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AUGUSTA, APRIL 17, 1897.

The second number of the Bulletin treats of the general subject of spring's work, and the latest and most approved methods of cattle feeding. The subjects have been quite fully treated, and we hope our readers may find much of interest in the remarks that follow.

It is encouraging to note the degree of courage and hopefulness for the future which generally prevails, showing that in the main the farmers are disposed to put their best efforts into their work. They are not forgetting that all classes are affected by the prevailing low prices, and that it is only by putting increased efforts and more thoughtfulness into their work that they can hope to keep along in successful production.

That there are, occasionally, those who are more or less discouraged, is not to be wondered at when we consider the conditions of certain branches of farming, but all such should remember that there must be a change in methods, and in prices, which will materially affect results sooner or later, and that even with present conditions there is a far larger proportion of farmers doing successful work than there is in any other class.

Quite a number of questions have been asked, which we have answered as fully as we could, and we hope the replies may be of some benefit to our readers. We wish to thank our correspondents for their painstaking replies, as well as for the full remarks with which they have favored us.

The following list of questions was sent out:

1. Give number and value of farm stock, as compared with last year, in per cent?
2. Give amount of stock fodder on hand in your vicinity, as compared with last year, in per cent?
3. Are the farms in your vicinity being made more self-supporting, and if so, what crops are being grown for that purpose?
4. Will there be any change in the varieties of fodders grown in your vicinity?
5. Give amount of fall plowing as compared with last year, in per cent?
6. Give crops usually grown for soiling, or for supplanting pastures?

SUMMARY FOR OXFORD COUNTY.

Number of farm stock, 100 per cent. Value, 93 per cent. Amount of stock fodder, 88 per cent. Farms are being made more self-supporting, by the growing of more grass, grain, peas, hungarian and corn for the silo. No change in varieties of fodder, but more hungarian and corn will be grown. Amount of fall plowing 95 per cent. Soiling crops, oats, hungarian, sweet corn, yellow corn, and clover.

GENERAL AVERAGE FOR THE STATE.

Number of farm stock, 96 per cent. Value, 95 per cent. Amount of stock fodders, 87 per cent. Large majority report farms being made more self-supporting, and the crops most generally grown for this purpose are oats, peas, clover, mixed grains, hungarian, vegetables, and corn for the silo.

No particular change in varieties of fodder in any locality, but more hungarian is reported in many instances. Amount of fall plowing, 84 per cent. Soiling crops, hungarian, peas, clover, rye, millet, barley, buckwheat, rowen, sweet and yellow corn and oats.

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.

EAST POLAND.—To make the most of our short seasons, we find it economy to have the barn dressing on the ground and worked into the soil as far as practicable before the proper spring's work comes on; thus serving the double purpose of forwarding the work and having the fertilizing properties of the dressing incorporated into the soil ready for early plant growing. This practice affords us more time to thoroughly prepare our soil to receive and germinate the seed, and gives it a start in advance of weeds, which is of far greater importance than we were wont to suppose. Other things being equal, the farmer who keeps well abreast of his spring's work reaps the most bountiful and profitable harvest.
B. F. COBB.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

OTISFIELD.—I have used the Bordeaux mixture on my fruit trees for the last two years. Last year it proved to be a paint that did not wash off very readily. The Bluestone was some that I carried over from the year before. The color adhered to the leaves so that at the time of gathering my apples there was occasionally a leaf that showed the spraying on the trees. Now did that poison my cattle? They fed under the trees some in the fall. Five cows out of twenty have had an ill-turn after coming into milk in the course of the winter and spring, shrinking in milk, refusing provender, and losing in flesh. I gave them liberal doses of salts, and fed potatoes instead of provender, and kept them hungry, which has brought them around all right. Two yearlings out of six have been badly out of condition for a long time. I think they will pull through and be out among the rocks and hard hack in due time. A two-year-old has lately died of pericarditis (heart trouble), an altogether different case from the others. But our veterinarian says there is something wrong in my hay and presumes it may be ergot.
W. W. ANDREWS.

[Note.—It can hardly be possible that there was enough of the Bluestone on the grass under your trees to affect your cattle. The quantity used is so small that with the usual amount of hay eaten, an animal would not get an appreciable amount. Ergot is one of the principal diseases of rye; it is sometimes called cockspur. It is a fungoid, or parasitic plant, and most common in a hot, wet season. It grows in the heads of rye, causing them to turn black and send out long spurs, which are thought to be quite poisonous for men or animals if eaten in sufficient quantities, and are supposed to have a tendency to cause largest and best grains selected for the abortion. Emaciation and debility, sometimes resulting in death, are often occasioned by it. There is no remedy known, when it attacks the grain, hence prevention is the only means to be used in avoiding it. The seeds sown should be from a field free from it, and only the purpose. Before sowing it is a good plan to put the seed into hot brine, thoroughly stirring and skimming off all that rise to the surface, and afterwards spread it and dust with lime. This is the best preventive known. Similar results upon animals have been noted when they have eaten corn which is affected with smut. It often has a bad effect upon the animal system, and such grain should not be fed to live stock of any kind. Salt sown upon the soil before planting is thought to be a preventive of the disease, which is not fully understood by scientific men. The best way of ridding a field of smutted corn is to go through it as soon as the smut appears and gather all the parts affected and burn them.—SECRETARY.]

KENNEBEC COUNTY.

BELGRADE.—The amount of stock wintered is not as large as that of the the year previous. There is an increase of cows and heifers, but a falling off in oxen, horses and sheep, which in many cases resulted from the short hay crop of the last season. A year ago at this time hundreds of tons of hay were being shipped from here, while at the present time there is but very little for shipment. Fodders of all kinds will be cleaned up closer this spring than many years past. I think that more crops will be planted and sowed this spring to help out the hay crop than in any previous year. Can you give the value of gluten meal for feed to milch cows, in comparison with corn meal or cotton seed meal?
GEO. E. MINOT.

[NOTE.—Gluten meal differs but slightly in composition from cotton seed meal. It is not as rich in protein, and is richer in carbohydrates. It may be fed to take the place of cotton seed meal, and at present prices we believe it would be profitable to do so. Both are valuable feeds for milk production, and should not be fed for fattening purposes. Corn meal will be found to be the best grain obtainable for that purpose. Somewhat larger quantities of gluten can be fed with safety than cotton seed, as it is not so concentrated. It may also be made to take the place of a part of the feed of corn meal. When changing from cotton seed to gluten, care should be used not to change too suddenly, as it might affect the bowels of the animals.—SECRETARY.]

OXFORD COUNTY.

PARIS.—We like to have the fall's work well done and everything ready for spring. If one leaves his plowing until spring, and lets his wood pile thaw out before he works it up, he is sure to be late about his spring's work, and that means late the year around. Early grain is nearly always the heaviest; the same is true of sweet corn. The first to market is the best cared for. "The early bird catches the worm." Keep ahead of your work and you will do it easier and the result will be more satisfactory.
H. D. HAMMOND.

HIRAM.—Well, here it is the first of April and my wood pile isn't converted into stove wood as yet. But I am going for it next week and hope to get it done by the first of May, and then shall try to do a little farming. With regard to new methods of feeding stock, I have fed quite an amount of oats in the straw the past winter, and am well pleased with the method. Would cut them greener the next time. As regards my methods of conducting my spring's work, it always has been my aim to have farming tools all ready in season, to have the fertilizers ready, and the various kinds of seed purchased and tested. We lost a stand of sweet corn last year by neglecting to test the seed, and had to run the planter over two acres the 18th day of June, thereby losing $25 or $30 in the crop. We should have known better and ought to have been put under gardianship. As for the outlook, it seems to me that the prospect is brighter for good farming in the near future, and the wide-awake, up-to-date farmer is going to be in it, but the man who stands around waiting for the government to give him a boost is going to get left. So let us each try and do our level best. Let us put the best foot forward, and try to do better than we ever have done, by better methods, and more careful preparation of the soil to be handled, so that some of the various weeders on the market can be used, thereby reducing the cost of the various crops and leaving a margin of profit even at the present low prices. And with the ever increasing multitude of non-producers that must be fed largely from the soil, there is no question but that good farming can and will pay in the grand old state of Maine for all coming time.
A. K. P. GOOGINS.

SOUTH PARIS.—Winter closed in with as fine a set of grass as ever was seen in Maine, and while I shall look for winter kill to some extent, the outlook, with a favorable season, for a good hay crop is fine. My method of conducting the farm is the result of over twenty years of study and experience. I have no ill words for the corn crop, sweet, yellow or silo. It is the great farm feeder and with time to cultivate and harvest, will beat hay, in amount of stock kept and improvement of farms. I have not sowed any grain for many years, and am fully satisfied that with first-class stock I can do better in other ways than to come into competition with western prices. Hay is my main crop and for that I work. Break as soon as you can after haying, taking pains to turn smoothly; spread on dressing and harrow thoroughly; then use a heavy brush and follow with a hoe to take care of any sods, dead furrows and uneven places; pick up all stones that a light roller will not roll in; seed with herdsgrass and redtop if your land needs it, and follow with a light roller. More of your grass will be alive the next spring than if covered deeper and thereby killed by the lift of fall freezing. At any time in spring before it is through freezing nights, sow clover seed. I have twenty acres on which are about 400 apple trees, and grow the hay for twenty head of cattle, old and young, and four horses.
S. M. KING.

BUCKFIELD.—You ask us to give an outline of our spring's work. Now I believe a good farmer should plan or outline his work early in the season, or even the fall before. As I handle all my dressing in the fall, my next season's work is planned then. I will try to give you my plans as I have them. At this time I am making maple syrup. About April 24th I intend to put in quite a piece of onions, then early potatoes, and then I have planned to plow two acres to use for a soiling crop, with one-half ton of commercial fertilizer per acre for dressing. I have three acres of ground prepared with thirty loads of manure per acre harrowed in for corn. About the 12th of June I shall plant one-half acre to cucumbers for pickling, and shall sow one-half to one acre to buckwheat for my bees, from which I anticipate a good harvest, as they have thus far all wintered. I also believe it will pay me to raise 200 chicks and a good flock of turkeys. In the meantime do not let us neglect our fruit trees. This year I believe is to be a year when fruit will pay. The reputation we have gained in the past year for the quality of our fruit has established a market for our Maine fruit such as we never have had before.
V. P. DECOSTER.

STOW.—It seems to be a question what farmers shall raise as market crops. For the past year every crop grown upon the farm brought little or no profit, with one or two exceptions. Hay has sold for a fair price, due to short crop, and poultry products have been nearly as high as in former years. I will quote the price at which farm crops are selling, in this vicinity. It will readily be seen that the outlook for farmers is not at all promising. Potatoes, 20c.; oats, 30c.; beans, $1.30; apples 50c. to 75c.; butter, 12 1-2c.; pork, 6c.
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FROM PARIS, MAINE, TO PARIS, FRANCE.

No. 25.

THE BURIAL PLACE OF KINGS.

(From our Special Foreign Correspondent.)

PARIS, FRANCE.

"In a foreign land a great king died,
And soon the news spread far and wide.
That day a pauper breathed his last,
His woes were ended, his trials past.
Spake the sentinel at the outer gate,
'Pause, proud soul, one moment wait,
Heaven's coronet is for real worth,
And not for the vanities of earth.
The place for you is lower down—
There will be no sceptre, or throne, or crown.'
With halting steps the pauper came,
And in trembling accents gave his name,
Saying, 'Long have I prayed to reach this goal,
Though all I have brought is a humble soul.'
Then spake the guard, "Though lowly born,
And thine earthly crown had many a thorn,
Thou hast faithful been—great thy reward,
Enter into the joy of thy Lord!'"
R. M.

A few miles from Paris is a little hamlet called St. Denis. The inhabitants are very poor, and live in extreme poverty, but they have one of the most magnificent churches in the world, and inside this church, and in the crypts beneath, are buried all the kings of France and their families, from the time of Dagobert I, who died more than 1250 years ago. The church occupies the site of a chapel erected in the year 275 over the grave of St. Denis, the first bishop of Paris. Dagobert substituted a large basilica, or grand church, for this chapel in 630, and gave it to the Benedictine monks, for whom he also built an abbey; and it was over this abbey that our friend Abelard of the preceding chapter, presided as abbot, about 600 years after. Of this church, nearly 1300 years old, some parts remain, but the greater part of the present edifice was erected in the 11th century.

At the time of the Revolution, the infuriated mob, bent on destroying even the last vestige of the hated royalty, undertook to demolish the whole church, and its contents, in accordance with the motion of their leader, who gave the order that "the powerful hand of the Republic shall efface unpityingly the superb epitaphs, and demolish these mausoleums which recall to it the frightful memory of the kings."

They did not succeed in destroying it entirely, though they did much damage; but everything has been restored as far as could be. Since that time, one century ago, France has had another empire, then a kingdom, a second republic, a second empire, and the present republic, and many believe that another kingdom will soon succeed, and the Duke of Orleans, the next heir to the throne, confidently expects to be crowned king; which shows the unstable condition of affairs political in this country.

The route we traverse to reach this burial place of kings, most inappropriately lies through the district where lives a colony of what are called the rag pickers of Paris, and it may perhaps interest you to see the contrast of how the poor live, and how kings die.

Outside the fortifications are a few tracts of vacant land belonging to the city, which is rented to these people till it is wanted for some other purpose, and then the tenant has to move to another location, which is not an extensive undertaking, for he simply has to take his house up on his back, and put it down in another place. If he has a family, which is usually the case, they each take a hand, the man and woman at each end, and easily transport the house and all its furnishings, for it is not as large as your hen house, or as elaborately constructed. There is one little square hole for a window, and the pipe-stem-like funnel sticking through the roof. This domicile is surrounded by a garden that agrees in size with the house, the whole not covering an area larger than your kitchen floor, and these rows of diminutive hovels, for they are nothing else, have the appearance of most abject poverty.

The industry of rag picking is not extensively remunerative, as one might surmise, and they literally subsist on the "crumbs that fall from the rich man's table," or rather from what is thrown into the rich man's swill barrel and ash barrel. It is a pathetic sight to go out in the morning and see them, turning over with a long, two-tined wooden fork, the contents of the waste barrels that are put out on the sidewalk to be carted away. Every little bit of meat is eagerly seized upon, for this is the only meat they have, and we have even seen them fighting with the savage, snarling dogs, to rob them of their rations.

The entire journey is through such surroundings as these, but at length we come to the royal basilica which contains the magnificent tombs of kings and queens. As we approach the entrance, we wonderingly survey the crowd standing in front of the doors, and as we come nearer, we observe a long line of carpet stretching to the street, so we know a wedding is in progress, and evidently a very "swell" one; and though we were not invited guests, you can trust a *Yankee* for getting there just the same. The crowd outside was of the common people, which is easily observed, as the women wear no head covering, and usually wear white aprons, so our "good clothes" as well as our independence, carried us in, in the wake of some who were evidently invited guests, and the guard said no word. When we discovered that we had the honor of attending the wedding of a countess, we shook hands with ourselves in congratulation.

After the ceremony, a procession was formed, headed by two men in gorgeous military array, carring long poles with gold knobs on the top, and at every two or three steps, the stone floor would resound with the heavy *thud* of these long, massive canes. Then came the bride and groom, who bowed and smiled to all their friends on each side, which was returned by their three distinguished (?) foreign guests with great unction! Then came the sumptuously attired maids of honor with their sweeping trains, and the grand organ in the loft over our heads rang out the Wedding March from Lohengrin, and when the party left the church and entered their spacious carriages for the wedding drive—which is a feature of all high caste French weddings—the marriage bells rang out! This was the first time we had ever listened to the traditional marriage bells, that ancient romantic custom of the Old World.

We lingered amid the dim aisles, as the church is open every day for inspection of visitors, and soon a guide appeared to show us over the church and down into the crypt beneath, where lies in stone coffins, all that remains of the former kings of France.

The sepulchre of Marie Antoinette was in a dark enclosure where we had to look through a grated window, and were not allowed to get any nearer. The monuments were most elaborate, being the figures of the individuals themselves, sometimes reclining in death on the marble sepulchre, and sometimes sitting, or standing erect, with their "every-day clothes" on, as in life. The memorial to Catherine de Medici and her husband, Henry II, which was made before her death, was of their figures reclining under a bronze canopy, but she afterward objected to the nude figures, and had others constructed with draperies and robes.

In the body of the church, at each side of the altar, are many more effigies and tombs of royalty, but space forbids more details. The church itself is grandly magnificent, and no feeble words could do justice to the superb architecture and beautiful artistic stained glass windows. Before this altar Napoleon was married to the Archduchess Marie Louise, and it certainly is interesting to stand on the spot where the feet of this great general once stood—and also to gaze on the walls where Joan of Arc, the Maid of Orleans, hung up her arms, in the year 1429.

But the most solemn and impressive object in all Paris is the tomb of that illustrious Napoleon himself. Though he was banished and died in exile, his country has given him a far more majestic burial place than any other monarch, inside the church of the Dome des Invalides, the highest and most sumptuously constructed edifice of the kind in Paris. No Roman emperor had ever a more magnificent sepulchre. As you go up the broad marble steps and enter the church you perceive in front of you, directly beneath the lofty dome, a circular wall of polished marble.

You look down into this receptacle, which is 20 feet deep and 36 feet in diameter, and on the mosaic floor, which represents a wreath of laurel, rises in solemn majesty the massive sarcophagus, consisting of a single huge block of polished reddish-brown granite, weighing 67 tons, brought from Finland at a cost of $40,000. Words fail us in attempting the description of this grand spectacle. It is said that on the occasion of the recent visit of the Czar of Russia, when he gazed on this impressive scene, the czar wept.

We have not yet learned where is the burial place of Marie Louise, but the Empress Josephine is buried in a little church at Rueil, a little town of less than 1000 inhabitants, about six miles out of Paris. A monument which represents the empress in a kneeling posture has been erected to her memory by her son, Eugene Beauharnias, and daughter, Queen Hortense, the mother of Napoleon III.

Another famous burial place is a beautiful building, once a church, in the centre of Paris, which was afterwards converted into a kind of memorial temple, and is now called the "Pantheon," and dedicated to the illustrious dead of France. The interior is beautifully decorated with paintings, tapestries, columns and statues, the finest paintings done being those by Puvis de Chevannes, the artist who has done some of the decorating for our own Boston public library. Underneath are the tombs of many famous men, and spaces left for many more.

Mirabeau was the first one interred here, more than a century ago, then Marat, the man who perished by the hand of Charlotte Corday. Rosseau and Voltaire also, but their tombs are now empty, the remains of the two philosophers having been secretly removed after the Restoration, "as a kind of paltry retaliation for the desecration of the tombs at St. Denis."

The tomb of that wondrous pen painter, Victor Hugo, is the one that most interests us here. It is simple and plain, but has been kept covered with fresh flowers constantly, all these twelve years by his grandson. It was his will that he be buried as a pauper, but proud France could not endure that her greatest genius of the age should receive no more homage than that, so it was carried out only in the detail of conveying his body to the tomb in the pauper's hearse, which was completely covered and heaped with flowers. To receive his body, the Pantheon, which before had been consecrated, was secularized, for some say he was an atheist.

Another most interesting burial place is a very old one, near us, in the heart of the city. It contains the tomb of a young girl about whom some of you have heard or read. You will remember that about ten years ago, a book called "Marie Bashkirtseff's Journal" appeared and made quite a sensation—not from its possessing any great literary merit, but chiefly because it outlined the daily life of a young and ambitious school girl, who was studying at the Julian Art School, and who was stricken with consumption at an early age; and the narrative of the progress of the disease, and the pages of the journal written up to almost the very day of her death, make it an interesting work in some respects. After her death, her mother—with the aid of her master, Julian, who wished to advertise his studios, it is said—published the journal, and erected over her grave the most costly and elaborate mausoleum we have yet seen in France, Napoleon's excepted; by which we infer that she must have thought her daughter the greatest genius that ever lived. The sepulchre is a large stone temple, surmounted by an elaborate gold-decorated dome, and on top of that a tall gold crucifix. The outside walls are also decorated with palettes, stars and wreaths of of laurel inlaid with gold and on one the four sides are inscribed the names of all her paintings, her name in large letters, and this inscription, which translated reads:

"Oh, Marie, oh, white lily!
Thy being has not entirely disappeared in the dark night.
Thy spirit is living, vibrating is thy memory,
And the immortal perfume of the flower has remained."

The author of these poetic lines is Andre Thaunet, a French poet. Over the door is another inscription which reads:

"Her name is immortal and lives as a torch.
In these centuries I hear her memory blest,
For there are many things produced through her precocious genius,
And every Art in mourning, weeps on her tomb."

This strikes Americans as rather overdoing the thing, as her artistic productions, were really rather inferior, and her literary work only ordinary. Inside is a large room, with beautiful stained glass windows, one representing her at her easel, and another with palettes, and other artistic designs. There are several chairs in the room, and rugs on the stone floor, and on the walls her pictures, and all her palettes, with the dried paint still on. There are also baskets of artificial fruit, and flowers, candelabra, and a large picture of her, also a bust, and the original MS. of her Journal. In this room on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, the 1st and 2d days of November—the French Decoration Days—her mother stays in here and holds receptions. There is a flight of stone stairs at each side of the room, which leads down into the "cellar", and there her body reposes, under a raised white marble slab laid in the floor, which is covered with long palm leaves. At the head is a weeping figure covered with crape, and on the table against the wall are many pictures and trinkets which were given to her. All the furnishings of her room were formerly kept here, but the dampness destroyed them, and they were removed.

The name of Bastian LePage, as designer of this elaborate memorial, is cut in the stone. He will be remembered as the young artist she mentions in her journal as one to whom she was devotedly attached. He too died of consumption a few years after.

And here it occurs to us to remark that if these two young people had lived in this decade, they need not have died. We recently had the good fortune to be invited to the private hospital of a distinguished French physician, who has made many scientific and medical discoveries and inventions—to witness an operation, or inoculation, for the cure of consumption. The science is yet in its infancy, but he tells us he has already cured sixty people, but is not ready to publish it to the world until he has demonstrated more fully that it is a certain cure. He has already given it to several physicians in England who are experimenting with it successfully, and the physician to royalty in Russia came here to get the secret from him in order to try it on one of the royal house, who is said to be recovering under the treatment.

You will be anxious to know what this treatment is, and as he makes no secret of it, we venture to tell you, witholding his name. It is simply the transfusion of blood, but the blood must be taken from a perfectly healthy member of the immediate family—the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of the patient, so as to get no foreign or otherwise objectionable blood. He does not claim it to cure a person in the extreme last stages of consumption, though one of his patients told us that the other physicians had given her up, and told her it was useless to do anything more for her, as she could live but a few days, but she is now well.

At the time of our visit, it was a mother who was giving of her life-blood to her young son. An incision was made in the arm of the woman, and the blood to the amount of ten or twelve drops was caught in a small vessel, and injected by means of a tiny tube, into the arm of the boy. The operation would not have to be repeated in this case, he informed us, as the patient was only in the first stages of the disease, but in serious cases it had to be repeated a few more times, according to the severity of the case.

If this discovery proves a success, surely *his* "name will be immortal, and live as a torch."
MARTHA MAXIM.

Almost Distracted?

DID YOU EVER suffer from real nervousness? When every nerve seemed to quiver with a peculiar, creepy feeling, first in one place, and then another, and all seemed finally to concentrate in a writhing jumble in the brain, and you become irritable, fretful and peevish; to be followed by an impotent, weakened condition of the nerve centers, ringing in the ears, and sleepless, miserable nights?

Dr. Miles' Nervine Restores Health..... Mrs. Eugene Searles, 110 Simonton St., Elkhart, Ind., says: "Nervous troubles had made me nearly insane and physicians were unable to help me. My memory was almost gone and every little thing worried me until I was almost distracted. I really feared I was becoming a maniac. I imagined all sorts of evil things and would cry over nothing. I commenced taking Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and four bottles of this wonderful remedy completely cured me, and I am as well now as I ever was."

Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold on guarantee, first bottle will benefit or money refunded.

What Can be Done to Improve our Roads?

State briefly any suggestion that occurs to you for the improvement of our roads, sign your name and residence and send the answer to the Oxford Democrat, South Paris, Maine, for publication.

THE OLD HUMORISTS.

MR. PERKINS TAKES CARE OF MR. STIVER'S HORSE.

The Effort Proves Rather Exciting, but Demonstrates That Perkins Is Not a Sharp on Horses—Thoughts of Home. Two Ways of Conquering the Beast.

The other morning at breakfast Mrs. Perkins observed that Mr. Stiver, in whose house we live, had been called away and wanted to know if I would see to his horse through the day.

I knew that Mr. Stiver owned a horse because I occasionally saw him drive out of the yard, and I saw the stable every day, but what kind of a horse I didn't know. I never went into the stable for two reasons. In the first place, I had no desire to, and, secondly, I didn't know as the horse particularly cared for company.

I never took care of a horse in my life, and had I been of a less hopeful nature the charge Mr. Stiver had left with me might have had a very depressing effect, but I told Mrs. Perkins I would do it.

"You know how to take care of a horse, don't you?" said she.

I gave her a reassuring wink. In fact, I knew so little about it that I did

"I STRUCK ON THE SHARP EDGE OF A BARREL."

not think it safe to converse more fluently than by winks.

After breakfast I seized a toothpick and walked out toward the stable. There was nothing particular to do, as Stiver had given him his breakfast, and I found him eating it, so I looked around. The horse looked around, too, and stared pretty hard at me. There was but little said on either side. I hunted up the location of the feed, and then sat down on a peck measure and fell to studying the beast. There is a wide difference in horses. Some of them will kick you over and never look around to see what becomes of you. I don't like a disposition like that and I wondered if Stiver's horse was one of them.

When I came home at noon, I went straight to the stable. The animal was there all right. Stiver hadn't told me what to give him for dinner, and I had not given the subject any thought, but I went to the oat box and filled the peck measure and sallied up to the manger.

When he saw the oats, he almost smiled. This pleased and amused him. I emptied them into the trough and left him above me to admire the way I parted my hair behind. I just got my head up in time to save the whole of it. He had his ears back, his mouth open and looked as if he were on the point of committing murder. I went out and filled the measure again and climbed up the side of the stall and emptied it on top of him. He brought his head up so suddenly at this that I immediately got down, letting go of everything to do it. I struck on the sharp edge of a barrel, rolled over a couple of times, and then disappeared under a hay cutter. The peck measure went down on the other side and got mysteriously tangled up in that animal's heels, and he went to work at it, and then ensued the most dreadful noise I ever heard in all my life and I have been married 18 years.

It did seem as if I never would get out from under that hay cutter, and all the while I was struggling and wrenching myself and the cutter apart that awful beast was kicking around in the stall and making the most appalling sound imaginable.

When I got out, I found Mrs. Perkins at the door. She had heard the racket, and had sped out to the stable, her only thought being of me and three stove lids which she had under her arm, and one of which she was about to fire at the beast.

This made me mad.

"Go away, you unfortunate idiot!" I shouted. "Do you want to knock my brains out?" For I remembered seeing Mrs. Perkins sling a missile once before and that I nearly lost an eye by the operation, although standing on the other side of the house at the time.

She retired at once, and at the same time the animal quieted down; but there was nothing left of that peck measure, not even the maker's name.

I followed Mrs. Perkins into the house and had her do me up, and then I sat down in a chair and fell into a profound strain of meditation. After awhile I felt better and went out to the stable again. The horse was leaning against the stable stall, with eyes half closed, and appeared to be very much engrossed in thought.

"Step off to the left," I said, rubbing his back.

He didn't step. I got the pitchfork and punched him in the leg with the handle. He immediately raised up both hind legs at once and that fork flew out of my hands and went rattling up against the timbers above and came down again in an instant, the end of the handle rapping me with such force on the top of the head that I sat right down on the floor under the impression that I was standing in front of a drug store in the evening. I went back to the house and got some more stuff on me. But I couldn't keep away from that stable. I went out there again. The thought struck me that what the horse wanted was exercise. If that thought had been an empty glycerin can, it would have saved a windfall of luck for me.

But exercise would tone him down, and exercise him I should. I laughed to myself to think how I would trounce him around the yard. I didn't laugh again that afternoon. I got him unhitched, and then wondered how I was to get him out of the stall without carrying him out. I pushed, but he wouldn't budge. I stood looking at him in the face, thinking of something to say, when he suddenly solved the difficulty by veering about and plunging for the door. I followed, as a matter of course, because I had a tight hold on the rope, and hit about every partition stud worth speaking of on that side of the barn. Mrs. Perkins was at the window and saw us come out of the door. She subsequently remarked that we came out skipping like two innocent children. The skipping was entirely unintentional on my part. I felt as if I stood on the verge of eternity. My legs may have skipped, but my mind was filled with awe.

I took that animal out to exercise him. He exercised me before I got through with it. He went around a few times in a circle. Then he stopped suddenly, spread out his fore legs and looked at me. Then he leaned forward a little and hoisted both hind legs and threw about two coal hods of mud over a line full of clothes Mrs. Perkins had just hung out.

That excellent lady had taken a position at the window, and whenever the evolutions of the awful beast permitted I caught a glance at her features. She appeared to be very much interested in the proceedings, but the instant that the mud flew she disappeared from the window and a moment later she appeared on the stoop with a long poker in her hand and fire enough in her eye to heat it redhot.

Just then Stiver's horse stood up on his hind legs and tried to hug me with the others. This scared me. A horse never shows his strength to such advantage as when he is coming down on you like a frantic pile driver. I instantly dodged, and the cold sweat fairly boiled out of me.

It suddenly came over me that I had once figured in a similar position years ago. My grandfather owned a little white horse that would get up from a meal at Delmonico's to kick the president of the United States. He sent me to the lot one day and unhappily suggested that I often went after that horse and suffered all kinds of defeat in getting him out of the pasture, but I had never tried to ride him. Heaven knows, I never thought of it. I had my usual trouble with him that day. He tried to jump over me and push me down in a mudhole, and finally got up on his hind legs and came waltzing after me with facilities enough to convert me into hash, but I turned and just made for that fence with all the agony a prospect of instant death could crowd into me. If our candidate for the presidency had run one-half as well, there would be 75 postmasters in Danbury today instead of one.

I got him out finally, and then he was quiet enough, and took him up alongside the fence and got on him. He stopped an instant, one brief instant, and then tore off down the road at a frightful speed. I laid down on him and clasped my hands tightly around his neck and thought of my home. When we got to the stable, I was confident he would stop, but he didn't. He drove straight at the door. It was a low door, just high enough to permit him to go in at lightning speed, but there was no room for me. I saw if I struck that stable the struggle would be a brief one. I thought this all over in an instant, and then spreading out my arms and legs emitted a scream, and the next moment I was bounding about in the filth of that

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COMING EVENTS.

May 10.—Norway high school benefit concert, under direction of Professor Fred A. Given.
May 12.—Anasaguntícook S. S. Conference, East Sumner.
May 18, 19.—Annual County convention of W. C. T. U., Bethel.
June 4.—Norway high school graduation.
June 8.—State Assessors' Convention, Fryeburg.
June 9.—State Assessors' Convention, South Paris.
June 11.—State Assessors' Convention, Rumford Falls.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Samuel Richards, Ref. D.
Biggest Cut.
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SOME RAMBLING THOUGHTS.

BY "NEMO."

(Copyrighted.)

TO YOUNG MEN:—Remember how small a place money ought to have in your calculations; at any rate that you should never reckon your success by the amount of money you make. Even granting that you are toiling to win a wife, if money is your sole standard you will lay at her feet the least valuable gift if you bring not to her a clean mind, an upright life, and a soul above robbery. And he that maketh haste to be rich runs danger of stooping to things so mean and so contemptible that he is not fit to be the husband of any wife or the possible father of any living children, though he be wealthy as most golden dream can fancy.

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Remember that courage—the quality you so much admire and about which you possibly use such false estimates—is not measured by the strength of the arm nor a readiness to die. Bodily courage is sometimes only the mark of a coarse-grained nature—mere insensibility to danger, like the mad frenzy of a bull. Real courage, is that of the mind that will keep you working on in the face of defeat, or that enables you to dare great purposes, when the way to their accomplishment is like the way to an Alpine summit, only attained by cheerful self-denial and the constant crying to that inner purpose, "Excelsior! Excelsior!" It requires more than a broad chest to stand a sneer, more than a fearless eye to turn from the pleading glances of a pleasure-loving woman, more than mere muscle to keep on doing those things that are of good report, when all the companions of your youth call you a fool.

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Remember that disappointments build the muscles of our character, much as walking strengthens our bodies. It is the things we have to struggle with that make us men. Some few geniuses seem able at a leap to accomplish whatever their hearts are set upon, but the vast majority of us attain our ambitions only by stern purpose and unwavering. If a tide just drags us along we are as dead things or sticks; if we swim against it, we grow more and more in power. Welcome the north wind, my beloved; it is cruel to be kind; it would seem to wrest thy all from thee only to make thee hold on the faster.

"Here's to the men who lose!
The touchstone of true worth is not success;
There is a higher test—
Though fate may darkly frown, onward to press,
And bravely do one's best.

"Here's to the men who lose!
If triumph's easy smile our struggles greet,
Courage is easy then;
The king is he who, after fierce defeat,
Can up and fight again."

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Remember that mistakes are not necessarily fatal. Show me a man who has never made a mistake, and I will show you a lazy good-for-nothing who has escaped errors of judgment and conduct by being too indolent to attempt anything. Mistakes are good schoolmasters; they show us that we know not, in order that we may be better able to know. A mistake is a danger signal that warns into new, more careful and more thoughtful ways. And I do not limit the utility of a mistake merely to the range of studies and business, I refer even to awful mistakes in morals, to social sins that are sweet to the taste and bitter in effects. These may teach and purify, if we will but drag ourselves away from them and think them over at a distance.

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Remember that he who goeth to accomplish great things for himself or for the world, needs not to be known to be weak and immoral in order to lose his power of accomplishment; a wrong thing done need have no witnesses in order to undo a man. Yielding to a darling sin takes away the ability to be all you might be; not because your friends know you to be a doer of evil, but because you know yourself to be so, and the traitor within the citadel of your honor and purpose does not remain undiscovered, for the traitor is the professed defender.

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Remember that I can safely go one step further and assert to you who think—may your number multiply—a still more noteworthy thing about yielding to evil. The thought of wrong, cherished as a pleasant thing, is enough to unnerve you without waiting for the deed to be done. Cardinal Newman says very wisely and very beautifully:

But he who lets his thoughts run on
In soft luxurious flow,
Faints when hard service must be done
And shrinks at every foe.

The thought is father to the deed. We talk of dissipation for the body; there is a dissipation of the mind, and that is found in letting the thoughts run unchecked, particularly if they are of an unclean character.

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Remember in following that last thought that there is a dissipation of the mind, even apart from filthy musings; it is found in being insufficiently severe with yourself. Remember also that there may even be spiritual dissipation, when, in the higher regions of thought that affect men's souls and future destinies, you let your spiritual desires run riot until all who fail to believe with you are believed to be in the wrong. Remember too the common fault of bodily dissipation. I beg of you to remember as sensible beings that the powers you in your overflowing youth regard as solely given for your pleasure, are merely an inheritance from your parents to be passed on spotless and undefiled to your children.

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Remember that a spider dipped in ink can make scrawls across paper, that a dog can scratch earth, that a monkey can daub paint, but that the intelligence of a human being is needed to gain meaning and profit and fame from any or all of these acts. Your sheep is a follower of instincts equally as much when mature as it was when it frisked its restless tail and fled affrighted from moving objects. Neither honor nor dishonor attaches to its life, save that it has been all it could be. But you are a man; born a creature of instinct yet capable of becoming a creature of thought, whose use of life has within it the possibilities of shame or of esteem. If you merely follow your instincts, you are less worthy than an animal, for it has done all it could, and you have not. Be a man, dear fellow, and venerate yourself; then no matter how humble your lot in life, you will be a worthy comrade of those who through the patient ages have led us away from mere animalism.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

THE DOINGS OF THE WEEK IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY.

PARIS HILL.

First Baptist Church, Rev. H. A. Roberts, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Sabbath Evening Service at 7:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening at 7:00 P. M.

Universalist Church: Rev. E. W. Pierce, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Meeting of Young People's Christian Union, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Marble & Pierce are improving their fine residence by putting a cellar under the ell of the house.

Miss Grace Harlow went to Dixfield last Friday.

Five tramps infested the place Friday, rather a large number for one day, in this place on the hilltop, which is so free from many of the drawbacks of life in the larger towns. One of the gentry of the road, who asked for a breakfast and got it, was on his way to Rumford Falls, where he had worked before, and where he hoped to get another job; but when the donors of the breakfast were on their way to South Paris a little later, they passed him, making good time in a direction away from Rumford Falls. He probably thought he was getting too near work.

Ex-Governor Perham and wife were visiting in Manassas, Va., last week—the families of Mrs. Jonas Greene and Mrs. Baldwin—formerly Miss Wilma Greene. This week he is attending the Universalist convention in New York and will leave Washington for Paris, about the first of June.

The Universalist Circle will meet at Academy Hall Friday evening of this week. A variety entertainment will be given at 7:30, after which there will be the usual promenade.

What is to become of us this year? The indications are that there is to be a plague of caterpillars equal to that of twenty years ago.

Dr. Charlotte F. Hammond has had a large crew of carpenters at work the past week enlarging the Hammond Sanitarium, so as to accommodate more guests. The institution was filled to its utmost capacity last season, and there is every indication that last year's experience will be repeated.

E. Grant Harlow's goods have arrived, and he expects to open his store in the Democrat building Tuesday. Mr. Harlow has an advertisement in the advertising columns of this paper which was put there for you to read. He has a new clean stock of goods, and will put on a delivery team, and endeavor to win success by deserving it.

Monday morning the work of remodeling F. A. Tufts' house was commenced. The ell will be torn down, the main house raised up and a story built under it, and a new ell will be built. This with the new stable built last fall will make pretty nearly an entire new set of buildings.

CANTON.

Good fishing on the lake.

Postmaster Bicknell went to Lewiston to hear Sousa's band.

Wm. K. DeCoster and crew are repairing a house for Arthur McFadden at Gilbertville.

Gideon Ellis and wife have returned from visiting their daughter, Mrs. Parker, in Beverley, Mass.

D. B. Day, the furniture man, is getting ready to put a team on the road.

The tannery shut down May 1st for a short time.

H. J. DeShon is attending the grand Masonic meetings at Portland.

Smelts have been plenty this spring.

John A. Hodge Relief Corps elected officers the 4th:

Mrs. Emily Wright, President.
Mrs. Amanda O. Foster, Secretary.

About forty men of this village are at South Paris attending court at this writing, Thursday, the 5th.

Mrs. Emma Straton of Rumford Falls is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. W. Smith.

Uncle John Tammany is able to be out some. He has been sick since last fall.

Fred Hollis has gone to Lisbon Falls to work.

SOUTH RUMFORD.

Mr. and Mrs. Fremont Abbott gave a reception at his father's, Erastus Abbott's, Saturday evening, May 1st. About twenty-five of the neighbors were present, and were agreeably entertained with vocal and instrumental music and stereopticon views by the talented brothers, Lee and Fremont. A fine treat of peanuts and candy was passed around.

Several of the scholars are sick with bad colds, so as to be unable to attend school.

Married, at Rumford Falls, May 1st, Freemont Abbott of South Rumford and Miss Emma Taylor of Roxbury.

Mrs. Tryphena Wyman is helping care for her mother, Mrs. Lydia Thomas, at East Rumford, who is very sick.

Lee Abbott is working for J. E. Stephens at the Falls.

Warren Thomas of Boston came to East Rumford May 5th with the remains of his youngest son, aged 15 months, for interment in the family lot.

ROXBURY.

We are very sorry to learn that Mrs. A. A. Jenne is very low and cannot recover.

Mrs. Rundlett is getting better.

The long wet spell gave grass a good start.

The people at Roxbury Pond will have a school this summer. They have not had scholars enough there before for several years.

Mr. Cross has taken a job of Mr. Chapman to draw birch on bare ground. He puts two pairs of horses on one bob sled and drags the trees whole length.

Mr. Caldwell, who has run Mr. Chapman's boarding house the past winter, will soon move back to Andover.

Jim Irish is to take charge of the highways in this district.

SUMNER.

Flora Sturtevant is at work for W. F. Bonney.

Henry Poland has bought some very nice cows lately.

Nellie Foster will spend the season at Rangeley Lakes.

School began in the Morrill school house Monday, May 3d, under the instruction of Miss Annie Parlin.

G. A. Newell of Whitman, Mass., is visiting his father, Levi Newell.

DENMARK.

The May ball at Odd Fellows Hall was not a very great success.

Mr. L. A. Ingalls is in very poor health, and has not been able to be in the store for a number of weeks past.

Mr. Irving Ingalls has engaged forty yoke of cattle to haul his house from East Denmark to the Corner next Monday, the 10th.

Mr. E. Thorne, who has been quite sick with the grippe, is again able to be out.

The roads in this section are in very bad condition.

The new coat of paint on the Odd Fellows' buildings adds very much to their appearance.

EAST BETHEL.

Mayflowers in abundance.

House cleaning, painting, papering and hard work galore.

Farmers have commenced spring work on the intervales. Early peas and potatoes were planted last week on the uplands.

River drivers are moving down the river.

Mr. W. H. Tracy visited Norway last week.

Miss Lillian Cole, who has spent the winter in Washington, returned home May 3d. She was accompanied by Mrs. Fred Cole and little child, who will spend the summer months at her father's, D. W. Cole's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Rich of Jay recently visited at J. L. Holt's.

Potatoes 25c. per bushel; apples 10c. per peck; butter 15c. per pound, and eggs 10c. per dozen. "Why don't farmers get rich faster?"

WELCHVILLE.

The M. E. circle met with Mrs. Angus Chaplain last Friday evening.

Mr. S. E. King was in Portland last week on business.

Miss Emma Washburn is having extensive repairs made on her house. Mr. Seth Ames and John Rowe carpenters.

Mr. H. Smith has had his house shingled. Mr. Seth Ames and son Clifton did the work.

BETHEL.

Saturday afternoon the members of the Columbian Club met at the home of the president, Miss Annie Frye. Several papers upon Grecian history were presented by different ladies and discussed. After the usual programme had been given the president invited the ladies to remain for a social hour, when light refreshments were served. One could easily believe the magic wand had been waved over the company as the scene was so quickly changed from the contemplation of the old Greek wars to a parlor with rich furnishings and all bespeaking the happy home life of the latter part of the 19th century. The delicate china, dainty viands and a hostess who excels in entertaining all aided to make the transformation more complete. Miss Frye is not only a most gracious hostess but has proved herself a graceful and charming president, whose efforts have been fully appreciated by the club. The work for the year '96 7, was completed with this meeting, but a pleasant memory will always remain with each member. Work will be resumed in September.

Mr. Henry Farwell has bought one-half interest in the Bethel News.

Monday evening the Bethel Library Association held its annual meeting. Miss Frye, secretary, read a very fine report, not only full of encouraging statistics but also replete with thought upon the influence of club work upon our libraries, &c. Books circulated 3,135. The library has received donations of books from several friends. The catalogue now numbers 1700. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. G. R. Wiley.
Vice-President—Mrs. A. E. Herrick.
Secretary—Miss Annie M. Frye.
Treasurer—Mrs. O. M. Mason.
Trustees—Miss P. Buxton, Mrs. F. S. Chandler, Miss Alice Purington, Rev. F. E. Barton, Mr. A. M. True, Mr. H. C. Rowe.
Librarian—Mrs. L. T. Barker.

The C. E. held a pleasing social Friday evening, under the direction of the gentlemen.

The annual convention of the Oxford County W. C. T. U. will meet in Bethel, May 18 and 19. Half fare on the G. T. R. A helpful and pleasing programme is promised.

The auxiliary to the W. B. F. M. and the auxiliary to the Maine Missionary Society held its annual meeting Friday afternoon.

Miss Grace Carter, accompanied by her pupil, is home from New York, for a vacation.

SNOW'S FALLS.

Bert Curtis is causing his family considerable worry by a dangerous turn of illness. One doctor has passed a very serious opinion on the case, but there seems to be a disagreement, which we all hope to see prevail in his favor.

Smith, Suckles & Co. have finished their spring's work of sawing wood. They report over 200 cords cut in and out of South Paris.

James Suckles is hauling lumber for the spring and summer work on the mill from L. S. Billings' place in South Paris. He hopes to get it all this week. His brother Will is driving for him.

Charles Lapham, A. D. Cook and Henry Suckles are at work at the mill.

Robert Benson now goes to school on Paris Hill daily on his bicycle.

F. J. Wood sympathizes with Horace Cummings on the Hill. He also has had a jackscrew borrowed from him, and would like very much to have it returned. Will the borrower please take notice?

S. S. Webber is again on the road, having again passed through a severe sickness.

Charles D. Cordwell and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a little daughter.

We are open for congratulations. Our road has not been washed out this spring.

GREENWOOD.

The recent rains have started up the grass so that it looks fairly well at this writing, and being but very little killed out, should there be sufficient moisture in the future, there seems no apparent reason why we may not have a fair crop of hay.

The first field mouse has not yet turned up, not a road of their last winter make, nor a tree girdled. Perhaps there was nothing made in vain, but yet it is difficult to see why the world could not get along just as well without that sort of a "varmint," to say nothing of several other kinds, such as black flies, potato bugs and tramps.

The little white tents are now seen on apple trees, cherry trees, and various other kinds of trees. The inmates are easily destroyed in their early stages, so go for them.

Venus is now morning star, but not far enough from the sun yet to be visible. Who will be the first one to see her?

A large map of Cuba and a small pamphlet of thirty-two pages was sent to Dea. S. L. Cummings from Ohio. The pamphlet gives the history of the island, natural and physical, from its discovery up to within a few weeks ago. It is interesting reading, although strongly tinctured with war.

Rev. Dr. Dunn preached at the Centre last Sabbath afternoon from the text: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." We have listened to several sermons from the same text, and never yet heard a sleepy one. Would like to hear another on the same subject from Dr. Talmage next Sunday.

Cream is the name of a monthly magazine of twenty pages, printed in Belfast. It was started in January, and the first number is now before us. Unillustrated, but a very readable periodical.

Information reached us on Saturday from Hartford that Moses Alley died on Wednesday, the 28th, and that the funeral would be on Saturday, May 1st. His wife, it will be remembered, died last fall.

EAST SUMNER.

Tramps have been unusually plenty of late. All of them are eagerly seeking (?) for work.

Grass is starting well.

Farmers are busy just now.

There will be quite a lot of sweet corn planted for the Idinot Packing Co.

Frank Barrett loaded a car with potatoes on Thursday, paying 25 cents per bushel.

Porter, the Littleton glove man, was in the place on Thursday.

Henry W. Bonney is serving on the jury at Paris, during the present term of court.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Mr. William Dennett and family have moved from this place to their farm in Conway.

Mr. J. E. Clement is having the foundation laid and the lumber hauled for his new store.

Mrs. Frank Drew and little son of Conway are visiting Mr. Jacob Colby.

Mr. Clinton Warren, who has been ill with rheumatic fever, is out again.

Mrs. Charles Sanborn, although very feeble, rides out occasionally.

Mrs. Lyman McLucas continues very ill.

Mr. John S. Perkins has sold his farm to a Mr. Wiley of Fryeburg.

Mr. Charles Spring has purchased the farm owned by James R. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Addison Rogers have gone to Fryeburg to work for Mr. Frank Thoms.

Mr. Eli Whitney is painting his house, and making improvements upon his lawn.

The schools in town began last Monday.

The Courier of Prairie du Chien, Wis., announces the death in Chicago on April 16th, of Mrs. E. R. Severy, a former resident of this place. Mrs. Severy had undergone a severe surgical operation, from the effects of which she never recovered.

NORWAY LAKE.

Mrs. C. A. Stephens has been sick a week with the grippe.

George Winslow and wife have gone to housekeeping down to Norway village.

The Norway Lake Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Horace Perry May 19th.

Our school house looks fine. We are very thankful that it has been repaired.

Mrs. Mary Hall of Yagger visited at Mrs. Sarah Marston's last week.

ANDOVER.

But little farming done yet. The ground is cold and in many places the frost is in the ground.

Thurston Bros. are having the best of luck with their drive. Only few more days of this rise of water will put him all right.

Grass is looking finely. No place winter killed. The outlook is good for a big crop, unless the June drought sets in early.

E. E. Caldwell has taken L. F. Jones' farm for the present year. He took possession to-day.

R. L. Melcher has removed his stable and has put up a larger one in its place; also has made other repairs.

Mrs. A. A. Jenne died to-day after two months of suffering.

The fish commissioners gave a hearing to-night upon the petition of the citizens of Andover, relative to the stocking of the brooks with trout, and closing the streams for a period each year. Several witnesses were examined and the matter pretty freely discussed. Only one person was found in the audience who objected. The general sentiment was to close the fishing from Aug. 15 to May 1, and with this four days each week during open time. The commissioners reserved their report until they could consult with the third party, Mr. Carleton.

The Universalist Society met and set out shade trees on their church lot.

Arbor Day will be observed here by the citizens.

HIRAM.

On May 3d the lightning struck the house of Marshall Spring while the family was at dinner. A bronze bracket about four feet from one child was melted, and six rooms were shattered; the looking glass and the dishes in a closet were broken. A floor board was torn up under a chair that Mr. Spring had just left, the sink spout melted, and the house set on fire in several places. Providentially, Mr. Spring, his wife and sister and six children escaped unhurt.

Willis T. Wadsworth has been appointed postmaster on the petition of eighty-six of the ninety voters patronizing the office.

On May 4 Mr. Benjamin Goodwin died in South Hiram, aged 85 years. He had long been a worthy Christian gentleman, and a diligent, prosperous farmer.

EAST WATERFORD.

Frank Millett is working for Will Chadbourne this season.

Abraham Norwood drove his work horses from Westbrook Wednesday. His stay will only be long enough to repair the fence around a pasture in which to summer his horses, and to have his broken up land seeded down.

The schools opened May 3d. Miss Nelson boards at home, and rides to and from her school on the stage.

NEWRY.

Mrs. N. S. Baker returned home last Saturday.

The drives are all out in this town.

Rufus Farrar of Grafton was in Bethel and Newry last week. He is far from well in bodily health.

Amos Frost has decided not to build this spring.

A bear visited Warren Kilgore's sheep flock the other day and killed a lamb. Several shots were fired at bruin, but none seemed to take effect.

Fred Kilgore has bought a farm in Greenwood, and will move on to it this spring.

Potatoes are bringing 25 cents at Bethel. Rather poor encouragement for planting the tubers.

SUNDAY RIVER.

Mr. Fleet has the pulp wood in the river.

The long timber is all out in the great river.

Mrs. Foster has a man and wife from Charlestown at work for her this summer.

Loren Trask is on the road every week with his meat cart.

Elmer Trask and Andrew Jackson are on the drive at Andover.

Julian Stowe is doing a lot of grafting.

John Allen works for Miss Locke this summer.

Mr. Emery has been around taking orders for wall paper.

Mrs. Bacon of Pittsburgh, N. H., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jackson.

NORTH PARIS.

Rev. Seth Benson has moved back to his farm. Mr. Frank Webb has moved into his rent and will work for him.

Circle at Geo. O. Chase's last week.

C. Everett Chase moved to West Paris last week.

A. E. Townsend is to move into the Field rent.

H. W. Dunham is grading up and making a lawn in front of his new purchase.

Mrs. Rowell is stopping at W. W. Dunham's.

Mr. Newt of Boston is boarding at C. W. Chase's.

John Butterfield has sold his oxen.

Frank Gowell has traded his horses to John Ross for a yoke of steers.

K. Churchill sold four cows recently.

Mr. Chellis Page and wife of Lewiston are visiting at G. G. Fuller's this week.

Kingman Churchill and wife went to Bethel Hill the 5th to visit their daughter, Mrs. Calvin Bisbee.

Mrs. Martha Dunham and Mrs. Emma Berry visited Mrs. Frank Gowell the 5th.

O. G. Chandler has been at work for Mrs. Diantha Fuller putting in new windows.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Grass is coming out finely in this section, but the hay crop depends on wet weather in June to a large extent.

There is to be quite a blossom of fruit trees this spring, notwithstanding the large crop of fruit last year.

R. L. Cummings is to move to South Paris soon. Charles Clark is to carry on his farm, we understand.

Geo. Harden is to work for D. P. Curtis at West Paris this summer.

Geo. Cummings is to carry on a part of A. D. Bryant's farm.

A fine line of Maybaskets is to be found at O. L. Fuller's, South Woodstock; also at Mrs. F. L. Wyman's.

Frank Davis has the cellar for his new house nearly completed and ready for the mason work.

RUMFORD.

Mell Hathaway from Bryant Pond was in town Monday packing apples.

Dr. J. W. Stuart was in Portland Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Wm. Virgin, who has been on the river, has returned.

Mrs. Hannah Parker from Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting her sister, Cynthia Walker.

John Estes has been away for a stage coach.

Mayflowers are not very plenty this spring.

PERU.

Michael Murray of Turner is visiting at J. E. Conant's.

W. H. Conant of Rumford Falls was down to see his mother.

Charles Luce has had his cows dehorned, and so has Clinton Poland.

The farmers have just commenced to work on their farms.

The selectmen have been finishing the school house.

H. R. Robinson and L. E. Irish went to Turner and bought them some cows.

Elder Wm. Carver was in town on the 5th.

LOVELL.

The town schools began Monday.

Quite a number gathered at the town house Tuesday morning for the purpose of making some repairs at the cemetery and cleaning up the rubbish which had collected around the town house.

Fred Brown, Ned Fox and Linwood Harmon have been enjoying the luxury of the mumps.

Benjamin Russell is painting his buildings.

Suckers at the mill brook.

Dana E. McAllister has hired the farm of J. C. Sawyer in Stoneham and intends to move there.

The council, called in December, for the ordination of Mr. E. B. Wood, and which was postponed on account of his illness at that time, is expected to meet at the village church Monday the 17th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

Mrs. Geo. Libby is ill and Mr. Libby has had a hard time with his hand caused by taking cold in a blister on his finger.

HEBRON.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cummings held their wedding reception Friday evening.

Hebron Grange celebrated May day by an all day meeting in the hall and sociable in the evening.

Mrs. Dr. Donham spent Sunday in Auburn with her parents.

Mrs. A. M. Richardson entertained the Ladies' Circle Tuesday at Oakhurst.

Rev. Mr. Peckham, who is canvassing for the mission debt, gave an address here Tuesday evening.

J. L. Bumpus, who is one of our best farmers, has taken an agency for Tyler's farming tools, rakes, tedders, harrows, hay carriers, &c.

F. R. Glover and Robert got home from Boston this week.

We understand that Mr. Glover will make great improvements at Greenwood Hill Spring and will open the house much earlier than last year.

H. Q. Bachelder of Boston is at C. E. Tripp's.

BROWNFIELD.

Mr. A. Bennett of this village was called to East Fryeburg to attend the funeral of his father who died very suddenly of heart failure.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Frank Cotton, who lives in the western part of the town, went into the woods after May flowers; when she got ready to go home she found she had lost her way. The neighbors were called to search but did not find her. About 10 P. M., she succeeded in finding her way out of the woods and returned home much to the satisfaction of her husband and friends.

Miss Cora Gatchell commenced the primary school Monday.

Mrs. Dr. Fitch has been quite sick.

WILSON'S MILLS.

H. G. Bennett was badly hurt while driving logs out of Abbott Brook. A log hit him in the side, and either from the fall or other logs going past he received several bruises on his head, was confined to his bed several days, but is now recovering.

Sarah S. Bennett is school superintendent.

Snow fell nearly all day April 27th.

Highest water Tuesday. No mail this day as the water made the roads impassable for teams between this and the lower town.

F. A. Flint has his logs out of Abbott Brook.

J. W. Buckman is painting for his son Walter.

J. W. Clark has so far recovered his usual health as to be out of doors some.

OXFORD.

Elmer Parrott and wife of Portland and Albert Parrott were at home last week.

There were no services at the Congregationalist church Sunday. Mr. Stanley of Berlin, preached at the Methodist church.

The schools in the adjacant districts are in session with the following teachers: Welchville, Mabel Gilbert and Mrs. Chaplin; Pigeon Hill, Minnie Davee; East Oxford, Annie Estes; Richville, Alice Sanborn; Webber District, Luella Rich; Fore Street, Ina French.

The division of the Sons of Temperance enjoyed a treat of strawberries and cream, the gift of Mrs. I. N. Keith. Strawberry shortcake, strawberries and cream, cake and coffee were served.

EAST HEBRON.

Fruit trees indicate a full amount of blossoms. Grass has started well.

J. F. Saunders had a moving last week; moved his house back on a roller.

U. G. Keene moved into the house Mrs. N. H. Merrill sold last summer and will cultivate a small piece of the land. Geo. W. Packard hires the pasture.

Victor DeCoster is on the cream team on this route at present.

Dr. Robinson and wife were in Poland last week and returned with as fine a lot of fish as we ever tasted. Being treated we know.

Maud E. Robinson is in Poland attending school.

Maud E. Davis is visiting her sister Leala, in Turner.

The ladies are caring for their flower gardens and have some plants now in bloom.

Farmers are preparing their ground for sowing and planting.

F. U. Saunders is expected home this week on a visit.

SWEDEN.

George Grover, whose death was mentioned last week in the Democrat, has been for many years a resident of our town and was noted as a kind hearted, generous, and honest man. He has no enemies and very many friends. He had been in failing health for about two years, yet at times was so much better that he thought he would get well until a few weeks before he died. About four months ago he was united in marriage with Miss Dora Flint and they continued to live at the Flint homestead at which place he died. Funeral services were conducted at the house May 2nd, by Rev. Holt of Bridgton. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill of Exeter, N. H., were present, Mrs. Merrill being a sister of the deceased, also Mrs. Harriman of Norway, another sister. His only brother, Alvin of Cumberland Mills, who has so kindly assisted in caring for him the past winter, was also present, as were also many other distant relatives and sympathizing friends. Mr. Grover's parents were residents of Lovell for many years.

RUMFORD FALLS.

John Houghton of Byron has been elected one of the trustees of the Rumford Falls Trust Company. Mr. Houghton is one of the wealthy farmers of Oxford County, and one of her best business men.

WEST FRYEBURG.

West Fryeburg is very quiet at present. The good housewives are all busy cleaning house, just the time of year men enjoy. I feel sorry for them as the frost is not out of the ground enough for them to begin work upon the land, and the weather is too wet for them to get out of doors, so they are in it and have to help.

The schools have all commenced.

We are glad to learn that B. W. Mckeen and family have returned to their old home.

Mrs. Stephen Farrington and Mrs. Henry Andrews have made quite a lot of cheese. Mrs. J. W. Towle has just begun.

Mrs. Farrington contemplates a trip to California in the near future.

Kate Hutchins visited in North Conway last week.

Mr. James Hardy has painted his house.

Edwin Walker is shingling.

The S. L. C. met with Mrs. J. W. Towle after a vacation through mud time.

May night was enjoyed to its full extent in the shape of May baskets. Only one is worthy of mention. That was a very beautiful one, which was hung to a young gentleman in the disguise of a girl. The young man had retired for the night, but by frequent knockings was aroused; getting up and dressing he started in pursuit of the supposed girl, whom he caught, and as soon as possible the smacks resounded through the air, and were wafted to a troupe of young people hidden behind the stone wall. The (girl) escaped however and could not be caught again. We hope this young man will beware of false women in the future.

Mrs. Ernest Littlefield is rejoicing over the advent of a young son.

PORTER.

The town schools commenced last Monday with the following teachers:

Porter village, Sidney Stanley.
Kezar Falls, Silas McDaniel and Orman Stanley.
Black District, Flora Lord.
Head of Pond, Josie Mason.
Porter Centre, Nemiah Sawyer.
Rand District, Isaac Drown.
Cole District, Annie Stanley.
Lord District, Mabel Stanley.

G. W. Towle has returned from Deering, where he has lived the past winter, to his summer residence in Kezar Falls.

John W. Rice, who has been in Boston the past winter at work painting, is at home for the summer.

Rev. Joseph Cross has been engaged as pastor of the Advent chapel for a year.

Johnny Stacy returned to Boston last Tuesday, after a brief visit of two weeks with his family.

Samuel Stanley is able to be about our streets once more after an illness of several weeks.

BUCKFIELD.

Mrs. Ellis Marston of Auburn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Irish, over Sunday, May 2d.

Rev. B. F. Lawrence of East Concord, N. H., has been in town during the week.

The annual meeting of the Buckfield Cemetery Association was held May 3d. The old board of officers were re-elected:

Pres.—W. H. Atwood.
Vice-Pres.—A. F. Warren.
Clerk and Treas.—C. H. Prince.
Executive Committee—B. Spaulding, Asa Atwood and C. S. Childs.

Rev. Mr. Peckham of Hallowell was in town Wednesday.

Bank Examiner Hatch is making extensive improvements at his residence.

Miss Grace Harlow of Paris was in town Friday.

C. H. Tuttle has nearly doubled the capacity of his store by the removal of partitions, and has laid a hard wood floor.

His Majesty, the emperor of Japan, not being aware of his death, conferred on the late Professor Luther Whiting Mason (who died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Horace A. Irish, last July) the decoration of the Fourth Class of the order of the Sacred Treasure in recognition of his services rendered for the cause of musical education in Japan. Owing to his death, however, the Japanese legation at Washington, D. C., was not able to carry out the command of His Majesty, and the decoration had to be returned to Japan. The Imperial Government wishing to recognize his invaluable services, requested through the minister of foreign affairs to present a pair of Japanese Cloissone vases to Mrs. Mason "In testimonial of the high estimation which we have always had toward the deceased professor." When it was found that Mrs. Mason also had passed away, the present was sent to their daughters, Mrs. H. A. Irish and Miss Kate Mason, "With regret that we could not express our appreciation of the services to the professor and his beloved wife during their life." The correspondence was through the Japanese ambassador, Toru Hoshi, and Hon. John D. Long, secretary of the navy.

EAST PERU.

The wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. Burt C. Kidder occurred Thursday evening, April 29th, at their home at East Peru, nearly a hundred friends and relatives being present. Refreshments were served and the evening passed very pleasantly in music, games, and social intercourse. Mr. and Mrs. Kidder were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents. We give the list as follows:

Sofa and Royal Worcester vase, Rockemeka Grange; dinner set, Mr. Harvey Castle, Augusta, Miss M. A. Castle, Waterville; commode set, one-half dozen silver teaspoons, set of carving knives, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Irish, East Peru; silver knives and forks, Mrs. P. C. Kidder, East Peru; silver butter knife, Miss Lillian Howard, Manchester, N. H.; two silver napkin rings, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Whittemore, Canton; butter dish and cake plate, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Goding, East Peru; glass berry set, Mr. and Mrs. John Ludden, East Peru; pickle dish, Mr. Ellis DeShon, East Peru; pair of towels, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Holman, East Peru; silver cake basket, Mr. and Mrs. George Kidder, Mr. Fremont Kidder, Mrs. Josie Putnam, Dixfield; banquet lamp, Mrs. Elvira P. Lunt, East Peru; table cloth and napkins, Mr. Perley Childs, Miss Flora Childs, East Peru; Will Carleton's poems, Mr. C. S. Walker, Peru; table cover and mirror, Mr. Chas. Chase, East Peru; cut glass plate, Mrs. A. J. Churchill, Rumford Falls; napkins, Mr. Henry Chase, East Peru; glass set, Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Casey, West Peru; syrup pitcher, set of carving knives, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Turner, Peru; china cream pitcher, Mr. J. M. Gammon and daughter, Peru; pair of towels, Mr. W. S. DeShon, East Peru; lobster dish, Mr. James Kerr, Rumford Falls, Miss Fanny McDonald, Peru; water set, berry set, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Harriman, Peru; sugar, shell and butter knife, Mr. Will Jackson, Peru; cup and saucer and pair of towels, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Luce, East Peru; water pitcher, Miss Ethel Robinson, Peru; china bowls, Miss Franke Gibbs, Peru; berry dish, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hodgdon, Peru; glass set, Mr. Arthur Kidder, Miss Grace Kidder, Canton; bed spread, Mr. Roy Harlow, Miss Lucy Harlow, East Peru; rug, Mrs. Sarah Kidder, Mexico; Japanese teapot, Mr. U. G. Lunt, East Peru; china spoon tray, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rowe, Waterville; pair of towels, Miss Mary Crockett, East Sumner; glass set, salt and pepper shaker, vinegar cruet, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Stillman, Peru; picture, Miss G. Gertrude Mennealy, Miss Mary C. Stevens, Waterville.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Mrs. Phebe Atkins of Albany recently visited at Geo. Hussey's.

Chris Bryant's folks have a little girl born April 30th.

School began here the last Monday in April with Mr. Hutchins of Bethel as teacher.

Rev. E. F. Doughty has moved into Mr. Berry's house here.

Rev. J. H. Bounds has moved his family to West Kennebunk, where he has an appointment to preach.

MASON.

Mrs. Roscoe Mason, of Berlin, N. H., is visiting at her father's, J. C. Bean's.

Mrs. Charles F. Brown and daughter visited in Westbrook the past week.

Edmund T. Maines, of Otisfield, is in town visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. F. Brown, and calling on old neighbors. He is 87 years old and can walk a mile easier than many a man much younger.

Edson and David Cummings of Bethel visited their sister at F. I. Bean's last Sabbath.

Eugene Prescott of West Bethel visited his brother, Asa, at A. S. Bean's mill last Sunday.

L. T. Barker and Fred Gordon of Bethel were in town the past week looking for a new milch cow.

We learn that Asa Prescott has left the employ of A. S. Bean and is going to Massachusetts to work on the electrics. He has worked for Mr. Bean eighteen years. He is a good engineer.

HOW TO PROCEED

TO PROCURE A CERTIFICATE AS A REGISTERED GUIDE EXPLAINED.

As a good many letters of inquiry are being received asking for information, how to proceed to procure a certificate of registration as a registered guide, we would respectfully say that we have prepared a blank that will give all the necessary information on which the application can be and should be made which will be sent all guides upon application. All that it is necessary to do is to send to either of the commissioners for one of these blanks, fill it out and return it to the commissioners, when the application will receive the immediate attention of the commissioners. Guides unknown to either of us will be required to furnish the recommendation of reputable citizens who are acquainted with them.

Some time during June one or more of the commissioners will be at all the principal fishing and hunting resorts, of which notice will be given to enable guides to apply personally for registration. Guides need not wait however as they may become registered by following the above directions. Every indication points to a great season for fishing and hunting. Game of all kinds wintered well and we believe there has been less poaching than usual. Our lakes and ponds teem with salmon and trout in greater numbers than ever before. We respectfully ask all guides to co-operate with

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SOUTH PARIS.

SOUTH PARIS POST OFFICE.

Office Hours: 6:00 to 7:00 A. M; 8:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M.

Mails close: For Portland, &c., 6:25, 9:15 A. M., 3:20 P. M.; for Gorham, &c., 9:15 A. M., 3:20 P. M.

Mails arrive at post office: From Portland, &c., 9:50 A. M., 3:40, 8:13 P. M.; from Gorham, &c., 6:45, 9:50 A. M.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

On and after Sept. 21, 1896, trains leave South Paris: Going down: 6:35, 9:40 A. M., 4:13 P. M.; going up: 9:40 A. M., 3:30, 8:03 P. M.

Sunday trains: Going down, 9:40 A. M.; going up, 7:06 A. M., 8:03 P. M.

Sunday excursion train until Oct. 11, goes up 10:10 A. M., down 3:32 P. M.

CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church, R. J. Haughton, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching services, 10:45 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening.

Methodist Church, Rev. I. A. Bean, Pastor. On Sunday, morning prayer meeting, 9:30 A. M.; preaching service, 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; Epworth League Meeting, 6 P. M.; evening prayer meeting 7 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

Baptist Church. Rev. T. J. Ramsdell, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching service 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; prayer meeting 7:00 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Regular meeting Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

I. O. O. F.—Mount Mica Lodge, regular meetings, Thursday evening of each week.—Aurora Encampment, first and third Monday evenings of each month.

D. of R.—Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 36, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

P. of H.—Paris Grange, second Saturday of each month. The Grange store is open for trade Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

U. O. G. C.—Second and fourth Mondays of each month.

I. O. G. T.—South Paris Lodge, No. 311, meets first and third Monday evenings of each month in the G. A. R. Hall.

G. A. R.—W. K. Kimball Post, No. 148, meets Saturday on or before full moon, in G. A. R. Hall.

Wm. K. Kimball Relief Corps meets first and third Thursday evenings of each month, in G. A. R. Hall.

N. E. O. P.—Stony Brook Lodge, No. 181, meets at G. A. R. Hall first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

K. of P.—Hamlin Lodge, No. 31, meets every Friday evening at Masonic Hall.

O. U. A. M.—Norway and South Paris Council, No. 16, meets in G. A. R. Hall every Tuesday evening.

Seneca Club meets every Tuesday at 2:30.

Open cars on the street railway.

Miss Mary Woodbury of New Gloucester is at Mrs. True's.

Sylvan Shurtleff, Esq., has been in town for a day or two.

Mrs. Frank White of Gorham, N. H., has been visiting friends here and at Norway.

Miss Mary H. Taylor of Cambridge is visiting relatives at South Paris and Paris Hill.

Mrs. I. L. Bowker has returned from Mexico, where she has been stopping for some time.

C. S. Richardson has been granted a pension of $10 per month, with about $200 back pay.

Mrs. Mabel McDonald of Haverhill, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Whitefield B. Stuart.

The Erskin Club met with Mrs. J. D. Haynes Wednesday evening. Elegant refreshments, and a very nice time.

The first of the series of sermons on the commandments will be given by Rev. Mr. Bean next Sunday evening.

Capt. H. N. Bolster is making quite extensive repairs on the rent over J. A. Lombe's store, including new shingles on the roof.

Mrs. Almeda Newton has moved back to her old home from the home of her brother, S. E. Kimball, where she has been stopping.

Rev. J. A. Harding of Norway preached at the M. E. church Sunday, Rev. Mr. Bean being called away to attend the funeral of his brother's wife, at Mason.

Mrs. O. V. Whitman and Mrs. Elizabeth Morton and daughter Kittie have returned from their visit to relatives, and are again at their home on Park Street.

Miss Joan Stearns of Bethel was in town Friday. Miss Stearns is now employed as stenographer for the law firm of Herrick & Park and the Bethel Savings Bank. She is a daughter of S. Porter Stearns, Esq., of Paris.

Thursday evening at 7:15 the Christian Endeavor Society will hold their meeting in conjunction with the Juniors. The members of both societies will please strive to attend; and all who would care to be present, not members, are cordially invited.

Have you noticed that immense wood pile in the Andrews House yard, and the neat and scientific manner in which it is piled? To Alvin Swift belongs the credit. Mr. Swift has worked up nearly sixty cords this season and piled it in such a way as to shed the rain.

The assessors of the South Paris Village Corporation have completed their work of assessment for the present year. They find the total valuation of property in the corporation to be $523,392, an increase of about $50,000 over last year. Number of voters, 395. Rate of corporation tax, 3 1-4 mills.

Don't ride a bike without trousers guards—that is, if you ride that kind of a bike. A young man who neglected that precaution got tangled in his gear in Market Square Saturday. After a couple of friends had assisted in disentangling him, he had enough of his trousers leg left to get home with, but it wasn't anything to brag of.

The officers and members of Hamlin Lodge have received an invitation to a supper at Norway next Thursday evening to be tendered them by Pennesseewassee Lodge. The K. R. S. desires through this medium to notify the members of Hamlin Lodge, as the invitation has been received since the last meeting. The Norway Lodge is anxious for a large attendance.

Knights of Pythias! Next Sunday at 2:30 the Knights of Pythias of Hamlin and Pennesswassee Lodges will attend divine service at the Congregational church. The Uniform Rank is also expected to turn out. The sermon will be preached by Rev. R. J. Haughton, K. R. S. of Hamlin Lodge. The brothers will remember to wear their badges, and meet in Masonic Hall at quarter before two.

Juror Chandler Garland, of this place, Constable Hannibal Curtis of West Paris, and Adelbert Lurvey of Greenwood went before the grand jury of Cumberland County Saturday as witnesses against the three young fellows who "cut up" so much mischief in an unoccupied house near West Paris recently, and are now awaiting the action on that offence of the Oxford County grand jury that will sit in October. In Cumberland County they will be indicted for having broken into several cottages on the islands in Casco Bay and stolen clothing, etc., and it was for purpose of identification that the Oxford County witnesses were summoned. Oxford County has employment for them on the West Paris affair for some time before they can be taken to Portland upon the other offence.

The second pigeon shoot was held at South Paris, Saturday, May 8, with a result of some excellent scores made considering the inexperience of the shooters. There was no time left after shooting off the string, to choose officers, as stated previous to the shoot, so it was decided to meet at Myron Maxim's bicycle repair shop on Tuesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock and choose officers for a new club and adopt a set of rules to govern the shooting, etc., also to get a new trap, pigeons and other like business. It is hoped that there will be a good turn out on that date for there seems to be lots of interest manifested in the sport. The outlook is good for a fine club and we have the material to work with at the trap. Both young and old are invited to join. The time for the next shoot will be set at the coming meeting. All interested please turn out. Following is the score:

NAMES.	NO. OF BIRDS.	TOTAL.
Titcomb, C.,	1111101011011111111	16
Shaw, F.,	1011011011101111111	16
Maxim, M.,	1100101011111101110	13
Stanley, W.,	0001010111110110111	12
Brett, C.,	1010000110000111011	10
Knight, E.,	1000100101011100101	9
Dubie, F.,	1100100010010000011	7
Wright, F.,	1000000010000111000	6

Tie, { Titcomb, 10111—4
{ Shaw, 10100—2

C. H. Lunt is painting his buildings on Gothic Street.

The High School nine are still playing in hard luck. Saturday they played a return game with Mechanic Falls, and suffered another defeat, the score standing 12 to 10.

The contract to build the Catholic chapel on Alpine Street has been let to George R. Hammond, and work on it will begin very soon. The foundation was put in last fall. The size of the chapel is 25x40 feet.

Two of the striped suit family went out last week. Patrick Burns, committed as a vagabond, got his release on Thursday, and O. S. Gallant, under sentence for the larceny of a harness, obtained his freedom on Saturday.

A second nine from this place went to Paris Hill Saturday and played ball with a nine there, defeating the Paris Hill nine 27 to 19. It is not at all difficult to believe the boys when they say there was some "rotten" playing done.

Frank A. Taylor sold his handsome sorrel horse last week for $250 to Mr. Bailey, the Winthrop oil cloth manufacturer. This horse was a son of that Maine favorite, Black Nathan, and was one of the handsomest animals to be seen on our streets.

Hon. Grant Rogers, Grand Worthy Chief Templar of the Grand Lodge of Maine, I. O. G. T., and county attorney of Sagadahoc County, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Buffum, of Auburn, addressed a small audience upon the temperance question at New Hall last Wednesday evening. Mr. Rogers was the principal speaker and made a pleasing and convincing argument in behalf of the good cause.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

MAY TERM, 1897.

Wm. P. Whitehouse,	Presiding Justice.
Charles F. Whitman,	Clerk.
J. S. Estes,	Stenographer.
John S. Harlow,	County Attorney.
Fred A. Porter,	Sheriff.
Henry E. Hammond,	Crier.
W. A. Barrows,	Messenger.
H. C. Davis,	Librarian.

With due formality court opened Tuesday morning. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Ramsdell of the South Paris Baptist church. There being no grand jury in attendance, the ceremonies of organization were short, the single traverse jury being empaneled as follows:

L. H. McCollister, Canton, Foreman.
Henry W. Bonney, Sumner.
Perley S. Brown, Brownfield.
Albert Caswell, Waterford.
Isaac Davis, Fryeburg.
C. C. Farnum, Dixfield.
Lucien Foster, Paris.
Edward K. Hanson, Hiram.
Charles B. Harlow, Buckfield.
Mason W. Hastings, Bethel.
Colman F. Lord, Norway.
S. J. Record, Oxford.

SUPERNUMERARIES.

John F. Rounds, Porter.
Ora H. Saunders, Albany.
John F. Talbot, Andover.
Algernon G. Walker, Lovell.
G. A. Whitman, Woodstock.

Joseph W. Simpson of Rumford was excused from serving.

The first forenoon was taken up with the calling of the docket.

GILBERT VS. SMITH.

The trial of the case, Mary E. Gilbert vs. Charles L. Smith, was begun Wednesday morning. The defendant is the proprietor of the tannery at Canton, operated by his son, L. W. Smith, and the water power connected therewith. The plaintiff owns a store, situated near the end of the defendant's dam. The stream furnishing the power is the outlet of Lake Anasagunticook, and the upper dam holds the water of the lake. In the freshet of Feb. 29th and March 1st, 1896, a portion of the defendant's dam went out, and the plaintiff's store was damaged by the water, to the amount, it is claimed, of $1200. For this damage the plaintiff now brings suit, alleging that the dam was not properly constructed; that the water in the pond had been kept at too great a height during the winter; and that the water was not properly controlled as it might have been by the use of the two dams, during the freshet which caused the damage. The defence on the other hand contend that the dam was properly constructed; that the water in the pond had been kept rather below the usual height during the winter; that every possible effort was made to take care of the water in the freshet; and that the magnitude of the freshet was so utterly beyond anything in the memory of man, that no man could have foreseen it or been prepared to prevent the consequences of it.

Wright and Judge Savage were counsel for plaintiff; Hersey and Ex-Governor Cleaves for defendant. The participation of such eminent counsel added somewhat to the interest of the case; but the case in general moved slowly, and was not of much interest to the general public. About fifty witnesses were sworn, and the case was not given to the jury until Saturday afternoon.

This case was of special importance because considerable other property, besides that of the plaintiff, was damaged by the same cause, making this a test case.

Verdict for defendant.

THIS WEEK'S BUSINESS.

Some fifteen or twenty cases remain on the trial list, and the rest of the week will probably be taken up with them Of the cases assigned for Monday, it was thought Monday morning that none would come to trial. In addition to the jury trial list, there are a number of unassigned cases to be heard by the court, including the contested divorce cases of Louisa R. Hazelton vs. Geo. W. Hazelton, and Sarah J. Swan vs. Jonas W. Swan. Just how much time these will take of course can not be told.

NOTES.

The deputy sheriffs in attendance are Cross of Norway and Penley of Bethel.

Lila R. Briggs of South Paris has been granted a divorce from Fred C. Briggs for desertion. Custody of children to libelant.

Emma B. Gray of Brownfield has been granted a divorce from Daniel M. Gray on the ground of non-support. Custody of minor child to libelant.

For the defence in the Gilbert-Smith case, thirty-two witnesses were called up and sworn at one time. Judge Whitehouse remarked that it was the longest string of witnesses he had ever seen sworn at one time.

The Gilbert-Smith case is probably the last one in which Judge Savage will appear as advocate. Notice of his appointment to the supreme bench was received during the progress of that trial, and Judge Savage was the recipient of many congratulations.

In the Rumford Falls equity case, Foster et als vs. Cates, to enforce a lien for labor and materials, which case was referred to Judge Enoch Foster and in which the plaintiff claimed $2833, Judge Foster allows $2225. M. P. Frank for plaintiff. A. E. Stearns and Geo. D. Bisbee for defendant.

Two candidates for admission to the bar have been given written examination during the week. They are Mr. E. M. Simpson, who has been studying with Herrick & Park of Bethel, and Albert J. Stearns, who has been studying with Judge S. S. Stearns of Norway. The examining committee consists of Judge George A. Wilson, James S. Wright and Addison E. Herrick. The candidates will be given oral examination in court some time this week, at the convenience of the court.

LAW COURT DECISIONS.

Two decisions of the law court in the Oxford County cases are reported Monday morning.

In the case of Ansel Dudley vs. Poland Paper Company, which was tried at the May term, 1896, a verdict for plaintiff for $969.38 was returned. This verdict is sustained by the law court.

The slander suit of Moses M. Libby vs. George W. Towle was tried at the October term, 1895, and a verdict for plaintiff for $3,000 returned. This verdict is held by the law court to be clearly excessive, and a new trial is ordered.

TEACHERS' CONVENTION.

There will be a meeting to arrange for a teachers' convention at the South Paris High School Building at 10:30 A. M., **Saturday, May 15th.**

JOHN J. PERRY.

Gen. John J. Perry, who died at his home in Portland May 2d, at the ripe age of 86 years, was one of the best known of the family of "Oxford Bears." He was born at Portsmouth, N. H., but at an early age, settled in Oxford, then known as Craigie's Mills, where for the major part of his life he continued his home. His first public appearance was as deputy sheriff of Oxford County, but not finding the duties of this office congenial, and having a decided taste for the law, which a good academic education at the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, Kent's Hill, had stimulated, he was admitted to the bar in 1844 and at once entered upon a successful practice.

Being a man of the people and an active Democrat, his personal friends had previously designated him to represent his townsmen in the legislature, in which he served in 1839, in 1842 and 1843. In 1846 and 1847 he was elected to represent the county in the senate. His practical knowledge accompanied by good sense and familiar acquaintance with him an influential position and made men and the wants of the state, gave him a useful and conspicuous leader.

When the well-known split in the Democratic party occurred resulting in the formation of the Republican party, he allied himself with Anson P. Morrill, and his friends, and was one of the most earnest and conspicuous champions of prohibition. When Mr. Hamlin severed his relations with the Democratic party, Gen. Perry, like many others, followed in the same line, and ever since was one of the most earnest and influential friends of the former.

He was twice elected representative to congress, serving from Dec. 5, 1855, to March 3, 1857, and from Dec. 5, 1859, to March 3, 1861. He was a member of the "Peace Congress," which met in Washington in the winter of 1860-1, though from the first he believed compromise with the south impossible. His interest in public questions at an eventful period found forcible expression in the Oxford Democrat, with which he was identified as editor for a dozen years. He served in the executive council of the state during the later years of the civil war. For a number of years past he has been one of the trustees of the state reform school and secretary of the board.

Religiously, Gen. Perry was warmly attached to the Methodist church and was greatly esteemed far and wide as one of its most distinguished leaders. He was closely identified with its educational interests at Kent's Hill, long a trustee and treasurer of the institution. His local membership was with the Chestnut Street church in Portland.

While a resident of Oxford County he had quite a fondness for military life, and it was his aptitude therein which gave him promotion to the rank of major general in the state militia and secured for him the title he generally bore. After closing his public career at Oxford he removed to Portland and resumed the practice of his profession with honorable success. But he never lost his love for Oxford County, nor did his people lose theirs for him.

In the latter years of his life he continued frequently to use his fertile and vigorous pen, and having an excellent memory and being unusually well qualified to speak of men and politics connected with the most stirring history of state and nation, his reminiscences were of more than ordinary interest.

Gen Perry was loyal to his convictions on all subjects and fearless in giving expression to them whether by pen or speech. But with his robust integrity and hate of shams he possessed a genial nature, and never allowed differences of opinion to detract from his friendships which were strong and numerous. Sad it is to part with him, but pleasant it is to remember that he was one of the few who make the most of life's opportunities, and whose long record can be contemplated as one of the worthiest and best of those who have served our state and nation with honor and usefulness.

In 1844 he married Miss Sarah Adams Norton Allen, whose name shows her connection with some of the oldest and most distinguished of New England families. She survives him at the age of 81, and he leaves one son, Edwin Allen Perry, long connected with the Boston Herald. His only other child, Mary Constantia, died in Portland in 1891.

MAINE NEWS NOTES.

Orrin Bailey, imprisoned for larceny, escaped from the jail at Skowhegan Tuesday.

The tannery of Frank A. Carey in Brewer burned Saturday night. Total loss about $40,000, insurance $13,000.

Waterville last Tuesday accepted the enabling act passed by the last legislature to permit the city to build a city hall. The vote was 526 to 404.

Mrs. Nevaire Durocher fell from the second story window of her house in Lewiston and was seriously injured. She was taken to the French hospital. Her recovery is doubtful.

Mrs. Mary Olive Bates, a Biddeford woman about 70 years of age, attempted suicide by hanging, but was discovered before life was extinct. She will be committed to the insane hospital.

The position of cashier of the Great Falls Savings Bank of Somersworth, N. H., made vacant by the murder of Cashier Stickney, was offered to George W. Goss, paying teller of the First National Bank of Lewiston, but he declined.

Capt. Charles H. Chase of Portland died Saturday, May 1st, at the age of 79 years. He was a business man of prominence in Portland, and a Democratic politician of considerable note, having been a member of the count-out council.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

The usual tri-annual temperance meeting will be held at the court house at South Paris Wednesday evening, May 12th, at 7:30 o'clock. In getting up these meetings the practice has been, and is, to invite the county officers and attorneys attending court to occupy the time in making short, trenchant speeches, and thereby give renewed impetus and enthusiasm and interest to the cause of temperance in the county.

The committee has invited Judges S. S. Stearns and C. F. Whitman of Norway, J. Hastings Bean, George M. Atwood and A. D. Park of Paris, and John S. Harlow of Dixfield, of the county officials; also Hon. George D. Bisbee of Rumford Falls, E. F. Smith of Norway, Ellery C. Park of Bethel, Geo. Hazen of Oxford and others, and a general invitation has been extended to all other members of the Oxford Bar to be present and take an active part. It is hoped that all will go prepared to offer something calculated to promote the good and well-being of the cause, should there be time for doing so. COMMITTEE.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE OUR ROADS?

SUGGESTIONS FROM CORRESPONDENTS, IN RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION.

Do away with the highway tax. Appoint a road commissioner. Give him pay enough so that he can afford to attend to the roads. Appropriate money enough to keep the roads in repair. C. O. HOLT, Canton.

Editor Democrat:—Answering your query I will say that my plan would be to have a town, or if not alone able, to have two or three towns club together, and buy a *granite crusher*, and use its products on all the roads. There are plenty of rocks to make roads with and whatever the cost of starting such an enterprise the permanence of the road bed would make the outlay trifling in time. Yours, A. P. REED, M. D., Naples.

You ask, What can be done to improve our roads?

If you were sick, Mr. Editor, and needed a doctor, you would be likely to send for one that you were pretty sure would know what ailed you and what to do for you. In this case our roads are sick and need a highway doctor. And if he understands his business he will talk somewhat after this fashion. Some places must be drained. Some places rip-rapped. Stones removed that are in the wheeltracks. Short sharp elevations lowered. All hills gradually worked down and kept smooth. All rolling stones carefully removed and taken to places where they can be made useful.

We have now the best part of a year in which to select a first-class "Practitioner." Who will be the first man to name him?

H. T. CUMMINGS, South Paris.

STATE ASSESSORS' MEETINGS.

The Board of State Assessors has made a schedule of dates for conventions of town assessors, in June. The conventions in Oxford County are as follows: **Fryeburg, June 8; South Paris, June 9; Rumford Falls, June 11.**

NORWAY.

CHURCHES.

Universalist Church, Rev. Caroline B. Angell, Pastor. Preaching service on Sunday, at 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 11:45 A. M; Y. P. C. U. meeting, 7:00 P. M.

Second Congregational Church, Rev. B. S. Rideout, Pastor. Preaching service Sunday, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 11:45 A. M.; Social Meeting, 7:00 P. M.; regular weekly Prayer Meeting, Wednesday evening; Young People's Meeting Friday evening.

Methodist Church, Rev. F. Grosvenor, Pastor. Preaching service, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12:00 M.; Social Evening Meeting, 7:00 P. M.; prayer meeting, Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

Baptist Church, J. L. Harding, Pastor. Preaching service, 2:00 P. M; Sabbath School, 3:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting, Saturday evening.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Union R. A. C., No. 36, assembles Wednesday Evening, on or before full moon, at Masonic Hall. Regular meeting of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, in Masonic Hall, Monday Evening on or before full moon. Oxford Council, R. & S. M., Friday evening, on or after full moon.

I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, every Tuesday Evening. Wildey Encampment, No. 21, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, second and fourth Friday Evenings of each month. Mt. Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 38, meets on first and third Friday of each month.

K. of P.—Regular meeting in Hathaway Block, every Thursday Evening. U. R., A. O. Noyes Division, No. 12, meets third Friday of each month.

P. of H.—Norway Grange meets second and fourth Saturdays of each month at Grange Hall.

G. A. R.—Harry Rust Post, No. 34, meets in New G. A. R. Hall on the third Friday Evening of each month.

W. R. C.—Meets in New G. A. R. Hall, Monday evening.

N. E. O. P.—Lakeside Lodge, No. 177, meets in New G. A. R. Hall, on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

Delightful weather.

A few more trees, killed by the large fire of '94, have been cut down.

The Norway hotels have all been filled to overflowing during court.

The lawyers and officers are in attendance at the May court, South Paris.

J. J. Fuller has the frame for his new tenement here up and boarded. The crew have accomplished great results in the past few days.

Mrs. Ada Greene has moved from her place, corner Bridge and Water Streets, to her farm in Oxford, the Nat Frost farm.

Dr. Thompson, wife, and daughter, of Davis, West Virginia, are stopping in town. Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Jonathan Blake, is very low.

The Norway Masonic Fraternity, or a very large delegation, attended the grand lodge this week at Portland. The following are names of a few: Geo. W. Holmes, Geo. A. Cole, H. D. Smith, H. P. Jones, L. I. Gilbert, W. C. Leavitt, S. S. Stearns, A. F. Andrews, F. W. Sanborn, C. H. Adams, C. F. Ridlon, B. F. Bradbury, Irving Frost and M. L. Kimball. As usual Norway furnished a few officers. Hon. A. S. Kimball was elected senior grand warden of the grand lodge, and in the order of High Priesthood junior vice-president. Howard D. Smith was elected grand scribe in the Grand Chapter, and Dr. B. F. Bradbury secured the office of grand master of ceremonies in the Grand Council.

The roof of the Elm House is being shingled.

A new sign appears on Beal Block, "C. B. Pike, Bicycle Sundries."

The circle and promenade at Concert Hall Tuesday evening was well attended. There will be another one Tuesday evening, May 11th.

Open cars are run this week, for the first time this spring, on the Norway & Paris electric road.

At the special meeting of the village corporation at the Opera House, Wednesday evening, Freeland Howe was elected moderator. The chief engineers and assessors made a report of their investigation relative to the cost of fire alarm system. Two bids were received, one for the Gamewell system, $1000, the other for the Stevens for $805. Voted to put in the Stevens system at once. A sum of $900 was voted to be raised by taxation this year, for the purpose. There will be five fire alarm boxes with several miles of wire to connect with bells. The electric light poles will be used.

We understand that Mrs. Susan P. Kelley has purchased a lot on the Rumford road and will build at once.

C. W. Willey & Son's new house is to consist of seven rooms, a one and one-half story. Chas. Walker is doing the work.

Geo. Bartlett of Portland is the new hair dresser at Charles Littlewood's.

It is reported that our very popular superintendent of schools, W. F. Jones, has resigned.

D. B. Morse attended the state council of the O. U. A. M. held at Lewiston.

David Brantz, the junk dealer, had a lively experience Thursday afternoon, when his horse took fright near the Methodist church, ran down Lynn Street, and in making a sharp turn on Main Street overturned the cart filled with tinware, etc., etc. No particular damage was done to stock or team. The crowd enjoyed the free exhibition of tinware however.

South Paris minstrels, The Ebony Kings, appeared at the Opera House, Friday evening. The house was well filled and the company received a warm welcome. The programme was an excellent one and carried out to the bills. The crowd was in an uproar for two and a half hours. The company appeared to be well posted on local affairs and cracked numerous jokes on Norway's innocent citizens.

A dance was held at the G. A. R. Hall, over Millett's store, this week.

Ranson D. Gould has bought out N. M. McKenney's business and is trading in the old store.

F. P. Stone, the druggist, is doing some extensive farming this spring. Stone says he was brought up on a farm and knows just how it should be done.

OBITUARY.

Died, in Hiram, April 15th, of consumption, Miss Fannie B. Hubbard, only daughter of the late Hon. Noah B. and Mrs. Emeline K. Hubbard, aged 32 years and 14 days. Hers was the highest type of Christian character, pure and peaceable, and seeking the happiness of those around her. Reared in luxury, she turned in her orphanage to the stern relaties of life, and developed a remarkable degree of energy and self-reliance. She graduated with honor at Fryeburg Academy in 1886 and possessing a gifted and cultivated mind, and a ready tact, she became an accomplished and successful teacher. We have known her from her childhood, and have never seen an act that was not strictly ladylike, or heard a word that we would wish to forget. Modest, quiet and unassuming, with a sunny disposition, and a cheerful smile, she made many friends who deeply regret her untimely death. During her illness she found a home, and more than a sister's care, with her intimate friend, Miss Hannah E. Bucknell. The Mayflowers will garland many a newly-made grave, but none will hide a more pure and beautiful life, or enclose a more gentle and loving heart than that of Fannie Hubbard.

LLEWELLYN A. WADSWORTH.

Hiram, May 1, 1897.

Governor Powers last week appointed Hon. Albert R. Savage of Auburn a justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine. Justice Savage is one of the most prominent Maine lawyers and legislators. He has served numerous terms in both branches of the legislature and is regarded as one of the best state attorneys on the law of municipalities and their relations. He is 49 years of age, married, and has a handsome home in Auburn. Judge Savage succeeds Justice Walton on the bench and the appointment is made after a somewhat prolonged battle amongst several candidates.

It will be remembered that last fall Charles H. Bickford of Bowdoin abducted his 14-year-old niece, Myrtle Adams of Bowdoinham, and compelled her to travel with him for some weeks, horribly abusing and ill-treating her. Bickford disappeared, and has not since been heard from until he was recently discovered at Grafton, Mass. He has been brought back to Maine.

At the close of the foreign steamship season in Portland, it was found that the shipments had been greater than ever before, while the importations had remained about the same. The shipments of cattle were unusually large, while those of apples surpassed all records. American products have figured very largely in these exports.

The Boston and New York sportsmen are coming by the train loads. There's no obstacle that will deter a true sportsman from going for what he knows to be a good thing.

SUICIDE AT RUMFORD FALLS.

HOWARD GARRICK HANGS HIMSELF WHILE TEMPORARILY INSANE.

Howard Garrick, a lumber workman, 33 years old, committed suicide by hanging at his boarding house on Canal Street, Rumford Falls, Wednesday forenoon. He was not discovered until the noon hour when his absence from the dinner table caused comment. When found he had been dead some hours and medical assistance was useless. He had been suffering with grippe, and it had affected his mind. Coroner Bartlett was summoned, but deemed an inquest unnecessary. The deceased came from a New Brunswick town some months ago and has worked for the Blanchard-Twitchell Co. at various jobs. He was a sober, industrious fellow, and his acquaintances speak well of him. His father lives in Haverhill, Mass.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Watches cleaned for 75 cents and main spring same price. All work warranted at Richards' shop.

The fact that our popular optician, Dr. Samuel Richards, is president of the alumni association of the Philadelphia Optical College is proof of his ability as a refracting optician.

The X-rays give a new insight to scientists only, but the improved rays through our glasses give new sight to every one.—Dr. Richards, Consulting Optician, South Paris.

A. P. Bassett of Norway has been recently appointed fish and game warden, he also holds the office of state detective, coroner and constable. Any business reported to him in either line will receive prompt attention. All letters are held strictly confidential and promptly answered.

Bangor's salmon pool is suffering in reputation. Only nine or ten have been taken there this season. Very few salmon have come from the down river weirs.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss.
LUCAS COUNTY.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

(SEAL.) A. W. GLEASON, *Notary Public.*

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BORN.

In Norway, May 1, to the wife of B. R. Howard, a daughter.
In West Sumner, May 1, to the wife of Dr. E. H. Andrews, a daughter.
In Rumford Falls, April 22, to the wife of Geo. Dupil, a daughter.
In Rumford Falls, May 3, to the wife of Alfred Fisher, a son.
In Rumford Falls, May 3, to the wife of Geo. Dyer, a son.
In Canton, April 3, to the wife of Samuel Goff, a daughter.
In Rumford Falls, May 6, to the wife of Stephen Bublee, a daughter.
In Hanover, to the wife of Ed. Hayford, a son.
In Locke's Mills, April 30, to the wife of Chris Bryant, a daughter.
In West Fryeburg, to the wife of Ernest Littlefield, a son.

MARRIED.

In Rumford Falls, May 1, Fremont Abbott of South Rumford and Emma Taylor of Roxbury.
In Mechanic Falls, April 25, by Rev. Frederick Newport, Edmond Cloutier of West Minot and Josie A. Dudley of Oxford.
In Gilead, May 1, by Rev. Mr. Farrar, Mr. Wallace Edwin Cummings of Albany, and Miss Etta Rowena Briggs of West Bethel.

DIED.

In Cambridgeport, Mass., May 1, Mary A. Noble, wife of John D. Cole of Norway, aged 24 years, 3 months, 7 days.
In East Stoneham, May 1, Mrs. Lydia Ayers.
In Sweden, Apr. 26, Emma Knight, aged 46 years.
In Hartford, April 28, Moses Alley.
In Hiram, May 4, Benjamin Goodwin, aged 85 years.
In Rumford Falls, May 5, Howard Kerrick, aged 33 years.
In Lynn, Mass., April 30, Mrs. Sarah, wife of Gen. Stephen Manning, and daughter of the late Hon. Timothy Walker of Rumford, aged 61 years.
In Denmark, April 26, Edgar Hilton, aged about 44 years.

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Notice of Assignee of his Appointment.

At Paris, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, the 21st day of April, A. D. 1897.

The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of the insolvent estate of CHARLES O. GODWIN of Waterford, in the County of Oxford, Insolvent Debtor, who has been declared insolvent upon his petition by the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford.

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At Paris, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, the 21st day of April, A. D. 1897.

The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of the insolvent estate of GEORGE W. WATERHOUSE of Greenwood, in the County of Oxford, Insolvent Debtor, who has been declared insolvent upon his petition by the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford.

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NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of JOSEPH H. ABBOTT, late of Paris, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

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MESSENGER'S NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF OXFORD COUNTY.
STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss.—Paris, April 24, A. D. 1897.

This is to give Notice, that on the 21st day of April, A. D. 1897, a Warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of

LEWIS B. SPAULDING of Buckfield,

adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said debtor, which petition was filed on the 17th day of Apr., A. D. 1897, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; that the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris in said County, on the 19th day of May, A. D. 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

A. F. WARREN, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

MESSENGER'S NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF OXFORD COUNTY.
STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss.—Paris, April 23, A. D. 1897.

This is to give Notice, that on the 23d day of Apr., A. D. 1897, a warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of

GEORGE H. ROBERTSON, Jr., of Gilead,

adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said Debtor, which petition was filed on the 23d day of Apr., A. D. 1897, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; that the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris in said County, on the 19th day of May, A. D. 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

C. M. WORMELL, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At an Insolvency Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the 21st day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at an Insolvency Court to be held at said Paris, on the 19th day of May, A. D. 1897, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

CHARLES S. CLARK, of Woodstock, insolvent debtor. Second meeting appointed by assignee with approval of the Judge.

THEODORE THAYER, of Paris, insolvent debtor. Second meeting appointed by the assignee with approval of the Judge.

JOSEPH G. REED of Grafton, insolvent debtor. Second meeting appointed by assignee with approval of the Judge.

NEWTON C. MOORE of Albany, insolvent debtor. Petition for discharge filed by said debtor.

WENDELL E. WHEELER, of Oxford, insolvent debtor. Petition for discharge filed by said debtor.

NEWTON C. MOORE, of Albany, insolvent debtor. First and final account presented for allowance by Eugene F. Smith, assignee.

RAY BRADBURY, of Norway, insolvent debtor. Petition for discharge of debtor filed by said debtor.

SEWARD S. STEARNS, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—attest:
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of May, A. D. 1897, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause:

JOSEPH STANLEY, late of Porter, deceased. Will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Jordan Stacy as administrator with the will annexed presented by George S. Stanley.

PAMELIA DEVEREAUX, late of Brownfield, deceased. Will and petition for probate thereof presented by John Bennett the executor therein named.

ARABELLA CARTER, late of Paris, deceased. Will and petition for probate thereof presented by Mary B. Carter, one of the executors therein named.

PERRIN DUDLEY, late of Woodstock, deceased. Will and petition for probate thereof presented by Ansel Dudley, the executor therein named.

SARAH E. TRUE, late of Norway, deceased. Account of sale and distribution among heirs and final account presented for allowance by James Danforth, administrator.

JOHN B. ELLIOTT, late of Lovell, deceased. First account presented for allowance by Henry A. Elliott, administrator.

HARRIET C. DUNHAM, late of Norway, deceased. First and final account presented for allowance by Minot L. Whittie, administrator.

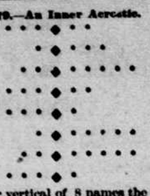
JACOB THOMPSON, late of Hiram, deceased. First and final account presented for allowance by Elbridge E. Farnham, executor.

GRANVILLE L. REED, late of Norway, deceased. Resignation as executor presented for acceptance by Charles E. Holt, administrator.

SEWARD S. STEARNS, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—Attest:—
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

THE PUZZLER

No. 79.—An Inner Aeroatic.



The inner vertical of 8 names the heroine of the legend. The upper horizontal of 7, that which her busy brain revolved for the future. The second, of 5, the number of chickens she expected to raise. The third, of 8, "descended" when she tossed her head. The fifth, of 8, she declared calculation to be. The eighth, of 6, she expected to gain "20" of.

The moral is found in the fourth of 6, the seventh of 8 and the sixth of 7 as follows:

"* * * * * * not your * * * * * * * before they are * * * * * * *," a well known proverb.

No. 80.—Numerical Enigma.

Eighty-six letters.

My 60, 85, 62, 34, 3, is a bird.
My 46, 55, 1, 31, 82, 40, is a church officer.
My 58, 72, 42, 62, 16, 39, 65, is bondage.
My 59, 22, 11, 4, 29, 71, 25, is an article of food.
My 47, 21, 84, 83, 69, 9, is a plea.
My 41, 7, 43, 68, 20, 67, is a tree.
My 6, 10, 27, 14, 38, 86, is to hearken.
My 17, 76, 61, 52, 26, 32, 65, is a certainty.
My 8, 79, 51, 19, 12, 74, is a companion.
My 70, 26, 37, 30, 75, 2, 78, 13, is roguery.
My 15, 63, 18, 40, 5, 49, is a spice.
My 35, 33, 36, 11, 18, 73, 80, is to speak under the breath.
My 44, 54, 56, 10, 53, 45, 80, is a deceiver.
My 28, 50, 77, 24, 57, 78, is an instrument used for ironing clothes.
My 23, 48, 55, 64, is to fasten.
My 44, 60, 66, 81, is used by table waiters.

The whole is a stanza which we would do well to heed.

No. 81.—A Pyramid.

Across—1. A letter. 2. A clown. 3. To sing. 4. Frequently visited. 5. Discerning.

Down—1. A letter. 2. An exclamation of joy or surprise. 3. A small barrel. 4. A draft of a net. 5. Supported. 6. In law, compensation. 7. Water impregnated with alkaline salt imbibed from the ashes of wood. 8. A Latin prefix denoting separation. 9. A letter.

No. 82.—Illustrated Diagonal.

All the words pictured contain the same number of letters. When rightly guessed and placed one below the other, in the order numbered, the diagonal (from the upper left hand letter to the lower right hand letter) will spell the name of an English poet and essayist.—St. Nicholas.

No. 83.—Anagram.

The small boy with dingy slate
Wearily tries to calculate
How many two and two may be
And rather thinks it must be three.
His faulty "sums" have kept him in,
And as he hears his schoolmates' din
His figures and his eyes grow dim.
"How sad" for him!

The teacher in her wooden chair
Sighs for a joy she may not share.
Her friends are sailing down the bay,
"They might have gone on Saturday,"
She thinks, and almost sees the sail
Go skimming just beyond her hail,
But here she sits and may not stir.
"How sad" for her!

No. 84.—Curtailment.

The Turkish empire's government
Is that which by COMPLETE is meant;
Curtailed, a place where ships may ride
Secure from storm and wind and tide.

No. 85.—Puzzling Questions.

1. What general of Bunker Hill was "the next franchise in degree to a park?"
2. What hero of Quebec was a fierce animal?
3. What heroine of Monmouth was a piece of china or other ware?
4. What sergeant of the Revolution was a precious stone?
5. What chief justice of 1795 was a bird?
6. What famous statesman was a certain sort of earth?
7. What founder of one of the United States was "mightier than a sword?"
8. Which of our presidents was the most generous?
9. Which general of the Revolution was the most verdant?

An Easy Enigma.

My FIRST is a circle, my SECOND a cross.
If you meet with my WHOLE, look out for a toss.
OX.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 73.—Charade: Catastrophe.
No. 74.—A Bridge of Matches: No answer required.
No. 75.—Word Squares:

D O V E	R O M E	P O L E	
O P E N	O D E R	O D E S	
V E N D	M E A N	L E A P	
E N D S	E R N E	E S P Y	

No. 76.—Numerical Enigma: The Lone Star State.

No. 77.—Anagram: Establishment.

No. 78.—Alphabet Conundrums: 1. C D (seedy). 2. E Z (easy.) 3. S A (essay). 4. S X (essex). 5. Y R (wire). 6. U R (ewer). 7. X L (excel). 8. X S (excess). 9. R A (array).

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RECIPES.

EGG CROQUETTES.—Simmer six eggs slowly for three-quarters of an hour, then drop into cold water and when cold remove the shell and cut into tiny dice. Make a thick white sauce by melting three tablespoonfuls of butter, stirring in four tablespoonfuls flour and when cooked smooth add one pint of hot milk. Cook till very thick then stir in the egg dice. Season with salt, pepper and one tablespoonful parsley or omit parsley and add a little curry powder or enough anchovy paste to give a faint flavor. Spread out on a flat plate to cool and set the plate on ice if possible and when firm dip the hands in fine cracker dust and form the mixture into small croquettes. Dip in egg and fine bread-crumbs, and fry in deep fat for one minute.

NORUMBEGA SALAD.—For the dressing mix together one tablespoonful sugar, one-half teaspoonful each salt and mustard, one-eighth teaspoonful paprika. Add gradually two well-beaten eggs, then one-half cup hot vinegar in which beets have been pickled, and cook in a granite double boiler stirring constantly until it thickens. Add one tablespoonful butter, strain and cool.

Cook one pint raw potatoes, cut into one-half inch dice, in boiling salted water until just tender, drain and shake the saucepan gently till the potatoes are dry. While still hot sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper and the juice from one-half a small onion. Mix with the potato one-half pound of English walnuts cut into pieces the size of a pea. Add one-fourth cup sweet cream to the dressing and mix enough with the potato and nuts to moisten them thoroughly. Add more seasoning if necessary. When perfectly cold serve in lettuce cups with a garnish of chopped beets, parsley and halves of the walnuts. If preferred an oil dressing may be used for this salad and color paste used instead of the beet vinegar. Omit the cream if preferred and the dressing will be nearly as good. The best results in making this salad are secured by having both the dressing and potatoes warm when combined. Mix very carefully with a silver fork, not to break the potatoes.

CHEESE PUFFS.—Mix together four tablespoonfuls flour, four tablespoonfuls grated cheese, one-half teaspoonful salt and a speck of cayenne. Put in a saucepan one-half cup hot water, one tablespoonful butter. When boiling stir in the flour and beat till it cleaves from the saucepan. Remove from the stove and when cool stir in one large or two small eggs, beating till very smooth. The mixture should be like a soft dough. Drop by the teaspoonful on a buttered tin some distance apart and bake in a quick oven twenty to thirty minutes or till well puffed brown and light. Eat hot or cold.

STRAWBERRY SHERBET.—Pick over and wash quickly one quart strawberries. Mash fine, cover with one pint granulated sugar.

If convenient let this stand one-half hour or more, or strain at once through a cheese-cloth. Rinse off the berries with one cupful ice cold milk, letting it drain through the cloth. Add three cups more of milk to the juice, use enough more sugar if necessary to make quite sweet and freeze at once, turning the freezer constantly after the first five minutes to get a smooth ice. Pack into a brick or watermelon mold if possible and garnish the base when serving with a few of the finest strawberries and the strawberry leaves if obtainable.

ALMOND DROPS.—Beat the whites of five eggs very stiff. Measure one-half cup sifted pastry flour and sift four times with one-half teaspoonful cream tartar, one-half cup granulated sugar. Fold this mixture carefully into the egg. Add one-fourth teaspoonful almond extract. Drop from a tablespoon in small oval shapes upon a pan lined with waxed paper placing them an inch or more apart. Sprinkle blanched and chopped almonds over the top and bake in a very moderate oven twelve to fifteen minutes.

BOILED HAM.—Thoroughly brush and clean a large ham in lukewarm water in which a teaspoonful of borax has been dissolved. Then soak in cold water over night. In the morning shake off every particle of the hardened surface. Put it into a large kettle and cover with cold water. Let it heat slowly and as it begins to boil remove the scum. Then add a bay leaf, one onion, two large sprigs of parsley, and one quart of sweet pickle vinegar, or one pint of clear vinegar or cider. Keep the kettle where it will barely bubble, and let it cook till tender; allow twenty minutes to the pound from the time simmering commences. If a fork will pierce through the thickest part and the skin will peel off easily, it is done. Let it remain in the liquor until cold. Then carefully peel off the skin, trim off any ragged edges and with a soft cloth sop the melted fat from the top. Mix one cup of fine cracker crumbs, half a cup of brown sugar, one saltspoonful of pepper and one saltspoonful of powdered tarragon, and moisten slightly with melted butter. Spread this thickly over the fat surface, and return to the oven till brown and crisp.

TO CARVE A HAM AT TABLE.—When the whole ham is to be served at the table it should be trimmed neatly, and the end of the bone covered with a paper ruffle, and the dish garnished with radishes, olives and parsley. The thickest part of the ham should be at the farther side of the platter. With a very sharp knife make an incision through the thickest part a little way from the smaller end. Shave off in very thin slices, cutting toward the larger end and down to the bone at every slice. Each slice should have a portion of the fat with the crisp crust.

VEAL CUTLETS.—The loin and thickest part of the leg of veal are commonly used for steaks, or cutlets, but a very nice dish may be prepared from the cheaper parts, if one will take the time to do it properly.

Take a slice from the lower part of the leg, or from the shoulder, where considerable lean meat is found. Wipe it and remove all the tough membranes, skin and bones. Put these in the soup-kettle, or cook them in water to cover, and save the liquor for gravy. Cut the lean meat into pieces for serving, and pound them until the fibre is all broken. Lap one piece over another, and put the small bits all together, and pound and press them into the shape you wish. In this way you can use every little scrap of meat, and have the cutlets of uniform shape and tenderness. Season well with salt and pepper, roll in fine bread crumbs, dip in beaten egg or flour batter, and then in crumbs again. Fry several slices of fat, salt pork, then brown the cutlets in the hot fat. Put the cutlets in a stew-pan, add two tablespoonfuls of flour to the fat left in the pan, and, when well mixed, pour on gradually one pint of hot water, or the water in which the bones and trimmings have been simmering. Add half a cup of catsup, and pour the gravy over the cutlets. Let them simmer half an hour, or until perfectly tender. Remove them to a platter, skim off the fat from the gravy, add more hot water if it be too thick, and seasoning to taste, strain it over the cutlets. They should be tender enough to cut with a spoon. Garnish with lemon and parsley.

This method of cooking veal cutlet will be found a great improvement over the common fried veal. Portions that are too tough for frying will be rendered as tender as chicken.

OX EYES.—Cut slices of bread into rounds with a large cutter and then cut out the centre. Toast them an even golden brown. Butter a round shallow baking dish, or large pie plate. Put the rings of toast on the plate, break eggs carefully and pour one into each cavity in the toast. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, pour a little cream in between the toasts and set in the oven until the egg white is firm. If the oven is very hot on the bottom, set the dish over hot water that the egg may not be overcooked.—American Kitchen Magazine.

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TOPOLOBAMPO.

THE SAD ENDING OF A BELLAMYITE COLONY.

"I had occasion only a few days ago," said Mr. Edward Selmut, "to meet with a man who was one among the chief survivors in the Topolobampo enterprise, and the story he gave of the downfall of the colony and of its existence for the past year or longer is truly a very pitiful one. You know the idea of this colony was following out Edward Bellamy's book, Looking Backward. Every member of the colony was to have the same rights and privileges as the others. A man could be, and frequently was, president of the concern to-day, and to-morrow, he would be wiping dishes in the general soup hall or dining-room. He told me that everybody ate at the same table, like the old Spartans, and there were relays every week, selected by common lot, to look after the wants of the others. New recruits who joined the colony had to put their money in the common pool, and they received no more for their day's work than those who had nothing in except the required stock. There was no actual coined and stamped money in circulation among them. They had a store and all the needed houses of business—had these to begin with—and the current coin among the entire colony was small pieces of cardboard stamped with a central stamp, which was supposed never to be counterfeited. Everybody was supposed to be honest. Here is where the first trouble began, so he told me. These cardboard coins were counterfeited, and there soon grew to be more money in circulation than could be handled. It was a sort of free silver theory put into practical operation. Then another rock upon which the scheme split was the marriage provisions they had. As soon as a man became tired of his wife he simply had to make application for a new one, and if no protest was entered by the wife he received a new one. The discarded wife simply had to look after her own destiny. He told me that the colony went from bad to worse, until they finally established a blind tiger or still, and made their own whiskey, something they were not supposed to have at all. Then they began to become drunkards; one or two murders were committed, and as there was no ironclad law to enforce the peace, things simply became so dangerous that the people were compelled to leave, the place finally running down into an ordinary gambling den and the general resort of vice and all kinds of iniquity.—New Orleans Picayune.

THE LIQUOR PROBLEM IN ENGLAND.

For nearly thirty years there have been no important changes in the English methods of regulating the liquor trade. In fact, the changes made in the course of a century are exceedingly few, and in its main features the English licensing system is pretty much in the condition that it was when the century opened. From 1828 to 1869 England tried the experiment of free trade in beer. For forty years almost anybody who liked could set up a beer shop. But the experiment was a direful failure. In 1869 it was finally abandoned; not, however, without leaving disagreeable traces, which are easily discoverable to-day in every old English town. Wherever half a dozen squalid beer-houses stand side by side there is a monument of one of the most daring experiments ever made in regard to the liquor trade. In 1870 grocers were permitted to retail beer, and in 1874 the hours of closing of public houses at nights and on Sundays were fixed by Parliament. These are the only important changes of the century. In other respects English public houses are controlled by laws which were passed last century, and now, as then, the local magistrates appointed by the Lord Chancellor administer the licensing laws, and issue licenses for the retail sale of all intoxicating drink.

Quite recently the English people have been taking stock, as it were, of their licensing system. Lord Peel, the late Speaker of the House of Commons, is at the head of a royal commission which has been inquiring with much detail into the working of the licensing laws, with a view to discovering at what point they stand in need of amendment. The commission is one of the most interesting of the numerous royal commissions of the Queen's long reign. It has thrown much light on the social and economic changes which have been taking place in England during the last two or three generations.—Harper's Weekly.

WILLING TO WORK.

He was an unkempt-looking fellow, and he stopped at the suburban residence and asked for employment. It was spring, and the lady of the house was herself superintending the transplanting of the plants. The door of the greenhouse was open.

"Are you a gardener?" asked the woman.

"'Ain't had much experience."

"Can you plant these bushes?"

"I'd hate to risk spoilin' 'em, ma'am."

"Then what can you do?"

"Well, ma'am, if you'll give me one o' your husband's cigars," he replied meditatively, "I'll sit in the greenhouse an' smoke out the insects that's eatin' up the leaves o' them rose bushes.—Editor's Drawer, Harper's Magazine.

Success in Sight.—"Dr. Henslow is one of the luckiest men I ever saw." "Lucky? I don't know how you make him out lucky. He's to be tried for heresy, and may lose his pulpit." "That's just it. He wrote a book a few years ago, that has never been heard of since it came from the publishers. Now that he is to be tried, it will, of course, be one of the literary sensations of the day."

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Mar. 19th 1897. MARY J. SEWELL.

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April 20th, 1897. GEORGE HAZEN.

MESSENGER'S NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF OXFORD COUNTY.
STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss:—Bethel, May 3d, A. D. 1897.

This is to give notice, that on the 1st day of May, A. D. 1897, a warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of

FRANK H. BUBIER, of Paris,

adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said Debtor, which petition was filed on the 1st day of May, A. D. 1897, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; That the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; That a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris, in said County, on the 19th day of May, A. D. 1897, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

C. M. WORMELL, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

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Apr. 20th, 1897. ISABEL C. MCALLISTER.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1897.

Elbridge E. Farnham, of Hiram, executor of the estate of JACOB THOMPSON, late of Hiram, deceased, having presented a petition for confirmation as under the will of said deceased.

ORDERED, That said petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Court of Probate to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of May next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

SEWARD S. STEARNS, Judge.
Attest:—
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