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Portland and Boston.

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Fifty Years Ago.

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50 Years of Cures.

CURRENT EVENTS

In This Vicinity.

A King's Daughter.

Twelve young ladies will present at Murray Hall, Friday evening, the charming comedy in three acts, entitled, "A King's Daughter." It is very interesting, given under the direction of Mrs. May Henderson Thurston, and will no doubt be pleasing to our people.

It is given to raise money to help pay the expenses of the next graduation of the High School, and merits a full house. Reserved seats are for sale at Bridge's for 35 cents. General admission will be 25 cents, children 15. Following is the cast of characters:— Mrs. Graham, Miss Bernidene Butler, Aunt Clarissa, "Abbie Small. Rebecca Spencer, "Alice B. Cobb. Helen Graham, "Blanche Gould. Florence Baldwin, "Millie McCann. Kitty Green, "Etta Rowe. Lottie Browning, "Charles Bridge. Ruth Adams, "Alice True. Mabel Morris, "Geneva Hutchins. Polly Graham, "Alice Davis. Han. Graham, "Mollie Bucknam. Beth Somerville, "Hattie Mitchell.

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There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at Merrill and Denning's drug store, only 50 cents per bottle.

Our Schools.

The schools of the town of Mechanic Falls will begin next Monday with the following corp of teachers:— High School,

R. E. Files, A. B.

Charlotte M. Hanson, A. B.

Grammar School,

Edith M. Maxwell,

Nancy M. Bucknam,

Grades 6 and 7,

Augusta A. Jackson.

Grades 4 and 5,

Mary C. Bumpus.

Grades 1, 2 and 3,

Mattie G. Hanscom,

Minnie B. Farrington.

Pigeon Hill,

Flora Long.

A Railroad Wanted.

What we want is a railroad— Solid and heavy and strong— That will mitten right on to business, And take everything along Through Poland and Casco and Raymond,

And Windham—the northern part, Shut up to their wealth in travel To the slow plodding horse and cart: How it would waken up business To hear the strong breathings of steam, How the town's-folk would rush to the centers,

The places where whistles would scream:

Here's the corn-shop and mill at West Poland—

At Webb's Mills in Casco the same— Then the iron-mine near in the mountain,

Would blow itself up into fame:

Raymond village, now waiting so easy, Would rally and open her eyes

As new mills o'er her wonderful power, By magical hands would arise—

And the valleys sunken with timber All about every town on the roads,

Would give to the woodman their treasures,

And the railroad would get all the loads:

Now the R. R. from Rumford downward,

Is the railroad to go this route—

With a junction at Poland Station, All above, and below it to suite—

If they wish to cross over the country, From Lewiston, Auburn and so,

Into Western Maine and New Hampshire,

This would be the way they would go: Nearer the great White Mountains—

And everywhere going west— Tapping the mountain-division

Perhaps at Lake-Station the best— And here at this wonderful station

The M. C. would whirl on the brakes, While the shout would be heard by the train-men

Rumford Falls road, and Rangeley Lakes.

They long have talked Electrics, But you steam-road officials I know

Might get a good lift from the Towns-folk

It over this route you would go.

JAMES ALBERT LIBBY.

West Poland, Mar. 10 '98.

An Excellent Bicycle.

The searching investigation recently made by the Western Review of Commerce of Chicago, for the purpose of ascertaining for its subscribers the best bicycle made, has brought considerable honor to a Boston firm and its cycling products, stamping the latter as undoubtedly the best wheel made." The firm thus honored is the well known and long established John P. Lovell Arms Company, and its bicycle, known throughout the land as the "Lovell Diamond," is accorded the palm, as the result of a long and thorough series of tests, to which the 37 leading makes of machines was submitted by the investigators.

This is all the more appreciated by the John P. Lovell Arms Company, as the investigation and decision were not influenced in any way by financial considerations, not even in the form of advertising patronage, but was conducted with equity to all and prejudice to none. The board of investigation comprised some of the best practical experts, who after several days of careful testing of the relative merits of the machines, were unanimous in their verdict that the Lovell Diamond was the bicycle of bicycles.

The first intimation that such an investigation was being conducted was received by the John P. Lovell Arms Company when it was informed of the decision, which affirmed to its machines the standing always claimed for them by this reputable business house.

Mr. Frank E. Hersey has the agency for this wheel in this locality.

Real Estate Transfers.

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We invite inspection of our select stock.

Every customer on our opening days will be presented with a beautiful photo engraving of the battleship Maine.

"When We Go Marching Thro' Cuba."

We have just received a copy of the above-named great American Patriotic song. The melody of this song is even more stirring than that of "Glory Hallelujah." It is distinctively military and will at once become a favorite with all Regimental Bands. Every true American should be in possession of a copy of this great song. Can be played on piano or organ. It is now receiving from six to eight encores nightly in New York, Boston and Philadelphia theatres. Audiences rising en masse in their seats so great is the enthusiasm.

CHORUS.

Hurrah! Hurrah!

We'll make the tyrant flee!

Hurrah! Hurrah!

We'll set old Cuba free!

No more upon that Isle so fair shall tyranny hold sway,
When we go marching thro' Cuba.

The retail price is 50 cents per copy. All readers of our paper will receive a copy post paid by sending 25 cents in silver of postage stamps to the Union Mutual Music Co., 265 Sixth Ave., New York.

Magazines.

The Easter lily has so long been recognized as a symbol of the Resurrection that its original significance has been almost wholly lost sight of. That it was for centuries known only as the Annunciation lily, the *fleur de Marie*, is forgotten except in the world of artists and poets. This interesting fact, as well as the various legends and symbols of the lily, are brought together for the first time in the April number of Demorest's in an article called "The Annunciation Lily in Art."

Harriet Monroe's second paper on "French Women" appears also in this number. "Feathers and Fashions," written and illustrated by J. Carter Beard, is of equal interest to men and women. An illustrated article on the "Culture of the Gladiolus" in the April Demorest's will appear just in time to aid each lover of this popular flower in the selection of interesting, new varieties. Mrs. Gesine Lemcke, who is now in charge of the Demorest's Household Department, furnishes some delicious recipes for a variety of Lenten and Easter dishes. Celine Bayard, whom every one knows as authority on social matters, furnishes two articles for Demorest's this month. Demorest's fashions are always in advance of the season and always reliable.

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FACT AND FANCY.

About Our People.

The Village Rambler.

The spring seems to have arrived. Some of our older people shake their heads and say we can have quite a snow storm yet in spite of warm weather and every other indication of spring. Their answer, when pressed for a reason, reminded the Rambler of the boy's composition on spring. The boy said, "Spring will soon be here;—the leaves will appear, the birds will sing and the young lambs will frisk. How do we know this? Because the leaves appeared, the birds sang and the young lambs frisked last spring and the spring before that, and the spring before that, and the spring before that, and—"

As the Rambler said before the old men's answer about late snow storms was a good deal like the boy's. They thought we were liable to have one or more storms this year because we had had them in the past.

We have had and still continue to have a carnival of mud, which makes things interesting; but dry spots are beginning to appear in the streets about town. These are monopolized by the small boy in playing marbles. This is another sure sign of Spring and unaccountable as it is sure. Just why boys should be taken with this form of amusement on the first days of spring is unexplainable, but it is a fact for they are enjoying it this spring, they enjoyed it last spring, the spring before that, and the spring before that, *ad infinitum*. It seems that games of chance have a fascination for mankind both great and small; and the small boy is just as crazy when he is on the verge of marble bankruptcy as the older man in a more serious game. It is true that you come across a boy once in a while who thinks so much of his marbles that he does not want to play for "keeps", but he is the exception. Yes, every dry spot of ground now-a-days is an embryo Monte Carlo.

Yes, boys follow the men in everything. They are impatient to grow and like the man who marries in haste they repent their lost youth at their leisure. We saw one the other day making a *manly* attempt at his first cigar. There wasn't much doubt but what he was exhilarated for he made a lordly obeisance to a tree and a dog, and he was as sick as any sea tossed landsman. He reminded the Rambler of a little dialogue which took place under a similar circumstance. Two infantile boys were indulging in cigars and one of them was sick. The old stager, of course, was laughing at his victim. "Isn't your cigar good enough for you," he said? "Yes," replied the other, "but I didn't know enough, to let good enough alone."

AN OPEN LETTER

From Miss May Sachner, of Columbus, O., to Ailing Women.

To all women who are ill: It affords me great pleasure to tell you of the benefit I have derived from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I can hardly find words to express my gratitude for the boon given to suffering women in that excellent remedy.

Before taking the Compound I was thin, sallow, and nervous. I was troubled with leucorrhea, and my menstrual periods were very irregular. I tried three physicians and gradually grew worse. About a year ago I was advised by a friend to try Mrs. Pinkham's Sanative Wash and Vegetable Compound, which I did. After using three bottles of the Vegetable Compound and one package of Sanative Wash, I am now enjoying better health than I ever did, and attribute the same to Mrs. Pinkham's wonderful remedies. I cannot find words to express what a Godsend they have been to me.



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A WORD

To the Citizens

Of Mechanic Falls and Vicinity:

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Passenger fares of the Grand Trunk Railway System between points, both local and through, including fares to Alaska, Klondike, the Pacific Coast, Winnipeg, and the Northwest, as well as St. Paul, and all other competitive points, are exactly the same as other lines.

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For tickets and full information apply to company's Agents.

NOTICE CITIZENS.

No child, who has never attended school, will be received into the Primary Department at any time other than the fall term of each year, by vote of the school board, March 1, 1898.

MILK!

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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Our Exchanges

Rough-spoken Major Shorey of the Bridgeton News, who ought to know what an old soldier is worth as a fighter says:—"The old soldiers who are patriotically rushing into print to offer their services—are making a spectacle of themselves. What use hath the government, in time of threatened war, of broken-down old gentlemen of sixty years of age? The "melish" now hath the floor.—Waterville Mail.

One of the perils that now confront us is the liability of Congress to explode from the inside.—Boston Herald.

One of Two Ways.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, and bladder remedy is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail upon receipt of three two-cent stamps to cover the cost of postage on the bottle. Mention the Mechanic Falls Ledger and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

Lincoln and the Reporters.

When Joseph Medill was in the city, he was entertained at a dinner, at which he told many interesting stories about Lincoln. Mr. Medill was, with Mr. Hitt, one of the corps of reporters who followed Lincoln in the great debates with Douglas. "You will all remember," said Mr. Medill, "that after Lincoln had been nominated he was asked to speak at Cooper Union, in New York. The eastern people knew nothing about him, and they desired to see and hear him. Lincoln prepared a speech and gave copies to quite a number of us, requesting that we study it carefully and make such corrections and suggestions as we saw fit. Well, I took my copy and went over it very carefully, and finally made about 40 changes. The others to whom the address had been submitted were equally careful, and they made several amendments. When the speech was finally delivered, it was exactly word for word with the original copy which Lincoln gave us. Not a change suggested had been adopted. I never knew whether Lincoln intended to play a joke on us, or whether he really believed that the alterations were not effective. I never mentioned the matter to him, and he said nothing more to me. To tell the truth, I was not exactly proud of the part I played in the matter."—Washington Post.

MAMMOTH CAVE.

Exhilarating Effect of Its Bracing, Cool and Germless Air.

John R. Procter, formerly state geologist of Kentucky, writes of "The Mammoth Cave of Kentucky" for The Century. Mr. Procter says: The entrance to Mammoth cave is reached by descending a picturesque pathway leading from the hotel down the hillside over jutting moss and fern covered limestone cliffs into a beautiful glen extending from the top of the hill down to Green river, which is 194 feet below the mouth of the cave and about half a mile distant. If the weather is warm, as we near the entrance we step into a bracing, cool, pure air, welling up from the cave and flowing down the glen beneath the stratum of lighter and warmer air. I have stood near the entrance and extended one hand into a temperature of 90 degrees while the other hand was extended into a cool, flowing river of air with a temperature of about 60 degrees. The air within the cave has a uniform temperature summer and winter of 54 degrees. The cave may be said to breathe twice a year—inhalating during the winter and exhaling during the summer. This breathing of the cave and the purity of the air and its freedom from germs are among the most interesting problems to be studied. By what process the air in the cave becomes sterilized remains to be determined.

But our faithful negro guide has counted the party, selected the requisite number of lamps, and given the word, and we follow him in single file down the rude stone steps into the vestibule of the cave. Turning, we look up at the beautiful effect of daylight which we are leaving and admire the delicate cascade falling from the overhanging arch at the entrance.

Here our lamps are lighted, and we enter this silent, mysterious, changeless abode of eternal night, where the heat of summer and the cold of winter, the storms and thunders of the outer world never penetrate. A few hundred yards and we feel the peculiar sensation of emerging into expanding space. We catch only glimpses of white limestone projecting out of black shadows of the faraway walls and ceiling of an immense, almost circular room about 70 feet high, which our guide proclaims the rotunda.

We note the peculiar musical effect of the human voice. Years ago it was my good fortune to hear a celebrated German musical society sing in this rotunda. I went far away in one of the great avenues leading from here, blew out my light and sat alone in the darkness and listened while the grand anthems rolled and reverberated through the lofty corridors in majestic waves of melody. I could then appreciate the inestimable privilege of the few who heard Jenny Lind sing here and who in the chamber heard a member of her party render on his violin the prayer from "Der Freischütz."

When the rotunda is illuminated, we note the perfect clearness of the atmosphere, the freedom from dust particles of any kind, and we soon learn that nowhere in the cave will even dust rise upon our shoes. We note also the exhilarating effect of the air upon the members of our party. It is believed that the air has become oxygenated by chemical process; certainly, from its purity and dryness, it enables one to undergo exercise for hours without a sense of fatigue. Here before us is evidence of the wonderful dryness of the air. The saltpeter vats erected in 1812 and the timbers which have remained in their present position since then show no evidences of decay. In these vats the saltpeter was leached from the nitrous earth abounding in the upper and middle dry avenues and used for the manufacture of gunpowder.

The war of 1812 was fought, on the American side, with gunpowder made from saltpeter taken from caves, and Mammoth cave supplied the greater part. One wonders how, in the absence of germs and of decay, the earth becomes charged with nitrogen. It has been claimed that nitric acid in the atmosphere, combining with the limestone, forms nitrate of calcium, and the disintegrated waste from the walls and ceiling yields the great supply of nitrogen abounding in the cave.

It requires a day and a half to make the regulation journeys through the cave; one half a day to what is known as the short route and an entire day to the long or river route. But that by no means exhausts the objects of interest, and one may spend days in visiting avenues and chambers and does not included in the regular routes.

Hub Distinctions.

"They do pretty things in Boston," said the occasional liar. "What do you suppose I saw the last time I was there?"

"Give it up," sang the chorus.

"A sign that said, '2.50 pants, marked down from \$8 trousers.'"

A Good Season For Painting!

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Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. Thos. P. Baker, pastor. Sunday services, Prayer meeting at 9.30 a. m., preaching, 10.30 a. m., Sabbath School, 12 m., Junior League, 3 p. m., Gospel and praise service, 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.

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. G. S. Chase, Pres., Mrs. O. W. Hawkes, Secy.

First Universalist Church.—Rev. M. M. Selman, pastor. Sunday services, preaching 10.30 a. m., Sunday school, 12 m., Y. P. C. U., 6.30 p. m.—Officers of the Union, F. A. Goldmann, Pres., Mrs. F. E. Mason Cor. Sec'y. Business meeting of Y. P. C. U., 2d Friday 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.

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

Congregational Church, Elm St., Rev. Frederick Newport, pastor; Dea. C. A. Foster clerk. Sunday services: preaching, 10.30 a. m., Sunday School, 12 m., Y. P. C. U., session at 12 m.

Y. P. C. U., Frdk. Newport, Pres., Mrs. S. L. Hawley, Sec'y., meets Sunday evenings at 6.30.

Christian Science.—Services every Sunday at 12.10 p. m. Study of Science and Health with Key to the Scripture every Wednesday evening at 7.30 p. m., at W. C. T. U. Rooms.

Social Societies.
Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, A. F. and A. M.—J. W. Wayne, W. M., L. Jefferies Secy. Meetings, Thursday on or before each full moon.

St. Andrews Chapter, No. 51, R. A. M.—Fred E. Dwinall, H. P., L. Jefferies, Secy. Meeting—Thursday following each full moon.

Androsogin Lodge, N. E. O. P., No. 205, meets 1st and 3d Thursdays of each month, Elba Edgecomb, Warden, Lillian M. King, Secy.

St. Elmo Lodge, No. 55, K. of P., meets every Friday evening in their Castle Hall, Perkins' Block, Main St., M. A. Jordan, C. C., F. E. Smith, K. of R. and S.

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

Court Mechanic Falls, No. 1728, I. O. F., meets last Friday in each month, D. L. Cousens C. R., C. A. Cousens, K. S.

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

Dwinal Chapter, Eastern Star, meetings 2d and 4th Wednesdays, Kitty P. Libby, M., Ella J. Bailey, Sec'y.

A. A. Dwinal Post, No. 3, G. A. R., J. H. Shackley, C. I. P. Davis, Adgt. Meets every Tuesday evening at G. A. R. Hall.

W. C. Bridge Camp, No. 20, S. of V. Meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays in G. A. R. Hall. Ernest F. Smith, Capt., F. Waterman, Lt. Sergeant.

Agassiz Com., No. 245, U. O. G. C., Meetings 1st and 3d Wednesdays at Congregational Vestry, W. N. Hodgdon, N. C., May Walker, K. of R.

Monami Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F., W. H. Spear, 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.—Cyrus Thurlow, C. P., P. T. Murray, Scribe. Meetings 2d and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

Miscellaneous.
Board of Trade meets 1st Monday evening in each month at selectmen's office, J. W. Penn Pres., Charles E. Waterman Secy.

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MECHANIC FALLS

And Her Neighbors.

Items of Interest Picked up by Our Reporters.

Hon. J. M. Libby was in Portland Friday.

Mr. Horace Verrill of Auburn, was in town Friday.

Supt. Lovejoy of the P. & R. F. Ry. was in town Friday.

Mr. S. D. Jilson of East Otisfield, was in town Saturday.

Miss Bernidine Butler visited friends in Lewiston last week.

Mr. Francis E. Mayberry has been granted an additional pension.

Mrs. Elliot Record of South Paris, was the guest of Mrs. William Whitney last week.

One hundred and fifteen persons went to Lewiston on theatre train last Thursday night.

Call and see our Lincoln Fountain Pen all warranted and only costs \$1.00 at Merrill and Denning.

Mrs. Eugene B. Pettie of Lisbon Falls, is visiting her father, Mr. Chas. Mitchell, who is very sick.

About fifty new firemen were hired by the Grand Trunk on this division during the season just closing.

Mrs. S. I. Jewett is visiting her brother, Capt. Elisha Newcomb, in Westbrook, who is critically ill.

A. H. Chapman will plow small gardens for 25 cents each, large ones at 30 cents an hour. To insure early work engage now.

Mr. W. A. Harwood had the misfortune to jam several fingers quite badly last week at the shop of J. W. Penney & Sons Co.

Any of our readers desiring a steady job with good pay will do well to read the advertisement, "Wanted! Maine Yankees," in another column.

It is expected that nine moguls will run between Portland and Gorham the coming season. Seven will run between Gorham and Island Pond.

So we are to have some "sojers,"—W. C. Bridge Camp, Sons of Veterans, so we hear, have tendered their services to Secretary Long, in case of war.

The earnings of the Grand Trunk railway for the week ending March 14, 1898, were \$476,407; for the corresponding period last year. \$403,556; increase for 1898, \$72,851.

"Thousands of sufferers from grippe have been restored to health by One Minute Cough Cure. It quickly cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe, asthma, and all throat and lung diseases. Merrill and Denning.

Conductor Walter Kendall was thrown from the top of a refrigerator car at New Gloucester one day last week and had his shoulder dislocated. He was brought to this station where his injury was attended to by Drs. Tobie and Rankin.

There was a smash-up on lower Elm street one day last week. It was a delivery team from Lewiston and the tea with which it was loaded was sent into the air and after several revolutions settled in the street. The mud of Elm street is about as full of "revolutionary" tea as the mud of Boston Harbor.

We are having a remarkable spring, and one of the most remarkable things about it is that Mr. Lincoln Chaplin killed a woodchuck just outside the village March 21. The oldest citizen in this vicinity failed to remember of their being out so early before; but like the early worm he paid for his rashness by being killed.

One of our citizens caught a skunk in a box trap, or thought he did, a few days since. He weighted down the trap with stones, and invited a neighbor to shoot the "vermit". The neighbor took his stand, gun in hand, while the man pulled off the weight made arrangements to open the trap and then run, for fear of consequences. Something else run too, but not a skunk. It was a big black cat.

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Mr. George A. Colton and wife spent the Sabbath in Bath.

Get your wheels repaired cheap now at A. A. Woodsum's.

Going to the opening of spring novelties at Bucknam's next week?

Rev. Geo. D. Stanley of Oxford was in town on Monday of this week.

Remember the days for the opening at Bucknam's Department Store.

We are all ready with new styles in hats and trimmings.—M. H. T. Merrill.

Everybody will want to visit Bucknam's store Friday and Saturday of next week.

Mr. Thomas Kendall and wife of Rumford Falls, visited at Conductor Allen's over Sunday.

Millinery Opening April 7, 1898, at M. H. T. Merrill's. Will the ladies all remember and come April 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Casper A. Cousens spent the Sabbath in Auburn, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Henry Cobb.

Mrs. Emma Clark of Haverhill, Mass. is visiting her parents, Mr. Nathan Hanscom and wife, on the Oxford road.

Mr. J. W. Penney is in Portland taking in the meeting of the State Board of Trade and the Maine Historical Society.

There will be an official visit of D. D.G.M. Fred G. Payne of Lewiston, to Tyrian Lodge this evening. A banquet will be served.

A beautiful souvenir of the Battle Ship Maine given to every customer visiting our store on April 8 and 9 at J. A. Bucknam & Co.'s.

The Lovell Diamond Bicycle, of which Mr. Frank E. Hersey is agent, can be seen in the window of the store of F. E. & W. C. Dwinall.

One of A. H. Chapman's horses was very badly kicked by another horse in the stable Monday night. Several stitches had to be taken in one of the cuts.

Mr. G. W. Wilkinson, editor of the Pomeroy (Iowa) Gleaner, was in town Monday, with a self locking chase for a printing press, of his own invention, whereby a job can be instantly locked up in any position without quoins, furniture or a wrench.

A little boy asked for a bottle of "get up in the morning as fast as you can," the druggist recognized a household name for "DeWitt's Little Early Risers," and gave him a bottle of those famous little pills for constipation, sick headache, liver and stomach troubles. Merrill and Denning.

Nine members of Orion Encampment, I. O. O. F., visited Wilsey Encampment at Norway, Friday night, where they enjoyed a fine time and witnessed the Royal Purple degree worked in a very pleasing manner. They were particularly pleased with the way the Grand Trunk treated them, running a special train from this station after them at midnight.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Mechanic Falls Town Sunday School Association will be held in the Baptist church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. After the opening exercises and election of officers the following topics will be presented in addresses of from five to eight minutes each: (1) "Words from the Parents to the Sunday School." (2) "Words from the Sunday School to Parents." (3) The Sunday School Power during the Week." (4) "Words from the Sunday School to the Pulpit." (5) "Words from the Pulpit to the Sunday School." A general discussion of each topic will follow its presentation. All interested in Sunday School work are heartily invited to be present and participate in the discussions.

Mr. P. A. Jordan was in Boston last week.

Miss Lizzie Briggs spent last week in Portland.

The Puzzle Club met with Miss Alice Davis, Saturday.

Mr. Dennis S. Perkins has some good hay for sale.

Miss Grace Gee of Auburn, spent the Sabbath in town.

Mr. Percy Sinclair of Portland, spent the Sabbath in town.

Mr. C. E. Tolman of South Paris, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Eustice Lane of Newton, Mass., was in town over Sunday.

There will be no children's meeting at the Baptist Vestry this week.

Miss Gertrude McDonald of Richmond, was in town over Sunday.

The ladies of the Universalist circle will give a May Festival on Friday, May 6.

Messrs. S. R. Penney and William Mitchell left Tuesday afternoon salmon fishing.

Now is the time to get a good second hand bicycle cheap of A. A. Woodsum.

A lot of second hand bicycles in first class repair to be closed out cheap.—A. A. Woodsum.

Mr. John Perkins of Wakefield, Mass., visited relatives and friends in town the present week.

The Ladies Circle of the Universalist church met with Mrs. J. H. DeCoster, Friday afternoon.

Mr. F. E. Tufts spent the Sabbath in Portland. Mrs. Tufts, who has been stopping in Portland returned with him.

Three pale faces were given the adoption degree by Osceola Tribe last Tuesday evening and there was a large attendance.

Mr. E. A. Gammon returned from Chicago, Monday. He reported his son, Harry, as improving and on the road to recovery.

I have another can of that excellent maple syrup. As it will probably be the last this season you will want to call early if you wish any.—F. L. Perkins.

The ladies of the Universalist circle take this manner to publicly thank the members of the dramatic club for the presentation of the drama, "A Fisherman's Luck," in their behalf.

Mr. P. T. Murray will send to Florida next week for palms. All those wishing for any of these beautiful decorative plants should consult with him and give him their orders this week.

Services at the Universalist church next Sunday morning at 10:30. Subject of sermon: "The Uplifted Vision." Y. P. C. U. meeting at 6, p. m. Subject: "Self Sovereignty, or Uncrowned Kings."

The interest on the part of the children in the short sermons preached to them at the Baptist church on Sunday mornings gives encouragement to continue them. Next Sunday the subject will be "A Watch."

The excellent cures made by the Keeley Institute at 151 Congress St., Portland, Maine, is sufficient recommendation of its importance and standing without further advertising. It is one of Maine's firm and substantial institutions.

Mr. William Mitchell arrived home Saturday with the first salmon of the season caught in the Presumscot river at South Windham, Friday. It weighed 6 pounds. Several other fish were caught at the same place and time, one of which weighed 12 pounds.

Mr. Harry Gilman, who has been sick for several months of consumption, died Tuesday morning. Mr. Gilman made a brave struggle for life and the circumstances of his death are touching. He was employed in the shoe shop and worked for the support of his wife and child, until his friends insisted that he should cease, and raised a substantial sum of money and stock of supplies for his support.

The crows were quite plenty here last week, a sign that spring is near.

The mild weather last week has settled the snow very much; consequently the traveling is quite bad, hereabout.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Emery have gone to Deering to carry on a farm for Rines Brothers of Portland.

There was a graphophone entertainment at Mann's Hall recently, which was very much enjoyed by those present.

Miss Cynthia Jordan, who has been visiting her brother, Rev. Israel Jordan at Bethel, has returned to her home.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Peter Jordan is much improved in health from his long illness.

Mr. Colby Brown has left his job at the Stock Farm and is at work for F. B. Nichols in his saw mill.

Children like it, it saves their lives. We mean One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, grippe, and all throat and lung troubles. Merrill and Denning.

I noticed in the Ledger that Mrs. O. W. Hawkes, among other rare things shown at a gathering at her home, was a letter dated in 1840, price of postage was 12 1-5 cents. I can show a letter dated 1844, postage 18 3-4 cents cost of message from Casco to Providence, R. I., that was before postage stamps and envelopes were in use.

C. C. Rowe lost a valuable heiter last week.

Ed Clutier is working at the saw mill at Oxford Station.

Mrs. Abner Paine had a slight shock recently but is now gaining.

Jeremiah Tripp is at work for A. L. Soule.

Ethan Farris has finished working for Rowe Brothers and is now stopping at Frank Paine's.

Mrs. John Chase is on the sick list.

Mr. Freeman Stow is to remain on town farm another year.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

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we call your attention to the BOSTONIAN BICYCLE, which, though a high grade wheel we sell at only

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A woman's account of torture which lasted three years; of her struggles against the dreadful disease, and the good fortune that crowned her efforts.

Such suffering as rheumatism causes the victims upon whom it fastens itself is almost unendurable.

Sufferers from the worst types of this terrible disease will supply the missing horrors in the following story from real life. Those who writhe under milder forms of rheumatism will be able to imagine the feelings of the tortured victim.

The only justification for making public such heart-rending details is the fact that the lesson taught will be helpful to others, pointing the way to renewed life and health to every sufferer from rheumatism.

The story is told by a woman. Her name is Mrs. Caleb Fenly; she lives in St. Paul, Ind.

"This is her account: 'I am a farmer's wife. I believe my frequent exposure to the weather caused my terrible attack of rheumatism. Damp weather always aggravated it.

"My limbs would begin to swell at the ankle joints.

"This swelling would begin in the night, at times. I would awake in agony.

"Daylight would find my limbs purple in color, swollen to twice their natural size, and so racked with pain I could not bear to touch them.

"My right arm and both legs were so drawn as to be almost useless.

"My skin became dry and yellow.

"At times my limbs would pain as though millions of needles were pricking them.

"Again they would be numb and I

could not feel a needle thrust into my flesh.

"I was confined to the house three years, unable to walk nearly half the time.

"After those three slow years of agony, during which I spent probably \$2,000 for treatment and tried a dozen doctors, I gave up hope of any release from pain, but death.

"I was cured, completely cured, by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. They alone cured my recovery.

"The first dose gave me appetite.

"After the second dose I slept soundly, the first time within a year.

"I sent for a dozen boxes. By the time I had taken the contents of eleven boxes I felt entirely well.

"The doctor said I was cured. He was greatly impressed, and since then he has prescribed Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People for many of his patients."

The cure of the severest cases of rheumatism by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People has occurred in every state in the Union, and its power in ordinary cases is proportionately greater.

These marvelous vegetable pills go directly to the seat of the trouble. They build up a new cellular structure in the diseased parts by eliminating poisonous elements and renewing health-giving chemical forces in the blood.

They are for sale by druggists everywhere; for 50 cents a single box or \$2.50 for half a dozen.

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"Uncle Sam, Why are you Waiting", M. H. Rosenfeld.
"Avenge the Good Ship Maine", sung in Hoyt's "Trip to Chinatown".
"The Ill Fated Maine", J. J. Quigley; also "The Heroes who Sank with the Maine". The above songs are full of patriotic fire everyone should have a copy.

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OUR STATE And Her People.

Items from Here and There.

The Thomaston Herald stands sponsor for this story: "Elisha Woodford, who with his family, lives on a farm three miles north of Bangor, for years has owned a cow. Woodford's wife placed \$500 in gold in a boxful of bran which had served as a receptacle in the cellar for eggs. During the mother's four week's absence the children in clearing up fed the bran to the cow. The cow sickened and died, and not until she was cut open and the gold found inside of her was it known what had become of it, as no one remembered having given the bran to the cow, and Mrs. Woodford on missing it supposed it had been stolen until it was found in the cow."

M. L. Yocum, Cameron, Pa., says "I was a sufferer for ten years, trying most all kinds of pile remedies, but without success. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was recommended to me. I used one box. It has effected a permanent cure." As a permanent cure for piles DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve has no equal. Merrill and Denning.

A letter was received in Belfast last week addressed to the harbor master, but that official turned it over to Capt. N. S. Lord, who is in a quandary as to what to do with it. It is a circular letter from parties in England, and asks for all available information about Belfast harbor, claiming that it is to be used in a "Handbook of the Ports of the World," soon to be published. A blank to be filled out is enclosed, which if properly filled would give any person at all conversant with maritime business all the information he could desire. Many are of the opinion that it is a scheme to get information for the use of Spain in case of war.

With careful attention, the ugliest beard and mustache can be made tidy, and of even color, by the use of Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers.

Two months ago the treasurer of the Foss Street Methodist church in Biddeford obtained several hundred bright pennies right from the United States mint. One of these was given to every man, woman and child, who would accept it in the parish. It was to be regarded as a "talent" to be worked upon until Sunday, March 20, when the increase was to be brought in. About \$350 has already been handed Treasurer Pillsbury, and without doubt \$400 will be realized by this simple yet unique method of raising money for church purposes.

The opinion advanced by school authorities that the Maine law providing for the conveyance of children living at a distance, to and from nearest school, is not strictly enforceable when such conveyance is refused by the local superintendent, has been refuted by the supreme court in a Washington county case in which a mandamus, issued by the direction of Justice Haskell, has been served upon the school superintendent of the town of Northfield, ordering him to furnish conveyance for the children named in the petition.

The East Sumner correspondent of the Oxford Democrat isn't going without a free sample of maple sweetnin' if he knows it. He writes: "Now bring in last year's stock of new, fresh, this year's maple syrup. Remember the minister and the newspaper man."

A certain Bath man who resides some distance from his work has been in the habit of riding on the electric cars of late and has taken up the idea when getting on a crowded car of refusing to pay the conductor his fare until provided with a seat. The conductors told it good naturedly once or twice and finally went to headquarters for advice. There they were told to either collect the man's fare or stop the car and request him to get off and walk. When a man boards a street car he takes his chances in getting a seat, if none are vacant he has the privilege of getting off and walking but if he remains on the car the court says that he shall pay his fare whether he stands or not.

A Brunswick lady exhibited the other day a linen towel in a good state of preservation which was made by her grandmother 125 years ago.

OUR NEIGHBORS And Their Doings.

Megquier Hill.

Miss Lillian Snell of Boston, is visiting at J. W. Morse's.

Miss Alta Chase has gone to Auburn where she is going to learn the milliners trade of the Misses Sweet.

F. P. Megquier is busy making maple syrup.

Mrs. Abbie M. Herrick is visiting friends in Portland.

Hermion and Stephen Haskell have returned from Washington, D. C., where they have been spending the winter. They have moved their furniture to their home in Mechanic Falls.

It is a great leap from the old fashioned doses of blue-mass and nauseous physics to the pleasant little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They cure constipation, sick headache and biliousness. Merrill and Denning.

Mrs. Jane Morton has returned home from Ipswich, Mass., where she has been spending the winter.

George Foster has gone back to Mechanic Falls to work in the tailor shop.

Mrs. Ellen Doughty is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Stanton, on Pigeon Hill.

Welchville.

Mr. A. D. Bemis and wife, who have been passing the winter at Slater, Missouri, have returned.

A torpid liver robs you of ambition and ruins your health. DeWitt's Little Early Risers cleanse the liver, cure constipation and all stomach and liver troubles. Merrill and Denning.

Poland.

Richardson's Glass Blowers have entertained the public in the town hall the past week. By vote of ticket holders, the following prizes were awarded: Handsomest lady, Bessie Hill of Chebeague Island; best gentleman dancer, Herman Waterhouse, little son of Almon Waterhouse, the well-known violinist; best lady dancer, Mrs. Nancy Tripe; homeliest man, Mr. Robert Moore, our station agent. This prize was received amid great applause. It was a Turkish pipe of elaborate and beautiful design. For the greatest number of words from Bohemian, Lillian Rowe, small daughter of Chas. Rowe, Miss Lillian had a hundred words more than any other contestant. Handsomest baby Master Clayton Briggs, son of J. S. Briggs, Jr.

Joseph Schellenger is seriously ill of Grippe.

Thirty-five years make a generation. That is how long Adolph Fisher, of Zanesville, O., suffered from piles. He was cured by using three boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Merrill and Denning.

John Briggs' cottage by the mill has been tastily remodelled, a new veranda being added and the stable nicely repaired, making it a neat and attractive home.

Mr. Smith is working in the Pulsifer carriage shop.

Geo. Briggs has been confined to the house by illness recently.

Mrs. Whitman Mitchell has returned from Portland Hospital much improved in health.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that contain Mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best. The Swiss universities have about 600 female students this winter; 314 of them are at Geneva. By a curious coincidence the number of lives lost at sea during 1896 in British merchant ships is returned as exactly 1,879.

DOINGS Of Our People.

West Minot Grange notes.

Elijah Cook, the Lecturer of the State Grange, will visit West Minot Saturday April 2. The meeting opens at 10.30 a. m. Following is the program:—

Music. Lizzie Bridgman. Reading, Ladies Half Hour. Song, Alice Howard. Recitation, Myrtle Bridgman. Song, Myrtle Bridgman. Paper, "Beautifying Farm Homes" Mrs. L. A. Bean.

Declamation, Peter Coyne. Excelsior Grange has been invited to meet with us. We hope for a good attendance, as this is Mr. Cook's first visit in this part of the county.

A large delegation from West Minot Grange visited Hebron Grange March 9, by invitation. The roads were in rather bad condition, but that did not deter some 50 patrons from enjoying the hospitality of our host. The forenoon was spent in greetings and social intercourse. After a bounteous dinner in their commodious banquet room, we listened with pleasure to the following program. Music was furnished by the choir and a quartet of ladies. Readings by Sisters Given, Grace Bumpus, and Bartlett. A fine paper on the "Up-to-date Woman and her Influence on Society" was read by Mrs. Emma Phillips, which was well discussed. A laughable farce "Watermelon Pickles" concluded the entertainment. At a seasonable hour we turned our faces homeward, well satisfied that the day had been pleasantly spent. Such meetings serve to strengthen the fraternal bonds, broaden our horizons, and help us to look beyond the narrow boundaries of our four walls.

A Narrow Escape.

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Judge Grosscup, a man who has been exposed to bitter partisan attacks by the adherents of social radicalism, said a particularly fine and timely thing the other day at the meeting of the Kansas Bar Association. "The mere fact," he concluded, "of popular unrest need not dismay us. It is in the last analysis the genius of human progress. This restless quality of human make-up has captained every march toward better things." In our partisan controversies we are too apt to forget this. However we may judge of the sincerity of this or that leader of the opposition, we must admit that the rank and file of any great movement are animated by a desire for betterment. Interests clash and compromises must follow. But in will help greatly toward mutual understanding and practical settlement if we keep Judge Grosscup's words in mind.

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