifty years—an average of about 7 1/2 feet a year.

Over 115 days of uninterrupted good sleighing. If that mysterious being whom man never saw—the "oldest inhabitant"—has any record of another such winter as this, now is the time to "rise and explain."

His steady increase of new work is an evidence of his success in his profession.

Two guests of the Almo House took a sudden departure last Saturday night forgetting to settle their bills. Mr. Jackson was not the man to be thus jeweled by two Jews, pursued and captured them at Berlin. What would cost them \$8 in Maine they paid \$31 for in N. H.

A. C. Jones showed us some very skillful mechanical work performed at his shop. He is evidently a mechanic of unusual ability and genius and his work is in good demand in many of the mills and factories in this county.

A large company from this village attended the musical entertainment at Norway and were richly rewarded.

THE PRESS.

THE MECHANIC FALLS, POLAND & GRAY RAILROAD.

The corporations named in the charter of the above road met at Cobb's Hotel, in Mechanic Falls, on Wednesday, March 28th, for the purpose of accepting the act of incorporation, organization, and to take action in regard to building the road.

A large meeting, consisting of the corporations, together with a number of the business men from the towns of Gray, New Gloucester, and Poland—all on the line of the proposed road—also from Mechanic Falls, Sumner, Hartford, Canton and Dixfield, on the line of the Rumford Falls & Buckfield Railroad, was held, and all were of the opinion that active work, by way of public meetings in all towns and villages interested, should be held at once.

The corporations voted to accept the charter and to organize under the same.

E. P. Ricker of Poland Springs, Otis Hayford of Canton, Warren H. Vinton of Gray, George D. Bisbee of Buckfield, John S. Briggs of Poland, Dura Bradford and H. J. Deshon of Canton, J. A. Buckman of Mechanic Falls and Frank Stanley of Dixfield, were elected Directors. Subsequently, the Board of Directors organized by electing George D. Bisbee, President; E. P. Ricker, Treasurer, and R. C. Bradford, Clerk.

It was decided to hold public meetings in Cumberland, Gray Corner, Poland, and other points at an early day; also to confer with the Maine Central and Rumford Falls & Buckfield Railroad as to connecting roads and other pecuniary assistance.

This road will leave the Maine Central some twelve miles from Portland at or near Cumberland Junction; thence pass through Gray Corner, Dry Mills and New Gloucester to Poland Springs and Poland Corner to Mechanic Falls, a distance of some twenty miles. At Mechanic Falls it will connect with the Buckfield road, which extends to the Androscoggin river, in Canton, thirty miles north of Mechanic Falls.

A survey of the proposed line will be made as soon as the season will admit. The citizens of Dixfield are also moving for an extension to the road from Canton to their village, and have made arrangements for a survey of the line.

TEMPERATURE LAST WEEK at 7 A. M.—Sunday, 20°; Clear; Monday, 25°; Clear; Tuesday, 34°; Cloudy; Wednesday, 28°; Snow; Thursday, 16°; Clear; Friday, 18°; Clear; Saturday, 20°; Clear.

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OXFORD, 31.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1883.

On the petition of CHARLES L. DOUGLASS, Administrator of the estate of John H. Douglass, deceased, in said County, docketed for license to sell and convey all the real estate of said deceased at public or private sale for the payment of debts and charges.

Ordered, That the said petitioner 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 they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of April next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have why the said instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

A true copy—attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

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