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A WORD OF WARNING.

Farmers have been made so often the victims of sharpers that I am glad of any opportunity to drop a word which may save them from loss. The copartnership ownership of a stallion has been urged and adopted in many localities, and I have no doubt that under some conditions it has proved profitable and been an aid to the improvement of the stock of a neighborhood; but the experience of the farmers in my township a few years ago proved that it may be made a swindle, and that farmers who are contemplating a move in this direction should be exceedingly careful and know just what they are doing before going into any such arrangement. I found afterward that not only in my locality but in many others the same swindling game had been practiced.

In order to show the dangers to be avoided in an arrangement of this kind I will give briefly the history of this particular case. I noticed one day in the barnyard of my neighbor, who lives only two or three hundred yards from me, a horse which in the distance seemed to be an animal of fine figure and carriage; but, not knowing why he was there, the matter soon passed from my mind. A year or two later I learned the history of the whole transaction. A smooth tongued jockey from a neighboring county seat brought the horse to my town, and secured the services of a young veterinary surgeon to help him get acquainted with the farmers and urge them to form a joint stock company for the purchase of the horse. The animal, which was a very showy one, impressed favorably those who saw him, but few of whom were good judges of stock, and the result was that a stock company was made up to buy the horse at $1,500, the price at which he was valued by the jockey who had him in charge. With a persuasive tongue this man easily convinced the farmers that in three or four years the entire purchase money would be refunded from the services of the horse, and that in the mean time their colts would cost them nothing; he experienced little difficulty in making up the required number, and the bargain was closed. A year's experience, however, led the farmers to doubt whether they had acted wisely, as the animal did not prove a sure foal getter. About thirty colts was the result of the first year's experience, and the expense of keeping the horse very nearly used up all the receipts. Then good judges who examined the horse told them that they had been badly swindled in the price, and one of the best judges of horses in the village, after examining him and being told to put a just estimate on his value, said the horse was worth $60; and when, at the end of two years, the company disbanded and the horse was sold at auction he brought just $80. This would have been bad enough in itself, but there was another feature entirely unlooked for which made the transaction worse, which was that after they had secured eight or ten names of responsible farmers the company was filled up to the maximum of stockholders by taking in boys and men of no credit, and a joint note was taken for the entire purchase money. The result was that the responsible men in the company had to pay the entire amount, and it cost them $170 each.

It seems to me that these facts should be put before the farmers and that they should be exceedingly careful in forming an association of this kind. First, they should be certain as to the value of the horse itself; second, they should know the history of the horse in the past as to what he has done, not only as to the style and value of the colts of his get, but also as to whether or not he is a sure breeder; and, third, they should refuse to give a joint note, but let each member assume his share, and only his share, of the financial obligation. As near as I could learn, the men who formed the club did not meet together to consult, and possibly none of them knew who all the members were, so there was every chance for the man who sold the horse to swindle them. Probably, also, few of the men knew that they would be held responsible for more than their pro rata share of the purchase money, while under the laws of Ohio men signing a joint note are held individually responsible for the entire amount. If there had been only one man of sufficient means to meet it he would have been obliged to pay the entire sum.

I have given the history of this one transaction, which I am told was duplicated in many localities, in order to show the farmers the dangers and possibilities of such a transaction and to lead them to investigate carefully and know just what they are doing before any such arrangement is entered into.—New York Tribune.

THINK IT OVER.

Some people carry the special purpose idea so far that they have one gun to shoot squirrels and another to shoot birds, says the Weekly Manchester Union. This is well enough for sportsmen who do most of their shooting with their mouths around the club rooms, but one gun can be made useful in killing several kinds of game if the hunter shoots for what he lives at instead of what he will have to tell about it. In a region where birds and squirrels are equally plenty and their value nearly the same, a man who was shooting for business would only kill one kind of game. This seems to be about the situation of some of our farmers on good stock farms which are out of reach of associated dairying yet have been holding to the idea that if they made butter they must have cows that were admitted to be good for nothing else.

With the Ayrshires making the best butter in the state of New Hampshire, and Devons making the most butter in a given time of any full blood herd in Worcester County, Mass., as the records show is the case, and with the present price of beef and the prospect of its continuance, it begins to look as if the dairy farmer might as well provide himself with a gun that will carry more than one kind of ammunition.

When people return from their chase after specialties and get ready to settle down to safe business, we believe, with the Maine Farmer, that the Devon cattle will be entitled to and will receive more recognition on New England farms than they have in the past when it was all beef or all butter. No person, however prejudiced in favor of any other breed for a special purpose, can fail to admire the rich and uniform color of a herd of Devon cattle. Their intelligence and quick motions make them useful where work is done with oxen.

It begins to look as if some points of merit had been overlooked in the rush for special purpose animals.

Individual cows vary in their milk test from day to day. This variation is sometimes above the normal, and at times, below. Hence the mixed milk from a herd runs evener than that of a single cow. If any considerable jump is found in the butter fat of the mixed milk it is due to some other cause than the cows which produced it.

Maud S., 2:08 3-4, the famous trotter, owned by the Bonner estate, died at Port Chester, N. Y., recently. The former champion trotter of the world had just been taken to Schults' farm at Port Chester from New York, and it was intended to use her for breeding purposes. She was formerly owned by Wm. H. Vanderbilt, who paid $20,000 for her. Mr. Vanderbilt afterward sold her to Robert Bonner for $40,000. She obtained her record in 1885.—Farmer.

HOLSTEIN MILK.

EXPERT OPINIONS AS TO ITS VALUE.

"In an absolutely just contest, solids not fat must receive due credit. The milk of the Holstein-Friesian breed produces a relatively higher percent of such solids as compared to fat, than does the milk of the Jersey and Guernsey breeds. These have a commercial value and a nutritive value rated by some scientists above that of the fat."

So said Mr. S. Hoxie in a communication to the "New England Farmer" of March 3d. As the statement seemed somewhat misleading, we asked the opinions of a number of experts with the results expressed below:

The claim of the Holstein-Friesian association is probably correct, that the milk of cows of that breed contains as a rule "a relatively higher percent of solids not fat than does the milk of the Jersey and Guernsey breeds." But the word "relatively" should be emphasized. The whole thing hinges on that word. The presumption is that the word relatively refers to the relation between the fats and the solids, not fat percentages. It is not far from truth to say that average Holstein milk will contain three percent of fat and nine percent of solids not fat; average Jersey milk 5 percent of fat and 9.5 to 10 percent solids not fat. In the first case the relation is as one is to three, and in the second case as one is to 1.9 or 2. Average Holstein milk does not contain a higher percent of solids not fat, but a relatively higher percent of solids not fat. Average Jersey and Guernsey milk actually contains to the hundred pounds more fat and also more solids not fat, and is worth more for every purpose for which milk is used, than is one hundred pounds of average Holstein milk.

As to the statement "the solids not fat have a commercial and nutritive value rated by some scientists above that of fat," I would say that it is quite generally conceded by those who are acquainted with dietary matters that certain portions of solids not fat have a higher dietetic value than the fat. I have yet to learn that anybody has ever claimed a higher commercial value for any of the ingredients of the solids not fat than for the fat. JOSEPH L. HILLS.
Director Vt. Exp. Sta.

It is true that the solids not fat in Holstein and Ayrshire milk is relatively larger than is the case with Jersey or Guernsey milk. I cannot understand, however, how this fact can be made the basis of a claim for the superiority of Holstein milk. As a source of energy the fats of butter are worth at least two and one-quarter times as much as the nitrogen compounds or the sugar of the milk. The fat of milk has a commercial value which, at the present time, is at least equal to that of the other solids, which are a mixture of proteids and sugar. In my judgment the promoters of the Holstein-Friesian breed are not justified in claiming either commercial or nutritive superiority for the solids of Holstein milk over those in the milk of other grades. W. H. JORDAN.
Director N. Y. Experiment Station.

While milk of the Holstein-Friesian breed contains relatively a higher percent of fat than that of the Jersey or Guernsey breed it does not contain an absolutely higher percent. More than 130 analyses of milks from each of these three breeds shows the Holstein-Friesian milk to average the lowest in actual percent of solids not fat. C. S. PHELPS.
Conn. Experiment Station.

I am not aware that solids not fat in milk have much commercial value. Nitrogenous solids certainly have a high nutritive value. On this account skim milk is a cheap source of protein for the food of man. It should be used to a much better advantage on the farm than it now is. CHAS. D. WOODS.
Director Maine Experiment Station.
—N. E. Farmer.

SOW CLOVER.

My first eye opening lesson about clover was learned fifteen years ago from my brother, then a man of keen observation, thirty years old. One day in August, in the midst of a drouth of many weeks, when meadows and pastures were parched and dead, he said, "Come along." He took me to his farm to some yellow clay knolls from which a good crop of wheat had been cut. "Look at that"—and I didn't need the order twice; there in the drill rows were clover plants, short but stocky, thrifty and green—right on those yellow clay knolls, right in the midst of that drouth! It set me thinking.

Again, I recall a hillside, almost perpendicular, guttered, washed, clay. The owner, in his ambitious vigor, ploughed it, broke up chunks as big as a bushel basket—no one knows how he ever could make a team walk there. For years past heavy crops of clover and wheat are raised on that declivity—no more wash, no more gutters, no more waste land.

After these many years of study and observation, I asked myself the other day, "As a factor in good farming, what rank does clover hold?" I said: "Clover is the fundamental factor—on clay land." Curious to know what answer my brother, now a progressive, successful farmer, would make to the same question, I asked him, "As a factor in good farming, what have you to say of clover?"

"It's the only one," was the laconic reply. Again I asked: "If clover is 'the only,' why do most farmers make so little of it?" A.—Why is it that Jones here is starving on two hundred acres of land, while Smith on forty makes a good living? Because they are too lazy to think, too shiftless to do, and too fearful somebody else will make a cent if they "get a move on."

Q.—What's the best argument for clover?

A.—Did you ever see a clover field with water on it? No. Well, clover is a cheap, effective means of draining, aerating, loosening and deepening the soil. The second strong argument for clover is that when it has done its work on the soil it can be used in more ways than any other hay plant. Not only cows and sheep, but pigs, poultry and horses thrive on it as on no other feed.

The main difficulty about raising clover? Well, that is the fact that the seed hasn't got legs; it cannot go out and sow itself. The main thing about getting clover started on a farm is to sow it in the right time. Then those sterile knolls want a top dressing of manure very evenly spread on in February or March, not too thick, or it will injure the wheat. This, with a heavy dose of phosphate and bone (I have run out at the rate of seven hundred pounds to the acre on these knolls) will insure a catch after mowing.—N. Y. Tribune.

FARM FAGOTS.

"What is this ice going to do for the grass?" is a question that is being asked on every hand. Throughout central and southern Maine the ground is covered with a thick coating of ice. Sometimes ice kills wherever it lies, while in other seasons it works no injury. Just how we are to fare this spring is a matter of general interest.

From lack of personal letters from dairymen directly interested, it looks as though the bill to drive out oleo would be killed, as also that to secure pure food. We wonder how many butter makers in Maine have expressed themselves to their senator or representative. Rest assured the friends of these frauds have been active all the while.

The apple trade the past winter on the whole has been disappointing to dealers and shippers. Apples have not kept well, and a large part of the shipments have arrived across the water in bad condition. They are worth no more in first hands now than at picking time last fall.

SPRING FEVER.

Lazy, lazy, lazy!
Hit's de springtime comin' sho'.
Hit's put de tiah'dness in mah back
Twell I cain't wuk no mo'.
Lazy, lazy, lazy!
Twell I cain't shovel coal.
But Marfy do de washin'
Foh de white folks, bress 'er soul.

Lazy, lazy, lazy!
Want to git out in a boat,
En' watch de co'k a-bobbin',
En' jes' lay dah en' float.
Tiah'd, tiah'd, tiah'd!
Hit mus' be in de ath.
En' Marfy—she'd be lazy
Ef she had de time to spath.

Lazy, lazy, lazy!
Jes' es feeble es kin be.
I's mos' too tiah'd to eat de stuff
Dat Marfy cook foh me.
Tiah'd, tiah'd, tiah'd!
I jes' cain't draw mah breff.
When Marfy done dat washin'
She c'n take hit home huhse'f.
—Baltimore American.

"THE GREATEST STUDY OF MANKIND IS MAN."

And woman too. Yes, and so the child, for the child is the miniature of the man, and apes the man, the father's ways, if-so-be he has the father's care, if not he apes the rabble, and whatsoever he obtains, in later years he sifts, retains the good, or ill, as suits his taste. To study man we must commence at the bottom, and follow from child to man.

For an object lesson we will consider the post office of an afternoon in a country village on the arrival of the mail. There you will find an indiscriminate collection of humanity. Old men, young men, young gents and ladies, and children galore. The old men are demure enough, the young folks somewhat "spooney"—is that the word?

When the mail is open there is a general rush, as though they had had no mail for a hundred years, and the young child is as anxious for papa's or grandpa's mail as any. The farmer from five miles away, anxious to be home at chore time, or the youth from the rural portions of the town, must wait, or crowd and crush with men, children and crinoline, until they are possessed with a sense of disgust with themselves.

The rural youth, be it understood, scarcely ever crowd, but with silent dignity quietly wait the villagers' pleasure. No spooning among the rurals, with quiet dignity they wait. The horny-handed farmer sometimes asserts his rights, and, in this world of "first come, first served," this is right.

Why not consider the rights of the rurals? Why not adopt the golden rule, and treat them as you would wish to be treated under like conditions? It is because we do not stop to consider the claims of justice and politeness.

We should naturally conclude that the youth brought up in a village, with the greater advantages of education, would excel the rural young in politeness, but it is scarcely so. The young men many times are more polite and courteous to elderly people than the opposite sex, or, to put it differently, one will notice more young ladies "all gone on themselves" than young men.

Perhaps they are not so much to blame. They may have been to boarding school and acquired an exalted opinion of themselves, and this opinion may have been accentuated by parental pride, to the great disadvantage of the child. The child may have heard harsh comments on neighbors from their parents, who for virtue stood head and shoulders above their calumniators, but the child is unaware of this, and inheriting the narrow intellect of the parent, is not likely to soon learn differently.

We all are in great need of educators, especially in the art of politeness. Of this the writer is individually aware, and if this one branch was more generally attended to in schools, of what incalculable benefit it would be to any community. But when teachers are employed that have no knowledge of true politeness, who will pass a poor neighbor on the street unnoticed, and smother one of the elite with smiles and caresses, what can be expected of the child?

In conclusion, we will call on the youth to note our public men and women, those who never allow the smaller amenities to pass, or pass unnoticed the poor and lowly of earth. Please note in what esteem they are held, compared with the haughty and imperious man or woman. U KNOW.

OBITUARY.

MRS. J. H. RAWSON.

Mrs. Jerusha Holmes Rawson was born Feb. 22, 1804, at Oxford, Maine. She was a daughter of Capt. James Holmes of Oxford. She was married May 22, 1832, to Mr. Lyman Rawson, son of Capt. Abner Rawson of Paris. She attended school at Paris Hill Academy and Foxcroft Academy and one time attended a boarding school in Portland taught by Master Cushman of Andover. Here she had for a schoolmate Miss Holmes, a cousin, who afterward married Mr. St. John Smith of Portland. Mrs. Rawson was an only daughter having had eight brothers, four married and settled in the eastern part of the state, one in Norway, and two in Oxford, her brother, Rawson Holmes, living on the old homestead. One brother lived in California. Her oldest brother married Miss Vesta Hamlin, sister of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin.

Mrs. Rawson was a lady of the "Old School," she was a woman of broad views more than an average in point of intellect. She was very strong as an advocate of temperance and believed in prohibition. She was also very much interested in all questions of the day, had all the papers and kept abreast of the times. She was very much interested in all matters pertaining to the church. About seven years ago she united with the Congregational church at Rumford Point, which was very near her old home where she had spent her married life of more than 67 years. For some years she had spent her winters with a daughter in Brooklyn, N. Y., coming every summer to Rumford Point as long as she lived. She had done a great work. She had a family of four daughters and two sons. The youngest son and daughter only survive her, and with whom she spent her last days in Brooklyn, N. Y. She was most charitable and kind to the poor, helpful to the young struggling with the hard problems of life, ever cheerful and most patient under all trials and we believe she has made a happy exchange and gone to "inherit the promises." She passed away October, 1899, in Brooklyn and was brought to Rumford Point for interment.

SHE PICKED IT UP.

At what age does Young America begin to assert itself?

A young woman of a neighboring town, who has many friends here, while engaged in her household affairs was rehearsing a selection which she was to read before a public audience later on. In the course of the reading occurred the passage: "I'll punch his ugly head." A little 2-year-old daughter in the room was so absorbed in play with her toys that she appeared entirely obtuse to anything going on around her. But several hours after the play with her brother of 4 years was abruptly cut short by his running to his mother and sadly exclaiming: "Mamma, sister says she'll punch my ugly head."

From the above is there not afforded a subject fit for sages to contemplate?

The city of Lewiston has begun suit against ex-Tax Collector E. C. Woodside, to recover a matter of $5,000 which the city claims is due it in abatements allowed corporations and individuals while Mr. Woodside was collector, illegally. The attachment was made Monday and the writ is returnable at the April term of the Supreme Judicial Court for Androscoggin County.

In one Maine town meeting the assembled village Hampdens spent a good part of the day "argufying" whether the boys and girls in the public schools of the town should have their recess period together or separately.

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ROBERT HARDY'S SEVEN DAYS.

A DREAM AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

BY REV. CHARLES M. SHELDON,

Author of "In His Steps," "The Crucifixion of Philip Strong," "Malcom Kirk," Etc.

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CHAPTER IV.

It was now 10 o'clock, and the day seemed to him cruelly brief for the work he had to do. He entered the office, and almost the first thing he saw on his desk was the following letter, addressed to him, but written in a disguised hand:

Mr. Hardy—Us in the casting room don't need no looking after, but maybe the next pot of hot iron that explodes will be next the offis if you thinks we have bodies but no sols some morning you will wake up beleving another thing. We ain't so easy led as sum supposes. Better look to house and employ spesul patrol; if you do we will blak his face for him.

There was no signature to this threatening scrawl, which was purposely misspelled and ungrammatically composed. Mr. Hardy had received threats before and paid little attention to them. He prided himself on his steady nerves and his contempt of all such methods used to scare him. Only a coward, he reasoned, would ever write an anonymous letter of such a character. Still this morning he felt disturbed. His peculiar circumstances made the whole situation take on a more vivid coloring. Besides all that, he could not escape the conviction that he was in a certain sense responsible for the accident in the casting room. It was not his particular business to inspect machinery. But his attention had been called to it, and he felt now as if he had been criminally careless in not making the inspection in the absence of the regular officer. An investigation of the accident would free Mr. Hardy from legal responsibility, but in the sight of God he felt that he was morally guilty. At this moment Mr. Burns came in. He looked sullen and spoke in a low tone:

"Only half the men are back this morning, sir. Scoville's death and the injuries of the others have had a bad effect on the men."

Mr. Hardy crumpled the letter nervously in his hand.

"Mr. Burns, I would like to apologize to you for my neglect of the injured men. Who are they and how badly are they hurt?"

The features of the dead man were fixed in an expression of despair.

Burns looked surprised, but made answer, describing briefly the accidents. Mr. Hardy listened intently with bowed head. At last he looked up and said abruptly:

"Come into the casting room."

They went out of the office, passed through the repairing shops and entered the foundry department. Even on that bright winter morning, with the air outside so clear and cool, the atmosphere in this place was murky and close. The forges in the blacksmith room at the farther end glowed through the smoke and dust like smoldering piles of rubbish dumped here and there by chance upon some desolate moor and stirred by ill omened demons of the nether world. Mr. Hardy shuddered as he thought of standing in such an atmosphere all day to work at severe muscular toil. He recalled with sharp vividness a request made only two months before for dust fans which had proved successful in other shops and which would remove a large part of the heavy, coal laden air, supplying fresh air in its place. The company had refused the request and had even said through one of its officers that when the men wore out the company could easily get more.

Mr. Hardy and the foreman paused at the entrance to the casting room where the men had been injured the day before. A few men were working sullenly. Mr. Hardy asked the foreman to call the men together near the other end of the room; he wanted to say something to them. He walked over there while the foreman spoke to the men. They dropped their tools and came over to where Mr. Hardy was standing. They were mostly Scandinavians and Germans, with a sprinkling of Irish and Americans. Mr. Hardy looked at them thoughtfully. They were a hard looking crowd. Then he said very slowly and distinctly:

"You may quit work until after Scoville's funeral. The machinery here needs overhauling."

The men stood impassive for a moment. Finally a big Dane stepped up and said:

"We be no minded to quit work these times. We no can afford it. Give us work in some other place."

Mr. Hardy looked at him and replied quietly:

"The wages will go on just the same while you are out."

There was a perceptible stir among the men. They looked confused and incredulous. Mr. Hardy still looked at them thoughtfully.

Finally the big Dane stepped forward again and said, speaking more respectfully than he did at first:

"Mr. Hardy, we be thinking maybe you would like to help towards him the family of the dead and others as be hurt. I been 'pointed to take up purse for poor fellows injured. We all take hand in't. My brother be one lose his two eyes."

A tear actually rolled down the grimy cheek of the big fellow and dropped into the coal dust at his feet. Mr. Hardy realized that he was looking at a brother man. He choked down a sob and putting his hand in his pocket pulled out all the change he had and poured it into the Dane's hand. Then, seeing that it was only $4 or $5, he pulled out his purse and emptied that of its bills, while Burns, the foreman, and all the men looked on in stupefied wonder.

"No, no thanks! I'll do something more."

Mr. Hardy walked away, feeling as if the ground were heavy under him. What was all his money compared with that life which had been sacrificed in that gas poisoned sepulcher? He could not banish from his mind the picture of that face as it looked to him when he drew back the sheet and looked at it.

He hurried back to the office through the yard and sat down at the well worn desk. The mail had come in, and half a dozen letters lay there. What did it all amount to, this grind of business, when the heartache of the world called for so much sympathy? Then over him came the sense of his obligations to his family—Clara's need of a father's help, George going to the bad, Alice in need of sympathy, his wife weeping even now at home, the church and Sunday school where he had been of so little use, the family of Scoville to be provided for, the other injured men to be visited, improvements for the welfare of the men in the shops to be looked after and the routine of his business—all these things crowded in upon him, and still he saw the face and heard the voice of Eternity, "Seven days more to live!"

He sank into a reverie for a moment. He was roused by the sounding of the noon whistle. What, noon already? So swiftly had the time gone! He turned to his desk, bewildered, and picked up his letters, glanced over them hurriedly and then gave directions for the answers of some of them to his impatient clerk, who had been wondering at his employer's strange behavior this morning. Among the letters was one which made his cheek burn with self reproach. It was an invitation to a club dinner to be given that evening in honor of some visiting railroad president.

It was just such an occasion as he had enjoyed very many times before, and the recollection brought to mind the number of times he had gone away from his home and left his wife sitting drearily by the fire. How could he have done it? He tossed the gilded invitation fiercely into the wastebasket and, rising, walked his room, thinking, thinking. He had so much to do and so little time to do it in! He thought thus a moment, then went out and walked rapidly over to the hotel where he was in the habit of getting lunch when he did not go home. He ate a little hurriedly and then hastened out.

As he was going out upon the sidewalk two young men came in and jostled against him. They were smoking and talking in a loud tone. Mr. Hardy caught the sound of his own name. He looked at the speaker, and it was the face of the young man he had seen in his dream, the one who had insulted George and struck him afterward. For a moment Mr. Hardy was tempted to confront the youth and inquire into his son's habits.

"No," he said to himself after a pause; "I will have a good talk with George himself. That will be the best."

He hurried back to the office and arranged some necessary work for his clerk, took a walk through the other office, then went to the telephone and called up the superintendent of the Sunday school, who was a bookkeeper in a clothing house. He felt an intense desire to arrange for an interview with him as soon as possible. Word came back from the house that the superintendent had been called out of town by serious illness in his old home and would not be back until Saturday. Mr. Hardy felt a disappointment more keen than the occasion seemed to warrant. He was conscious that the time was very brief. He had fully made up his mind that so far as in him lay he would redeem his selfish past and make a week such as few men ever made. He was just beginning to realize that circumstances are not always in our control. We are obliged to wait for time to do some things. We cannot redeem seven years of selfishness with seven days of self denial. The death

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of Scoville revealed to Mr. Hardy his powerlessness in the face of certain possibilities. He now feared that the superintendent would fail to return in time to let him confess to him his just sorrow for his lack of service in the school. He sat down to his desk and under that impulse wrote a letter that expressed in part how he felt. Then he jotted down the following items to be referred to the proper authorities of the road:

Item 1. The dust in the blacksmith shop and in the brass polishing rooms is largely unnecessary. The new Englefield revolving rolling fans and elevator ought to be introduced in both departments. The cost will be but an item to the road and would prolong the life and add to the comfort of the employees. Very important.

Item 2. Organized and intelligent effort should be made by all railroad corporations to lessen Sunday work in shops and on the road. All perishable freight should be so handled as to call for the services of as few men on Sunday as possible, and excursion and passenger trains should be discontinued except in cases of unavoidable necessity.

Item 3. The inspection of boilers, retorts, castings, machinery of all kinds, should be made by thoroughly competent and responsible men, who shall answer for all unnecessary accidents by swift and severe punishment in case of loss of life or limb.

Item 4. In case of injury or death to employees, if incurred through the neglect of the company to provide safety, it should provide financial relief for the families thus injured or stricken by death and so far as possible arrange for their future.

Item 5. Any well organized railroad could, with profit to its employees, have upon its staff of salaried men a corps of chaplains or preachers whose business is would be to look after the religious interests of the employees.

Under this last item Mr. Hardy wrote in a footnote, "Discuss feasibility of this with Mr. B., influential director."

It was now 3 o'clock. The short winter day was fast drawing to a close. The hum of the great engine in the machine shop was growing very wearisome to the manager. He felt sick of its throbbing tremor and longed to escape from it. Ordinarily he would have gone to the clubroom and had a game of chess with a member, or else he would have gone down and idled away an hour or two before supper at the Art museum, where he was a constant visitor—that was when he had plenty of time and the business of the office was not pressing. Young Wellman, however, had succeeded to the clerical details of the shops, and Mr. Hardy's time was generally free after 4 o'clock.

He had been oppressed with the thought of the other injured men. He must go and see them. He could not rest till he had personally visited them. He went out and easily ascertained where the men lived. Never before did the contrast between the dull, uninteresting row of shop tenements and his own elegant home rise up so sharply before him. In fact, he had never given it much thought before. Now, as he looked forward to the end of the week, he knew that at its close he would be no richer, no better able to enjoy luxuries than the dead man lying in No. 700. He wondered vaguely but passionately how he could make use of what he had heaped together to make the daily lives of some of these poor men happier.

He found the man who had lost both eyes sitting up in bed and feeling in a pathetic manner of a few blocks of wood which one of the children in the room had brought to him. He was a big, powerful man like his brother, the large boned Dane, and it seemed a very pitiful thing that he should be lying there like a baby when his muscles were as powerful as ever. The brother was in the room with the injured man, and he said to him:

"Olaf, Mr. Hardy come to see you."

"Hardy? Hardy?" queried the man in a peevish tone. "What do I know him to be?"

"The manager. The one who donate so really much moneys to you."

"Ah!" with an indescribable accent. "He make me work on Sunday. He lose me my two eyes. A bad man, Svord. I will no have anything to do with him."

And the old descendant of a thousand kings turned his face to the wall and would not even so much as make a motion toward his visitor. His brother offered a rude apology. Mr. Hardy replied in a low tone:

"Say nothing about it. I deserve all your brother says. But for a good reason I wish Olaf would say he forgives me."

Mr. Hardy came nearer the bed and spoke very earnestly and as if he had known the man intimately:

"I did you a great wrong to order the work on Sunday and in not doing my duty concerning the inspection of the machinery. I have come to say so and to ask your forgiveness. I may never see you again. Will you say to me, 'Brother, I forgive you?'"

There was a moment of absolute passivity on the part of the big fellow; then a very large and brawny hand was extended, and the blind man said: "Yes, I forgive. We learned that in the old Bible at Svendorf."

Mr. Hardy laid his hand in the other, and his lips moved in prayer of humble thanksgiving. What, Robert Hardy! Is this that proud man who only the day before was so lifted up with selfishness that he could coldly criticise his own minister for saying that people ought to be more Christlike? Are you standing here in this poor man's house which two days ago you would not have deigned to enter and beseeching him as your brother in the great family of God to forgive you for what you have done and left undone? Yes; you have looked into the Face of Eternity; you realize now what life really means and what souls are really worth.

He went out after a few words with the family and saw all the other injured men. By the time he had finished these visits it was dark, and he eagerly turned home, exhausted with the day's experience, feeling as if he had lived in a new world and at the same time wondering at the rapidity with which the time had fled.

He sighed almost contentedly to himself as he thought of the evening with his family and how he would enjoy it after the disquiet of the day. His wife was there to greet him, and Alice and Clara and Bess clung about him as he took off his coat and came into the beautiful room where a cheerful fire was blazing. Will came down stairs as his father came in, and in the brief interval before supper was ready Mr. Hardy related the scenes of the day.

They were all shocked to hear of Scoville's death, and Mrs. Hardy at once began to discuss some plans for relieving the family. Bess volunteered to give up half her room to one of the children, and Alice quietly outlined a plan which immediately appeared to her father businesslike and feasible. In the midst of this discussion supper was announced, and they all sat down.

"Where is George?" asked Mr. Hardy. Ordinarily he would have gone on with the meal without any reference to the boy, because he was so often absent from the table. Tonight he felt an irresistible longing to have all his children with him.

"He said he was invited out to supper with the Bramleys," said Clara.

Mr. Hardy received the announcement in silence. He felt the bitterness of such indifference on the part of his older son. "What!" he said to himself. "When he knows I had such a little while left, could he not be at home?" Then almost immediately flashed into him the self reproach even stronger than his condemnation of his boy. "How much have I done for him these last ten years to win his love and protect him from evil?"

After supper Mr. Hardy sat down by his wife, and in the very act he blushed with shame at the thought that he could not recall when he had spent an evening thus. He looked into her face and asked gently:

"Mary, what do you want me to do? Shall I read as we used to in the old days?"

"No; let us talk together," replied Mrs. Hardy, bravely driving back her tears. "I cannot realize what it all means. I have been praying all day. Do you still have the impression you had this morning?"

"Mary, I am if anything even more convinced that God has spoken to me. The impression has been deepening with me all day. When I looked into poor Scoville's face, the terrible nature of my past selfish life almost overwhelmed me. Oh, why have I abused God's goodness to me so awfully?"

There was silence a moment. Then Mr. Hardy grew more calm. He began to discuss what he would do the second day. He related more fully the interview with the men in the shop and his visits to the injured. He drew Clara to him and began to inquire into her troubles in such a tender, loving way that Clara's proud, passionate, willful nature broke down, and she sobbed out her story to him as she had to her mother the night before.

Mr. Hardy promised Clara that he would see James the next day. It was true that James Caxton had only a week before approached Mr. Hardy and told him in very manful fashion of his love for his daughter, but Mr. Hardy had treated it as a child's affair, and in accordance with his usual policy in family matters had simply told Clara and Bess to discontinue their visits at the old neighbor's. But now that he heard the story from the lips of his own daughter he saw the seriousness of it, and crowding back all his former pride and hatred of the elder Caxton he promised Clara to see James the next day.

Clara clung to her father in loving surprise. She was bewildered, as were all the rest, by the strange event that had happened to her father, but she never had so felt his love before, and, forgetting for awhile the significance of his wonderful dream, she felt happy in his presence and in his affection for her.

The evening had sped on with surprising rapidity while all these matters

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Paris Hill,	Mrs. Harlow, Post Office.
Bryant's Pond,	H. J. Libby.
West Paris,	Samuel T. White.

COMING EVENTS.

April 3.—Pomona Grange, South Paris.
April 10.—Second Congressional District Republican convention, Auburn.
April 11—Republican State convention, Lewiston.
April 19.—Fast Day.
April 30.—Oxford County Medical Association, Norway.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

What Shall I Wear?
Blue Store.
Large Line of Enameled Ware.
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F. A. Thayer, Furniture.
Petition for Changes in Road in Rumford.
Petition for Discontinuance of Road in Rumford.
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A Republican State Convention

—WILL BE HELD IN—

City Hall, Lewiston,

Wednesday, April 11th, 1900,

At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

for the purpose of selecting six candidates for electors of President and Vice-President of the United States and four delegates at large and four alternates to attend the National Republican Convention to be held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, June 19, 1900, and transacting any other business that may properly come before it.

The basis of representation is as follows: Each City, Town and Plantation will be entitled to one delegate, and for each seventy-five votes cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in 1898, an additional delegate, and for a fraction of forty votes, in excess of seventy-five votes, an additional delegate.

Vacancies in the delegation of any City, Town or Plantation can only be filled by a resident of the county in which the vacancy exists.

The State committee will be in session in the reception room of the hall at nine o'clock, on the morning of the convention, for the purpose of receiving the credentials of delegates. Delegates in order to be eligible to participate in the convention, must be elected subsequent to the date of the call for this convention; and delegates, under this call, should not be elected to the State convention to be hereafter called for the purpose of nominating a candidate for governor.

All electors of Maine, without regard to past political differences, who are in sympathy with the sentiments expressed in the call of the Republican National Committee for the Republican National Convention, are cordially invited to unite with the Republicans of the State in electing delegates to this Convention.

Per order Republican State Committee

JOSEPH H. MANLEY, Chairman.

BYRON BOYD, Secretary.

Augusta, Maine, Thursday, Jan. 4, 1900.

Presidential Electors Must All Be Chosen in State Convention.

HEADQUARTERS REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE, AUGUSTA, MAINE, JAN. 4, 1900.

To the Republicans of Maine:—Prior to 1892 two Presidential electors at large, corresponding to the two United States senators, were nominated in State convention, and the remaining electors, corresponding to the members of the United States House of Representatives were nominated by the several congressional district conventions.

The passage of the Australian Ballot law entirely changed the procedure. Under the law, all Conventions are a portion of our election system, and this ballot act requires that candidates to be voted for by the Voters throughout the whole state must be placed in nomination by a Convention representing no less a constituency than the whole State. Hence, all the candidates of a party for Presidential electors must be nominated in State Convention, and I have therefore included in the call six electors.

J. H. MANLEY, Chairman.

Under the above call, the towns and plantations of Oxford County are respectively entitled to the number of delegates given below:

Albany,	2	Norway,	7
Andover,	3	Oxford,	8
Bethel,	5	Paris,	9
Brownfield,	2	Peru,	2
Buckfield,	3	Porter,	3
Byron,	1	Roxbury,	1
Canton,	7	Rumford,	7
Denmark,	2	Stow,	1
Dixfield,	3	Stoneham,	2
Fryeburg,	4	Sumner,	3
Gilead,	1	Sweden,	1
Grafton,	1	Upton,	1
Greenwood,	2	Waterford,	3
Hanover,	1	Woodstock,	3
Hartford,	3		
Hebron,	2	PLANTATIONS:	
Hiram,	3	Lincoln,	1
Lovell,	3	Magalloway,	1
Mason,	1	Milton,	1
Mexico,	3		—
Newry,	1		99

One fare for the round trip on the Grand Trunk, Portland and Rumford Falls, and Maine Central Railroads. Tickets good going to Lewiston Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10 and 11, return Wednesday and Thursday, April 11 and 12.

THE SECOND DISTRICT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Will be held in Auburn Hall, Auburn, Maine, Tuesday, April 10, at 1 P. M., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress, to be voted for at the state election, Monday, Sept. 10th, 1900.

To select two district delegates and two alternates to attend the National Republican Convention to be held at Philadelphia, Penn., on Tuesday, June 19, 1900. To select a district committee and transact any other business that may properly come before it.

The basis of representation will be as follows: Each city, town and plantation will be entitled to one delegate, and for each seventy-five votes cast for the Republican candidate for governor in 1898 an additional delegate, and for a fraction of forty votes in excess of seventy-five an additional delegate. Vacancies in the delegation of any city, town or plantation can only be filled by a resident of the county in which the vacancy exists.

The District Committee will be in session in the reception room of the Hall at 11 o'clock A. M., on the morning of the convention for the purpose of receiving the credentials of delegates. Delegates in order to be eligible to participate in the convention must be elected subsequent to the date of the call for this convention.

Per order Republican District Committee.

C. S. CROWELL, Chairman.
J. W. BRACKETT, Secretary.

Lewiston, Maine, March 15, 1900.

Under this call, the several towns and plantations in Oxford County will be entitled to the number of delegates given below:

Albany,	1	Newry,	1
Andover,	2	Norway,	4
Bethel,	4	Oxford,	1
Brownfield,	2	Paris,	6
Buckfield,	1	Peru,	1
Byron,	1	Porter,	3
Canton,	1	Roxbury,	1
Denmark,	1	Rumford,	4
Dixfield,	3	Stoneham,	1
Fryeburg,	2	Stow,	1
Gilead,	1	Sumner,	1
Grafton,	1	Sweden,	1
Greenwood,	1	Upton,	1
Hanover,	1	Waterford,	1
Hartford,	1	Woodstock,	2
Hebron,	1	PLANTATIONS:	
Hiram,	3	Lincoln,	1
Lovell,	2	Magalloway,	1
Mason,	1	Milton,	1
Mexico,	1		—
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HIGHWAY LAW.

CAN TREES BE CUT FROM THE SIDES OF THE ROAD?

One of the Democrat's valued friends asks us to look up and publish the law requiring the clearing of growth from beside the public highways. We grant the request.

The Public Laws of 1897, Chapter 314, reads as follows:

An act for the better preservation of highways and accommodating Public Travel.

Section sixty-six of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the words "public travel" in the fourth line thereof the following words: 'and whenever so directed by the selectmen remove all shrubbery and bushes growing within the limits of highways, not planted or cultivated therein for the purpose of profit or ornamentation, having care for the proper preservation of shade trees', so that said section when amended shall read as follows: 'Road commissioners and highway surveyors shall go over their highway districts, or cause it to be done, in April, May, June, August, September, October and November in each year, remove the loose obstructions to the public travel, and whenever so directed by the selectmen remove all shrubbery and bushes growing within the limits of highways, not planted or cultivated therein for the purpose of profit or ornamentation, having care for the proper preservation of shade trees, and repair such defects as may occur from time to time, rendering travel dangerous, or they shall give notice of such defects to the municipal officers under a penalty of five dollars for neglect of such duty.'

(Approved March 27.)

THE OXFORD BEARS.

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

PARIS HILL.

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

Universalist Church: Sunday School every Sunday at 11 A. M.

Silas P. Maxim has sold most of his farm, about a mile east of the village, reserving for himself the orchards and a little besides. The principal portion of the farm, including the buildings, is sold to Charles H. Colby, who has occupied the place for some years, and the woodland at the west end of the farm is sold to the Paris Manufacturing Co.

The many friends of Miss Hattie D. Royal will be pleased to learn that she has accepted the position as principal of the grammar school at Cottage City, Mass. She resigned her position at the "Abbott School" to take charge of the Cottage City school, and entered on her duties the 26th of March. She has sixty-eight pupils in her room, and has one assistant teacher in the work.

Lewis M. Brown and family will sail from New York April 5th for Paris, France, for a stay of about a month.

Harold H. Thayer is at home from Bates College for a week's vacation.

Mrs. E. G. Harlow leaves on Saturday for Newton, Mass., where she will make a visit of about a month.

Mrs. Joseph B. Cole, who has been ill and confined to the house for several months past, is now able to go out of doors on pleasant days.

On the thirty-first anniversary of their marriage, which occurred last Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Perkins were given a pleasant surprise by members of the family. A wedding cake and numerous presents were among the attractions of the occasion.

Mrs. F. L. Kittredge and two children of Bar Mills visited at George W. Cole's last week.

The Universalist circle will meet at Academy hall Friday evening, April 6. Music by Stearns' Orchestra. Dancing at 8. Supper will be served at 6:30 *sharp*. All are cordially invited to attend. As it has been the desire of many who attend the circles to hear some of the "old-fashioned tunes," arrangements have been made to have Fisher's Hornpipe and Old Zip Coon played between the supper and grand march. It is hoped that a good number of elderly people will be present at the supper and take part in "Ye figures of ye olden time."

The classes of Mrs. Lucy Edwards and Miss Alice Hammond, connected with the Baptist Sunday School, will be entertained at the vestry of the church, on Saturday afternoon from 2 until 4 o'clock.

In spite of the lengthening days, the usual number took supper at the Baptist circle Friday evening. After supper the amusing farce, "Wanted—A Male Cook," was presented by four of the men, and F. L. Starbird gave a selection from a lecture of Artemus Ward, which was given a double encore. In the games which followed, young and old took part and seemed to enjoy it.

Rev. H. A. Roberts, who has been pastor of the Baptist church for some more than four years, read his resignation on Sunday, to take effect the first of May. He has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church in New Shoreham, R. I., on Block Island, fifteen miles out to sea. It is a church of nearly four hundred members, and with large congregations, particularly in the summer season, the place being a largely patronized summer resort.

Mrs. Lydia S. Hammond has been laid up with a sprained ankle for the past two weeks.

Advertised letter in Paris post office, April 2d:

Mr. E. F. Bassett.

WHITTEMORE DISTRICT.

There are plenty of little pigs in the market. A. W. Royal has a litter and Ellsworth Thayer.

Miss Ada Thayer has the whooping cough.

J. W. S. Colby, who has been sick with the German measles, is again able to be out.

WEST BUCKFIELD.

Mrs. S. G. Barrett and daughter, from Sumner Hill, were at Harry Buck's the 17th and 18th. S. G. Barrett and Virgil were there Sunday.

Vinia Bonney had a dance the 19th. A good time reported.

H. T. Heath and wife and Will Keene and wife came down to the dance at Bonney's. Mr. Keene and family stopped at Horatio Flagg's and Mr. and Mrs. Heath visited at Harry Buck's. There were a number at the dance from Sumner.

H. Buck and Shirley Bonney butchered pigs Tuesday.

Gertrude Warren was at H. Buck's Monday and Tuesday.

EAST HEBRON.

The sick are all improving.

Mr. Rand came from Denmark, his wife was so ill while visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. Farris. Her health has been some better for a few days past, and it is thought she will be able to return home with her husband in a short time.

Jack Walsh and wife, *nee* Lillian Tuttle, passed a few days last week with her old neighbors. They intend to return to Massachusetts next week. Her son, Sherman Sawyer, will accompany them. They have the best wishes of many friends.

Millie Saunders is able to be out again.

Quite a large company from East Hebron Grange attended grange in Centre Minot last Wednesday.

James A. Shaw is at home. He has had the grippe and german measles since he came home, but is now finely over them and out again.

Mellie Bradbury is working for Mrs. Monk.

Mrs. Eliza Kneeland from Portland is with her sister, Mrs. Hattie Fogg, for a short visit.

Clara Merrill is still able to sit up but very little. Her health is very poor.

Frank Saunders has a bad cold and heart trouble, or some trouble that prevents him from breathing when he attempts to lie down. He has been very ambitious and overworked last spring, and has been failing since that time. He has kept about his work when many would have given all work a vacation.

OXFORD.

Chas. Davis has bought the Highland Farm.

Rev. Mr. Ladd, the presiding elder, preached at the M. E. church Tuesday evening.

Rev. Mr. Buchanan will change the hour of services at the Congregational church from 2:30 P. M. to 10:30 A. M., the time of change to begin in May.

Work is progressing on the Advent chapel.

Mrs. George Andrews of Portland is here.

Mrs. Geo. Hawkes has gone to Boston to purchase spring millinery.

Miss Ida Hawkes has gone to Boston to remain until June.

EAST BETHEL.

Z. W. Bartlett visited Auburn last week.

Mr. W. S. Wight spent the last week at C. M. Kimball's.

Mr. J. M. Bartlett came from Berlin last Saturday and returned Monday.

G. K. Hastings has tapped about 300 trees, and reports a good run of sap.

Mrs. I. I. Young and little daughter have gone to Danvers, Mass.

Miss Lena Young has returned home from Rumford.

Miss Martha Gibson was the guest of Miss Lillian Kimball this week.

WEST PERU.

J. A. Arnold has taken the agency of D. M. Osborne & Co. for farm machinery.

Harry Woodward & Co. are in town advertising patent medicine and giving shows.

The century question is being discussed around the stoves these nights, and sometimes there is quite loud talk.

Harrison Burgess is on the sick list.

W. A. Burgess and wife have returned from Auburn, where they have spent the winter.

Lewis Burgess is at work for O. P. Woodbury on the railroad in place of F. A Knight.

ANDOVER.

The winter has been one of peculiar interest on account of the varied occupations. With those engaged in lumbering it has been one of the worst for years. So little snow the first part, and so much nearly all at once near the middle has put lots of companies "in the hole." Today the snow in the back woods is fully five feet on a level, and the roads—well, they are just horrible; impossible to move a team on the back roads.

Those having birch to haul are yarding it near the highway to haul on wheels.

Mr. Marston and Mr. Smith have broken camp and taken their teams home. The Thurstons are still yarding, and will continue as long as snow lasts. Mr. Thurston bought three million stumpage and let one million each to the above named gentlemen; one not quite filling his contract, he makes up the deficiency with his own teams.

Mr. Porter has finished his contract and is helping the Lane Bros. out.

Mr. French has some million or more to move yet.

The steam mill is doing good work. They are turning out some of the best dowels ever seen.

Considerable sickness in town with colds and sore throat. Several cases of whooping cough are yet lingering.

The Pythian Sisterhood is flourishing, with accessions almost weekly.

The K. of P. Lodge is also flourishing. Work in the different ranks at every meeting.

Those who failed to get up their wood last fall are having a serious time of it now.

The Methodist society are busy with their fair which will take place soon.

Easter services will be held in the Congregational church as usual. A fine programme is in preparation. The people take pride in decorating the church and making all welcome who come. Special music will be given by the choir and Sunday School.

James Mitchell has sold his place to C. A. Andrews, and is soon to move to Minot, where he has bought a farm.

Hay is plenty with but few buyers.

BROWNFIELD.

Mrs. Henry Griggs of East Brownfield died very suddenly Wednesday night. She and her husband were visiting friends in Conway, N. H. About 9 P. M. she was taken with severe pain in the region of the heart. A doctor was summoned, the severe pain was removed in a short time. She attempted to rise from her chair and was helped to a couch, and before a doctor reached her she expired. She leaves a husband, two daughters, an aged mother, a sister and one son.

Mrs. Bickford, widow of the late Charles Bickford, after a lingering sickness, died March 26th. She leaves a sister, two sons and two daughters.

There are quite a number down with the grippe which is prevailing.

Miss Anna B. Hunting is visiting friends in Portland.

Mrs. J. L. Frink is visiting friends in Denmark.

Mrs. B. F. Smith of Sebago Lake visited the family of J. L. Frink Monday and Tuesday.

The drama presented at the town hall Saturday evening for the benefit of the village schools was a financial success.

NORTH PARIS.

Will Andrews was at M. D. Foss' March 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Benson are on the sick list.

Edith Bradford came home to visit her folks last week, but has now returned to Livermore Falls.

Mrs. Abbie Lowe is improving, but Charles Stevens is not so well. Drs. Yates and Bradbury are attending him. His son Fred and wife have come home to assist in caring for him.

Mrs. Hattie Childs is sick with the prevailing bad cold or grippe.

Mrs. Sarah Starbird is also on the sick list.

O in and George Chase are to have an auction April 10th, at 10 A. M., at the Will Childs farm, to sell the farm, 19 head of cattle, 3 horses, farming tools, etc. See bills.

Caleb and Oliver Fuller visited at G. G. Fuller's March 29th.

Our farmers are about done drawing lumber and wood to market for the winter.

SUMNER.

Della Dyer visited in Hartford recently.

Lionel W. Bowker has a bad cold and cough.

H. W. Poland has finished hauling his logs to West Sumner.

Charlie Hammond has been sawing up E. H. Thompson's woodpile.

John Davenport has finished working for A. W. Crockett.

David Coles is repairing his house. Wilson Morrill is doing the work.

LYNCHVILLE.

Payson McAllister has hired out to L. H. Burnham.

Ruth Chandler of North Lovell visited her brother, Ananias McAllister, last week.

Mrs. Charles Buck and daughter Fannie visited at Henry Coolidge's Friday and Saturday.

Alphonso McAllister has finished work for L. H. Burnham, and moved back to his place.

Willard Barker has finished work in the woods and gone to Lovell doing chores for F. A. Keniston.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keniston of Lovell visited her sister, Mrs. H. B. McKeen, Tuesday.

ALBANY.

Mr. Giles of Waterford was in town one day this week looking for milch cows. Taxing time will soon be over, then cows will sell.

M. R. Wilbur and his sister, Mrs. A. R. Clark, with two children from Bolter's Mills, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Wilbur. Mell reports lots of business at their mill.

Mrs. Neal McLain from West Bethel visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Briggs, in their new home Thursday.

Abel Andrews has sold a nice cow to E. C. Rowe of Bethel.

Austin McAllister and sons have had to shut their mill down to wait for a new driving belt which they had to order from the manufactory, but sledding is holding on well for them and others; so there is no big loss without some small gain, as the old saying is.

H. I. & P. A. Bean have formed a company with Henry Brown as foreman, for the purpose of carrying on the maple sugar and syrup business in the old Hunt sugar orchard.

Mrs. D. A. Cummings is visiting friends in Bethel.

EAST WATERFORD.

Geo. L. Hilton goes on crutches, as the result of a cut with an ax just below the knee.

William A. Hersey and family went to Norway Tuesday evening to attend the wedding of his son Wilfred. The young couple will begin life on the farm in Norway which he bought last year.

Geo. L. Kilgore is in New Hampshire, where he was called as a witness in a case in court.

The gray horse which Mrs. Florence Young drove so long, and which was being boarded at Geo. Kilgore's this winter, died last week with what was thought to be pneumonia.

Merton Young's colt, which was at the same place, had its leg broken by a kick from one of Mr. Kilgore's horses, so that it will have to be killed.

Leroy Johnson has put in ice, and bought a horse of Leslie McIntire. He intends to carry on his farm this summer.

Chas. Gammon is running a meat cart.

SOUTH RUMFORD.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Putnam have sent out about five hundred invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Lena, to Edward Allen, April 4th.

Will Merrill has given up his job at Bemis and come home to help care for his mother, Mrs. Vesta Adams, who remains about the same.

Eugene Twaddle from Weld staid at W. F. Clark's one night recently on his way home from Waterford, where he had been to deliver two boats of his own make.

E. E. Abbott went to Lewiston last week and bought him a work horse.

Most of the grippe victims are better, except Samuel Thurston who has a bad cough.

Mrs. M. L. Wyman and little Blanche Wyman are taking their turn at the grippe.

BETHEL.

The funeral of Mr. Augustus Burbank took place at his late home last Sunday afternoon. The pastor, Rev. W. B. Eldridge, in a few well chosen words conveyed sympathy and comfort to the bereaved family and friends. The service was then given up to Mt. Abram Lodge of Odd Fellows, of which order the deceased had been a very active and learned member. The floral tributes were exquisite and showed the love and respect in which he was held by comrades and friends. Mr. Burbank is survived by a widow, one son and two daughters.

Sunday morning, Mr. J. A. Libby died at his home at Middle Intervale after a long illness, and funeral services were held at his late home Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Libby had long been one of our prominent farmers and business men.

Wednesday morning, Capt. T. S. Hutchins died at his late home on Grover Hill. Mr. Hutchins had been a great sufferer for many months from heart disease. Mr. H. was captain in the 8th Maine and served his country honorably. He leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters.

Rev. F. E. Rand and family are stopping in Bethel for the present. They have secured the Kelliher rent and will move here from Woodstock, Conn., later in the season.

Mr. Isaac Morrill is doing a driving business at his saw mill.

Many of the lumbermen are coming out of the woods.

The condition of Mr. Walton Wight is more favorable.

Miss Sadie Mason is at home from North Bridgton Academy for a vacation, but will return when the school reopens.

Sarah Chapman who has been very ill is recovering.

Large quantities of hemlock bark are being hauled to the depot to be sent away on the G. T. R.

The gentlemen of Bethel sent out a large number of invitations to their annual ball to take place in Odeon Hall Friday evening. It was *the* event of the season. A large number were present and it was a very fashionable affair in all of its appointments. Berlin Orchestra furnished music and many guests came from out of town.

The Bethel Federation met in Garland Chapel Tuesday afternoon, the W. C. T. U. being the entertaining club. A very pleasing programme was enjoyed: Piano duet, Misses Weitz and Gehring; secretary's report in verse which elicited much praise and contained many good hits; address of welcome, Mrs. M. B. Chapman; Miss Cross read a fine paper upon Kindergarten teaching. The ladies' quartette, composed of Mrs. Varley, the Misses Florence and Barbara Carter and Miss Purington, gave a fine rendering of Ben Bolt, Miss Billings accompanist. Mrs. Rand gave a very interesting talk on life in the Caroline Islands. Vocal solo by Miss Jane Gibson was very much appreciated. Reading by Mrs. Frank Young and a recitation by Lulu Arno were very much enjoyed. The Federation meetings have become one of the pleasing social events of our village life.

Rev. I. A. Bean, of South Paris, will lecture at the M. E. church next Monday evening.

Rev. Arthur Varley preached in Stewartstown, N. H., Sunday, and Rev. F. E Rand supplied his pulpit.

J. A. Wyman is in town in the interest of the corn factory.

MIDDLE INTERVALE.

Jack Carter has been visiting at A. M. Carter's for a while.

Mrs. Guy Swan, from Gorham, N. H., came to S. N. Kimball's Monday.

Samuel Libby and his sister visited their brother, J. A. Libby, a few days before he died.

Ned Carter finished his logging job a week ago, and spent the next Sunday in Berlin Falls, N. H.

E. A. Wyman has been in our midst seeing about the acreage of sweet corn to be planted in the spring.

J. A. Libby passed away early Sunday morning. The funeral was Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Barton of Bethel Hill officiating. Mr. Libby has been in our midst over thirty years, and in losing him we lose a kind and helpful neighbor.

C. G. Kimball has finished work at the Hill and is now at home.

DENMARK.

Mr. Joseph Bennett, although in feeble health, held a reception at his home Tuesday, the 27th, it being his 81st birthday. Many friends and neighbors called. Ice cream and cake were served to all.

On Monday evening the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Jewett gathered at Odd Fellows hall, to congratulate and celebrate with them the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. A beautiful silver tea service and other silver were presented them by Mr. A. H. Jones, in behalf of the friends and neighbors, in a pleasing manner. Although taken by surprise Mr. and Mrs. Jewett were equal to the occasion. Hot coffee and cake were served, after which music, etc., was in order.

Mr. H. N. Bartlett, after a long and painful illness, died at his home Saturday evening, at 10 P. M., aged 56 years.

Capt. Chas. H. Ingalls, of Cambridgeport, Mass., is visiting with his brother, Mr. L. A. Ingalls.

Mr. L. A. Ingalls received the sad news of the death of his sister, Mrs. S. W. Dawson, at Coaticook, P. Q., Monday.

There are many cases of German measles reported here.

WEST BETHEL.

Fifty-eight years ago the 27th day of March I distinctly remember plowing on land that is now four feet under the snow, and I do not remember of plowing a day since when a team seemed to suffer more with the heat than it did that day. Yet on the 11th day of June of the same year it snowed so that the northern hills were white with snow, and some snow fell on low land.

H. G. Mason visited Leighton's camps in Albany the 29th inst. He thinks logging is nearly done for this year.

People are tapping their sugar orchards.

Our sick people are not gaining as fast as we wish.

WEST SUMNER.

The former "Pond" school district is a place where the farmers do not run to horses to the exclusion of oxen and steers. In the district, besides five yoke of oxen, are thirty-six steers two years old this spring or under.

Two of our sportsmen are mourning the loss of some game which they thought they had hard and fast. They holed a fox and went to work to dig him out. After they had dug themselves into a summer heat, and had got almost to the fox, the dog jumped in and clinched the animal. Thereupon the fox, dog and all, came out of the hole, the fox got away from the dog, and though both men fired at him, he got off unhurt, and so far as the hunters know, is running yet.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

The Whaleback Dramatic Club gave Comrades at Mount Abram Hall Thursday evening, March 22d, followed by a dance. The proceeds were for the benefit of Locke's Mills band. About $41 were taken. The play was finely given—all parts being perfect.

Amos King has moved back to South Bethel, and Fred Waterhouse has moved into the rent vacated by him.

Lena Young visited her aunt, Mrs. Ida Crooker, several days last week.

Will Cross is working for Ransom Cole.

Chas. K. Cross has about 100 maple trees tapped, which ran finely Thursday and Friday of last week.

The ladies' sewing circle met with Mrs. Ida Crooker Wednesday, the 21st, and had a quilting bee, working for their coming fair.

Charlie Tebbetts of Auburn is visiting here this week.

Mrs. Charles Herrick's sister is stopping with her.

Amos King has moved back to Walker's Mills.

There were no preaching services here last Sunday as Mr. Eldridge had to attend a funeral.

S. S. Felt and his hired man went to Rumford Falls last Monday returning Tuesday.

We understand Mr. Bartlett has decided to rent the house which he lately purchased.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

James Dennett & Sons have shipped to Burnham & Morrill, Portland, 500 bushels of seed sweet corn raised at their farms, the past season, in West Brownfield.

The following were drawn to serve as jurors at the United States Court in Portland: Grand, Stillman Durgin, Frederick Stickney; petit, Walter Bickford, Charles Dennett.

Mr. Herbert Moody has been spending a few days with Henry Griggs and family.

This past week has seen this town connected with Fryeburg by telephone. Fifteen subscribers were put on the circuit.

George Durgin went to Boston last Tuesday morning to visit his daughter and friends.

Simeon Eaton took another carload of cattle to Brighton, Mass., from this station last Monday morning.

Mrs. Charles Bickford passed away at her home upon the Fryeburg road last Tuesday morning after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Alex McLucas last Wednesday afternoon stepped from her house to the woodshed to get some wood, and had just stooped over when some person unknown struck her across the head, inflicting a very serious wound over the right eye, and narrowly escaping crushing the skull. As yet no clew has been found of the one who did it.

"On the Brink" was again given at Bradbury's Hall last Saturday evening for the benefit of the schools. The same cast of characters were in it as when presented before.

Bert Swan went to Boston last Wednesday morning on a visit to his aunt.

A lyceum was held at the grammar school Monday evening, April 2d, the subject for debate being, Resolved, That fashion is more productive of evil than intemperance. The affirmative was taken by Ormand Sands and Jessie Rowe, and the negative by Ethel Johnson and Medie Linscott.

The parties who got the article into the town warrant at the last election to exempt from taxation anything that would locate here, seem to have lost sight of it now that their object has been gained. They are doing nothing to form an association, and we would think that it was time something was done. Other towns around are just hustling and gathering the plums. It is no use for us to sit down and expect the ravens to feed us, for the ravens are all engaged. It will require push, energy and dollars to get into the front ranks, and the sooner we awake to that idea, the sooner the town will begin to derive some benefit. So let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and we can start the load.

Mrs. O. A. Perkins will go to Boston this week to select her Easter goods.

News was received here early Thursday morning of the death of Mrs. Henry Griggs, at North Conway, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Griggs went from here Wednesday morning to spend a few days with Mr. Thomas Allard and family. At the dinner table she was taken ill, and died about 1 o'clock Thursday morning of neuralgia of the heart. She leaves besides her husband, Mr. Henry Griggs, of the Portland Transcript, a son and two daughters, Mr. Harry Griggs of Falmouth, Mrs. Herbert N. Giles and Miss Mary Griggs.

One of the sights around the depot is the team of trained steers 8 months old, that Frank Greeley drives, and the leading feature of the team is a heifer that is the leader, which he drives with a bit. At the coming fairs this fall Frank will enter them for prizes.

Notices are posted for the drawing of jurors for the May term of court at Paris.

HEBRON.

Mrs. Capt. Dunham is very sick. Her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Whitney, got here from Boston Sunday.

Mrs. S. C. Howe spent Sunday in Portland.

F. R. Glover and his brother Isaac came from Massachusetts last week.

Walter Glover is at home from Colby on his vacation.

Mr. Melcher was in Portland over Sunday.

Professor J. F. Moody of the Edward Little High School is at home for the vacation.

Frank Moody is also at home from Colby, and with his mother spent a few days at West Sumner last week with relatives.

Dr. Sturtevant of Dixfield spent Friday night with his mother, returning to Dixfield Saturday with his wife and little daughter. Master Jamie remained until Tuesday of this week.

Miss Bertha Packard and Mrs. Fred Cushman are in New York visiting their sister, Mrs. W. W. Hanscom.

The ladies' circle had their usual meeting and supper Tuesday.

There was an all day meeting of Hebron Grange Wednesday.

EAST SUMNER.

The auction sale at the Henry B. Hersey place on Tuesday was largely attended and the goods sold well. The farm was sold to Earl Jack, a son of Dan Jack of Sumner, for $1200.

An auction sale occurred at the Alden Keene place on Thursday.

Rev. J. H. Whitson of Buckfield is to supply the Baptist church at East Sumner for the present.

Republicans in Sumner have a caucus on April 5 to chose delegates to the state and district conventions to be held on the 10th and 11th of April at Auburn and Lewiston.

A. J. Berry is making some additions in his saw mill to make it more convenient. Quite a lot of logs to be cut out.

NORTH BUCKFIELD.

The auction at the H. B. Hersey place, the 27th, attracted the largest crowd that was ever at a country auction, I think. There were from 75 to 100 teams there.

D. R. Jack has sold his oxen.

The maple syrup business has been almost a failure so far.

Earl Jack bought the H. B. Hersey farm.

Mrs. Hersey goes to Auburn this week to live with her daughter, Fannie, who has a position in the office of Homer Chase & Co.

Allie Damon's wife has gone to Hebron on a visit to her folks.

Everett Bicknell and family of Norway were at his father's, J. F. Bicknell's, the 25th.

WEST FRYEBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. John Annis of Bridgton have been visiting her sister, Mrs. S. O. Wiley.

Lester Ames and Miss Emerson of Fryeburg spent Saturday in this place.

Seth Jewett of Bridgton is stopping at present with his uncle, Mr. S. O. Wiley.

Miss Emma Towle, who has been attending Fryeburg Academy, is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Andrews.

Mrs. Phineas Seavey is stopping at present with friends in Kezar Falls.

The whooping cough patients are all improving.

Quite a little excitement in this place last Monday morning, March 26th, by a runaway team. As Frank and Fred Hutchins were coming down the hill near No. 9 school house, with a load of four-foot wood, the front stakes broke letting some of the wood on the horses, frightening them so they ran away tearing through the street, scattering the wood to right and left until they got near Mr. Farrington's house; Willis F. and Elmer Walker seeing them ran out to stop them. Willis had a stick of wood with which he struck one of the horses on the nose, checking their mad flight a little when Elmer W. caught the near one by the bit, forcing them both into the deep snow, stopping them with no damage to the team. When the wood slid off and started the horses the boys were thrown; Fred being the driver held to the reins and was dragged some distance, but was compelled to let go to save himself. They were not injured in any way.

DICKVALE.

J. C. Wyman has contracted all his long lumber. It goes into the construction of the large paper mill at Rumford Falls.

Bernard Andrews has sold his mare Patsy to C. A. Wilson.

Charles Andrews and R. S. Tracy each have a flock of young lambs.

Mrs. Columbus Wing is quite ill. Other sick ones are on the gain.

Mrs. Ida Putnam has sold her interest in the farm to A. A. Abbott.

WEST PARIS.

The beautiful days of the past week have brought to us robins, bluebirds and sparrows, notwithstanding the fact that hardly a spot of mother earth is visible through the snow.

Presiding Elder Ladd held the last quarterly conference for this conference year on Monday afternoon last, and gave us a rousing temperance lecture in the evening.

Dr. Bradbury of Norway was in our village one day the past week in consultation with Dr. Yates over a very critical case near North Paris.

H. R. Dunham, wife and children, of Waterville, have been the guests of Mr. Dunham's parents, S. W. Dunham and wife.

O. L. Fuller, formerly of South Woodstock, now of Bridgton, was in town Friday.

H. K. Moore, chemist of the Sulphite Company, has returned to Berlin, N. H.

Mrs. Chas. Wyman is quite feeble, and Dr. Abbott of Rumford has been called in consultation with Dr. Packard.

Mrs. T. R. Day of Bryant's Pond has been the guest of Mrs. N. M. Small.

E. M. Emery and wife are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Frank Ford, at Portland.

The Universalist circle will meet on Thursday evening next with Mrs. Levi Shedd.

W. C. Mooney passed away at 7:30 Friday evening. Mr. Mooney has been treasurer of Granite Lodge, No. 182, nearly every year since its formation. He was also a charter member of West Paris Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., and had just passed his 75th birthday. This makes three of our citizens who have passed to the eternities in less than two weeks. Mr. Frank L. Mooney of Norcross, Maine, arrived on the Friday evening train, but too late to find his father living.

DIXFIELD.

Mr. Herbert DeShon of Canton was in town Friday organizing an order of the Eastern Star.

The drama, "Breezy Point," was given on Tuesday evening, in Music Hall, to a very large and appreciative audience.

Mr. Omsby, who is to teach the school this spring, was in town last week.

Miss Lucy Townsend, who has been clerking in W. G. Harlow's store for the past six months, has returned to her home in Limerick.

Mr. Charles Lane of Canton spent quite a number of days with us last week.

The ladies gave a whist party in the Aid rooms Thursday evening which was largely attended and very much enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stanley were at Mrs. I. N. Stanley's last week. Their daughter, Miss Susie Stanley, is taking a trip to Washington.

The first maple syrup has appeared.

Mrs. Sturtevant gave a very enjoyable party Saturday to the members of the Breezy Point Company, and Mr. F. E. Nichols who drilled them in so creditable a manner.

LOVELL.

The Ladies' Literary Club met with Mrs. Otis True on Wednesday, March 28. After the roll-call, to which the members responded with quotations from Shakespeare, the following program was carried out:

Secretary's report.
Short sketch from the life of Shakespere, Miss Mary E. Heald.
Solo—"Where the sweet magnolias bloom," Miss Carrie E. Hubbard.
Current events, Mrs. Harmon, Mrs. Heald.
Historical reading, Mrs. M. K. Abbott.
Music—Duet, Miss Farrington, Mrs. Stearns.
Poem, Mrs. Bessie H. Stearns.
Story—"Sally Ann's experience," Mrs. Annie C. Brown.
Solo—"Three fishers

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

On and after Oct. 22, 1899, trains leave South Paris: Going down: 6:17 A. M., (Sundays included), 9:53 A. M., 4:19 P. M.; Going up: 9:33 A. M., 3:35 P. M., 7:58 P. M. (Sundays included). Sunday paper train arrives 9:19 A. M.

CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church. Rev. W. E. Brooks, D. D., pastor. Preaching services, 10:45 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.; Sunday School 12 M.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6 P. M.; Church prayer meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All, not otherwise connected, are cordially invited.

Methodist Church, Rev. I. A. Bean, Pastor. On Sunday, morning prayer meeting, 9:30 A. M.; preaching service, 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; Epworth League Meeting, 6:15 P. M.; evening prayer meeting 7 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

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

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Paris Lodge, No. 94. Regular meeting Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

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

D. of R.—Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 30, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

G. A. R.—W. K. Kimball Post, No. 148, meets first Thursday and third Saturday evenings of each month, in G. A. R. Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

Byron Tuttle of Rumford was in town Saturday.

A. M. Carter of Bethel was at South Paris Saturday.

Miss Annie Shaw of Portland is stopping with relatives here.

Mrs. Frank Norris of Auburn was in Friday calling on friends.

Herman H. Stuart is at home from Bates College on a vacation.

Miss Ethel Dean is at home from Bates for a week's vacation.

Mrs. B. W. Mason is spending a couple of weeks with friends in Quebec.

Mrs. H. F. Morton visited friends in Bryant's Pond and Gorham, N. H., last week.

Miss Abbie Record was up from Mechanic Falls to spend Sunday with relatives.

Thomas P. Sampson is visiting relatives in Lewiston, Portland and Boston for a week.

The shelving in the vaults at the court house is being improved in appearance by new paint.

Wesley Waldron has moved to Norway, where he will work in the grain mill for A. C. McCrellis.

Miss Mitchell of Poland has been spending a few days with her cousins, E. N. Haskell and Miss Hattie Haskell.

E. P. Parlin is preparing for the summer campaign, and has put in a half-dozen folding stools in front of his soda counter.

J. M. Murch & Son of West Sumner are building a gable addition on the south side of the house of Ira F. Murch on Park Street.

Bicycles are out once in a while in the morning when the snow is frozen, but they won't come into general use for some weeks yet.

Another assembly will be held at New Hall Thursday evening of this week, under the same terms and conditions as the one last week.

Miss Olive M. Stuart was in Boston last week after spring styles in millinery, and will open millinery parlors at her home on High Street.

Mrs. Emeline Cummings of Paris Hill visited her granddaughter, Mrs. Wirt Stanley, a few days last week and attended the minstrel show Friday evening.

Mrs. E. A. Howe has returned from market with a choice line of millinery. Miss N. M. Stiles of Haverhill is to be head trimmer, and is ready to fill all orders.

James D. Williams received notice from Congressman Littlefield last week that he had been allowed a pension of twelve dollars a month. We are all glad for James.

Frank B. Hammond of Paris Hill remembers the Democrat crew with a generous quantity of his excellent maple sugar and we like it quite well, thank you.

George W. Cook is at home for a few weeks. He has been at work in Portland during the winter for George Edwards, president of the Williams Manufacturing Co., who has been building several houses.

Rev. Fr. Summa has preached his farewell sermon at St. Catherine's Roman Catholic church, and will spend a long vacation at his old home in France this summer. Who will be his successor on this charge is not yet determined.

Leroy B. Abbott is moving from the Norway town farm, where he has been in charge for the past year, to his house on the Stony Brook road. Willis O. Record, who has been living in Mr. Abbott's house, has moved into the house vacated by S. R. Ellis on High Street.

A large number went from here to Norway to attend the meeting addressed by Rev. Mr. Gale Friday evening. Since he was here Mr. Gale has conducted a very successful series of meetings in Haverhill, Mass. He began Sunday a two weeks' series of meetings at Mechanic Falls.

We were glad to bid good-bye to February when it closed its brief but stormy career, and we are equally glad to bid good-bye to March, which blew a cold breath upon us about every day, and showed us almost none of the lamb-like weather of which we are by tradition entitled to at least a sample during the month.

A music store will be opened here in the near future by W. C. McArdle. He will deal in music and musical instruments of all kinds, strings and musical merchandise, also artists' materials, stationery and school supplies, pictures and frames. Frames made to order. He is teacher of flute and piccolo, and will make a specialty of flutes and flute music. Music will be furnished for all occasions, and concerts managed.

A South Paris citizen recently gave his grandson a lesson in business. The grandson contracted to saw a cord of wood for his grandfather for fifty cents, and carried out the contract, using his grandfather's saw. When it came to the time of settlement, his grandfather reminded him that the man who sawed wood by the cord is supposed to furnish his own saw, so he deducted ten cents for the use of the saw. The boy will understand it the next time he takes a job.

As was to be expected, the Parisian Male Quartet Minstrels were greeted by immense audiences upon their appearance both at Norway and South Paris. Few towns contain either the quantity or quality of local musical talent that has for years been a marked and pleasing feature of these Oxford County villages, consequently the announcement of a local entertainment by these people carries with it the conviction that draws the crowd and insures an evening of first-class enjoyment. No pains were spared by the management of last week's production to sustain the enviable reputation already well established, and while we do not intend to indulge in comparisons, we may perhaps be excused for awarding special mention to the catchy cake walkers, Miss Nellie Hayden and Master Vivian Akers, whose part was easily the most pleasing feature of the show. Bob Watson's clog dance upon a pair of ice skates was an exhibition showing skill. The financial side of the affair is also understood to figure out satisfactorily for the Parisian Quartet, who are the beneficiaries of the two entertainments.

Mrs. J. P. Richardson is visiting her sister at Madison.

W. A. Porter has a new awning over the front of his store.

Perley Ripley left for Boston Monday morning to look for a situation.

A. E. Witham went to Portland Monday to take a situation on the electrics.

Mrs. F. H. Packard of West Paris is visiting her parents, L. B. Carter and wife.

The usual whist party will be held in G. A. R. Hall Tuesday evening of this week.

Spring is coming. There are two or three patches of bare ground big enough for a game of marbles.

Miss Mabel G. Hathaway is at home from Quincy, Mass., where she is teaching, for a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. W. J. Wheeler was called to Worcester, Mass., Friday, to attend the funeral of her cousin, Benjamin Dean.

If the sun gets in his work fairly fast, the electric car ought to get down into the square in the course of two or three days.

At the Methodist church Sunday evening fourteen united with the church on probation, one from probation and one by letter.

Annual meeting of the South Paris Board of Trade Tuesday evening at 7:30, at the assessors' office. A good attendance is desired.

Deputy Sheriff Elliott of Rumford Falls came down Saturday morning bringing William Brown, who will serve thirty days in jail for intoxication.

The town and corporation assessors are in session this Monday morning, to receive true and perfect lists, etc. The crush around the door is not so dense as to be dangerous.

The members of the South Paris fire department are requested to meet at the engine house hall April 7th, at 7 o'clock, P. M., to receive their pay and elect officers.

J. J. EMELEY,
Chief Engineer.

Mrs. Sarah Gladding, a former resident of Paris, died at her home in Minneapolis Monday of last week, at the age of 61. Mrs. Gladding was a daughter of the late Deacon Elisha Morse, and a sister of A. E. Morse and Miss Anna Morse of this place.

C. E. McArdle and wife left Friday for North Lubec, where he will have charge of a can-making shop for the sardine syndicate this summer, the same as last summer. Miss Della McArdle, their daughter, who is in the graduating class of the high school, will remain here until the close of the term.

A small number were out to the Republican caucus Saturday afternoon. Judge Wilson was chosen chairman and A. C. T. King secretary. A committee was appointed to nominate delegates for the two conventions. The committee reported the following lists, which were accepted and the caucus adjourned:

To the state convention: Franklin Maxim, H. D. Hammond, H. W. Dunham, E. H. Brown, S. M. King, A. J. Penley, Walter L. Gray, W. E. Perkins, A. H. Jackson.

To the district convention: Geo. A. Wilson, H. R. Hubbard, Caleb Fuller, S. F. Davis, George M. Atwood, Charles S. Dudley.

Joseph Morton, who died in Wakefield, Mass., March 24th, was formerly a resident of this town and will be remembered by many of the older citizens. He was a cousin and intimate friend of J. J. Morton of this town. He was a much respected citizen of Wakefield, a member and active worker in the Baptist church and Sunday School, and belonged to the G. A. R. and other organizations. For thirty years or more he has been connected with the Kimball Carriage Repository of Boston, first as an employe, and the last years of his life one of the members of the stock company. His funeral was held on Tuesday, the 27th, attended by the pastor of the church. The floral offerings were many and beautiful and testified to the high esteem in which he was regarded by the company, employes, friends and citizens. He leaves a wife and one son who have the deep sympathy of relatives and friends.

BISCOE DISTRICT.

Herman McKeen is at work for Fred Jackson.

Ray Farrar is laid up with a sprained ankle, done while coasting.

Mabel Foster of Elm Hill visited relatives and friends here last week.

Mrs. Allen and two daughters from Auburn have been visiting at Will Foster's.

Miss Mildred Stoddard of Yarmouth has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Fred Farrar.

Prentiss Crockett and family and Miss Agnes Pinkham went to Bolster's Mills Thursday.

No sapping in this neighborhood as yet. A walk across lots to L. S. Swan's found them busily engaged, however, they having finished off two lots of syrup.

The crust has been fine and we have caught many glimpses of little folks in feathers and fur in long walks through the woodlots, and learned many of their ways that could be learned by no other means.

Fred Farrar set a trap under his hen roost, thinking perhaps to trap a fox, which he presumed was taking off his hens, having lost a lot of nice ones. Instead of a fox a coon was caught. Other neighbors have mysteriously lost lots of hens, and perhaps they also were taken by coons.

PERSONAL.

Fred H. Atwood has been nominated by the president postmaster at Rumford Falls.

Among the young doctors who last week passed an examination before the state board of medical registration was Leonard W. Atkinson of North Fryeburg.

A recent number of School announces that the name of W. E. Pulsifer (an Oxford County man) of the D. C. Heath Co., publishers, is being urged by members of the Brooklyn Union League Club, of which he is the president, for the nomination for Congress from the Borough of Brooklyn.

Dr. A. L. Hersey of Oxford, who is spending his second winter at Pinehurst, N. C., was given a testimonial of the esteem in which he is held by his many friends, on the occasion of his seventy-fourth birthday. As he and Mrs. Hersey entered the dining room at the Berkshire, where they are stopping, an orchestra engaged for the occasion struck up, "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and the guests arose, giving him the Chautauqua salute, and a brief address of congratulation was given by Dr. Abercrombie. On his table were heaped a profusion of flowers, one feature of them being seventy-four carnations, and underneath them lay an autograph booklet containing the remembrances of over eighty friends. Dr. and Mrs. Hersey held an informal reception in the evening. The doctor has gained a high degree of popularity during the two winters which he has spent at Pinehurst.

LETTER TO FRANKLIN MAXIM, SOUTH PARIS, MAINE.

Dear Sir: It is your business to know what materials to put into a house as well as to plan it. Of course, you know the effect of zinc on lead in paint—toughens it. Do you also know the greater effect of zinc ground in?

For a painter can't grind; he can only mix. Devoe lead and zinc is thoroughly ground in oil. The result is an intimate mixture.

Your painter can only mix; he can't grind; there's no need of grinding by hand. He should buy lead and zinc ground together in oil.

Devoe lead and zinc is that; the proportions are right besides. It outlasts lead and oil two to one, and costs no more—even less; for hand-work can't compete with machine work.

Yours truly,
F. W. DEVOE & CO.

You must see the new spring suits and overcoats at F. H. Noyes' Blue Store, Norway, to appreciate them. Correct styles at low prices.

MAINE NEWS NOTES.

April 19 is to be the day of "fasting and prayer" and also the occasion of the season's first baseball games.

They are already shipping ice to New York from Boothbay, but the Kennebec houses will not be emptied just yet.

The ice is out of the Kennebec for some distance above Bath, and is expected to leave the river above in the course of a few days.

A Machias dispatch says it is believed that Horace T. Gardner and Clinton Gardner, who died on Monday en route from the logging camp of Clark & Gardner, where they had been employed, to Machias, were victims of an overdose of alcohol.

Edward Marcia, living on the Waterville road, one mile below the village of Clinton, while sawing wood with a power machine Saturday morning lost his left hand at the wrist. Before the physicians arrived Mr. Marcia's condition became very critical from loss of blood and his recovery is doubtful.

The clam crop has been running short down on the York beaches and the town fathers have taken measures of protection. The non-resident can dig no clams hereafter in York without a $50 license from the selectmen. And even the native can only take them for consumption or sale within the borders of the town.

Charles Emery Bowden, a vessel rigger, was killed while at work at Ellsworth Wednesday. He was at the masthead of the schooner Wave Crest when the mast broke and the man fell fifty feet. His skull was fractured and he died in half an hour. He was 33 years years of age. A widow survives him.

A horrible crime, due, it is thought, to insanity, was committed by Fred Reynolds at Red Beach, near Calais, Thursday. He killed his wife and a son six or seven years of age with an axe, and mortally wounded his other son, three years old. He then set fire to the house, which was burned to the ground, and ran up the street brandishing his axe, but did not molest any one else. He was very quiet when arrested, but after arriving at Calais in charge of the officers, he again became violent and was restrained with difficulty. Reynolds was not a drinking man, nor had he before shown signs of insanity so far as can be learned. He is 42 years of age.

George York of Unity Plantation on his way to his home with his brother Fred on Sunday, March 25th, fell through a hole in the ice and passed under a large field of ice on the upper waters of the Kennebec River. His brother, who did not go in, ran down the stream to open water, and when the body came down he jumped in and swam ashore with it. Life was still in the body and by hard work he was revived, but he was in a very critical condition Tuesday evening and fears were entertained that he would not recover. As they were in the woods at considerable distance from any other people at the time, they had to remain in the woods over night, and had a hard time getting out the next day. Fred, who rescued his brother, must have made almost superhuman efforts to get him out safe.

THE COUNTY TAX.

The county commissioners were in session last Tuesday and assessed the county tax for the current year. They also ordered hearings on two petitions from the inhabitants of Rumford, one asking for the discontinuance of a piece of road and the other for changes in a road. Both petitions are published elsewhere in this paper. The rate of the county tax is seven and three-tenths mills, and the valuation and tax of the several towns are as follows:

	VALUATION.	TAX.
Albany,	$ 134,769	$ 229 10
Andover,	193,359	328 71
Bethel,	854,220	1,452 17
Brownfield,	306,544	521 12
Buckfield,	389,790	662 64
Byron,	82,405	140 08
Canton,	355,207	603 85
Denmark,	285,727	484 03
Dixfield,	351,361	597 31
Fryeburg,	822,383	1,398 05
Gilead,	145,800	247 86
Grafton,	58,933	100 18
Greenwood,	156,346	265 78
Hanover,	80,927	137 57
Hartford,	266,657	453 31
Hebron,	227,966	387 54
Hiram,	348,838	593 02
Lovell,	394,169	670 08
Mason,	32,718	55 62
Mexico,	216,732	368 44
Newry,	103,919	176 66
Norway,	1,261,027	2,143 74
Oxford,	452,629	769 46
Paris,	1,264,511	2,149 67
Peru,	230,545	391 93
Porter,	247,860	421 42
Roxbury,	59,160	100 57
Rumford,	1,564,274	2,659 26
Stoneham,	79,088	134 45
Stow,	120,226	204 67
Sumner,	253,225	430 48
Sweden,	147,564	250 85
Upton,	100,538	170 91
Waterford,	290,085	493 14
Woodstock,	217,405	369 58
Milton Plantation,	52,976	90 05
Total,	$12,149,094	$20,653 30
WILD LANDS.		
Fryeburg Academy Grant,	$16,250	$27 62
A 1, Riley Pl.,	56,000	95 20
Andover North Surplus,	31,920	54 26
Andover West Surplus,	13,156	22 37
C,	63,222	107 47
C Surplus,	27,464	46 33
No. 4, R. 1,	46,690	79 83
No. 5, R. 1 Magalloway Pl.,	84,506	143 67
No. 4, R. 3,	77,280	131 38
No. 5, R. 2, Lincoln Pl.,	48,269	82 05
No. 4, R. 3,	63,000	107 10
No. 5, R. 3,	56,793	96 55
No. 4, R. 4,	44,160	75 07
No. 5, R. 4,	64,559	109 75
No. 4, R. 5,	44,658	75 92
No. 4, R. 6,	46,983	79 87
No. 5, R. 5,	43,198	73 43
Bachelder's Grant,	25,000	42 50
Franklin Pl.,	25,500	43 35
Total,	$878,762	$1,493,55
To Rumford of Franklin Plantation tax,		$17 00
To Peru " " " "		26 35

CUT IN TWO BY SAW.

HORRIBLE DEATH OF HIRAM MAN AT GORHAM.

A horrible accident occurred at Willis I. Bickford & Co.'s new steam saw mill near the railroad station at Gorham at 6 o'clock Thursday night when Mr. Moses Stanley, the superintendent of the mill, was cut in two parts through the breast. Death was instantaneous.

In a few minutes more the mill operations would have been discontinued and the day's work done. Mr. Stanley was sending a log on the carriage to the saw. It is supposed that he attempted to fix a nut or some part of the machinery when he lost his balance and the saw penetrated his body. It went clean through the breast, and he breathed his last before the other men in the apartment knew what had happened. Mr. Bickford, the principal owner of the mill, Guy Redlon, the surveyor, and William Henry Lombard were in the mill and testify to the accident, as the fault of no one and purely accidental. They all happened to be standing back to the saw when the affair occurred, and did not see the horrible death that befell the unfortunate man.

Dr. Chellis, who was called, found that he could do nothing, so he passed the word along to Undertaker Brown, Frederick Giddings, chairman of the board of selectmen, and Coroner Perry. Coroner Perry, who listened to the details of the case over the telephone, decided that an inquest was unnecessary, and gave his permit for the burial of the body.

The deceased was 65 years of age and resided at Hiram. His wife is dead, but he leaves a son, who resides at Cumberland, and a daughter at Cornish or Hiram. He had been at Gorham only a week, during which time he had set up the machinery in the mill and started it in operation.

PENSION MATTERS.

Alphonzo Hillman of Rumford Falls has been granted an additional pension of $6 to $8.

The Oxford County delegation to the Second Congressional District Republican convention will present the name of Hon. Waldo Pettengill as a candidate for delegate to the national convention.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Elegant line of new spring shirts at F. H. Noyes' Blue Store, Norway.

Custom tailoring done right at F. H. Noyes' Blue Store, Norway. Clothes cleaned, repaired and pressed.

The most fashionable hats and caps for men and boys to be found in the state at F. H. Noyes' Blue Store, Norway.

NORWAY.

Work is starting up in the shoe factories with a very good prospect for an extremely brisk season.

Pike and Swan have their studio nearly completed. It is much enlarged and in various ways improved. When the firm again occupy the building it will be one of the best of its kind in the county.

New maple syrup was offered for sale on the streets and in the stores for the first time this spring Wednesday and Thursday.

H. H. Hosmer who went to Portsmouth, N. H., some weeks ago to see his sister, Mrs. Frank Seavey, who is dangerously sick, has accepted a position on the electrics.

E. M. Thompson is suffering from an injury to his right hand. The hand was caught in the gears of the machine on which he was working at the shoe factory.

A committee of Yarmouth people inspected the Norway fire alarm system the first of the week. A system is soon to be put in at Yarmouth. The visitors were C. E., C. E. Greeley, of the fire department, and H. G. Goding and A. H. Coombs.

L. P. Swett will soon open a bicycle repair shop in the Bartlett store on Main Street, opposite the Elm House.

Frank E. Williams, after an absence in Cienfuegos, Cuba, of several months, returned Saturday. He left Mr. A. H. Bodkin well and says Arthur will return some time in April.

Miss Lelia Watson is again at work for S. Dexter Andrews where she has been employed for a long time.

Mrs. H. H. Crockett and her sister, Mrs. A. W. Thomas, of Andover, were here this week packing and moving Mrs. Crockett's household goods to Andover, where Mrs. Crockett will make her home.

V. W. Hills returned from a business trip to Boston Monday. Mrs. Hills remains for some time.

The largest load of white birch bolts was hauled to the village for C. B. Cummings & Sons Saturday by R. K. Morrill. The load measured twenty-three cord feet.

J. W. Swan, the artist, has returned from a trip to Chicago where he has been to purchase fittings for his new studio.

Isaac F. Andrews and wife, of Woodstock, have been hired to take charge of the Norway town farm for the year commencing April 1st, when Mr. Abbott's time expires.

James O. Crooker returned Wednesday afternoon from Boston where he had been to see his sister, Mrs. C. K. Richmond, who was dangerously sick.

Grand Patriarch Alfred S. Kimball visited Encampments in Aroostook County during the week.

Ladies in Boston and New York this week on business are: Mrs. A. H. Williamson, Mrs. V. W. Hills, Mrs. F. E. Drake, Miss S. B. Prince, and Mrs. E. G. Skillings.

Very many of our townspeople are sick with the grippe and bad colds.

Mrs. Mary Rich rode out for the first time Monday since she broke her leg some months since.

Presiding Elder Ladd attended the quarterly conference at the M. E. church Thursday evening and gave a lecture on "One Little Sin." This was the last quarterly conference for the church year.

Rev. John A. Harding preached at the Methodist church Sunday; text, "What is that to thee? Follow thou me." The sermon was very interesting.

Rev. B. S. Rideout has had sixteen bells cast from the bell metal of the old Congregational church bell melted in the fire of '94. Last Sunday he presented one to the Sabbath School.

Mr. W. A. Ganey left Norway for Boston to accept a position as telegrapher in the Metropolitan Stock Exchange, Monday. He left many warm friends behind.

The attendance at the drill of Co. D, 1st Regt., N. G. S. M., Friday evening, at the Opera House, was large. The drill was unusually good. Capt. Nash has one of the best companies in the state and is the right man to handle the boys. He knows just what he expects them to do and they do it.

E. E. and H. F. Andrews started for the West the first of the week for more horses.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Favor and son of Brockton, Mass., are visiting Mr. Favor's mother, Mrs. Angella Favor.

George Yeaton of Otisfield Gore attracted much attention, Monday, when he drove into town with three cords of white birch bolts behind three yoke of oxen. Mr. Yeaton and his oxen seem to understand each other very well.

Prof. V. M. Whitman is at home from his school for a few days' vacation.

At the Republican caucus held at the Opera House Saturday afternoon Hon. John A. Roberts was elected moderator and A. J. Stearns, Esq., clerk. The following delegates were chosen:

State convention: Hon. J. A. Roberts, Col. W. W. Whitmarsh, W. F. Jones, Col. E. F. Smith, A. L. Sanborn, Jas. L. Parker, George W. Locke.

District convention: Prof. Chas. P. Barnes, W. S. Pratt, W. H. Buck, H. M. Jackson.

The fire department was called out by an alarm about 4:30 Sunday morning. The fire was in the house of C. W. Willey on Beal Street. It started from an overturned lamp in the basement and ran up through the walls of the house. The fire was extinguished with a loss of some $500. This is the tenth alarm to which the department has responded for the year.

LOST—A TRAMP PRINTER.

There are tramp printers, and tramp printers. It is one of the latter variety with whom this article is concerned.

He inserted his melancholy presence into the Democrat office early Saturday morning, and asked the foreman if there was "any show for work."

"Why, yes," said the foreman briskly, "I guess we can keep you at work today, and perhaps a little longer."

"Well," said the itinerant rather hurriedly, "I've got to have some breakfast. Where had I better go?"

He was directed to a place where he could regale himself—not a difficult job, as he evidently carried with him a mental map of the village, with a red star at every place where a sign indicated something to eat.

"Got money enough to get your breakfast?" inquired the foreman, and was surprised to receive an affirmative reply from the traveler, who speedily got out.

It wasn't the first time that this particular individual ever struck the Democrat office, though as it happened it was the first time he ever struck any work there. He is one of a large number who travel about from town to town, always striking the printing establishments for work. Sometimes a tramp printer will get a job which lasts for months—if he keeps sober; sometimes he gets a week's work and sometimes a day's work; sometimes he makes a long circuit without striking a thing. He travels on foot as a rule; but he rarely if ever goes hungry or houseless, for the boys will put him up and give him half a dollar to start on with, though the chances are about even that half the money will go down his throat in a liquid instead of a solid form.

That amount of aid and assistance the tramp printer may count upon with reasonable confidence, such is the freemasonry of the craft. It was not pledged at the altar in solemn assembly in a carpeted lodge room, by the electric light dimly burning; but when two men have daubed their hands with ink from the same keg, and wiped that ink off on the same cast-iron towel, and sworn the same oaths as handfuls of live matter crumbled into pi, there is established between them a fraternity which time, nor social station, nor the ravages of fiery strong drink, can wholly destroy.

But pardon the digression. As before remarked, there are tramp printers and tramp printers, and the difference is that some of them are looking for work. The one referred to in the opening of this veracious chronicle must have been of the other kind, or else a square South Paris meal filled him up so that he thought he should never need anything more, for he never came back to the Democrat office after the job that was promised him.

If you find a tramp printer straying around loose, kindly tell him there's a day's work at the Democrat office. The work may be all cleaned up by that time, but it will be an inducement to him not to linger in the vicinity where such a danger threatens him.

Hints of the suit department in Thomas Smiley's advertisement.

REMARKABLE CURE OF RHEUMATISM.

KENNA, Jackson Co., W. Va.

About three years ago my wife had an attack of rheumatism which confined her to her bed for over a month, and rendered her unable to walk a step without assistance, her limbs being swollen to double their normal size. Mr. S. Maddox insisted on my using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I purchased a fifty-cent bottle and used it according to the directions, and the next morning she walked to breakfast without any assistance in any manner, and she has not had a similar attack since.—A. B. Parsons. For sale by F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris, Dr. Orin Stevens, Oxford, and Williamson & Kimball, Norway, druggists.

Pneumonia is one of the most dangerous and fatal diseases. It always results from a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will quickly cure a cold and perhaps prevent an attack of pneumonia. It is in fact made especially for that ailment and has become famous for its cures over a large part of the civilized word. It counteracts any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. Can you afford to neglect your cold when so reliable a remedy can be had for a trifle? For sale by F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris, Dr. Orin Stevens, Oxford, and Williamson & Kimball, Norway, druggists.

In almost every neighborhood there is some one whose life has been saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, or who has been cured of chronic diarrhœa by the use of that medicine. Such persons make a point of telling of it whenever opportunity offers, hoping that it may be the means of saving other lives. For sale by F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris, Dr. Orin Stevens, Oxford, and Williamson & Kimball, Norway.

THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best in the world. A few weeks ago we suffered with a severe cold and troublesome cough, and having read their advertisements in our own and other papers we purchased a bottle to see if it would affect us. It cured us before the bottle was more than half used. It is the best medicine out for colds and coughs.—The Herald, Andersonville, Ind. For sale by F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris, Dr. Orin Stevens, Oxford, and Williamson & Kimball, Norway, druggists.

If troubled with rheumatism, give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial. It will not cost you a cent if it does no good. One application will relieve the pain. It also cures sprains and bruises in one-third the time required by any other treatment. Cuts, burns, frost bites, quinsey, pains in the side and chest, glandular and other swellings are quickly cured by applying it. Every bottle warranted. Price 25 and 50 cents. F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris, Dr. Orin Stevens, Oxford, Williamson & Kimball, Norway, druggists.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your Grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1-4 the price of coffee. 15c. and 25 cts. per package. Sold by all grocers.

Many School Children are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, Break up Colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, and Destroy Worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

BORN.

In Greenwood, March 26, to the wife of Elton L. Dunham, a daughter.

In Norway, March 13, to the wife of Dell Arsenault, a daughter.

In East Denmark, March 23, to the wife of Harvey Dunn, a daughter.

In Sweden, March 9, to the wife of Arthur Thompson, a son.

In West Lovell, March 18, to the wife of Victor H. McAllister, a son.

In Waterford, March, to the wife of C. M. Billings, a son.

MARRIED.

In Auburn, March 22, by Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker, Mr. Albert L. Sanborn and Miss Annie B. Keene, both of Norway.

In Norway, March 26, by Rev. Bates S. Rideout, Mr. Wilfred A. Hersey of Waterford and Miss Ella C. Fanham of Norway.

In Porter, March 24, by Rev. J. H. Bounds, Mr. Frank Sargent and Miss Ida Towle, both of Porter.

In Ridlonville, Me., March 13, by J. L. Howard, Esq., Mr. Gardner Grady and Miss Carrie Carroll, both of Ridlonville.

In Dixfield, March 26, by Rev. Manley B. Townsend, Mr. Bertrand C. Ludden of Rumford Falls, and Mrs. Eunice E. Holt of Canton.

DIED.

In Minneapolis, Minn., March 26, Mrs. Sarah Gladding, aged 61 years.

In Buckfield, March 27, Reuben L. Farrar, aged 81 years.

In Gorham, March 29, Moses Stanley of Hiram, aged 65 years.

In Canton, March 15, Harry Phillips, eldest son of Charles and Mary Phillips, aged 19 years.

In Bethel, March 28, Capt. Thomas S. Hutchins, aged 67 years.

In Sweden, March 5, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Knight.

In Denmark, March 25, Heman N. Bartlett, aged 86 years.

In Wilson's Mills, March 19, Mrs. Lois C. (Stiles), wife of James W. Clark, aged 64 years, 2 months.

In Brownfield, March 26, Mary, wife of the late Charles Bickford, aged 60 years, 8 months, 27 days.

In Brownfield, March 29, Mary E., wife of Henry Griggs, aged 49 years and 6 months.

In West Paris, March 30, W. C. Mooney, aged 75 years.

In Bethel, March 25, J. A. Libby.

In Wakefield, Mass., March 24, Joseph Morton, aged 70 years.

VERY LOW PRICES ON

BLANKETS & ROBES

—AT—

The C. S. TUCKER Harness and Trunk Store,

91 Main Street, Norway, Maine.

Also special low prices on

TRUNKS AND BAGS.

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Oxford:—

The inhabitants of the town of Rumford by their selectmen, duly authorized, hereby represent to your Honorable Board that common convenience and necessity does not require the existence or maintenance of that portion of the highway leading over Baxter Hill, so-called, in the towns of Rumford and Peru, as is located between a point in said highway in the town of Rumford, where the Thornton road, so-called, intersects with the same, and a point in the Baxter Hill road, so-called, in the town of Peru, nearly opposite the residence of Charles L. Mathews: in all a distance of one mile, be the same more or less.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that after due notice your Honorable Board will view the premises, hear the parties, and discontinue so much of said highway as in your judgment common convenience and necessity does not require.

Inhabitants of Rumford, by

H. C. DUNTON,
Y. A. THURSTON,
JAMES S. MORSE, } Selectmen of Rumford.

Dated at Rumford, this 15th day of March, A. D. 1900.

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss.

Board of County Commissioners, Dec. Session, 1899; held by adjournment March 27, 1900.

UPON the foregoing petition, satisfactory evidence having been received that the petitioners are responsible, and that inquiry into the merits of their application is expedient, IT IS ORDERED, that the County Commissioners meet at the Hotel Rumford, at Rumford Falls, in said county, on the 30th day of May, next, at nine of the clock A. M., and thence proceed to view the route mentioned in said petition; immediately after which view, a hearing of the parties and their witnesses will be had at some convenient place in the vicinity, and such other measures taken in the premises as the commissioners shall judge proper. And it is further ORDERED, that notice of the time, place and purpose of the commissioners' meeting aforesaid be given to all persons and corporations interested, by causing attested copies of said petition, and of this order thereon, to be served upon the clerk of the town of Rumford in said County and also posted up in three public places in said town, and published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County of Oxford, the first of said publications, and each of the other notices, to be made, served and posted, at least thirty days before said time of meeting, to the end that all persons and corporations may then and there appear and shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioners should not be granted.

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

A true copy of said petition and order of court thereon.

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

Teachers' Examination.

All who are to teach or who intend to teach in the Town of Paris during the ensuing year, will meet at the High School Room in the village of South Paris on Saturday, April 7th, at 10 o'clock, for examination.

WALTER L. GRAY,
Supt. of Schools.

Farm at Auction!

The Wm. Chitis Farm, 1-2 mile from North Paris with Stock and Farming Tools, will be sold at Auction on

Tuesday, Apr. 10, at 10 o'clock.

Oxen, Steers, Cows, Heifers, 3 Horses, Farm Wagons, Mowing Machine, Etc.

GEO. O. CHASE & SON,
North Paris, Maine.

THE

Merchants Insurance Company

OF NEWARK.

Assets Dec. 31, 1899.

Real estate,	$ 171,469 56
Mortgage loans,	376,150 00
Collat ral loans,	10,000 00
Stocks and bonds,	726,900 00
Cash in office and bank,	64,298 68
Interest and rents,	5,295 61
Uncollected premiums,	168,443 92
All other assets,	857 76
Gross assets,	$1,598,415 57

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1899.

Net unpaid losses,	$ 114,467 51
Unearned premiums,	737,516 56
All other liabilities,	35,541 04
Total,	$ 923,625 11
Cash capital,	400,000 00
Surplus over all liabilities,	274,790 46
Total liabilities and surplus,	$1,598,415 57

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Oxford:—

The inhabitants of the town of Rumford by their selectmen, duly authorized, hereby represent to your Honorable Board that certain new locations, alterations and discontinuances are needed to better accommodate the public in the highway, as now traveled, on the southerly side of the Androscoggin River, which leads past the residences of Virgil Fuller, F. P. Putnam and Wallace Clark; and particularly that portion of said highway that lies between the southerly end of the new iron bridge just above Rumford Falls and the residence of George F. Elliott, formerly known as the Warren Adams farm, all in said Rumford.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that after due notice your Honorable Board will view the premises, hear the parties, and make such new locations, alterations and discontinuances in said highway as common convenience and necessity may require.

Inhabitants of Rumford, by

H. C. DUNTON,
Y. A. THURSTON,
JAMES S. MORSE, } Selectmen of Rumford.

Dated at Rumford this 13th day of March, A. D. 1900.

STATE OF MAINE.

BEECHAM'S PILLS

For all Bilious and Nervous Disorders; Sick Headache, Constipation, Weak Stomach, Impaired Digestion, Disordered Liver, and Impure Blood.

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State of Maine.

OXFORD, ss:
Clerk's Office, Supreme Judicial Court, Paris, Maine, March 26, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of Clayton K. Brooks, Esq., of Paris, Me., to be examined for admission to practice law in the Judicial Courts of the State, at the May term, 1900, of said Supreme Judicial Court.

CHARLES F. WHITMAN,
Clerk Sup. Jud. Court.

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Augusta, March 20, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for the Pardon of Walter J. Douglass, a convict in the county jail at Paris under sentence for the crime of larceny, is now pending before the Governor and Council, and a hearing thereon will be granted in the Council Chamber at Augusta, on Monday, the 24th day of April next, at 4 o'clock P. M.

BYRON BOYD,
Secretary of State.

PROBATE NOTICES.

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

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

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1900, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause:

HARRIET PEARSON, late of Buckfield, deceased. Petition for the appointment of Albion S. Bessey as administrator presented by Walter A. Turner, nephew.

OLIVE P. WARREN, late of Fryeburg, deceased. Will and petition for probate thereof presented by Augustus H. Walker, the executor therein named.

JOHN D. WOOD of Andover, ward. Account presented for allowance by Olney A. Burgess, guardian.

E. GRANT HARLOW, late of Paris, deceased. Final account presented for allowance by James S. Wright, administrator.

WILLIAM A. FROTHINGHAM, late of Paris, deceased. Final account presented for allowance by James S. Wright, administrator.

ELBRIDGE H. FIFIELD, of Bethel, ward. Final account presented for allowance by Elmer O. Millett, guardian.

GEORGE R. COYLE, late of Buckfield, deceased. Petition for allowance to widow out of personal estate presented by Nellie P. Coyle, widow.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—Attest:—
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of

ELIZABETH S. PRINCE, late of Paris, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

March 20th, 1900. JAMES S. WRIGHT.

Annual Meeting.

SOUTH PARIS LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the South Paris Light, Heat and Power Company for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the Treasurer in Billings Block, South Paris, on Friday, April 13th, 1900, at one o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE M. ATWOOD, Treasurer.

Blacksmith Shop To Let in Norway Village.

The blacksmith shop connected with Robbins' carriage shop, situated on Pleasant Street in Norway Village, will be rented. Shop has always done a good business and is an excellent opening for the right man.

Enquire of A. B. ROBBINS, or A. P. BASSETT, Norway, Me.

Stand for Sale.

A story and a half house and ell, and lot 50x100 feet. Eight rooms all finished. Situated on Pine Street in South Paris Village. It is desirous to make this a quick sale. Enquire of

MRS. C. E. DWINALS.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE.

WHEREAS Adelbert D. Bicknell and Clinton Harriman, both of Paris, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, by their mortgage deed, dated the 26th day of April, A. D. 1880, and recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds, Book 192, Page 119, conveyed to the South Paris Savings Bank, a certain parcel of real estate situated in the town of Paris, County of Oxford and State of Maine, and bounded as follows:—Westerly by the town line between Norway and Paris and the County road known as High Street; southerly by land now or formerly of Gladys Buck, Frank Porter, James Curtis, Chandler Swift and the Asa T. Dunham farm; easterly by said Dunham farm, the range line between the Third and Fourth Ranges, land of Samuel D. Marshall and land of Chas. S. Marshall; and northerly by land of Samuel D. Marshall and land now or formerly of William F. Dunham, being the Goss farm so called and so much of the Hayden Marshall farm as lies east of said High Street; and whereas the condition of said mortgage has been broken, now therefore, by reason of the breach of the condition thereof the South Paris Savings Bank claims a foreclosure of said mortgage.

South Paris, March 12th, 1900.

SOUTH PARIS SAVINGS BANK,
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A Good Child

Healthy children are good because they feel good. A "bad" child is never a well child. A pale, peevish, fretful, feverish child needs TRUE'S ELIXIR to restore health. It will tone the upset stomach and bowels, make rich, red blood, bring color to the cheeks, sparkle to the eyes and vigor to the body. It is the "TRUE TONIC"

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No. 53.—Half Square.

1. A long pointed weapon of war. 2. A portion. 3. A period of time. 4. Towards. 5. A letter.

No. 53.—A Well Known Book.

—New York Journal.

No. 54.—A Tale of the Cid.

(Fill the blanks with words made up of the letters used in Roman notation.)

The * * * who was * * * * * and * * * * even * * * his * * * * * duties, at home grew * * * * * with rage * * * the cook forget to send daily to the * * * * for fresh meal; or fail to lift the * * * of the soup kettle and * * * a sprig of * * * * in the broth just before serving.

His sight so * * * * * in his youth was now * * *, and so * * * was he that he had no * * * left for even * * * * * war. Yet he took for his motto two-thirds of Cæsar's famous saying, "* * * * * * *."

No. 55.—A Charade.

My FIRST is "the top of a column or door,"
Or, if you go to sea,
"A thick, strong block to hold masts together,"
As strong as strong can be.
Perhaps it will be of cannon a part;
The boy has its uses all by heart.

My SECOND, that glue which the bookbinder knows,
Likewise the painter before his work grows;
A tool of this name for the worker in pearls;
Also "dimension" of boys and of girls.

My WHOLE is sometimes the result of a squall,
Sometimes of a foolish rocking;
Sometimes it is a landsman's fall.
It may be funny or shocking.

No. 56.—Two Diamonds.

1. A letter. 2. A conveyance. 3. A mark noting omission. 4. Military service. 5. Emitting rays of light. 6. To attempt. 7. A letter.

1. A letter. 2. The border or margin of things circular or curving. 3. A dress of state, rank, office and the like. 4. To oscillate. 5. Farinaceous. 6. A pen for swine. 7. A letter.

No. 57.—A Musical Medley.

The answers to the questions are found in musical terms.

1. A support for the shoulders.
2. A story in an apartment house.
3. Not artificial.
4. The beginning and end of the title of one of Shakespeare's plays.
5. What bread is.
6. Represented by hourglass and sickle.
7. A warlike defense and the letter most used in printing.
8. To observe.
9. An army officer.
10. Necessary conditions for surgical instruments.
11. A promise to pay three days after due.
12. Three times as much.
13. Strengthening.
14. A quiver of the voice.
15. To filter.
16. The stone which binds an arch.
17. A vegetable.
18. By chance.
19. Something to lean upon.
20. Remedy for fatigue.

No. 58.—Letter Removals.

1. Take a letter from the head and leave consumed.
2. Take a letter from finished and leave a number.
3. Take a letter from riches and leave a fairy.
4. Take a letter from a fur bearing animal and leave capable.

Wine and Otherwise.

Some men become crooked in trying to make both ends meet.

Nothing worries some people like the absence of worry in others.

It's sometimes difficult to get even with a man who credits you.

Women probably talk more because men are too polite to interrupt them.

Work is nature's physician, but most people prefer some other doctor.

You can't blame a man much for being chicken hearted when he has been henpecked nearly all his life.

Clever Thoughts.

A kiss through a veil is like champagne through a straw.

Chaperons are counter irritants to produce matrimony.

Men never really love their babies. They only respect them for their family connections.

There is a charm about another fellow's widow that few men can associate with their own.—New York Herald.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 45.—Enigma: It never rains but it pours.

No. 46.—Deductions: 1. Aspen, pens. 2. Selvage, leaves. 3. Sawing, swing. 4. Ramble, blear. 5. Treats, start. 6. Smells, sells. 7. Hasten, heats. 8. Sailor, lairs. 9. Stamen, mates. Agamemnon.

No. 47.—Beheaded Animals: S-able. S-tag. S-loth. M-ouse.

No. 48.—Known to Fame: Swift. Cooper. Helps. Hardy. Lamb. Hope. Hawthorne. Cross. Smiles. Twain.

No. 49.—Illustrated Conundrum: One pounds away; the other weighs a pound.

No. 50.—Framed Pyramid:

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No. 51.—Additions: 1. Ash, d-ash. 2 Range, o-range. 3. Ear, d-ear. 4. One t-one.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

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Trouble Enough. "Are you a Boer sympathizer?" asked one orator. "No," answered the other. "Filipino sympathizer?" "No." "Why not?" "Mebbe it's lack of time. I've been reading about police scandals, and political feuds, and about innumerable people who don't think as I do, and I haven't had time to go off the continent, I'm simply a U. S. A. sympathizer."

BEECHAM'S PILLS for Stomach and Liver ills.

Enthusiasts. "Really, when the weather makes it impossible to play golf, I suffer from ennui." "So do I. I think, however, on such occasions we ought to meet in the club-house, and read and listen to papers on golf."

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HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

Correspondence on topics of interest to the ladies is solicited. Address: Editor HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN, Oxford Democrat, Paris, Maine.

THE OFFENDED WOMAN.

If my friend truly loves me and I her, we cannot easily offend each other. The person most easily offended is a woman, a narrow-minded, selfish woman. That she is easily offended proves both adjectives true of her. She is quick to take offense because she is so used to running in her own little round of life that very small events seem great to her. A slight, no matter how unintentional, hurts her because she is always thinking of herself. Her image is forever outlined between her eyes and whatever they chance to gaze upon. It is a pity, for she might be a pleasing person if it were not for this flaw. As it is, she will be always narrow-minded and selfish unless she turns squarely around in this matter. It is a great thing to begin to take more thought as to whether you are hurting people's feelings than whether they are hurting yours!

Such people may possibly have friends, but they might have many more if only others were not always treading on their important toes. It is a mystery what they think is gained by this shortsighted course of action. It may win for them a temporary flutter of attention from those who would propitiate them. But the wise and the wary do not love to stay in such company. One cannot lounge, figuratively speaking, with them. And life is so very, very busy that we must be able to relax in the presence of our friends.

You will not find this egotistic person readily giving up such a habit. No, no! In the first place it makes her more important, calls attention to her, as it were. In the second place, it is something to fill an empty mind with, and it, or something like it, must there remain until displaced by something worthier and better.

Two remedies immediately suggest themselves. First, begin to think that there may possibly be other people in the world as good as you. In a word, begin to love your neighbor as yourself, and you will very quickly grow to be more concerned about her feelings than your own. And that is a graceful attitude, oh, easily offended woman, and much more becoming to you than you can at once perceive.

Second, fill your mind with something, anything higher and sweeter and broader than yourself. If it isn't the affairs of the Kingdom of God, let it be the doings in some kingdom of man. The world was never so full of matters and events of vital interest as to-day.

As a general proposition, let me suggest that true friends *cannot* offend one another. If I have chosen my friends, and they have chosen me, deliberately, it was for reasons of affinity, admiration, love. Once accepted and enfolded in my love, my friend cannot offend me. We understand each other, or if we do not, on some slight points, a few words enlighten us. Each attributes to the other the highest motives of loving comradeship, and it is impossible to think evil of them.

It is a cheery and beautiful philosophy—one loves so much that one cannot be offended.—Good Housekeeping.

RECIPES.

MOLASSES FRUIT CAKE.

Sprinkle with flour one cup seeded and quartered raisins, one-half cup currants, one-fourth cup shredded citron and one-fourth cup soft prunes, stoned and quartered.

Mix one level teaspoon soda, two level teaspoons mixed spice and one rounded teaspoon baking powder with four cups sifted flour.

Cream one cup butter with two cups sugar, add two eggs well beaten, one cup milk and one cup molasses, then the flour and fruit. Bake in one deep pan, or part of it in small cake tins.

GINGERBREAD.

Dissolve one teaspoon soda in one-half cup cold water, add one cup of molasses, one-fourth cup of melted butter and one cup of flour mixed with two teaspoons baking powder, and enough more flour to roll out half an inch thick. Lay it into a greased and floured pan, brush the top with molasses and bake in quick oven. Or mix softer and spread on pan.

NUT AND CHEESE SANDWICH.

Mix equal parts fine chopped pecans and grated Edam cheese, season with salt and paprika, and spread on thin buttered rounds of bread. Put together and press slightly.

CHEESE MUFFINS.

These are nice in cold weather for lunch or supper. Make a raised muffin batter, and when filling the tins scatter on finely cut cheese. Some prefer to insert one wedge-shaped piece in each. With good coffee they constitute a satisfying beginning for those blessed with good appetites, and the pleasant odor stimulates those who must be tempted and attracted by novelties.

RAISED MUFFINS.

One pint of milk, one quart of flour, one-half teaspoon salt, one egg, one generous tablespoon of butter, one-half a cake of compressed yeast; scald the milk, melt the butter in it and cool until only warm. Dissolve the yeast in lukewarm water and add; then pour upon the sifted flour by degrees, stirring well, and beat the egg and add while blending the milk and flour. Rise over night or until light. Take out with a wet spoon and let it rise a short time before baking, or cook in rings on the griddle.

SCALLOPED OYSTERS.

Clean one pint oysters, moisten one cup cracker crumbs in one-third cup melted butter. Put one-fourth of crumbs into baking dish, then one-half of oysters, season with salt, pepper and lemon juice, then another fourth of the crumbs and remaining oysters. Season, and cover with remaining half of crumbs. Bake in quick oven until liquor bubbles and crumbs brown.

CORNED BEEF HASH.

Equal parts of cooked meat and potatoes, or two of potatoes and one of meat. Remove the bone, gristle and skin, and all but one-fourth part of fat. Chop fine and mix well with potatoes. If hot, mash the potatoes; if cold, chop them. Season with salt and pepper, moisten with hot water, stock, milk or cream. Cover bottom of spider with dripping or butter, spread the mixture over the pan, cook slowly till the brown crust forms, fold over and turn out like omelet. If more crisp crust is desired, shape the mixture into small rounds or ovals and fry them in a generous amount of fat, turning when brown.

ORANGE MARMALADE.

One dozen large navel oranges. Cut in halves and scoop out the juice. Boil the peels two or three hours in plenty of water until you can run a broom corn through them. Drain, and when cool enough to handle, scrape out all the white, leaving only the yellow outside. Cut into straws. Weigh the pulp free from membrane, and add an equal weight of sugar. Boil pulp, sugar and straws for two hours, and then turn into glasses. It makes six one-half pint jelly tumblers.

ORANGE JELLY.

One-half box shredded and two slightly rounded tablespoons of granulated gelatin, soaked in one-half cup cold water, and dissolved in one cup boiling water. Add cup sugar, two tablespoons lemon juice and one pint orange juice, in which the grated rind of one orange has been soaked. Stir till sugar is dissolved, strain, mold, and surround with ice water to chill it quickly.

ORANGE OMELET.

Beat yolks of three eggs until creamy, add three teaspoons powdered sugar, a few grains salt, three tablespoons orange juice and a little grated rind, fold in stiffly beaten whites and cook in hot buttered omelet pan slowly, till well risen and light brown underneath, then dry off the top in the oven. Fold, turn out, sprinkle thickly with powdered sugar, and score it with red-hot poker.

ORANGE FROSTING.

Beat the whites of three eggs to a stiff froth, add the grated rind of one orange and part of the juice, then beat in powdered sugar to make it as stiff as common frosting, or as soft as will allow you to spread it smoothly on the warm cake.—American Kitchen Magazine.

BIRD FLIGHT.

SOME INTERESING SPECULATIONS ON THE PROBLEM.

The problem of bird-flight has its humor and its absurdities. Recently there has been a revival of the gaseous theory to account for the apparently impossible, yet every day visible performances of the hawks and buzzards, the swifts, and indeed all of the best flyers. It is said that birds have a pneumatic system, in addition to the osseous, muscular, vascular, nervous and other systems common to higher animals; and that by the functioning of this peculiar system they render themselves so buoyant that their alar operations are comparatively easy, requiring far less muscular exertion and nervous expense than would appear to be necessary.

This theory seems to be preposterous, being based in a flat contradiction of an axiom of natural philosophy. A balloon, when collapsed, will not rise in the air; but when expanded with a gas lighter than our atmosphere it soars. The same principle causes a hull to float on water when a solid of the same size would sink plump to the bottom. If the bird has a system of pneumatic cavities the bird's body is at its lightest when those cavities are absolutely empty; for no gas is lighter than vacuum. Then clearly the only method by which the bird can increase its buoyancy in this connection is by expanding its substance, and at the same time filling the spaces with a gas extremely light, and yet able to resist the increased pressure of the external air. But does a bird expand its bones, or even its softer parts to any practical extent while flying? No theorist claims that it does. If such expansion were possible the only service a gas could perform would be to resist the atmospheric pressure; for, as I have said, the bird would be lighter without the gas than with it. No substance is lighter than nothing!

It is a perfectly manageable problem to calculate just how much a buzzard would have to expand the "cavities of its pneumatic system" in order to increase the buoyancy of its body a given number of ounces. But supposing that the bird can at will expel from its bone cavities and other pneumatic reservoirs all gaseous contents, there would not be an appreciable lessening of weight in the problem of flight. In fact, if a buzzard could at will discard its entire abdominal viscera, the loss of substance would not be sufficient to make any great change in our problem; for the wild goose is twice in the body as heavy as a turkey vulture, and just as good a flyer, without any advantage in wing force. The difference in sailing ability in favor of the vulture is easily accounted for on the score of natural bodily lightness; but this comparison does not in any way assist in setting the main question. Of course if two birds have equal wing force and greatly unequal bodily weight, the heavier will have to work the harder in flying. Still, under the most favorable co-ordination of weight and wing power in a bird, the problem of flight is far from solution.

It is easy to catch a buzzard, a vulture or a goose and accurately measure the muscular force of its wings. It has been done. This force has not been found very remarkable. A boy 12 years old can hold both wings of a 20-pound goose in one hand without great exertion. The wing muscles are strong, but not marvelously strong, about equal to those of a strong man's thumb. Well, a very strong man can lift his own weight with his two thumbs; wherefore it should be easy enough for a goose to lift twenty pounds with the same muscular power. Here, however, comes in the immense counterleverage of the bird's long wings as a troublesome element of our calculation. Let a strong man take in his hand a fan, the full-size of a vulture's wing, and attempt to sweep it swiftly through the air; the realization of what the bird overcomes with such apparent ease and with such marvelous grace will immediately arrive. It may be said that in any event the vulture has but to sustain the weight of his own body; but remember that this must be with outstretched wings. Were the wings mere thumbs and the extreme leverage only three or four inches, all would be well; but the air pressure on the entire wing is at last borne by the muscles where they pass the wing joint next to the body, and the strain is kept up many hours without a moment's rest. The strongest man's arms could not bear it for two hours, as experiment would easily disclose.

The flight problem, therefore, suggest a deeper examination into bird-anatomy than has yet been made. The whole physiological structure must be restudied with a view to accounting for the immense nervous resources of the avian physique. Long continued muscular exertion uses up nerve force, with a corresponding exhaustion of heart-power, lung power and will power. Are birds not subject to the law of physical waste and recuperation? Some of them fly for forty-eight hours, or longer, without rest or food; and if they sleep it is while incessantly continuing their flight. I have taken them, on their migration, when a storm had driven them to earth, and found not a trace of food in their stomachs But for the storm they would have gone hundreds, perhaps thousands of miles farther without a mouthful of sustenance. Does not this point to some physiological secret—some unknown factor in the bird's physical economy—which may or may not be undiscoverable? We do not yet know what magnetism is; we are but guessing at electricity; we cannot even be sure what causes the difference in weight between steel and platinum, or between gold and aluminum. Why then should we turn up our "scientific" nose when it is suggested that there may be a principle, not yet even guessed at, upon which it would be easy to base all the conditions of flight as we see it in birds? There is not a physiologist living who can absolutely account for the correlation of nerve-power and muscular force which brings about the voluntary crooking of one's finger. Yet the ignoramus who does not, and never can, know how he winks his eye, pretends to set bounds to the secret of bird-flight.—Maurice Thompson in The Independent.

PHILOSOPHY OF "SPECS."

"Hov yez absirved," asked Mr. Gilhooler, "th' nomber av people yez meets in the street nowadays thot wears specs?"

"I how thot, Gilhooley," answered Dinny Sullivan, "an' I've wondered w'at ut manes."

"It manes wan av three t'ings, Dinny."

"Phwat?"

"It manes syether thot th' woorld is a dom sight mure intellectual than it wor in my day, er thot there air more suckers in it than there uster be, er thot th' doctheres is a hape sight cleverer than I've ivir given 'em credit o' bein'."—Detroit Free Press.

Allowed to Vote. Election Inspector (severely)—Sir, have you ever read the constitution of the United States? Naturalized Citizen—No. Have you? Election Inspector—No-o.

A lazy liver makes a lazy man. Burdock Blood Bitters is the natural, never failing remedy for a lazy liver.

An Ultimatum. Mr. Dopps—Mrs. Dopps, your new frock is trailing on the ground. Mrs. Dopps—I don't care if it is, I'm not going to hold it up until I get a silk petticoat.

Ordinary household accidents have no terrors when there's a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil in the medicine chest. Heals burns, cuts, bruises and sprains. Instant relief.

To Be Considered. "Was your play a success?" asked one manager. "Why, the critics liked it," answered the other. "I know. But how about the police?"

It's the little colds that grow to big colds; the big colds that end in consumption and death. Watch the little colds. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

Ominous. The Arizona editor who divides his spare hours between reading Kipling and cleaning his guns has just hung this neat placard on the north wall of his sanctum: "Don't submit spring poetry lest we forget."

Eczema, scald head, hives, itchiness of any sort instantly relieved, permanently cured. Doan's Ointment. At any drug store.

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Life is hardly worth the living with the never-ceasing aches and pains of a bad back. If you would remove the burden of backache, reach the cause—the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills will cure sick kidneys, and the cure is lasting. Here is proof of it.

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Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers; price 50 cents a box. Mailed on receipt of price by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitute.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of

PERLEY W. SILVER, late of Rumford, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Feb. 20th, 1900. HIRAM D. ABBOTT.

WANTED Men and ladies in small towns wishing to earn $25 per week should write at once to Mattoon & Co., Oswego, N.Y.

1000 AGENTS WANTED for The Life and Times of Gladstone, by DR. JOHN CLARK RIDPATH; the story of the life and deeds of England's greatest statesman by Americans greatest historian; the best and most instructive biography of the age; 650 imperial octavo pages. 150 illustrations. BALCH BROTHERS CO., 36 Bromfield St., Boston.

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Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the People's Water Company for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the Treasurer in South Paris, on Saturday, April 7th, 1900, at 7 30 o'clock P. M.

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Cash in office and Bank,	67,868 90
Bills Receivable,	1,429 27
Agents' Balances,	46 987 45
Interest and Rents,	2,703 40
Uncollected Premiums,	110,354 79
All other assets,	907 73
Gross Assets,	$1,585,373 96
Admitted Assets,	$1,585,373 96

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1899.

Net unpaid losses,	$ 65,970 00
Unearned Premiums,	679,788 34
All other liabilities,	97 00
Total,	$ 745,855 34
Cash Capital,	702,875 00
Surplus over all liabilities,	136,543 62
Total liabilities and surplus,	$1,585,373 96

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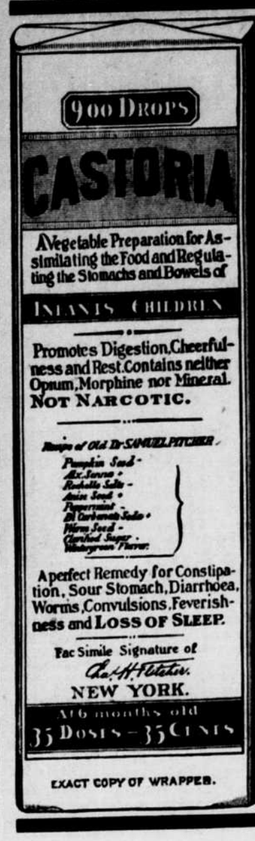

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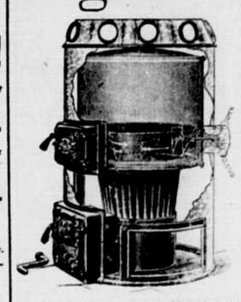

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