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For the Democrat.

CHRISTMAS MORNING.

Oh, morn divine! bathing the waking earth,

In gracious splendor, bearing on thy wing

Sweet thoughts of Bethlehem, and the humble

birth.

Of the blest babe, our Savior, and our King!

Welcome, Oh holy name! all hail today!

Hail tokens of the strange nativity!

Above the white robes his float far away

The joyful chiming ringing o'er land and sea.

Oh, song divine! sweetly the carols ring,

Those sung by angels round the creature's

stall:

"Honor and glory to our new-born King,

Let all the tribes of earth adore him!"

Oh, wondrous anthem! full and grand and

clear.

What other praise-song can so long remain?

As time rolls on, behold each circling year,

Doth bring warm lips to take up the refrain!

Oh, love divine! all other gifts above!

Look up, oh soul! for trembling in the blue

Of this Christmas-morn, a harbinger of love

Out in the east is reaching down to you—

Oh, song divine! sacred angelic strain!

Oh, holy morn! laden with diadems—

Repeat the tidings o'er and o'er again:

Of love born with the babe of Bethlehem!

South Paris, Me. Mrs. E. O. JEWELL.

A STORM FANTASY.

The lonely wind a Banshee of despair

Wails through the wintry night,

And the afflicted Moon, no longer fair,

Vells her wan face from sight.

She knows the signals of that voice and woe

With his keen moan he desolates the sky.

The sad, sad rain comes sobbing at his call,

She smites the earth with tears—

"There is no rest," she sighs—"no rest in all

The ever-changing years.

In cloudland hid I would forever stay,

Why call me thence to weep my life away?"

Thus as the ages pass, and who may know

Or dare to tell again

The legend of these spectres and their woe,

The g living Wind and Rain?

Lovers perchance in some primeval world,

For darkest treachery into darkness hurled!

Still mocked by hope and haunted by regret

They seek the earth again,

Yearning to meet each other they forget

Their wish is always vain.

For he has but a voice of wordless woe,

She has but tears that blind her as they flow.

O lost, lost spirits of the storm and night!

Listening to you I know

There is a depth to which no ray of light

From Heaven's expanse can flow.

Come, Angel of the Morning, come again!

Speak "Peace—be still!" unto the Wind and

meet at that house at five o'clock, on the

following Thursday afternoon.

Did they come?

Come? They did not know what the

call was for, save for a whisper about

Christmas work; but they came: came

in pairs, in trios, in quartets and quin-

ts—a whole squad from the Butler

school; big boys with big hearts, wee

tots only four years old from the kinder-

garten—one hundred children, ready for

anything.

A lady came forward to speak to

them, and their voices were hushed in

expectation. She spoke of their Christ-

mas festivities every year, of their pres-

ents and their friends; then of unfor-

tunate children who had fewer, some none,

of these joys.

When she asked: "Does any one here

want to do anything for these others?"

the thought that they could do anything

was new to almost all—to many, even,

the wish was new; but like one great

heart-throb came their answer:

"Yes! I! I! I! I want to do some-

thing!"

"Children, what can you do?"

A pause, and then one little voice cried

out:

"Dive 'em a cent!"

That was the first offer, but it was fol-

lowed by many another: "Give 'em can-

dy!" "Give 'em a turkey!" "Give 'em

a coat!"—each beginning with that grand

word, "Give."

The result of that meeting was this:

To form a Club, which should last

"forever"; to call it "The Children's

Christmas Club"; to have for its motto:

"Freely ye have received, freely give";

to place the membership fee at ten cents,

so that no child should be prevented from

joining because he was not "rich"; to

make no distinction in regard to sect or

nationality; to permit to join the Club

any girl or boy under eighteen years of

age who accepted its principles, which

were: To be ready at all times with kind

words to assist children less fortunate

than themselves; to make every year, in

Christmas week, a festival of some kind

for them; to save through the year toys,

books, and games, instead of carelessly

destroying them; to save and, whenever

practicable, put in good repair all out-

going clothing; to beg nothing from any

source, but to keep as the key-stone of

the Club the word "Give"; to pay every

year a tax of ten cents; and to make

their first festival in the City Hall, on

Thursday, Dec. 28, the most fitting day

for this children's feast.

The gallery is reserved for those mem-

bers of the Club who have no work to do

during that afternoon. But, beside these,

no other spectators are admitted to the

hall: no grown persons, except the com-

mittees who are to assist during the fes-

tival in various ways. The stage sup-

ports a lofty tree, decorated that morn-

ing by the members, while, on tables be-

hind, are heaped presents for 600 chil-

dren. Around the edge of the hall set-

tees have been placed for the guests,

while the entire centre is converted into

a banquet hall.

Thirty long tables are loaded with all

that makes Christmas dinners the best

in the year. Ten plates are laid at each

side of those tables. A lady is stand-

ing at the foot of every table; a mem-

ber of the Club stands at either side as

"waiter," to see that no guest lacks any-

thing.

In the anteroom, the Reception Com-

mittee, consisting of fifteen boys and fif-

teen girls, under the direction of a gen-

tleman who has consented to take charge

of the guests, await the arrivals.

Looking down the broad stair-case, we

see the lower hall filled with children,

whose eager, upturned faces are reward

enough for all the labor.

Soon the six hundred have had hats

and caps and cloaks safely checked, and

are marshaled in thirty lines of twenty,

each line headed by one of the Reception

Committee. The doors are thrown open,

the band plays a march, and the long

procession files in—twenty girls, then

twenty boys; up and down, in and out,

through the six long aisles, between the

tables and twice around the hall before

the last one has entered.

Such a line of faces, beaming with joy

or timid with bewildered awe; rough

hair smooth today; grimy hands cleanly

scrubbed; no harsh words, no jostling,

no disorder, as rank after rank enters,

and the quick eyes take in the beauty of

the Christmas garlands, the towering tree

and, best of all, the good-will and love

radiating from every face.

Among the presents sent in was a large

doll, handsomely dressed, to which was

pinned his note:

If there is any little lame girl at the

festival, this doll is for her.

As the line wound along, a tender

murmur ran through the hall, for there,

leaning upon crutches, came a little girl,

and every little boy and girl whispered

on the instant, "That doll is for her."

The children stood around the tables,

the leaders taking their places at the



Newspaper Decisions.

1. Any person who takes a paper regularly from the office—whether directed to his name or another's, or whether he has subscribed or not—is responsible for the payment.

2. If a person orders his paper discontinued he must pay all arrears, or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made, and collect the whole amount, whether the paper is sent or not.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Jan. 8, 1884, the OXFORD DEMOCRAT will appear in an enlarged form. It will be permanently increased to an eight column paper.

The issue of Jan. 8, 1884, will be the first number of the 51st volume. Dr. Wm. B. Lapham, late Agricultural Editor of the Maine Farmer, author of Lapham's History of Woodstock, etc., has been engaged to write a history of the first fifty years of the DEMOCRAT's existence. This article will appear Jan. 8, 1884, and will be of great interest. It will treat of all those who have edited the DEMOCRAT, from its first editor, Judge Jos. G. Cole, including Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, Hon. J. J. Perry, Dr. T. H. Brown and others. The prominent position which the DEMOCRAT has always taken in National and State politics, will be fully set forth.

An Agricultural Department will be introduced in the issue of Jan. 8, 1884. Mr. B. Walker McKee, a practical farmer of Fryeburg, has been engaged as Agricultural Editor. Mr. McKee is well known in the western part of Oxford County, and we are well satisfied will soon be as well and favorably known throughout the entire County, by the ability with which he will conduct the Agricultural Department of the OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

Subscribe at once. Every new subscriber sending \$1.50, will receive all the numbers issued from receipt of money till Jan. 1, 1885.

JAPANESE PAPER NAPKINS GIVEN AWAY.

SPECIAL PREMIUMS.

Any person sending us the name of one new subscriber to the OXFORD DEMOCRAT, with \$1.50 for advanced payment on same, will receive by mail, postage paid, as a special premium, one-half dozen of these napkins.

JAPANESE PAPER NAPKINS. Any person sending the names of two new subscribers, with \$3.00, will receive by mail, postage paid, one dozen of these napkins. Old subscribers who pay all arrears now due, and one year in advance, before the 15th day of January 1886, will receive by mail, postage paid, one-half dozen of these napkins, if they request it, when remittance is made.

PERSONS wishing extra copies of the OXFORD DEMOCRAT of Jan. 8, which will contain a history of the paper from its foundation, should send in their orders at once. We shall issue an extra large edition, but may not be able to fill orders. Single copies mailed to any address, for five cents.

Mrs. EZRA O. JEWELL of South Paris, contributes a Christmas poem to this Christmas number of the OXFORD DEMOCRAT. Our story, copied from one of the literary magazines, was written by a Portland lady, and tells of the formation of a children's Christmas Club in the city which is her home. We are pleased to note that this Christmas organization, as well as the Society of Christian Endeavor, both of which originated in Portland, have been introduced into other cities.

Hon. RICHARD A. FRYE, Judge of Probate for Oxford County, held his last term of Court at Paris, last Tuesday. Judge Frye was elected by the combination of Democrats and Greenbackers which carried Oxford County, four years ago. His term of office expires with the year 1885. Judge Frye has proved himself an able and upright Judge. He has been very careful in administering upon estates which passed through the Probate Office, and has given general satisfaction to those doing business in his courts. We have heard none but commendatory words concerning him. To fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of his term Geo. A. Wilson, Esq., of So. Paris, has been appointed for the year 1884.

This editor of the Portland Press devoted a portion of that valuable journal, last Wednesday, to a critical review of our report of the farmers' meeting at South Paris. The chief point of dissent was where the types made us say "enormous as the number of eggs produced, the consumption is much greater than the supply." Of course Dr. Twitchell did not make that statement. Of course our reporter did not so write it. It is one of those typographical lapses which sometimes occur in well edited and carefully conducted papers like the Press, and which often appear in carelessly conducted country papers. Any person at all familiar with country journals would at once perceive that the word "home" was omitted before the word "supply," making it read "the consumption is much greater than the home supply." We say any person at all familiar with country journals would at once have detected the ellipsis, because the report goes on at once to tell how many eggs are imported from Europe.

DURING the past few weeks, the publisher of this paper has received more complimentary letters concerning the OXFORD DEMOCRAT than at any previous time during his connection with it. Some of these letters have come from men distinguished in the Nation as well as in this State. These commendations are very pleasing, and a source of great satisfaction. But we need more subscribers, and we must have them, too. If every friend of the DEMOCRAT, and the interests which it represents, will endeavor to induce one or two neighbors to subscribe for the year 1884, we shall have all needed additions to secure a good prosperous year.

AMONG the recent nominations made by Gov. Robie, are the following for Oxford County: Justices of the Peace and Quorum: Alanson S. Hathaway, Canton; Phineas C. Witham, Byron; Benjamin S. Hill, Oxford. Trial Justice, J. G. Rich, Greenwood. Judge of Probate for one year to fill a lapse occasioned by biennial elections, Geo. A. Wilson, Paris.

Gov. ROBIE was re-elected Master of the State Grange, last week.

OXFORD COUNTY LOCALS.

BETHLE, Dec. 22.—At a meeting of the Bethel Grange, Dec. 28th, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Master, A. L. Valentine; Lecturer, G. L. Blake; Overseer, St. John Hastings; Chaplain, T. H. Chapman; Secretary, Mrs. T. H. Chapman; Steward, Lewis Bryant; Assistant Steward, Charles Farwell; Treas., T. H. Chapman; Gate Keeper, A. Cushman; Pomona, Mrs. Jacob Annas; Flora, Miss D. Cushman; Ceres, Mrs. Charles Farwell. The Grange has been in a prosperous condition during the past year. They have bought the larger part of the flour, corn, bran, needed by its members, by the car-load, and also keep constantly on hand a small stock of groceries. Last Wednesday evening the members of the Order held an entertainment at the house of Charles Farwell; about 75 members were present. The exercises of the evening consisted of speaking by the children and select reading by Mrs. H. H. Bean, Mrs. Timothy Jewett and Mrs. T. H. Chapman. A nice supper of oysters and pastry was furnished by the good sisters.

At the Annual Communication of Bethel Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: L. T. Barker, M.; D. Bridge, S. W.; P. H. Wheeler, J. W.; S. D. Philbrook, Treas.; John B. Chapman, Sec'y; J. C. Billings, S. D.; J. H. Bean, Marshal; D. M. Grover, S. S.; H. C. Andrews, J. S.; W. E. Skillings, Organist; J. F. Ballard, Tyler. The installation of the officers was held at the Masonic Hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 13, by Past Master W. E. Skillings, assisted by D. W. Town as Marshal. Chandler's Band of Portland, furnished music for the evening. This Band is composed of the best players in the city, and is worthy of general patronage. After the exercises, the Masons, with their wives and invited friends, repaired to the Bethel House, and were received by "mine host" Lovejoy. The party did ample justice to the supper which was soon served before them, neglecting neither fish, flesh, nor fowl, which was bounteously provided. After supper, dancing was in order, until the small hours admonished them that it was time to commence their homeward ride.

There will be a Christmas-tree, with appropriate exercises at the M. E. church, Christmas Night.

The open winter has been very favorable for parading timber, but those who intend to log are waiting anxiously for snow.

There was a pleasant sociable last Monday evening at the Bethel House, given by the ladies of the village, to procure funds for lighting the street lamps. The celebrated Pease sisters were present and entertained the audience, followed by the Swiss Bell Ringers.

Dr. Tuell is expected to get his new house ready to move into, soon after Christmas. It will, when completed, be one of the finest residences in this village. The M. E. Circle met with Mrs. W. O. Straw, last Thursday afternoon and evening, and had a very enjoyable time.

The winter term of Gould's Academy began Monday, Dec. 3, with an attendance of about fifty pupils.

There will be an unusual amount of hay pressed for market—probably twice the quantity required for the woods.

Yarding teams are about all in the woods piling up the lumber to be removed soon as the snow makes its appearance.

FRYEBURG.—Mr. Eugene Adams, a workman in Emery & Fellows's saw mill, caught his right hand on the saw so that amputation of three fingers and the thumb was required. Dr. Geo. H. Shield performed the operation.

Shirley & Cousins are building an addition to their mill.

The winter term of the Academy opened with about seventy scholars—an unusual number for this term. There will be no school Monday and Tuesday, to allow those from away to spend Christmas at home.

The stores are full of holiday goods. Mr. Gerry has an unusually fine assortment for a country store. His windows are very attractive, especially to the little folks.

There will be the usual public Christmas trees, etc., under the direction of the different religious societies.

The winter term in Dist. No. 1 began last week. Mr. F. W. Powers, the town School Supervisor, is the teacher.

Miss Pingree who taught acceptably in this district, last summer and fall, is teaching at the Harbor.

Thursday the Congregational circle met at the parsonage with Mrs. Mason.

At the request of some who are anxious to learn to sing, Mr. M. C. Powers, has consented to teach a singing school this winter. The class will meet at the chapel one evening a week throughout the winter. Mr. Powers is a lover of music and a fine singer himself, and will doubtless prove a good teacher.

Rev. C. J. Clark of Portland, the presiding Elder, of this District, will hold a quarterly meeting at the M. E. Church, Sunday forenoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Seavey are housekeeping on Towle St. Mrs. Seavey is a fine organist and has just received one of Beatty's best organs, and is now prepared to give lessons on reasonable terms, to those who desire such instructions.

INO.

GLENDAL, Dec. 19.—We have been having some quite cold weather for a few days past, the thermometer, one morning, being as low as ten below. Almost everybody's aqueduct is freezing up on account of low water. I understand there is but one aqueduct running at the village.

J. W. Bennett has his new steam mill well under construction. He expects to have it running in about three weeks. The new boiler has arrived and other machinery is expected soon.

J. P. Skillings, who has bought out W. E. Skillings & Co., is doing a good business in his mill. He has bought a lot of birch, on the stump, of Dana Wright, and is having it cut, and drawing it on wheels to the mill to work up.

T. G. Lary is cutting about three hundred cords of birch which he will draw to the birch mill. Everybody is waiting for snow.

[Everybody has doubtless been satisfied in that direction, by this time.]—E. B.

LOVELL.—The annual convocation of Oriental Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, was held at Lovell on the 12th inst. The fol-

lowing were elected officers for the ensuing year:

A. P. Gordon, H. P.; S. O. Wiley, K.; P. P. Burnham, Treas.; Geo. S. Farnsworth, Sec.; Barnes Walker, Ois. Treas.; Isaac Davis, Finance Committee.

The officers were duly installed by P. H. P. Aug. N. French. The M. E. H. P. made the following appointments:

Barnes Walker, C. H.; Edward L. Bell, P. S.; Daniel W. Tree, B. A. C.; George Marston, M. 3d V.; Isaac Davis, M. 2d V.; James Irish, M. 1st V.; Waldo M. Benton, S. S.; E. T. Stearns, J. S.; Geo. H. Moore, Sec.

These officers were also installed by Companion French. Due proclamation of the installation was made by Companion I. S. Webb, Marshall for the occasion. The chapter is in a very prosperous condition, having 132 members, and the treasurer reports that it is free of debt, with quite an amount in the treasury.

G. S. F.

NEWRY, Dec. 5th.—We had another very hard wind Sabbath night and Monday of this week but have not heard of any particular damage in this vicinity. Considerable timber is reported to have been blown down Monday in other places.

There is a little sleighing at Upton, Errol and vicinity, but none here. The ground is frozen hard and it is very good wheeling.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Della Littlefield of North Newry is sadly afflicted and very sick with erysipelas. She is an excellent school teacher and a noble girl.

J. A. Thurston has again commenced business in the store at Newry Corner. He has also put in a steam grist-mill at Newry Corner, which is a very great convenience.

Luther Eames is just alive. His wife is also very sick.

NEWRY, Dec. 13th.—The M. E. Circle and friends held a festival and antiquarian supper at the vestry. A goodly number present, an excellent supper, a good time and all were happy. About \$24.00 was realized.

There will be a Christmas festival at the Church, Tuesday eve, Dec. 25th, with an oyster supper in the vestry. Miss Newton, who is teaching in Hanover, will play the organ and take some other part in the services. Everybody likes to come to Newry to a Christmas gathering. We expect a large gathering and a grand time. A merry Christmas to us all.

W.

OXFORD.—Little Willie Robinson got both arms caught in a belt in the factory and was only saved from being torn in pieces by the rapidity with which Winfield Reed threw off the belt.

J. F. Hays started from Nichville with a load of hay. His spirited horses beginning to run he was dragged from the load, under the wheels, and received several bad bruises. The horses ran clear to Sam. Wardwell's before being stopped.

A. S. Fuller has finished his job at Chase's Mills. Solon Chase, he says, used to come over and talk with him almost every day. He calls "Solon" one of the pleasantest and most sociable men he ever became acquainted with. Mr. Fuller has a great natural talent for debate, and he used to hurl big chunks of knotty political problems at the rag-baby sage till that venerable man turned pale and trembled in his big cow-hide boots.

Wm. A. Emery, Esq., is at work on a history, or as he modestly calls it, "Recollections of Oldfield," which promises to be of considerable interest. Mr. E. has lived a long life among the people he describes. He is a very observing man, and has a very retentive memory. No man in town has a larger store of anecdotes of "ye olden time." Like his brother historian, Bancroft, he is a strong partisan, and often colors his narrative to suit his own views; still he is writing the best descriptions of Oldfield I have ever seen. Many have expressed the hope that he will write up early Oxford, bye and bye.

As a proof of the healthfulness of this town, the Journal says there are 17 persons over 80 years old, in Oxford. E. R. Holmes, 81, is as spry as a common man of 60, and goes regularly to his work with his men into the fields. Mrs. Walcott, 89, has walked over two miles this last summer.

Some one has shot Daniel Whitehouse's little dog, and there is blood on the moon. The blood of that poor dog, says the general "Dan," cryeth unto high heaven for vengeance.

A Lewiston detective, seeing a rather sensational account of the robbery here, came up to get the "big rewards" offered. When he found out the real facts, he was a most disgusted man. He says, so I am told, that he is going to give the editor of the Journal a "good licking" when he gets back. Happy thought!

A. J. Lovejoy has had a slight shock, which causes one side of his face to remain as stiff and firm as the brick walls between which he works, while the other side laughs and winks as ever.

Thomas Baker has his store fairly crammed with five and ten cent goods and glass ware. He has some porcelain water and milk pitchers in the form of fishes, birds, and the like, which are great novelties and very pretty. He has also a stick of candy big enough to saw up into planks.

"Mark Tapley" is delivering a series of lectures on the "Life and Character of A. Ward, Jr." They are said to be both instructive and amusing.

A. WARD, JR.

PARIS.—Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis L. Carter of New York, are spending the Christmas holidays at the residence of S. R. Carter, Esq.

They wore their fur caps low on the ears, Sunday. The thermometer was 22 below, at 7 a. m., and 10 below at noon.

Don't forget the display of holiday goods at the store of S. U. Hawkes.

Rev. Mr. Weston preached in the Universalist church Sunday. He will occupy the pulpit next Sunday also.

SOUTH PARIS.—F. C. Merrill, Esq., proprietor of South Paris Foundry, is busily engaged, just now, in perfecting the pattern of a new plow and harrow which he expects to bring out next spring. As he has had a long experience as a successful manufacturer of agricultural machinery, and has made a thorough study of the farmers needs, we have no doubt this last invention will prove to be something especially meritorious.

The Skating Rink was well patronized Saturday evening, and every one pronounced the new floor "Just splendid."

Several special attractions are expected to be announced at an early date.

Dr. J. W. Davis returned from Boston a few days since, with a large and well selected stock of teeth and dental rubbers of the most approved manufacture. The Dr. also purchased, while away, a supply of pure liquid nitrous oxide gas together with the proper machinery and appliances for its administration. This gas is fast becoming the most popular anæsthetic yet discovered for dental uses. It gives as complete immunity from pain as ether or chloroform with this immense advantage that persons recover from its use almost instantly after an operation is performed and can go about their business at once, feeling no ill effects whatever from its use. A writer of authority in such matters says of it: "No instance of fatal results following the administration of pure liquid nitrous oxide gas is known." The Doctor contemplates some important changes and improvements in the appointments of his office, all of which would seem to indicate that he is meeting with abundant success.

The holiday season is nearing its zenith and nearly all our stores have donned their holiday dress, and their windows are brilliantly replete with everything to delight the eye and excite the wonder and admiration of the passer by.

For presents combining the beautiful and ornamental with the useful and practical, visit the jewelry store of John Pierce in Odd Fellow Block. All his late purchases are now unpacked and arranged and make the largest and most beautiful display of goods in his line that we have yet seen. A glance at his advertisement in another column will give an idea of some of the many attractions to be seen there.

For a present certain to be appreciated by every one, take a look at the elegant line of slippers displayed in the boot and shoe store of W. A. Frothingham. A pair of nice warm arctics, a pair of Burton's celebrated shoe soles, or a pair of fine kid boots makes a handsome present for the added merit of doing the receiver more good than a thousand French bon-bons.

N. D. Bolster, in addition to his usually large stock of fine goods, has added several specialties particularly adapted for keepsakes and souvenirs of the holidays of '85-'84, which are at once as beautiful as they are eminently useful and practical. More particularly noticeable is his brilliant window display of silk handkerchiefs of the most unique patterns and variegated tints imaginable and varying in price from 25 cents to \$1.25. There are also library lamps, majolica wares, decorated China tea sets, bread and milk sets, mustache cups, &c., &c., too numerous to mention.

G. H. Porter, "bound not to get left" in the grand holiday race, has just purchased in Portland and Boston a choice assortment of everything desirable in his line, which fact he duly announces in the advertising columns of this paper. No details are necessary. It is enough to say that in addition to the usual variety of confectionery and Christmas sweetmeats and bon-bons, he has the largest and choicest stock of tobaccos, cigars, pipes, canned goods and preserves to be found outside the city.

SOUTH PARIS, Dec. 21.—Fred C. Briggs, who cut his foot so severely while chopping in the woods last week as to require the taking of ten stitches in dressing the wound, is now reported as getting along nicely.

We learn that two sons of Simon R. Ellis, aged sixteen and eighteen years, left home clandestinely Dec. 10th and have not since been heard from and that although diligent enquiry has been made no trace of their enigma yet been found.

S. Richardson & Co., hardware dealers, are making radical changes and improvements in the interior arrangements of their store, which will make it one of the best and most commodious in the State. When they are completed we will endeavor to give the readers of the DEMOCRAT a description of the store and the extensive stock carried by the Messrs. Richardson. Geo. R. Hammond and E. W. Mason are doing the carpenter work.

L. S. Billings was confined to the house by sickness last week. P. G. Lovering took charge of the saw mill during his enforced absence.

The members of the Congregational church and Sabbath School will hold a Christmas festival in New Hall on Christmas Eve. They are rehearsing a cantata and various other exercises.

A Grand Ball and Oyster Supper are announced for New Year's eve at the Andrews House, with music by South Paris Orchestra. A thoroughly good time is expected by all who know the character of Mr. Poole's entertainments.

The little Johnson boy, of whose injuries we have accounted a few weeks ago, has so far recovered as to be able to run out doors on pleasant days.

Wm. J. Wheeler made a three days' trip through the northern part of the county the past week looking after his insurance interests and musical instrument trade. While at Bethel he sold one of his horses.

Mr. Wheeler has received a letter from his brother, Edward H., living at New London, Conn., announcing the death of his youngest daughter, five years of age, of scarlet fever, on Dec. 17th.

The Methodist Church and Sabbath school have a Christmas tree and festival at the church on the evening of the 25th.

Rev. Mr. Sprague's numerous friends will doubtless be glad to know that his physician reports him more comfortable.

Fred and Herbert Bonney, in the employ of F. C. Merrill at the Foundry, are two of the most industrious young men in town. Besides working their ten hours a day in the foundry (Fred makes the patterns and wood work and Herbert does the smith and machinist's work) they have each fitted up, the one a blacksmith shop, and the other a carpenter's shop, where they work evenings on their own account.

The Hill stand, on Hill street, which Fred purchased about a year ago, has been so changed by the work that he has done on it nights and mornings that he has done hardly know it was the same place. It is now one of the handsomest and best kept places in the village.

We notice that our item in the last DEMOCRAT in regard to Gerry's holiday goods is copied in the Oxford County Advertiser, verbatim, and no credit given. This is not the first instance of the kind and we have no doubt that our cotemporary or we might have attributed it to oversight. We have no comments to make but will leave our readers to form their own opinions in regard to this method of gathering news.

The dress-making business of Mrs. F. B. Maxim, whose advertisement appears in this paper, has so increased as to require the constant assistance of two skillful seamstresses, and Misses Hattie E. White of South Paris and Florence Holden of Oxford are permanently engaged. The fashionable public may rely on having all orders entrusted to her care filled in a first-class manner and a perfect fit warranted.

As a result of liberal advertising in the DEMOCRAT, A. M. Gerry's fine stock of holiday goods are now receiving their due meed of admiration, and the clerks commend of being "unfraid tired." The Nimrod's of the sporting fraternity may be interested to know that Gerry, who is an authority in sporting matters, has the largest stock of goods in their line to be found in the County. He reports the sale of twenty-three first-class breech-loading shot guns since last September.

Dr. E. B. Holden is a firm believer in the efficacy of "Printer's Ink" and the benefit to be derived from judicious advertising. He says that his well displayed advertisements in this paper have resulted in bringing him a constant throng of visitors and a most excellent season's trade. His motto is "first fill your store to overflowing with the most elegant goods of the seasons and then give them a liberal advertising." This is enough to say of holiday goods, his visitors will put in all the exclamations and adjectives needed.

Samuel F. Morse and Elisha M. Stevens of Minneapolis are in town for the holidays. Gideon Bolster, has been dangerously sick and is still very low.

WEST PARIS, Dec. 22.—The late snow gives encouragement of "more to follow" to those who are depending upon its coming, for their winter's work. The steam mill is all ready for operations as soon as there is snow enough to keep it running.

Christmas tree at the Church Tuesday evening.

E. H. Jenkins has moved his job printing business to better quarters in Jenkins' Hall. We learn that, although offered several desirable situations elsewhere, he will continue the business here for the present, at least until the advertising and other contracts on his little paper are fulfilled.

We hope that the drug store, now vacant, will soon be occupied by a qualified druggist, to whom it presents a good opening for a small business of this kind. We believe there is hardly a another place in the State where there are two first-class physicians in active practice, in which no drug store exists. We think one would pay here, and be heartily welcomed by our people.

The W. P. D. C. will present the drama entitled "Folled; or, A Struggle for Life and Liberty," at the Church here, on Monday eve, Dec. 31. Admission 20 cents. Children under 12, 10 cts.

We learn that the Norway Dramatic Club have been tendered an invitation to give "Our Boys," a drama, here. We all want "Our Boys" to come surely.

ROXBURY, Dec. 4.—One dog, above zero, Saturday morning; very rough weather.

Isaac Jones raised 33 bushels of White Russian Wheat from one acre and ten rods of land.

Jacob Hodgdon is to haul pine and poplar for William Mason of Bethel, from the "Bonsley" land in this town and Andover.

John Newton of Andover, and Adolph Eastman of Mexico, have bought the popular John Houghton's two lots west of A. A. Jenne's farm, for 50 cents per cord. They have built their camps.

LITERARY NOTES.

—Mr. Edward H. Ellwell of the Transcript, will next month issue from the press of Lee & Shepard, Boston, a book entitled "The Boys of Thirty-Five." It describes boy life in Portland fifty years ago.

—Charles Dickens declares that none of his family knew or consented to the publication of their father's letters in this country, and he will try to prevent their publication or circulation in England.

—Goethe and Eckermann once in Weimar saw a married lady whom they knew, receive with apparent willingness a kiss from a gentleman who was not her husband. "If I had not seen this," said Eckermann, "I would not have believed it." "Hush, hush," said the discreet poet, "I have seen it and I don't believe it."

Woman at Work is the name of a little magazine which, as the title-page tells us, is "Devoted to the record and encouragement of woman's work." The leading article in the November number gives some account of Miss Clara Barton and her good work at Sherborn Prison and elsewhere, with a portrait of Miss B. The magazine, which is edited by a woman, seems throughout to be true to its avowed purpose of encouraging the efforts of women to become useful and honored members of society. It is published by Frank E. House of Brattleboro, Vt. Price \$1 per year.

Memorandum of Invention and Hints on Patents. This is the title of a pocket memorandum book of great value to inventors, containing directions for keeping a valid record of an invention, from the former instance, among others: George William Curtis, John G. Whittier, Miss Thackeray (Mrs. Ritchie), E. P. Roe, Wm. Black, W. D. Howells, Geo. H. Boughton, Austin Dobson, Charles Reade, Edward Everett Hale, and Charles Dudley Warner; while among the artists are: E. A. Abbey, James C. Beard, George H. Boughton, F. S. Church, Frederic Dielman, Alfred Fredricks, A. B. Frost, W. Hamilton Gibson, Alfred Parsons, Howard Pyle, C. S. Reinhardt, W. L. Sheppard, and Jessie Curtis Shepherd. There will also be illustrations from paintings by G. E. Watts, R. A., and from unpublished sketches by Thackeray, Frederic Walker, and Dante Gabriel Rossetti. The N. Y. will include four plate-paper pages in addition to the usual size of the magazine.

A Famous Galaxy. People who delight in beautiful and good books will be astonished when they see, if they have not already seen, the announcements of the "Oxford Illustrated" and other editions of standard authors, issued this season. The typography, and all mechanical qualities of printing and binding are simply superb, and the prices a veritable marvel to the old-time book-buyer. The list includes the works, complete, of Dickens, 15 volumes, reduced in price from \$22.50 to \$9; Thackeray's, from \$16.50 to \$6.75; George Eliot's, from \$12 to \$3.75; Washington Irving's works, from \$20 to \$4; Scott's Waverley Novels, from \$20 to \$7.50; Hawthorne's works, from \$21 to \$6.50; J. F. Bulwer's, from \$31.25 to \$8.50; William Black's, from \$15 to \$4; De Quincey's, from \$18 to \$6.50. The publisher sends to any one for examination before requiring any payment, a reasonable estimate of good faith, and will send a large catalogue of these and other works free upon application. John B. Alden, publisher, 18 Vesey-st., N. Y.

—No intelligent reader can fail to be interested in the contents of the North American Review for December. The question of the telegraph has the place of honor in the number. Gardner C. Hubbard, pointing out the great advantages that would result from the proposed "Government Control of the Telegraph," and showing from the experience of several European countries the benefits to be derived from the incorporation of the telegraphic with the postal service. Prof. J. Laurence Laughlin, of Harvard University, shows in his absorbing and withholding from circulation the specie that is constantly needed to insure stability in the world of finance. The "Day of Judgment," by Gail Hamilton, is a caustic review of the less amiable moral traits of Thomas Carlyle. Henry George writes of "Overproduction"—an idea which he declares to be preposterous, unless more wealth is produced than is wanted. General W. B. Franklin sets forth the view of naval and military expenditure as to what is absolutely needed, and the way of organization, forts, ships, and war material, to insure the "National Defense." An article on "Railroad and Public Time," by Prof. Leonard Waldo, of the Yale College Observatory, explains the system of uniform time standards now being introduced into the railroad service of the United States. Finally, there is a discussion of the question of "Morality without Religion," by F. A. Kider and Prof. A. A. Hodge of Princeton College.

Published at 30 Lafayette Place, New York, and for sale by booksellers generally.

BOOKS FROM LEE & SHEPARD, BOSTON.

"Our Boys in India," is a continuation of "Our Boys in China," but may be read as a treasury in itself. It is by Harry W. French, who has sought out acceptable words and a very profitable theme. The boys are taken through this strange country so as to see much more than the geographers tell, and related in such a manner as will stay by the reader. The illustrations are excellent and so much that the pen cannot express. We recommend the book most heartily.

"Phil and His Friends," is another fascinating story from the pen of J. T. Trowbridge. It is one of his best, and brings before us a real boy with his faults but with a generous, enterprising, honest mind and heart. He has to contend with adversity, and we follow the ups and downs of his fortune with the keenest sympathy and interest, wondering all the time how he will end. Now we are laughing at the fun, then clapping hands at the way he goes to work, then laughing at the success, and anxious to know of his further career. It



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1000 CORDS

Peeled Poplar Wood

Wanted at this Depot

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West Paris, Oct. 13, 1883.

RESULTS OF THE FIRST YEAR OF COLPORTAGE WORK IN THE FOURTH GENERAL RE-SUPPLY OF THE UNITED STATES AND TERRITORIES

When the Fourth General Re-Supply of the United States and Territories was undertaken by the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society, it was resolved to make the work as thorough as possible. To this end measures were adopted to supplement the work of auxiliaries by a thorough system of colportage.

Where the local societies could not do the work, colporteurs were to be sent at the expense of the Parent Society, and the work pushed as rapidly as possible. It was reasonably expected that the auxiliaries in the New England States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Ohio, Kentucky, and Illinois, would for the most part attend to the canvass of their respective fields so that colportage conducted by the Society has chiefly been confined to the following States and Territories: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Dakota, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

One county in New Jersey (where the auxiliary had disbanded some years ago), three counties in the State of New York, and the large county of Aroostook in Maine, have been canvassed, and colporteurs of this Society are now at work in two counties of New York, and one in Maine. Some counties in Illinois, Ohio, and Kentucky had also to be cared for by the Parent Society. With these exceptions the work now presented has been carried on in the more distant parts of the country, where the churches generally are feeble and supported in part by the Home Missionary Societies of the denominations which they represent; while a considerable proportion of the work has been in advance of church work among the frontier settlers, the isolated ranchmen, and in the camps of miners beyond the pale of civilization.

In the prosecution of this work over 500 different men have been employed for a longer or shorter period. They have rendered 46,674 days of service, have traveled 536,364 miles, visited 650,940 families, and found 87,080 families which had no Bible in their homes, and supplied 66,549 of these families, besides 37,556 individuals. They have put in circulation 349,919 copies of the Scriptures. Of these 277,585 of the value of \$105,710.84, were sold, and 71,425, of the value of \$17,688.09, were donated.

The colporteurs' wages and traveling expenses in the prosecution of this work amounted to \$87,610.50, which makes an average of \$1.87 for every day of service rendered, thirteen cents for every family visited by them, and about twenty-five cents for every copy of Scripture distributed by sale or gift.

To the wages and traveling expenses of the colporteurs must be added \$6,443.00 for freight upon books sent to them, making a total of \$94,053.50 for the distribution, by sale and gift, of 349,919 copies of Scriptures, of the value of \$123,398.93.

Adding the cost of the books to the cost of distribution, we have an expenditure of \$217,452.43. The colporteurs however received from sales \$105,710.84 and from individuals and church collections 9,721.73.

A total of 115,432.43 Making the net expenditure, including the cost of the books donated 102,019.86

These are general results which show the aggregate of the work. More particularly it may be stated that the Territories of Utah, Montana, and Idaho, with the exception of four counties, have been thoroughly canvassed. The canvass of Colorado has been almost completed, and work has commenced in Wyoming Territory. In Nebraska, fifteen counties have been thoroughly canvassed and twenty-one counties partly. In Kansas, sixteen counties have already been supplied, and the work is now progressing in twenty-eight counties. In Kentucky, the work has been finished in nineteen counties, and in Tennessee the same number; while in the latter more or less work has been done in twenty-seven, and in the former in twelve other counties. In Texas, twenty-six counties have been wholly canvassed, and the work is approaching completion in thirty-three other counties, some of them the largest in the State.

But, without further detail, it may be sufficient to state that there are upward of 1,800 organized counties in all, which must be supplied through colporteurs of this Society. Of these, 333 counties have been canvassed during the year, and 425 partly canvassed; making a total of 758, or more than one-third of the whole. Very rapidly will the work be completed in those where it has been begun, and be commenced in still other

counties; so that we may reasonably hope to accomplish this entire work within three years, at an additional cost not exceeding \$250,000.

It should, however, be borne in mind that this is the cost of only one department of the Society's work. Considerable grants of books have been made to auxiliaries which have assumed the responsibility of the work in their own fields. The Oregon Bible Society, the Washington Territory Bible Society, the Virginia Bible Society, and the Southwestern Bible Society, as well as auxiliaries which have more restricted fields, look to the Parent Society for aid, so that the cost of this Fourth Re-Supply is not confined exclusively to the territory which is more especially embraced in this report, and where the work is entirely under the control of this Board.

Many of the auxiliaries in the States where we have District Superintendents, are engaged in the thorough re-supply of their respective fields, with encouraging results, and not a few have already completed the work entrusted to them.

OXFORD FARMERS.

THE BETHEL MIDDLE INTERVALE FARMERS CLUB REORGANIZE FOR THE WINTER CAMPAIGN—SWEET CORN DISCUSSED.

The Bethel Middle Intervale Farmers Club met Nov. 8th, and elected the following officers: President, D. M. Kimball; Vice President, J. H. Carter; Secretary, Henry Farwell; Committee on topics, I. G. Kimball, Wm. L. Farwell and S. W. Sanborn. It was suggested that members, in opening the discussion, prepare and read an essay on the subject. The next meeting was held at the school house Nov. 13th, when the utility of the sweet corn crop was discussed. H. H. Holt read an essay on the subject the main points of which I give.

He considered the raising of sweet corn highly detrimental to the farmers as it is carried to excess here, to the neglect of other crops more beneficial to the farmers that might prove as profitable as sweet corn if the same time and expense were employed, for instance, fruit growing. Take cranberries: there is hardly a farmer in this vicinity who has not an excellent location for raising cranberries. After once started they could be raised with less trouble and at a greater profit than sweet corn. Yellow corn with the same care and culture is a long way ahead of the saccharine maize to feed to cattle, hogs or horses; or ground into meal to be fed to the same, or converted into bread and other edibles in the household, while sweet corn can only be eaten while in the milk and after being canned. From the time of planting until harvest you hear nothing from the farmers but sweet corn. All other crops and interests are swallowed up in sweet corn. I think farmers will learn a lesson in a few years more, and come home to their yellow corn, not with the pieces of money as did Joseph's brethren, but with a few sour cobs and the dry husks rattling and rustling and as unsatisfied as was the prodigal son.

J. T. Kimball thought sweet corn a paying crop, but as the business had been managed at the Bethel factory had doubts about its being advisable for the farmers to continue raising it. As a crop it was as profitable as any we could raise.

I. G. Kimball said we have been raising sweet corn for four years; two years everything went well at the factory, but the other two we had trouble, which has caused much feeling among the farmers, but in reality this does not affect the real value of the crop. He considered that where we get our pay for what corn we raise, it pays much better than the average of any other crop. He could purchase with his sweet corn much more corn than he could raise if the same land had been planted with yellow corn.

Wm. W. Chase thought farmers ought to raise a good crop of yellow corn. He had as soon have a bushel of our yellow corn ground with the cob, as to have a bushel of most of the Western corn clear.

Wm. L. Farwell said from observation of the farmers who had made a specialty of raising sweet corn, it paid them better than our usual crop, but would not advise any farmer to devote his whole time to the raising of it.

C. N. Kimball had not changed his mind from what it had been ever since the factory started; that where we have to haul our corn a distance of four or five miles or more did not think it best to plant extensively especially when both the factory and the farmer were in the same place.

George Osgood said he had planted the last corn for the factory that he ever should.

D. M. Kimball thought that under favorable circumstances sweet corn would pay as well as any crop.

At the next meeting the credit system for the farmer will have an airing.

HENRY FARWELL, Sec.

WIDE AWAKE

(Only \$2.50 a year.)

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FOR BOYS, GIRLS AND EVERYBODY

Starting at the source of good things, we give here a list of some famous contributors whose stories and poems and articles are already in hand for the coming year:

Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney, Mrs. Dinah Mulock-Cruik, Edward Everett Hale, "H. H." Susan Coolidge, Arthur Gilman, Lucy Larcom, M. E. B., Mrs. Catherwood, Rev. Chas. R. Talbot, Mrs. Lucy C. Lillie, Margaret Sidney, George MacDonald, Lady Dunboyne, Mrs. Raymond Blakeway (Aunt Maggie) Mrs. Louisa T. Craig, Mrs. Lizzie W. Champney, Mary E. Wilkins, Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells, Prof. D. A. Sargent, Ernest Ingersoll, Marion Harland, Sarah Orne Jewett, Mrs. Clara Doty Bates, Elbridge S. Brooks, M. E. W. S. (Mrs. John Sherwood), Miss Amanda B. Harris, Sophie May, Mrs. Kate Upson Clarke, Margaret Eytzinger, Rose Kingsley, Edwin D. Mead, Mrs. Susan Power, Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, Mrs. Sarah K. Bolton, Philip Bourke Marston, Celia Thaxter, Nora Perry, Rose Hawthorne Lathrop, Mrs. A. M. Diaz. Illustrated serial stories for 1884: 1. "A Brave Girl," by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, author of "Gates of Ajar," "Doctor Zay," "The Story of Avis," etc. 2. "A District Messenger Boy," by James Otis. 3. "Pansy Billings," by "H. H." 4. "Pamela's Fortune," by Mrs. Lucy C. Lillie, author of "Prudence," etc. 5. "His Three Trials," A story for boys, by Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells. 6. An Historical Serial, (to begin in December) 7. "In No-Man's Land," (A wonder for little folks,) by Elbridge S. Brooks.

Among the purely pictorial attractions will be fine reproductions from the studio of F. H. Langren, whose "A-Maying," and "Winter Birds," in Wide Awake, attracted so much attention in 1882. W. Parker Bodish will contribute a picture-serial, in fifty scenes and twenty-four interludes, entitled "Through France in Sabots." Miss Jessie McDermott has prepared a novel set of twelve full page pictures under the title, "The Procession of the Zodiac." Joseph Pennell has sent from Italy some twenty interesting and beautiful drawings of "Child-Life in Venice;" Henry Sandham has contributed another series, illustrative of a Winter Carnival in Canada; and George Foster Barnes has just completed an alphabet of novel and artistic decorative initials.

Many valuable contributors, very pleasant reading for the curious, are in hand; among them are two articles about famous dwarfs and one about famous giants, by Isabel Smithson, illustrated by E. H. Garrett, from Authentic sources; The Gypsies, by Mrs. Catherwood, giving much novel matter, the illustrations including drawings from life sketches made among the gypsy caves of Granada the past winter.

Edward Everett Hale will make an interesting contribution to literature, through Wide Awake, in the form of several articles entitled "The Story of Boston Common," giving complete its curious early history, describing famous events and scenes connected with its green shades and malls and narrating many tales and traditions, quaint but authentic. These articles will be fully illustrated.

Mrs. Clara Doty Bates, whose versifications in Wide Awake of various nursery tales, Silverlocks and the Bears, Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood, etc., are received as the classic and standard form of these old favorites, has now put in verse "Twelve of Esop's Fables." These fables have a setting decoratively novel and richly pictorial.

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For the Democrat.

THE OLD COURT WEEK.

Among the scenes most vivid in the recollection of my childhood were those relating to the courts. Court week was then an occasion of great interest. When a small boy I used to steal slyly up into the corner of the gallery after the Court was assembled and look down with awe upon the Judges and the Bar, but keeping my eye often on the Sheriff whose sternness was of itself suggestive of the executioner. William C., generally called Clark Whitney, held that office. He always carried a sword by his side, as he led the procession of Judges and lawyers from Major Hubbard's, where they were quartered, the roll of a snare drum being the signal for marching to the court house, there then being no bell on the Hill. On reaching the court house the Deputy Sheriffs were drawn up in two files opposite each other between which the procession passed, the Judges and lawyers then always carrying their green bags, and the Deputies closing ranks in the rear with tip-staffs at "carry arms." Col. Simeon Cummings was clerk, and opened the Court with great dignity, after "silence" in a peremptory tone was enjoined by the Sheriff. The Law Court then consisted of Prentiss Mellen, Chief Justice; William P. Preble and Nathan Weston, Associates. Erastus Foote of Wiscasset was Attorney General, who impressed everybody as being a very handsome man. Rufus K. Goodnow was Clerk, and an amiable one in all respects. Besides the lawyers of Oxford County, there were present Simeon Greenleaf, Reporter; Sam'l Fessenden, Stephen Longfellow and Nicholas Emery from Portland, who were almost invariably employed as senior counsel and on whom the local lawyers then generally relied to do most of the talking. The Judges were very dignified in their mien and manners, and always, with their ruffled shirts, used to look as if they had just come out of a band-box. The resident lawyers were Peter C. Virgin of Ram-ford, Richard Frye of Bethel, Mr. Farwell and Levi Stowell from Dixfield, Ruel Washburn of Livermore, "King Porter" of Turner (another handsome man), Samuel F. Brown of Backfield, Stephen Emery and, later, Joseph G. Cole of Paris, Levi Whitman of Norway, Jauris S. Keith of Oxford, Charles Whitman of Waterford, Judah Dana, John S. Barrows and Stephen Chase of Fryeburg, John Jameson from Cornish, Charles Washburn of Harrison, and N. S. Littlefield also attended the Paris Courts. Of these Mr. Littlefield was the last survivor, who besides his other qualities was a peer of any of the gentlemen in the matter of "good looks." The jurymen were also a fine body of men, both in appearance and intelligence. Indeed, the writer has often heard the remark that Oxford excelled in her juries. Of the championship at the Bar my recollection is too indistinct to remember much. General Fessenden always impressed the hearer with the conviction that in his own mind at least he always had truth and justice on his side. Mr. Greenleaf was graceful and dignified in manner and confined his arguments to law and facts, never resorting to ad captandum remarks to please or win. Nicholas Emery was at times eloquent but variable and somewhat uncertain. Mr. Longfellow's characteristics are remembered less distinctly. It seemed then as often since that the resident members of the Bar made a great mistake in not managing their own causes. They were abundantly able, it would have been quite as well for their clients, and the principal fees would have gone into their own pockets. But it was hard to break down old custom, though latterly nothing of it remains. At the adjournment of the morning session it was then the custom to have a different kind of match than such as came off in the court room, namely, wrestling matches on the common which always attracted a crowd. That, too, was the time when the apple boys made most of their profits in selling "high top sweeties," "gentians" and other standards of that time. Among those who laid the foundation of their future success in that day of small things was Harvey D. Parker of the Parker House, Boston, who once sold apples from the Biscoe farm, where he lived two years. The bulk of the cases tried came from Fryeburg and vicinity, where litigation, church and neighborhood quarrels used to rage with great intensity.

Ezekiel Whitman, afterward Chief Justice, then presided at the Court of Common Pleas. His custom was to leave Portland on Saturday preceding the opening of the Court, visiting his kinsman Levi at Norway on his way. On call of the docket, whatever its condition, he announced that the business of the term must be closed in season to allow him to go home on Saturday of the same week, and everything was made to bend to this decree from which there was no appeal.

—It is estimated that over 500,000 tons of paper are made in this country, every year, and yet the man who shaves himself has to hunt around for over 15 minutes before he can find a piece that he dare wipe his lather upon.

In connection with the lawyers and courts of those days is a wealth of humor and anecdote could it be gathered up. One incident the late Gov. Washburn immortalized in verse before a meeting of the "Oxford Bears," thus:

Renew your former battles  
For money and for land—  
Again in "divine presence"  
Let Nancy Kneeland stand.

The key to this personal allusion was thus given: At a trial before Judge Whitman some question arose in respect to one Nancy Kneeland. The Judge enquired of a garrulous female witness who she was. "The same Nancy Kneeland now in divine presence, please your Honor," was the reply. At this the Judge's humor shot straight through the double glassed spectacles resting on his nose.

Another "character" noticed by the Governor was Capt. Samuel Pampelly, said to have been a sort of four-corners lawyer, who in those days frequented Paris Courts. The accommodations for Court boarders were then so limited as to require assignment of one bed to two guests. Pampelly was a very corpulent man, weighing over 300 pounds, and he always managed his case successfully under the plea that he always slept without a shirt. This gave him a single bed who ever else was crowded. But this must suffice for court-week in olden times.

DIVORCES.

The number of divorces decreed in Maine, as given by the records of courts for three years, is as follows:

	1878.	1881.	1882.
Androscoggin	41	49	48
Aroostook	17	10	18
Cumberland	73	70	71
Franklin	15	8	10
Hancock	16	11	13
Kennebec	49	64	66
Knox	38	40	51
Lincoln	12	6	14
Oxford	25	27	29
Penobscot	60	71	62
Piscataquis	12	12	7
Sagadahoc	11	12	9
Somerset	28	25	29
Waldo	36	39	32
Washington	19	17	21
York	33	51	49
Total	478	512	529

It will be seen that the State is experiencing a comparative moral advancement, the increase in the number of divorces in 1881 over the preceding year being over 7 per cent., while the increase in 1882 over 1881 is but 1-3 per cent.

SOUTHERN TESTIMONY.—We have preferred, in dealing with the Copiah county murder; says the Tribune, to give Democratic testimony, whenever it could be had. We have printed the resolutions of the Democratic mass meeting after the murder, the "verdict" of the coroner and the proclamation of the mayor. We supplement these with the following remarks from a Democratic paper, the Vicksburg Post: "A free ballot and a fair count does not seem to be the motto of the Copiah county Democracy. In an attempt to cast his vote at Hazelhurst, 'Prent' Matthew received a charge of twenty-four buckshot in the face, killing him instantly. He went to the polls single handed and alone and in the attempt to exercise his privilege of American citizenship was shot down like a dog. This is the worst murder that has occurred in Mississippi since the Chisholm killing. It will injure the good name and prosperity of the State. Every bullet that was shot into Matthews will be worth thousands of votes to the Republicans, because it will be said, and it cannot be denied, that he was killed on account of his politics by intolerant Democrats." Those who deplore the "bloody shirt" will please observe that this Democratic paper says "it cannot be denied" that this is a political murder.

—During a recent conversation in Hartford, ex-Senator and Congressman-elect Eaton was asked by a Democratic brother "What do you think of the prospect for '84, Senator?" "Don't know." "Well aren't our prospects pretty bright?" "Don't know." "Hasn't Ohio gone Democratic?" "Why, yes." "What's the trouble then?" "I'll tell you," said the Senator, pressing his thin lips together, "the Democracy twenty-five years ago took out a patent for making fools of themselves, and it has never been infringed upon."

—A new political party to be called the National Workingmen's party is proposed. If all the workingmen in the country should join it, few would be left in either of the old parties. The fact is that workers are the rule in this country, and drones the exception. The political power is already in the hands of the working people and there is no call for a Workingmen's party as such.—Portland Advertiser.



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ARTEMUS WARD'S HOME.  
THE QUIET LITTLE VILLAGE OF WATERFORD.  
STORIES OF THE HUMORIST'S BOYHOOD.

Of all the pretty inland hamlets of Maine, and there are many, not one surpasses in picturesqueness and quiet beauty the little village of Waterford, in Oxford County, where Charles F. Brown, better known as "Artemus Ward," was born. The place is about 45 miles from Portland. It contains only about 100 inhabitants. It lies on the shore of a large lake known as Tom Pond, at the foot of a precipitous mountain called Mount Tirem.

The inhabitants are mostly farmers, and, as a rule, well to do. Within the limits of the township are many hills, ponds and fine trout brooks, while the Crooked river, managed, by hard work and strict attention to business, to wander 18 miles in crossing the 7 mile wide township. The country about Waterford is fertile, and once contained the finest belt of pine timber in Maine. Artemus liked Waterford, but not Oxford County; for he relates that within two months after a scurrilous young man had made fun of his bald head, his aunt died and left him a farm in Oxford County, Me. "The human mind can picture no greater misfortune" than this.

Artemus's father died when the boy was about 14 years old, and as the family circumstances were somewhat limited thereby, he was apprenticed to Mr. J. M. Rix, who published the *Oxford Democrat*, at Lancaster, N. H. The stage line at Lancaster ran by the Brown homestead, and the drivers were not unfamiliar with the ability of the future "genial showman" in the way of practical jokes. They knew how he organized shows, wherein his father's red cow, with a coat sleeve stuffed full of hay hanging from her nose served as the elephant upon which innocent country youth were invited to ride with startling results. They knew, too, how old Deacon Hale's white horse had been induced to wander away for miles following a tempting bit of hay, hung just beyond reach by means of a lath strapped to the horse's neck.

There was an endless series of pranks gotten up by the boy to mystify the villagers in general, and his mother in particular, and all these were well known to the stage drivers. So when the young humorist started for Lancaster, eager to know as much as possible about his future residence, the veteran driver, Steve Seavy, having previously conspired with the boys in Rix's office to give young Brown a fitting reception, assured him that Mr. Rix was a pious man, that his hands were, if anything, more pious than he, and that the sooner the would-be apprentice crammed on the catechism the better. Charles listened dolefully. It was late at night when the stage reached Lancaster, and in the morning young Brown hid himself to the office. The "force" consisted of a journeyman and an apprentice named Smith. They received him solemnly. The journeyman handed him a Bible and made him read a chapter, after which he was examined on the catechism.

His ignorance was severely commented upon, but he was permitted to go to work. At noon a similar performance was enacted, while intense gloom rested upon the office during the day. The next morning Charles went to the office resolved to run away at the end of the week, but on looking about, failed to find his fellow craftsmen. Further search revealed them under the garret stairs too intoxicated to walk. Young Brown was so angry over the sell that he wrote a note to the driver threatening vengeance, which was never carried out. Brown's fame as a humorist was a surprise to all who knew him, and even to himself. A greater surprise to his kinsfolk now is the interest still manifested in the dead merry-maker and his work.

They thought that all attention would cease with his life, but every year the number of people who visit Waterford to see his mother—now almost 80 years old—increases. The town has changed but little since his time. The village green, about which he wrote and loved to think, is as green and pretty as ever. The old Brown homestead is still one of the best in town, and the tide of summer travel troubles the quiet streets but little. Brown's remains are buried in Elmvale cemetery, near the old Emerson place, much neglected. At the time of his burial some of his literary friends proposed getting up a monument, and did pass resolutions to that effect.

The monument, though much needed, has never appeared. A copy of the resolutions was, however, sent to the grateful relatives. As usual, in such cases, all the villagers looked with much suspicion on the report of Charles's successes. Had they not always known him as a wit, and we are surprised that a journal claiming to be a religious teacher should print such a recipe.

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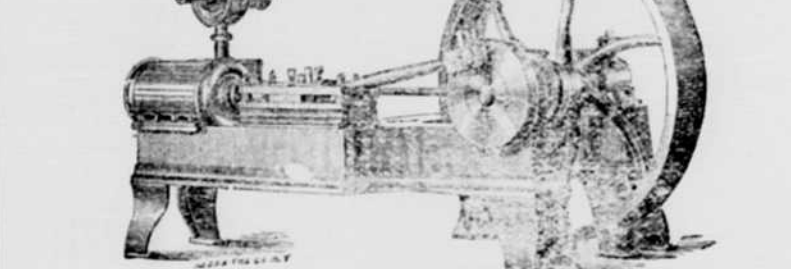
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