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Many Merry Christmas, unbroken friendships, great accumulation of cheerful recollections, affection on earth and heaven at last for all us.
—Charles Dickens.

Prof. William R. Chapman, director of the Maine Music festival and for 25 years conductor of the Rubinstein club of New York, has received an offer of \$25,000 a year to go to Los Angeles and San Francisco as conductor, and will leave about the seventh of February for California to look the ground over. When it became known in New York that Prof. Chapman had received the offer to go to California, four persons are reported to have offered to guarantee that amount for Mr. Chapman if he would remain in New York.

An Augusta despatch says that hunters are much interested in the plan suggested by Hon. John F. Sprague of Dover for averting the loss of human life in the Maine woods during the game season. He believes that moose hunters have been made much more delicate in firing, because of the law which makes it illegal to kill a cow moose, and he believes that prohibiting the shooting of the doe deer might have a similar effect. But does it seem reasonable that an excited hunter, unable to distinguish between a man and a beast, would know the difference between a buck and a deer?

Maine stands fourth in the production of potatoes as is shown by a report issued from the census bureau Monday, thus jumping from the ninth place which it held in 1899. But in acreage Maine holds ninth place. The total number of acres planted in Maine is 135,999, an increase of 64,140 since 1899. Over twenty-eight and a half million bushels were raised against less than ten millions in 1899. The value of the crop was ten and a quarter million dollars, an increase of 75 per cent. The state still holds first place in the production of the greatest amount of gobsters to the acre. The states leading Maine in production are New York, Michigan and Wisconsin.

"I have washed every window in my house myself, and all in one forenoon," said a young woman who is noted for knowing the easiest and quickest ways to do housework to a writer for the New York Sun. "And what's more I did not use a drop of water. No slopping around with wet rags for me." "How do you manage it?" was the reply. "I buy a pint of denatured alcohol which will wash two dozen windows. Then I simply rub a little on the cloth and rub the window briskly a moment. The dirt comes off in a twinkling and the windows are left clean and bright. It takes just one-half the time and is only one-quarter the work of the soap and water way."

With the exception of Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Idaho, Utah and Nevada, Red Cross Seals are on sale in one or more cities of every state in the Union, and also in Porto Rico and the Canal Zone. In most of the states, the sale has been organized in every city, village and hamlet. Every conceivable method of conveyance is being employed in shipping the seals from the various headquarters to local agents, from the ocean in Alabama and Mississippi, and the pack-burro in Colorado, to the express train and the automobile in New York. These holiday wares are being sold in the various hamlets, where the snow will prevent the receipt of returns for months after the first of the year.

There are two little boys in the East and whose parents are often out in the evening. They are left in the care of their grandmother, who spoils them, after the fashion of the grandmotherly kind.

The other night they were saying their prayers, just before retiring, and little Jimmy vociferated his petitions to the heavenly throne in a voice that could have been heard a mile. He was telling the Divine Providence what he wanted for Christmas, and his enthusiasm in the cause got on his slightly older brother's nerves.

"What are you praying for Christmas presents so loud for?" interrupted D. K. "Th' Lord ain't deaf." "No," parphrased the mountain hamlet, "but gran'ma is!" [Cleveland Plain Dealer.]

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DYNAMITING HURTS LABOR

Roosevelt Urges All to Aid Prosecution—Unions Must Free Themselves from Criminals

Theodore Roosevelt has an editorial article in the current issue of the Outlook relating to the McNamara case, entitled "Murder is Murder."

"Not only laboring men, but business men, capitalists, have at times shown the worst form of class consciousness—that of sinister and brutal class selfishness in standing by criminals simply because they were of their own class. This has been done by capitalists in the case of capitalists

who have been guilty of brazen corruption, and by laborers in the case of labor leaders who have been guilty of murderous violence. The two offences stand on a par from the standpoint of damage to the community. In San Francisco in one municipal contest the capitalists who desired to be free from all check on corruption and the labor leaders who desired to be free from all check on lawless violence struck hands and elected their ticket; and this proved in the end to be a lasting misfortune to San Francisco, to the cause of honest business and to the cause of honest labor.

"Since the startling outcome of the McNamara trial certain apologists of these men have made themselves conspicuous by asserting that these depraved criminals, who have on their seared souls the murder of so many innocent persons—all of them laboring people, by the way—are 'victims,' or at worst 'fanatics' who should receive sympathy because they were acting in what they regarded as a 'war' on behalf of their class! The plea is monstrous in its folly and its wickedness. It is precisely the kind of plea sometimes made by the half of a crooked man of great wealth caught bribing a legislature—that he has to do it to protect his business. We are not here dealing with any of the kinds of offences incidental to the sudden and sweeping changes brought about by modern industrial conditions into which capitalists or labor men are drawn without any very great conscious moral turpitude on their part. We are dealing with crimes as old as the lawgiving from Sinai, with crimes—murder and theft—that have been prohibited ever since the decalogue was formulated.

"The murders committed by men like the McNamaras, although nominally in the interest of organized labor, differ not one whit in moral culpability from those committed by the Black Hand, or by any band of mere cutthroats, and are fraught with an infinitely heavier menace to society. Yet, great though the menace is to the community, the menace to the cause of honest organized labor is still greater, and no duty is more imperatively laid on the leaders of labor than the duty of affirmatively freeing themselves and their followers from the taint of responsibility for such criminals and crimes. The labor leaders who by their loud championship of the McNamaras—as previouslv of Moyer and Haywood—have succeeded in identifying them with the cause of labor in the eyes of the public have rendered an evil service to that cause. Mr. Debs and the extremists of his type among the so-called political Socialists—I say so-called, because Debs and his followers of the Emma Goldman kind are not Socialists at all in any true sense of the word, but mere inciters to murder and preachers of applied anarchy—and the labor leaders affiliated with them, have always boasted of the part they played in the trial of Moyer and Haywood, and in this case they repeated their familiar tactics, and held mass meetings and scattered broadcast papers and addresses in which they furiously denounced the effort to bring wrong-doers to justice, and sought to grope every evil class interest against all who upheld the cause of law, or sought to put a stop to assassination and murderous violence. It is worth noting that since McNamara confessed his guilt Mr. Moyer, the head of what purports to be a labor organization, is reported in the press as commenting on it, not by denouncing McNamara for having committed the murder, but by denouncing him for having confessed it! Such denunciation is significant.

"Murder is murder, and the foolish sentimentalists or sinister wrong-doers who try to apologize for it as an 'incident of labor warfare' are not only morally culpable but are enemies of the American people. Above all, are enemies of American wage-workers. In honorable contrast to these men stand the various labor leaders who have never asked for more than a fair trial for the McNamaras, whose purpose has only been to get justice, and who now sternly demand that murder shall be punished when committed in the nominal interest of labor, precisely as under any other circumstances. I believe with all my heart in organized labor, for labor must be organized in order to protect and secure its rights; and therefore with all my strength I urge my fellow-citizens, the American men and women who earn their livelihood as wage-workers, to see that their leaders stand for honesty, and obedience to the law, and to set their faces like flint against any effort to identify the cause of organized labor, directly or indirectly, with any movement which in any shape or way benefits by the commission of crimes of lawless and murderous violence."

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Is There a Santa Claus?

(Reprinted from the New York Sun)

WE take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun it's so. Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"
Virginia O'Hanlon.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

DR. MACARTHUR ABROAD

Noted Preacher To Visit The Czar and Go Round the World.

Rev. Robert S. MacArthur of New York has sailed for Russia on his long-contemplated mission—a mission unlike any which an American citizen, certainly an American divine, ever entered upon. He is the new president of the Baptist World Alliance, and in a real sense represents Christian people by the hundreds of thousands, even millions. He goes bearing letters to world rulers from President Taft, and letters from Secretary of State Knox to ambassadors in all countries in Europe and Asia which he expects to visit. His mission to Russia is to ask the czar and the Russian Government for a larger measure of religious liberty for all peoples of all faiths within his vast empire. He will present, he says, a written statement and will back it up with an oral one in case he is permitted to do so. He is famous throughout the Roman Catholic Church in America for having preached and spoken many things against it. He says that now, however, he will ask the czar for larger liberty for Roman Catholics in Russia, of which there are many thousands, and especially for better treatment for Jews.

Just before sailing President MacArthur admitted that his mission in Russia was a difficult one. "New England Puritans have treated Baptists as badly as ever Russians treat Jews," he observed, "and I expect the czar of all the Russias knows it. The American people have been cruel to the American negro, and I suspect that the czar knows that too.

We exclude the Chinese, and I am sure that all Russia knows that, and knows how unjust we are in this respect. Nevertheless I believe that with full confidence for American failings on my part, I may be able to accomplish something on Russia's part."

Dr. MacArthur has succeeded in raising from American Baptists a considerable sum of money with which to complete a Baptist church in St. Petersburg. He will assist in this church's dedication while there, and will visit Moscow, where are other Baptist churches. He will not visit Rome, where there is a considerable Baptist membership, but will go to some other European centers, where Baptist strength has much increased of late. Then he will continue around the world, visiting especially Baptist missions in Burma, where foreign missions from America have an important start, and finally, reaching San Francisco, he will inspect home mission work on the coast and in the Rocky Mountain states.

The world trip, lasting a year, means more than an expression of Baptist strength, it is said. It means a centralization of Baptist power such as is quite foreign to old Baptist ideas, which are congregational. It means also, it is claimed, wielding of a Christian force for world betterment in a way and in a strength greater than has ever before been exercised.

The Edison Electric Lamp Co. are to give up the manufacture of plain carbon filament incandescent lamps and manufacture instead the G. E. M. lamps which take only 2 1/2 watts per C. P., which is one watt less than the old lamp took.

Chats on Books

One of those simple and lovely things that we have learned to look for from the pen of Henry van Dyke is "The Mansion," published by Harper Bros. A story, an allegory, what you will, it deals with things that concern the heart and soul of every one of us—and at Christmas time the little tale has special significance. Ask your bookseller for it, or send to the publishers, New York.

The interest in John Galsworthy has led many people to write to his publishers, Charles Scribner's Sons, for information about him, and they have therefore prepared a little pamphlet which traces his life and development and contains a fuller explanation of his purpose, largely in his own words, than has probably ever been printed elsewhere. This pamphlet the publishers will send, free of charge, to whoever will send in their names and addresses.

The never-failing interest in "New Records of Napoleon" will be furthered in the January Century by unpublished English diaries in relation to Napoleon's funeral at St. Helena and the exhumation of his remains for transport to France, written by the officers in charge, respectively; while the extraordinary and picturesque ceremonies attending the voyage and the journey up the Seine, with the ever memorable obsequies in Paris, will be pictured in copies of ten of the colored lithographs made at the time as a record of one of the most remarkable pageants in history.

It is only seven months since the publication of "Queed," and during that time the popularity of Mr. Harrison's novel has caused it to reach a sale of more than 100,000 copies. This measure of its success, but it is so practical that it cannot be overlooked. Another edition which Houghton Mifflin Company sent to press last week to supply the holiday demand, brings the total number of copies up to 110,000. One day last week they received an order for 1000 copies for England, this being the eighth edition to be sent across the water.

Mr. Howells has returned home from Spain. Though he did practically no work on this pleasure trip, it is likely that the impressions of a visit there in his youth—Seville and Madrid especially, which he thoroughly explored—will find their way into another book like his "London Films" and "Certain Delightful English Towns." These two books have recently been republished in a single volume in "The Complete Works of William Dean Howells," the edition which has been in progress for several years. Only the first six volumes are ready. They comprise, beside the English book, "My Literary Passions," "Criticism and Fiction," "A Hazard of New Fortunes," "Landlord on Lion's Head," "Literary Friends and Acquaintances," and "Literature and Life."

There have been sold 200,000 copies of Miss L. M. Montgomery's now famous books, "Anne of Green Gables," "Anne of Avonlea," and "Killmany of the Orchard." Now comes a fourth from her pen, already gone to many printings and destined to enjoy an equal vogue with the others. The charm of Miss Montgomery's

manner obtains fully in this latest story, the scenes of which are laid in her favorite Prince Edward Island. The "Story Girl" interests with her many tales, ghost stories and what else, woven not laboriously into the text of the real "story," and the other characters, boys and girls, men and women, are presented with this writer's attractive touch that gives such a lasting interest to all her books. By L. C. Page & Co., Boston. To be had of Rockland booksellers.

Whatever Burton E. Stevenson (we are glad he spells it with a "wee") does, is marked with the quality of fascination, and that is what particularly is apparent in his latest book, "The Spell of Holland," brought out in time for the holiday season by L. C. Page & Co. There is a map—no book upon the countries ought to be allowed without a map—with sixty pictures of Holland in all its quaintness of buildings, canal and people, and a captivating colored frontispiece, "The Rietveldsche Toren, Delft," from a painting by Frans Walsden, owned by the author—fortunate author! Mr. Burton has an unerring eye for points of view and every picture with which his book is graced is a gem. "The Spell of Holland!" A happy title, alluring the untraveled but longing-to-travel reader and arousing to renewed enthusiasm the traveler who knows by happy experience what the lure of Holland really means. Of Rockland booksellers.

In another field but with the same interesting touch as in his "Inns and Taverns of Old London," Henry C. Shelley has written another book which L. C. Page & Co., Boston, have just brought out—"The British Museum: Its History and Treasures." The subject is bewildering in its scope, for historically the Museum had its beginning so far back as the middle of the 18th Century, and the number and character of its collections gathered under acres of roof are difficult to deal with outside the realm of re-cataloguing. But with excellent discrimination and working among his material with sympathetic and interesting pen Mr. Shelley produces a book that is comprehensive but not tedious and enlightened with many romantic touches. The publishers have made a handsome bit of printing and binding, set off with numerous illustrations. Moreover there is a copious index, which doubles the value of the book, of which every library, large or small, ought to have a copy. Can be had of Rockland booksellers.

YOUR FAVORITE POEM

Old-fashioned poetry, but choicely good.
—Isaac Walton.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem!"
O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by,
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The Hope and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praise his name the King,
And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given;
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where weak souls will receive him still,
The dear Christ enters in.
—Phillips Brooks.

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TWO-A-WEEK.

CIRCULATION AFFIDAVIT

Rockland, December 23, 1911.
Personally appeared Neil S. Perry, who on oath declares: That he is pressman in the office of the Rockland Publishing Co., and that of the issue of The Courier-Gazette of December 19, 1911, there was printed a total of 4,539 copies before me:
J. W. CHUCKER
Notary Public.

Touching editorially upon the proposal of our Democratic Governor to call the legislature together in an extra session, the cost for which in tax-payers' good money is warranted by no conditions in the State, past or present, the Farmington Chronicle says:

But there is rumor of a very odd proposition to be presented at an extraordinary session of the legislature. It is in effect to make license possible in large cities and impossible everywhere else. To so alter the organic law of the state to local conditions is a crime in Farmington that which it is lawful to do in Portland would be worse than the attempt made to maintain this nation "half slave and half free." It must be one thing or the other; either state-wide prohibition or state-wide local option. The organic law should be the same over our entire state. It should be just the same in the country as it is in the city; just the same on the coast as it is in the interior. The constitution should be repealed making it legal to manufacture and sell liquor anywhere within the state. To repeal the amendment in part, as suggested, would be to legalize the existence of saloons in all the cities and to prohibit them in other places. This proposition possesses all the evils of state-wide license. It is wrong in principle and would prove pernicious in practice.

The Courier-Gazette has had a number of inquiries as to the Dickens stamps and where they may be obtained. We have always directed the inquirer to his local bookseller. From Francis Arthur Jones of New York, honorary secretary of the Charles Dickens Testimonial, the following communication has been received, giving desired information in brief space:

"Many letters have appeared in the press asking where the Charles Dickens Testimonial Bookplates may be obtained, will you allow me to inform your readers that they can get them by applying to me at the Hotel Cumberland, New York. They are published in sheets of twelve contained in a Special Centenary Envelope, price \$1.00, and are mailed free. The bookplate consists of a fine steel-engraved portrait of the great author with an appropriate inscription. The profits from their sale will be devoted to a fund for the benefit of those members of the Dickens family who are in need of assistance. The movement has the warm support of President Taft and a committee composed of the leading men and women of the United States and Great Britain. It is hoped that the bookplate will place a bookplate in every volume of the author's works which they possess."

"Sandford's sentence, ten years in a federal state prison, is severe," says the Lewiston Journal, and in this opinion we think most people will concur. We are convinced that public condemnation of Sandford became greatly modified during his recent trial. Undoubtedly he had employed counsel he would never have been brought to sentence for the crime charged in the indictment. But, as the Journal concludes, in this case Sandford has developed simply an advanced phase of the zealot and has deliberately immolated himself.

The sentence, but emphasizes his martyrdom; it is a sentence of great duration and its shame. The mercy of the court withheld sentence on five cases. But considering Mr. Sandford as he is; giving charity to this certain mania; is not this outcome tragic. A few weeks, a few months, and Sandford's present mood of exaltation will have passed and he will be facing the "eternity" of the next ten years. Justice hesitates in contemplation of the mystery of this life and asks of itself anew what shall I do, what should I have done? The history of the nation has no parallel case. We believe the time will come when Mr. Sandford will be discussed more leniently than today.

About this time, as the old-fashioned almanacs say, many subscribers are writing to The Courier-Gazette by way of remitting upon subscription account—a very interesting and joy-producing process. We wish they might find it possible to accompany such communications with some report of matters and things in their respective communities. Say it is a subscriber in California, or Texas, or Georgia, or Canada, or perhaps farther off across the ocean—a little something as to how things are moving in that vicinity, either general or personal, will be perused in these columns with utmost interest by a host of readers all over the world. We call no names, the list would be too long; but in our mind's eye we behold as in a flash a great company of men and women from whom we and subscribers to The Courier-Gazette would be happy in this manner to hear.

The treatment of the Russian situation by President Taft is a measure of the man's statesmanship and poise. The cocky resolution introduced by Congressman Sulzer would have resulted in treaty abrogation undoubtedly, but more than that it would have abrogated Russia's friendship. The President's method is the gentlemanly method, which achieves the desired result and leaves nobody "sore."

Two or three years ago nobody in western countries would have dreamed of China as a republic—yet this numerically greatest of all nations is now on the verge of making a political change.

POLITICAL SHORT NOTES

The Bath Times approaches the gubernatorial situation with this suggestion of a candidate from the Shipping City:

Hon. A. H. Shaw, of this city would be a strong candidate both for the Republican nomination before the party at the primaries and later for election as Governor of Maine. Few men have business interests so widely distributed throughout the State or are so well known throughout the commonwealth. The extensive Shaw lumber interests at Greenville and elsewhere in the north, Mr. Shaw's hotel interests at Portsmouth and recently for many years at Kineo, his light and power investment in the Penobscot valley have brought him into close business relations with these various sections, while his able service in both branches of the Legislature gave him a wide acquaintance among the leaders in politics. Everywhere he is recognized as an able business man and a strong character, exactly the sort of man most desirable as executive head of Maine's government. No man could be more surely counted on for a strong, businesslike and progressive administration. There is no lack of splendid Republican material from which to select the nominee, but we doubt if there is one other available man who so exactly fits the requirements of the situation as that Bath citizen who has been much talked of in this connection.

It cost the Democrats of Portland just \$338 more to carry the city at the recent municipal election than it did the Republicans to be defeated, according to the statements of receipts and expenditures filed by Oscar R. Wish, treasurer of the Democratic city committee. The amount received by Mr. Wish was \$2472 and the amount paid or contracted for was \$2810. The Republican receipts were \$2476 and the expenditures \$2038. The Socialist party spent \$31 and the Prohibitionists an even \$2.

That Theodore Roosevelt will not be a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination next year is the message that will be delivered by Gifford Pinchot in an address at Medina, Ohio, Friday night next. This information came Tuesday from Washington in a telegram. Secretary D. Vacker of the Ohio Progressive League from Walter L. House, national manager of La Follette campaign.

The Maine Democrats in Senate and House, who naturally are looked upon as party leaders among the Maine Democrats, seem not to have fixed their minds at all definitely upon presidential candidates, says the Washington correspondent of the Bangor Commercial. They have taken the subject over a great deal among themselves, but there is no crystallization of sentiment among the Democrats of State and House on the subject and the Maine Democrats there apparently do not feel like advising or suggesting candidates to that effect.

When he was out in Ohio some week ago, Senator Gardner was quoted as favoring Gov. Woodrow Wilson for the nomination. Representative Good declared some time ago that, personally, he thought Speaker Champ Clark would make a splendid Democratic standard bearer, although he said he had noted that there was a lot of sentiment among the Democratic voters in Maine for Gov. Wilson's nomination. Representative McGillicuddy has made somewhat similar observations, especially as to the popularity of Wilson among the rank and file of Maine's voters. Senator Johnson has remained non-committal, declaring that Maine was looking on and wanted to be convinced who would make the strongest possible candidate.

There will probably be more talk on this same subject among the Maine Democrats at Washington during the week of Jan. 8, when Gov. Plafie is expected here and when the Democratic National committee will be in session. The Maine Democrats on the scene will keep their ears to the ground to ascertain what the many National committees and what the many states, think on the question of nomination. So many other matters have been crowding upon the attention since Congress assembled that there is little evidence as to which of the candidates is gaining the most popular favor. It seems to be Gov. Wilson against the field. There is no evidence that his popularity is waning. On the other hand the centering of attacks from Democratic sources upon him more and more would indicate that he is probably gaining. A lot of politicians continue to favor Gov. Harmon, but the impression at Washington is that he cannot be nominated.

The Democrats in Washington are looking forward to the next day banquet, especially the Bryanites who expect the "peerless leader" to sound the keynote on the coming campaign. Senator Gardner is a Bryan man, while Senator Johnson's views are yet unexpressed.

The executive committee of the Democratic state committee failed to decide at the meeting held in Augusta Wednesday night upon the time and place of holding the next Democratic state convention, but that matter was left to be decided at a meeting of the entire committee to be called at a later date.

Everybody will be glad that the wreck of the Maine is not to be disposed of for sight-seeing purposes, but instead is to be towed to sea, accompanied by a cortege of modern battleships, which will fire a salute to the historic relic of the Spanish war is sunk in the vast depths of the Atlantic. That is an end that fittingly comports with the tragedy that ended in making Cuba a free state.

Maine Central In Rockland

S. T. Kimball, Attorney For the Road, Tells The Courier-Gazette What Is To Be Done With Samoset Hotel—Interesting Developments.

Ever since The Courier-Gazette announced a short time ago that the Maine Central Railroad had acquired a controlling interest in the Samoset Hotel property, and the further announcement that the capital stock of the Ricker Hotel Company has been increased to \$2,000,000, this paper has desired if possible to make a more detailed announcement, believing that the change in ownership would mean a good deal more to this city than appears from the mere announcement as previously made. Through an interview with S. T. Kimball, attorney for the railroad company, we are able to present some further facts which show that this deal means a great deal to the city of Rockland, much more than would appear on the face of it.

Mr. Kimball stated in the first place that the Maine Central Railroad Company are now the absolute and entire owners of all the property hitherto owned by the Ricker Hotel Company, having purchased all the stock of that corporation and elected Morris McDonald president, who is also vice president and general manager of the railroad company. The Ricker Hotel Company is the corporation which operated the Samoset Hotel, and except as having the same stockholders had no legal connection with Hiram Ricker & Sons Company, which owns and operates the Poland Spring and Mansion House. The capital stock of the Ricker Hotel Company has been increased to \$2,000,000 in order to take care of any hotel operating or developing enterprises which may in the future be taken over or taken up by the railroad company.

The company is exceedingly fortunate in being able to retain the services of E. P. Ricker who will see that the policies and plans which will be absolutely controlled and regulated by the new owners are carried out in the high standard which has heretofore characterized hotels operated by the Rickers. Mr. Hodgdon, who has managed the Samoset for several seasons, will hold the same position as before, and as showing that it will be the policy of the new owners not only to maintain hotels for the benefit of summer visitors, but also with a view to having the money spent in operating these hotels go to the benefit of the communities where they are located, it can be stated that all supplies, material, labor and help that can be secured within fifty miles of Rockland will be so secured, under positive instructions from the president of the corporation; and the idea of this is that the hotel property should attract outsiders, but at the same time should be a benefit to the community in which it is located. In a word, the Maine Central Railroad desires the co-operation of citizens of this vicinity to make the hotel a success, and in return proposes to do everything in its power to develop this community by furnishing a market for its products and labor and advertising this service.

"What is the purpose of and why does the Maine Central railroad company go into the hotel business, so to speak?"

"The company," said Mr. Kimball, "believe in the future of Maine and that the State is large enough to develop along two lines, as a summer resort and as a manufacturing and business state, and behind both of these propositions is the problem of good transportation service. It is good business for a railroad to furnish the best transportation service that the traffic at a given point will support, and anything which increases the business within the limits of the State must necessarily increase the demand upon the railroad company, and it is with the ultimate idea of having this increased demand made that they will use every effort to develop a community. The propositions

are interdependent, and whatever helps one cannot fail to benefit the other."

"What are the other places," the Maine Central intend to develop?" To this question Mr. Kimball replied that further than he has already stated he had no authority to discuss anything but the local situation; and then further said that he did not believe it was thoroughly appreciated by our citizens, that within a comparatively short time Rockland has been taken a start and that it is beginning to be better understood that a community cannot progress as long as all the money which changes hands is simply passed from one citizen to another, without outside money coming in, in the way of new industries, or an increase of old which deal with outsiders, and this can only be brought about by showing the advantages to outsiders and letting them understand that for certain purposes this city offers to those who may contemplate coming here, either for pleasure or for business, something not only just as good, but a little better, than other places can offer.

"Our Board of Trade when active is one of the strongest factors in bringing these matters about, and its work should be thoroughly encouraged," said Mr. Kimball. "When the good roads movement first struck this section, a great many citizens were to say the least, not heartily in favor of the various improvements which have since become facts; but I believe today that a very large majority of the citizens are in favor of the movement that has been made in this direction and would not for a moment consider going back to the old conditions. It is recognized that there must be good roads, not only for the main arteries of travel leading to the city as in the case of the Rockland-Rockport and Rockland-South Thomaston roads, but also within the city limits. Our own people know where they want to go, but prefer to go over good roads; and strangers will follow the line of good roads because they are good."

"It would seem that one of the road matters which would receive attention in the immediate future is that leading from the Maine Central station over Union street, and other pieces of road which may seem most feasible, so that the city may be at least a decent roadway from the business section of our city to the Samoset Hotel property. I believe that under the new policy of the management every facility and opportunity should be offered the guests of this hotel to come to Rockland and patronize our business men, and that some scheme should be outlined, within the means of the city, so that there may be at least one good route into the city, either by the way of Main street or North Main street."

"Do you care to say anything as to whether the survey of a road from Camden to Belfast means that it will be built right away?" To this Mr. Kimball replied that perhaps we were drifting away a good deal from the main proposition, which was consideration of the Samoset Hotel property.

UNION

The teachers of the Congregational Sunday school will entertain the children in the vestry Monday evening. There will be a fine program, after which refreshments will be served.

Mrs. George Nemoine was the weekend guest of her sister, Mrs. E. S. Cummins.

Rev. John Lawrence of Rockland will preach at the Congregational church next Sunday, both morning and evening. Subject for the morning service, "A Murderous Plot"; for the evening service, "Contrast between the old family clock and the modern time-piece."

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The State Grange

Re-elects State Master Stetson Who Communicates Some Decided Views—Large Attendance.

Four hundred and forty-nine Granges with a total membership of 57,531, is what Secretary Libby was able to report at the annual session of the State Grange in Lewiston this week. Knox county contributes 22 Granges with a total membership of 2309; Lincoln county has 19 Granges and 1597 members, while Hancock county has 34 Granges and 4008 members. The largest Grange in the state is Houlton's, with a membership of 1017, Caribou ranking second with 499.

Two Pomona Granges and 10 subordinate Granges were organized during the year, and one subordinate Grange was organized.

"Dishonest officials and political combinations have discredited the prohibitory law," declared State Master Stetson in his annual address Tuesday.

"Honest men, men of courage and integrity men in whom the people have confidence, are needed in public office. They can be found, and the Grange should aid in the finding. I have faith to believe that the Grange of the future will stand fearlessly in the open and absolutely divorced from partisanship, will use all its influence in creating a widespread public sentiment and demand for an honest enforcement of the law prohibiting the manufacture and sale, the use and abuse of alcoholic liquors in Maine. Great problems affecting the welfare and good name of our state are pressing for solution. We must openly, fearlessly and honestly champion the right, and as fearlessly oppose and condemn the wrong."

He said a study of the present road situation would show a drifting away from a sound theory of road building and maintenance, and added: "A theory of road improvement that will stand the test is that kind of road maintenance that connects the farmers with the final markets by the cheapest and most direct way."

"Maine," he said, "is just on the threshold of its possibilities and most especially is this true of water power development," and asked the patrons: "Is it not a duty which you owe to yourselves, to your State and to unborn generations who are to follow you, to see that representatives elected to the next regular session of the Legislature are men who consider our water power development from the right standpoint; men who will not countenance monopoly control, whereby their development will become a menace, blocking industrial progress, hindering farm prosperity and turning the back backward in the march of progress?"

The committee on legislation reviewed the work of the last session of the Legislature at which they secured the passage of the direct primary and the automobile tax law, besides de-

feating objectionable measures. In connection with the direct primaries law, the committee reported: "We hope that in the future a candidate's fitness for the position he seeks will have more bearing upon his election than his past service for some party interest."

The committee endorsed the recall, making this recommendation: "In view of the fact that certain laws of the state have been systematically nullified for years by officials who have no regard for their oath of office, thus breeding contempt for all law, we believe that the time has come for the Grange of Maine to take a decided stand for the recall of unfaithful public officers, and do recommend careful consideration of this subject by the State Grange."

A number of resolutions were acted upon Wednesday. One called for a bureau of information for farm crops. Another condemned the use of cigarettes and called upon the Legislative committee to take every legitimate means to secure legislation to stamp out this evil. A third asked the Legislative committee to act on the matter of good roads and advocated the appointment of a committee on roads. All three were adopted.

A resolution calling upon the United States Senators from Maine to use all their efforts for the ratification of the arbitration treaties between this country and England and France also was adopted.

The election of officers resulted in the reelection of C. S. Stetson of Greene, who has been master for the last four years, and the choice of the following other officers: E. C. Patten, Topsham, overseer; B. Walker, Keen, Fryburg, lecturer; D. G. Hall, West Eden, steward; A. L. Roberts, West Kennebunk, assistant steward; Rev. J. H. Little, Bethel, chaplain; E. E. Addison, Leeds, treasurer; E. H. Libby, Auburn, secretary; S. K. Cushman, Steuben, gatekeeper; Mrs. D. G. Hall, West Eden, Ceres; Mrs. C. S. Stetson, Greene, Ceres; E. C. Patten, Topsham, Pomona; Mrs. A. L. Roberts, West Kennebunk, lady assistant steward; Edward Evans, Belfast, and L. E. Tuttle, Caribou, members of the executive committee.

All the foregoing were elected except Mrs. Hall, who succeeds Mrs. Kate B. Ellis of Fairfield as Ceres.

At the session Wednesday evening the degree team of Androscoggin county Pomona Grange worked the fifth degree on a class of several hundred. Following this the State Grange degree team worked the sixth degree on the same class.

A petition was circulated for signature among the delegates Wednesday asking Gov. Plafie to recommend that the Legislature be urged to allow every voter to register, within his party, his choice for President of the United States and delegates to National and district conventions.

CAMDEN

W. L. Dickens arrived Tuesday from Boston and will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Dickens.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jones of Belfast will arrive this week to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Achorn.

The Camden Band will hold a Christmas ball at Camden opera house Christmas night. It will be a masquerade and prizes will be given for the best dressed character. Cars will run after the dance.

E. Guy Blood will arrive to spend Christmas with his parents.

O. A. Barbour is spending the holiday week with his family. The many friends of Harry Buchanan are pleased to learn that he is improving.

Miss Helen Small left Thursday for Boston where she will be the guest of her brother, H. C. Small.

"The Family," which was presented by Henry Miller at the Powers Theatre in Chicago for 20 weeks, and received successful engagements at the Comedy Theatre in New York for 10 weeks, and 16 weeks at the Globe Theatre in Boston, will receive its first hearing at Camden opera house Tuesday, Dec. 26, with the same company. The production, which was seen in Providence last week when all of the critics were unanimous in their praise of the play. It is a New England comedy drama of home life, depicting an experience in the lives of a New England family living in a small town. It is American through and through, rich in wholesome laughter, simple in theme, strong in its development and sincere in its appeal.

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TOO MUCH FACTIONALISM

Now Let the Republicans of Maine
Get Together, Sensibly Says Port-
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(Portland Press)

The words of Ex-Gov. John F. Hill, chairman of the Republican national committee, should be pondered by every member of the party in Maine. Chairman Hill has returned to Augusta from the meeting of the committee in Washington, and in an interview he is reported as follows:

"The national committee meeting was encouraging from every point of view. I do not often predict the result of political contests, but I believe Maine Republicans will elect the majority of their candidates for office next time for Maine is a Republican state. Maine will elect a Republican Legislature in 1912 and a Republican United States Senator in 1913."

It is true, as Gov. Hill says, that Maine is a Republican state, in spite of the fact that last year through Republican disaffection it elected a Democratic Governor and Legislature. The experiment is not proving so satisfactory as to cause a wish for its continuance. On top of bold disregard of before election promises and systematic and flagrant nullification is said to be piled a needless and costly extra session of the Legislature. And this is done in spite of the protests of the people, for the purpose of compelling them to vote a second time within a year upon an issue which they have just settled, and more than that to gerrymander the congressional districts. The haste with which all this is done betrays a fear that they will not have the power to do it after another election, and they have very good reason for the fear.

Maine is Republican, as Governor Hill says, and naturally so. It gave a Republican majority of 31,000 in the last presidential election.

The next election is to be on national issues, and on these Maine stands steadfast for Republican principles. All the Maine Republicans have to do in order to win a victory is to drop factional disputes and personal animosities and together, United we stand. A Governor, members of Congress and a Legislature which is to choose a United States senator are to be elected. Nominations of candidates for all these offices are to be made for the first time by direct primaries. It behooves the party, dropping the things that are behind and looking out for the things that are before, to seek to make the best nominations possible, and having made them to line up solidly in support. There has been enough of factionalism—too much of it. This candidate or that has his friends, earnest and devoted. In the canvass for nomination it is according to the political foyle for partisans of rival candidates for the same office, if there are rivals, to do everything legitimate in the interests of those candidates. But when it comes to the point of selection by ballot in caucus or primary, there is where the spirit of rivalry should give place to acquiescence in the will of the majority and to acceptance of the result loyally and in good faith; for majority rule is the only rule by which the Republican form of government can be carried on successfully. Carrying forward the simile of the game, let us be good losers, if we lose, and magnanimous winners if we win. Let us not nourish grudges and resentments, remembering that in a game, if it is looked at in the light of a game, somebody has got to lose.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Security Trust Company will be held at their banking rooms in the city of Rockland, on Tuesday, January 9th, 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the choice of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before them.

Per order,
J. C. PERRY, Secretary,
Rockland, Dec. 12, 1911.

NOTICE

The Stockholders of the North National Bank are hereby notified that their annual meeting will be held at their banking rooms on Tuesday, January 9, 1912, at 10 o'clock a. m., to transact the following business: To fix the number and choose a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business that may legally come before them.

Per order,
F. BERRY, Cashier,
Rockland, Me., Dec. 1, 1911.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Thomaston National Bank, for the election of directors, and such other business as may legally come before them, will be held at their banking rooms, on Tuesday, January 9, 1912, at 1:30 p. m.

Per order,
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ROCKLAND THEATRE

The Greatest Laughing Hit in Vaudeville, "The Battle of Too Soon," Will Be the Christmas Attraction at This Theatre.

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AN EARLY RISER

Senator Gardner Finds That Madame Bettor Farm Schedule Does Not Obtain in Washington.

All his life Senator Obadiah Gardner our latest Democratic Senator from Maine—say it casually, just as if there always had been Democratic Senators from Maine—has been in the habit of getting up early in the morning. He is fond of being outdoors and of walking, and when he's at home he gets up and putters around an hour or so before breakfast. Then by 6:30 he feels like eating about 85 batter cakes and going ahead with the regular tasks of the day.

When he came to Washington to make his living by being United States Senator, Obadiah Gardner supposed that just as a matter of course, he would keep right on getting up early in the morning. The morning after his arrival he woke up about 5:45, tossed about in bed until he couldn't stand it any longer, then arose, dressed, and started out for a little walk before breakfast. He walked four or five miles through the broad, deserted streets of our National Capital, and ended up at his hotel for breakfast.

"Where's the dining room?" he asked the clerk.

"You wanted breakfast?" the clerk inquired back.

"Sure."

"Ah, I'll see what can be done. It's a little early yet, but perhaps we can get something for you."

The next morning the Maine Senator managed to sleep until a little after six, when he got up and started for another walk. This time the streets seemed even more deserted than the day before, and he was so lonesome when he got back to the hotel that he felt like picking a quarrel with somebody, just to make a conversation.

That night before retiring he sauntered up to the desk and said to the clerk in a low confidential tone: "I wish to leave a call for nine o'clock."—Washington Herald.

PRIZES FOR ESSAYS

Chance for Grammar School Pupils to Brush Up on History and Earn Some Pin Money.

For the purpose of encouraging the study of the various phases of the Revolutionary period of American History, the Maine Daughters of the American Revolution have offered three prizes on the best essay upon that subject, the particulars of which contest are given herewith.

For the best essay founded on any incident of the American Revolution, occurring between 1775 and 1783, \$8 will be given. The second and third prizes are \$5 and \$2 respectively.

Articles should be written on one side of paper only. Then must not be typewritten.

The essays will be limited to not less than 1000, nor more than 1500 words.

In judging articles, special attention will be paid to spelling, punctuation, paragraphing and originality of style.

All articles must be in the hands of the committee not later than February 1, 1912.

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ROCKVILLE

Mrs. Lucy Marsh, who has been visiting her daughter at Matinicus for the past few months, called on friends here last week.

Herman Fitzgerald, who has had employment at Poland Springs, has returned home.

There is to be a Christmas tree and entertainment at the church Saturday evening.

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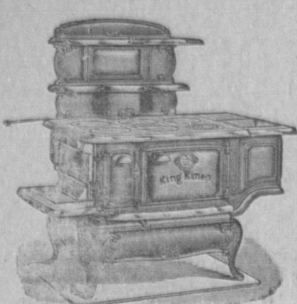
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Molly's Christmas Dinner

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"Hi but you couldn't really," Molly cried, incredulously. "Yes, I can," Mrs. Phelps insisted. She had a fancy to see how this pretty creature would take the men of her set. "I can lend you a gown and a hat and wrap, and you can take Vera Patterson's place. She has just telephoned that her cold is worse and that she can't be with us for Christmas dinner."

"I'd love it," Molly's eyes were like stars. "But—" "There are no 'buts,'" Mrs. Phelps said calmly. "If I choose to add another guest to my Christmas dinner no one can possibly criticize."

"I've never dined in any of the big hotels," Molly confessed. "Terry wanted to make me once, but I couldn't—not in my old clothes."

"I don't see why you don't have some nice gowns," Mrs. Phelps said. She had taken a fancy to her little seamstress; the girl's youth and beauty made her different from the usual cut-and-dried spinsters who work by the day.

"You could go around a lot if you had the things to wear."

Molly shook her head. "There are mother and father and Billy and Babe," she said. "I have to help out with the family expenses, and I mustn't spend everything on myself."

"So you just sit at home and stagnate," Mrs. Phelps complained.

Molly laughed. "Oh, Terry takes me out now and then."

"Well, he's a very nice boy who likes me," Molly confessed.

"And I suppose you'll marry him and be poor the rest of your life," was Mrs. Phelps' comment. "You're very silly, Molly."

Molly began to wonder if she wasn't silly. Here was an opportunity staring her in the face. Opportunity to meet rich men, opportunity to wear beautiful clothes.

"Do you really want me to go to your dinner?" she asked, half timidly. "Of course," Mrs. Phelps said; "and I want you to try on the gown now."

It was a wonderful gown of white chiffon with the hem heavy with silver. There was a twist of white tulle which banded Molly's red-gold hair, with a silver rose at the side. The slippers were silver, and a little loose on Molly's tiny feet.

"They can be tied on with ribbons," Mrs. Phelps decided, "and they won't show under that long skirt."

In front of the long mirror Molly saw a wonderful vision.

Mrs. Phelps brought from a box a long wrap of lace and ermine and rose-colored velvet.

"I was afraid that color wouldn't go with your hair," she said, "but it gives you distinction, after all."

On her way home, again clothed in her shabby suit, Molly told Terry about it.

"She is going to give a Christmas dinner at the Belvidere," she said, "and one of her guests has disappeared. She wants me to take her place, and I'm going to do it, Terry."

Terry's face fell. "Then you won't have dinner with us," he said. "We'll miss you, Molly."

"Oh, but it's my opportunity," her face was glowing. "Think of the people I'll meet."

He did think of the people she would meet, as he tramped home alone in the cold twilight. Terry knew something of the world, something of the men who would be at that dinner. Babe and Billy protested strongly when they learned that Molly, the light of the household, was to spend her Christmas evening away from them.

a gay retort until now. But the people around her lived in a world of their own. They talked of operas, of sports, of places of which Molly knew nothing. She didn't know that her pretty, blushing shyness charmed the multi-millionaire at her left and piqued the curiosity of the ambassador on her right. She was uncomfortable and self-conscious as she tried to fit her stammering little phrases to this new environment.

Gradually, as she gained poise, she confessed to herself that she was having a very stupid time. It wasn't a bit like Christmas; although the color scheme of the table was green and red, there was no holly, no mistletoe, just gorgeous American beauties and wide satin ribbons. She had a vision of the table set in the shabby dining room at home. In the center would be a great bunch of holly, and above it would hang a little wax angel. At one end she saw her father, his knife cutting through the crackling brown of the turkey's breast. The delicate fare of the hotel paled in comparison to her mother's cooking. At home there would be large helpings of mashed potatoes and turnips and gravy. The cranberry sauce would be served in big dishes.

As they drove home together, Mrs. Phelps said: "You were a success, my dear. If you will let me, I'll bring you out. Perhaps you will make a grand marriage. It would be a great thing for a girl like you."

Molly's response was not enthusiastic. She did not like to appear ungrateful, but she had had a most unhappy time. She had been a stranger in a strange land.

When she had changed her dress Mrs. Phelps sent her home in her car. Terry met her at the door. Back of him was the red light of the dining-room lamp. Babe and Billy fell on her neck and welcomed her, and father and mother smiled in the background.

Molly had gifts for all of them. The lilies went on the center of the table, and she had tied up candies and almonds in the corner of her handkerchief. "I had an awful time hiding them," she confessed, "but I knew how you'd like them."

She had a red rose for Terry. "The multi-millionaire gave it to me," she said. "Mrs. Phelps wants me to marry him."

Terry looked at her with his heart in his eyes, but he didn't say a word.

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METHODIST BROTHERHOOD

At Their December Meeting Listen To Interesting Address.

The regular meeting of the Methodist Brotherhood was held Monday night. After the supper which was delightfully served by members of the Ladies' Aid, the men adjourned to the parlors of the church for a short business session. The names of several men, who wished to join the Brotherhood were acted upon, and they were elected. After the business, the speaker of the evening was introduced by the pastor, in the presence of the Vice President, Mr. Merrifield.

The Rev. W. Arters of Congress Street, Methodist Episcopal Church, Portland, provided a worthy successor to the splendid line of speakers the Brotherhood has been so fortunate to secure. His subject was "Wanted, Men!" He said that while strong men, capable men, and great numbers of them were found to lead the van of the world's progress, in commerce, science, education and sociology, yet placed the supreme emphasis upon the moral and spiritual progress of the race. Men of large vision, strong personality, and pure motive. Men who saw in the foundation of the Christian religion, the world's right leader, and the world's only Saviour. Such men were wanted in the church, prompt in their responsiveness to the call of the Christ, for service to their fellow men. They were wanted to climb to the heights of Christian Endeavour, and Christian attainment. Men who would put their energies at the disposal of the world's Master, and thus receive in themselves, and for themselves, the heritage of a crowned manhood. What ever may be said as to the value of all other organizations to promote these ends, they were, even the best of them, but pale reflections of the supreme glory of the church, when set free to serve, and sustained in it the service by men who had seen its vision, and had surrendered to its claim. Men were wanted to put themselves at the head of the moral forces of the world, and the numbers of men who would support them.

He instanced the demand for men to sustain the unsullied integrity of the home, so vital to the life of any nation, and told of the vast army of scarlet women at this present moment, who represented a still vaster army of scarlet men, abroad in our land. He told of men, some of them, connected with Christian churches, whose property was to their knowledge, used for immoral purposes, and men were wanted who in the name of the home would protest against this flagrant violation of the laws of purity.

There were many reforms affecting the body politic that needed while the hearted pure motivated men to lead and support them. The moral progress of the world would be halted unless they were forthcoming.

Men were needed with hearts of sympathy for the suffering. The world was full of anguish, hidden sorrow, secret tears, unnumbered burdens, and society was in the main indifferent, cold unresponsive. Men were needed who would stand in the gap and show the flower and fruitage of the larger human in responding to the need of those less fortunate than themselves. The address was listened to with the closest attention by a marked approval of his views.

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Talk of the Town

Coming Neighborhood Events

Dec. 25—Annual Love and Ball of American Book and Ladder Co., at Arcade.
Dec. 26—R. H. S. dance, Temple hall.
Dec. 27—"The Family" at Empire Theatre.
Jan. 10—Chapman Concert, Empire Theatre.
Feb. 7—Mid-winter picnic of Half-Hour Club, observing Dickens' centennial.
Feb. 12-17—Mammoth Food Fair and Merchants' week.

This is our last call to the Christmas shoppers.

The Texas Oil Co. now has telephone connection. The number is 45. A full blown dandelion was picked on the public library lawn Wednesday.

Ralph E. Doherty has gone to Montreal, where he has a position on a railroad.

A Weber piano player has been installed at Rockland Theatre by Thomas of Camden.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crouse have taken the Hahn tenement, corner Willow and Union streets, for the winter months.

David L. Hall of Hope, who has been a subscriber to the Courier-Gazette 30 years, was a welcome visitor to this office Tuesday.

There are rumors in the air of a big granite contract, but those prizes are very elusive and it will not do to celebrate until it is a certainty.

It isn't too late to invest in a Christmas gift to be administered in the form of a year's subscription to the Courier-Gazette. Quite a number of persons have already done so.

Pauline Stevens dug a large mess of dandelion greens on Maple street Thursday, nowise disturbed by the fact that she frequently had to sweep aside the snow in order to locate the green leaves.

The appeal which appeared in the Courier-Gazette for clothing has brought many responses, and Ensign Corbett has been able to furnish clothing and shoes for many children. Let the good work continue.

The Salvation Army Corps is giving to every prisoner in the Thomaston penitentiary a holiday remembrance in the form of the Christmas number of the War Cry; and the same to the inmates of the almshouse and county jail.

Lobster prices took a big tumble this week as the result of large shipments from the Yarmouth district of Nova Scotia, where the law went off last Friday. Lobsters were quoted in Boston Wednesday at 18 cents a pound.

One of the most attractive holiday windows on Main street is at the Rising & Anderson bakery. The color scheme is purple and white. It is a window which appeals powerfully to the eye as well as to the stomach.

Claremont Commandery, Knights Templars is to hold an informal gathering at its asylum Monday at 11.30 a. m. to participate in the services of Christmas observance. Every knight is urged to be present, without uniform, as the services will be informal.

The friends who have contributed \$1 for foodstuff for the Christmas dinner, Ensign Corbett is sending the Christmas War Cry a receipt. Yours may not have come yet, but the Ensign is working until 2 every morning and will send it as soon as possible.

The three-story brick block at 441 Main street, occupied by the Rockland Hardware Co., has been bought by Harry E. Brown, agent. The sale was made by the owners, the Security Trust Co., five-sixths, and heirs of the late I. K. Kimball one-sixth, the price \$8000.

The lady who has been maintaining at her own expense a street lantern at the corner of Laurel street was highly indignant a few days ago to discover that it had been stolen. She said she would gladly have bought the thief one if she had known he was that hard up.

The charity work committee of the Universalist church says that 43 sweaters are needed for boys. "Have we not 43 men in the city who will give them?" asks the committee. It will communicate with Rev. P. A. Allen or with Miss Vivien Billings (telephone 103-3).

"I think a great deal of that dear old paper, and look forward to it each week with a good deal of pleasure. It contains all the news that your friends never think to write you." This very welcome note, accompanied by Christmas and New Year greetings was received by the Courier-Gazette this week from Elizabeth Peabody Nelson of Portland.

Numerous additions have been made to our subscription list the past week as the result of our gentle hint that the paper makes a welcome and inexpensive Christmas gift for the absent friend. Even if you do like to write letters you probably don't want to write your friend twice a week, and your letters cannot begin to contain the information that's in the Courier-Gazette, even at its driest.

In addition to the giving away of the Christmas baskets next Monday morning at 9.30 by the Salvation Army, Ensign Corbett has extended a very hearty invitation to the stranger within our gates—the fishermen, seamen or sailor, whose boats will be in for over Christmas and the men, being away from home, will have no place to go. The Ensign is arranging a nice supper, and in the evening the seats will be removed from the hall and old-fashioned games such as blind man's buff, musical chairs, etc., will be played. Also there will be a Christmas tree and if the "boys" want some fun with one another they can put things on the tree. The Ensign herself is nearly 3,000 miles from her own home and she comes from the land where Christmas is the one red-letter day on the almanac—where Christmas carols are sung and the yule log is burned, and where Santa Claus is a very real person. That is one reason why the Ensign will have that no stranger should be lonesome Monday evening.

ROCKLAND THEATRE—AL. V. ROSENBERG, MANAGER—TO-DAY

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Knox Lodge of Odd Fellows has its annual meeting next Monday night.

The Eastern Star Sewing Circle will meet Tuesday afternoon in Temple hall.

Frank H. Ingraham will lead the services in the Glencove schoolhouse Sunday at 1.30 p. m.

In the Methodist vestry Monday evening at 7.30 there will be a Christmas tree and concert.

Rockland Encampment elects officers this Friday night and will also have work on the Patriarchal degree. The postoffice general delivery and carrier windows will be open each evening this week as long as the force is at work.

A Rockland woman is enjoying pies made from mince meat that she "put up" 19 years ago and which kept perfectly in glass jars.

Clarence L. Norton of Plymouth, Me., and Inez Eva Lindsey of Rockland have filed intentions of marriage at City Clerk Knowlton's office.

We are now experiencing the shortest days of the year. But perhaps it doesn't seem that way to the tired clerks in Rockland's busy stores.

Candy-making is at its height at St. Clair & Allen's candy factory, St. street. Sidney M. Oxtom, foreman, and a crew of eight are working overtime.

Rev. H. W. Webb of Warren will address the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. S. Sunday afternoon. Miss Payson with cornet, and Miss Covel with violin, will assist in the service.

Suppers, lectures, etc., that are scheduled for the week preceding Christmas have to contend with a holiday interest that is paramount. People just can't do too many things.

Selectman Arthur U. Patterson of Vinalhaven was in the city Wednesday on town business. Early in the spring he expects to go into training for another baseball game between the Rockland and Vinalhaven Old Timers.

Christmas falls at a good time this year. Sunday gives everybody an opportunity to "rest up" from a week of hard work. The banks particularly enjoy the arrangement, giving them a holiday from Saturday noon to Tuesday morning.

Callers for mail at the postoffice greatly expedite matters if they will get into an orderly line at the delivery windows and move up in turn. When an attempt is made to push up from both sides the result is confusion, delay and general annoyance.

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The prospects are considered tolerably good that the Rockland, South Thomaston & St. George Railway will extend its tracks to the Keag next season. President Black speaks very hopefully of the proposition. Necessary surveys have already been made.

The dance to be given under High School auspices at Temple hall Christmas night will furnish a glad moment of winding up the day for those who are tired of amusements. The Bonnet Orchestra, under the direction of Cecil Copping, is to furnish the music, in itself a thing to look forward to with joyous expectation. A lot of home-coming boys and girls will be present.

Though he no longer plays the role of Santa Claus, he did a few years ago in the interests of the Boston Clothing Store, the juvenile mind still invests Charles Cables with the amount of awe befitting such an important personage as Uncle Sam. The 45 letters addressed to Santa Claus were thrust into the door of his bootblack stand opposite the St. Nicholas hotel, and the childish petitions made very interesting reading. During one of the Christmas seasons that Mr. Cables strode up and down Main street with his red garment and his long white whiskers he received fully 500 such letters.

The Bonnet orchestra programs at Fuller Cobb Co.'s have been varied by violin solos played by George F. Briegel, an accomplished master of the instrument, and songs from the Briegel publishing house sung by Mrs. Copping. The music counter which handles the Briegel publication exclusively is doing a lively business selling at special holiday prices "You Love Me" song, by Briegel; "The Dear Old Dells" and "Carol of the Bells" songs by Fischer; "Evelyn Waltzes," Purdy; "That Nifty Rag," Roberts; "The Skimooch" march, Copping. Mr. Copping's waltzes, "The Fatted Calf," have a place on the concert program and are now in process of publication.

The New Empire Theatre will give a free entertainment with moving pictures to the poor children of the city Christmas forenoon from 10 to 1.30. Fruit and candy will be given away to each child upon leaving the theatre. The churches, Salvation Army and local societies are especially requested to invite the poor children to the Empire Christmas forenoon.

Manager Rosenberg will give Christmas presents to all the children attending the Saturday matinee.

JAMES A. MORSE

A telegram received Thursday by Frank W. Morse announced the death at Augusta of his son James. The blow is a very heavy one to the father whose great helper upon the farm at Morse's Corner the young man had come to be. James A. Morse, who dies at the age of 28, was of the sixth generation born on the Morse farm, and bore the name of two of the ancestors who had lived there. He was a young man of sterling principles, exceedingly industrious and a born farmer. He not only knew how to farm but he early developed qualities of thrift, therefore he gave great promise of succeeding to and carrying on the old farm that so long has borne the family name. Last summer he developed ill health and has since steadily failed. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 o'clock at the home place and the interment will be in the family lot at Thomaston.

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The county commissioners and County Treasurer Murphy are wrestling with their annual reports. It is expected that the county's resources will show up a trifle better than the liabilities.

Elmer Woodbury, proprietor of the Belle Claire hotel in New York, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with one Rockland firm as creditor to a fairly large amount. Mr. Woodbury, who was for a long time identified with the restaurant business in Maine, has many acquaintances in Knox county.

F. J. Baker leaves next Monday for Palm Beach, Fla., where he again has the position of chief engineer at "The Breakers." Mr. Baker was telegraphed that they could not get along without his services.

Former Congressman Littlefield has been in Washington this week, appearing before Dr. Wiley, chief of the chemistry bureau, in the interest of the New York fish dealers. Mr. Wiley wants to know more about the cold storage of fish and is making a thorough investigation of the matter in view of the public health.

Main street merchants no longer manifest their oldtime rivalry as to which shall provide the most unique window decoration during the Christmas season. The modern theory seems to be that an attractive display of wares is more to the point, and in this respect they are certainly successful. At the same time there will be many persons who will experience a little pang of regret at the passing of the Santa Claus window.

As compared with most cities Rockland is backward in the matter of electrical illuminations on her business thoroughfares. The Rockland, Thomaston & Camden Street Railway and Albert T. Thurston have very attractive windows, and the two theatres are, as usual, conspicuous. If memory serves us correctly Clarence E. Daniels was the first Rockland merchant to undertake an electrical sign, and it was considered a great novelty.

One hundred and thirty poor children of this city received a pair of shoes as a Christmas gift from John S. Ranlett, Jr., this week, and to say that their faces beamed with joy is putting it mildly. The largest number of applicants he had in one day was known, we are sixty-five. After leaving Walter H. Spear's shoe store, upon whom all orders were given, the children were all newly shod and will for a long time remember their benefactor, whose charitable act is to be highly commended.

Earle D. Stevens, formerly in the employ of the Rockland, Thomaston & Camden Street Railway, is spending the winter at Pasadena, Calif., where he is employed as chauffeur for J. P. Bates of Lowell known firm of Cobb, Bates & Yerxa. His car is a six cylinder Pierce-Arrow of 48 h. p., and it is fair to assume that Earle is having a much better time shooting around the California posy beds than he would on the front end of a trolley car climbing "Crick" Hill in a zero atmosphere. In fact, he writes: "While you are having snow in the East everything is in bloom out here, and one cannot wear an overcoat except in the morning or at night." Mr. Stevens closes his letter with a regret that he cannot step into a "Brook" barber shop for a few minutes and help Fernald, Linnekin, Darggett and some of the other "patients" put it over "Huffy." Mr. Stevens' present address is the London hotel.

Mrs. Walter O'Brien, 246 Limerock street (telephone 421-13) will appreciate your holiday orders for home-made candy. Chocolates, assorted cream kisses, hoarhound drops, old-fashioned sliced peanut candy, and fresh sliced peanuts, will be delivered. Dainty Christmas packages furnished. Orders for evening parties solicited.

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Mills—Vinalhaven, December 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Manford L. Mills, a daughter, December 15, to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Smith, a son, Jones—Lewiston, December 8, to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones, a daughter, Sybil Viola.

MARRIED
Rowe—Moon—Rockland, Dec. 16, by C. M. Walker, J. P. Millard E. Rowe and Ber J. Moon, both of Rockland.
Davis—Spear—Thomaston, Dec. 19, by Rev. W. A. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Arlington, Mass., and Miss Annie B. Spear of South Warren.
Oliver—Stone—Rockland, Dec. 15, by A. W. Benner, N. F. James Oliver of Cushing and Vesta Stone of Thomaston.
Prentice—Weeks—Rockland, Dec. 15, by A. W. Benner, N. F. James Prentice of Cushing and Florence Weeks of Bristol, Maine.

DIED
Morse—Augusta, Dec. 21, James A. Morse, of Morse's Corner, Thomaston, aged 28 years. Funeral at the Morse home Sunday at 2 p. m. Interment at Thomaston.
Bisbee—Union, Dec. 5, Mrs. Lella (Moore) Bisbee, aged 61 years.
Clark—Warren, December 18, Luther Clark, aged 70 years, 6 months, 15 days. Interment at East Union.
Hopkins—Alameda, Cal., December 9, Julia (Upson), wife of Justin S. Hopkins, formerly of Union, aged 70 years.
Jones—Sticksy Corner, Dec. 12, Mrs. Lorenda B. Jones, aged 82 years, 1 month, 6 days.

AT THE CHURCHES

How Christmas Will Be Observed With Special Addresses and Music

The great world holiday will receive recognition at all the city churches on Sunday. Order of services so far as announced are as follows:

Congregational

The Christmas services at the Congregational church this year will be of special interest. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Mousley, will preach on "Christianity and the World's Peace." Miss Alice Fiske, organist, will be assisted by Mrs. Samuel Tibbets of Camden and Harold Havener of this city, violinists, who will play as a prelude "Divine Love" Ruff; offertory, "Serenade" Von Blon; postlude, "Triumphal March," Lemmens. Mrs. Grace Phelps Armstrong will sing two soprano solos, "Infant King," Neidinger, and "O Holy Night," Adams. The choir and congregation will sing "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." The second service will be at four o'clock in the afternoon and will consist of exercises by the Sunday school a short talk by the pastor and a Christmas tree for the children. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

St. Peter's Episcopal

This order of services will be observed at St. Peter's Episcopal church Christmas Day: First service, 7 a. m.; Festival services, 10.30. The order of music—Processional, "It Came upon the midnight clear"; Venite and benediction, "Angelic Chant"; Te Deum, Stephens; Introit hymn, "Come, all ye faithful"; Hymn, "Shout the glad tidings"; Communion service, Lovejoy in F; Offertory anthem, "Christmas remarks"; Recessional choral, "The snow lay on the ground." Sunday services at St. Peter's (4th Sunday in Advent) will consist of Holy communion at 7.30, morning prayer, litany and sermon at 10.30; evensong and sermon at 7.30. The rector, Rev. Russell Woodman, preaches morning and evening.

First Baptist

At the First Baptist church the pastor, Rev. W. J. Day, will preach appropriate sermons at both the morning service at 10.30 and the evening service at 7. Sunday school Christmas exercises at noon. The special music for the day will be as follows: Morning—Voluntary, "Holy Night," Buck; anthem, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come," Buck; solo, "The Angel's Message," Willis, Mrs. E. H. Crie; anthem, Christmas hymn, Malcom, solo by Kathleen Ingraham; offertory, "Christmas Musette," Mally; solo, "Berceuse," Hermann, violin by Miss Mary Jordan; anthem, "Brightest and Best," Buck, solo by Miss Elsie Hayden; postlude, "Marche Triumphant," Callerts, Evening—Voluntary, "Christmas Bells."

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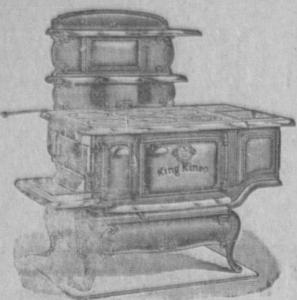
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She had a fancy to see how this pretty creature would take the men of her set. "I can lend you a gown and a hat and wrap, and you can take Vera Patterson's place. She has just telephoned that her cold is worse and that she can't be with us for Christmas dinner."

"I'd love it," Molly's eyes were like stars. "But—"

"There are no 'buts,'" Mrs. Phelps said calmly. "If I choose to add another guest to my Christmas dinner no one can possibly criticize."

"I've never dined in any of the big hotels," Molly confessed. "Terry wanted to make me once, but I couldn't—"

"I don't see why you don't have some nice gowns," Mrs. Phelps said.

She had taken a fancy to her little seamstress; the girl's youth and beauty made her different from the usual cut-and-dried spinsters who work by the day.

"You could go around a lot if you had the things to wear."

Molly shook her head. "There are mother and father and Billy and Babe," she said. "I have to help out with the family expenses, and I mustn't spend everything on myself."

"So you just sit at home and stagnate," Mrs. Phelps complained.

Molly laughed. "Oh, Terry takes me out now and then."

"Who is Terry?"

"Well, he's a very nice boy who likes me," Molly confessed.

"And I suppose you'll marry him and be poor the rest of your life," was Mrs. Phelps' comment. "You're very silly, Molly."

Molly began to wonder if she wasn't silly. Here was an opportunity staring her in the face. Opportunity to meet rich men, opportunity to wear beautiful clothes.

"Do you really want me to go to your dinner?" she asked, half timidly.

"Of course," Mrs. Phelps said; "and I want you to try on the gown now."

It was a wonderful gown of white chiffon with the hem heavy with silver. There was a twist of white tulle which banded Molly's red-gold hair, with a silver rose at the side. The slippers were silver, and a little loose on Molly's tiny feet.

"They can be tied on with ribbons," Mrs. Phelps decided, "and they won't show under that long skirt."

In front of the long mirror Molly saw a wonderful vision.

Mrs. Phelps brought from a box a long wrap of lace and ermine and rose-colored velvet.

"I was afraid that color wouldn't go with your hair," she said, "but it gives you distinction after all."

On her way home, again clothed in her shabby suit, Molly told Terry about it.

"She is going to give a Christmas dinner at the Belvidere," she said, "and one of her guests has disappeared her. She wants me to take her place, and I'm going to do it, Terry."

Terry's face fell. "Then you won't have dinner with us," he said. "We'll miss you, Molly."

"Oh, but it's my opportunity," her face was glowing. "Think of the people I'll meet."

He did think of the people she would meet, as he tramped home alone in the cold twilight. Terry knew something of the world, something of the men who would be at that dinner.

Babe and Billy protested strongly when they learned that Molly, the light of the household, was to spend her Christmas evening away from them.

"It will spoil all our fun," they said. "Terry will be here," Molly told them. "Mother has planned a late dinner, because he has to work part of the day."

She felt a little conscience-stricken, however, as she left them, and not until she had donned the beautiful gown at Mrs. Phelps' could she put the thought of their tearful faces out of her mind.

It was a wonderful experience to ride through the streets in the limousine, wrapped in the rose-colored cloak, with a great bunch of valley lilies in her hand. She felt like a princess, too, as she swept through the wide corridor of the hotel, following Mrs. Phelps.

Her pleasure was ended, however, when she met the other guests and sat down at the big round table. There was a confusing display of knives and forks and spoons, but her native wit prevented any awkwardness.

It was the men on each side of her, however, who alarmed her. Molly had never been at a loss for a word or

a gay retort until now. But the people around her lived in a world of their own. They talked of operas, of sports, of places of which Molly knew nothing. She didn't know that her pretty, blushing shyness charmed the multi-millionaire at her left and piqued the curiosity of the ambassador on her right. She was uncomfortable and self-conscious as she tried to fit her stammering little phrases to this new environment.

Gradually, as she gained poise, she confessed to herself that she was having a very stupid time. It wasn't a bit like Christmas; although the color scheme of the table was green and red, there was no holly, no mistletoe, just gorgeous American beauties and wide satin ribbons. She had a vision of the table set in the shabby dining room at home. In the center would be a great bunch of holly, and above it would hang a little was angel. At one end she saw her father, his knife cutting through the crackling brown of the turkey's breast. The delicate fare of the hotel paled in comparison to her mother's cooking. At home there would be large helpings of mashed potatoes and turnips and gravy. The cranberry sauce would be served in big dishes.

As they drove home together, Mrs. Phelps said: "You were a success, my dear. If you will let me, I'll bring you out. Perhaps you will make a grand marriage. It would be a great thing for a girl like you."

Molly's response was not enthusiastic. She did not like to appear ungrateful, but she had had a most unhappy time. She had been a stranger in a strange land.

When she had changed her dress Mrs. Phelps sent her home in her car. Terry met her at the door. Back of him was the red light of the dining-room lamp. Babe and Billy fell on her neck and welcomed her, and father and mother smiled in the background.

Molly had gifts for all of them. The lilies went on the center of the table, and she had tied up candies and almonds in the corner of her handkerchief. "I had an awful time hiding them," she confessed, "but I knew how you'd like them."

She had a red rose for Terry.

"The multi-millionaire gave it to me," she said. "Mrs. Phelps wants me to marry him."

Terry looked at her with his heart in his eyes, but he didn't say a word.

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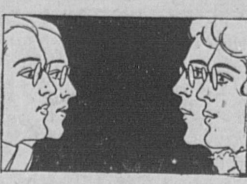
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METHODIST BROTHERHOOD

At Their December Meeting Listen To Interesting Address.

The regular meeting of the Methodist Brotherhood was held Monday night. After the supper which was delightfully served by members of the Ladies Aid, the men adjourned to the parlors of the church for a short business session. The names of several men, who wished to join the Brotherhood were acted upon, and they were elected. After the business, the speaker of the evening was introduced by the pastor, in the absence of the Vice President, Mr. Merrill.

The Rev. W. Atters of Congress Street, Methodist Episcopal Church, Portland, proved a worthy successor to the splendid line of speakers the Brotherhood has been so fortunate to secure. His subject was "Wanted, Men!" He said that while strong men, capable men, and great numbers of them were found to lead the van of the world's progress, in commercial pursuits, in scientific research, in educational development and along social lines, it still was true, that the world needed greatly men, who while they recognized the value of commerce, science, education and sociology, yet placed the supreme emphasis upon the moral and spiritual progress of the race. Men of large vision, strong personality, and pure motive. Men who saw in the Founder of the Christian religion, the world's rightful leader, and the world's only Saviour. Such men were wanted in the church, prompt in their response to the call of the Christ, for service to their fellow men. They were wanted to climb to the heights of Christian Endeavour, and Christian attainment. Men who would put their energies at the disposal of the world's Master, and thus receive in themselves, and for themselves, the heritage of a crowned manhood. What ever may be said as to the value of all other organizations to promote these ends, they were, even the best of them, but pale reflections of the supreme glory of the church, when set free to serve, and sustained in it the service by men who had seen its vision, and had surrendered to its claim. Men who were to put themselves at the head of the moral forces of the world, and great numbers of men who would support them.

He instanced the demand for men to sustain the vital integrity of the home, so vital to the life of any nation, and told of the vast army of scarlet women at this present mo-

ment, who represented a still vaster army of scarlet men, abroad in our land. He told of men, some of them, connected with Christian churches, whose property was to their knowledge, used for immoral purposes and men were wanted who in the name of the home would protest against this flagrant violation of the laws of purity.

There were many reforms affecting the body politic that needed whole hearted pure motives men to lead and support them. The moral progress of the world would be halted unless they were forthcoming. Men were needed with hearts of sympathy for the suffering. The world was full of anguish, hidden sorrow, secret tears, unnumbered burdens, and society was in the main indifferent, cold unresponsive. Men were needed who would stand in the gap and show the flower and fruitage of the larger human in responding to the need of those less fortunate than themselves. The address was listened to with the closest attention by his audience, and they evidenced a marked approval of his views.

Mr. Atters undoubtedly gripped his subject and gripped his audience as well. He will be heard with pleasure whenever he may again come this way.

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Coming Neighborhood Events
Dec. 25—Annual Love and Ball of American Home and Lumber Co. at Arcade.
Dec. 26—R. H. S. dance, Temple hall.
Dec. 27—"The Family" at Empire Theatre.
Jan. 10—Chapman Concert at Empire Theatre.
Feb. 7—Mid-winter picnic of Half-Breed Club, observing Dickens' centennial.
Feb. 12-17—Mammoth Food Fair and Merchants' week.

This is our last call to the Christmas shoppers.

The Texas Oil Co. now has telephone connection. The number is 45.

A full blown dandelion was picked on the public library lawn Wednesday.

Ralph E. Doherty has gone to Montreal, where he has a position on a railroad.

A Weser piano player has been installed at Rockland Theatre by Thomas of Camden.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crouse have taken the Hahn tenement, corner Willow and Union streets, for the winter months.

David L. Hall of Hope, who has been a subscriber to The Courier-Gazette 30 years, was a welcome visitor to this office Tuesday.

There are rumors in the air of a big granite contract, but those prizes are very elusive and it is a certainty.

It isn't too late to invest in a Christmas gift to be administered in the form of a year's subscription to The Courier-Gazette. Quite a number of persons have already done so.

Pauline Stevens dug a large mass of dandelion greens on Maple street Thursday, nowise deterred by the fact that she frequently had to sweep aside the snow in order to locate the green leaves.

The appeal which appeared in The Courier-Gazette for clothing has brought many responses, and Ensign Corbett has been able to furnish clothing and shoes for many children. Let the good work continue.

The Salvation Army Corps is giving to every prisoner in the Thomaston penitentiary a holiday remembrance in the form of the Christmas number of the War Cry; and the same to inmates of the almshouse and county jail.

Lobster prices took a big tumble this week as the result of large shipments from the Yarmouth district of Nova Scotia, where the law went off last Friday. Lobsters were quoted at 18 cents Wednesday at 18 cents a pound.

One of the most attractive holiday windows on Main street is at the Rising & Anderson bakery. The color scheme is purple and white. It is a window which appeals powerfully to the eye as well as to the stomach.

Claremont Commandery, Knights Templar, is to hold an informal gathering at its asylum Monday at 11.30 a. m. to participate in the services of Christmas observance. Every sir knight is urged to be present in uniform, as the services will be informal.

To the friends who have contributed \$1 for foodstuff for the Christmas dinner, Ensign Corbett is sending the Christmas War Cry as a receipt. Yours may not have come yet, but the Ensign is working until 2 every morning and will send it as soon as possible.

The three-story brick block at 441 Main street, occupied by the Rockland Hardware Co., has been bought by Harry E. Brown, agent. The block was made by the owners, the Security Trust Co., five-sixths, and heirs of the late I. K. Kimball one-sixth, the price \$8000.

The lady who has been maintaining at her own expense a street lantern at the corner of Laurel street was highly indignant a few days ago to discover that it had been stolen. She said she would gladly have bought the thief one if she had known he was that hard up.

The charity work committee of the Universalist church says that 43 sweaters are needed for boys, yet, but we need 43 men in the city who will give 43 men," asks the committee. If so, communicate with Rev. P. A. Allen or with Miss Vivian Billings (telephone 103-3).

"I think a great deal of that dear old paper, and look forward to each week with a good deal of pleasure. It contains news that your friends never think to write you." This very welcome note, accompanied by Christmas and New Year greetings was received by the absent friend, Elizabeth Nelson of Portland.

Numerous additions have been made to our subscription list the past week as the result of our gentle hint that the paper makes a welcome and inexpensive Christmas gift to the absent friend. Even if you do like to write letters you probably don't write to your friend twice a week, and your letters cannot begin to contain the information that's in The Courier-Gazette, even at its driest.

In addition to the giving away of the Christmas baskets next Monday morning at 9.30 by the Salvation Army, Ensign Corbett has extended a very hearty invitation to the stranger within our gates—the fishermen, seamen or sailor whose boats will be in for over Christmas and the men, being away from home, will have no place to go. The Ensign is arranging a nice supper, and in the evening the seats will be removed from the hall and old-fashioned games such as blind man's bluff, musical chairs, etc., will be played. Also there will be a Christmas tree and if the "boys" want some fun with one another they can put things on the tree. The Ensign herself is nearly 3,000 miles from her own home and she comes from the land where Christmas is the one red-letter day on the almanac—where Christmas carols are sung and the yule log is burned, and where Santa Claus is a very real person. That is one reason why the Ensign is anxious that no stranger should be lonesome Monday evening.

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Congregational

The Christmas services at the Congregational church this year will be of special interest. The pastor, Rev. H. Mousley, will preach on "Christianity and the World's Peace." Miss Alice Fiske, organist, will be assisted by Mrs. Samuel Tibbets of Camden and Harold Haveren of this city, violinists, who will play as a prelude "Divine Love" Ruff; offertory, "Serenade," Von Blon; postlude, "Triumphal March," Lemmens. Mrs. Grace Phelps Armstrong will sing two soprano solos, "Infant King," Adams, and "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." The choir and congregation will sing "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." The second service will be at four o'clock in the afternoon and will consist of exercises by the Sunday school, a short talk by the pastor and a Christmas tree for the children. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

St. Peter's Episcopal

This order of services will be observed at St. Peter's Episcopal church Christmas Day. First eucharist at 7 a. m.; Festival services, matins, address, second eucharist at 10.30. The order of music—Processional, "It Came upon the midnight clear," Venite and benediction, "Angels Chant," Te Deum, Stephens; Introit hymn, "O come, all ye faithful," Hymn, "Shout the glad tidings," Communion service, Loveday in F; Offertory anthem; Christmas remarks; Recessional, choral, "The snow lay on the ground." Sunday services at St. Peter's (4th Sunday in Advent) will consist of Holy communion at 7.30, morning prayer, litany and sermon at 10.30; evensong and sermon at 7.30. The rector, Rev. Russell Woodman, preaches morning and evening.

First Baptist

At the First Baptist church the pastor, Rev. W. J. Day, will preach appropriate sermons at both the morning service at 10.30 and the evening service at 7. Sunday school Christmas exercises at noon. The special music for the day will be as follows: Morning—Voluntary, "Holy Night," Buck; anthem, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come," Buck; solo, "The Angels Message," Willis, Mrs. E. H. Crie; anthem, "Christmas hymn, Malmen, solo by Kathleen Ingraham; offertory, "Christmas Musette," Mally; solo, "Berceuse," Hermann, violin by Miss Mary Jordan; anthem, "Brightest and Best," Buck, solo by Miss Elsie Hayden; postlude, "Marche Triumphant," Callaerts. Evening—Voluntary; anthem, "Christmas Bells."

Methodist Church

Sunday morning at the Methodist Episcopal church the pastor, Rev. Carl Garland, will preach from the subject "The Day Star of the World." The musical program will be as follows: Voluntary, "Chant Angelique," Gray; Hymn; Anthem, "There Were Shepherds Abiding," Spence; Solo, "Cantique de Noel," Adolphe Adams, Miss Brewer, violin obligato Miss Emma Covel; Gloria; Anthem, "Behold There Came Wise Men," Frey; Offertory; Hymn; Postlude. In the evening the service will be held in the auditorium. Mr. Garland's subject will be "The King." A splendid musical program, for which the choir has been preparing for some time, will be as follows: Voluntary, "March of the Magi Kings," Dubois; Anthem, "Rejoice Evermore," Hymn; Carol, Chorus of Girls; Solo, "Bethlehem," Beale, Miss Gladys Jones; Offertory, "Pastorale," Weed; Anthem, "Christmas," Harry Rowe Shelly; Postlude. The silver offering which will be taken on this occasion is for the benefit of the choir and it is hoped that all our people will respond liberally, as to a large extent the choir depends upon this fund for the necessary music for the year.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Cedar and Brewster streets.

Services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Subject of the lesson sermon, "Christ Jesus." Sunday school at 12. Wednesday evening meeting at 7.30.

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MARRIED

Rowe—Moon—Rockland, Dec. 10, by C. M. Baker, J. P. Mills, E. J. Warren, Bena J. Moon, both of Rockland. Davis—Spear—Thomaston, Dec. 19, by Rev. W. A. Newcombe, D. J. Warren, E. Davis of Arlington, Mass., and Miss Annie H. Spear of South Warren.

Ulmer—Stone—Rockland, Dec. 15, by A. W. Bentner, S. J. James Ulmer of Cushing and Vesta Stone of Thomaston.

Pratt—Weeks—Round Pond, Bristol, December 9, Stephen Pratt, of Round Pond, and Florence Weeks, of Bristol, Mills.

DIED

Morse—Augusta, Dec. 18, James A. Morse, of Morse's Corner, Thomaston, aged 29 years. Funeral at the Morse home Sunday at 2 p. m. Interment at Thomaston.

Bisbee—Union, Dec. 5, Mrs. Lella (Morse) Bisbee, aged 61 years.

Clark—Warren, December 18, Luther Clark, aged 70 years, 6 months, 15 days. Interment at Hopkins—Alameda, Cal., December 9, Julia (Hopkins), wife of Justin S. Hopkins, formerly of Vinalhaven, aged 60 years.

Jones—Sticksy Corner, Dec. 12, Mrs. Lorenda B. Jones, aged 25 years, 1 month, 5 days.

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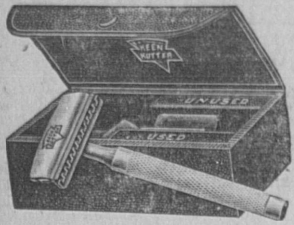
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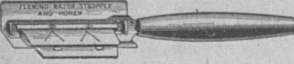
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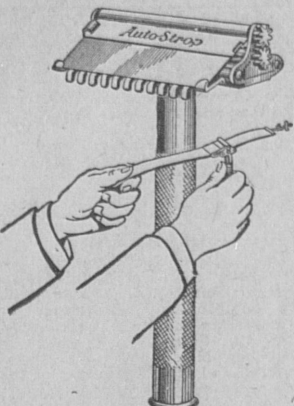
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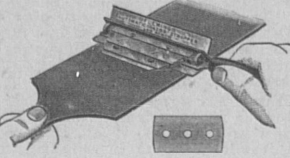
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A DAIRY CONFERENCE

A state dairy conference will be held at the Auditorium, Portland, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. Some very interesting speakers are expected to be present. The Department of Agriculture has the cooperation of the Portland Board of Trade and the Portland Farmers' Club, in holding this meeting. The Portland Board of Trade will furnish a banquet on Thursday evening. Liberal premiums will be offered on milk, cream, butter and cheese.

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As requisites for the production of good eggs and marketing them in good condition the following may be mentioned:

Hens that produce not only a goodly number of eggs but eggs of moderately large size (weighing two ounces each on an average) Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, Rhode Island Reds, Orpingtons and Leghorns or Minorcas that are used on egg farms are varieties that may be expected to do this.

Good housing, regular feeding and watering, and above all, clean, dry nests.

Daily gathering of eggs, and, when the temperature is above 80 degrees, gathering twice a day.

The confining of all broody hens as soon as discovered.

The rejection of doubtful of all eggs found in a nest that was not visited the previous day. Such eggs should be used at home, where each may be broken separately.

The placing of all summer eggs, as soon as gathered, in the coolest place available.

The prevention at all times of moisture in any form coming in contact with the eggshells.

The disposal of young cockerels before they begin to annoy the hens. Also the selling or confining of old male birds from the time hatching is over until cool weather in fall.

The using of cracked and dirty as well as small eggs at home. Such eggs, if consumed when fresh, are perfectly wholesome, but when marketed are discriminated against and are likely to become an entire loss.

The marketing of all eggs at least once a week and oftener when convenience allows.

Keeping eggs as cool and dry as possible while on the way to town and while in country stores.

Keeping eggs away from musty cellars or bad odors.

The use of strong, clean cases and good fillers.

The shipment of eggs to the final market at least once a week and as much oftener as possible.

The loss in this country due to the actual spoiling of eggs constitutes an enormous waste, which could in a large measure be saved were eggs given reasonable care from the time of laying until they reach the consumer.

The ideal condition of the egg trade is to bring the intelligent dealer who wants quality and will pay for it into close touch with the producer. Every factor in the egg trade that prevents this is detrimental to the progress of this important branch of extensive agriculture.

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When I sent for a sample bottle of Swamp-Root, I was in great distress day and night. Before I received sample by mail, I went to our best doctor (and he is second to none in this vicinity) and told him how I felt. He put me up a bottle of medicine. I was about a week taking the medicine, but was no better than when I began. I then began your sample bottle, and before I got through with it, I felt a change. The scalding sensation did not bother only a few times in the middle of the day. I would not have believed such a small quantity would have done so much, but before it was gone I learned that our druggist kept Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root and so got a large bottle for one dollar but actually worth one hundred dollars. I only took one large tablespoonful three times a day and before I had taken one-half bottle I was all right and have been since. Gratefully yours,

GEORGE S. CHAMPLIN,
Ashaway, R. I.
State of Rhode Island,
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Personally appeared Geo. S. Champlin, to me well known and made oath that the foregoing statement by him subscribed is true.
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ALL DRUGGISTS

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NORTH UNION

Robie Linscott of Springfield, Mass., is visiting his father, Elisha Linscott. Hazel Upham is home from Waltham, Mass., for a few weeks' visit.

Mrs. Hattie Whitten visited her sister, Mrs. Emma Fossett, recently.

Miss Blanche Robbins has returned home from Castine Normal school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry and Mrs. Emma Fossett, who have been visiting in Boston for the past two weeks, have returned home.

John Ripley has purchased a horse of G. Hall.

Oscar Carroll was in Rockland Tuesday on business.

Lightning Kills Few

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach trouble is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at W. H. Kittredge, Rockland; G. I. Robinson Drug Co., Thomaston; R. W. Wiley, Vinhaven.

WEST BROOKLIN

Gaynell and Windsor Bridges came home from Hebron Saturday to spend their vacations.

Mrs. Idella Peck has gone to Franklin for a few weeks.

Ahira Bridges left Thursday for Rockland where he has employment on the steamer Boothbay.

Mrs. Omar Eaton of South Billis is visiting relatives in town.

Miss Maud Wiley was in Rockland a few days last week.

David Bridges of steamer Boothbay spent Wednesday and Thursday at home.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that most infectious diseases such as whooping cough, diphtheria and scarlet fever are contracted when the child has a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will quickly cure a cold and greatly lessen the danger of contracting these diseases. This remedy is famous for its cures of colds. It contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given to a child with implicit confidence. Sold by Nordcross Drug Stores, Rockland; McDonald's Drug Store, Thomaston.

The Bawbee.

Englishmen are familiar with the name "bawbee," applied to the Scotch halfpenny, but to few does it bring the association of a baby queen and a loyal people. It appears that the first attempt at the portraiture of the unfortunate Mary, queen of Scots, was made in her infancy, and her small face was engraved upon the Scottish halfpennies at the time of her coronation in 1543, when she was but nine months old. A number of these small coins are still preserved, and it will be easily understood how the name "bawbee," or baby, came to be given to the coin bearing the effigy of the baby. The halfpenny of Scotland is still commonly called the bawbee, although the baby face no longer appears on it.—Pearson's.

The Wise Bride.

"Yes, the girls gave the bride a commiseration shower."

"What in the world is that?"
"Why, they all told her how sorry they were she was going to marry such a man as the coming bridegroom."

"That must have hurt her feelings."
"No, it didn't. She knew there wasn't a girl there who wouldn't have given her eyes to get him!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mixed Metaphors.

A well known bishop, speaking in the upper house of Canterbury convocation on prayer book revision, rather startled some of his Episcopal brethren by declaring, according to the Church Family Newspaper, "We are not writing on a clean slate; there is a good deal of grit under the door."

No Wonder.

"My husband has never spoken a cross word to me."
"You lucky woman! How long have you been married?"
"Nearly two weeks."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Gallantry.

She—It seems to me as though we had met somewhere before. He—Impossible, fraulein, else I should have fallen in love with you before!—Fleigende Blatter.

Do not accustom yourself to consider debt only an inconvenience. You will find it a calamity.—Johnson.

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GREAT PLAY COMING

"The Family" With J. Merton Stock in Leading Role Will Appear at the Empire Theatre, Dec. 27.

The widely heralded and much discussed play of home life, "The Family," which was produced with great success at the Comedy Theatre in New York, and received long and successful runs at the Powers Theatre in Chicago, and the Globe Theatre in Boston will receive its first local presentation here at the New Empire Theatre, Wednesday night, Dec. 27. The fundamental idea is to show in



"The Family," at the New Empire Theatre Wednesday, December 27.

a perfectly simple story, the tragic circumstances that grow out of the everyday life of an American family whose five members are struggling to solve the mysteries of their lives and their environment.

The action of the play creates situations that engulf all the characters. One by one, each member of the family is drawn into the maelstrom that whirls into their lives. The elder daughter, the son, the father, the mother.

A great cast of players have been engaged to interpret the roles of the play and include J. Merton Stock,

who was leading man in the Krotzer Sonata, and a stock man of long experience, playing roles of this kind. James P. Hagan is cast for the role of the son. Mr. Hagan has played many roles of this kind in many of the big successes during the last few years including "The Gentleman From Mississippi," "The Three of Us," "The Servant in the House," and many others. Miss Kathryn Stevens, who was featured with Dustin and William Farnham, plays the part of the impulsive daughter. Mrs. L. C. Yeomans, one of the best known character women on the stage is cast for the role of the mother. Miss

EAST UNION

There will be a New Years ball at this place Monday evening, Jan. 1. Refreshments will be on sale.

A. W. Payson, who has been ill with the grip, is convalescent.

Mrs. U. S. Winchaw went to Augusta last week where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Arthur Winchaw.

Mrs. Lelia (Moore) Bisbee died at her home Dec. 5, after a lingering illness, at the age of 64 years. She will be greatly missed in the community where she has been a life-long resident, and there will be a vacant place in the home where the deceased for many years ministered to those around her. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Everett Hastings of Warren and Miss Betha Bisbee of this place; one grandson, Maynard Hastings; and one sister, Mrs. Austin Poland of Warren. The funeral services were held from her late home last Friday afternoon, Rev. J. H. Lidstone officiating. Much sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

EAST FRIENDSHIP

Miss Ida M. Buat has closed her school for a two weeks' vacation, and is visiting at her home in Waterville.

Mrs. Cassie Conant has gone to Warren where she will spend the winter months.

T. J. Orne of Cushing was in this vicinity Monday.

Virgil Becket spent last Sunday in Thomaston.

Rev. Mr. Carter of Friendship, assisted by Revs. Taylor and Pelley of Friendship have been holding union services at the church.

Mrs. Lelia Thompson and son Willis of Thomaston are the guests of Mrs. Alameda Grafton.

Henry Vose of Thomaston is visiting friends here.

Miss Cassie Jameson spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Bess, the old family horse of E. J. Cook, dropped dead in her stall Sunday morning.

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STICKNEY CORNER

J. W. Farrar of Razorville was a caller here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Winchaw and B. F. and Ulysses Jones of Union attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Lorenda R. Jones, last Friday.

Henry and Ed. Snodgrass are working for James Meservey in Jefferson.

Reuben J. Sargent of Attleboro Falls, Mass., who was called here by the sudden death of Lorenda R. Jones, returned home Saturday.

WEST WASHINGTON

Miss Ida Matthews of Eastport is visiting her sister, Miss Alice Matthews.

Leroy Cunningham and mother attended the funeral of Lorenda Jones at Stickney Corner last Friday.

Walter Linscott of Jefferson spent Sunday at Frank Peaslee's.

Miss Florence Peaslee has gone to Jefferson to work for Fred Meservey.

Scott Lewis, who has been teaching at South Somerville, closed his school Friday, and has returned to his home at Albion.

Bert Jones of Jefferson is working for Alfonso Jones.

Miss Alice Chadwick has returned home from the Insane Asylum at Augusta where she has been working, and is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Isaac Keene.

Mrs. Lorenda R. Jones

It is with sadness that we chronicle the death of Mrs. Lorenda R. Jones of Stickney Corner, who died Dec. 12. Although 82 years old she was able to do a little work to pass away the time. She was the widow of the late Freeman Jones, who died some years ago, and by whom she had one daughter, Jerusha E. Jones, who has always lived with her and tenderly cared for her in her declining years. She was a member of the Baptist church for 40 years and always kept her Bible by her side. She has gone from us having crossed to the other shore in full hope of a blessed immortality. We firmly believe that our loss is her gain. Her bright, cheerful disposition won for her many friends and her life has been filled with helpful deeds and tender care of those near to her. She has passed on life's highway the stone that marks the highest point but in the bright morning of her womanhood has passed on to dwell with her Divine Master. To her loved ones we can only say in the language of the Master, "Let not your heart be troubled, for has he not also said, 'I will not leave you comfortless.' We know by that faith which abounds in the breast of every rational person that when the time comes and we too shall stand upon the brink of the dark river of time and the icy waters of death begin to break about us we shall not be as those without hope but straining our eyes across the murky water. We may hope and believe that we shall see and know her there. Beyond the sunset's radiant glow we shall yet stretch out our hands and reach the grasp of hers, not pallid in death, but glowing with the beauty of eternal life. The funeral services were held from her late residence Friday, Elder Bennett of Jefferson officiating. She was tenderly laid to rest in Razorville cemetery.

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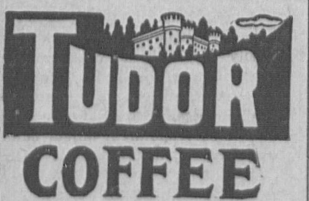
He in that newspaper article about Miss Oldgirl, her age wasn't mentioned.

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At the Old Home

by Lawrence T. Berliner.

STEARNS, the man of affairs, was a far different individual as a winter's evening found him deep in thought. A man of but little sentiment, was the way the world adjudged the financier. Yet there were whisperings of a youthful romance and early departure from home. No one ever dared broach the subject and it had long since been forgotten.

As Charles Stearns gazed into the fire in the library of his home, the flickering light seemed to recall days of the past. In fancy he saw again his boyhood home, his parents and acquaintances. How little they had been to him for so long a time!

Quarterly attendants he had supplied to the old folks, yet he had never heeded the call they sent out for their only son.

As the man sat musing, he spoke aloud:

"I believe I am getting sentimental. I think I shall surprise the old folks and pay them a visit for Christmas."

A thought meant an act with Stearns. His mind once made up, it took much to change it. His decision to return to the farm for the holiday gave him pleasure. He could hardly await the time when he was to start.

He bought presents for the old folks. He remembered his father's delight in watches. One of the finest to be had went into the satchel for him. The silk for a new dress made up a portion of what he planned for his mother.

It was a long journey to the old homestead. The train sped onward and each moment made the man more anxious to see his people and the old place again. But suddenly a thought occurred to him and his face blanched. He had forgotten; Stella Harrington might still be there.

All the memories of the past were swept aside and he thought only of her.

Once she had promised to make him happy. As he thought of that time, he sighed deeply. She had altered her life when she changed her mind at the last and threw him over.

He recalled the years of his boyhood companions as they sneered their rough witticisms at him. It was the way of the country and he could not stand the finger of scorn and had fled. That was in the long ago and he had almost forgotten—until now.

As the train stopped at the little station on the hill it seemed as if he had left it only yesterday.

But no—where was George White, the old agent? A young man filled his place. The driver of the stage was another stranger. Old Eb Brown was also a thing of the past.

None knew the portly middle-aged man as he strode towards the coach that plied between station and town. There was a moment's pause, while the driver gathered the mail, as old Eb had done so many times, and they were off.

As the rig rattled over the rough roads the man within watched with interest the scenes of his youth. The town had changed little in the years that had passed.

When the coach paused at the old homestead the man's eyes filled with tears. A woman came from the house; mother and son were in each other's arms.

On the porch stood his father to welcome the man home. With misty eyes the united family stood. All hearts were full. The parents' hopes had been realized and the prodigal had come home.

"How could I have remained away so long?" he asked again and again as the old folks bustled about, trying to make him comfortable.

"And, Charlie, you are now a banker they tell us," said his mother. "You, who left us so long ago, are the image of your father at your age."

"My boy," spoke the father, "it has been a long time since you went away, but we are mighty glad to have you back again."

The son's heart was too full for words. There was one question he would like to ask but the words refused to come.

"Charlie," questioned his mother, "have you ever been Stella since the day you went away? I know I ought not to speak of this, but I must."

"Mother!" All a boy's anguish came forth in that word. As of yore he buried his face in the parent's lap and sobbed.

She stroked his now thinning locks and the touch was magical. Why had he lost his parents for so many years? His joy was too much, too good, to last.

"I have never seen her," he said at last; "never since the day she promised to be my wife and then as quickly refused to marry me."

"My poor boy, do you remember Steve Briggs—the one that wore the fine clothes? He had much to do with Stella's refusal to keep her promise."

"She never told me just what he said, but it was enough to make her throw you over. You would never come back and she was too proud to write."

"Where is Stella now, mother?" asked the man.

"She lives in the old place by the creek. Charlie, you remember it—with all the apple trees behind the house?"

Well did the man remember the orchard where he had spent the autumn evening with his sweetheart. That evening found Stearns walking toward the creek. "I wonder how the old place looks," he thought.

There was the old-fashioned house, the porch with the long steps. Everything was as if the old days were still there.

A figure moved about in the parlor. He knew well where the parlor was. He heard the organ. It was Stella's favorite air. He paused and his eyes filled with tears as he heard that voice again.

Slowly he ascended the steps and pulled the bell. The playing stopped and he heard footsteps. The door opened and the light of the hall streamed upon his face.

It was evident that the woman failed to recognize him, for she looked askance as he spoke.

"Is this Stella Harrington?" he began, but the sound of his voice made her start.

"Charles Stearns, have you come back?" she gasped, and followed him into the room.

"So, Stella, you are keeping house alone now! You—you have not changed very much, either," he said earnestly.

He saw that her once golden tresses were streaked with gray, yet much of the youthful beauty remained and he found his heart quickening as he gazed at the woman.

"And you are the great banker they would have us believe—little Charlie Stearns, who used to be my tease at school?"

Neither had touched on the subject which seemed to be in the minds of both. At last the man could remain silent no longer.

"Stella, my mother has just told me why you changed your mind so many years ago. Why did you not tell me then?" he asked.

"Because I was too proud. When I found that he had lied, it was too late



"Charles Stearns, Have You Come Back?"

You had left home and no one knew where. I thought if you had really cared you would have come back," said Stella.

"And I have come back, my girl. Just what brought me here this Christmas I cannot realize, but I know I am glad to be back."

"And your parents—how happy they must be to have you with them again," she said. "Now, they can enjoy Christmas in the old way—just you three together."

"Stella, you are all alone. Won't you come to our house for dinner to-morrow? Let us celebrate in a modern way, and it will make the old folks so happy."

"Only the old folks?" she began, but the big man silenced her as he grasped her hands and said:

"Stella, I ask you what you refused me so many years ago. Will you be my wife? You are alone in the world and I want you."

"Charles, it is not out of pity you ask me this?" she questioned.

"No, dear girl, it is because my heart has been hungry for something all these years, and I did not realize until now that it was you I needed."

It was indeed a modern Christmas celebration at the old home. The parents turned away as they saw the younger pair under the mistletoe, so aptly hung by the thoughtful mother.

Yuletide in Australia.

In striking contrast to our own is the Christmas Day kept by our kinsfolk in Australasia. No snow or blazing log; no holly or mistletoe; only a bright sky, green trees, parched grass, and a blazing sun. Christmas is so inseparably associated by us with a cosy seat in front of a roaring fire that we can hardly realize eating our Christmas dinner on a veranda beneath a brilliantly blue sky, with every flowering plant in full bloom. But, "down under," picnics and garden parties are the order of the day. Many a delightful excursion into the country is arranged by the Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, and other townspeople, and Christmas Day is kept right merrily, far into the summer night.

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To the Taxpayers of Rockland, Maine:

An act of the Legislature of 1907 provides that all the real estate on which the taxes remain unpaid shall be sold by the Collector on the first Monday of February, following the date of commitment.

Under the provisions of this law it will be necessary for me to advertise real estate on which the taxes of 1911 are unpaid on or before December 25, 1911.

An act of the same Legislature requires the municipal officers to cause to be printed in their annual report the names of all delinquent taxpayers and the amount of tax due.

H. M. BROWN, Collector of Taxes

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4:45 p. m. for Bath, Brunswick, Portland and Seaboard, arriving in Portland 8:30 p. m.

7:00 a. m. Sundays only for Woolwich and way stations and for Portland and Portland except ferry transfers Woolwich to Bath, arriving in Woolwich at 8:50 a. m. Portland 11:55 a. m.

TRAINS ARRIVE

10:40 a. m. Morning train from Portland, Lewiston, Augusta, Waterville, Bangor, Portland and Seaboard.

4:30 p. m. from Boston, Portland, Lewiston and Bangor.

8:15 p. m. from Boston, Portland, Lewiston and Bangor.

1:10 p. m. Sundays only, from Woolwich and way stations, and from Boston and Portland except ferry transfer from Bath to Woolwich.

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Holiday Greetings

EASY TO Settle the Xmas Gifts

A hearty Holiday Welcome: Everyone is invited to visit our store, laden with useful Christmas gifts for men, women and children. Some gift suggestions as follows:

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Ladies' and Children's Comfy Slippers.....	1.00 to 1.50	Men's Gloves.....	.50 to 5.00
Men's and Boys' Leather Slippers.....	.50 to 2.00	Ladies' and Men's Coat Sweaters and Golf Coats.....	.50 to 7.00
Men's Sheepskin-lined Corduroy Coats.....	5.00 to 8.00	Ladies' and Men's Umbrellas.....	1.00 to 2.00
Men's Fur Coats.....	18.00 to 25.00	Hosiery, per pair.....	.15 to .50
Children's Yellow Oil Coats—Hats to match.....	2.50	Men's Neckwear.....	.25 to 1.00
Over-shoes—Men's, Women's, Girls' and Boys'.....	1.35 to 3.25	Men's Handkerchiefs, 10c, 15c, 2 for.....	.25 to 1.50
Men's and Boys' Felt and Rubber Slippers.....	1.75 to 4.00	Men's Suspenders.....	.25 to 1.00
Suit or Overcoat—a welcome present.....	12.00 to \$22.50	Men's Mufflers.....	.50 to 1.50
Men's Dress Shoes.....	3.00 to 5.00	Men's Smoking Jackets.....	5.00
		Men's Combination Sets—Suspenders, Arm Bands, Garters.....	.50 to 1.00
		Men's Slippers.....	.50 to 2.00
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CLOSING THE BOOKS ON 1911
I close my books on the year just passed with a feeling of gratitude. It has been my most prosperous year of the ten years in this section, and I feel quite sure the coming year of 1912 will find me ringing every door bell in this part of the country, for I intend it to be "A Hammer."

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LOBSTER PROPAGATION

What the State and Federal Government Did This Year to Aid an Important Maine Industry

James Donohue, commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries, made public Wednesday a review of the year's work on the propagation of lobsters, as conducted by his department in connection with the U. S. Hatchery. The report shows that 152,295,000 lobster fry were distributed along the Maine coast, and that there were also planted 8,607,000 cod fry, 19,139,000 haddock fry and 437,930,000 flatfish or flounder fry. The last named varieties were hatched early in the season before the lobster eggs were in condition for hatching. The statistics are accompanied by the following statement from the commissioner:

"The egg-bearing or mother lobsters are bought from the fishermen and put in a pound arranged for that purpose and retained there until such time as the eggs are in condition for hatching. They are then taken to the hatchery and stripped of the eggs, which are put in the hatching-jars for hatching, during which period there is a steady circulation of water drawn from the ocean and forced through the jars night and day, until the young lobsters are hatched, which takes place in April, May and June usually. The mother lobsters after being stripped of their eggs are returned to the locations along the coast from which they were collected, and the young lobsters are supplied of breeders for future use in their natural element."

"After the young are in condition they are taken to the locations from which the mother lobsters were taken, and liberated, in the proportion of fifteen thousand to each adult so taken. The little ones are liberated in protected coves and harbors, among the eel-grass when possible, as locations of this kind are a paradise for them and are not frequented much by other varieties of fish. The work of collection and distribution is done with two boats, the steamer Gannet owned by the federal government, and the large power boat Sheldrake owned by the state. Capt. Packard of the Sheldrake stated that he had run this boat nearly 8000 miles this season, doing this lobster work."

"The state usually appropriates \$5000 per year for this department; but Commissioner Donohue in his last estimate to the legislature reduced it to \$4000, which will be sufficient for the work."

"The lobster business is one of Maine's largest industries. The value received by the fishermen for the catch of 1910 was \$2,143,204."

Deposits of lobster fry were made in this vicinity during June and July as follows:

Delano's Cove, Lawry,	1,000,000
Friendship Harbor,	3,000,000
New Harbor,	1,000,000
Vinalhaven Harbor,	7,000,000
Brown's Cove and Pulpit Hbr.,	2,000,000
Eagle Island Harbor,	500,000
Lazell's Harbor, Camden,	500,000
Stonington Harbor,	2,000,000
Old Harbor, Swan's Island,	2,000,000
Joyce Beach, Swan's Island,	250,000
Grays Cove, Deer Island,	1,000,000
Metinic Island Harbor,	1,250,000
Tenants Harbor,	3,750,000
Wheeler's Bay, near Elwell's Island, St. George,	1,500,000
Sal Harbor Bay, near Rack-Hill's Island,	4,500,000
Rockland Harbor,	8,000,000
S. W. Harbor, Sunset,	500,000
Swayner's Cove, Little Deer Island,	500,000
Friendship Harbor,	1,500,000
Rockport Harbor,	500,000
Rockland Harbor,	5,000,000

The readers of this paper should not fail to read the Rockland, Thomaston & Camden Street Railway advertisement on Housewiring.

Happiness Suggestions

To add Xmas Pleasure to the home the Best Christmas Present is a **Weser Interior Player Piano**. The next best Christmas gift is a **Weser Upright Piano**, and the next pleasure given is a **Victor Talking Machine** with its wonderful variety.

You are invited to make up a party and come to Thomas' Music Store and listen to the **BIG \$200 VICTOR VICTROLA** in grand opera selections by Caruso, Melba, Farrar, Constanino, Emma Eames, and many other world famous artists.

MORE SUGGESTIONS—The **Regina Music Boxes**, up to \$130, **Cornets, Clarinets, Violins, Banjos, Guitars, Mandolins, Harmonicas** big and little, make splendid Christmas gifts.

DO YOUR

Christmas Shopping

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Glad Tidings

Ring out, ring long, ye joyous bell
Send forth its echoes far and wide
A glad love message tell
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NOTES FOR CORRESPONDENTS

The following suggestions are offered to the force of local correspondents of The Courier-Gazette in the hope that they may be of value in the preparation of news letters with which these correspondents each week favor us. This paper is very proud of its intelligent and loyal corps of correspondents, who in so ample and able a manner preserve the local history, the comings and goings, and social happenings of their several communities. Some of these suggestions are of particular importance, others are not so vital, and yet if all of them can be followed the result will be very gratifying to the writer, to the newspaper, and to the readers of the various paragraphs:

First: Write on only one side of the paper.
Second: Write each item separate and leave at least half an inch between items. It is a good idea to separate each item by drawing a line across the sheet.
Third: Never abbreviate; leave that for the editor to do if it is required.
Fourth: Be very careful in writing proper names. If in doubt print the letters. Persons are provoked at seeing their names spelled wrongly.
Fifth: Be sure when you have finished your items that every word is plainly written.

Sixth: Date and sign all communications.

Seventh: Always use the day of the week; instead of saying yesterday, today, tomorrow, last night, etc.

Eighth: Be prompt in sending in items of exceptional interest, rather than waiting to include them in your weekly letter.

Ninth: Never let personal prejudice or feeling interfere in your work as correspondent.

Tenth: Do not write A. M. or P. M.; write morning, afternoon or evening.

Eleventh: Never send items which are meant as a joke, or in which there is a hidden meaning, for if they find their way into print it is unpleasant to the victim and of little interest to others.

If The Courier-Gazette correspondents will endeavor to follow these suggestions it will result in a general improvement in their work and will greatly help out those in the office who handle these news letters and prepare the copy for the printers.

We cordially appreciate and thank our correspondents for their loyal and active cooperation in making these columns of interest and value and we assure them that we shall continue to appreciate their efforts in the future.

Observance of the simple rules given above will be of great help to all concerned.

WITH POLITICAL FLAVOR

Some Items Which Will Remind Our Readers That Another Campaign is Near at Hand.

When asked at Lewiston this week how he liked his work at Washington Senator Gardner replied: "I have hardly had my work cut out for me yet, as there seems to be some misunderstanding as to what committees I should be placed on. The committee assignments are not of my choosing, but if they were, I could easily tell what committees I would select. A special request has already been received at Washington from allied agricultural organizations that I go on the committee on agriculture. Then on account of my personal interest in the success of the parcels post, a place on the committee on post offices and post roads would be particularly pleasing to me." Senator Gardner also expressed himself as favorable to the Sherwood pension bill.

A boom has appeared in the Middle West that has for its object the nomination of Senator Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana for the Republican candidate for the Presidency and it is stated that the movement has behind it the support of several of the influential newspapers of that section.

Bath people do not believe that Hon. A. H. Shaw of Bath would turn down the Republican nomination for governor. They also believe he would make a strong candidate. Although not very well known here in Knox county none but the most favorable reports have been heard concerning him.

That Theodore Roosevelt will not be a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination next year, is the message that will be delivered by Gifford Pinchot in his address at Medina, Ohio, this Friday night. This information was received in Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday in a telegram to the Ohio Progressive League, from Walter L. Houser, national manager of the La Follette campaign. Let's see, didn't Col. Roosevelt settle that matter quite definitely some weeks ago?

The Augusta correspondent of the Boston Transcript says that some of the Maine Democrats are trying to effect a compromise which will strengthen the chances of both Mr. McGillicuddy and Mr. Gould. To do so they would have to violate Maine practice of half a century, and cross county lines, dividing Cumberland and Penobscot, the two most popular counties in the state. According to that compromise plan, the first district would comprise the counties of York, Oxford, Franklin and nineteen of the twenty-six towns and cities in Cumberland county.

The second district would comprise Androscoggin, Sagadahoc, Lincoln and Knox counties, and the towns of Harpswell, Freeport, Brunswick, Yarmouth, Cumberland and Falmouth, and the city of Portland in Cumberland county. The third district would comprise the present third with the addition of a portion of southern Penobscot county, including the city of Bangor. The new fourth would comprise the present fourth, with the exception of the portion of Penobscot annexed to the new third. It would be a Republican district. One of these two plans for redistricting Maine probably will be enacted by this Democratic Legislature.

Candidates seeking county, state and federal nominations will soon be busy circulating petitions, which will entitle them to places on the primary ballots next June. Each candidate must have a separate petition. His petition must be signed only by members of his own party who are qualified to vote in the constituency at whose hands he seeks a election. The number of signers of any petition must be not less than one per cent. nor more than two per cent of the total vote cast for governor in the constituency at the election last preceding. Each signature must be accompanied by the bona fide address of the signer. One signer or the person who circulates a petition must swear to a statement that to the best of his knowledge and belief the signatures are genuine, and that the signers are properly qualified as members of the proper party and as electors. It is illegal to sign a petition before Jan. 1, and the petition must be filed with the Secretary of State on or before the first Monday in May. Each petition must contain not only the name of the candidate in whose behalf it is signed, but also his address and party. A very important point to remember is that the same man can sign only one petition for nomination to the same office.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

The Courier-Gazette has a large list of contributors in the neighboring towns, from some of whom it hears regularly, some occasionally. Many of them have fallen into the habit of omitting to sign their communications. We wish they would return to the rule of signatures in order that the identity of news letters may be easily established. So many of our contributors now have their mail addressed on rural delivery routes that it is difficult sometimes to connect letter and correspondent unless name accompanies manuscript.

An Illustration.
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Some Points of Interest Concerning an Industry That Means a Great Deal to Rockland.

Standing upon the highest point of Owl's Head, and gazing due east across Munroe's Island, the spectator's attention is directed to four dark blots on the blue surface of Penobscot Bay, which are presently identified as buoys. It is in the natural order of things for a stranger to ask why the presence of these buoys in deep water, and in the answers he learns of two things which have served to give the locality a widespread reputation.

The four buoys were placed there in 1906 to designate the measured mile course on which are tried all of the new dreadnoughts of the United States Navy. Incidentally they mark the exact location of the world's greatest scallop beds and it is with that notable industry that this article is to deal.

Scallop a Delicacy

The scallop as a sea food has not yet been given its proper value in the State where most of the bivalves are now caught, and like the lobster it finds its greatest market in cities to the westward where no proper cafe would for a moment think of omitting it from the menu in season.

Of the 22 varieties of fish listed in the annual report of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries for 1910 only four exceeded the scallop in value of the year's catch, and this fact takes on an added significance when you stop to consider that the scallop industry is at present confined almost wholly to two bays, and the season is limited to the winter months when the fishermen count themselves fortunate to average two good days a week.

In 1909 the Maine scallop catch was 1,858,383 pounds valued at \$162,128. The Knox county beds contributed 990,000 pounds, valued at \$77,000, and the Hancock county beds contributed \$39,664 pounds valued at \$83,071. In 1910 the total catch was 2,027,121 pounds valued at \$183,389. Hancock county beds showed a production of about 2,000 pounds less than for the previous year, but the prices had appreciated, and the catch though smaller was worth more to the fishermen.

Knox County Beds

Knox county beds on the other hand passed the million-pound mark for the first time in their history, the exact number, as given in Commissioner Donohue's report being 1,470,000 pounds, valued at \$97,500. The report for 1910 ends Nov. 30, at the very beginning of what was doubtless a record breaking year in the scallop industry. The figures for 1911 are not yet available, but it is not doubted that there were taken from the Penobscot Bay beds in Knox county the enormous total of one and one-half million pounds of scallops.

The industry in Maine was formerly prosecuted almost wholly in and around Bluehill bay, where the water was fairly shallow, and where the scallops could be dredged at less trouble and expense.

The existence of scallops in Penobscot Bay, a few miles outside of Monroë's Island, and six or seven miles from this city, was known years ago when the ground fishermen frequently brought them to the surface in their trawls.

If this were the case why did not the industry have its beginning in Penobscot Bay long ago? the lands man asks. Then the fishermen, pitying the landsman's ignorance, hasten to explain that the scallop beds existed in a depth of water that varied from 40 to 90 fathoms, and could not

be fished to a profit with boats and dredges operated by hand.

Power Boats Did It

Power boats with powerful marine engines came into vogue, opening the door to new possibilities for the lobster fishermen and making the scallop fisheries a mere matter of equipment. Under the old method of scallop fishing the net or dredge was hoisted by means of a hand windlass. In a small boat and shallow water this was very tedious work. In the deeper water which covers the Penobscot Bay scallop grounds it would have been impracticable, if not impossible.

The scallop fleet on the Maine coast comprises at present upward of 100 boats, all operated by power, and representing a wide variety of styles and

sizes. They range in cost from \$300 to \$2000. The boat and outfit which can be obtained at the former price has either been in use a long time or has been sold as a sacrifice by somebody who thought scalloping was a summer picnic, and was glad to retire from the business at almost any price. The average cost of boat and equipment is close to \$800, from which it will be seen that there is invested in the Maine scallop industry at the present time not far from \$75,000. The most costly outfits are those used by P. K. Reed and Arthur Bain of Owl's Head. Mr. Bain's craft has two engines, each 12 1/2 h. p.

It should be said by way of explanation that the investment above referred to is not wholly for an industry that endures only a few months in the year. Many of the fishermen hail from the vicinity of Southwest Harbor, Tremont and Mt. Desert, and when the season ends they hie away to other grounds in pursuit of lobsters, ground fish, or to the Grand Banks, as fancy may dictate. They represent the brawn and pluck of the communities from which they hail, and many of them are regarded as among the most prosperous citizens

of their respective towns. Rockland, Camden, Owl's Head and Vinalhaven are the home ports of many scallop boats.

Boats Start Early

Between 2 and 3 a. m. there is a commotion in each of these harbors as the boats start out for the scallop beds, and it awakens a strong suspicion on the part of disturbed citizens that the muffler law is obeyed none too scrupulously. This racket has led to such a protest in Camden that the selectmen were asked to take action. There has been considerable cussing about the matter here in Rockland, but it is realized that the industry means a great deal to the city, and no official protest has ever been made.

The objects of getting underway so early in the morning with the destination so near at hand are two-fold. First, because it is generally so much calmer in the early hours of the day, and rough seas are a great handicap to the scallop fishermen. The second reason is the obvious one, that it gives more hours in which to fish before the early winter night comes on.

The prudent scallop fisherman does not venture forth in rough weather, preferring to sit beside a hot stove and berate the wholesale dealers and commission merchants in the big markets.

The two essentials of a scallop fisherman's outfit are a marine engine and a dredge or drag as it is more commonly known among the fishermen. The engines vary in horse power from 5 to 7 1/2 in the smaller boats, and not only serve as a means of propulsion but to hoist the scallop-laden drags. The better class of boats have two engines, for the reason that they would be absolutely powerless in a rough sea if they were equipped with but one engine and it became disabled. The majority of them take their chances, however, and it speaks well for the efficiency of the engines in use on these boats that a craft seldom has to be towed in.

Dredges Are Expensive

The scallop dredge costs about \$40, and is so easily lost as to make serious inroads upon the fisherman's profit. It consists of a strip of heavy iron about four feet long, to which a large bag net is attached by means of holes punctured in the rim. Ropes are attached to each end of the drag, which sinks to the bottom by virtue of the iron weight.

The boat is then started over the beds, and down on the bottom the iron strip is lifting the scallops from their resting place, and they slide naturally into the net. The fishermen can readily tell by the weight of the drag when it is full, and the power is set in motion that hoists it to the surface, where its contents are speedily dumped into the boat.

Back goes the drag for a repetition of this performance, but while the second dredging is in progress the contents of the first net are being shucked. If the first haul was an especially heavy one—say two or three barrels—the shucking process is not completed until the homeward journey. A drag will frequently bring to the surface seven or eight bushels of scallops, and the combined burden represents no small figure, for the drags themselves weigh 300 and 350 pounds.

Fishermen who thought they had made a big haul a few days ago were considerably chagrined to find in their net a rock, which must have weighed 300 or 400 pounds.

Strange Sea Denizens

Dredging in 90 fathoms of water brings to light many strange denizens of the deep, and about all of the ordinary breeds of fish that inhabit these waters. A large lobster was found in one of the nets last week. Many of the scallop shells are very large and attached to them are beautiful coral formations.

The scallop fisherman who does not



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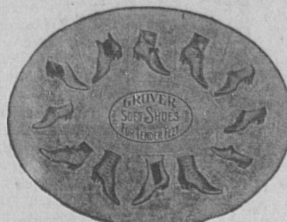
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ed prices as high as \$2.10 a gallon. Here in Rockland, the nearest market to the Penobscot Bay beds, the retail price of scallops is often 40 cents a quart and has never gone below 20 cents.

Fancy Prices Paid

Before the raid on the Penobscot Bay beds began the Maine supply was so limited that fancy prices obtained. At one time the fishermen received as high as \$2.75 a gallon for all they could furnish.

Last year the price paid to the fishermen averaged 90 cents a gallon. The lowest price they have ever received was 30 cents a gallon, and then fancy their disgust, for it was estimated that the expense of scallop fishing is 32 cents a gallon.

What has been referred to in this article as the Penobscot Bay beds mean those that are identified with the naval trial course and are about four miles long, but in reality there is good scallop fishing far south as Tenants Harbor.

When warship trials are in progress the scallop fishermen take an enforced vacation, but these trials are so infrequent that not much time is lost in this manner, and is more than offset by the convenience which the buoys set by the Navy Department are to the fishermen.

Fearing that the threatened examination of the Maine lobster supply will have its parallel in the scallop industry, Commissioner Donohue of this city early outlined a plan of protection. The Penobscot Bay beds were closed by act of Legislature from April 15 to Oct. 1.

The consequence was that the fishermen would operate in this bay during the fall and winter, and then transfer the scene of activities to those localities which did not have a closed season.

Temptation to Poach

The temptation to poach on the protected beds of Penobscot Bay was too strong for some fishermen to resist. In foggy weather their operations could not be seen from the shore. There came also to the ears of Commissioner Donohue a report that some fishermen were operating on the beds by lantern light. It was easy to dispose of the scallops with the statement that they were caught in unprotected bays, and it was equally difficult to apprehend the poachers without placing wardens constantly on guard.

So Commissioner Donohue endorsed by a large majority of the fishermen hit upon a more effective plan, and Legislature closed all of the scallop beds on the Maine coast from April 15 to Nov. 1st. The possession of scallops or attempt to dispose of them became a matter of such risk that the poachers laid down their playthings.

Whether the closed season will remain in force longer than 1912 remains to be seen. Some of the fishermen strongly favor it, seeing in that law the only method of conserving a supply of food product that is bound to become more valuable with each passing year. On the other hand some of the wholesale dealers oppose close time, particularly for the month of October, saying that Massachusetts, with open time that month, gets the cream of the market.

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