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Sweet Pea Seed
Mixed, white, red, pink, scarlet, 5 & 100

Nasturtium Seed
Dwarf and Tall.

Flower Seeds
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Satisfaction guaranteed.
Work called for and delivered if desired.
Call and get our prices on family washings.
Give us a call.

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In Effect Nov. 15, 1897.

DEPARTURES.

10.05 a. m. and 2.57 p. m. for Rumford Falls
6.53, 10.43 a. m. and 4.17 p. m. for Lewiston,
Portland and Boston.

ARRIVALS.

10.43 a. m. and 4.17 p. m. from Rumford Falls
10.05 a. m., 2.57 and 6.45 p. m. from Lewiston,
Portland and Boston.

The 10.43 a. m. and 2.57 p. m. trains connect at Rumford Falls with trains for Bemis and all points on the B. F. & R. L. R. R.

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PISO'S CURE FOR
CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS.
Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.
25 CENTS

The Same...
Old Sarsaparilla.

That's Ayer's. The same old sarsaparilla as it was made and sold by Dr. J. C. Ayer 50 years ago. In the laboratory it is different. There modern appliances lend speed to skill and experience. But the sarsaparilla is the same old sarsaparilla that made the record—50 years of cures. Why don't we better it? Well, we're much in the condition of the Bishop and the raspberry: "Doubtless," he said, "God might have made a better berry. But doubtless, also, He never did." Why don't we better the sarsaparilla? We can't. We are using the same old plant that cured the Indians and the Spaniards. It has not been bettered. And since we make sarsaparilla compound out of sarsaparilla plant, we see no way of improvement. Of course, if we were making some secret chemical compound we might... But we're not. We're making the same old sarsaparilla to cure the same old diseases. You can tell it's the same old sarsaparilla because it works the same old cures. It's the sovereign blood purifier, and—it's Ayer's.

CURRENT EVENTS

In This Vicinity.

A King's Daughter.

A good-sized house greeted the High School girls at Murray Hall, Friday evening, in their drama "A King's Daughter". All the parts were well taken, showing a great deal of native talent on the part of the young ladies, and the patient training of Mrs. May Henderson-Thurston. The Ledger would be pleased, to pick out some of the parts for special mention, but where (although, of course, some of them, of themselves, were more pleasing than others) all were so well taken this is impossible. Following was the cast:—
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, " Charlie Bridge.
Ruth Adams, " Alice True.
Mabel Morris, " Geneva Hutchins.
Polly Graham, " Alice Davis.
Nan. Graham, " Mollie Bucknam.
Beth Somerville, " Hattie Mitchell.
Music was furnished by Mrs. A. W. Butler and Mrs. Fred E. Dwinal.

Sunday School Association.

The Mechanic Falls Town Sunday School Association held its annual meeting at the Baptist church on Sunday evening. The program as published in last week's Ledger was carried out, the speakers being respectively, M. N. Royal, Miss Ella J. Dwinal, Rev. Miss Selman, P. T. Murray and Rev. Geo. S. Chase. The following officers were elected for the year.

S. L. Hawley,	President.
T. B. Davis, (Baptist)	Vice Pres.
P. T. Murray, (Cong.)	" "
Alvin Reed, (Uni.)	" "
C. M. Sawyer, (Advent)	" "
J. E. Saunders, (Methodist)	" "
W. T. Kilgore,	Secy. and Treas.

Oxford Depot.

Mr. D. P. Shanahan, who has just been relieved as depot master by Mr. T. C. Tormey of Mechanic Falls, has been transferred to West Milan, a place which he formerly filled. From 1881 to 1888 he was at Copperville where he was also postmaster. At the latter date he was transferred to Stark where he remained until he came to Oxford in 1895. At Stark he was very popular and held the office of town clerk.

GLIMPSES

At the Wide, Wide World.

Many Matters from Many Lands.

Mrs. Reginal Hargreaves, the fortunate original of Alice in Lewis Carroll's most fascinating story, says in a recent interview: "Most of Mr. Dodgson's stories were told to us on river expeditions to Nuneham or Godstow, near Oxford. My eldest sister now Mrs. Skene, was Prima, mentioned in the poem at the beginning of 'Alice Adventures in Wonderland.' I was Secunda, and Tertia was sister Edith. I believe the beginning of 'Alice' was told one summer afternoon, when the sun was so burning that we had landed in the meadows down the river, deserting the boat to take refuge in the only bit of shade to be found, which was under a newly made hayrick. Here from all three came the old petition of 'Tell us a story'—and so began the ever delightful tale. Sometimes to tease us—and perhaps being really tired—Mr. Dodgson would stop suddenly and say, 'And that's all till next time.' 'Ah, but it's next time,' and after some persuasion the story would start afresh. Alice's adventures were first written down to my teasing wish to possess the story in book form."

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.

Blanche K. Bruce, whose death has taken place at Washington in his fifty-eighth year, was one of the most noteworthy and successful men of negro race in this country, and compassed in his life the extremes of a domestic chattel and a Senator of the United States. When he was United States Senator, Mr. Bruce got a federal appointment for his old master at Washington. When the old master and his wife arrived in Washington Senator Bruce's carriage was awaiting them at the station. Bruce assisted them into the carriage, but made no move to get in with them, but walked on behind. When he got ready to present his old master to the President Bruce sent his private carriage to take his former owner to the White House, and walked himself to make the presentation.

When an American enters a cab in Berlin for the first time he is said to be absorbed for half an hour in studying the impressive "notice" hung up therein for the benefit of passengers. It reads, literally translated, thus: "No passage money has the passage guest to pay, if to him not on the mounting of the cab the valid passage tickets, on height of the for a simple passage to be paid passage money, by the coachman downreached become are."

The late Senator Stockbridge, of Michigan, though generally very plain in his tastes, spent \$500,000 in building and fitting up a mansion. Then he told a friend that all he needed was a parrot. "Why a parrot?" asked an old friend. "I'll tell you, Jim," answered the Senator. "I want a parrot to sit at the front door and say every time I come in: 'Here comes the d—n fool that built this shanty!'"

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Merrill & Denning.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets, All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

CURE rheumatism by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which by neutralizing the acid in the blood permanently relieves aches and PAINS.

OUR STATE

And Her People.

Items from Here and There.

Down among the oaks and other timber that lines the shores of Merry-meeting bay, a colony of eagles have lived for generations. During the summer months they subsist largely on fish. The mode of procuring them is very ingenious. Most any day they may be seen perched on a convenient stump or bough near the water's edge like gray, grim sentinels silently waiting for something to turn up. That something is a fish hawk, and when he makes his appearance and slowly circles around and around in search of his prey, the eagle eye is following him, and when at last he succeeds in bringing up a fish, the eagle starts in pursuit. Being swift of wing, he soon overtakes the hawk who makes a slight effort to get away, but without avail. The eagle scales under the hawk, who by this time becomes so thoroughly frightened that it drops the fish, which is easily caught in the talons of the eagle, who flies swiftly to the shore and devours his stolen meal.

An old soldier from Togus accosted a Kennebec Journal reporter, Wednesday morning, and asked if there wasn't a recruiting office in Augusta. He appeared greatly disappointed when told that the nearest recruiting office was at Fort Preble, at Portland. "I thought perhaps I might be enlisted again," he said, "as I am still strong and well, and but little over 45 years of age. I am of no use here, and I would enjoy fighting the Spaniards, even if I was killed while doing it."

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.

The Wiscasset Echo relates how a practical joker disturbed the serenity of a patriotic China family. An old man was contentedly shaving hoop-poles at his home when the joker drove into the dooryard. "Well, Mr.—, I have just come down from Augusta and they are drafting men there for war, and they have your name and also your boy's name." The old man dropped his work instantly and started for the house exclaiming as he went: "I'd rather see my boys in their graves than see them go to war." His wife on hearing the news began to weep and wring her hands and the younger boys were also reduced to tears, while the son whose name was said to be drafted, was obliged from sheer fright to go to bed. At last the old man bethought himself of an expedient to prevent his son from service and he rose to his feet shouting, "Go cut off your fingers, William, cut off your fingers." It is said the joker, seeing things approaching a crisis, interfered to prevent such a sacrifice.

During 1897, 591 carloads of goods were shipped from Monson station, and 385 of them were of slate. The slate business is yearly increasing. Eighty per cent. of the electrical appliances in England are American made and Maine slate is used for them in great part. The Monson-Burnham Slate company is busy on electrical work and is also furnishing slate for the Exchange court building, New York city. The order for this building calls for 1,800,000 pieces of slate for electrical appliances alone. A shipment from Monson is also on its way to Portland, Oregon.

In 1861 Machias with 2,232 inhabitants and 502 legal voters, 298 men or more than one half of the male population of military age, answered to the call to the defense of their country. The same "spirit of patriotism" is alive today in the hearts of the young men should they be needed to defend the honor of their home and country.

Headache and Neuralgia cured by Dr. Miles' Pain Pills. "One cent a dose."

S. S. Lightbody, of Waterville, pharmacist, enjoyed a big run of a certain class of custom the other day. Nearly 100 people called and evinced the desire to purchase hair restorer of Sam's own make. It appears that, prior to his departure for the African gold coast, W. A. Yates had been treated for baldness by Sam, who made the hair restorer himself. Mr. Yates took several bottles of the mixture to Africa to continue the treatment. Recently Sam received a picture of ro8 grinning, ghastly, whitened skulls, placed in a square near the camp of where a battle among the natives had been fought. The picture was in the way of a testimonial and labeled "After Using S. S. Lightbody's Hair Restorer," and the boys were all on to the joke.

FIBROID TUMOR

Expelled by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. B. A. LOMBARD, Box 71, Westdale, Mass., writes: "I have reason to think that I would not be here now if it had not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It cured me of a fibroid tumor in my womb."

"Doctors could do nothing for me, and they could not cure me at the hospital. I will tell you about it:

"I had been in my usual health, but had worked quite hard. When my monthly period came on, I flowed very badly. The doctor gave me medicine, but it did me no good. He said the flow must be stopped if possible, and he must find the cause of my trouble."

"Upon examination, he found there was a fibroid tumor in my womb, and gave me treatment without any benefit whatever. About that time a lady called on me, and recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; said she owed her life to it. I said I would try it, and did. Soon after the flow became more natural and regular. I still continued taking the Compound for some time. Then the doctor made an examination again, and found everything all right. The tumor had passed away, and that dull ache was gone."

It can be truthfully stated that such a result can be accomplished by no other remedy upon the market, and forcibly proves the peculiar virtue of the Vegetable Compound

SEE

Our new line of corset covers at 19 cents—good style and well trimmed.

We have just received a new line of black and fancy petticoats, shirt waists and wrappers.

In regard to our Bostonian Bicycles we will say that though new to this place it is not to most cities; that we have the latest '98 styles; that new parts can be had at short notice.

It is not largely advertised but the money usually paid in advertising is put in the wheel and we invite comparison with \$50 and \$60 wheels.

It is fully warranted by the manufacturers, Smith, Patterson & Co., of Boston and Montreal.

It has the Smith, Patterson & Company Anti-slip tire, Hunt saddle, reinforced flush joints, is elegantly finished and a beauty. Price only \$40.00.

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Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50 cent bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it. Do not accept any substitute.

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Wanted MAINE YANKEES

To work for us selling nursery stock. Steady job, pay weekly, experience not necessary, exclusive territory, outfit free. Apply at once.
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Of Mechanic Falls and Vicinity: J. D. Gilbert, Book Binder and Blank Book Manufacturer, Lewiston, Maine, is prepared to do all kinds of magazine work at reasonable prices and in a satisfactory manner. All work left with the Ledger Publishing Co. will be promptly forwarded. Library and church work solicited. Anyone having Bibles that need re-gilding can be assured of good work in this line.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

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.

FREE Colonist Sleeping Cars TO WINNIPEG, AND

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OUR FREE COLONIST SLEEPERS for families and others going west are a special convenience, and passengers may bring their own bedding, or may purchase it at cost price at Montreal or Toronto stations. These sleeping cars will go through without change, Portland, Me., Montreal and Toronto to Winnipeg. Free sleepers will leave Portland, Me., at 6.00 p. m., and Mechanic Falls at 7.35 p. m. every Monday, beginning March 7th. Passengers for the Klondike and Yukon Gold Fields will be accommodated in these free sleepers as far as Chicago or St. Paul, where similar sleepers can be had to the Pacific coast.

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

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.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1898.

Our Exchanges

A Georgia editor described a defaulter as "six feet tall and \$10,000 short."—Rumford Falls Times.

And now helpless babies, who have done nothing to deserve it, are being weighted down for life with the name "Sigsbee."—Portland Express.

Luxuriant hair, of uniform color, is a beautiful head-covering for either sex, and may be secured by using Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer.

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.

The United States Vesuvius is a terror in more ways than one. Her eruption will be of the quicker'n-chain-lightning sort. One of the officers discussing the possibility of hostilities says: "There is one satisfaction about being aboard a ship like this. In case we are struck right there will be no court of inquiry and no trouble about divers, etc. The only thing to do will be to erect a monument to our memory and attend to our obituary notices, for there will not be a piece of the boat left big enough for a souvenir. A boat of this style either does fearful damage to her enemy or goes under in short order herself. Modern war will, in my opinion, be quick work, however, we represent the very quickest type of death dealing vessel afloat."—Lewiston Sun.

How's This!

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials free.

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A Perfect Cathartic

Is one which does not wrench the system or leave it weak and exhausted. A perfect cathartic is found in Hood's Pills. They are praised everywhere, and after once being tried they soon permanently take the place of the old fashioned drastic pills, such as "our grandfathers used." Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla and they greatly aid that medicine in its cleansing and purifying work.

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To introduce our new monthly publication, American Popular Music, we make the following liberal offer: Send us the names of three or more performers on the piano or organ, and fifteen cents in money or postage, and we will mail you sixteen pages of the latest popular songs, two steps, etc., full sheet music arranged for piano or organ, and American Popular Music for three months.

Address Popular Music Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

DOINGS

Of Our People.

In Short Paragraphs.

School supplies at J. S. Merrill's. Have you noticed Bucknam's show-windows.

Mr. A. E. Sawyer has been appointed truant officer.

Something new in baby carriages at J. S. Merrill's.

Miss Estella Durell is confined to the house with a severe cold.

J. A. Bucknam & Co. are showing some very pretty patterns in shirt waists.

Social dance at Firemen's hall, Sat. evening. Klondike orchestra. 35 cts.

The Firemen will give a Calico Ball May 5th. See posters later for particulars.

Mr. Dallas Lunt has recently moved into the house vacated by Mr. Whittier, in Somerville.

Mr. G. M. Donham of Portland, was in town Tuesday in the interest of the Maine Register.

Today, April 7th, we invite everyone to our opening of newly trimmed hats and bonnets.—M. H. T. Merrill.

Mr. H. W. Stuart, who formerly lived on the Oxford road above this place, had a serious apoplectic turn last week.

We hear that Mrs. E. A. Harris, by the death of an uncle, has recently come into possession of quite a sum of money.

Mr. Frank E. Briggs, A. B., is at home for a few days. He is to have charge of a school in Alfred, Me., this summer.

J. A. Bucknam & Co. invite everybody to visit their store and inspect their new goods on Friday and Saturday of this week.

The new '98 model of Bostonian bicycles are fully up to date and compare favorably with other \$50.00 and \$60.00 wheels. Price \$40.00 at L. A. Moulton & Co's.

See the children going to J. S. Merrill's! "Oh! I see, they are looking over the carts, wagons, doll carriages and lots of other new goods that are being opened there daily.

Rev. Mr. Chase will speak next Sunday morning at the Baptist church, on the topic: Did Christ actually rise from the dead? His sermon to the children will be concerning Which?

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.

The many friends of Mr. C. Win. Perkins will be pleased to learn that he is in a prosperous restaurant business in New York. He meals some over 700 persons daily and his business is growing. He has recently had to move into larger quarters to accommodate his rapidly growing business.

We hear that Mr. Aterian, who is traveling in the interests of the University Extension association, organized a club at Mechanic Falls on Friday last.

Rev. Geo. S. Chase was chosen president, Mrs. E. F. Bradford vice-president, Miss Ella J. Dwinall secretary and treasurer. The members of this club will give their attention to that part of the work which treats of ancient literature.

The annual meeting of the First Universalist Parish, will be held at Murray Hall, Tuesday evening, Apr. 12, at half-past seven o'clock. In addition to election of officers for the ensuing year, plans will be discussed for the good and welfare of the society. Do not leave this matter for a few to attend to, but manifest your interest by your presence. All Universalists should be present.

If anyone fails to receive their Lewiston Evening Journal, do not blame the newsboy; a little black dog named Antonio Maceo Mason, called "Tony" for short, is probably the culprit. Several times he has brought home fresh copies that had evidently not been unfolded. His master dislikes to acknowledge that he is a thief, but he has not only "borrowed" papers but many other things, such as balls, hats and caps, dolls, clothespins, brushes, dog-collars, horse-shoes etc.

HOOD'S PILLS cure Liver Ills, Biliousness, Indigestion, Headache. Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

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If you want your house to live in, paint it to prevent decay.

If you want to sell it, paint it to secure a better price.

When you paint use the best, for it costs no more to put on good than poor, and to know which is the best call on

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We also carry large stock of tires, axles, &c. Please call or write for prices.

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The Great National Family Newspaper For Farmers and Villagers, and your home papers, THE LEDGER, Mechanic Falls, Maine.



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over and you will like to have your carriage look like new, you had better call and see what a

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Churches and Allied Societies.

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, Sec'y.

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. Goldermann, 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, P. T. Murray, Supt., session at 12 m.

Y.P.S.C.E., Frisk, Newport, Pres., Mrs. S. L. Hawley, Sec'y, meets Sunday evenings at 6.30. Christian Science—Services every Sunday at 12 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.

Secret Societies.—"Tyran Lodge, No. 75, A. F. and A. M.—J. W. Wayne, W. M., L. Jefferies Sec'y. Meetings, Thursday on or before each full moon.

St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 51, R. A. M.—Fred E. Dwinall, H. P., L. Jefferies, Sec'y. Meeting Thursday following each full moon.

Androsocgin Lodge, N. E. O. P., No. 295, meets 1st and 3d Thursdays of each month, Elba Edcomb, Warden, Lillian M. King, Sec'y.

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Items of Interest Picked up by Our Reporters.

Mr. Fred Taylor of Auburn, was in town last week.

Mr. W. C. Page of Portland was in town one day last week.

Mr. A. E. Sawyer has been appointed janitor of the school houses.

The governor has appointed Thursday, the 28th day of April as Fast Day.

Mr. S. R. Penney returned from the Sebago region Thursday of last week with a salmon.

Dr. J. D. Holt of Berlin, formerly of this town, passed through the place Friday morning.

Mrs. George H. Lombard and daughter, Louise, of Lewiston, visited friends in town last week.

The traffic earnings of the Grand Trunk railway for the week ending March 21, 1898, were \$453,470; for the same week last year they were \$410,545; increase for 1898, \$42,925.

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We hear that efforts are being made whereby Mr. Geo. Boyd formerly of P. T. Barnum's Big Show, where for years he was Elephant Trainer will deliver a lecture on Wild Beasts and their way and manner of living, the proceeds to be devoted to the Maine Monument Fund.

Rev. George C. Andrews of Biddeford, formerly of this place, general manager of the Union Central Life Insurance Company for the State, has resigned, and will be succeeded on May 1 by J. M. Goding of Portland, for some years State manager of the Northwestern Company who will have his office in Portland. Mr. Andrews intends to re-enter the ministry.

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Mr. Henry Emery of North Jay, visited town last week.

Miss A. R. Waterman of Auburn, visited friends in town last week.

Miss Hortense Bradford is at home from the Normal School at Farmington.

Mrs. Harry Mason of Portland, has been visiting her parents, Mr. P. R. and wife.

Miss Gertrude Merrill of Cumberland Center, is visiting her brother, Mr. F. L. Merrill.

Mr. George Thurston, who has been stopping in town for the past two months has returned to Boston.

Mr. H. M. Crosby has severed his connection with the firm of I. F. McCann & Co., and gone to Boston.

Mr. A. R. Turner of Auburn, was in town last week in the interest of the Androscoggin Directory, of which he is the publisher.

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Mr. Charles C. Peterson of Ashland, Maine, made a visit to his mother, Mrs. S. R. Petterson, and his sister, Mrs. L. Jefferies, last week. Mr. Peterson is a guide for northern Maine has just returned from the Sportsman's exposition in Boston. He took a young moose to the exposition and which was given to the governor for the Cobb zoological garden.

Mr. Ed. Kelley was in town over Sunday.

If you like rhymes read Montgomery's ad.

The Dial Club met with Mrs. A. W. Butler, Monday.

The Puzzle Club met with Miss Blanche Gould Saturday.

Miss Lottie Davis is learning the milliner's trade in Auburn.

Mr. D. N. McCann of Westbrook, visited relatives in town this week.

Mr. H. M. Bearce was in Portsmouth, N. H., Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. E. D. Dudley came out Monday morning with a bran new spring truck wagon.

Mrs. Jennie Pinkham of Portland was the guest of Mrs. Rose Whitney over the Sabbath.

A break in the steam-pipe leading from the mill to the Paper Co.'s office gave them cold rooms Monday morning.

Mrs. Harriett Dennen is now at home after visiting her son, Hollis, at Waltham, Mass., for a number of weeks.

Mr. Aaron Welch has sold out the restaurant business to Mr. Elmer A. Faunce, who will continue at the same place. Mr. Faunce has no partner in the deal, notwithstanding any stories to the contrary.

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.

The readers of the Saturday Lewiston Journal will no doubt remember the article on the centenarian, Mrs. Amy Pinkham, of Boothbay, Maine. Our people may be interested to learn that she is the maternal grandmother of Rev. T. P. Baker. Mrs. Pinkham will be 104 years old next September.

An Easter program, entitled "The Universal Kingdom," will be presented by the Sabbath School at the Methodist church next Sunday evening, commencing at 7 o'clock. The friends of the school and church and the public generally will be welcomed at the concert. In the morning, at 10.30, the pastor will preach upon "The Resurrection and the Gospel Plan of Salvation."

If your silver needs polishing read Colton's ad.

Mr. Harry Clark of South Paris, was in town one day last week.

Mr. R. F. Mayberry has been granted an additional pension.

There was a good attendance at the fireman's ball Saturday evening.

Full blooded Plymouth Rock eggs for hatching, 50 cts. per setting.—C. V. Penney.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lothrop of Auburn, visited their son, Mr. E. A. Lothrop over Sunday.

Have three or four gallons of that fine maple syrup left. If you want some to put up call early as it is all I shall have this season.—F. L. Perkins.

There is some talk of getting up a party to go to West Minot some evening in the near future to attend the minstrel show and dance to be given by the Buckfield Minstrel Company.

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The wife of a clergyman tells the story of her suffering with neuralgia of the heart, with the hope that her experience may indicate to others the way to regain health.

Few bodily afflictions are more terrible than heart disease. To live in constant dread and expectation of death, sudden, instant death, with last farewells unspoken, is for most people more awful to contemplate than the most severe lingering illness. The slightest excitement brings great suffering and danger to people so afflicted. Such was the experience of the wife of a well-known clergyman. She tells her story for the sake of doing good to others. "I feel," she said, speaking carefully and weighing her words, "that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People relieved me of a lifetime of sickness and sorrow, and I cheerfully recommend them."

This grateful woman is Mrs. Wamsley, wife of the Rev. C. E. Wamsley, who lives on West Sheridaa Street, Greensburg, Ind. She continued:

"My heart became affected after the birth of my youngest child, about six years ago. The pain was constant. Frequently it grew so severe I would be forced to cry out. I could not endure any excitement."

"It would increase the pain so I would scream and fall down in a state of collapse. In this condition I was helpless."

"These spells would come on me at home, in the street, or anywhere I might be. I could not sleep at night. I ate very little."

"Different doctors were called in. They said I had neuralgia of the heart, resulting from nervous prostration."

"The doctors treated me, but the relief they gave did not last."

"I was a physical wreck, when my eye fell on an item in the local paper describing how Mrs. Evans, of West End, had been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Her suffering was like mine."

"I hope other sufferers who read this account will have the faith I had when I read of Mrs. Evans."

"My husband bought me one box of the pills. The change they made in my condition was encouraging. I took another box; then bought six more boxes."

"All the time I gained in health, strength, hope, nerve force—steadily, surely!"

"Before I finished the eighth box I ceased the treatment. I felt perfectly well, and the doctor said I was entirely cured."

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W. C. T. U.

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Personal Liberty.

The argument for personal liberty is often used in opposition to the principle of prohibition. It is said that the State has no right to interfere with a man's personal habits in the particular of dictating to him what he shall eat or drink,—and that a law which forbids the sale of intoxicating liquors virtually does this.

It might be in order to make reply to this assertion by calling attention to the fact that the prohibitory law against intoxicants no more restrains a man's personal choice than do the laws that forbid the sale of decayed meat and vegetables. They, also, virtually prevent people who may so choose, from buying and eating articles of that description. Yet nobody complains. The law, in both instances, is aimed against the sale of that which is injurious to the public health and the public safety. If a vitiated personal taste may be ignored in the one case, why not in the other?

But there is much that can be said upon the "personal liberty" phase of the liquor question, which is far more forcible than the foregoing. I may own a plot of land in the heart of a crowded city, and may desire to erect thereupon a wooden building for my own or others' occupancy. I buy the lumber, hire a corps of laborers, and the work of erecting the structure begins,—when along comes an officer, the commissioner of the fire department, and warns me to desist from my operation, as I am acting contrary to the requirements of the law. I expostulate that the land is mine, the lumber mine, the labor hired and paid for by myself, and I protest that such a law is an outrage of my personal liberty. All the same, the officer insists that my project must be abandoned, because the safety of the public, the preservation of surrounding property and of the lives of the people who reside in that district, forbids the erection of wooden buildings therein.

Or, it may be that, living in the thickly settled portion of a city, I have the desire to build a mammoth hog-pen upon my premises, and to stock it with a number of the porcine. Along comes an agent of the board of health, who informs me that what I contemplate is in direct violation of city statutes. Is not the land upon which I propose to build the hog-pen, mine? Unquestionably. May I not buy lumber and pigs with my money, if I so choose? Undoubtedly. And house the animals where I choose? No! And why not? Because the comfort and health of my neighbors are to be considered, as well as the furtherance of my desires, and in this case, the fulfillment of my wishes means the injury of many people about me. The laws are framed for all, not for one. They take cognizance of the rights and the welfare of men in communities, not of men considered singly. The greatest good of the greatest number is the end aimed at by the provisions and restrictions of every statute.

Now, apply all this to the liquor question. Unquestionably, the sale of liquor in any community affects injuriously the public peace, the public safety, the public health, the public morals. While such sale may be according to the desire of a few, and may minister to the pleasure of a few, namely, the sellers and their patrons, it is contrary to the many. Why, then, has not the State a clear right to legislate against such sale!

Personal liberty is not a fixed, but a changeable quantity, wherever its possessor is one of a social body. Robinson Crusoe had perfect personal liberty—till Man Friday arrived. Alone, on an island in mid-ocean, or anywhere else, for that matter, one would be in the ideal condition to enjoy personal liberty. As soon as another individual should appear on the scene, that liberty would begin to suffer curtailment.

Still further,—the State has a right to claim every citizen at his best estate, for her service. That service may be necessary for her defense in time of war, or for the maintenance of her honor in time of peace. Should war prevail, the state has a right to completely annihilate the personal liberty

of the citizen, holding him absolutely powerless to execute one private wish of his own, except as it be in accord with the wishes of the State. She demands that he shall do whatever she may dictate, in order that her well-fare be preserved.

Now, are not the sound morals of the citizens of a state, of as much value to her in ordinary times, as are their sound muscles in time of warfare? And may she not demand that her citizens give her the service of sound character, even sacrificing the personal liberty which would result in the deterioration of character? In short, may not the state, recognizing the liquor traffic as her deadly foe, call upon her loyal sons to abstain from all compliance therewith, even at the cost of their "personal liberty?"

MARCIA M. SELMAN.

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FACT AND FANCY.

About Our People.

The Village Rambler.

The month of March has been remarkable this year—in fact the entire season has been. Its like has never been seen by the oldest inhabitants and so they are silent. Yes, we have had an old fashioned February but a new fashioned March. She came in like a lamb and according to rule she should have gone out like a lion. For 30 days people watched her sheepish ways and then trembled for the transfiguration; but it did not come. The Rambler from sheer desperation at this unusual event, felt an inspiration, (or perhaps it was a pain in his stomach) to celebrate this unusual event in verse. Call it what you like, but here it is:—

From a snow bank came a maiden,
With the Frost King as her sire,
And the blood that flowed within her
Should have hid her father's ire.

But her heart, it beat so warmly,—
Heired from some forgotten kin,—
That it thawed her frozen cradle
With the crimson flood therein.

From the first she was a riddle,
So we could not call it cool,
As she passed beyond our presence
With a whispered,—"April fool."

Springtime is always celebrated by openings or bargain days. By common consent Friday was the prince of these days. It was last year and the year before that and probably will be next year. More bargains are sold on this day every year than on any other. No man, or woman either, is so mean as not to be a purchaser on this day, if on no other. The Rambler caught the mania. He bought everything that came along. These are samples of his purchases:—Every body talked war news, and when a friend came along and asked him if he knew that the militia had been called out in Portland, of course he wanted to know why? It is well known that the militia is never called out except in cases of emergency and he had no doubt it was a good thing to prevent the trees from leaving too soon.

Yes, war news was rampant Friday. Everything was tributary or secondary to it. When it was announced that our news dealers would not be allowed to keep magazines any longer we laid it to the doors of the war with Spain. Of course in such times as these it would be unsafe to keep magazines. They might blow up.

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TOWN LOCALS.

Personal Matters

Notes By the Way.

For the past week or two about the only talk heard on the streets and in the shops has been about the war. Some are for war and some against; some like the report of the naval investigating committee and some do not; some like the attitude of the government and some do not; some want to go to war and some to Canada; some think they are patriotic and some know they are not. One old man of 70 years, who was powder monkey on the old Constitution in the old Barbary war, who faced Santa Anna in Mexico and fought in the last war is anxious to meet the Spaniards. He evidently is still young in spite of his years and the glamour of war is yet strong upon him. From all appearance the young men are not so anxious, but of course there are exceptions.

If a man has an attack of jingoism it is called patriotism, though why it is hard telling. Patriotism is supposed to mean love of one's country though why a man should love it more in war than in peace is something which cannot be reasoned out. Patriotism seems to take queer freaks. Just now it is patriotism to feed the reconcentrados of Cuba but the starving poor we have in every city does not partake of a particle of this. This does not seem to the man-about-town as love of one's country, but love of one's neighbor's country. Patriotism begins at home like everything else, and a man does not have to go to war to be a patriot or a good citizen or to be taken care of when he arrives at that time of life when he can no longer take care of himself.

A great deal of dissatisfaction was expressed with the president's message and the report of the naval committee. The latter were very sure that the Maine was blown up by the Spanish mine but were unable to fix the responsibility; the former called the blowing up of the Maine an incident but war in Cuba an issue. This may be all right but it looks a good deal like a matter of politics. War may be declared and the citizen soldier may be forced to shoulder his army rifle, but he would rather fight for justice than politics. He would rather have the blowing up of the Maine an issue and the war in Cuba an incident.

Of course there are some who would like to have war just to "lick Spain" This is a great deal like what is attributed to the average Englishman and what is fast becoming the sentiment of the Yankee—"Let's go out and kill something." All such would do well to study war with some past-master. It is not all glamour. It means glory to the few—the higher officers—and death to the many. The late Gen. Sherman said, and no one doubts but what he knew, that "war is hell." Tolstoy, who not only is a past-master in war but an artist in the art of description has given us many a picture which he who would "lick" Spain, just for the fun of "licking" her, would do well to study.

Tolstoy was an officer at the siege of Sebastopol. That was when he was young and giddy; but later on when he forsook the sword for that which is mightier he gives us a description of Sebastopol during this famous siege, which has become a classic as a picture of war. Even the city itself in the presence of the soldiers had lost its normal character and presented the aspect of diseased or drunken men. "Here," he says, "are strewn about pell mell, rusty shot, shell, canister * * * enormous joist, gun-carriages, sleeping soldiers * * * sailors, officers, women, carts full of bread, bags and barrels * * * Your first impression is a disagreeable one, the strange amalgamation of town life with camp life * * * strikes you like a hideous incongruity."

The matter of battle. "From all sides came the sound of balls, which sometimes hum like bees, sometime groan and split the air which vibrates

like a violin string, the whole dominated by the sinister rumbling of cannon, which shakes you from head to foot and fills you with terror." Then there are the soldiers—the young recruit and the old veteran, the one full of bravado born of ignorance, the other facing death with a calm indifference, the result of long association. A bomb falls among them. It means death to some, peril to all. "The spark of the fuse could be seen flying out, the dismal hissing was plainly audible. * * * Whom will it kill?" Then the men remember the little incidents that have made up their lives, the debts they have not repaid, the insults they have not revenged, the Bohemian songs they sang yesterday and the women they loved. Then a light flashed. Something struck one of them in the breast,—a vice gripped his head—he wanted to cry but his lips were dry and he uttered a groan,—he had a burning thirst—red sparks danced before his eyes—the soldiers were piling stones upon him. They stifled him—he stretched himself out, he ceased to see, to hear, to think, to feel." He was dead.

The battle is over and you enter the hospital. "There you see surgeons * * * their arms blood-splashed to the elbow, beside the bedside of a wounded man. * * * He is delirious under the influence of chloroform and utters broken phrases, some unimportant, some touching. * * * You see the curved and keen blade penetrate the healthy white flesh. The wounded man suddenly comes to himself with heart rending cries, with curses. The assistant surgeon throws the arm into the corner while another wounded man on a stretcher who sees the operation turns and groans, more on account of the mental torture of expectation than from the physical pain he feels. You will witness these horrible, heart-rending scenes; you will see war without the brilliant and accurate alignment of troops, without music, without the drum roll."

With this picture, even, there are some who want war. This picture, too, is not up-to-date, for war has gained in the sanguinary element since the siege of Sebastopol. But there are some about town who tremble, for with the stormy outlook at the present writing they seem to be face to face with this dread horror. We refer to the several militia-men who have received notice to be in readiness for service at one hour's notice.

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