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DEPARTURES.

10.05 a. m. and 2.57 p. m., for *Rumford Falls and Bemis.*
6.55, 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 and Bemis.*
10.05 a. m., 2.57 and 6.45 p. m. from *Lewiston, Portland and Boston.*

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Found.

On Tuesday, June 21st, in my pasture, a bay horse with black points, little lame in one hind foot and some 8 or 10 years old. Owner can have the horse by proving property and paying charges.

John R. Ridley,
Mechanic Falls, Me., June 22, 1898.

CURRENT EVENTS

In This Vicinity.

Democratic County Convention.

The Democratic Convention of Androscoggin County was held in Auburn last week and the following candidates put in nomination:

SENATORS.

F. A. Millett, Mechanic Falls.

Geo. R. Pettingill, Lewiston.

COUNTY ATTORNEY.

Joel Bean, Jr.

SHERIFF.

Isaiah Pompilly, Lewiston.

CLERK OF COURTS.

F. H. McDonald, Mechanic Falls.

REGISTER OF DEEDS.

John S. P. H. Wilson, Auburn.

TREASURER.

John L. Cummings, East Livermore.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

M. A. Murphy, Lewiston.

E. L. Philoon, Auburn.

The following persons were chosen as a county committee:

A. C. Rich, Auburn.

V. R. Merrill, Durham.

J. L. Cummings, East Livermore.

L. F. Reckliff, Greene.

F. H. Herrick, Leeds.

C. O'Connell, Lewiston.

Frank Gross, Lisbon.

S. H. Chase, Livermore.

Jeffrey Parsons, Minot.

John S. Briggs, Jr., Poland.

C. A. Leavitt, Turner.

Stanwood Given, Wales.

P. J. Sweeney, Webster.

Dr. C. B. Rankin, Mechanic Falls.

Following were the delegates from this vicinity:

MECHANIC FALLS.

F. A. Millett.

C. B. Rankin.

E. A. Hammond.

F. H. McDonald.

POLAND.

John S. Briggs, Jr.

C. J. Cheney.

C. W. Bailey.

Cyrus Cole.

James Hackett.

Minot had no representation.

LOCAL YARNS

From Various Sources.

The Jonah Club's Summer Game.

The winter season's sport has kindled the members of the Jonah Club. The president, the first of the spring advised the members to "play solitaire" as a tonic to injured or jealous feelings. They have taken his advice and have all tried to woo the cunning trout on Sly Brook. They, evidently, did not all spell the name the same way—at least they started in different directions. No one seemed to know just where it was until the president got stuck in the mud and hallooed for help. Even then some people didn't seem to know where it was. The next time he went fishing, he said it was on Sly Pond; but he spelt it S-c-h-l-e-y, so we mistrust he went deep sea fishing. Anyway somebody did. All the fish that seemed to be biting were Spanish mackerel; and as the skipper was a patriotic man he would not let him keep them unless he stuck an American flag in the back of each one.

As we said in the beginning, the club was somewhat demoralized the first of the season, and for self preservation new blood was admitted. These younger members held the balance of power and it looks as though they would bring about a revolution in the aim and methods of the club.

This faction is led by a slab-sided, wild-eyed fellow who has the virtue of being persistent, if nothing else. He was blackballed at nine successive meetings before he obtained a membership. He declares that the club is too conservative and that its methods are antiquated and savor of the country. He would take pattern from city resorts and have the most approved summer ways.

He has made an interesting discovery. He declares he has seen a school of mermaids at Tripp Pond, and says these are the things to fish for during the summer, and calls in as evidence, that this is the favorite pastime of the fisher at Old Orchard and other summer resorts. The older members don't believe in mermaids. They say they are a myth; but this leader declared he had seen them playing on the shore of the pond; that he had encountered their eyes and that they were dangerous. That settled it. Every one knows that a mermaid's eyes are dangerous. To bring the matter before the members it was moved that the club declare a close time on all other fish than mermaids until the 1st of September. The motion was carried, the younger members voting solidly for it.

The older members then inquired as to the method to be employed in catching the new game—whether they were to be trolled for, or whether they rose to a fly and what was the bait used. The long-haired leader of the opposition allowed that chocolate drops were the most approved bait, and that with the leave of the club he would read a paper for their edification, based on his single experience with the mermaids, which he hoped the club would spread upon its records and which he called

ONLY ONCE.

Only once—the glance of eyes,
And the current of two lives
Stirred, with their throbbing hearts,
From the impulse it imparts;
Never more the same to flow,
In the years to come and go,
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OF INTEREST

To Our People.

The Motor Carriage.

A short time since Mr. A. R. Penney of the firm of J. W. Penney & Sons Co., made a trip to Newton, Mass., by invitation of Messrs. F. O. & F. E. Stanley, for the express purpose of riding in and examining the new motor carriage built by them and he has kindly given us a short description of the vehicle for the benefit of our readers.

This vehicle is the first complete one that they have made and while it will require some alterations and improvements, it is now one of the foremost in the ranks of motor carriages.

The motive power is steam and for fuel they use gasoline under an air pressure. The carriage is made of steel tubing, the same as bicycle frames, from a design of their own and for lightness and strength it is unequalled by any now on the market. The water tanks are in the rear of the carriage on each side, while between them is the boiler, and in front of which is the engine. The gasoline tank is in the front portion of the carriage, near the dasher, running crosswise. Nearly all the mechanical parts are concealed and it looks on the street like an ordinary, fine-finished carriage such as you would see in any city, with the exception that the horse and thills are not there. The sprocket wheel which transmits the power from the engine to the carriage, is geared on to a differential gear attached to both ends of the rear axle which is in two sections.

The lever controlling the speed is about 6 inches long and is at the right of the seat while the steering handle is in the center, coming up just high enough to grasp handily.

The feeding of water and gasoline are absolutely automatic and the carriage will run 50 miles with one filling without any attention whatever except as to regulating the speed and steering. It weighs when all ready for a start about 400 pounds.

The wheels are the same as bicycle wheels, only a little larger and heavier, with pneumatic tires. The carriage is almost noiseless and all the steam that can be seen is for a part of a minute after first starting, there is no smoke or gas to inhale and when riding along the engine runs so still that it is not noticeable.

Mr. Penney had the pleasure of riding three miles in six minutes with Mr. F. O. Stanley, and only a few days before Mr. S. and wife made a run of 10 miles and one-eighth over the roughest section of road in that locality in just 30 minutes.

It easily passes electric cars, fast horses, bicycles and all other craft encountered, and will undoubtedly win large sums of money for its inventors in the future.

A Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefitted from first dose. She continued to use it and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this Great Discoverer at Merrill & Denning's Drug Store. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

A Card.

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MRS. C. ANDREWS.

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A Mechanic Falls Printer.

Mr. W. W. Merrill, formerly of this village but now a resident of Massachusetts, has recently bought a printing office at 92 Union Street, Boston, which will be known as the Union Printing Company.

Mr. Merrill commenced to print in his father's (J. S. Merrill's) sitting room on High Street, when only 13 years old. Outgrowing the space allotted him and the small press, costing only \$25.00, a larger one was bought and a corner of the late Zenas Lane's store was hired. This was in the store near the bridge and where the late C. E. Stevens used to sell groceries. After this he and Mr. Lane removed to store now occupied by Mr. Edwin A. Harris at east end of the bridge.

Needing more room he next hired a store in Mr. Tinkham's Block. After a while he sold out and worked a few months for Wood, Robinson & Co., of Auburn, then got a position as a compositor in the Boston Post office. Getting tired of setting type at night, as all morning papers are set up, he got a position with Geo. E. Crosby & Co., at 383 Washington St., book and commercial printers, some 11 years ago. Four years ago he was advanced to foreman of the composing room.

About three weeks ago the place, 92 Union Street was to be sold, as the former proprietor had died, Mr. Merrill was fortunate enough to buy at a price below the appraisers value. As this place has been a printing office 30 years he steps into a well established business.

FIBROID TUMOR

Expelled by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. B. A. LOMBARD, Box 71, West-dale, 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.

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Of Mechanic Falls and Vicinity:

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

In Effect June 29, 1898.

ARRIVALS.

From Portland and Boston, 9.24 a. m., 3.10 and 9.48 p. m.

From Montreal and Chicago, 5.30 a. m., and 4.37 p. m.

From Quebec, 5.30 a. m. and 4.37 p. m.

From Island Pond and way stations, 10.12 a. m.

DEPARTURES.

For Portland and Boston, 5.30 and 10.12 a. m., and 4.37 p. m.

For Montreal and Chicago, 9.24 a. m. and 9.48 p. m.

For Quebec, 9.48 p. m.

For Island Pond and way stations, 3.10 p. m.

Sunday Trains.

ARRIVALS.

From Portland and Boston, 9.54 a. m., and 9.48 p. m.

From Chicago, Montreal and Quebec, 5.30 a. m.

DEPARTURES.

For Portland and Boston 5.30 a. m.

For Chicago, Montreal and Quebec, 9.48 p. m.

For Berlin, 9.54 a. m.

Trains leaving Boston at 8.30 a. m. and 4.15 p. m. will arrive at Mechanic Falls at 3.10 and 9.48 p. m.

Trains leaving Mechanic Falls at 5.30 and 10.12 a. m. and 4.37 p. m. will arrive in Boston at 10.16, 4.15 and 9.25 p. m.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1898.

Editorial Notes.

Our patriotic June brides, alas, will have to forego orange blossoms. The custom of wearing them originated in Spain.

Wednesday of last week was a blue day. To begin with the wind blew; then most of our merchants were blue because trade was poor; but if the wind blew the sky made up by being blue also; the many flags were blue from gladness because Lieut. Victor Blue crossed over the hills, looked in to the Santiago bottle and saw Cevera's fleet.

Do the people of Mechanic Falls always eat short lobsters? Sometimes it looks as if they did. At any rate we don't get the giant ones, and very few of us realize what giants there are among these crustaceans. One was caught off Bayonne, N. J., a short time since whose body measured 23 inches long, with feelers 21 inches long and the largest claw 23 1-2 inches long.

One of the gospel hymns which perhaps has been sung more widely than any other of the modern school is "The Sweet By and By". For its fame it owes much to Ira D. Sankey, who has sung it all over the English speaking world. No doubt it has brought consolation to many people who put their trust in religion, and now the author, Dr. S. Fillmore Bennett, may know in fact what he has long held in theory about "The Sweet By and By", for he has just died at Richmond, Ill.

The apparent policy of the United States is being criticised in many quarters. The acquisition of territory is popular among the masses, but un-American in policy. Our politicians did not dare go before the country with this change of policy at the beginning of the American-Cuban war, but a decided flavor of imperialism has crept in since. Prof. Norton of Harvard, and Pres. Patton of Princeton have spoken against this and now Col. Bryan has come out against it. What he says it would be well to consider: "If a contest undertaken for the sake of humanity degenerates into a war of conquest, we shall find it difficult to meet the charge of having added hypocrisy to greed."

Our account of the motor carriage in another column will doubtless be of interest to our readers for at least two reasons: The first is the general interest which the subject of motor carriages has in the public mind at the present time, coupled with the belief, that with the better roads sure to come from the present agitation, they will be to a large extent the future mode of transportation; and secondly, the interest which Mechanic Falls has in one of the inventors, Mr. F. O. Stanley, who for several years was principal of the high school in this village and later a manufacturer of school apparatus here. In connection with this comes in a thought about better roads. Complaint is made that the farming class are opposed to this improvement. To a certain extent this is true. They have never asked for the improvement nor felt the need of it, and if they are asked to foot the bill they will oppose it. The demands for better roads have come from the dwellers of cities interested in bicycles and motor carriages. This being the fact, the only way those interested can secure macadamized roads is by state aid.

We hear that a regiment from Tennessee is commanded by a Col. Satan. We suspect this regiment can put up a hot fight.

Dewey has been made a D. D. by an American College and the Spanish Court has adopted the degree only they put d— Dewey.

Roosevelt's "rough riders" have had their broncos taken away and must foot it when they get to Cuba like the rest of the boys. They are now "Teddy's Weary Willies".

We are very glad to see some pleasant and sunshiney weather. We want to show our proportionate amount of patriotism, but we think we have had enough "Dewey" weather.

Some of the mathematical men of our exchanges have figured the position our naval officers are in and reduced it to the following figures:

Dewey 1.
Hobson 1, 2.
Sampson 0, 2.

Rev. C. S. Cummings, of Auburn, chaplain 1st Maine Infantry, National Guard, has asked the churches of Mechanic Falls, in connection with others in the state of Maine, to set apart the first Sunday in July as "Hospital Sunday", on which day a collection will be taken for the purpose of buying comforts and delicacies not provided by the government, for members of the regiment who may be sick or wounded. This action was suggested by Maj. B. F. Bradbury, surgeon of the regiment, and approved by Adjutant-General John T. Richards.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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Roll the drum and fire the volley!
What to him are all our wars,
What but death he mocking folly?
Lay him low, lay him low,
In the clover or the snow!
What cares he? He cannot know;
Lay him low!

—Boker.

Sampson and Schley have been hammering away at the fortifications at Santiago de Cuba all of last week. They found them stronger than they anticipated, also the force in and around the city larger than was thought. As stated in last week's Ledger a landing was made by marines at Guantanamo, which has been held by them since, but not without severe fighting. As a result several Americans have found graves on the green hillside above Guantanamo Bay.

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"We are living too fast. "Fast as lightning," expresses it, for we talk by electricity, cook by electricity, travel by electricity and so on.

Its a hurry, hurry, hurry from the cradle to the grave.

We crowd too much; crowd our work, crowd our eating, crowd our pleasure, crowd our sleeping.

A "breaking down of the nervous system" is the way of expressing the result.

It means a depleting of the nerves induced by prolonged strain; overtaxing of the nervous system; a product of over-hurry and bustle.

It affects all people in all walks of life. It baffles physicians of all schools.

No one knows the horrors of such a condition better than Rev. J. N. McCready, of Elkton, Mich. For years he labored faithfully and well. He was progressive and aggressive; a leader among men, a deep thinker and a hard worker.

In his zeal, he overworked; overtaxed his mental and physical strength.

The outlook was dark, with health shattered and recovery apparently hopeless.

Many means for a cure were tried, without receiving benefit.

Finally he took Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and was restored to health. He says:

"In April, 1896, the physicians said I must stop preaching or die.

"I had overtaxed myself and was suffering from a complete breaking down of my nervous system and a persistent stomach trouble.

"Several physicians treated me, but no permanent benefit was derived.

"Four times I was stricken with nervous prostration; twice with gastritis.

"These attacks would throw me into spasms.

"I could eat neither meat or vegetables.

"If my bare feet touched the floor I was immediately seized with cramps.

"I was used up; helpless, hopeless.

"I commenced to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. One box was consumed and I felt no better. This discouraged me.

"My wife urged me to try the pills some more, feeling that my life depended upon the result.

"I continued to take them.

"Since then, and it has been several months, I have enjoyed life.

"I have preached all summer and held revival meetings for fifteen weeks.

"I have had no muscular exercise for years, but recently, have done considerable hard work in my garden, my muscles standing this test remarkably well.

"Every Sabbath I preach three times and now think I am good for another twenty years, if the Lord wills."

To add weight to his words, Rev. McCready made affidavit before J. D. Brooks, Notary Public.

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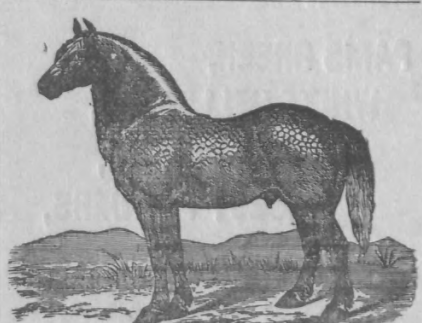
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Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church.—President, Mr. W. T. Kilgore, Miss Ethel Saunders, Sec'y. Meets Tuesday evening at 7.30; social and business meeting on 2d Monday evening of each month.

W. C. T. U. meet every alternate Tuesday at their rooms corner of Elm and Judson streets at 2.30 p. m. Everybody welcome. Mrs. G. S. Chase, Pres., Mrs. O. W. Hawkes, Secy.

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Secret Societies.

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

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

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

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

Miscellaneous.

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

MECHANIC FALLS

And Her Neighbors.

Items of Interest Picked up by Our Reporters.

Mr. C. S. Dempsey of Boston, was in town last week.

Mr. A. L. Rounds and wife visited Rumford Falls last week.

Mrs. A. J. Weaver of Old Orchard, is the guest of Mrs. Flora Thurston.

Edwards, the blacksmith, was kicked quite badly by a horse last week.

The Band gave a concert and dance at West Poland Tuesday evening last.

Miss Nellie Douglass is on a two weeks vacation at her home in Orono.

Mrs. Cahill of Bath, has been the guest of Mr. George A. Colton and wife.

Mr. John French of Andover, is at work for J. W. Penney & Sons Co., drafting.

Miss Pearl Chase of Boston, was here with her father, Mr. H. G. Chase, last week.

Mrs. Ida Perham of Bradford, Mass., has been visiting friends in town the past week.

Mrs. A. A. Cobb of Auburn, has been visiting her parents, Mr. Hiram Bailey and wife.

Miss Gertrude McDonald is at home from Richmond, where she has been teaching school.

Mrs. W. C. Page and children of Portland, were the guests of Mr. I. L. Jefferies and wife last week.

Mrs. S. I. Jewett left last week for cottage, Bide-a-while, at Old Orchard, where she will spend the summer.

Mr. Frank Sawyer has resigned the presidency of the Mechanic Falls Wheel Club and Prof. R. E. Files elected in his place.

Mrs. C. M. Cram of New York and Mrs. A. D. Bemis of Welchville were the guests of Mr. I. A. Denison and family last week.

Mr. John Hanscom flung the largest flag in the village to the breeze last week from his premises on Pine Street. It was 10 x 15 feet.

Miss Rose Dwinall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronello Dwinall, died Monday morning. An operation for appendicitis was performed Sunday but it failed to save her.

It is expected that Messrs. F. O. & F. E. Stanley of Newton, may visit town this week or next with their motor carriage, an account of which is given in another column.

Rob Moore of LaFayette, Ind., says that for constipation he has found DeWitt's Little Early Risers to be perfect. They never gripe. Try them for stomach and liver troubles. Merrill & Denning.

The Grand Trunk Railway System changed time Monday. Passenger trains now arrive as follows: from the west at 5.30 and 10.12 a. m., and at 4.37 p. m.; from the east at 9.24 a. m.; 3.10 and 9.54 p. m.

Mr. Charles P. Lawrence has severed his connection with B. F. Spinney & Co., Norway, where he has been foreman of the lasting room for the past six years, and moved to Haverhill. Mr. Lawrence was formerly a resident of this village.

North Berwick, Me., June 17, 1898.—J. N. Murray of this place states that his mother was unable to sleep at night, but after taking a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla she had no trouble about sleeping, and she has also derived great benefit from the use of this medicine in other respects.

Graduation exercises are now on. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday by Rev. M. M. Selman. The graduating exercises of the grammar school will occur this afternoon at the Baptist church; those of the high school will take place at the Universalist church tomorrow afternoon, and the reception of the graduating class in the evening at Perkins Hall. Music will be furnished by the Bates College Orchestra.

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Mr. F. E. Tufts spent the Sabbath in Portland.

The Wheel Club took a spin to Oxford last week.

Mr. Edwin A. Harris was in Portland last Saturday

Mr. Albert Turner of Portland, was in town over Sunday.

Mrs. Benj. Stanton has returned from a weeks visit to Casco.

The Universalist Circle met with Mrs. Flora Thurston last week.

Hon. Otis Hayford of Canton, was in town Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. P. R. Cobb is taking a vacation and visiting in Boston and New York.

Mrs. Ezra Stevens of Bryants Pond, visited her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Rankin, last week.

Mrs. Jenness, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. James Stanton is again quite feeble.

Messrs. Newton Earle and Ernest A. Harris went to Bemis on a fishing trip last week.

There has been a restoration and increase in the pension of Erastus Thurlow (deceased).

Miss Eva B. Tyler entertained a party of friends at her rooms on Elm Street, Friday evening.

Misses Nellie and Marion Foss of Hebron Academy were the guests of Miss Annie Walker one day last week.

Next Sunday, June 26, at the Methodist church, the pastor will speak on the Sabbath question, taking for his topic: "The Advantages of a Proper Observance of the Sabbath." All are welcome.

E. C. Blanks of Lewisville, Texas, writes that one box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was worth \$50.00 to him. It cured his piles of 10 years standing. He advises others to try it. It also cures eczema, skin diseases and obstinate sores.

Mr. Newton Earle and wife have again returned to Barkstone. They have had several hundred plants set out this month. Their elegant place gives employment to two gardeners—Messrs. Skinner and Menard—the latter has recently moved into the Royal house.

The Mechanic Falls schools will close for summer vacation this week. The primary department will close at 4.15 p. m. Thursday; the intermediates Friday noon; grammar school graduation will occur Thursday evening at the Baptist church at 7.45 o'clock; high school graduation at Universalist church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

A word of praise to our efficient street commissioner, Mr. Jordan, may not come amiss at this time in the Ledger. The improved appearance of our streets speak for themselves. They never looked so "citized". Not alone in the village but outside. None of the rocky hills have been overlooked or neglected, but he has striven to do his duty so far as funds and time allow. He is now at work on Bray Hill which has always been dangerous on account of the whole surface being covered with rocks.

There will be a concert at Murray Hall on Thursday evening of next week, June 30, which promises to be unusually brilliant, and something which all our people will want to hear. The talent is from Lewiston and is well known here by reputation. The Scheda Musical Art Club, which gives the concert, includes as soloists, the following artists, whom some of our residents have had the pleasure of listening to and all will want to hear: Miss Lillian Bearce, soprano; Mr. O. C. de Scheda, violinist; and Mr. A. N. Pettengill, pianist. See ad. in another column.

Mr. Chas. Mitchell is at Kittery for a day or two.

Mr. L. O. Stevens of Chicago, was in town Tuesday.

The Dial Club met with Mrs. S. L. Hawley Monday.

Mr. F. Edwin Dwinall has been granted a pension.

Mrs. Files, of Bangor, is visiting her son, Prof. R. E. Files.

Mr. George Blethen and wife were in Skowhegan over Sunday.

Mr. A. B. Parsons and wife have gone to Lewiston for a while.

Mr. Benj. C. Stone and wife, of Portland, visited town this week.

Have you noticed the globe of gold fish in Merrill & Denning's window.

Mrs. L. W. Mason and Miss Clara Dwinall are visiting in Massachusetts.

Mrs. F. O. Purington and children visited her parents in Lisbon last week.

Machine oil for mowing machines and wagons, quality unequaled, at Merrill & Denning's.

Rev. C. W. Fisher has arrived in town and will preach at the Congregational church next Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock.

Those delayed white shirt waists, colored shirt waists, separate skirts and other new goods have arrived at L. A. Moulton & Company's.

Capt. H. T. Bucknam was in Portland this week, with other members of a committee, to make arrangements for the re-union of the 5th Maine Veteran Association.

What is the use to have ice houses when ice will keep out of doors with no protection until June 21st or later. They found a good sized snow bank in the mill yard Tuesday.

There will be four summer schools for teachers the present season. If any of our teachers wish to attend information can be obtained of State Superintendent of School W. W. Stetson, Augusta.

Canadian military companies from Montreal and perhaps Lord Aberdeen, the governor-general, with his staff, will go through this place on the Grand Trunk Railway on their way to take part in the Portland Fourth of July celebration.

Children's Sunday will be observed at the Universalist church next Sunday, June 26. An appropriate sermon will be given by the pastor in the morning at 10.30 o'clock. In the evening the Sunday School will hold a concert, beginning at 7. The friends of the parish are invited to send flowers and plants to the church Saturday afternoon. As announced last Sunday, a collection will be taken at the morning service, in aid of the sick and wounded of the First Maine Volunteer Infantry.

In spite of the inclement weather a large number from the public schools attended the special sermon preached to the graduating class by Rev. Miss Selman at the Universalist church last Sunday. The church was decorated with wild flowers, the colors being largely red, white and blue,—the colors of this patriotic class. The schools, marshaled by the teachers, entered to the music of a march by Miss M. A. Hawkes. The scripture reading and prayer were by Rev. G. S. Chase, the benediction by Rev. A. Hamilton, and music by Miss Hortense B. Bradford, Mrs. W. N. Hodgdon and Messrs. M. N. Royal and Archie Cook.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim. No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at Merrill and Denning's Drug Store.

OUR STATE

And Her People.

Items from Here and There.

Everett White of Chelsea was shot last week, but whether by his own hand or somebody's else is not yet decided. His wife, however, is charged with the crime and is now in jail awaiting the action of the grand jury. They have been married about 13 months and each is about 23 years of age. Neither have first-class characters.

Thousands of persons have been cured of piles by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It heals promptly and cures eczema and all skin diseases. It gives immediate relief. Merrill & Denning.

Gen. Maximo Gomez, the Cuban insurgent leader, was at one time a resident of Maine. Some more than 30 years ago about 20 Cuban boys attended school at Yarmouth Institute, a school now defunct. Dr. George Wood, of Pennsylvania, then principal of the school, remembers him as a bright young fellow.

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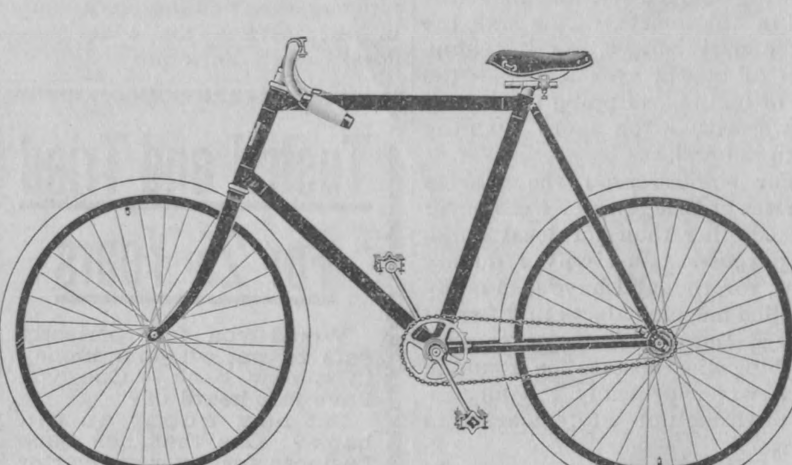
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BRIDGEWATER'S NUGGET.

History of a Canadian Town That Was Built of Marble.

"One salmon multiplies its species a millionfold, the giants of the western forest spring from a seed no larger than a pea, but for gold, the magic metal, humanity has leveled mountains and bridged seas and oceans," said a well known civil engineer to a Portland Oregonian reporter.

"I was assistant engineer on the Ontario and Quebec railroad, a branch of the Canadian Pacific railway, and in running our preliminary lines one of them touched Bridgewater, Ont., a deserted town that was the personification of Oliver Goldsmith's 'Deserted Village.' Bridgewater was brought into existence by one of the strangest gold finds and crazes in the history of this continent, and it goes to show what great results sometimes follow small and unimportant occurrences. I will tell you the story of how a stray cow caused millions of money to be spent in search of gold.

"Nearly 25 years ago a farmer's wife was searching the woods surrounding their farm for a cow that had strayed and, becoming thirsty, stopped to get a drink from a spring. Slipping, she fell against a small, loose rock, which rolled to her feet and which proved to be a 20 pound nugget of almost pure gold. Bridgewater at that time was nearly 40 miles from the nearest railroad, and the present site of the town was nothing but a wilderness, but the effect of that accidental find of the farmer's wife was such that inside of six months what had been a burned over, barren wilderness was converted into a substantial city of nearly 5,000 persons.

"In digging a shaft about a mile south of the town site on the claim of the Hon. Billia Flint, a life senator of Canada, an immense quarry of the purest white marble ever found on this continent was discovered, and at the suggestion of the senator the town of Bridgewater was practically built of marble, for it has today the only hotel, church, school, courthouse and dwellings constructed entirely of white marble in the world, and a mile north of the town are an abandoned ax factory and the grist mill, whose foundations are built of the same beautiful material.

"During the building of the town thousands of men prospected the entire country, and shafts and tunnels were driven, some of them nearly 100 feet deep; but, strange as it may seem, there was never enough gold found to pay the cost of a single shaft or tunnel sunk or run in the entire district. So excited did the farmers around Bridgewater become that some of them actually hired guards to keep men from going on their land to pick up gold.

"Pat Kehoe, an old Irishman who owned 100 acres of rock strewn, barren land, was offered \$125,000 for his holding, but held out for \$150,000. Today you could buy the property for probably \$150.

"One rancher, whose farm adjoined 'Aladdin's Cave,' the place where the original nugget was found, sold 45 acres to an English syndicate for \$100,000, and it is an established fact that the syndicate spent as much more developing their claim, as everything was very costly, all material having to be hauled nearly 50 miles over rough roads, and they did not get a single ounce of free gold out of their purchase, but they mined some quartz—about 100 tons—shipped it to the States, and in return got a bill from the smelting company for \$360 smelting charges over and above the gold in the quartz. This was the first and, I believe, the last shipment of quartz ever made, as the cost of hauling, shipping and smelting was \$150 a ton more than the rock produced.

"For some reason the marble quarries of Bridgewater were never worked other than for local building purposes. Just why I do not know, for, though I have seen many so called marble palaces in different parts of Europe I have never seen anything like those to be found in Bridgewater, probably the only entire town built of white marble in the world."

Republican Caucus.

A Republican caucus was held at the Town House in Oxford, last week, in which the following delegates were chosen to attend the several conventions, as follows:

CONGRESSIONAL.

Geo. P. Whitney.
Willard Mont.
J. B. Robinson.

COUNTY.

Geo. Hazen.
C. T. Wardwell.
J. W. Chadbourne.

TOWN COMMITTEE.

R. F. Staples.
G. J. Parrott.
J. F. Fuller.

COLOR OF NEGRO BABIES.

A French Physician's Inquiry Into the Successive Tints They Show After Birth.

Several years ago Dr. Farabeuf, professor of histology at the Faculty of Medicine, stated in a public lecture that negro babies at the time of birth were of exactly the same color as white babies, and that they showed signs of color only after an interval, usually of several days, but often extending to many weeks; finally, that the skin never attained its darkest tint until the age of puberty.

This assertion caused a good deal of discussion at the time. One physician, Dr. Florain, who had spent some years in Africa, denied it emphatically. He declared that the children of black parents were invariably born black and that they were as black at the age of 2 months as they ever would be. To this impeachment Dr. Farabeuf made a single response, "Black babies are born white."

Last summer there was an exhibition at the Champ de Mars a Sudanese village, the colony of which numbered several hundred persons as black as ever born. Another investigator, Dr. Collignon, saw there an opportunity to settle the controversy. He set to work scientifically, using the Broca chromatic scale to verify his tints. This scale is made up of 34 gradations, the gamut beginning with cream white and ending with ebony black, the intervening shades giving all the grades that one could obtain, say, by pouring milk into a cup of black coffee. The first case that Dr. Collignon had a chance at was the birth of a boy on Sept. 19. The parents were coal black.

"I arrived at the moment of birth," says Dr. Collignon. "Armed with my scale, I examined the child the instant it had been washed. Its skin was of a very light pink, somewhat lighter than the No. 24 of Broca. Within a very short time the skin was suffused with a deeper tinge, which gradually became a delicate lilac. Certain parts of the body were darker; but, on the other hand, the feet and hands were of a beautiful rosy tinge. The hair was very fine and abundant, not curly, and perhaps three centimeters in length.

"The next day I saw the child again, and it was perceptibly darker; the hands and feet were reddish. Ten days later the main tint of the body corresponded to No. 29 of the Broca scale, which is that of a light tanned leather; the extremities were brick red. The baby shortly fell ill and was taken to the hospital. I saw it again when it was 15 days old, and by that time its color had deepened to chocolate."

In the second case Dr. Collignon did not see the newborn child until 12 hours after birth, when it was the color of chamois skin. The third and fourth cases were practically like the first. In subsequent cases the peculiarities of the first were confirmed. From all of these data the investigator felt justified in saying:

"The negro baby comes into the world a tender pink color; the second day it is lilac; 10 days afterward it is the color of tanned leather and at 15 days it is chocolate. The human epidermis, or outer layer of skin, is composed of three films superimposed one upon the other, and holding between them, in the case of the negro, the coloring matter which makes him brown or black. This pigment is semifluid or in the form of fine granulations; in the Indian it is red and in the Mongolian yellow. Freckles are made of this pigment. It is influenced not only by sun and by climate, but by certain maladies, and the negro changes in tint just as the white person does."—New York Sun.

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MEXICAN GIRLS IN THE BATH

Some of Them Are Good Looking, and the Visitor Sees Much of Them.

In Aguas Calientes some Moses of old smote the rock, and there gushed from it a stream of water so warm and altogether delightful that the town was named after it, and the natives bless the Father of Waters every day of their lives. Bathing is the occupation of the town, and the result is shining bodies of bronze and as a good many square inches of skin are on exhibition in Mexico complexion counts.

Imagine 500 natives of all ages and both sexes calmly bathing in an open ditch, with such privacy as the blue heavens and the republic of Mexico afford. There are two sections of them, those who have something on and those who have not, and they splash around in their bath as unconcerned as a baby or a canary in a porcelain dish. Their ancestors bathed in the long ditch where the water lies blue and little puffs of steam arise, and why not they? What though the Mexican Central did lay its parallel bands of steel within a stone's throw of their hereditary bath? That is the railroad's fault, not theirs. And so they splash joyously in their ditch and disport themselves along the bank in every conceivable state of dishabille.

We reached Aguas Calientes at sundown on Saturday, and I was so curious to see the place that the sun and I appeared on the streets about the same time. Whole families appeared from the direction of the town bearing bundles of clothes on their heads. The Mexican peon owns only one change of garments, a shirt and trousers of cotton, a sash, sandals of most primitive design and a straw sombrero, and he is abundantly clad. For extra wrap there is the serape, and to see the young Indians about to bathe manipulate this useful garment is a lesson in the art of draping.

They select a convenient bush, unmake their toilets and, sheltered by the friendly blanket, slide into the water. While in the bath the women wash their chemises and emerge from the water and put on skirts and as soon as they are dry the freshened wardrobe. You may see mother families bathing her brood. She selects a pool, and, disrobing herself to the waist, scrubs her progeny. Every head is carefully soaped and scraped, and the white suds run down over the burnt sienna shoulders. The children have water fights, and the naked babies, when cleansed, are laid on the bank to dry, where they kick and squirm like bronze Cupids. Everybody washes from crown to toe, and the girls glance coquettishly at you between long braids and floating strands of dripping hair.

The prettiest girl I saw might have been Pharaoh's daughter, so beautiful and perfectly formed was she. I saw her coming to the canal, barefooted, footsore and weary, yet with all the marks of race in her face, and I doubt not she is lineally descended from some of the dusky kings of this fair land.

She crept out of her white chemise and calico skirt, and, with her rebozo about her shoulders, slid into the water. There she unbraided her long hair and let it float out on the buoyant water, holding her rebozo before her like a curtain, and laughing over it at me with my impotent camera. This young lady, together with several other girls, performed ablutions behind a thin fringe of mesquite that borders the stone wall of the canal. They sported like brown Venuses just arisen from the waves, quite undisturbed by the passing and repassing of their own countrymen on the borders of the canal. It was only with the Americans that they were coy, and that is our own fault, I dare say. Still I shall always remember the flashing white teeth, the pink beads on the warm, brown throats, and the perfect turning of wrist and ankle.

The long canal where these children of nature wash off the dust of their native land and where the city's wardrobe flutters from every bush is about a mile long. At the upper end the springs gush from earth's hot heart, and there are bath-houses of stone and adobe hundreds of years old. They say that Montezuma's daughter came here to bathe before the envious Spaniards overran the fair land. Certainly his descendants have been in the water ever since.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Domestic Amenities.

He—They say one should learn from the mistakes he has made and the foolish things he has done.

She—If you followed the advice, dear, you'd be one of the brightest men on earth.—Detroit Free Press.

One on George.

Brown-Jones—What did Washington do with that little hatchet of his?

Jones-Brown—As far as I can see he must have sold it to about 777 museums.—New York World.

OUR NEIGHBORS

And Their Doings.

Minot.

There will be an exciting ball game at Cobb's Landing, June 25, between the Chase's Mills and Excelsiors.

Mr. Cecil A. True has returned.

Mr. Ansel Denning has recovered from a short illness.

Mr. Nathaniel Titus has returned from Monmouth.

Schools close Friday.

Miss Inez True spent the Sabbath at Lewiston Junction.

Mr. Charles Andrews is home on a short vacation.

Burnham, Morrill & Co. are making an addition to the corn factory also putting in a new capping machine.

Welchville.

Mrs. C. M. Cram of New York, has been the guest of Mr. A. D. Bemis and wife.

Miss Mabel J. Holmes graduates this week from the Mechanic Falls High School. She writes the class ode.

The Chief Burgess of Milesburg, Pa., says DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills he ever used in his family during 40 years housekeeping. They cure constipation, sick headache and stomach and liver troubles. Small in size but great in results.

Center Minot.

Mr. A. J. Verrill, the monument manufacturer, who died in Auburn last week, was born in Center Minot.

The selectmen will sell at auction at the residence of C. W. Davis the building of the road as laid out recently by County Commissions from a point near D. H. Woodward's orchard on the road leading from Brighton Hill to West Auburn to the Pollard place, on July 2d.

Oxford.

Mr. J. B. Robinson and wife attended the graduating exercises at South Paris last week.

Mr. H. H. Hall has severed his connection with the firm for whom he has worked for the past ten years in Baldwin, Mass., and accepted a position in the office of the Robinson Manufacturing Co. Mr. Hall was employed in this same office a number of years ago, is well remembered as a respected citizen and his return to town is welcomed by all.

West Minot.

W. E. Kilgore of Lewiston, was the guest of L. P. York, Saturday.

Mrs. J. R. Bearce was in the Twin Cities Saturday.

Mr. Ara Cushman and wife of Auburn, were in town Saturday making calls.

L. B. Attwood of Goff St., Auburn, called on friends here Saturday.

Mrs. Rose Pike was at Turner, Saturday, to visit her brother, S. T. DeCoster.

Peter and John Caine were in the Twin Cities Saturday.

Mrs. F. E. Rowe and Mrs. J. R. Bearce were at Buckfield, Friday.

Mrs. Ada Pratt of Oxford, was at her brother's, Fred Farris', Saturday and Sunday.

Earl Harlow of Auburn, spent a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. E. A. Attwood.

Rev. L. B. Attwood of South Waymouth, Mass., and Mrs. W. G. Lowell, of Auburn, visited their uncle, Milton Bearce, last week.

There is to be a Sabbath school concert in the church Sunday evening, the 26th.

Poland.

The Chase's Mills Base Ball Team defeated the Polands Saturday, 15 to 13.

A pretty wedding took place at the Court Street Free Baptist parsonage, Auburn, Saturday evening, the contracting parties being Mr. Wm. Andrews of Poland, and Miss Blanche A. Coleman. Mr. Andrews and bride will reside in Poland.

Oxford Depot.

The funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Morse occurred Thursday of last week at Oxford village.

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Sabbathday Lake.

Nettie Merrill and Alfreda Brackett have returned from Gorham, where they have been attending the Normal School.

The Y. P. C. E. will give a box supper Thursday evening. All are cordially invited.

Mr. Cartland, from Lewiston, held a meeting in the school house, Saturday.

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