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TURNER GRANGE.

THE LARGEST GRANGE IN THE WORLD, SAYS THE MASTER OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE.

State Master N. J. Bachelder of New Hampshire State Grange, who officiated as installing officer at the installation exercises at Turner Grange recently, writes as follows to the Mirror and Farmer:

It will be a matter of interest to members of the order to learn something about Turner Grange, No. 23, of Maine, which is said to be the largest subordinate grange in the world. Organized June 6, 1874, it has reached its present membership of 427 and has about twenty applicants upon whom the degrees are to be conferred. This grange is located in the fine farming town of Turner, which is noted for its excellent farms, thrifty farmers and Turner creamery, which transacted business in 1896 amounting to $375,000, said to be the second largest creamery in New England.

The membership of Turner Grange is composed solely of farmers and their families, and when their average attendance in 1896 of 149 is taken into account, something of the magnitude of the work in this grange will be better appreciated. One peculiarity of this grange is the fact that all meetings are held in the day. At 10 o'clock on the first and third Saturdays of every month a meeting is held. At the noon recess a dinner is served under the direction of a committee appointed for the purpose. This committee is changed each meeting and during the year each member serves once or more. At the close of the afternoon meeting all are enabled to get home in time for the farm chores.

This Grange owns the hall in which the meetings are held, which is a commodious building containing the lodge room, dining room and kitchen, completely equipped for serving large numbers, and a library containing 700 volumes. The latter is installed in a very attractive room, nicely carpeted and containing reading facilities. A librarian is in charge during each meeting and books are taken and returned by the members. Over $100 is annually expended in purchasing new books. A stable with a capacity for 100 horses has been built by the Grange at an expense of nearly $1000, for the accommodation of members attending the meetings. In addition to these the Grange has a snug sum in the treasury. During the year four lectures are provided for the benefit of the Grange, which are free to all members although often secured at considerable expense.

A field meeting, ladies' meeting, young members' meeting, and grange fair are held during the year, and the full program for all the meetings of the year is made out and published at the beginning of the year. Taking it altogether, the work done by this grange is on a magnificent scale and most thoroughly and intelligently laid out. Much credit is due Mr. Z. A. Gilbert, former secretary of the state board of agriculture, who is a leading member of the grange, and who has the earnest support of the great membership.

TYPES WITHIN TYPES.

Broadly speaking, there is a milk type and a beef type, but under each there are a number of well defined breed types markedly distinct. But while it is quite an easy matter to distinguish the beef type, represented in a Devon, Shorthorn or Polled Angus, from an Ayrshire, a Holstein or a Jersey, it is by no means so easy a task to pick out the best Ayrshire, the best Holstein, or the best Jersey, from a dozen of either. The truth is, that the "dairy form" and the "dairy type" talk has been a little bit over-done of late.

In this, as in all things else concerning living things, the law of variation or the force of individuality comes in and knocks out the best planned hypotheses. As running horses run, and trotting horses trot, in all forms, so cows, within limits, make butter in all sorts of form. Nevertheless, it can be safely said, that each dairy breed is slowly evolving a type—a sort of composite form, as it were—of the best individuals of the breed. This is what improvement of the breed means. But improvement is not bringing these types nearer together. The Ayrshire is not growing like a Holstein, or a Jersey like either.

CLIPPINGS.

Neglect is the parent of waste.

Pay debts first and let improvements wait.

There is more than one reason why we should strive to procure a large percentage of lean in our pork; perhaps the most important is that we may increase the consumption of our pork, while one almost as important is, that it enables us to increase the vigor and stamina of our herds.

Do not be too ready to try all sorts of remedies when ailments occur with the stock. Frequently it is the remedy that does the harm. Any remedy that may be suggested should be used only when it is known to be the result of an experiment made by an experienced and intelligent person.

We should aim to produce such stock as will bring buyers to us; some one always wants a good special purpose horse or an extra good milch cow. Neither of these is over-plentiful. The fairly good we have in abundance. There are many, both in the city and country, who will never have anything but the very best, at whatever cost.

It is estimated that it takes 150 pounds of butter at a good market to pay for the keeping of one cow. At a standard of 4 per cent of butter fat that amount of butter will require about 3500 pounds of milk. Therefore, a cow must yield 3500 pounds of milk to pay her way. In order to have a fair profit it is necessary that she yield something like 5000 pounds of 4 per cent milk.

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TESTS AND FEEDING

VIEWED BY A JERSEY MAN OF GREAT EXPERIENCE.

There are always two sides to any question, pro and con, which should not unnecessarily be construed as right and wrong, and though there may be clearly a right and a wrong in the extreme of both cases, the point of divergence may be honestly placed differently, depending upon the perspective or standpoint of the contestants.

There has unquestionably advantage accrued to the Jerseys as a breed from the butter tests, ordinary and extraordinary, made and published, as also to those who are engaged in breeding and selling them or their products. From my standpoint, too, it is equally clear to me that incalculable loss has been sustained, not only by individual owners, but by the breed as well, in the death of some of its best and most valuable representatives—the direct result of more or less prolonged high pressure feeding—and injury to the progenitive powers of others, as evidenced in the failure (in some cases, of absolutely total failure) to produce anything approaching their quality and capacity.

Unintelligent high feeding, the thoughtless inability to consider the nervous organization of a milk producer a mother, as differing from a machine into which can be poured a given ration and quantity to produce a resultant amount and quality (I verily believe there are those who would use a cramming stick if by it they could produce an ounce of butter more per week) have unquestionably produced evil results. That the most careful, most intelligent high feeding may do so, we have illustrated at the World's Columbian dairy test. We "got there." It was worth all it cost to the breed and its breeders, but what a cost (!) in individuals, and, presumably, to progenitive functions.

It must not be construed that I would criticise adversely the feeding and treatment of the Jerseys at the world's fair. I would only secure all possible advantage from that great object lesson and direct attention to it merely as confirmatory of conclusions reached from my own personal experience, and offer them for the serious consideration of the thoughful breeder and feeder.

It is a well established fact that use or accidents can make dominant and heriditarily transmissible, traits or characteristics, strength or weaknesses, that entirely unfit the progeny for the purposes to which the parents were fully adapted. You can undoubtedly call to mind brainy children of brainy parents and ancestors, who, through inherited weakness of will or "nerve," or vital force acquired by their parents through accident or excess in some form before the children were born, and transmitted to them, are absolutely incapable of doing that which otherwise they seem so pre-eminently fitted for.

It would be folly to expect great speed for a mile from a race-horse, however well bred, that had inherited a weakness in muscular force in the respiratory organs, though able to show remarkable speed for a quarter. It is equal folly to expect big things at the pail and churn from a cow with inherited weakness of digestive organs, that entirely precludes the assimilation of food necessary for such yield, though in every other respect she may be particularly fitted to do so.

Overwork in any given function, organ or muscle will unquestionably produce weakness in that particular function, organ or muscle, and it follows that phenomenal results at the pail and churn, produced by extraordinary feeding may (please note I say "may") produce a transmissible weakness in the bovine mother, not necessarily apparent, which absolutely prevents her subsequent offspring fulfilling justifiable expectations.

Any feeder of experience can recall instances of promising young cows from remarkable mothers, that weaken and fall off just as sanguine expectations seem about to be realized. Why is it? My experience satisfies me fully of the "why." The time at my disposal, as well as the probable demand on your valuable and limited space, prevents further discussion on my part, of this (to me) most interesting subject; otherwise, I would be very glad to present to your readers, conclusions reached from thought and experience—not as a new testament, to be accepted as a feeders' gospel, but for their thoughtful consideration, discussion, mutual enlightenment and advantage.—GEO. T. VAN NORMAN in Jersey Bulletin.

TWO READINGS.

A young farmer, who had great conceit, little discretion, and scarcely any education, presented himself once at a Presbyterian conference, and said he wished to be ordained as a preacher. "I hain't had any great learnin'," he said frankly, "but I reckon I'm called to preach. I've had a vision three nights runnin'; that's why I'm here." "What was your vision?" inquired one of the elders. "Well," said the young man, "I dreamt I see a big, round ring in the sky, an' in the middle of it was two great letters—P. C. I knew that meant Presbyterian Conference, an' here I am." There was an uncomfortable pause, which was broken by an elder who knew the young man, and was well acquainted with the poverty of his family and the neglected condition of their farm. "I haven't any gift of reading visions," said the old man gravely, as he rose from his seat, "but I'd like to put it to my young friend whether he doesn't think it possible those two letters may have stood for "Plant Corn?" This version was accepted by the applicant.—Argonaut.

FEED CHANGES BREED.

It is the history of all breeds that improving lands make them mature earlier, and this is accompanied by a lurking propensity to fatten. I am an admirer of all the breeds; each is fitted for its pasture, and American pastures vary from the rich prairie that grows more grass than average acres elsewhere, to the scant herbage of the mountain side. The best cow at the Royal Agricultural Society of England, in 1892, was an Angus; the next best three were Shorthorns. The best butter yields at the Chicago fat stock show, in 1891, were from a brown Swiss. The world's greatest private record of butter is from a Holstein, and the next highest is from a Jersey. These things will teach us that we can make a breed what we will. Tompkins, who developed such fine beef cattle in the Herefords, said he could as easily have developed fine milkers, and every student of the cow believes him. So says Prof. James Wilson.

Farmer-Governor Matthews of Indiana, who has governed wisely and well, said at the inauguration of his successor, Farmer-Governor Mount, "My successor leaves the plow and I return to the plow." Surely this is a manly tribute to agriculture. The farm supplies the food and clothing of the world; it can also supply and has supplied some of out most successful and honored officials of state. If Gov. Mount plows as straight and deep a furrow in the affairs of state as did Gov. Matthews he will add honor to agriculture and retire with the wealth of esteem that now follows Claude Matthews to his farm. Why should not the farm furnish timber for governors as well as the law office? Surely it needs only that the tillers of the soil respect themselves and their occupation to be spected by others.

Apples have been moving quite freely the past week. All shipments go across the water. The unprecedented low price of seventy-five cents a barrel is the figure paid. Growers are reasoning that it is better to sell at that price than not to get anything. There are still large quantities unsold.

IN THE SHADOW.

We walk within the shadow, and we feel its thickening fold
That wraps us round and holds us close, a cloak against the cold;
The day is growing sombre, and the joyous light has fled,
And beneath our feet the road is rough, and clouds are overhead.

We sit within the shadow, and in that silence dumb,
To us in softened echoes remembered voices come;
Dear eyes that closed in slumber once, dear hands that straightened lie,
Awaken tender yearnings as the day wanes slowly by.

We rest within the shadow, though the hurrying people go
On errands swift for gold and gain, beyond us, to and fro;
We have no care for transient things; we wish no more to strive
As once we did; we rest, we dream, we feel but half alive.

Our resting and our waiting, and our plodding on the way,
With the sunshine of the past casting darkness on to-day,
With no caring for the future, while the heart-ache holds us fast,
With no thought for any pleasure—ah! 'tis well these cannot last.

For the shadow always lifts, and the sunlight glows again;
There are sudden gleams of brightness, sweet clear shining after rain;
And we gird ourselves for action, strengthened we arise and go
From the sanctuary outward, where the feet tramp to and fro.

Life must have its sometime sorrow, but the years that drift along
Touch the minor chords but seldom; there are spaces blithe with song.
Sometimes we must face the shadow, where the wind blows keen and cold,
But the shadow fades at dawning, and the east is flecked with gold.

—MARGARET E. SANGSTER, in Harper's Magazine.

FROM PARIS, MAINE, TO PARIS, FRANCE.

No. 12.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE, MADAME TUSSAUD'S AND THE PARLIAMENT HOUSES.

(From our Special Foreign Correspondent.)

LONDON, ENGLAND.

While rambling about with our Egyptian mummy friends, amid the tombs of their kings and queens, Seti, Rameses, Hatasu and others—which is all a matter of indifference to Setie, Ramie and Hattie, no doubt—we neglected to show you the very interesting relic, Cleopatra's Needle, erected on the Thames embankment in 1878. This famous obelisk of red granite, weighing 180 tons, was given to England by Mohammed Ali, Viceroy of Egypt. Its companion, which stood erect at Alexandria till its removal, is now in New York, while this one lay prostrate for many years. Both monuments, or monoliths, more properly speaking, were originally brought from Heliopolis, where there are many more, we are informed. The inscriptions in part are as follows:

"This obelisk quarried at Syene, was erected at Heliopolis by the Pharaoh Thothmes III, about 1500 B. C. Lateral inscriptions were added by Rameses the Great. Removed during the Greek dynasty to Alexandria, the royal city of Cleopatra, it was there erected in the 8th year of Augustus Cæsar, B. C. 23."

"This obelisk, prostrate for centuries on the sands of Alexandria, was presented to the British nation in 1819 by Mohammed Ali."

Though we have not yet gotten over the overwhelming effects of our associations with the "Children of Israel," and the last narrow houses they inhabited; and it is a long step to come back from the acquaintance we made with human figures, once flesh and blood, which have lain more than 5000 years, swathed in the cerements prepared by some of "old Pharaoh's Army, Hallelujah", with the substance so strong that time nor decay could not come near them; and it is a great come-down, to come back to the paltry period of but 900 years ago, and descend to common plebeian wax figures—yet we cannot leave the immense resources of London's curio halls, without taking you to Madame Tussaud's, which is really one of the most interesting places in London, even if it has been made more or less a joke of.

Perhaps we ought not to use the term "plebeian," when nearly all our sumptuously attired friends here belong to royalty. One's expectations of a wax-work show are naturally not very exalted, and there may be a grotesqueness about it, but if you take it seriously you can learn more of English history here, than anywhere-else, for here you *see* the actual figures, most of them marvellously true to life, of all the old, and new, kings and queens of England, as well as nearly every other distinguished person in England, or anywhere else, it seems. These figures are some of them standing up, and some sitting down, "clothed and in their right minds," if we may be pardoned for the insinuation, for we really don't mean that their minds originally were wax, but that the faces, pose, and other details, show almost the natural expression and intelligence, as this little incident will show.

As we entered at the turnstile presided over by a man who took our shekels, or shillings—and of whom we could say that if yonder figures were wax men, then he must be a wooden man—our companion advised us to accost this young woman sitting near the door, and ask for a descriptive catalogue, of which she seemed to have an abundant supply. We took out our purse to purchase the desired article—for it is a joke that you have to pay for everything in England, even a program when you go to a concert or theatre, of which they have several varieties; and if you want an elaborate one, with the names of all the performers, selections and cetera, you must pay about a shilling (25 cents).

Well, we asked in our prettiest manner for a "program, please," but thinking the young person did not hear, we repeated our polite request in a little louder tone of voice, with the same result, when it dawned upon us that we had been talking to a wax figure! To our companion, of course, it was a source of great mirth, as well as to ourselves, but we inwardly vowed we would get even with her before we left the place. So, as we retraced our footsteps, the contemplation of a figure sitting on one of the settees—occupied partly by live people of which the place is much frequented, and a few others who were alive once before—had engaged our attention for some moments. This particular figure was of a very distinguished and dignified looking gentleman, sitting perfectly motionless, with his hands leaning on his cane, and it had been a matter of conjecture with us for some time whether this figure was alive or un-alive, but by persistent watching we had come to the conclusion that he was alive. We had searched on the floor at his feet and been unable to find any number—every wax figure being numbered with a corresponding number in the catalogue, which gives you all desired information regarding the figure in question.

Here was our chance, so we called to our companion, who had the catalogue, telling her to come and see who this one was whom we had been regarding so long with a decided interest, from the fact that he strongly resembled an old sweetheart of ours, in the long gone rainbow-hued days of our youth.

She stood before the inanimate object long and earnestly, searching for his number, the wicked demon in us, meanwhile, drawing her out to mention in admiring terms his exquisite naturalness of pose, and beauty of feature and physique, but being unable to discover anywhere any number, and at last looking into his face, "the babe looked up and sweetly smiled," and the smile soon developed into a broad grin, and then into a "jolly good hearty laugh," and a "Thank you kindly, dear Jane," metaphorically speaking; and the object of our intense interest and ardent admiration, got up and walked away.

You can imagine the discomfiture of our companion, and it was even suggested that this man was put there on purpose to fool people; but that did not detract from the assurance that our victory was all the more satisfactory, from the fact that the disciple of the backwoods of Maine had vanquished on her own ground the born-and-bred Londoner, who had visited the place scores of times before.

In the "back parlor" is a fine string band which discourses sweet music, and as we sit and listen, these quaint and curious groups of royalty, arrayed in their robes of splendor, and in their characters as well, are a source of increasing delight, and we don't mind confessing to a decided liking for these kings and queens and dowagers, even at the risk of being counted a person of doubtful intelligence; and that we lose sight of the fact that their jewels and crowns are of glass and brass, and we expect to see them clapping and cheering with the rest of us, when the orchestra renders a particularly pleasing selection.

We can't tell you about all these illustrious personages, of whom we make the acquaintance here, but will introduce you to the first one who greets us, William the Conqueror. He is chiefly noted for the Curfew Bell and the Doomsday Book; the former being a signal at 8 o'clock at night, for every fire and light to be extinguished; the latter the first record or sort of register of deeds for taxing purposes, begun during his reign, which commenced 1066. The original copy is exhibited under a glass case at the British Museum.

You will not be so much interested in the other kings and queens perhaps, as in a few other individuals—Julius Cæsar, for instance, the greatest of the old Roman Consuls, and most victorious of her military commanders, born B. C. 100. Among his literary works his accounts of the Gallic and Civil wars are alone known at the present day.

This figure who stands here dressed in the peasant garb of her youth, is Jenny Lind, the "Swedish Nightingale"—the obscure peasant girl, who with that golden voice, brought the whole world to her feet.

But perhaps the most interesting of all is Madame Tussaud herself, a little "dried up" old woman you would call her, who originated this great enterprise herself, and from a few small beginnings done with her own hands, she evolved this interesting exhibition and accumulated great wealth.

Another room, well worth seeing, is the one devoted to relics of Napoleon—his carriages, wardrobe, jewelry, pictures, etc., and the coronation robe of his empress, also his own, made of purple velvet, and lined with the skins of 6000 ermines, and weighing 80 pounds. The three eagles surmounting it were captured at Waterloo.

The most extraordinary relic in the world is that melancholy one of the French Revolution, the original knife that decapitated 22,000 persons. Also the original guillotine, called a philanthropic (?) machine for beheading people, invented by M. Guillotine, a French physician.

We shall not take you into the "Chamber of Horrors," for already you have had enough of horrors, but we will go instead to the Parliament Houses. These immense buildings cover over more than ten acres of ground, and contain eleven courts, 100 stairways, and 1100 apartments, and cost $15,000,000. There are three towers—Victoria Tower being the one through which the queen enters on the opening of Parliament. This tower has an immense clock, the four dials of which measure twenty-three feet each in diameter, and it takes five hours to wind up the striking parts. The interior is fitted up with lavish magnificence, and at one end of the hall of the House of Peers, is the sumptuous throne of Queen Victoria.

Westminster Hall, which now forms a vestibule of the House of Parliament, is rich in historical associations, nearly all bloody, as is the entire history of England—but we cannot say much, as our own liberty was bought with blood, and it will take a good many Star Spangled Banners of Peace to wipe out that stain.

In this hall the English monarchs down to Geo. IV, gave their coronation festivities. Oliver Cromwell's body was dragged from its resting place in Westminster Abbey, and here on one of the pinnacles of this same Westminster Hall, his head was exposed, where it remained thirty years, till at last a high wind carried it to the ground. One of the sentries picked it up and sold it, and it afterwards descended to a relative of the family, who has it in his possession at the present day.

We can't enlighten you to any great extent on the workings of English politics, except that the House of Commons is made up exclusively of rich men. They receive no salaries, and they must be rich in order to keep up their positions, so it is not to be expected that they will legislate for the benefit of the poor, any more than they do in the United States. The suffrage is not altogether what it should be, perhaps, any more than it is in the United States! By which, do not understand us that we want to vote, for nothing is farther from our desires. Here, unless a man owns property that brings in $60 a year, or pays rent to that amount, he cannot vote, consequently has not the slightest voice in the government of the country, so it can be seen that the poorer classes get no representation whatever, but the rich ones are taxed for their support, which is better than our own country does. Our host pays $5 per week "poor rates," which is for the poor of the district; but as there are no poor in the vicinity, it being a very wealthy neighborhood, it's rather hard to understand where it does go to.

The average member of Parliament is a man of business, and as his election costs him loads of money, he is not foolish enough to relinquish it in a hurry, for he believes in the theory of a bird in the hand, and not in the doctrine that two birds in the hand do not come up to even one dear, provoking, unattainable, sweet bird in the bush!

MARTHA MAXIM.

Ministers Should Use Dr. Miles' Heart Cure.

THERE IS NO PROFESSION, whose labors so severely tax the nervous system, as that of the ministry. The derangement of the nerve centers of the brain by over work, frequently brings on attacks of heart trouble, and nervous prostration.

Rev. J. P. Kester, M. D., Pastor U. B. church, London Mills, Ills., himself a physician, writes Feb. 26, 1895: "Heart affection and nervous prostration had become so serious last fall that a little over work in the pulpit would so completely prostrate me that it seemed certain I must relinquish the work of the ministry entirely. Heart palpitation became so bad that my auditors would ask me if I did not have heart disease. Last November I commenced taking Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure alternately with Dr. Miles' Nervine and derived the greatest possible benefit. I have just closed revival work of 10 weeks, preaching nearly every night and twice on the Sabbath. I can speak for hours without suffering as I formerly did. Hard working ministers should keep Dr. Miles' grand remedies on hand."

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THE MATE OF THE HINDU

By Captain RALPH DAVIS.

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CHAPTER VII.

THE FATE OF THE ALBATROSS.

When we had been a few weeks at sea, there was much to commend and very little to find fault with. I stated in a previous chapter that no batch of convicts had ever mutinied until after leaving the cape of Good Hope. The reason for this will be apparent if you consult your map. In running to the south every craft was in the great highway. Had the convicts got possession of a ship there were no uninhabited islands for a refuge. Had they landed anywhere on the west coast of Africa, the savage natives would have snapped them up. The hour of peril had come when a craft was approaching the Australian coast. If the convicts got possession, they could either land on the great island or sail to the north and find innumerable small islands to offer them shelter.

While we took every precaution from the very beginning of the voyage, we nevertheless depended in a measure on the facts above stated. After awhile the convicts appeared to steady down and be desirous of making good records, and the behavior of the guards was all that could be asked for. For a month or more I had kept close watch of the four men previously alluded to, but nothing had occurred to make me doubt their loyalty. Haskell had been allowed to saunter about as he pleased, and whenever an extra guard was wanted he was always on hand, but none of his reports as to the conduct of guards or prisoners was calculated to cause any particular anxiety.

One morning, as we were holding our course with a fair wind, we rose an Indiaman coming up from the south, and two hours later she signaled that she wished to speak us. The Hindu was lying to when she came up. The gang of convicts on deck was ordered below, but we were flying the flag which told every beholder what sort of a cargo we carried. The Indiaman proved to be the Black Prince, a regular liner, homeward bound, and she dropped a boat and sent her mate aboard. His errand was to see if we could give passage to the Cape to a man named Thomas, who had been picked up at sea two days before while drifting on a raft. He said that Thomas was an Englishman who had been wrecked on a voyage to the Cape and was very desirous of continuing the run in that direction. The mate was in a great hurry, as his ship had been delayed by head winds, and he did not go into particulars. Captain Clark decided that we would take Thomas, and a quarter of an hour later he was on board and the respective crafts swinging their yards to resume their voyage.

It was midafternoon before we got Thomas' story, and it was one to deeply interest us. Only a few days before our sailing a ship called the Albatross had taken out a batch of about 200 convicts, half of whom were females. None of them was above common criminals, and for this reason they were not as carefully watched as they should have been. The ship carried only four passengers, all men, and of these Thomas was one. He had an uncle at the Cape and was going out in search of adventure. He felt certain there would have been no trouble with the prisoners but for the uncalled for measures enforced by the doctor. He overworked and underfed them and flogged men on the slightest pretext. By the time the Albatross had left the Cape Verde islands behind her two-thirds of the men had been flogged and half the females had been punished in some other manner.

When the crew of a convict ship betrays open sympathy for the prisoners because of the cruel treatment accorded them, one must be satisfied that those in authority exceed the limits. Even the guards on the Albatross condemned the tyrannical conduct of the doctor. As I have told you, they were offenders rather than criminals, and all had received short sentences. They were sent out more as colonists, and each one would receive a ticket of leave after serving for six months or a year. It was not until the doctor had repeatedly announced that he would break the spirit of every one in the gang or flog him to death that the spirit of mutiny cropped out. The position of the ship was to the south of St. Helena when the climax came. One of the women convicts had transgressed some rule, and the doctor ordered that she receive a dozen lashes. While he was making preparations the convicts rose as one man and had possession of the ship in five minutes.

It was a mutiny against the doctor and three or four of his guards rather than against the ship, and had the captain kept faith with the mutineers it would have been far better for all on board. Two of the guards were killed in the first attack. The doctor was made prisoner, and an hour later was hanged at the yardarm. The convicts had no further grudges to satisfy, and simply asked that they be landed on the Hottentot coast. This the captain agreed to, but during the night put the ship about with the intention of making St. Helena and giving the prisoners up to the authorities. His deception was soon discovered, the ship held off to the east, and next day the mutineers determined to rid themselves of every one in the ship who would not join them and share the dangers of their future. The captain, mates and 12 sailors refused to join, as also did 3 of the guards and the 4 passengers, making 21 people in all. The 2 cooks and the captain's steward had no option, but were compelled to join. Two boats were lowered, plenty of water and provisions put aboard, and the captain and his people were treated with the greatest consideration.

Thomas was in the mate's boat. Its course was shaped for St. Helena, but a gale came on and blew them far to the south. After a week of battling with the elements it was decided to run for the Cape, but in another gale the boat was upset, and every man lost except Thomas. He was lashed to the keel and had been without food or water for three days when picked up by the Black Prince. As to the fate of the captain's boat and the convict ship he of course knew nothing, but I will give the particulars here as I learned them two or three years afterward. The captain's boat hauled in for the African coast after the gale spoken of, and finally landed with everybody badly used up and the boat no longer able to float. There were 11 men in this boat, and only 3 survived to reach the Cape. Not a single person on board the convict ship knew anything about navigation. The people simply knew that the coast was to the east of them, and they held for it through all sorts of weather. A due east coast would have landed them in Damara Land, above Walfish river, but the point they did reach was Cape St. Mary, on the Benguela coast, 600 miles above.

With such a batch of convicts in possession of a ship one might be prepared to believe that drunkenness, fighting and murder were the order of the day. Such was not the case, however. On the contrary, good order and thorough discipline were enforced. While all were considered to be on an equality and all were served with the same food the men had sense enough to realize that any laxity was a direct menace to all. If retaken, every male convict would be hung and every female get life imprisonment. All the testimony afterward secured went to show that not one single pint of rum was served out, although there were 30 barrels of it on board. On making the coast the Albatross was run into a river and put up it for a distance of ten miles. The people then landed, removed everything from the ship and burned her. The plan was to journey far inland and found a settlement, but discussions begot dissensions, and the crowd finally split up into five or six parties and went their respective ways. An English man-of-war, after long search, recaptured five men and three women, while four other men and two women reached St. Paul de Loanda and gave themselves up. The fate of the others is not known to this day.

Many of the passengers heard the story told by Thomas, and most of the particulars somehow reached the convicts within two or three days. We could not fail to perceive a change in their demeanor, and that change was something to increase our burden of anxiety. All convicts look upon themselves as victims or martyrs. No batch of men ever sent out were receiving better treatment than ours. Instead of the doctor being too severe, he was altogether too lenient. The convicts made themselves believe, however, that they were being badly used. Three days after Thomas came aboard they made a formal protest that they were overworked. The doctor, acting on the advice of the captain, refused to take any action. As a matter of fact, the convicts were not busy half the time. Two days later they made protest that their food was not only bad, but insufficient in quantity. The provisions furnished by the government were wholesome, and no real fault could be found with the cooks.

Ben Johnson had acted as spokesman in both instances. No other ship's doctor would have allowed him to open his mouth. On the second occasion Dr. Haxton, who had been coached by the captain, made reply:

"I have seen fit to overlook this breach of discipline, but don't try it again. The next protest you present will bring you a round dozen on the bare back."

That seemed to end the matter. The captain, the doctor and others were inclined to regard it as a game of bluff, but it struck me that the fellows gave in altogether too quick. My position as mate made it impossible for me to play the detective, but Haskell had the run of the ship and kept his eyes and ears open. On the morning of the fifth day after Johnson had presented his second protest I came on deck at 4 o'clock in the morning. About an hour later, when the watch had settled down into the routine, Haskell came out of the cabin smoking a pipe and made excuse that he was troubled with insomnia. He soon let me know that he wanted a word with me in private. The bark was driving along before a steady breeze and needed little watching, and presently we got out of earshot of the helmsman. Then Haskell said:

"The three guards below will be relieved at 6 o'clock. At 7 o'clock four of them muster on deck to receive the first gang, leaving three below. The four on deck will be re-enforced by two sailors, who will receive their muskets from Hooper."

"Yes, that is the programme," I answered, but having no suspicion of what was coming.

"Every sailor aboard is all right as far as I know," resumed Haskell. "You have spare muskets aft. When Hooper musters his guards on deck, you must be ready to replace the four with sailors and see that their muskets are loaded.

A number of files were found about his clothing.

Give me two others, and we will take the places of the guards below. Put the whole guard under arrest and search every man. When you come to examine the muskets, you will discover that all are unloaded. After taking care of the guards there should be an inspection of the cages and the prisoners. They have been using saws and files down below."

Haskell spoke in such a calm, cool way that I looked at him in anger, thinking he was inclined to joke. He went on to explain that he had been keeping vigilant watch, and that he would stake his life on being correct in his assertions, and I lost no time in notifying the captain and the doctor. We moved in the matter so cautiously that not even one of the sailors who was to replace the guards suspected what was up. At 7 o'clock, as Hooper and three of his men gathered at the fore hatch, the captain ordered them aft, and four sailors took their places. At the same moment Haskell descended to the cages with two men and told the guards they were wanted on deck. Of the seven muskets held by the guards all were capped, but not one loaded. Hooper pretended to be highly indignant at being interfered with, and force had to be used before his person could be searched. A number of files and saws, all betraying evidences of recent use, were found about his clothing.

The guard below was re-enforced and the cages examined. Bars had been cut in every one of them, and it had been planned to make a rush and capture the bark as the first gang was turned up. We hadn't got to the bottom of affairs yet when a British man-of-war, on her way home from the Cape, was alongside of us. The prisoners below, led by Ben Johnson, were hooting and yelling, and all our passengers were badly upset at the turn of affairs, though all danger was over before they knew anything of the situation. The captain of the man-of-war had full authority to investigate and to act. He was at first minded to put a guard and a sailing master aboard, but Captain Clark was not a man to be sat upon in that fashion. There had been a conspiracy, but no mutiny. We had proved ourselves equal to the emergency, and there was no excuse

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COMING EVENTS.

Feb. 8, 9, 10.—Lewiston District Ministerial Association, M. E. church, Norway.
Feb. 9.—Supreme Judicial Court, South Paris.
Feb. 10.—Concert by Callahan's Orchestra and Olive Mae Stuart, New Hall, South Paris.
Feb. 11.—Little Androscoggin Valley Sunday School Association, Baptist Church, Norway.
Feb. 22.—Oxford County Medical Association, Mechanic Falls.

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A LARGE DEAL

IN THE STOCK OF SOUTH PARIS' GREATEST INDUSTRY. L. C. BATES OF NEW HAVEN BUYS THE DENNISON INTEREST.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Paris Manufacturing Company that was to be held last week, after a consultation by the largest stockholders was again adjourned for four weeks pending a contemplated change in the ownership of a large amount of the stock. Among those present from out of town were Hon. Josiah H. Drummond of Portland, Prentiss Cummings, Esq., of Boston, and L. C. Bates of New Haven, Conn. The day after the consultation the information was made public that Mr. L. C. Bates of New Haven, Conn., had purchased the entire interest of Treasurer Harlan P. Dennison in the business.

Mr. Bates was already one of the largest stockholders, and this deal practically places about nine-tenths of the stock under the control of him and his friends.

Mr. Bates is another of that great family of "Oxford Bears," who have gone out into the world to achieve more than ordinary success. He was born in Sumner and went to New Haven about twenty years ago, where, by industry and good business ability he has accumulated a handsome property in the produce commission business. He is now at the head of the L. C. Bates Company, one of the most prosperous and substantial firms in New Haven.

Mr. Bates is an exceedingly unassuming man, and his large success has been accomplished by business tact, pluck and hard work. He has for several years been interested in the success of the Paris Manufacturing Company, both as a stockholder and as a relative and warm personal friend of Superintendent Henry F. Morton, whose genius created this great enterprise, and under whose skillful guidance it has reached its present proportions.

The business of the company the past year has far exceeded any previous year, and the large plant, when run to its fullest capacity, has been unable to fill the orders received for its productions, consisting of desks, book-cases, children's carts and sleds, folding chairs and tables, step ladders, etc., and the factory at South Paris is the largest and most completely equipped plant for the production of these goods in the world. The aim of the management has always been to produce only the finest quality.

The business is of great benefit to South Paris and the surrounding territory, as it consumes a great quantity of lumber, and employs a small army of skilled workmen, who make their homes here, furnish a consuming market for the farmers' produce, and, not by any means least in importance, they are a fine class of citizens, who have the advancement of the best interests of this community at heart.

THE OXFORD CENTRAL ROAD.

WATERFORD VOTES TO TAKE STOCK. ALBANY AND LOVELL REFUSE. NORWAY VOTES NEXT SATURDAY.

The special town meeting in Waterford, Saturday, Jan. 30, voted to take $10,000 in stock in the projected Oxford Central electric railroad. There were only seven votes in opposition. The amount voted was the amount asked for by the projectors of the road.

The town of Albany held its meeting Monday, Feb. 1. It was voted to empower the selectmen to grant the right of way through the portion of the town asked, providing this did not mean additional expense to the town. On the motion that the town take $2000 worth of stock, the vote stood 50 yeas, 28 nays, lacking two votes of the necessary two-thirds to make the measure legal. It is asserted that one reason for the opposition was the lack of information regarding the matter of the voters in the north part of the town, who live farthest from the line of the proposed road.

The town of Lovell voted the same day, and granted the right of way but refused to subscribe for stock. This action was due, not to opposition to the road, but to the absence at that time of assurances that the promises made would be fulfilled, as is fully explained by our Lovell correspondent.

Another attempt will be made to secure favorable action from the town of Albany at the annual meeting in March, when better results are hoped for, and it is understood that the preliminary work on the road will not be suspended.

The town of Norway will vote at a special meeting called Saturday, Feb. 13, on the question of subscribing for $10,000 of stock, as asked for by the projectors.

MURDER OR WHAT?

RUMFORD FALLS, Feb. 5.

Quite a sensation is being stirred up at Rumford Falls over what may be a serious affair. But up to the present time nothing definite is known.

Several of our citizens while going from the Falls side of the river to Mexico over the railroad bridge on Monday morning, discovered a large pool of blood, and between that and the railroad bridge several other pools. Between these pools something appeared to have been dragged, and about one-third the distance across the bridge. On the bridge ties blood had caught and spattered, as it naturally would be from some one being dragged across them. When about one-third the way across the bridge the blood and marks entirely disappeared. They disappear at a point directly over the swift current of the river. It is reported that a man who usually carries quite a sum of money is missing, but for the truth of the matter we cannot vouch.

Whatever the outcome of the affair may prove to be, an investigation should be had, and that at once, so that the minds of the people can be put at ease. It is reported that the blood has been analyzed and proves to be that of a human being. Your reporter was there to-day, and found the mark still very plain. It is further reported that some one at the chemical mill, stepping to the rear door, heard screams of distress coming from that direction on the night when the above happened.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

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

PARIS HILL.

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

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

Advertised letters in Paris post office:
Mr. W. H. Phillips.
Mr. Elmer T. Dunn.
Mrs. Jane Letton Willis.
The Paris Night Robe Co.
Miss Ocie Crosby.
Olive Smith.
Will H. Motley, Jr.

Will Daniels is hauling pulp wood to the South Paris depot. He has about seventy-five cords to haul.

The entertainment committee of the Baptist Circle Friday evening presented in tableau and pantomime, according to the programme published last week, the history of marriage, from the marriage by capture among savages to a negro wedding at the quarters. The several forms of marriage ceremony were well represented, and the amount of work put into preparation and costuming must have been large. Between acts there were introduced a song by Rev. Mr. Roberts and a song by Minneola Ratcliffe, who has a remarkably clear, sweet voice for a little girl. There was a good house.

Mrs. E. H. Jackson has closed her house for the present, and is staying at Mr. Hubbard's.

Professor Baxter's Great Invention gave the audience good entertainment at the Universalist Circle Tuesday evening. The idea of restoring youth by electricity was very cleverly worked out in an amusing farce. There was the usual good audience.

Miss Alice Marble returned to her home in Washington, D. C., last Friday.

The primary school closed a successful term Friday under the instruction of Miss Caroline P. Thayer. The closing exercises consisted of speaking by the little ones.

During the fall, Mr. O. A. Thayer, while gathering apples, fell from a tree, striking on a stone wall. His side was hurt and gave him considerable pain and inconvenience, from which he has not yet recovered. He was at Portland several days last week, where he is treated by his brother, Dr. Augustus S. Thayer.

Mrs. O. A. Thayer was in Portland over Sunday.

The Ladies' Universalist Circle will meet at Academy Hall on Friday evening of this week. A good entertainment is expected which will be announced later. An oyster supper will be served, the oysters being the generous gift of Miss Clementine Cushman. Cake is solicited the same as usual. Those not contributing for the supper will be expected to pay 25 cents, which will admit them to the supper and entertainment. The admission to the hall after supper will be 10 cents. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock. Dancing as usual. A good time is expected.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Rev. J. H. Bounds went to West Paris the other day.

School closed here Jan. 30th after a term of thirteen weeks.

Beulah Bounds is visiting at Mr. Barnett's.

Mrs. Bounds has been quite sick but is now on the gain.

Mrs. James Crooker entertained the ladies' circle at Mt. Abram Hall 27th ult. There was a goodly number present and a good time enjoyed by all. The next circle will be at Mt. Abram Hall, entertained by Mrs. Charles Herrick. A good time is expected, and all are invited.

Lafe Lapham and wife are at work for Zenas Bartlett at Bethel.

WEST PARIS.

It is expected that Rev. Henry R. Rose, of Auburn, will give a lecture in the church on Monday evening, Feb. 15. Subject: "Home Life, or how to be Happy." All are cordially invited.

GREENWOOD.

The writer had an interview recently with a man who was born on the north side of Iceland, and lived there until he was more than 30 years old. From him we gathered some interesting facts regarding that land of ice and fire. His home being north of the Arctic circle, the sun sinks below the horizon for several days each year, but the temperature, being softened by the ocean wind, the weather is never any colder there than some of our coldest days here. They use Fahrenheit's thermometer, and the mercury never freezes. On the south of the island the shortest days are three hours long.

The forest trees are small and stunted, one kind, resembling our basswood, being the largest. Some of their buildings are constructed of stone, but mostly of lumber which is imported from Norway. About the only vegetables they raise are potatoes and turnips.

The Islanders are an intelligent and well informed people, their religion Lutheran, with a sprinkling of Catholic.

Mr. Jonson, the man from whom we obtained this information, says he never visited Mt. Hecla nor the spouting geyser; and never saw the mountain, except at a distance when on the water.

There are two kinds of birds living in flocks about here, one the common snow bird, and the other we call the winter robin, since it resembles the common redbreast when flying or sitting on a tree. These are now feeding on the sweet crab apples still hanging to the trees, and of which they seem very fond.

WILSON'S MILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Haley of Camp Caribou have been visiting at J. W. Clark's recently.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ellingwood were in town last Sunday.

Mercury at 22° below zero last Monday morning, and a severe wind in the afternoon and Tuesday.

A snow storm and another wind-blow Thursday, made bad drifts.

Mrs. R. A. Storey is now gaining in health, which her friends hope may prove to be permanent.

RUMFORD.

Mrs. Myra Elliott and Mrs. M. F. Virgin entertain the circle at the V. I. S. Hall Wednesday evening, Feb. 3.

Mrs. J. H. Barker is at Auburn.

Mr. Harry Hutchins and the Virgin Bros. are hauling birch to the mill at Milton.

Ned Stuart attends the high school at Rumford Point.

John Estes was out Sunday with six horses and two men breaking roads.

Monday morning the mercury was 24° below zero.

LYNCHVILLE.

Mrs. A. C. Holt has been quite sick, but is better at present writing.

Herbert McAllister is at work for Jonathan Bartlett of Stoneham. His wife is boarding at Wilbur McAllister's.

Austin McAllister has taken the hard wood timber of L. H. Burnham to saw into staves. The mill started last Monday.

H. B. McKeen is hauling bolts for L. H. Burnham.

At the town meeting last Monday the town would not vote to raise any money towards the electric railroad.

WEST SUMNER.

Mr. George Bisbee is in very poor health at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bates and daughter Maud will go to Connecticut visiting friends soon.

Henry Parlin is at home from South Paris, where he has been working in the sled factory.

Charlie Ryerson is attending school at Paris Hill Academy.

George Packard injured his thumb while loading some rock maple planks. It necessitated several stitches.

Joseph Slattery is recovering from his rheumatic fever.

Effie Ford has gone to work in the cotton factory at Lewiston.

George E. Pulsifer has been buying some horses.

The Ladies' Reading Club met with Mrs. C. E. Hemmingway last week.

Arthur Pulsifer finished his school at North Sumner last Friday.

Rev. Henry Abbott visited his mother, Mrs. Kilborn Bowker, last Wednesday.

ANDOVER.

Good sledding, and the time is employed by those who are replenishing their wood piles.

The last two snow storms gave us about eighteen inches of snow.

The King's Daughters are to give an entertainment in the hall Friday of this week, at which some fine music will be rendered. The high school scholars will give an exhibition of their skill in dumbbell exercises, and such other sports as will interest the younger portion of the community.

I am informed that the great event of the season, the hunters' and sportsmen's ball, will occur on the 18th instead of the 22d, as was supposed.

But little sickness in town. Those who have been sick any length of time are improving slowly.

Born, to the wife of George Easter, a daughter.

NORTH BUCKFIELD.

James E. Bicknell and Alonzo Buck are at Bethel on a job.

Abel Irish and Ike Shaw are in our vicinity packing apples. They are in hopes to load two or three cars per week.

Lauren Keen and wife of East Sumner were in our place the 2d.

Fred Harlow is soon to go to Floral Park, N. Y., to work for John Lewis Childs.

EAST SUMNER.

Rev. Mr. Boynton and wife are conducting a series of meetings at the churches in this place.

A meeting of the Grand Army boys will be held in the place on the third Saturday in February, the 20th inst.

Miss Amy Heald and Miss Alma Pinkham were at South Paris last week.

Fine ice 22 inches thick is being harvested, and the supply is by no means exhausted. Ice is not so expensive a luxury as potato bugs and hens in the garden. Ice has a tendency to keep one cool, while the other pests serve to make one hot. Yes, give us ice rather than neighbors' hens.

ROXBURY.

The second storm gave us plenty of snow on the rough roads in the woods, and in places on the main roads a good deal too much where the wind piled it up.

Business is booming.

Mr. Chapman is running his mill night and day. Richard and George Taylor of Byron are at work on the night crew.

A Miss Campbell of Rumford Falls boards at Frank Stanley's. She comes up on the train at night and back in the morning.

Will Hutchinson, who drove L. H. Reed's team, hurt one hand while loading birch, and is laid up.

Mrs. Mary Bradeen, who kept L. H. Reed's boarding house for nearly a year, has gone to her sister's in Auburn, and Mrs. Chas. Verrill has taken her place at the boarding house.

EAST WATERFORD.

John Everett cut his knee quite badly while working in the woods. Llewellyn Saunders is driving his team during his disability.

W. H. Chadbourne has sent his hired man, Gus Hale, and team, up country to work for the winter.

J. B. Haskell visited in Rumford and Paris last week.

Waterford had no trouble in raising that $10,000 for the electric road, there being but seven dissenting votes.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Pride are spending a few days at Norway.

NEWRY.

It is getting to be good sledding.

Candlemas Day did not exactly suit the weather wise.

J. A. Thurston's mill at Newry Corner started up Tuesday of this week. It gives employment to a lot of hands that have been idle for several weeks.

J. H. Baker is working for C. O. Moore of Bethel a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Coolidge's little son has four grandfathers and four grandmothers.

I notice several of the North Newryites are hauling sawdust this week. A birch mill at the Tide would be handy in more ways than one.

E. F. Stearns has gone to the logging camps with a two-horse load of beef.

SWEDEN.

George Grover has been in failing health during the past year, and has now decided to have a surgical operation, as his physician thinks there is a tumor in the side.

There are now four girls from the Lancaster Industrial School boarding in our neighborhood, two at A. H. Whitehouse's, and the others at N. O. McIntire's. One at each place is a colored girl.

We all were much pleased with the cloudy skies of Candlemas, and without doubt the remainder of our winter will be very mild.

Seth Knight and Wesley Moore are cutting birch for R. D. Morrison.

Ambrose Farnum is at work for M. E. Perry.

A reading club has been organized among our young people.

The whist party was entertained this week by Beryl Wilson.

Social dance at town hall Friday evening.

HEBRON.

Miss Grace Bumpus was at home Saturday, going back to her school Sunday.

Dr. Donham is at home this week.

A. M. Richardson has also been at home for a week.

Mr. Ezra Marshall has been quite sick but at present writing is better.

C. H. George is having serious trouble with his arm, which was wounded in the army.

Some apples are being packed this week, but we hear of no rise in the price. We think those who sold in the fall were fortunate, as all trouble of keeping was saved.

Ice is being harvested of the very best quality, and twenty inches thick.

A large amount of wood is being hauled by here.

J. L. Bumpus is hauling some very extra-looking wood to Dr. Crane.

NORWAY LAKE.

Mr. Samuel Partridge is quite feeble this winter.

The scarlet fever seems to be about over. There have been nineteen or twenty cases, and not a serious case among them. The worst of it was keeping the children out of school, for we are having a fine term.

Miss Barbara McKay is at home for a short vacation.

George Wood has built an ice house.

There was quite a crowd of people on the ice Thursday to see the horse trot, but the trot did not come off until Friday.

GRAFTON.

The Grafton public library have had a gift of books and magazines from Mrs. John Kitteredge of Taunton, Mass. The magazines are some of the best published in the United States. The books are good and will be much prized by the library association. Mrs. Kitteredge has the many thanks of the people of Grafton for the present, and for her kind remembrance. We, living in a sparsely settled town, prize our public library perhaps more than those who have a chance to attend evening lectures in these long winter months. Our library now numbers nearly 400 volumes. It has been a little over two and a half years since we started in to have a library. Mr. H. V. Poor of Brockton, Mass., made the first donation to the library.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler have the sympathy of nearly all, and many have made it manifest by kindly giving of this world's goods, of which they so much stand in need at the present time. The men of Grafton and Upton are helping to build them a place in which to live this winter. The building is up and the walls boarded in. They have hopes, if the weather is not too severe, to get into their new home within two weeks. They have been kindly remembered by some who live quite a distance away. Mr. E. S. Coe of Bangor sent them $25 in money, and the Berlin mills gave them $25. Lots of smaller donations will be mentioned later on.

We have plenty of snow at this time for business, and all that are able seem to be improving the sledding.

Twitchell & Blanchard have seventeen camps in full blast in Success township. Quite a little town of camps. I understand they have a school for the camp children.

CANTON.

Thursday, the 28th, was the blizzard day of this year so far. Wind blew 60 miles an hour.

Dr. Holt of Portland removed the injured eye for Geo. K. Johnson Thursday. He thought that was the only way to save the sight of the other.

Rev. E. W. Webber of Rumford Falls attended the funeral of Erastus Holt, the 28th.

Work in the tannery is slack at the present time.

In digging a grave in Pine Grove cemetery the ground was found frozen four feet.

Prof. Bateman has been lecturing here this week. He had a good attendance as the weather would permit.

Charlie Hines is at work for G. K. Johnson hauling wood, from the Baker farm in Hartford.

Evergreen Chapter, O. E. S., will install their officers Feb. 9th. They will have a pie and coffee supper.

Miss Georgie Walker of Wilton is visiting at Wm. Bailey's.

By the kindness of Hon. Otis Hayford we have secured the sixth annual report of the state assessors.

Miss Ella Thorne, of Bay City, Michigan, arrived in Canton the 30th. She will stop with her aunt, Mrs. Sarah DeShon, this winter.

Mrs. Bell Ellis and husband, of Readfield Corner, made a short visit at her uncle's, C. O. Holt's, the 30th.

These snow storms keep the sectionmen on the railroad busy shoveling snow to keep the yard clear.

The Odd Fellows are considering the subject of building a hall on the lot that they own in the village; if they do they will have a public hall on the ground floor.

Candlemas day dull and cloudy; winter most gone.

At an adjourned meeting of the Androscoggin Valley Agricultural Society Feb. 2d, it was voted to sell life-member tickets for members and their families.

LOVELL.

The town meeting called to act on the question of raising $3000 for purchasing stock of the Oxford Central Electric Railroad voted "no" on the proposition by about 90 to 50. While the voters of the town refuse at present to raise the money, we believe they would willingly do so if they could be assured of the truth of the statements made in favor of the road. There was no one present who had authority to guarantee the fulfillment of the promises, and it seemed to the most of the people a clear case of rainbow chasing. We hear that the issue will be presented to the town again soon, and probably in better shape.

Many people about town are putting in ice.

Mrs. Cushman is on the sick list.

The series of meetings which have been held at the Christian Church closed Tuesday evening, and Rev. Mr. Knight has returned home.

BROWNFIELD.

An agent for the Portland Express has been in town soliciting subscribers for his paper.

The many friends of Miss Linna A. Frink will be pleased to learn that she is slowly recovering from her serious illness in Portland. She is not yet able to come to her home in Brownfield.

The young men of Brownfield have organized a brass band of eighteen pieces; F. G. Ham, leader.

F. G. Ham has gone to Meredith, N. H., to visit his mother, who has been dangerously ill.

HARTFORD.

Martha Jordan is quite sick.

Charles Gurney is at Peru at work in the woods with his team.

Albert Sampson has bought him a team horse.

Anniversary supper at Crystal Wave Lodge, I. O. G. T., Friday evening, the 5th.

We have three shepherd pups four weeks old the 7th of February.

DICKVALE.

Elmer C., son of A. J. Farrar, is ill with lung trouble.

Maurice Tracy is ill with a bilious attack.

The past week has been a good week for business, and roads are full of teams.

Born, Jan. 31, to the wife of Thomas A. Wyman, a son.

SUMNER HILL.

Stephen Spaulding spent Saturday night with his cousin, Moses Spaulding.

The Congregationalist Circle had a supper at Mrs. L. B. Heald's Wednesday, the 13th.

Mrs. W. R. Sewall has returned home from Vermont.

John Flagg of West Buckfield was in the place Saturday.

F. L. Barrett went to West Paris Wednesday.

S. G. Barrett is putting in his ice this week.

Mrs. Ryerson visited her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Hollis, one day last week.

Our school closed Friday, the 22d.

Thomas Hollis has bought him a yoke of two-year-old steers of Bill Benson.

A. Bisbee has bought him a yoke of Bert Thomas.

H. W. Davenport has gone to Peru to haul wood.

C. S. Cushman bought him a yoke of oxen of Moses Young.

WELCHVILLE.

Miss Mabel Mont closed a very successful term of school on Pigeon Hill, Jan. 30th. This is Miss Mont's third term.

Mr. Lincoln Chaplain is hauling pine from the Cummings lot in East Oxford to John Hanscom's mill in Mechanic Falls.

There is soon to be held an old-fashioned spelling school by the M. E. Circle.

Mr. Howard Blake is cook for A. L. Chaplain in the woods. Lincoln says he is a "good one."

NORTH PARIS.

Mrs. Abner Benson has been quite sick the last two weeks.

Wm. Bryant has been quite sick with mumps at his wife's mother's, Mrs. Burnes'.

Arthur Stevens has hired out to Charles Stevens to drive one of his teams in the woods of New Hampshire.

Mr. Hazeltine has also gone into the woods.

School closed last week. The teacher invited the scholars to spend the evening of the last day at her home, which most of them did, and a merry time was had.

K. Churchill and wife went to Bethel Feb. 3rd.

Lucy Andrews has gone to Portland to visit her brother, W. W. Andrews.

Will Bryant has been sick with the mumps at Mrs. Burns'.

E. E. Field is agent for the Bowker and Essex fertilizers and will be glad to furnish the same to the farmers in this locality.

G. W. Berry and wife visited friends here Feb. 4th.

Mrs. Abbie Lowe has been visiting her sister, Mrs. F. L. Barrett, for a few days.

Lorana Robbins has finished her school and is at home.

TRAP CORNER.

One of G. F. Marshall's daughter has been quite sick with the mumps, and they have left her very poorly.

Ellingwood & Willis have contracts for cantdogs and pikepoles that will take several months to fill. They make first-class goods.

The creamery company have put in a Nat. butter worker, and are doing a good business.

SOUTH HIRAM.

Charlie Smith is at home.

The snow storm of Thursday was the worst storm of the season. The roads were drifted to the depth of three or four feet.

Miss Lulu Bennett, who works in the Union station, Portland, was at home on a visit last week.

Irving Fox called on friends here the past week.

Mrs. Hattie Clay, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Woodward of Maplewood, returned home Sunday.

Rev. M. E. King of Monmouth was in town last week.

Clinton Wood and wife were in the place the past week.

E. F. Stanley has been drawn juryman.

BETHEL.

Services have been resumed at the Congregational church.

Sunday, Jan. 31, Katie, daughter of Mr. George and Mrs. Florence King, was buried. It was a very sad case as the whole family was quarantined, having five children sick with diphtheria. They have the sympathy of the whole community, and all are glad to learn that all the sick ones are recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ames went to New York Monday to spend a month with their son and daughter.

Miss Fannie Mason, Miss Agnes Kimball and Miss Deering entertained the whist club at the Elms last Saturday afternoon, Jan. 30.

Mr. Eben Chapman, who has been in delicate health for some time, has gone to Florida to spend the winter. He is in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Philbrook. His friends trust that he will return with much improved health.

Delegates from the I. O. G. T. attended the district lodge at South Paris.

Wednesday afternoon the ladies of the Universalist literary circle met with Mrs. O. M. Mason.

Mrs. Abiel Chandler has returned. She found Mr. Chandler comfortably situated at Augusta, and it was thought best for him to remain there until spring, when he is to return.

Thursday the literary circle of the Methodist society met with Mrs. C. Bisbee.

Thursday the Ladies' Club met with Mrs. Newton Richardson. Subject for debate: Resolved, That we are influenced more by tradition than environment.

Friday afternoon the ladies' auxiliary to the W. B. F. M. held a very interesting meeting.

Last Monday evening the officers of Sunset Rebekah Lodge were installed by Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Young of West Paris. Officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

N. G., Minnie F. Frost.
V. G., Ella A. Bryant.
Rec. Sec., Jane H. Gibson.
F. Sec., Marcia A. Hastings.
Treas., Ellen Burbank.
Warden, Vira Parker.
Con., Abbie Farwell.
Chap., Marion Dudley.
I. G., Lydia Parker.
O. G., T. Kendall.
R. S. N. G., Eliza Sanborn.
R. S. V. G., Martha Gibson.
L. S. V. G., Mrs. Lawrence.

The lodge is comparatively young, but is in a prosperous condition with a membership of nearly seventy.

Mrs. Geo. Locke and little daughter of Norway have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Newton Richardson.

Saturday the Columbian Club met with Mrs. Mason. Subject: Oligarchy and Democracy. Early history of Athens, Archias, and the Areopagus. Epimenides. Solon and his institutions.

HIRAM.

The Knights of Pythias are preparing a drama for the near future.

On Jan. 26th, Mrs. Lizzie J., wife of Mr. Joshua F. Sargent, and daughter of Wm. and Lavina W. Cotton of Hiram, died in South Bridgton, of blood poisoning, aged 32 years, 7 months, 14 days. She leaves five children, the youngest a babe of eight days. Rev. Mr. Hague of South Bridgton attended the funeral on Saturday at the old homestead. We have known this estimable lady from her childhood as a pure and modest maiden, a daughter, wife and mother, of tender affections, and loyal and loving devotion to all the duties of such relations. Amid a wealth of flowers consecrated by tears we have laid her with her kindred, cheered by the thought that upon the fadeless flowers in the eternal morning no tears shall ever fall.

On Friday morning, Feb. 5th, the thermometer fell to 17 below zero, but rose at 1 P. M. to 38 above.

Mrs. Almon Young is visiting at Augusta.

The W. C. T. U. held a meeting Thursday P. M. with Mrs. Eugene Martin. The society numbers some 40 of our most active and respected ladies.

Mrs. Charles W. Osgood is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Gould have conveyed their homestead to Mr. Melville Gould with the condition of their maintenance.

Mr. George W. Osgood has recovered from his recent illness.

Mr. F. L. Mark of Fryeburg has been in town this week on insurance business.

HARBOR.

A place not often heard from in the papers, but for all that, very important on account of its advanced civilization.

Those who enjoy tripping the light fantastic and were in attendance at the dance at Wiswell's Hall last Tuesday night, report a very enjoyable affair.

Mr. Charles Farrington is recuperating from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Miss Eunice Maxwell is the guest of her numerous friends in and around Bridgton.

The store of A. H. Seavey was entirely destroyed by fire last Wednesday night. By hard work a small store house was saved. Mr. Seavey estimates his loss at $2000, insured for $300. He contemplates rebuilding.

It is said that E. B. McAllister will locate in Norway in the near future.

Our people are very much interested in the proposed Oxford Central railroad.

The Methodist church society met at the church last Thursday night. A large number were in attendance.

Large strings of shad are being caught at Kimball's Pond, some weighing five or six pounds.

Farmers are anxiously waiting for a rise in price of potatoes. At present quotations it hardly pays them for their time and seed.

The two young daughters of Edwin Pray, walking a mile to and from school, do not miss a day in their attendance.

OXFORD.

Harry Farris is attending the medical school at Burlington, Vt.

Miss Fannie Rice repeated by request the graphophone entertainment with new programme on Tuesday evening at Temperance Hall.

Mr. Burns is packing apples.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held a social at the new chapel Friday evening.

The primary school closes this week.

EAST HEBRON.

Rev. W. L. Bradeen and wife, Mrs. O. N. Jenkins and J. A. Shaw attended quarterly meeting in Canton last week.

Daniel Keene was at home from Peru last Thursday in quest of a cook for his men in camp.

Frank Packard is yarding out his logs to haul to the mill.

Rev. Z. Wheeler and wife were in the place last Sabbath. Sickness prevented him from favoring his former parishioners with a sermon.

Frank Hodsdon is at home from Turner, assisting his father in getting his ice.

C. F. McKenney is in North Auburn with his daughter at present.

J. A. Shaw is at home from school in Lewiston. Report says he will not return to school until autumn.

Victor DeCoster is working for A. M. Fogg.

T. L. Rogers and wife went to South Paris the 3d to District Lodge, I. O. G. T. The session was interesting and well enjoyed. Our calls among our old friends were also very pleasant. We found the editor of the Democrat away.

KEZAR FALLS.

Rev. M. E. King, former pastor of the M. E. church, has been in the place the past few days.

Mrs. Ruth Gould and daughter have returned from Fryeburg.

Mr. Clinton Wood has gone to Conway, N. H., to work.

High school commenced Monday, Feb. 8. Principal, S. A. McDaniel, M. D.; assistant teacher, Orman L. Stanley.

Miss Lula Bennett, who has been at work in Portland station, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Miss Lula Mason of Brownfield is visiting in this place.

Mrs. Irving Mason is very sick.

EAST BETHEL.

Miss Inez Brown is spending a few weeks with friends at Rumford Corner.

Mrs. Z. W. Bartlett visited Norway village one day last week.

Miss Bertha Twombly spent a few days with friends at this place before returning to her home at West Gray.

Miss Lillian Kimball received the most votes in the contest for the most popular teacher, and was presented with a handsome copy of Webster's International Dictionary.

Z. W. Bartlett with six horses and a road machine breaks the roads from Hanover to Locke's Mills and South Bethel and return.

BUCKFIELD.

Fred H. Atwood and wife of Rumford Falls visited friends in town Saturday, 30th ult., and took in the Odd Fellows' degree work and festival at Nezinscot Lodge in the evening.

Mrs. Lincoln of Lewiston has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Alfred S. Holland.

Rev. G. B. Hannaford of Rumford Falls occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon and evening, Jan. 31st, in exchange with its pastor.

The supper and sociable at the Methodist parlor Monday evening, Feb. 1st, was liberally patronized.

The remains of Mrs. Arminta Buck Battles, wife of Geo. W. Battles, who died in Bradford, Mass., Sunday, Jan. 31, after a brief illness, were brought here for interment Tuesday last. Mrs. Battles was the daughter of the late Elisha Buck, and sister of the late Ambrose Buck, one of the early families of this town. There were twelve children in the family, seven girls and five boys, the mother of whom died at Bethel recently at the home of her grandson, Mr. Norman Buck, at about 100 years of age. Only three of the family survive, Orville of Idaho, Dr. Llewellyn and Albion J., who are in Kansas. The husband and son, Mr. Frank Battles of Epping, N. H., accompanied the remains, which were deposited in the receiving tomb. Mrs. Battles was 67 years of age.

DENMARK.

It is reported that Mr. George W. Gray was thrown from his sleigh while riding in Portland and was badly hurt, although no particulars of the accident have been received here.

Mr. E. E. Swan has returned from his visit to Boston.

The Ladies' Circle met with Mrs. William Allen Wednesday afternoon and evening. About 65 sat down to supper.

The farmers are now very busy hauling birch to the mills of Fred Sanborn and Augustine Ingalls.

A. B. Ordway and Chas. Moore are working at the late George Bean place making repairs on the inside of the house.

FRYEBURG.

Sarah Johnston Bradley, widow of the late Dr. Israel B. Bradley, died on Thursday, Feb. 4, aged 71 years. The disease of which she died was pneumonia. She was sick about ten days. She and her daughter had for several years made their winter home at Hotel Bellevue, 17 Beacon Street, Boston, and it was there that she died. The funeral will take place here.

The monthly temperance meeting was held at the Congregational vestry Sunday evening, Jan. 31. By request of the president, E. R. Woodbury, the subject was changed to "Arbitration". Appropriate remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Stone, Rev. E. H. Abbott, Mr. E. R. Woodbury and Prof. Peirson of Boston. Special music was prepared and the evening was profitably spent.

Mr. Fred Fife is at home again.

Miss Alice Evans left for Boston Feb. 1 to study at the hospital—trained nursing.

The schools in town closed Friday, Feb. 5.

The remains of Mrs. Sawyer of Portland were brought here for interment Feb. 5. The services were conducted by Rev. E. H. Abbott.

The athletic exhibition at the Academy, Feb. 4, was a success. The drills were very well done. The prizes (a banner of heliotrope and white satin) was given to the girls for the "Grecian hoop drill." The proceeds of the entertainment are for base ball playing for the spring term. Sum clear from expenses $25.

SUMNER.

E. H. Thompson from Rumford Centre was in this place recently.

George Grose has returned home from Massachusetts.

John Davenport is working for Mrs. Julia Thorne.

O. L. Newell has recently sold two yoke of steers to Moses Young of Hartford.

Julian Dyer is at work for A. W. Crockett sawing birch.

We learn that the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Turner, of Hartford, has been very sick, but is a little better at present.

Julian Aubrey and Della Dyer visited their uncle at Peru a short time ago.

H. W. Poland's little girl is sick with tonsilitis.

Mrs. Corry Bonney has been visiting at her father's, Wm. G. Abbott's.

Alton Ames and wife visited his brother at Lewiston last week.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Mrs. Ada Bailey and Miss Mary Jane Parks of Clifton, Maine, are here caring for their uncle, Mr. George Bradbury, who had a slight shock last week, and at this writing seems to be failing.

Mr. Eli Whitney is suffering from an attack of rheumatism and is confined to the house.

The entertainment given by the Y. P. S. C. E. was a success. An excellent supper was served from 6 to 8 o'clock, after which there were readings by Rev. C. S. Young of Fryeburg, vocal solos by Dr. Gatchell, Mrs. G. G. Mansfield, Miss Emogene Rounds, and Master Frankie Greeley. Violin solo Mr. Whitman G. Stickney, Miss Hannah Gatchell organist.

Mr. E. D. Walker has shipped about 450 barrels of apples from this station the past week.

SOUTH RUMFORD.

In my last items, Charlie Morse should have read Charlie Moore.

Fremont Abbott has finished work in the paper mill, and gone to Paris.

Henry Thurston, S. R. Thurston and W. A. Wyman are hauling wood to the Falls, where they find a ready market for it.

SNOW'S FALLS.

Will Gaetz returned to Dead River lumber camp last Friday. He went back with Lewis Kidder behind a fine new horse weighing 1620.

F. J. Wood has recently completed a light horse sled for his personal use. A. D. Cook painted it in his usual skillful manner.

Moses Smith is enjoying a visit from his mother.

FRYEBURG CENTRE.

H. B. Walker and wife were in the place last week. He is running a livery stable in Berlin, N. H.

Mr. Burbank reports a good business in the grange store.

The Stow and North Fryeburg circles will unite and have an oyster supper and dance at Wiswell's Hall Wednesday night, Feb. 10th.

Mrs. Etta Meader is visiting her brother, Ed Baker.

DISTRICT LODGE, I. O. G. T.

Oxford District Lodge, I. O. G. T., met in New Hall, South Paris, Wednesday, Feb. 3. District Templar O. L. Varney of West Sumner presided, and Wallace Strickland of South Paris acted as secretary *pro tem.*

The reports from the lodges showed the order to be in good condition throughout the county. Delegates were present from these lodges:

South Paris.
Golden Rule, West Paris.
Pleasant Lake, West Sumner.
Crystal Wave, East Buckfield.
Invincible, East Sumner.
Sure Haven, East Hebron.
Mt. Zircon, Rumford Falls.
Helping Hand, Bethel.

Five candidates took the District Degree.

The election of officers was deferred until the next meeting. Place of this meeting not decided, but very likely Rumford Falls.

A baked bean dinner was served by South Paris Lodge, in Grand Army Hall.

In the evening a public meeting was held, presided over by Past District Templar B. P. Adkins. The excell

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SOUTH PARIS POST OFFICE.

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

Mails close: For Portland, &c., 6:25, 9:15 A. M., 3:00 P. M.; for Gorham, &c., 9:15 A. M., 3:20 P. M.

Mails arrive at post office: From Portland, &c., 9:50 A. M., 3:40, 8:15 P. M.; from Gorham, &c., 8:45, 9:50 A. M.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

On and after Sept. 21, 1896, trains leave South Paris: Going down: 6:35, 9:40 A. M., 4:15 P. M.; going up: 9:40 A. M., 3:36, 8:03 P. M.

Sunday trains: Going down, 9:40 A. M.; going up, 7:00 A. M., 8:03 P. M.

Sunday excursion train until Oct. 11, goes up 10:10 A. M., down 5:32 P. M.

CHURCHES.

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

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

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

STATED MEETINGS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

O. U. A. M.—Norway and South Paris Council, No. 10, meets in G. A. R. Hall every Tuesday evening.

Seneca Club meets every Tuesday at 2:30.

Mrs. E. L. Jewell has returned from her visit at Berlin, N. H.

Miss Alice Wheeler has closed her school on Elm Hill.

Miss Amy Heald and Miss Pinkham of East Sumner were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Park last week.

J. Edward Cole has been quite sick for a week or two at the residence of Mrs. Hannah Holt, on Park Street.

Mrs. V. P. DeCoster and Mr. Lester DeCoster of Buckfield were at South Paris Thursday, calling at Mrs. O. V. Whitman's.

The Stuart brothers have been doing some touching up with paint, etc., at the court house, preparatory for the coming term.

A trustworthy man and wife are offered a good chance to do the work on a farm for a year, according to advertisement elsewhere.

Prof. H. L. Whitman, principal of Limington Academy, is spending a two weeks' vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Whitman, in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Adams are on a visit to friends in Portland, where they will spend two weeks or so. After their return, they will remove to their former home in Gorham, N. H.

L. C. Bates, of New Haven, Conn., was in town Wednesday, to attend the meeting of the Paris Manufacturing Company. Mr. Bates has been a large stockholder in the company for some time.

Candlemas Day was a good day this year. It was about as indefinite in point of weather as could be, and any kind of prediction for the rest of the winter that any one is pleased to make, can be justified by it.

Mrs. R. S. Henry died Wednesday morning, at the age of 63 years. The funeral was on Friday, attended by Rev. Mr. Ramsdell. The remains were placed in the receiving tomb, and will finally be buried in Kennebec County.

Prentiss Cummings, Esq., a leading Boston lawyer and vice-president of the West End Street Railway Company, was in town Wednesday to attend the annual meeting of the Paris Manufacturing Company, in which he is a stockholder.

Gordon Brothers will come to South Paris this week to make up another lot of apple barrels. As they will make up only a limited number, they would like to have those who want them order at once of W. P. Morton at the Howe store.

George R. Morton, of the West End Street Railway Company, of Boston, was in town last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Morton, also for the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the Paris Manufacturing Company.

At the meeting of the South Paris Board of Trade Wednesday evening, it was voted to petition for an article in the warrant for town meeting, changing the voting place to South Paris. The matter of an electric light and power plant for South Paris was also considered, and referred to a committee.

A petition asking that the road leading from Pleasant Street opposite A. W. Walker's, to the top of the hill near the oak tree and thence down to Gary Street, be made a public way, has been very generally signed. These streets were constructed by Sylvan Shurtleff, and lead to his lots at the top of the hill behind his former residence.

Miss Charlotte Smith, the reformer, who has made the discovery that bicycle riding is destructive to women's morals, has instituted a campaign in New York against bicycle riding by women, and it is reported that the "movement" has struck Massachusetts and is likely to spread into Maine. It will make havoc when it strikes these two towns, where there are so many graceful lady riders.

Notwithstanding the fact that a new life insurance agency has been established in this place during the past year, and that a number of outside agents have done a good deal of business here during the season, two more agents have just struck into town and gone to work. They say they like to work a field that has been thoroughly worked ahead of them. They can write more policies in such a field.

R. L. Cummings of West Paris, who has been buying and shipping apples here for some time with headquarters at Plummer's store, has decided to locate here and has purchased one of the best building lots in the place; the Blake lot just north of the new county buildings on Western Avenue. He tells the Democrat that he intends erecting a first-class set of buildings here, and will probably do so this coming summer. We are glad to have Mr. Cummings identify himself with the social and business interests of South Paris.

The town of Stoneham loses representation at this term of court. When the juror was drawn it was found that there was only one name in the jury-box and that man had moved out of town. This is in the same line with the report made by a Stoneham man to the Republican County Committee in the recent campaign. He claimed that one after another supposed Democrats were appointed to the office of ballot clerk and each in turn resigned on the ground that he was not voting the Democratic ticket this year. Finally one loyal Bryanite was found but he could not read nor write!

It is reported that Wayland Seminary at Washington, D. C., is about to change its location and enlarge its scope. The seminary is an institution for the education of colored people in which all Paris people take pride, as a native of Paris, Rev. G. M. P. King, D. D., has been at the head of it for over thirty years. The change is to be made because the land now occupied has become very valuable, and is worth more to sell than to occupy for school purposes. The new location is within the District of Columbia, but outside the limits of the city of Washington. The enlargement of the institution will consist in the addition of industrial and college departments to the academical department now existing.

Miss Ella Eames of Bethel is visiting at J. H. Bean's.

Miss Edith Howe of Richmond, P. Q., is visiting at Minot L. Whittle's.

Donald H. Bean has been clerking at J. F. Plummer's during his recent sickness.

Charles Dwinell and family have moved from the Hill house on Pleasant Street into a rent in S. F. Briggs' house on the same street.

All members of the G. A. R. Post, Sons of Veterans and Relief Corps will be expected to donate refreshments for the campfire next Friday evening.

Advertised letters in the South Paris Post Office Feb. 8, 1867:

Mr. H. Bernstien.
Mr. Fred Johnson.
Mr. Ozro E. Murray.
Mrs. Sadie Stevens.

The Little Androscoggin Sunday School Association will meet at the Baptist church, Norway, next Thursday. The full programme is given in the Norway column. All Sunday School workers and parents are cordially invited and any others who may desire to attend.

Powers' second popular concert Wednesday evening of this week, by Callahan's Symphony Orchestra of Lewiston, sixteen men, Fred Robinson, xylophone soloist, Frank P. Knapp, cornet soloist, Fred A. Given, violinist, Miss Olive Mae Stuart, reader. Sale of seats now open at Shurtleff's.

Wallace F. Atkins has been removed from his position as baggage master at the station, and Judson Fifield is now acting in that capacity. Miss Williams, day telegraph operator, has also been discharged, but temporarily reinstated. This makes an almost complete change in the force at this station within a year.

Harry B. Stone of Colorado Springs, Colorado, arrived here Saturday on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stone. Mr. Stone has not been at South Paris before for four years. He is now engaged in the brokerage business in Colorado, and having been called to New York on business, took this opportunity to visit his parents.

Talk about apples! G. H. Porter has just finished packing apples at W. F. Foster's, and reports that out of 100 barrels of strictly No. 1 Baldwins, there were just four barrels of waste. They have kept perfectly, and are as hard and fresh as when picked. He has left a basket of sample apples at the Democrat office. They are about the size of ordinary Fall Greenings, and average 9 1-2 ounces in weight. He says he packed a number of barrels in the lot which will average just about the same as these.

The South Paris High School Lyceum Society held their second meeting Saturday evening, Feb. 6, and carried out the following program:

Report of Secretary.
Singing, By the school.
Reading, Grace Wheeler.
Reading, Lulu Hayden.
Question: Resolved, That capital punishment should be abolished.
Affirmative, Chas. Spofford, Bertha Shaw.
Negative, Earle Stuart, Lizzie Field.
Paper, Edited by Sue Wheeler and Ethel Dean.
Singing by quartette,
Misses Shaw, Robinson, Field and Wheeler.

The question was decided on the merits of the question in the negative; by the house in the affirmative.

The retirement of treasurer Harlan P. Dennison from the Paris Manufacturing Company came as a surprise to the community. Mr. Dennison has identified himself prominently with the business, social and religious interests of this place, and both himself and his family have made many friends who are expressing the hope that he will decide to remain at South Paris and find employment for his experience and capital perhaps in some new enterprise among us. It has been frequently suggested during the past few days that he put the shoe factory into operation as he has had experience in that line of business. This would be a move in which he would have the support and encouragement of this community, but he tells the Democrat that he has been so long out of the shoe business that he would have to learn it over again. Should Mr. Dennison decide to enter upon some other enterprise here he would doubtless receive equal encouragement.

About forty of the village people of Paris Hill will present the History of Marriage at the New Hall at South Paris on Saturday evening of this week. It will be given in the following program:

Pantomime and tableau, Marriage by Capture. This represents the marriage of the Australians in the dark ages. In two scenes.
Pantomime. Indian marriage. Pocahontas and John Rolfe. Powhatan giving away the bride.
Pantomime. Gretna Green, or the Elopement. The scene of this marriage was in a little village on the southern border of England.
Song, Rev. H. A. Roberts.
Pantomime. Negro Wedding at the Quarters. A true scene from the sunny south.
Violin solo.
Pantomime. Japanese Wedding. The bride will wear a costume made in Japan.
Tableau. The Smoked Pearls.
Pantomime. Colonial Wedding in time of George Washington.
Song, Miss Minnie Ratcliffe.
Tableau, The Wedding Party.

Come. Admission 15 cents. Doors open at 7 o'clock; entertainment to begin at 7:45. Proceeds to go for improvements for the "old church on the Hill." See hand-bills.

There's another chapter to this Fletcher-Cole horse race that's quite as "juicy" as any of it. George E. Tarbox of Harrison was on the ice with a speedy clipped mare that he said he "took out of a team in the woods," and in the second heat this mare came down in front of the Cole horse, but some ways behind the Fletcher colt. It is now said she was placed there by previous arrangement to "rattle" the Fletcher colt and that Friend George invited his friends over from Harrison to see him "do" the crowd. Now this "new coon in town" is the same mare described in the Lewiston Journal as "a big brown mare which came from Lynn via Brunswick." Jed Woodbury brought her up to Lewiston and sold her to George E. Tarbox, and in a brush with Maggie T., 2:18 1-4, she showed up so well that several of Lewiston's dead game sports expressed a willingness to back her against Maggie T. for sums ranging from $10 to $100. This mare was "dead easy" prey for Fletcher's horse and the laugh is now on Brother Tarbox, you see.

"To err is human, to forgive divine." We can forgive Mr. Cole of Norway for thinking he had a two-minute trotter. Probably he made an honest error in taking the time, and an error of ten seconds or so, upon a trial quarter-mile makes as much difference as an inch or two in the length of a man's nose. Acting upon the suggestion made by the Democrat last week, Mr. Cole came up like a man and matched his horse against H. G. Fletcher's "Doctor." A double straightway track of half a mile was scraped on the ice at Norway Lake, and on Thursday afternoon a good sized audience gathered there to see the race. After a little scoring in which the South Paris horse gave every evidence of being the faster, the latter broke a shoe and the trial of speed was postponed until Friday afternoon. On that day the audience was larger and the Fletcher horse was sick with a cold and in bad condition, but it was decided to start him and the trial proved a very easy victory for him as he won both heats easily with a long lead, making a quarter in 37 seconds, and another in 35 1-2 seconds, and demonstrated his ability to do better than this, while Mr. Cole's 2-minute "Norway Cyclone" proved to be only a mild zephyr in this race and not in the same class with the Pure Wilkes horse. It was generous in Mr. Cole to offer to give Mr. Fletcher twelve rods start and then beat him, and it was gracious in kind-hearted Mr. Fletcher to decline the offer. It beats all how these horse fellows love each other in a race. Either the Norway horse has been advertised into a reputation that he never deserved or else he had an "off day" that was a great way off. Two-minute trotters don't grow upon blackberry bushes even in Oxford County!

The state treasurer's report, showing that the expenditures of the state for the last two years have exceeded the receipts by over a quarter of a million dollars, makes it practically certain that the state tax will have to be increased half a mill, and emphasizes the general demand for economy by the legislature now in session.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

FEBRUARY TERM, 1897.

Enoch Foster, Presiding Justice.
Charles F. Whitman, Clerk.
John S. Harlow, County Attorney.
Fred A. Porter, Sheriff.
Henry E. Hammond, Crier.
W. A. Barrows, Messenger.

The February term of the Supreme Judicial Court opens at South Paris Tuesday morning.

The continued civil docket for this term contains 331 cases of all kinds, but this is no indication of the length of the term. In fact, there is little to give any indication of the length of the term, except that some of the most important cases have been referred or for other reasons will not come to trial now.

The amount of criminal business now in sight for this term is not large. Four prisoners are held in jail awaiting action: Willie E. Brooks of Oxford, charged with concealing mortgaged property; Edward F. Kennedy, commorant of Bethel, larceny; Fred Walker of Rumford Falls, breaking and entering and larceny; and Michael Dalton of Rumford, who is appelant in a search and seizure case.

The Grand Jurors serve one year, commencing with the October term, hence that body will be composed of the same gentlemen as last term. They are:

GRAND JURORS.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	POLITICAL PREFERENCE.	RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE.
George W. Abbott,	Oxford.	51	Farmer.	Democrat.	Universalist.
Ellery A. Chapman,	Gilead.	54	Farmer.	Republican.	
Adelbert L. Dunn,	Buckfield.	46	Farmer.	Republican.	Methodist.
Henry H. Howard,	Hebron.	56	Farmer.	Republican.	
Elbridge G. Millett,	Paris.	55	Farmer.	Republican.	Congregationalist.
George M. Knight,	No. Waterford.	55	Farmer.	Republican.	Congregationalist.
E. Forrest Larkin,	Stow.	45	Lumber Mill.	Republican.	Universalist.
Jerome Cummings,	Norway.	49	Clerk.	Democrat.	
Chas. G. Mason,	Paris Hill.	35	Blacksmith.	Republican.	Universalist.
Leslie F. Newell,	Oxford.	34	Farmer.	Republican.	Baptist.
George R. Palmer,	Oxfordmmer.	45	Farmer.	Republican.	Congregationalist.
T. B. W. Stetson,	Hartford.	42	Farmer.	Republican.	Congregationalist.
Jason W. Towler,	West Peyburg.	62	Farmer.	Democrat.	New Jerusalem.
Ephraim Wentworth,	Hiram.	43	Farmer.	Democrat.	Universalist.
E. F. Whitney,	Bethel.	36	Grit & Mtole	Republican.	

SUMMARY.

Farmers,	14	Republicans	10
Mill man,	1	Democrats,	7
Clerk,	1	Independent,	1
Blacksmith,	1	Universalists,	5
Marble Dealer,	1	Congregationalists	3
Combined Age,	844	Methodist,	1
		Baptist,	1
		New Jerusalem,	1
Average Age nearly,	47	No preference,	7

The traverse jurors drawn for service at the present term are:

Orson Andrews, Lovell.
F. L. Berry, Paris.
L. P. Bryant, Greenwood.
Judson F. Bartlett, Bethel.
Thaddeus R. Chase, Woodstock.
Virgil Cole, Canton.
Charles E. Gammon, Norway.
Joshua F. Hall, Rumford.
D. R. Hastings, Gilead.
Wm. P. Hayford, Hartford.
John J. Holman, Dixfield Centre.
Z. Churchill Holmes, Buckfield.
W. H. Kilgore, Waterford.
Wilber V. Kimball, Rumford.
Harlan F. Lord, Denmark.
Levi B. Merrill, Hebron.
Milo G. Morrill, Peru.
John L. Osgood, Fryeburg.
Charles P. Pingree, Albany.
Charles H. Sargent, Norway.
Thomas Seavey, Brownfield.
E. I. Spofford, Paris.
Eugene F. Stanley, Hiram.
Charles L. Swan, Bethel.
Frank L. Wilson, Oxford.
R. K. Worthley, Mexico.
Wm. F. York, Porter.

ABOUT THE TRAVERSE JURORS.

ORSON E. ANDREWS of Lovell is 34 years old, born and educated in Lovell. He is a trader and teamster by occupation and a Republican.

F. L. BERRY of West Paris is 40 years old, was born and educated at West Paris. He is a farmer, Republican and Free Baptist.

LLEWELLYN P. BRYANT of Greenwood is a native of that town. He is 32 years old, a farmer, a Republican and a Methodist.

JUDSON F. BARTLETT of Bethel is 39 years old. He was born and educated in Bethel. He is a farmer and a Republican.

THADDEUS R. CHASE of North Woodstock is 56 years of age. He was born in Bethel and educated at Bryant Pond. By occupation a farmer though his trade is that of miller and mill stone dresser. He is a Democrat and a Universalist.

VIRGIL COLE of Canton is 62 years old, a native of Hartford. By occupation Mr. Cole is a carpenter. He is a Prohibitionist and Baptist.

CHARLES E. GAMMON of Norway is 44 years old. He was born and educated in Norway, is a farmer by occupation and avers that he has no political nor religious preference at the present time.

JOSIAH F. HALL of Rumford Falls is 49 years old and was born in Solon, Maine. Mr. Hall is a harness manufacturer and dealer in horse furnishings. In politics he is a Democrat.

WM. P. HAYFORD of Hartford is 43 years old, a native of Hartford. Mr. Hayford is a farmer, Republican and Universalist.

JOHN J. HOLMAN of Dixfield Centre is 52 years old. He was born in Dixfield and educated at the Dixfield High School, Wilton Academy and Bryant & Stratton Commercial College, Portland. Mr. Holman although now engaged in farming was a school teacher for several years, clerk in a store in Quincy, Mass., one year, horse-car conductor in Boston three years, and selling agent for a Philadelphia book publishing house about two years. Mr. Holman was born Feb. 29, 1844, the extra day of a leap year, hence although 52 years old he has had but thirteen birthdays, and don't expect another one at present. He is a bimetalist and a Free Baptist.

Z. C. HOLMES of Buckfield is 51 years old, a native of Hartford, farmer, Democrat and Universalist.

HARLAN F. LORD of West Denmark is 29 years old, a native of Denmark, a farmer and Republican.

LEVI B. MERRILL of Hebron is 52 years old. He was born and educated at Hebron. Mr. Merrill is a farmer, Republican and Baptist.

JOHN L. OSGOOD of Fryeburg is 50 years old, was born in Fryeburg and educated at Fryeburg Academy. Mr. Osgood is a farmer and a Republican and his religious preference is that of the New Church.

CHARLES P. PINGREE of North Albany is 36 years old, a farmer, Republican and Methodist. Mr. Pingree has held several town offices in Albany including constable and collector, school committee, and supervisor of schools, and is a member of the Albany school board at the present time.

THOMAS SEAVEY of Brownfield is 66 years old. He is a native of Limington, Maine, a farmer, Republican and Baptist. Mr. Seavey is a veteran of the late war, having served in a Massachusetts regiment of infantry.

EUGENE F. STANLEY of South Hiram is 44 years old, a native of Hiram, by occupation an undertaker and millman. He is a Republican and a Methodist. Mr. Stanley was a member of the board of selectmen in Hiram two years and postmaster from 1883 to 1890.

CHARLES L. SWAN of Bethel is 43 years of age, born and educated at Bethel. He is a farmer and a Republican.

EDWIN I. SPOFFORD of South Paris is 52 years of age. He was born in Milton and educated in the common schools of Milton, and high schools in Rumford, Bryant Pond and Paris, and at Hebron Academy. By occupation Mr. Spofford is a stationary engineer and foreman of the iron department of the Paris Manufacturing Company. He is a Republican and a Baptist.

CHARLES HENRY SARGENT of Norway is 43 years old. He was born and educated at Searsport, Maine. Mr. Sargent is a foreman in the Norway shoe factory. He is a Republican and Universalist.

NORWAY.

CHURCHES.

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

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

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

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

STATED MEETINGS.

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

Norway Division, Sons of Temperance, in Ryerson Hall every Saturday evening.

I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, every Tuesday Evening. Wildey Encampment, No. 21, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, second and fourth Friday Evenings of each month. Mt. Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 56, meets on first and third Friday of each month.

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

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

G. A. R.—Harry Rust Post, No. 54, meets in New G. A. R. Hall on the third Friday Evening of each month.

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

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

Much of the snow has been removed from the streets, thus greatly improving the thoroughfares.

Miss Agnes Tucker, who has been teaching at North Rumford, is at home.

G. E. Lasselle and W. P. Rolfe are the only men now in the employ of the G. T. R. R, at the Norway station. The new management evidently believe in economy.

Henry Judkins, who served in the 32d Maine Infantry, is very sick.

The Little Androscoggin Valley Sunday School Association will meet at the Baptist church in this village Thursday, Feb. 11th. Reduced fares on the G. T. Railway division will be furnished the local Sunday Schools. Programme:

Morning.

10:00—Praise and Devotional Service, Rev. W. B. Eldridge.
10:15—Address of Welcome, Rev. J. A. Harding.
Response by the President.
10:30—"How to Secure and Hold the Attendance of the Young Men at Sunday School," Rev. A. Varley.
Discussion.
11:00—"The Sunday School Teacher and his Work," Judge Woodbury.
Discussion.
11:30—Address, Rev. T. F. Millett.
11:50—Business.

Afternoon.

1:45—Devotional Service, Rev. T. J. Ramsdell.
2:00—Reports of Committees.
2:15—"Lesson Helps; Use and Abuse," Rev. A. Hamilton.
Discussion.
2:45—Address, Rev. A. K. Bryant.
3:15—Question Box, Rev. T. F. Millett.
3:45—Primary Work, Rev. I. A. Bean.

Evening.

7:30—Praise Service.
7:50—"The Duty of Christian Parents in Relation to Child Training,
a. In the Home, Rev. R. J. Haughton.
8:20—b. In the Sunday School, Rev. H. A. Roberts.
Consecration Meeting, Rev. B. S. Rideout.

The selectmen have called a town meeting to be held Saturday, Feb. 13th, at 2 o'clock, at the Opera House, to act on the following: To see what action the town will take in relation to the approval of the route and location of the Oxford Central Electric Road, etc. Also to see if the town will vote to raise by tax or loan any sum or sums of money to aid in the construction of the proposed road.

F. A. Fox, Esq., of Kezar Falls, was in town Tuesday to attend the February term of the Norway Municipal Court.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 8, 9, and 10, the Lewiston District Ministerial Association will meet at the Norway M. E. church. The following is the programme for the meetings:

Preaching.
Monday evening, Rev. Robert Lawton, of Yarmouthville.
Tuesday evening, Rev. I. A. Bean of South Paris.
Program.
The Minister's Rest-day; When and How to Use It, C. E. Springer, F. C. Potter.
Relation of the Pastor to the Sunday School, D. E. Miller, R. A. Rich.
Campmeeting.
(1). Existing Inefficiency: The Cause and the Cure, D. B. Holt, E. T. Adams.
(2). How Can our Poland Camp Meeting Be Made More Effective? G. D. Holmes, J. A. Corey.
The Minister's Self Appointed Course of Study, Thos. P. Baker, M. K. Mabry.
Pulpit Prayers, J. L. Hoyle, G. B. Hannaford, J. H. Bounds.
Sources and Methods of Spiritual Power for the Minister, W. F. Holmes, A. W. Waterhouse.
Sermon Preparation: The Ideal Method.—My Usual Custom, E. S. Stackpole, J. B. Howard, H. E. Dunnack.
Evangelistic Services Outside of the Church, A. Hamilton, C. H. Young, W. H. Gowell.
The Benevolences, A. C. Trafton, J. H. Trask.
Pastoral Visiting.
(1). Use and Abuse, A. K. Bryant, C. E. Jones.
(2). Frequency, Duration, Hindrances, M. H. Greenhalgh, W. C. Wentworth.
The Minister and the Church Finances, W. B. Eldridge, G. I. Lowe.
Tracts: How Can the Minister Employ Them to the Best Advantage? G. W. Barber, H. A. Peare, W. Bragg.

Carl Jean Tolman of Paris was organist at the Congregationalist church Sunday.

Horace Oxnard, who is attending the Institute of Technology, Boston, is visiting his relatives in town.

Prof. Wiley is entertaining his brother, Howard Wiley, of Bethel, this week.

The February term of the Norway Municipal Court was held at the Municipal Court rooms Tuesday. The docket shows several new entries for the February term. Several hearings.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Horne have been visiting in New York for several weeks. Mr. Horne returned Monday. Mrs. Horne will not return for several weeks.

Dr. E. R. Chellis of Kezar Falls attended the Norway Municipal Court Tuesday. He also made his numerous friends in this place a most pleasant call.

The officers of the Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church are as follows:

President—Miss S. B. Prince.
Vice-President—Ellie S. Swan.
Secretary—S. B. Cummings.
Treasurer—Carrie Tucker.

Lattice gates have been put on the street cars. They are very ornamental as well as useful.

Special meetings have been held at the Baptist church during the week.

The clerks' ball promises to be as usual the attraction of the season. The following is the programme for the concert:

March, King Carnival,	Botteger.
Overture Greeting,	Franz Mohl.
Waltzes Espanita,	Rosey.
Medley, Selection Vitascope,	De Witt.
Galop, 16 to 1,	Rollinson.

Mrs. B. F. Bradbury, after a very short sickness, passed away Friday evening, Feb. 5th, at about 6 o'clock. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Geo. P. Jones, and wife of Blal F. Bradbury, M. D. Mrs. Bradbury was greatly esteemed and loved by all who knew her. She will be greatly missed in social circles. It will be remembered that Dr. Bradbury's father, O. N. Bradbury, M. D., died but a few days ago.

Frank F. Holmes is putting in a stock of ice for summer trade. He has a very good ice house built.

The horse trot on the ice Friday was well attended by sporting men. The Norway side did not appear to be "in it" at all for South Paris walked away with the prize with little difficulty. As South Paris and Norway are all one now it makes very little difference after all.

William Thibedeau drives a span of very pretty black colts, the property of Gorham Knights of Waterford.

Charles C. Warren, of Fryeburg, is stopping at the Beal's Hotel. Mr. Warren will be examined for admission to the Oxford bar at the February term of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Frank Kimball is again to be found at the Noyes drug store, where his many friends are pleased to greet him.

At the regular meeting of the board of management of the Norway Public Library Saturday, it was voted to purchase a few more books, also to employ Miss Annie E. Monahan as librarian for the ensuing year if satisfactory terms as to salary could be made.

Quite a serious accident occurred at the Maine Central station at Brunswick early Monday morning. As the midnight train was backing in on the side track at the west end of the station, the brakes failed to work and the cars ran off the spur, crashed through the end of the depot and badly demolished the telegraph and ticket office. The night operator was in the office at the time, but escaped injury.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DUTY OF THE PRESENT LEGISLATURE?

OPINIONS OF THINKING MEN FROM EVERY PART OF OXFORD COUNTY.

The answers received to the Democrat's question shows that people are taking an interest in this matter. They are so numerous that we have not space for them all this week and the story must be continued next week. The prevailing opinion seems to be that the Legislature should make only *necessary* appropriations and then adjourn. "*Vox populi, vox Dei.*"

To do as little as possible.
GEO. A. WILSON, So. Paris.

Protect her fish and game.
HENRY O. STANLEY, Dixfield.

Keep down appropriations.
ALMON YOUNG, Hiram.

To give the right of suffrage to women.
I. M. SWETT, South Paris.

Pass the necessary appropriations and adjourn
THOS. S. BRIDGHAM, Buckfield.

Make a tramp law that will keep tramps from tramping. ROSCOE F. STAPLES, Welchville.

Keep appropriations as small as consistent with the needs of the state.
E. W. PENLEY, Greenwood.

Enact a law compelling counties to provide work-yards for "Tramps."
FRED A. PORTER, Rumford Falls.

Pass the necessary appropriation bills and close the session as soon as possible.
C. F. WHITMAN, South Paris.

The most important duty is to stop making appropriations and adjourn as soon as possible.
JAMES R. HILL, East Brownfield.

Curtail expenses would be the first duty of our legislators from the standpoint of an old fogy.
A. F. MASON, North Buckfield.

"Equal taxation and less appropriation" is the most important duty of the present legislature.
C. H. GEORGE, Hebron.

I consider the most important duty of the present Legislature is not to bankrupt the state.
J. M. PHILBROOK, Bethel.

To make the needed appropriations to carry on the necessary functions of the state and go home.
I. ROUNDS, Augusta.

Frame legislation after sound business principles, and throw party policy to the dogs of the lobby. W. H. EASTMAN, East Sumner.

Tax all church property exceeding $5000, and bar appropriations for sectarian schools and sectarian purposes.
ALDEN CHASE, Bryant's Pond.

Enact such laws as will give the state some fair compensation for the privileges and franchises which it grants.
A. E. HERRICK, Bethel.

Pass the necessary appropriations for the economical conducting of the state government and adjourn "sine die."
E. W. WOODBURY, Bethel.

Make a law requiring members to give six days' service each week to necessary legislation until final adjournment.
F. A. THAYER, South Paris.

Repeal the law that makes highway surveyors, and enact such laws as will give us competent men to construct highways.
GEORGE W. GRAY, Denmark.

Look carefully after all appropriations in these times of depression, and vote the people's money to worthy objects only of state importance.
W. PETTENGILL, Rumford Falls.

Cut the garment of appropriation so that the cloth of revenue shall furnish pieces for samples rather than have to piece it out with a deficiency.
JOHN R. TRASK, Dixfield.

Change the date of selling real estate for taxes from the first Monday in December back to the first Monday in May. P. L. 1895; ch. 70, sect 173. O. H. HERSEY, Buckfield.

I consider the most important duty of the present Legislature is to refer the matter of woman suffrage to the people for their decision.
J. F. STEARNS, Centre Lovell.

I think if the present Legislature would keep down the appropriations so there need be no deficit and let the Australian ballot alone so a man could vote twice alike, they can go home with a clear conscience.
CHAS. F. BROWN, Mason.

Let the ballot law alone. Let the women continue to adorn their houses and not mix up with tobacco smoke and voting. Be careful in giving away money which they did not earn.
SILAS M. LOCKE, Roxbury.

The most important duty of the present legislature is to carefully consider the school question—not to act hastily, but if possible legislate to elevate the standard of our common schools.
J. HASTINGS BEAN, South Paris.

To my mind the most important duty of the present Legislature is to make wise appropriations and see that the tax payers of the state have no good reasons to complain of extravance.
JOHN S. HARLOW, Dixfield.

Explain to the public by what authority they vote themselves (in direct violation of art. 4, sec. 7, of the constitution) the luxury of three daily papers each, at the expense of the taxpayers of the state? TAXPAYER, Cornish.

Enact laws for the equalization of taxes to the end that the rich man, company or corporation shall not be exempt, and the poor assessed for the public burdens which should be borne equally by each. E. F. SMITH, Norway.

The first duty of the Legislature as I look at it is to keep the state's expenses down, down! Speak a good word for *Spain's share*—Cuba. *Stand by the Monroe* Doctrine and go home and save their money.
DAVID B. WOODBURY, South Paris.

Change the law in regard to mortgages on personal property, so as to forbid the mortgagor secreting or disposing of mortgaged property without the consent in writing of the mortgagee. Enforced by suitable penalties.
S. D. HUTCHINSON, Paris.

The enactment of a law making it an offence with a bitter penalty to hunt Hornpouts with dogs in Polliwog Bay for a term of years appointing the game warden with $2500 a year and "imolliments". Then follows the next important duty, adjournment.
J. N. IRISH, Buckfield.

The condition of the state treasury, the depression in business, the low prices of farm products, and the burden of taxation that under the condition is already high. I think it of the utmost importance for the legislature to carefully consider every measure that calls for an increased expenditure of the people's money. Especially those that call for a larger number of salaried officials. GEO. F. HAMMOND, Paris.

The first, most important duty of the Legislature is provide means to properly sustain the "State Government." The second is to give no heed to individuals or organizations to deplete the "State Treasury." The third is to vote down the proposition for the establishment of a state highway commission. "The people ask for a "hold up."
H. T. CUMMINGS, South Paris.

Economy, *Economy*, ECONOMY! There you have it in one word. Let our legislators use the same discretion, honesty and economy that a successful farmer or prosperous business man uses in his business. Get out of *debt* and *keep* out. Don't be afraid of being called niggardly and lacking in public spirit. *Do what is best* and let devils and popularity seekers howl.
S. ROBINSON, East Sumner.

First pass a law making it crime punishable by imprisonment to vote illegally in any caucus, and require every man to register, the same as at any other election. No man should have the right to vote with no old party unless he had declared himself loyal to said party for at least one year previous, unless his first vote.

Grant the right of suffrage to women in municipal elections.

Readjustment of taxation.
A. G. BEAN, Albany.

1st. Kill off the educational cranks, and let the plain common people, who are the most interested in its success, have something to say about the education of their children.

2d. Spend less money in protecting fish and game for the benefit of foreign dudes and poochers.

3d. Use a little plain common sense in the appropriations of public money, put a padlock on the treasury and go home.
H. C. DAVIS, Norway.

Liberal and judicious use of public funds Insane and general hospitals, state institutions of learning should have the fostering care of the the state.

Fisheries and game should receive their share of attention and the best interests of the state should be uppermost in the minds of all legislators.

The judiciary should see that all laws are in accordance with justice.
O. B. POOR, Andover.

To my mind the most important duty of our legislators is to keep down expenses so as to lighten the burdens of taxation. To that end they should sit down hard on all schemes calling for big appropriations not absolutely necessary, and oppose the creation of new offices carrying with them large salaries. I also look upon it as of vital importance to make some effort to equalize the burdens of taxation by law.
N. S. BAKER, Newry.

If I live to see 4 o'clock to-morrow morning, Feb. 4th, I shall have seen my 86th birthday, for which I am very truly thankful that it is as well with me as it is. You very well know in whom I put my trust. So it is natural that I should reply to your inquiry of "What is the most important duty of the present legislature?" To trust in almighty God for guidance in this most important welfare

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NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of EMILY A. SPAULDING, late of Buckfield, 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.

Jan. 19th, 1897. WILSON SHAW.

LEGISLATIVE NOTICE.

The Committee on Judiciary will give a public hearing in its room at the State House in Augusta, as follows:

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1897, at 2 o'clock P. M.

An Act to establish a law uniform with the laws of other states for the acknowledgment and execution of written instruments, commercial law, weights and measures and other purposes.

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MESSENGER'S NOTICE.

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

OXFORD, ss.—November 30th, A. D. 1896.

This is to give Notice, that on the 30th day of Nov., A. D. 1896, a warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of FRED F. CUMMINGS of Norway, adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said Debtor, which petition was filed on the 30th day of Nov., A. D. 1896, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; that the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris, in said County, on the 19th day of January, A. D. 1896, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

A. P. BASSETT, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

Call and see Harry Lane's

New fall and winter Scotch Suitings and English Novelties.

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Notice of Assignee of his Appointment.

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

The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of the insolvent estate of JOSEPH G. REED, of Grafton, in the County of Oxford, Insolvent Debtor, who has been declared insolvent upon his petition by the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford.

JAMES S. WRIGHT, Assignee.

Notice of Assignee of his Appointment.

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

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

HERBERT G. FLETCHER, Assignee.

MESSENGER'S NOTICE.

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

OXFORD, ss:—Jan. 13, A. D. 1897.

This is to give notice, that on the 13th day of Jan., A. D. 1897, a warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of EUGENE McKEEN of Albany, adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said Debtor, which petition was filed on the 13th day of Jan., A. D. 1897, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; That the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; That a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris, in said County, on the 17th day of Feb., A. D. 1897, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

CHANDLER GARLAND, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

LEGISLATIVE NOTICE.

The committee on inland fisheries and game to which was referred bill, an act to further prevent forest fires, and to facilitate the gathering of statistics relative to the amount of inland fish and game killed in the state, and for the further protection of inland fish and game, and for the registration of guides, also resolve for an appropriation to secure a proper enforcement of the inland fish and game laws, will give a public hearing upon the same at the State-house in Representatives Hall, Feb. 2nd, 1897, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Per order,

C. B. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

THE PUZZLER

No. 384.—Decapitation.

'Tis not in college that the knowledge
Most useful is unfurled,
But in the striving, pushing, driving,
Of the busy world.
'Tis roughest rigor that gives vigor
To the unflinching soul.
Amid turmoil and strife and broil,
What's useful most we WHOLE.
So, boy, be brave and LAST and save,
On some high purpose bent.
No knowing what may be your lot.
You may be president.

No. 385.—A Pretty Scissors Puzzle.

How can a perfect cross and all the other forms here shown be cut out of a single piece of paper with one cut of the scissors?

No. 386.—Double Acrostic.

The first of a long line of kings—
Six kingdoms into one he brings,
And so they still continue.
In every fight he leads the front,
Marshals his men and bears the brunt
By dint of bone and sinew.

In time his grandson fills his place,
The noblest scion of his race,
A king well known in story.
Devotion to his country's cause,
Most wise and necessary laws,
Have crowned his name with glory.

A treasure city in the east
Where Median kings held court and feast
With pomp and ostentation—
"The seven walled town," historians said,
But ruthless wars such havoc made
It lies in desolation.

A sea bird that frequents the rocks,
Sometimes in pairs, sometimes in flocks,
In diving power excelling.
He strews a nest; he rears his young
The bleak and barren cliffs among,
Remote from human dwelling.

A very ancient epic song
Remaining in the Frisian tongue
That formed the English diction.
The hero's deeds, the good he wrought,
Are told with true, poetic thought
In allegoric fiction.

The chosen fair, when many strove
To win the mighty monarch's love
And be his queen instated.
She warned the king of plots concealed,
And would be murderers, thus revealed,
Their treason expiated.

A rapid river, rushing down
From mountains that the snow wreath crown,
The fertile vales commanding.
It gathers in its downward course,
Increasing speed, increasing force,
Till to a lake expanding.

A harmless creature, much maligned,
Held in abhorrence by mankind
Ere ignorance was enlightened.
Its shape no sign of beauty shows
And may a shudder cause in those
Who, seeing it, are frightened.

No. 387.—Transposition.

A TOTAL is a gift to prize
As much as aught beneath the skies.
The SECOND of a faithful ALL
Should never deem the treasure small,
But hold it dear and faithful be
To thy good ALL as he to thee.

No. 388.—Boxes and Boxes.

Here's a great pile of boxes of every kind.
The FIRST one you may in the alphabet find;
The SECOND to guess you must delve in a mine;
The THIRD makes you sneeze, be it ever so fine;
The doctors will give you the FOURTH if you're ill;
The FIFTH splutters terribly, do what you will;
Jolly darkies, with airs, for the SIXTH often walk;
You yourself are the SEVENTH when too much you talk;
A crowd of musicians the EIGHTH join to make;
The NINTH, when indoors, from your head you must take;
When the cook makes mince pies, she TENTH must not spare;
When near the ELEVENTH you come, have a care;
The TWELFTH oft is precious, is sparkling, is bright,
And to the THIRTEENTH listen all with delight;
The LAST you will need just as long as you live,
And right clever you are when these answers you give.

No. 389.—Three Word Squares.

A small quadruped. A stir. A city of Italy. A town of Bohemia.

A measure. An open space. Repose. A fruit.

A piece of meat. A fish. Gumbo. The sharp end or top of anything.

No. 390.—Numerical Enigma.

I am composed of 20 letters and form the title of a well-known book.

My 7, 2, 15, 4, 16, 6, is insignificant. My 11, 13, 14, is sport. My 1, 19, 9, 17, is knowledge. My 18, 12, 20, is a beam. My 3, 8, 5, 10, is related.

No. 391.—Anagrams.

(Useful in the dining room.)

1. Richest pie C—. 2. Blot wet tears. 3. Bard Rand put stale beet. 4. R. S. Lochs died of her puns. 5. P. T. B. man's equal. 6. Ted learn plns. 7. A red scent. 8. Tugs or nags. 9. Jack's peril. 10. Turks even bit.

Familiar Comparisons.

As hot as an oven, as cold as a frog;
As gay as a lark, as sick as a dog;
As slow as a tortoise, as swift as the wind;
As true as the gospel, as false as mankind;
As thin as a herring, as fat as a pig;
As proud as a peacock, as blithe as a grig;
As savage as tigers, as mild as a dove;
As stiff as a poker, as limp as a glove;
As blind as a bat, as deaf as a post;
As cool as a cucumber, as warm as toast.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 376.—A Crossword: January.

No. 377.—Transpositions: Linked, Kindle.

No. 378.—Single Acrostic: Initials: Aristides. 1. A-cre. 2. R-omulus. 3. I-sland. 4. S-alle. 5. T-ime. 6. I-nkermann. 7. D-ollar. 8. E-migrant. 9. S-age.

No. 379.—Numerical Enigma: Conscience. 1. Scene. 2. Nice. 3. Nine. 4. Cone. 5. Ice. 6. Seine. 7. Once.

No. 380. Illustrated Diagonal: 1. Crab. 2. Boat. 3. Boot. 4. Duck. Diagonal—Cook.

No. 381.—Anagrams—(British Battles): 1. Barnet. 2. Naseby. 3. Bosworth. 4. Marston Moor. 5. Evesham. 6. Hastings. 7. Boyne.

No. 382.—Charades: 1. Cam-el. 2. Hornet. 3. Jew-el. 4. Rat-tan.

No. 383.—Divided Cities: 1. Arch-angel. 2. Liver-pool. 3. Ham-burg. 4. Can-ton. 5. My-sore.

"What a small mind Mrs. Venlynne has!" "Naturally. She has given her husband so many pieces of it."

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills.

"Some folks means well," said Uncle Eben, "but dey ain'consistent. I knows er lan'lord dat'll wish yer happy new year' wif one bre'f an' ax yer foh de rent money wif de nex'".

BEECHAM'S PILLS cure Sick Headache.

Tommy.—"Mamma, I wish you were interested in Foreign Missions." Mamma.—"Why?" Tommy.—"'Cos Billy Barlow's mamma is, and she doesn't notice when Billy does naughty things."

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New roomer, sarcastically: "Is this all the soap there is in the room?" Landlady, decidedly: "Yes, sir; all I can allow for one room." New roomer: "Well, I'll take two more rooms. I must wash my face in the morning."

THE ILLS OF WOMEN.

Constipation causes more than half the ills of women. Karl's Clover Root Tea is a pleasant cure for constipation. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff, South Paris.

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is a sure cure for Headache and nervous diseases. Nothing relieves so quickly. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff, South Paris.

HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

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

RECIPES.

APPLE PUDDING.

Stir half a cup of melted butter into one quart of bread crumbs (from the centre of a loaf of stale bread.) Butter a baking dish, put in a layer of crumbs, then a layer of sliced apple, sprinkle the apple with sugar and a few drops of lemon, orange or pineapple juice. Continue putting in the layers until all the crumbs are used. Have the last layer crumbs. Pour a generous half cup of water over the crumbs and bake about an hour. Serve hot with cream. Graham, entire wheat or oatmeal bread is quite as good as the white loaf for this purpose.

SCRAMBLED EGGS WITH TOMATOES (CHAFING DISH.)

Put two tablespoonfuls of butter into the blazer, add a slice of onion and cook three or four minutes. Remove the onion and add half a can of tomatoes with half a teaspoonful of sugar. When the tomatoes are thoroughly heated, add six eggs slightly beaten, half a teaspoonful of salt and half a saltspoonful of pepper. Stir until of a creamy consistency. Serve with brown bread toast.

CREAMED CORNED BEEF.

Put one pint of milk and half a cup of bits of celery over the fire to heat in a double boiler. Cream together two tablespoonfuls of butter and two tablespoonfuls of flour. Skim out the celery and stir in the butter and flour and cook about ten minutes; then add a shake of pepper and two cups of cold, corned beef cut in small cubes. Pour into a buttered baking dish. Mix two-thirds of a cup of cracker crumbs with one-third of a cup of butter and sprinkle over the top. Bake till the crumbs are brown. Garnish with celery leaves.

FISH CHOWDER.

Remove the skin from a haddock or cod weighing about four pounds. Strip the flesh from the bones and cut it in pieces about two inches square. Cover the head and broken bones with cold water and simmer for some time. Cut a two-inch cube of salt pork into dice and cook out the fat; use the fat for sauteing two small onions cut into slices. Strain the fat into a saucepan, add about a pint of small sized potato balls (cut with French cutter) or slices of potato that have been parboiled five minutes and drained. Strain over them the water in which the fish-head and bones were cooked; add one teaspoonful of salt (more may be needed), a dash of white pepper and the fish. Simmer ten minutes. Cook together three tablespoonfuls of butter and three of flour, add gradually three cups of milk, and when the mixture reaches the boiling point pour it over the fish in the saucepan. Put one cup of coarse breadcrumbs (from the centre of a stale loaf) into tureen and pour the chowder over them. Saute another cup of crumbs in a frying pan with hot butter, and when they are well covered sprinkle them over the top.

HORSE RADISH SAUCE.

Mix two tablespoonfuls of grated horse radish with one tablespoonful of vinegar, one saltspoonful each of salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly and fold in four tablespoonfuls of thick cream beaten stiff.

PRUNE PIE.

Sift into a chopping bowl one cup and one-fourth of flour, saltspoonful each of salt and baking powder. Chop into it half a cup of shortening. Mix with as little water as possible, turn out on to a lightly floured board; pat with the rolling-pin, roll out, fold from the ends to the centre, fold again, turn, then roll out, and fold twice. After rolling out the last time, roll up the paste like a jelly roll, and set away on the ice over night, or for some time. Shape into two crusts, and put between them three-fourths of a pound of prunes, stewed and stoned, half a cup of sugar, teaspoonful of butter, juice of half a lemon, saltspoonful of salt, and sprinkling of flour from the dredger. Bake thirty-five or forty minutes.

TAPIOCA AND BANANA TRIFLE.

Cook three-fourths a cupful of tapioca in a quart of boiling water in a double boiler until the mixture is smooth and transparent; add one-fourth a cup of lemon juice and three-fourths a cup of sugar, and when thoroughly mixed pour over three or four bananas, sliced thin. Serve hot or cold with sugar and cream.

HAMBURG CREAM.

Put into the upper part of a double-boiler the grated rind and juice of two lemons and one-half a cupful of sugar. Beat the yolks of five eggs, add one-half a cupful of sugar and beat again. When the water in the outer part of the double-boiler boils and the sugar in the inner part is dissolved, cook the yolks and sugar with the lemon and sugar as a boiled custard; as soon as the mixture thickens fold it into the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs. Serve very cold in small glasses. The yolk and lemon mixture should be added very carefully to the whites of the eggs, so that the result may be perfectly smooth and of the same consistency throughout when cold.

MACARONI FOR CHILDREN.

The best macaroni, spaghetti and vermicelli are all preparations made from flour rich in gluten. Sir Henry Thompson says that these preparations "are aliments of very high nutritious power, being formed chiefly of gluten, the most valuable part of the wheat, from which the starch has been removed. Weight for weight, they may be regarded as not less valuable for flesh-forming purposes in the animal economy than beef or mutton." By many these preparations, when well cooked, are more easily digested than beef or mutton. They are among the articles most universally recommended in the dietaries of children, after the third year. After being thoroughly cooked in the boiling salted water, they may be served in a cup of broth, or with simply a little platter gravy, from roast beef or mutton, poured over them. They may also be served in cream-sauce, but, in the case of children, it is preferable, in making the sauce, to cream the butter and flour together (two level tablespoonfuls of each to one cup of milk for two-thirds of a cup of bits of macaroni, etc.) and then stir the creamed mixture into the hot milk and cook it for ten or more minutes.

FONDANT.

Put four cups of sugar (two pounds) and one cup of water over the fire to dissolve and cook. When the sirup boils, wet the hand in cold water and wash down the sugar from the sides of the pan. Then put on the cover; this prevents any further accumulation of sugar on the sides. After two or three moments remove the cover, add a saltspoonful of cream of tartar and allow the sugar to boil briskly for two or three moments. Have a good sized skewer standing in cold water, remove it from the water and plunge it into the boiling sugar, then back into the water. Keep it in the water while you count ten, then take it out and remove the sugar with the thumb and forefinger, returning the mass to the water. Now if the sugar can be worked into a soft ball without its sticking to the fingers, it is boiled enough. When the boiling is completed, pour the sirup on to a slightly oiled marble or platter, and, when nearly cold, with a wooden spatula work it back and forth, until it assumes a white, glossy, creamy appearance; then knead it as dough is kneaded. When quite smooth, put it in a bowl, cover with an oiled paper, then with a second paper and set away in a cool place for twenty-four hours or longer.

This fondant is used for dipping all sorts of candies, and is colored and flavored to suit the taste. It is also good for icing small cakes.—The Boston Cooking School Magazine.

The newest soup spoons are no longer pointed at the tip; instead they are exactly round, a reproduction in miniature of the soup ladle.

The latest oyster forks are short, with the pointed prongs quite broad at the base and far apart; these are designed to harmonize in shape with the soup spoons.

Women should know that water held in the mouth will cure many a sick headache.

CAN A MONKEY SWIM?

AN EASY QUESTION LEFT TO THE NEWSPAPER.

All sorts of funny questions come over the telephone into a newspaper office. Somebody is always making a bet on some queer proposition or other, and the decision is left in many cases to some of the papers. No sooner is the bet made than the men who have put up the money, or promised to do so, hie themselves to a telephone and ring up "the editor" of the paper to which the decision has been left.

Some of the propositions advanced are enough to make a mule laugh, and some are sent over the telephone just to worry the man who answers the ring and possibly to catch him with some trick. The other day, for instance, some fresh boy rang up a newspaper to ask for a decision on this proposition:

"Is it legal for a man to marry his widow's sister?"

The young man who answered the 'phone refused to "bite," and told the inquirer that his question would be answered through the columns of the paper, if he would write it out and forward it with his name and address. That is the rule in most offices. This particular question never came, of course.

Another anxious inquirer, presumably a farmer, wanted a cure for potato bugs. The agricultural editor, to whom the question was referred, replied that he could not tell until he knew what ailed the bugs. The questioner was probably unable to describe their complaint, and the consultation was not renewed.

But the other night there came one that was too good to lose, so the young man who received it answered it on his own account.

"We've made a bet," said the fellow who rang up the office, "and we want you to decide it."

"This paper doesn't decide bets," was the answer.

"Never mind the bet, then. Just decide the question, will you?"

"Well, what is your question?"

"It't this," came the answer. "Can a monkey swim?"

What an easy one! The young man at the 'phone smiled happily as he put his mouth down close to the transmitter and softly whispered:

"Just go down to the lake and jump in. Then you'll find out all about it."

And then he gently rang off and went on with his work.—Press and Printer.

THE DISADVANTAGES OF PLAGIARISM.

A rather amusing story is told of a certain so-called "popular preacher," the Rev. Dr. D——, whose marvelous powers of eloquence invariably gathered him large audiences. People wondered at his sermons, and proclaimed him an intellectual genius. Now the doctor was a plagiarist who patched up his own exceedingly poor sermons by introducing here and there passages from the sermons of celebrated divines, but the ingenuous way in which he accomplished this prevented discovery. Then, too, his audiences, he calculated, were not students of theology, and therefore not likely to detect his appropriations. But in this he made his mistake, and his exposure took place as follows:

One day an elderly gentleman entered the church and took a seat in the first row. As the doctor proceeded with his sermon the gentleman broke in now and then with such remarks as, "That's Sherlock." "Ah, from Tillotson." "Now it's Blair," etc.

The doctor stood it for a little while, but at last, full of wrath, he said:

"My dear sir, if you do not restrain your impertinent remarks and hold your tongue, I'll have you ejected."

The elderly gentleman, looking the doctor calmly in the face, said, "That's his own."—Harper's Round Table.

THE MINISTER TELLS THIS HIMSELF.

That we jump hastily at conclusions regarding the character of those we meet is seen in the incident which the friends of an eminent Methodist preacher like to relate at his expense.

He went into the Old South church in order to take a last look at the interior before it should become the museum and relic repository it now is. The reverend doctor looked well about him, and, turning to the sacristan of pious aspect, who was showing him about, said:

"I was baptized in this church," and, after a moment's pause, "but it has been 20 years since I was within it."

Now the sacristan was a man zealous in piety, but ill-fitted to judge of character, and, after measuring his guest for a moment, he answered with a sigh:

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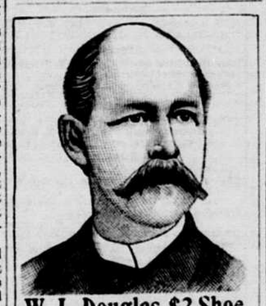

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To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:

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

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

HELEN C. STONE, late of Norway, deceased. Will and petition for probate thereof presented by Ella L. Jewett et al, the executors therein named.

HANNAH L. RYERSON, late of Newry, deceased. Petition for distribution presented by Henry J. Ryerson, administrator.

NEWELL E. MERRILL, late of Norway, deceased. Petition for allowance out of personal estate presented by Josie Merrill, widow.

IDA A. and GERTRUDE V. MESERVE, minors, of Brownfield. Petition for license to sell real estate presented by Wilbur M. Meserve, guardian.

REBECCA CUSHMAN, late of Hebron, deceased. Petition for license to sell real estate presented by Charles H. George, administrator.

FRANK W. PRESCOTT, late of Boston, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, deceased. Petition for license to sell real estate presented by James E. Winnard and another, executors.

ELBRIDGE H. FIFIELD, of Bethel, ward. Petition for license to sell real estate presented by Elmer O. Millett, guardian.

SEWARD S. STEARNS, Judge of said Court.

A true copy—Attest:—

ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

The subscribers hereby give notice that they have been duly appointed executor, of the last will and testament of

CYRUS H. RIPLEY, 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.

WM. C. GREENE.
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Jan. 19th, 1897. GEO. A. WILSON, Agent.

LEGISLATIVE NOTICE.

The Committee on Judiciary will give a public hearing in its room at the State House in Augusta, as follows:

Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1897, at 3 o'clock P. M. An act to provide for the appointment of a Commissioner of Highways.

An Order directing the Committee to inquire into necessity of the amending the provisions of chapter 273 of the public laws relating to preventing incumbrances from being placed upon the highways of Aroostook County.

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