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STATE OF MAINE.

Treasurer's Office,
Augusta, April 25, 1899.

Upon the following townships or tracts of land not liable to be taxed in any town, the following assessments for the State tax of 1899 were made by the Legislature on the 19th day of March, 1899:

OXFORD COUNTY.

Fryeburg Academy Grant,	$ 44 68
A. 1, Riley Plantation,	154 00
Andover, North Surplus,	87 78
Andover West Surplus,	36 18
C,	172 80
C. Surplus,	75 53
No. 4, R. 1,	129 14
No. 5, R. 1, Magalloway Pl.,	232 39
No. 4, R. 2,	212 52
No. 5, R. 2, Lincoln Pl.,	132 74
No. 4, R. 3,	173 25
No. 5, R. 3,	156 18
No. 4, R. 4,	131 44
No. 5, R. 4,	177 54
No. 4, R. 5,	192 81
No. 4, R. 6,	128 88
No. 5, R. 5,	115 79
Bachelder's Grant,	68 75
Franklin Plantation,	70 13

TIMBER AND GRASS ON RESERVED LANDS.

C. R. 1, W. B. K. P.,	$ 6 60
No. 4, R. 1, W. B. K. P.,	3 96
No. 4, R. 2, W. B. K. P.,	7 92
No. 4, R. 3, W. B. K. P.,	6 60
No. 5, R. 3, W. B. K. P.,	5 28
No. 4, R. 4, W. B. K. P.,	3 96
No. 5, R. 4, W. B. K. P.,	5 95
No. 4, R. 5, W. B. K. P.,	4 62
No. 5, R. 5, W. B. K. P.,	3 96
No. 4, R. 6, W. B. K. P.,	4 81
Tract north of No. 4, R. 6, W. B. K. P.,	17
A. R. 1, (Riley)	3 96
Andover, North Surplus,	1 98
C. Surplus,	3 08

F. M. SIMPSON,
State Treasurer.

STATE OF MAINE.

Treasurer's Office,
Augusta, May 10, 1899.

Upon the following townships or tracts of land not liable to be taxed in any town the following assessments for county tax of 1899 were made by the County Commissioners of OXFORD county, on the 25th day of March, 1899:

Fryeburg Academy Grant,	$ 27 63
Andover North Surplus,	54 26
Letter C,	107 47
No. 4, R. 1,	79 83
No. 4, R. 2,	131 38
No. 4, R. 3,	107 10
No. 4, R. 4,	75 07
No. 4, R. 5,	75 92
No. 5, R. 3,	73 43
Riley Plantation,	95 20
Andover West Surplus,	22 37
C Surplus,	46 33
No. 5, R. 1, Magalloway Pl.,	143 67
No. 5, R. 2, Lincoln Pl.,	82 05
No. 5, R. 3,	96 55
No. 5, R. 4,	109 75
No. 4, R. 6,	79 67
Bachelder's Grant,	42 50

F. M. SIMPSON,
State Treasurer.

PROBATE NOTICES.

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

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in vacation, in and for the County of Oxford, on the sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. 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 Fryeburg, on the first Tuesday of June, A. D. 1899, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause:

ERNEST WARD, minor, of Brownfield. Fourth account presented for allowance by Edwin L. Poor, guardian.

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

Notice of Sale.

Pursuant to a license from the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, I shall sell at public auction on the 17th day of June, A. D. 1899, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on the premises, in Greenwood, all the right, title and interest which Nelson Jackson, late of Greenwood, in said county, deceased, had in and to the following described real estate, viz.: The east part of lot numbered two in the seventh range of lots in the south part of said town of Greenwood, with the buildings thereon, containing fifty acres, more or less. Also lot numbered one in the seventh range of lots in said south part of Greenwood containing one hundred acres, more or less. Also the east half of lot numbered three in said seventh range of lots in said south part of Greenwood, containing fifty acres more or less. The same being the late homestead farm of said Jackson, subject to the widow's interest. I shall also sell about twenty tons of hay.

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CORN AND THE SILO.

The great hole in the dairy business in our state is the paying out of so much money for grain to feed to the cows. Products of the dairy, in the main, are not going to bear higher values in the years to come than they have brought for a few years past. Dairymen dependent on the market for their grain feed, all about us are loud in their complaints that while the cows are fed at the barn there is but little money left for them after the grain bills are paid. This is literally the fact. It is, too, of vital importance, and should command the closest attention of all intelligent dairymen.

The way out of so unsatisfactory returns from the business is to produce more of the feed of the cows on the farm. While good management will leave a margin of profit from the use of purchased grain feed, yet there will be still larger gain realized where it is grown on the farm. Having now, in the carrying out of such a plan, provided for growing all the grain practicable the present year, it follows now to prepare for the corn crop. Considered in all its bearings there is no one crop so important to the dairyman, or to any stock grower as well, as is this one of corn. Rightly managed it is both fodder and grain. With plenty of this crop on hand there is but little other grain feed called for in order for the cows to do good work. The accepted kind of corn to plant is that which will mature a good growth of ears as well as stalk. Whether this be fed all together in the form of ensilage or in dry form with the ears ground it will supply all the material, both grain and fodder, the carbohydrate side of the ration calls for. Hence, only protein material is needed to go with it. This is easily supplied from the oats and peas grown on the farm. Even oats alone fed with the corn will give excellent results though the ration would not be quite scientifically balanced. Such a grain ration, though, would all come from the farm and would leave the farmer's pocketbook well balasted though the ration be slightly one-sided. If it were necessary to go into the market for protein material a small quantity only of bran, cottonseed or gluten would fill the bill, and at small cost. With plenty of corn, therefore, and the acres of grain that may easily go with it, any dairyman may, if he will, feed his herd substantially from his own farm. This course is entirely feasible if one will go to work to that end. Farmers have too much got in the way of depending upon the market for their needed grain supply. They are not restricted in land, and both the fodder and grain can be produced on their farms just as well as now only the fodder, and neither will displace the other.

Where corn is grown on an extended scale for fodder purposes the silo comes in as a desirable provision for housing and preserving it. The saving of the labor of husking and the cost of grinding are items of importance, while the succulent form of the material gives it a measure of value not realized in the dry form. Still, no one should hold up about expending his fields of corn while waiting for a silo. On land suited to its culture corn should be made an important crop. With proper culture it gives a large measure of desirable fodder to the acre and thus enables a farmer to do a large business on a limited area of land. The extension of the corn fields for fodder purposes wherever tried has had the effect to open the eyes of the operator to possibilities never before realized. The fact of so large a measure of cow feed from a limited area of land invariably carries with it an encouragement that is sure to lead to enlarged effort. In this way the silo has given a great impetus to the business of dairying. The two lines of work are specially well suited to go together, and any farmer will be on the right track to extend work in both directions. Corn for the silo and ensilage for the dairy will work a wonderful transformation with any farm where the two are harnessed together.—Maine Farmer.

POTATO DIFFICULTIES.

"It is becoming more and more difficult to raise good potatoes," says a correspondent of the Country Gentleman. "It is hardly too much to say that no really fine potatoes can be obtained in our markets at present at any price—that is, such mealy and palatable potatoes as every farmer could raise with very little trouble fifty years ago. Local growers have tried hard to secure improvement by obtaining new seed from a distance, and giving the crop careful cultivation, but with all their persistent insect enemies and long established diseases, growing potatoes is still a risky business.

"The sale and use of sweet potatoes has apparently increased to a great extent within two or three years in New England. During a good part of the year sweet potatoes are sold in the markets at as low prices as Irish potatoes, and sometimes even lower. Unless their quality can be improved, it is possible that the demand for and consumption of white potatoes may be materially decreased by the growing popularity of sweet potatoes."

The wise farmer will never forget that the first hundred pounds of pork costs little; the second hundred thirty per cent more; and the third hundred double the first. Yet there are plenty of people who raise three hundred pound hogs.

"Spring Unlocks The Flowers
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GENERAL PURPOSE COWS.

MORE USEFUL THAN SPECIAL PURPOSE STOCK SOMETIMES.

The general purpose cow has been under discussion for many years, or since the development of the special purpose butter breeds, the Jerseys and Guernseys, has brought them into prominence. The claim has many times been made by breeders of these dairy types of cattle that there could be no compromise between the butter breeds and the essentially beef breeds, like the Shorthorns and Herefords. So strong were these claims that several years ago it looked as if an eastern farmer would be called a "wayback" who did not keep high grade or thoroughbred Jerseys or Guernseys for dairy purposes, especially for butter. Western competition in connection with comparatively cheaper transportation, has driven eastern farmers out of beef production as a business, and they have been obliged to turn their their attention largely to dairying. But thousands of them are so situated that they do not want to make dairying an exclusive business. Their pasturage, feed, barns, farm help, and other conditions make it a necessity for them to keep some sheep or to raise steers that will sell in the local beef markets, or some young cows to supply the increasing demand of milkmen.

To meet these conditions it has been necessary to keep what has been termed the "general purpose cow," an animal of good form and medium size that will produce a calf that will be a good beef steer or salable heifer, and that will give at least 6,000 pounds of 4 per cent milk in a year, and make a good piece of beef when her best years of usefulness have passed. The special purpose breeder will call such an animal a "scrub cow," and her owner is likely to be termed a "scrub farmer."

Sometimes it has taken no small amount of moral courage for a man to refuse to invest in fancy bred Jersey stock, and to continue to keep his general purpose stock. But these farmers have more courage than a few years ago. People are beginning to realize that the general purpose cow, like the general purpose horse, has had and will have a legitimate place on many farms, and they are not "scrub stock" either. In many instances these cattle have been bred with as much care as has been bestowed upon the average herd of Jerseys, and with gratifying results to the owners. Some farmers prefer the Shorthorn cross for this kind of breeding, others prefer the solid color Devon type, while others are partial to the Holsteins. At a farmers' institute in a certain town in this state, where Jersey cows largely predominate, it was stated during the discussion that the herd of cows which gave the owner the largest returns per cow from the creamery were grade Holsteins, whose average amount of butter fat was less than that of any other herd. But no figures were obtainable to show the relative cost of the feed of the different herds.

The special purpose cow is for the man whose sole object in keeping cows is to make butter, whether it be from one cow or from fifty or more, and there are most excellent reasons why a certain type of cows should be kept for this purpose. Other conditions prevail on other farms, and the general purpose cow will meet these conditions better than any other animal.

Most critics in this direction make no distinction between the real general purpose cow that has been carefully bred, and the haphazard bred scrub stock that is found in the yards of too many farmers at the present time. There is, however, a wide distinction between these two classes of cattle, and while the scrub cow has no legitimate place on any farm, on many farms the general purpose cow fills the bill better than any other animal.—Alpha Messer, Lecturer National Grange.

TAKES HER CHANCES.

The farmer's wife receives less consideration than does her husband's blooded stock. He believes in paying time to improve his cattle and bone fertilizers to enrich his land, but the idea of giving his children a rested mother, or of investing in book fertilizers for the family has never dawned on him. He believes in good comfortable housing for the stock; the family can scratch along most anyway. He believes in windmills in the barn lot, a seventh day rest for horses, and exemption from duty when the roads are heavy with mud. His wife hauls up water from a 40-foot well, works harder on Sunday because of a bigger dinner and the Sunday clothes, and when it rains she bustles around at the chip pile for something that will burn. The farmer's wife is the hardest worked, poorest paid, illest clothed and cheapest fed woman I know, to whom the world owes such vast obligation.

Think of the monotony that even under favorable conditions envelops her life. No books, no magazines, no music, no one to talk to, nowhere to go—only a Sunday School quarterly and a farm paper that it makes her back ache just to look at, since it advises her husband to "buy more land, to raise more corn, to fat more hogs."

No wonder the older women are said to crowd our asylums in proportion to any other class. No wonder the younger ones are taken up with the cheap attractiveness of town and flout the independent young farmer for a hostler in a livery stable, to get where there is something going on. The hostler may be a failure, but town life has its compensations, the farmer is less apt to be a failure compensations there are none. So she takes the greater chances.—Mrs. Miner of Texas at Farmers' Congress.

CLIPPINGS.

The careful keeping of accounts will not only show just what is being done, but will increase the profits by showing the cows that are eating more value than they yield. It also shows results from feeding different feeds, which enables us to select feeds that will yield best returns at least cost.

Too much care can not be given to the details of milking, and the care of the milk immediately thereafter. It seems almost a needless caution to state that milking should always be done with clean hands, and yet many farmers never think of compelling their milkers to wash their hands before milking. Then milk should be removed from milking quarters as soon as practicable and placed in clean cans. Covers should be left off until the milk has cooled.

Too often we find farmers who overreach themselves in building their homes, and instead of comfort have a debt hanging over them, the interest on which absorbs all their income beyond bare living expenses. It has always appeared to me that the farmer who puts all his accumulations of personal property, and often more, in a fine residence, and builds no barns, has started the first wedge to open the way to misfortune. The construction of good barns usually points to success, while the building of fine residences on the farm too often points toward ruin.

The prime cause of mottles in butter is the use of too cold water in washing the butter, and the manner in which it is introduced into the churn. By using too much cold water the outside of the butter granules, becomes crusted or hardened like the shell of an egg, while the inside is soft. Now when this mass is worked together those little shells remain in the same condition, and no amount of working or tempering salt, or even distribution, when added, change the conditions. They do not work up, consequently do not take salt, hence the fine, threadlike streaks in the butter. The wash water should be tempered to within two or three degrees of the churn temperature.

THE COUNTY W. C. T. U.

LARGE ATTENDANCE OF EARNEST WORKERS IN CONVENTION AT SOUTH PARIS.—MANY INTERESTING PAPERS AND ADDRESSES.

There were a good number present when the twelfth convention of the Oxford County Woman's Christian Temperance Union met at the South Paris Methodist church last Tuesday forenoon.

The session opened at 10:30 with a devotional meeting led by Mrs. S. E. W. Curtis of West Paris. The convention was then formally opened by the president, Mrs. M. B. Chapman of Bethel. After roll call and reading of the minutes of the previous session, the delegates and visitors were given a cordial welcome by Mrs. E. W. Morton, president of the South Paris union, the youngest of the county unions. Appropriate response to the welcome, on behalf of the County Union, was made by Mrs. O. M. Mason of Bethel.

The convention was addressed briefly by Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt of Augusta and Miss Cornelia Dow of Portland.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Credentials: Mrs. H. D. Smith, Norway, Mrs. E. W. Bonney, South Paris.
Courtesies: Miss Alice Knight, South Paris, Miss Bryant, West Paris.
Resolutions: Rev. C. E. Angell, Norway, Mrs. Emily Emmons, West Paris, Mrs. I. M. Swett, South Paris.

The appointment of the committees was followed by the address of Mrs. Chapman, the county president—a very able and interesting paper. The session closed with noontide prayer.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

DEAR SISTERS AND COMRADES IN THE W. C. T. U. WORK:—It is fitting at this time to take a retrospective glance and encourage ourselves by seeing something of what has been accomplished during the past year. Our hearts have been gladdened by the reviving of two of our largest and most efficient Unions, and an added membership of 62 active and 3 honorary members—as one result of Mrs. Seamans' labors among us. I say one result, for the influence of her instructive public lectures, her helpful talks and the example of her consecrated life cannot be summed up and told in words. And much less can the good influence of our several Unions be gathered up and estimated. The reports of the Supts. of the various departments can only indicate the lines along which special effort has been made, and give a brief summary of its tangible work.

In looking over the records of the Convention since the W. C. T. U. work was organized in this county in 1887, I found there had been Unions at Denmark, Kezar Falls, Fryeburg, Oxford, Andover and Rumford Falls, which no longer exist. On writing to these towns to learn the cause of this decadence and see if they could not be encouraged to renew their allegiance, I found the same story repeated in varying forms:—"We have too many other organizations—there is no time for this."

Now we all know that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is the pioneer in woman's work, and the forerunner of the multitudinous women's clubs of to-day. They have all sprung up within the last quarter of a century, and are multiplying every year, so that every little village and hamlet has its clubs, literary, historic, scientific, musical, etc., and its whist and tennis clubs. And every church organization finds an efficient co-worker in its denominational club evolved from the old-time sewing circle. Setting aside these aids to the financial machinery of our churches, all the other clubs,—however pleasant, instructive, elevating, refining and enjoyable—are centered in their own membership. It is for themselves they exist. They reach out no helping hand to those around them.

There is no other organization which has so high ideals and aims at so broad results as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Its scope as given in the National statement of its principles is "the educating of the young, forming a better public sentiment, reforming the drinking classes, transforming by the power of Divine grace those who are enslaved by alcohol, and securing the entire abolition of the liquor traffic."

It has, however, through the clear vision which has come to its membership of the basic unity of all reform forces and the inter-relation of each evil with all other evils, widened its scope until there is no wrong against which it has not lifted up its voice, no good with which it is not allied. It is the chief factor in State campaigns for statutory prohibition and constitutional amendments. It began the movement for Scientific Temperance Instruction in the public schools, and has been instrumental in securing laws to that end in all but three of the States; and secured Congressional legislation by which all the territories and the District of Columbia are brought under the same beneficent statutes. We should consider too its work among the children in Sunday schools, Loyal Temperance Legions and Kindergartens; its efforts to influence college students and young women, training and organizing them for a philanthropic life, and its evangelistic work for non-church goers, for railroad employes, soldiers, lumbermen, miners, especially for drinking men of all classes; and its efforts to reach paupers and prisoners. It has also championed the cause of woman's ballot, the labor movement and social purity. In fact, it reaches out helping hands in forty different directions, and it is permeating public sentiment through innumerable channels.

Is there not work enough to satisfy the ambition and energy of every philanthropic woman?

I do not wish to be misunderstood as narrowly condemning women's clubs. I rejoice in everything that tends to educate and expand a woman's mind, to widen her views of life, broaden her sympathies and refine her mind and heart. But while she is seeking these things for herself, at the same time she has a duty toward others; for we none of us live to ourselves, and in many ways applies the warning, "these things ought ye to have done and not to have left the other undone."

The motherly heart of this organization is proved by the earnestness of its efforts for little children to save them from the evils of the world. And a knowledge of parental influences is being disseminated which is a priceless boon to humanity. Every mother should fully understand the wonderful influence of her own mind, heart and physical condition upon her embryo child. The importance of this teaching is painfully emphasized to some of us by the experiences of our own lives. Reforming men and women, who are given over to evil habits, is a slow process in the regeneration of the world, but by a proper education of the children evil will become eliminated.

The W. C. T. U. has done a great deal in educating public sentiment all along the different lines of reform. It was surprising that with the strong temperance sentiment which prevails among the best people of our nation that in our recent war "army saloons" should have been allowed. It is affirmed that in all the stories of army mismanagement, the use of alcoholic beverages figures! A drunken soldier, or an officer intoxicated, or a dozen of them in that condition, are the explanations of failure and disaster!

Shrewd business men now employ only men of temperate habits in places of responsibility. The U. S. Commissioner of Labor sent out letters of inquiry to 7,000 business establishments employing over 2,000,000 men to ascertain the relation of drink habits to labor, and had replies from 5,868 stating they employed only temperate men, assigning as reasons, "to guard against accidents" and "the unreliability of drinking men."

The changes made on our Grand Trunk R. R., this last year, resulted largely, it is said, from a determination to free the service of intemperate men. And the same is becoming true on all our great lines of travel. The public safety demands it. And also corporations will not risk the financial losses drunken employes entail. The complicated machinery of the present time requires clear, active brains and steady nerves to operate it with safety.

While the evil and disastrous effects of alcoholic drink is recognized by every intelligent person, it seems strange to our womanish understanding that its manufacture should be allowed by a Christian Nation! And yet our Government enters into partnership with the brewers and distillers, having a revenue tax on all which is manufactured; and for money, licenses men to deal it out to the public! But when harmful food, bad beef for instance, is sold, the whole nation is righteously indignant and a systematic course of inquiry is at once instigated with a view of bringing the offenders to merited punishment. And we have our Gov. Inspectors for milk and other food products and whatever is found unhealthful is destroyed.

Could any conscientious Board of Health fail to condemn all products of the brewery and distillery, and tobacco in all its forms, as unhealthful and dangerous to those who consume them?

And our Christian Nation is already sending ship loads of rum and beer to Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines "in the interests of trade!"

With regard to the tobacco habit, I wish to quote the opinion of some of Maine's well known educators:

Pres. Chase of Bates College says:—"It injures the user's health, lessens his mental energy, lowers his ideals and blunts his moral sensibilities."

Pres. Hyde of Bowdoin College says:—"I have known students in nearly every class in college, who have left college with nerves unstrung, power of persistent effort destroyed and aspiration for a life of usefulness dulled and deadened as a direct result of constant and excessive smoking."

The Prin. of Bangor High School, H. K. White, says:—"In an experience of 22 years with high school scholars, I have never known a boy to form a habit of smoking without utterly unfitting himself for school work."

I saw in statistics of 1890 that the tobacco bill of this nation was $600,000,000 or $9.50 per individual, while that same year the expense of the nation for public education was $96,000,000 or $1.52 per capita, against $9.50 for tobacco, and $14.28 per capita for spirituous liquors! Thus making $1,500,000,000 worse than wasted, a million times worse than wasted!

That was the direct cost of the rum and tobacco for one year, but who can estimate the indirect cost to the nation in the loss of physical and mental power, and the time lost, the loss of labor, sickness caused by the habits, the crimes perpetrated, the insanity created and the pauperism?

Life insurance statistics show that alcohol shortens the life of the user nearly one-half. The total abstainer has an average of 64 years of life, while the drinker of alcoholic liquors has an average of only about 35 years.

The Supreme Court of the United States has voiced the opinion that "The police power of the State is fully competent to regulate the liquor business, to mitigate its evils, or to suppress it entirely."

Why then is not this done? Is it because public sentiment does not support the action? How is it in our own communities, which are miniatures of the nation? Are people living up to the requirements of the laws of our State? If not, who is responsible?

The weak and cowardly excuse of Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?" is still the shield behind which ease loving souls seek to hide. The question, "How far we are partakers of other people's sins?" is one which it would be well for us each to ponder.

Women, though not having the right of franchise, can do much toward remedying public evils; for they can and do mould public sentiment in a large degree. No new laws are needed to give women this privilege. It is universally conceded that a woman's tongue is her inherited right! So whatever evils we deplore, we can if we will make them, in time, so unpopular and contemptible that public sentiment against them will become an unwritten law, harder to evade than the statutes lawyers are too prone to interpret to suit their clients.

For illustration, take the tobacco habit. If all the respectable women and girls would show contempt for the weakness and folly of using this insidious narcotic, how soon would there be a reformation in regard to it! No self-respecting young man would begin its use, and a large proportion of the younger men especially would make strenuous efforts to overcome the habit. We can always feel tolerant toward the aged. By whatever habits they may have become enslaved, to those we expect them to be in bondage, as a general rule, till they are freed from the infirmities of the flesh. But is is for the young we would raise the strong barrier of public opinion against everything which will harm them physically, mentally and spiritually.

Then too, with regard to the social purity question. When every decent woman and pure minded girl shall recognize the indelible Scarlet Letter on every man of impure life as clearly as they do on his victims, then and then only can we expect this evil to cease.

When Nehemiah was filled with zeal to repair the walls of Jerusalem, his beloved city, he set every man to build "over against his own house" and soon the city was encompassed by a strong, high wall. And so the great army of the W. C. T. U. each working to repair the wrongs in her own vicinity, in unison with the thousands working all over the country, will eventually build this nation in justice, temperance, purity and righteousness.

Do you not suppose those Israelites were cheered and gladdened day by day by hearing one from another of how work was progressing on the various sides, beyond the limit of their vision?

I apprehend that one great cause of dormant and dead Unions is that they were too self centered and introspective. The results of their own work seemed so small and meager, they soon began to feel that it amounted to so little it was not worth the trouble. While from a larger knowledge of the work, they would have seen themselves important factors of the whole, and their work undone, the defences of their own homes insecure!

Every white ribbon is a silent protest, not only against intemperance, the tobacco habit, impurity, profanity and Sabbath desecration, but against everything else which a boy or girl feels to be wrong. You will see this in their actions, if you closely observe them. So the very fact of such an organization in a town is a defence against a host of evils, as well as an educator of public sentiment.

And another source of great inspiration is our convention, this meeting together and looking into the faces of those who are co-workers in a common cause and exchanging ideas and experiences! And if we find inspiration and satisfaction in our little county conventions, how much more in our State and National Conventions! I am glad our State Convention will be held, this year, in Portland, which will be so conveniently near to us and the journey so inexpensive that all will feel that they can go, for when we have once tested its helpfulness we shall be willing to make some sacrifices to gain its benefits.

We are justly proud that our beloved State President was so unanimously chosen to fill the high position which she now graces, and we are now assured that her interest in the white ribbons of Maine is not diminished because of these new duties and responsibilities and that she looks with confident expectation to an increase of at least 500 in our membership and to faithful, persistent work, and we do not want her disappointed.

In a recent letter she expressed her regrets that she could not be with us in this convention, as she had been so many times in this county, and added:—"Will you please present to your convention a greeting of love and good wishes from me, mingled with the prayer that this year may be one of great advance in all our departments of work."

Mrs. Stevens recommends that we "emphasize the total abstinence feature and try to secure at our public meetings signers to the total abstinence pledge, as well as new members to our society." The wisdom of this suggestion will commend itself to every Union and we trust the presidents and secretaries will see that it is carried out, as we also will try to do at this convention.

The motto of the W. C. T. U. Army of Maine is "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of Hosts." Laboring with reliance on this Omnipotent Aid our work will surely be established.

The afternoon session opened at 2 o'clock with devotional services conducted by Rev. R. S. Leard of the West Paris Methodist church.

The report of the corresponding secretary, Miss Jennie B. Kimball of Hiram, was read by Miss Knight of South Paris.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. Fannie Clifford of Hiram, was read by the secretary, Mrs. Chandler of Bethel. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Clifford for her services, and for the donation of two dollars expended in postage, for which she declined to be reimbursed.

Rev. Caroline E. Angell of Norway was introduced to the audience, and read a paper on the topic, "Encouragements." Miss Angell reviewed the history of temperance legislation and reform movements in this country, calling attention to the fact that the members of the early temperance societies pledged themselves only to drink no more than was good for them, and that it is only a little more than seventy years since the organization of the first total abstinence society. In view of these and other facts showing unquestioned progress, she felt that in spite of all seemingly adverse conditions, temperance workers should feel that they have many encouragements.

Miss Dow presented a resolution prepared by the national officers, authorizing the president of the county union to petition the president of the United States to exercise his authority as commander-in-chief of the army to carry the anti-canteen law into effect by forbidding the sale of liquors in the army, at least until the opinion of the attorney-general shall be fully tested in the courts. In presenting this resolution Miss Dow explained the circumstances, reading the anti-canteen section of the law as passed by congress, and stating that this law had been practically nullified by a peculiar opinion rendered by the attorney-general. This opinion seemed to be in substance, that if nobody could sell liquor, somebody could. After some vigorous remarks by several present in support of the resolution, it was passed by a unanimous rising vote. Miss Dow urged that the local unions and churches should pass a similar resolution, and let the president know the sentiment of the people.

Some time was occupied with reports from a partial list of the county superintendents. The reports show considerable work done in the several departments, though many of them were incomplete.

The last number on the programme was a paper by Mrs. Annie Swett of South Paris, on "Parental Responsibility." Mrs. Swett emphasized strongly the thought that the foundation of a child's character in all its phases is laid in the home and at an early age, and that there rests upon the parents a great responsibility for the moral and spiritual welfare of the child. General discussion of the topic was invited, and in response to calls Rev. I. A. Bean of South Paris and Rev. R. S. Leard of West Paris spoke in the same line.

The committee on credentials reported a list of the officers and delegates present from the unions at South Paris, Norway, West Paris and Bethel.

The session of Tuesday evening opened with music by a mixed quartette of local singers, and devotional services conducted by Rev. Miss Angell. The choir then sang the Oxford County song, written by Miss Isabel Shirley.

Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt of Augusta was introduced as the speaker of the evening, on the topic of scientific temperance instruction. Mrs. Hunt's ability as a speaker is well known, as well as her earnestness in all good work. An imperfect abstract of her address would do it injustice, so it may simply be said that it was very able and earnest, and held the closest attention of the large audience.

A song by Master Ralph Penfold followed the address, and the session closed with a benediction.

The session of Wednesday morning opened with a devotional service led by Mrs. Hunt.

After reading of minutes, the convention proceeded to the choice of officers, all White Ribboners present being first made members of the convention, and thereby entitled to vote.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. M. B. Chapman, Bethel

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Norway,	Noyes' Drug Store.
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Buckfield,	Alfred Cole, Postmaster.
Fryeburg,	A. F. Lewis, Insurance Office.
Paris Hill,	Mrs. Barrow, Post Office.
Bryant's Pond,	H. J. Libby.
West Paris,	Samuel T. White.

Special Congressional Election June 19.

For Representative to Congress,

Charles E. Littlefield,

Of Rockland.

COMING EVENTS.

May 31, June 1.—Spring meeting of Oxford Universalist Association, West Paris.
June 6.—Oxford Pomona Grange, Bethel.
June 6-8.—Maine Universalist Convention, Portland.
June 7.—Free Baptist Quarterly Meeting and ordination of pastor, East Hebron.
June 8.—South Paris High school graduation.
June 12-14.—Commencement, University of Maine.
June 13.—State Assessors' meeting, Fryeburg.
June 14.—State Assessors' meeting, South Paris.
June 15—State Assessors' meeting, Rumford Falls.
June 19.—Special congressional election, Second Maine District.
June 20-22.—Hebron Academy graduation.
July 27-Aug. 10.—School of Methods, Fryeburg

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CHARLES E. LITTLEFIELD.

BRIEF SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF OUR NEXT CONGRESSMAN.

Charles E. Littlefield was born in Lebanon, York County, on June 21, 1851, the son of Rev. W. H. and Mary (Stevens) Littlefield, his ancestors being York County people. Rev. Mr. Littlefield was pastor of the Free Baptist church in Lebanon at the time of Charles' birth, but when the latter was one year old the family moved to Rockland, where for six years the father preached at the Free Baptist church on Camden Street, while the son became initiated into the perplexities and fascinations of juvenile school life.

At the age of 16 Mr. Littlefield stood six feet in height, with a slender though powerful frame, and at the carpenter's bench did a man's work at a boy's pay. At 18 he had charge of a crew of 20 men, and with wages averaging $4 a day, he worked hard for five years laying by a nest egg which stood him in good stead when he went to Rockland in 1874 to study law.

From Rockland the family moved to Foxcroft, Mr. Littlefield preaching in Dover, while Charles attended Foxcroft Academy. They resided there four years after which Rev. Mr. Littlefield held successive charges of four years each at Vinalhaven and Weeks' Mills, China. In the latter town young Littlefield completed his public school education—the same town curiously enough, where Congressman Dingley had taught school several years before. A. I. Brown, who has recently been appointed postmaster of Belfast to succeed the late Mr. Kilgore, was principal of the Weeks' Mills High School at the time young Littlefield attended it.

The young man's school life was uneventful. He was devoted to his studies and made progress in them which was extremely satisfactory to the principal and assistants. In addition to the regular course, which most high school pupils consider sufficient, the young man was obliged by his father to undertake other and deeper studies, a wise precaution on the part of the parent which is now duly appreciated by the subject of this sketch.

The Littlefield family left Weeks' Mills when Charles was 16 and returned to Vinalhaven where Mr. Littlefield has since resided, although he retired from the pulpit some years ago. The granite industry of Vinalhaven was then at its height. Construction stone was being furnished for the war and navy departments. Mr. Littlefield, the subject of this sketch, worked here until 1874 as boss of a crew, and in that year entered the study of law with Rice & Hall, being admitted to the bar in Knox County in 1876. He at once entered practice with Gen. J. P. Cilley, retiring from his partnership to practice alone until the entrance of his brother, Arthur S. Littlefield, to the firm.

Mr. Littlefield's career at the bar has been very successful. He tried many important cases and became noted for his skill and eloquence.

In 1885 he was nominated for representative to the Legislature and was elected, serving on the judiciary committee. It was while acting in this capacity that his efforts obtained a charter for the water company, which now supplies that section of Knox County.

He was re-elected to the House in 1887 and was chosen Speaker of that body by acclamation. A unanimous nomination at that time was an especial honor and reflected credit upon the popularity and ability of the candidate. Mr. Littlefield's splendid record as Speaker is a matter of history. It laid the foundation of his election as attorney-general two years later and it made the name of Littlefield a household term in Maine political circles from that time.

HERE AND THERE.

The Democrat is indebted to the Bridgton News for calling attention to the flag law "absurdity" and the application thereof—a matter which had come to the attention of the publishers some few weeks since, but which had slipped out of mind again by one of those peculiar mental processes which everybody experiences at times. We have hauled down the flag, and it will appear no more.

Speaking of laws, here is one of the peculiar things that the last legislature did: It passed a law providing for the examination and certification of candidates for admission to the bar, by a state board of examiners. This board is to consist of five members, to be appointed on or before July 1st, 1899, one for one year, one for two years, and so on, and annually thereafter one member is to be appointed for the term of five years. Section 9 provides that "Except so far as relates to the appointment of the board of examiners herein provided for, this act shall not take effect until September one, nineteen hundred." So the member who is appointed July 1st, 1899, for one year, will serve his term and go out of office two months before the law goes into effect. Of course he may assist in the preparation of examination papers for future use, but as the act provides that the compensation of the examining board shall not exceed the fees received from the applicants, and there will be no applicants during his year of service, he will not be likely to do a great deal of work for the fun of it.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

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

PARIS HILL.

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

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

The Hubbard House and all connecting buildings are undergoing a course of paint.

J. C. Cummings is making repairs on his buildings.

An addition is being built on the rear of the J. M. Thayer store.

H. L. Scribner is making repairs and improvements on his barn and other buildings at the Mrs. Mason place.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Brown and servants arrived last week, and opened Old Brick for the summer.

Mrs. E. H. Cummings is having the house painted that was formerly occupied by Mr. Park.

Mrs. Dr. Brown and Miss Brown returned last week from Fort Warren, Boston Harbor, where they spent the winter, and have re-opened their house here.

The introduction of a gravity system of water works at Paris Hill is an assured fact, the capital stock of the Paris Hill Water Company to an amount sufficient to install the plant having been subscribed. The work of installing the system will begin soon and the plant pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The introduction of spring water together with the enlarging of the Hubbard House and "The Beeches" seems to indicate that Paris Hill as a summer resort has a bright future.

WILSON'S MILLS.

Messrs. Orton and Robert Brown, of the Berlin Mills Co., are at the Brown farm.

They began sluicing logs through Aziscoos Dam Monday morning, May 8th. H. G. Bennett is tending out to prevent jams through the settlement.

C. T. Fox is helping N. K. Bennett do the spring work.

R. A. Storey is clerking for M. D. Sturtevant who is away on business.

Minnie Olson went to Camp In Meadows Tuesday to begin her work for the season.

Charles Vallance, clerk at Camp Caribou, was down after mail Tuesday.

Lena Olson and Jennie Hart, who have been working at Errol, came up on the stage Thursday.

The Kings' Daughters' Circle met for the first time for the season with Mrs. R. A. Storey.

ROXBURY.

Swain & Reed are running their new mill night and day. They never had so much birch in the yard at one time.

A break in L. H. Reed's mill gave the hands a few days to go fishing and rest themselves.

D. A. Gammon was in town over Sunday. He was called to attend the funeral of Miss Bancroft at Hop City.

The apple crop will be nearly a complete failure for the want of blossoms.

The drouth is becoming terrible.

EAST SUMNER.

Work upon Jeff Russell's buildings is progressing under the direction of Israel F. Gammon. The roofs were raised and a story added to the walls making the chimneys a trifle short. The store remains the same.

Rev. D. S Hibbard returned to Gorham on the 15th inst. He supplied the Congregational pulpit two Sabbaths while here.

Dan Knight, while at work on Jeff Russell's buildings, fell and was somewhat hurt.

"Uncle Morse" was in the place on Wednesday. He has been in the boot and shoe business for nearly fifty years, and is still pegging away on the road. Probably few men on the road are better known and respected than "Uncle Morse."

Farmers complain of the terrible dry condition of their tillage lands. Caterpillars, however, do not seem a bit discouraged. It means war, or no apples.

GREENWOOD.

And still it continues dry and cold. One man undertook to do some breaking up last week, but found the ground so dry, and the wind made such a dust as to cause him to give it up in despair.

There was another frost on the 16th and 17th, still vegetation is making some progress, so much so that Indian poke was cut on those days, and rhubarb sauce came on to the table for dinner.

Last week Frank Bennett burned some brush, when the fire got beyond control, and for a while Ransom Cole's saw mill was in danger.

The widow Jackson and her son, Fred Waterhouse, moved to Shelburne, N. H., soon after her husband died. Last week they moved back into Lyman Martin's house. At the same time his son, Royal Martin, who had been carrying on the farm for a year or two, moved back on to his own place.

James Gorman and wife had their reception attended by sixteen of the juveniles of the neighborhood. The usual treat and plays were indulged in during the evening.

The presiding elder, Rev. Mr. Ladd, was billed to preach at the City last Sunday afternoon, and a goodly number came to meeting; but by some mistake he did not get there till evening, and the result was that only a few were there to hear him. Report says that he preached a good sermon from the text: "And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

Austin Morgan was again prostrated with sciatic rheumatism the first of the week, and unable to get on or off the bed without assistance.

Several fellows went to hang a May-basket for a young lady the other night, and it so happened that she was all the person at home who could do first class running; but somehow she succeeded in catching the fellows all the same.

Since writing the above about fire the report has come that the widow John Foster lost her buildings in that way last Tuesday. The fire was first discovered in the barn, and made such rapid progress that but little was saved, or from the house which was situated near by. The house was built only a few years ago, and well furnished. The barn was a large one in good repair, and contained eight tons of hay and a hog, which were burned. Mrs. Foster's family consisted of three sons and one daughter, a little girl about 9 years old, and all deprived of a home without a moment's warning. There was an insurance on the buildings, but we have not learned the amount.

BYRON.

School at West End commenced the 8th inst., taught by Miss Nellie V. Ripley of Andover. School at the Centre taught by John S. Taylor, and at Houghton taught by Geo. A. Taylor began the 15th inst.

All the teachers in this town attended the Oxford County teachers' convention at Canton the 19th and 20th.

The singing school concert at the close of the school the evening of May 11th was well attended, and proved a great success. $11 were contributed toward the purchase of an organ for the school. Some have expressed a desire to have the concert repeated. It possibly may be with some changes and additional selections.

A bad break in the approach to Coos bridge was repaired by Road Commissioner Ed Knapp Tuesday.

We see sportsmen with rod and line along the streams. We hear that some good catches were made at Garland Pond last week by Frank Stanley of Roxbury and Mr. Day of Rumford Falls.

We learn that Mr. Blanchard of Blanchard & Twitchell Co. came to the Coos works last Wednesday. We have not learned whether they are to operate or not on the East Branch the coming season.

BROWNFIELD.

Rev. and Mrs. Tansam of South Hiram are visiting friends in this vicinity.

Rev. Mr. Sargent of Denmark is soon to move his family into the parsonage at this village.

Dr. and Mrs. Fitch are visiting friends in Sebago.

Irving Linscott is at home from Lowell, Mass.

Miss Lula Mason is spending a few days with Miss Mary Wentworth in this village.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Pequawket Lodge, I. O. O. F., worked three degrees upon two new candidates last Friday night.

The W. C. T. U. held their regular meeting with Mrs. Wm. Rowe. No delegates were sent to the convention at South Paris.

Rev. Mr. Potter, the English evangelist, will hold a series of meetings here at the Congregational church soon.

Mrs. Al Godfrey of Portland is visiting her mother, Mrs. Oscar Poor, at her home on Spring Street.

Some grand catches of trout have been made here. The past week McLucas brothers caught 153—some over a foot long.

E. D. Walker has received his annual consignment of horses from the west the past week.

Charles Hill has purchased at Ossipee, N. H., an engine, boiler, and the whole outfit of a saw mill, which he will move here and install in his plant at the depot.

Leslie Hill has joined the gang of benedicts, being married last Saturday at Denmark to Miss Nettie Chadbourne. Leslie made himself square the following Monday night with the boys, who all wished him all success to be had in this world—and he ought to get it in chunks, for he's a good fellow.

Wesley Cole, who has been the night operator at the Mattawamkeag station of the Maine Central Railroad, has severed his connection with the above road, and will go to York Beach for the Boston and Maine, as clerk and operator.

The selectmen have completed their duties as assessors, and below is a summary of the town's valuation:

Real estate,	$254,261.00
Personal,	45,540.00
Polls, 275, at $2.50,	687.50
Tax to be raised,	5,443.88

There are 268 horses valued at $9,830; 321 cows, $7,356; 76 oxen, $2,365; 119 3-year-olds, $2,609; 100 2-year-olds, $1,722; 169 1-year-olds, $1,604; 193 sheep, $501; 84 swine, $539, making a total of $26,651. There are four shares of bank stock valued at $400; $4,180 at interest; stock in trade, $9,900; Lumber, $1,450; 4 bicycles at $75; 79 carriages, $1,808, and 41 musical instruments, $1,076, making a total of $18,889. Saw mills and machinery are valued at $3,000, and the town property is placed at $5,105. The tax rate is $ 017.

The village was filled with smoke all day last Monday, from the forest fire at Redstone, N. H.

Perley Brown is making a number of improvements around his home on Main Street. He has moved his ell on to the back of his lot, and will convert it into a hennery, and will build a large addition on to his house in its place.

Paris Rowe has gone to Gorham to build a set of buildings for Lon Hanscome, to take the place of those recently destroyed by fire.

The Congregational parsonage is being given a thorough cleaning, as it is to be occupied by the English evangelist, Rev. Mr. Walton and Rev. C. E. Sargent.

Just about forty-eight hours' rain would be a God-send.

I see in the Hiram items that the boys of section 120, M. C. R. R., feel highly elated upon putting 144 ties in in one day, and I don't blame them. But, Sammy, if you think the boys of section 121 are going to give up beaten, you're left. For when they spit on their hands and hump their backs, they are bad medicine. So look out for a record that will clear the track. Something is going to drop.

OXFORD.

Harry Littlewood died at the home of his father May 9, of consumption. He leaves a wife and two little girls.

Geo. Ellis of Portland is laying out the golf links at the Oxford Spring House.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dawes of Auburn are in town.

The T. A. Roberts Post, G. A. R., have engaged Rev. C. S. Cummings to speak on Memorial Day. Rev. Mr Buchanan has invited the post to be present at memorial services at the Congregational church Sunday, May 28, at 2:30 P. M.

Mr. H. Booker has moved his family to Norway.

Miss Hattie Farris has opened millinery rooms on Lake Street.

Geo. Parrott has bought the house lately occupied by Hezekiah Booker.

The Division of Sons of Temperance had a box supper Thursday evening.

Mrs. Verrill received news Wednesday of the death of her sister, Mrs. Heath of

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Jesse Felt of Portland is at his old home on Howe Hill this week.

Will Cross is working for Walter Swift.

Rufus Virgin of Rumford was in town one day this week.

Mrs. Maud Lapham went to Gorham, N. H., last Monday.

Reuben Rand is at home doing his farm work.

Mr. Miller is working for Abner Libby.

D. D. Cross and wife visited her father Sunday, the 14th.

Rev. Mr. Ladd preached here last Wednesday evening.

I. P. Bryant and family visited at Willard Herrick's one day lately.

LYNCHVILLE.

Minnie McKeen is at work for Mrs. Small of Stoneham.

Ida Holt is staying with her grandmother, Mrs. Allen, and attending school at Stoneham.

Mr. Schully has moved his family to Rumford, and gone to keeping house.

Mrs. Willis Flint and children have gone to Greenwood to visit her sister, Mrs. Spencer.

Arthur Keniston of North Norway is staying at his grandfather's, Burnham McKeen's.

We understand that H. B. McKeen is going to open a meat market at North Waterford.

Ellsworth Meader is at work for L. H. Burnham, peeling bark.

NORTH BUCKFIELD.

Fannie Hersey of Auburn and George B. Damon of Portland were at their old homes over Sunday, the 14th.

May Farrar of Auburn has been at her father's, Merritt Farrar's, a few weeks past.

A. S. Bessey has the addition to his house up and nearly boarded.

Mrs. Rozetta Bicknell has returned from Massachusetts where she has been the past winter.

James E. Bicknell is at work on the road with four horses.

Earl Jack is at work for Jefferson Farrar this spring.

A. F. Mason is buying wool again this spring.

Heald Brothers are having lots of brush block orders this spring.

HEBRON.

There was a slight frost on low land Tuesday morning.

The students held a lyceum Wednesday evening.

Harlan Harden has gone back to his work in Beverly, Mass.

Miss Rebecca Hibbs is at Norway learning the millinery business.

One of the students had an eye very severely injured while playing ball Wednesday.

A. M. Richardson was at home over Sunday.

HIRAM.

A force of men were called to Mount Cutler Tuesday night and Wednesday to suppress an extensive forest fire.

The selectmen have called Mr. Rufus N. Lowell to superintend the repair of roads this year, and he is doing excellent work.

Mr. Donald G. MacKenzie of Brooklyn, N. Y., is boarding at Mr. Eli C. Wadsworth's at Mountain View Farm this season.

Mr. George W. Clifford, chairman of selectmen, is recovering from a severe illness of measles. His two children are now sick.

Col. Wm. B. Pike is in poor health.

The friends and Pythian brothers of Mr. Asa B. Kimball, who has been sick a long time, are contributing liberally for his relief.

CANTON.

Mrs. Georgie D. Adkins, wife of Curtis Adkins, and daughter of Prof. George F. Towle, of Amesbury, Mass., formerly of Canton, who died recently in Amesbury, was born in Canton and has always lived at home until she was married. She then moved to Amesbury, Mass., accompanied by her parents. Mrs. Adkins was loved and respected by all. She was an excellent musician.

BETHEL.

A large delegation from the Bethel Union attended the W. C. T. U. county convention at South Paris Tuesday and Wednesday.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ardon Tilton extend deep sympathy to them in the great bereavement that has come to their home in the death of their son Charlie. He was a young man of much promise, and will be mourned by a host of Bethel friends and schoolmates.

Mrs. W. A. Bunting is spending a few days with her parents in Bethel. Mr. Bunting is to be congratulated upon his promotion from Gilead station, where he has held the position of station agent, to Norway with the same position.

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Varley have returned from their vacation, and the usual services at the Congregational church will be resumed.

The Grand Trunk station at this place is to undergo extensive repairs. It is to be remodeled, and it will be much more more pleasant and convenient for those who are employed there, and the public also.

There was no school at Gould Academy Friday, as several attended the Oxford County teachers' convention.

Mr. W. E. Abbott has purchased the creamery plant of the Bethel Dairy Association. Mr. Abbott has had charge of the business for two years, and has proved himself to be a man thoroughly acquainted with the business, as the premiums awarded at the fairs in our own state and New England testify.

Rev. Arthur Varley is to preach the baccalaureate sermon before the class of '99, Gould Academy.

Archer Grover, '99, Maine University, will represent that institution at the meet of the New England Intercollegiate Athletic Association in Worcester, Mass., May 20. Mr. Grover now holds the New England college record for the discus throw—115 feet, 6 1-4 inches—made at the Maine intercollegiate meet at Brunswick last year. Mr. Grover also won class championship for '99, at the annual field meet of the Maine University last Saturday.

The senior class have engaged the Boston Ideal Ladies' Quartette for the commencement concert of Gould Academy June 8. This is a miscellaneous quartette consisting of Ella M. Chamberlin, whistling soloist; Martha F. B. Hawes, vocalist; Elean B. MacGregor, pianist and accompanist, and Mrs. Emma Tuttle-Jones, reader. A rare treat will be afforded all who attend this concert, as it is quite unique in its composition.

Rev. Arthur Varley is to preach the memorial sermon before Brown Post G. A. R., next Sunday.

The game of base ball between the Bryant Pond and Gould Academy boys Saturday afternoon resulted in favor of the former, 37 to 8.

FRYEBURG.

Rev. Mr. Morse of St. Johnsbury, Vt., gave a lecture at the Congregational vestry Sunday evening, May 14. Subject, "The Customs of the East."

Mrs. Jane Coolidge returned to Fryeburg Monday with Miss Mary Barrows. Mrs. Ed Adams from Fryeburg Centre is to take care of her.

Carroll Allen of Portland has been in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Tarbox came from Boston Tuesday.

Mrs. Geo. Barrows returned to her summer home here Tuesday, May 14.

The trustees of Fryeburg Academy had a meeting of the board Thursday, May 16. Dr. Weeks and Dr. Gordon were present, also Mr. Alexander Tyler of Portland, who is chairman of a committee to make repairs on the academy. An architect is coming this week to make plans. Now is the time for the friends of Fryeburg Academy to show their colors.

Mrs. M. A. Randall is recovering from her illness of a few weeks since.

Miss Winslow of Portland is boarding at Miss A. N. Page's.

Ralph Willey of the 5th Massachusetts Regiment, who was left behind on account of sickness, is in town in good health.

Miss Lizzie C. Shirley, who has been abroad for a few years past, is now in Boston.

Miss Minnie Bradley is also in Boston, having returned from her trip to Washington.

Mr. Will Bradley and family have come home to their house.

Mrs Bessie Shepley Sergeant, granddaughter of Dr. Reuel Barrows of this place, died in New York May 9th, and was buried from her home in Brookline, May 11th.

MASON.

Rev. Mr. Eldridge preached here Sunday to quite a full house.

The presiding elder, Mr. Ladd, was here Monday night.

S. O. Grover went to Albany Thursday.

The sick ones with scarlet fever are getting along nicely. No new cases yet.

The farmers are all busy now.

Leon Kimball of Albany is expected in town giving music lessons soon.

DENMARK.

Mr. Leslie Hill and Miss Nettie Chadbourne, both of Brownfield, were married by Rev. C. F. Sargent, at the parsonage here Saturday, May 13th. Mrs. Sargent played the wedding march.

Mr. Frank Jewett is putting a bay window on his house.

It is reported that Rev. C. F. Sargent and family will live in the parsonage at Brownfield the next two weeks and give his support to Rev. Mr. Walton at the revival meetings to be held there.

EAST HEBRON.

The long wished for rain that was much needed came last night with a fair prospect of remaining through the day.

Farmers are waiting for warmer days before planting corn, having the ground prepared.

The two Mrs. Packards returned from the hospital last week, and are much improved in health and gaining finely.

Mrs. Bridgham remains nearly as she has been for several weeks with little or no change for improvement.

C. F. McKenney has exchanged his team with Victor DeCoster and passed several days with relatives in North Auburn.

Mrs. Cushing Phillips, a lady who has seen her 87th birthday, but very active, had a fall and injured her so badly she cannot walk without a cane and being led step by step.

Charles Fogg is hobbling around on his foot that the ankle was put out of joint in playing with the boys on Fast Day. He helps milk from choice to help Auranus along with the work.

Mrs. Eugene Hodder is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hiram Rawson, of Paris Hill. Her husband is with her brother, H. A. Record.

Mrs. Julia Taylor has moved to S. E. Brown's and Russell Pratt is there also.

Mrs. Richardson from South Paris with her daughter and son-in-law were the guests of Baker Phillips and family last Sabbath.

Orchards give small prospect of an apple crop. Crab apple trees are well laden and some pear trees are white with blossoms.

NEWRY.

Vegetation is advancing slowly, owing to the continued drouth. It is to be hoped some rain will fall soon.

The schools in town are in session. Miss Merrow teaches on Sunday River; Miss Russell and Miss Grover on Bear River. Have not ascertained the name of the teacher at the Tide.

Miss Carrie Brooks and Miss Clark are working for Mrs. Will Small.

Walter Powers made a trip to Portland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Searle held their reception at Bisbee's Hall last Saturday evening. A fine time is reported.

Caterpillars are getting in some fine work on apple and forest trees. Now is the time to mete out retributive justice in the shape of kerosene oil, birch bark torches, etc.

EAST BETHEL.

The roads are being repaired in this vicinity.

Miss Ethel Hammons attended the teachers' convention at Canton last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Burgess carries the scholars in this neighborhood.

Mr. Payson Rich lost one of his work horses last week. It was found dead in his stall.

BUCKFIELD.

Bank Examiner Chas. P. Hatch of Deering was in town for a short time Saturday, the 13th.

Edward H. Shaw of West Auburn was in town recently.

C. B. Atwood & Co. have taken the agency for Mann's cream bread of Rumford Falls. Fresh bread and rolls every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Josiah Hutchinson and daughter have returned to their home from a winter's stay in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Blossom and sister of Waltham, Mass., are in town this week.

Mert Robinson has bargained for the William Chase stand.

Wm. J. Wheeler of South Paris was in town Wednesday, the 17th.

The remains of James Madison Johnson of Mechanic Falls were brought here for interment Thursday, the 18th. Mr. Johnson went from Buckfield several years ago, residing on North Hill on the farm now owned by Secretary Long. He was 87 years old.

The ladies' circle gave a very well patronized dinner at G. A. R. Hall last Thursday.

Mrs. Libby and sister of Brunswick were in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynch returned to Brooklyn, N. Y., this week, after the winter and spring's stay with their daughter, Mrs. Geo. H. Hersey.

Dea. Alfred Shaw, whose illness has been noted several times, died Wednesday, May 17th, aged 70 years. Deacon Shaw was a native of Buckfield, one of the sons of the late Jesse Shaw, who lived to be nearly 100 years old. Mr. Shaw went to California in early manhood, and during the civil war enlisted in the 6th California Regiment, doing service on the Pacific coast and at the Isthmus of Panama. He returned to Maine in 1866, since which he has resided the most of the time in town, becoming one of its much respected and substantial citizens. During the revival of 1877 he became interested, and confessed his need of a saviour. Publicly accepting Jesus he united with the Baptist church. In June, 1889, he was chosen one of the deacons, and has served the office well for nearly ten years. He was a member of Fessenden Post, G. A. R., who attended the funeral as a body. He leaves a widow and two daughters, Mrs. Geo. C. Morrill of Sumner and Miss Josie Shaw.

STREAKED MOUNTAIN.

J. Madison Chesley and family are living in Auburn, and their farm is unoccupied.

The wood lot that he sold to Clarence Foster, from which 150 cords of spruce pulp were taken last winter, is being cut over by Frenchmen. They occupy the "Uncle Nate house" to the extent of seventeen men, women and children.

Clarence Waldron, after an absence of twelve years, has appeared on his native heath.

Wesley Turner, the carpenter and builder, is a good shot and lucky sportsman. While aiming at a squirrel the other day, a fox passed his range of vision and got a bullet through him. He shot a crow at 187 paces.

Adelbert Jordan, the famous dairyman, is making sixty pounds of butter weekly. Its choice quality brings a demand for it at Rumford Falls, Mechanic Falls, and from families in the country lying between.

Percy Harlow is teaching in the school house on the Hebron road.

Wallace Maxim, florist and philosopher, is located on his brother Webster's farm, looking after his horses.

Herbert Record is about to leave Noah Bicknell's, and his goods and chattels are going by to the Merrill place.

Charles Verrill and wife moved into their house the other day, and had to move out again, finding the chimney was unsafe.

It is said that there is a strong personal likeness between Prof. Jonathan T. Stanton, the famous Greek instructor at Bates College, and Edwin Childs of South Paris, the famous father of nineteen children.

WEST PARIS.

At this writing the ground is being refreshed by a much needed rain.

On Monday, the 15th, a committee of the employes of the Wood Rim Co. visited the office with the request that in the future the men be paid once in two weeks. The company readily agreed to the proposition, and money will take the place of checks, which will be very much better for all concerned.

Sheriff Tucker of South Paris was in our village on official business the past week.

A large delegation of the ladies of this place attended the W. C. T. U. at South Paris on Tuesday and Wednesday, and it is reported that they were royally entertained, and a very pleasant and profitable meeting has held.

Adoniram Curtis, one of our oldest citizens, is quite feeble.

B. B. Dennen is improving somewhat, and it is thought that he will recover the use of his limbs.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company are improving their semaphore service at this station. The safety of life and property demands a first-class signal service here.

Mrs. Grace, wife of Austin Hayes, passed away Thursday morning. Funeral to-day (Saturday) at 1 o'clock.

LOVELL.

Mrs. Nettie K. Pottle of Otisfield and her two children, John and Fred, are visiting at the home of her husband's father, A. M. Pottle.

The ladies of the Centre Congregational Circle gave a baked bean supper at the town house last Wednesday, the 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Frank Stark of Cambridge arrived at their summer cottage May 17th. They are to remain only a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Freeman and a friend of theirs arrived at the home of Eben Hamblen May 16th, from Portland. They are soon to return accompanied by Mr. Hamblen.

Mrs. Lucy Russell is quite sick with a bad cold.

Work has begun on the highway. Oscar Kimball with six horses draws the road machine. E. W. Stanley is on the machine and the work is in charge of Frank Briggs, in the absence of Road Commissioner C. H Davis, who has not yet finished surveying.

F. A. McDaniels of Norway has been in town. His mother, Mrs. Salmon McKeen, returned with him.

Miss Myra P. McAllister has a new piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith have moved into his new cottage on Sheep Island.

Caleb Cushman is at home from Norway helping about his planting.

Mrs. Bell McKeen has been over from Fryeburg to visit her mother, Mrs. Marshall Evans, who is sick.

SOUTH HIRAM.

David Stearns and wife were visiting friends and relatives in Chatham and Lovell the past week.

Eliza Mason is visiting her sister in Bridgton, Mrs. Mark Marr.

Wesley Lowell and wife were visiting friends in the place Saturday and Sunday.

John Barden is in poor health this spring.

George Milliken is going to take boarders this summer.

Irving Sawyer has returned home.

RUMFORD CENTRE.

Miss Emma Dolloff is able to be out to ride.

Mr. E. A. Dolloff has gone to New Gloucester.

Frank Thompson has gone to Sumner for his health.

Grant Woods is building a large amount of wire fence.

W. J. Kimball planted twenty-five bushels of potatoes May 5th.

Amos Austin is sick with the mumps.

Rev. Mr. Purinton and family moved into the parsonage May 12th.

D. K. Elliott and N. S. Farnum have newly painted their dwellings.

SUMNER.

C. M. Parlin has sold his horse to H. C. Barrows.

Mrs. E. C. Bowker fell from a chair and cracked one of her ribs recently.

Frank J. Thompson of Rumford Centre, who is in poor health, is stopping at H. A. Shurtevant's.

Mrs. Eva Parlin and children from South Paris are visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Bowker.

Mrs. Cynthia Morrill is working for Mrs. Moses Spaulding.

THE FRYEBURG CHAUTAUQUA.

PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF THE ASSEMBLY AND SCHOOL OF METHODS.

Our readers will be interested to know the plans made for the coming assembly at Fryeburg. In order of time, there is first to come the

FRYEBURG SCHOOL OF METHODS.

Session July 27—Aug. 10.

Advanced methods in teaching common branches of public school work. Expert specialists in reading, writing, geography, number, music, drawing, nature study, school management, etc. Official summer school of state educational department. Prospectus now ready.

Then will follow the regular assembly of the

MAINE CHAUTAUQUA UNION,

August 1—19.

Lectures, concerts and entertainments. Classes in physical culture, athletics (including swimming), chorus singing, photography, botany, household arts, Bible study, etc. Full programme ready June 1.

Finally for parents and Sunday School workers there is to be a

CONFERENCE.

August 20—25.

Addresses and classes on subjects connected with Bible Instruction, by Mr. G. H. Archibald, secretary Maine State Sunday School Association. Description published in Maine Chautauqua Union programme.

The various features of the assembly proper are as follows:

TUESDAY, AUG. 1.
7:30 P. M. Opening Night.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2.
4:00 P. M. Reception.
7:30 P. M. Concert.

THURSDAY, AUG. 3.
4:00 P. M. Lecture-Recital I.
7:30 Illustrated lecture on the Spanish war by Mr. G. E. Graham, an eye-witness to the destruction of Cervera's fleet.

FRIDAY, AUG. 4.
4:00 P. M. Second Lecture by Mr. G. E. Graham.
7:30 The Picture drama of the Prisoner of Zenda, given by Anna Deloney Martin.

SATURDAY, AUG. 5.
4:00 P. M. Grounds open to all the school children of the town.
7:30 Concert.

SUNDAY, AUG. 6.
The usual services.

MONDAY, AUG. 7.
4:00 P. M. Address by Hon. W. W. Stetson, State Superintendent of Schools.
7:30 Concert.

TUESDAY, AUG. 8.
4:00 P. M. Lecture-Recital II.
7:30 "The Ideal City," a description, with Stereopticon, by Messrs. Daniel D. Kearns, Secretary of Bath Department, Boston, and R. A. Woods, head of the South End House.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9.
(Agricultural Day).
11:00 A. M. } Addresses by Prof. C. D. Woods of
4:00 P. M. } University of Maine.
7:30 Lectures, with Stereopticon, by Messrs. D. D. Kearns, and R. A. Woods.

THURSDAY, AUG. 10.
4:00 P. M. First Talk on the Bible, by Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of the Outlook.
7:30 "The Story of New England—Upland, Mountain and Valley," illustrated lecture by Mr. Philip Emerson of the School of Methods.

FRIDAY, AUG. 11.
4:00 P. M. Demonstration in Domestic Science conducted by Miss Anna Barrows, editor of American Kitchen Magazine.
7:30 Lecture on the Bible, by Prof. A. W. Anthony, of Cobb Divinity School.

SATURDAY, AUG. 12.
(Woman's Club Day.)
11:00 A. M. } Addresses and conferences under the
4:00 P. M. } Maine Federation of Woman's Clubs,
7:30 Concert.

SUNDAY, AUG. 13.
The usual services.

MONDAY, AUG. 14.
4:00 P. M. Second Bible Talk, by Dr. Lyman Abbott.
7:30 "An Eclipse in Ainu Land," an illustrated talk by Mrs. Mabel Loomis Todd.

TUESDAY, AUG. 15.
4:00 P. M. Lecture-Recital III.
7:30 A Popular Address, by Dr. Lyman Abbott.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16.
4:00 P. M. Third Bible Talk by Dr. Lyman Abbott.
7:30 Concert.

THURSDAY, AUG. 17.
(Academy Day.)
1:00 P. M. Dinner of alumni and friends of Fryeburg Academy.
4:00 Final Exhibition.
7:30 Grand Final Concert with Chorus.

FRIDAY, AUG. 18.
(White Mountain Day.)
Excursion to the summit of Mount Washington at special rates.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19.
(Closing Day.)

Fuller information may be obtained by addressing Ernest Hamlin Abbott, Manager, Fryeburg, Maine.

A leaflet giving the general information is already issued, and by the first of June a booklet entitled Pictures of a White Mountain Camp will be ready, and can be obtained for three 2-cent stamps.

Next week we expect to publish a more detailed statement concerning the School of Methods.

It is very fortunate for the neighboring towns that this assembly is held in the vicinity. No one who can attend should fail to profit by the large number of varied advantages.

WHO SHOT PAUGUS?

MR. HOLDEN HAS SEEN PAUGUS' BLUNDERBUSS, ERGO—

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, May 11, 1899.

Editor Democrat:

I have before me the Democrat of the 9th. Have read with interest the account of Lovewell's fight or no fight of Chamberlain and Paugus.

Now, Mr. Calvin Lewis, are you the Mr. Lewis whom I used to know, who formerly lived at West Fryeburg, Maine? I was born in Sweden; lived at West Fryeburg until 1862. Now, in all seriousness, what will you do with the fact that the museum of the old Webster Academy at Fryeburg contained the large old-fashioned, flint-lock, bell-muzzled gun used by Paugus? Were the museum people fooled into purchasing or at least displaying the very gun in the hands of the Indian Chief Paugus at the time he was shot by Chamberlain—and only so because Chamberlain's gun primed itself, while Paugus had to prime his piece, and the difference was so slight that Paugus' piece was discharged in the air, while Chamberlain's bullet was fatal?

Now I know that distance lends enchantment to many things, but granting the fact, are all matters of history to be declared null and void after a few years have elapsed? Do you think that after the lapse of a few years you can disprove that

The Oxford Democrat.

SOUTH PARIS.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

On and after Oct 2, 1898, trains leave South Paris: Going down: 6:17 A. M., (Sundays in close*), 9:35 A. M., 4:16 P. M.; Going up: 9:20 A. M., 3:40 P. M., 7:35 P. M. (Sundays included). Sunday paper train arrives 9:19 A. M.

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., 9:25 A. M., 4:00 P. M.; for Gorham, &c., 9:40 A. M., 3:30 P. M.

Mails arrive at post office: From Portland, &c., 10:20 A. M., 3:50 P. M.; from Gorham, &c., 9:45 A. M., 4:20 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, 6:15 P. M.; evening prayer meeting 7 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

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

STATED MEETINGS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

I. O. of G. T.—Second and fourth Mondays of each month.

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

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

E. E. Barker of Berlin, N. H., was in town Sunday and Monday.

Oliver G. Curtis wants to employ a good man to work on his farm.

George H. Cummings of Mechanic Falls was in town one day last week.

The Sturtevant drug store has a gorgeous window full of plants in bloom.

Jefferson Merrill has bought the C. S. Richardson house, on the corner of Gothic and Church Streets.

The White Crook Burlesquers are billed for the South Paris Opera House, next Thursday evening, the 25th.

N. Dayton Bolster & Co. are having a large trade in fine bread and pastry fresh every day from John Hayes' bakery.

Fred P. Chandler, telegraph operator at this station, has been transferred to the Gilead station and made station agent.

The Bridgton Academy nine will play a return game with South Paris at the fair grounds next Saturday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

F. L. Starbird, H. G. Fletcher, J. A. Kenney and T. S. Barnes attended the Maine Grand Lodge, K. of P., at Portland last week.

The first clover blossom of the season was brought into the Democrat office by Miss Murl Jennie Monk, aged 6. It was picked May 15th.

We have had the rain that we wished for, enough of it at least to do some good. Now the dry weather habit is broken, we hope to get more showers.

The little Walker boy whose broken arm was reported in last week's Democrat, fell while running one day last week and broke the same arm again in two places.

A large delegation of the Paris teachers attended the teachers' convention at Canton Friday and Saturday, and report a very interesting session and a first-class good time.

Rev. Mr. Rideout gave a very thoughtful and entertaining lecture Wednesday evening, at the Congregational church, on the subject of Idiosyncracisms. The audience was small.

Nathan A. Chase is at home from the University of Maine for the summer vacation, which he will spend in W. A. Porter's store, dispensing soda, fruit, etc., etc., to customers.

S. M. King sold and delivered to C. F. Mabery of North Gorham, last week, a pair of calves of the produce of Kingleside Farm, both registered A. J. C. C. Jerseys of good pedigree.

Superintendent Young of the People's Water Company has been putting in service pipes during the past week for the Young brothers, C. H. Lunt and J. H. Bean, on Gothic Street.

Rev. R. G. Harbutt of Searsport supplied the pulpit at the Congregational church Sunday, and will supply next Sunday, and deliver the memorial sermon before Wm. K. Kimball Post in the afternoon.

Stony Brook Lodge, N. E. O. P., will have a box supper May 24, at G. A. R. Hall. The ladies will be sold at auction with their supper boxes. Ladies please bring boxes of food. All are invited to attend. Admission is free to every one.

Rev. R. A. Rich will give his illustrated lecture on "Cuba and the War," at the M. E. church Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock. This lecture is spoken very highly of and ought to be well patronized. Ice cream will be served in the vestry from 6 to 8 o'clock.

The new bakery cart of J. A. Tuell & Co. of Norway has appeared on our streets, and it is a dandy. The man who is appealing for the patronage of the public nowadays has to use lots of paint and varnish to keep his competitors from getting ahead of him.

The selectmen reported about 150 dogs in town April 1st, 1899, and of this number there are but 75 licensed to date. It is very important that the balance of the dogs in town be licensed before June 1st, as the dog constable has had instructions to proceed against all dogs not licensed before that date.

The ladies of the Congregational Circle will give a strawberry festival at the Congregational vestry next Thursday evening, May 25, followed by an entertainment consisting of select readings, choice music, interesting tableaux. Admission ten cents. Five cents for children. All are cordially invited.

From the Needham (Mass.), correspondence of the Boston Herald it is learned that a reception was tendered Rev. R. J. Haughton and his wife in the parlors of the Congregational church in that place Wednesday evening, which was largely attended, those present including the pastors of several of the churches in that and neighboring towns.

C. C. Dearborn of the City Saw Repair Shop leaves with the Democrat a couple of big eggs, or rather one big egg and the shell of another. The whole egg, which is about the same size as the other, measures 6 1-4 by 7 3-4 inches, and weighs 3 3-4 ounces. He says they are little short-legged hens, and he has been trying ever since he was a boy, a hundred years ago, to train them to lay that kind of eggs, and has just succeeded.

It's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird. It's the early garden that gets nipped. An enterprising citizen took a Democrat man into his garden last Tuesday morning to show his early crops. The beans looked as if they had been boiled. The owner of the garden doesn't want anything said about it, and the Democrat assured him that any one who was rash enough to have beans up at that time in the season ought to have his name kept out of the paper. It was so cold that morning that one man who attempted to spray his lawn couldn't get any water because his hose was frozen.

A hearing was held at the court house Friday before Judge S. C. Strout as referee, in the case of Adelaide Shattuck vs. Alfred Shattuck. The parties live at Norway Lake, and the plaintiff is the defendant's only child. They lived as one family until about two years since, when trouble arose in the family, and as the final result of it Miss Shattuck left the place. She now brings suit to recover for a sum of nearly three hundred dollars which she expended in repairs on the buildings, and for six years' services as housekeeper. The report of the referee will be made at the October term of court.

The sun is welcome again, after three days of cold rain.

The rain doesn't discourage the caterpillars worth a cent. A few of them are dying, but there are ten thousand left to attend each funeral.

The section men on the Grand Trunk between Portland and Detroit, about two thousand in number, quit work Monday morning, on a strike for an increase of pay.

Vivian Bearce of Hebron was in town one day last week with a large loon which he shot some weeks ago on Marshall's Pond in Hebron, and had had mounted. It is one of the prettiest specimens of that bird ever mounted.

BISCOE DISTRICT.

Fred Jackson has a new pair of work horses.

Mr. Reed of the Maine Farmer was here this week.

Claude Huston is at work for Howard Swan of Elm Hill.

Mrs. E. A. Jackson has returned from Biddeford where she has been visiting.

There was a young folks' party Wednesday evening at W. Foster's. A large crowd and a good time.

A. J. Penley has lettuce from his garden, rhubarb for three weeks, also peas, radishes, beans, potatoes and corn well up.

THE COUNTY W. C. T. U.

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which various matters of business were transacted.

The committee on resolutions reported the following, which were accepted:

The W. C. T. U. assembled in convention, acknowledges its entire faith in God, and a glad dependence upon Him. We affirm our allegiance to the great cause of righteousness of life, and to this end

Resolve, That, believing in the observance of the Sabbath, in the doctrine of purity, sobriety, personal and public responsibility, we will strive for the promotion of these in the home and community.

Resolved, That we will make earnest efforts to increase the interest and membership of the local unions.

Resolved, Since it is our conviction that the liquor traffic can be eradicated only by the voice of all the people, we advocate equal suffrage.

Resolved, That we everywhere and at all times wear the badge of our organization.

Resolved, That we vote our thanks to this local union for its entertainment, the village for its hospitality, this church for its open doors, and to the press for its reporters.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the county papers.

C. E. ANGELL, K. L. EMMONS, I. M. SWETT, } Committee.

Mrs. Patrick of Harrison, state superintendent of the department of hygiene and heredity, was introduced and spoke on matters relating to her department.

Miss Bagley, state superintendent of the Loyal Temperance Legion, addressed the convention at some length in behalf of the work of the Legion for the children.

The paper of Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney of East Brownfield on "Law Enforcement," was read by the secretary. Mrs. Stickney admits the lack of enforcement, particularly in cities and large towns, but finds it difficult to suggest a remedy, though she urges the necessity of a better public sentiment.

Rev. T. J. Ramsdell was invited to speak on the same topic, and agreed in substance with the writer of the paper. He spoke particularly of the trouble encountered by the opposition of those from whom better things might be expected, whenever an attempt is made to enforce the law. He gave something of the history of enforcement movements that had come under his observation, and urged that one or two determined men could do a great deal.

Rev. Mr. Bean was called upon, and responded earnestly. He strongly declared that our officials are violating their oath of office, from the judges down. In some sections of the state, the people don't want the game laws enforced; but the game wardens enforce it, at whatever cost. In some parts of the state, the people are willing that the prohibitory law should be unenforced; and the officials neglect to enforce the law, on the plea of "public sentiment." He appealed to the women to use their influence toward the selection of faithful officials. One great trouble with the growing disregard of public law is the lack of obedience to law in the home.

The convention adjourned, after prayer by Rev. Mr. Bean.

A RACING HOSE TEAM.

A number of young men have spoken to me in regard to getting up a hose team for racing purposes only. Some of them feel as if they would like to go to a hose race on the Fourth of July for a celebration. We made an appointment for last Tuesday night and only a very few showed up. Now if those named below would like to organize a team for racing purposes, and will make a date to meet and talk the matter over and see what they want to do, I will try and be there at the meeting, and do all I can to help the team along. There is lots of work in it and lots of fun as well. There is no reason why the boys here should not stand as good a show to win their share of prizes as any team in Maine. I have had considerable experience in racing teams, and have yet to be a member of an unsuccessful team; all have been winners so far.

Would be pleased to have the undersigned appear at a meeting any time agreeable to them:

Freeland Perkins,	Harold Hebbard,
H. C. Howe,	Roy Strickland,
R. T. Flavin,	Howard Wheeler,
Charles Johnson,	Harry Pierce,
Vernon Edwards,	Percy Walker,
A. J. Bigelow,	Charles Spofford,

W. A. Porter.

All the speedy men wanted.

Hope if the boys want to join a team of this kind, they will come forward and see what they can agree upon.

C. B. WALKER.

MEMORIAL DAY IN PARIS.

The Memorial Sunday sermon will be delivered at the Congregational church, South Paris, next Sunday, May 28, at 2:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. R. G. Harbutt of Searsport. Wm. K. Kimball Post and Relief Corps will attended in a body.

On Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 30, the general programme will be about as usual. The graves in outlying cemeteries will be decorated in the forenoon by comrades detailed for the purpose.

At 1 o'clock P. M. Wm. K. Kimball Post, G. A. R., and Relief Corps will meet at G. A. R. Hall. Thence they will march to Riverside Cemetery, where the soldiers' graves will be decorated with brief exercises. The procession will then proceed to New Hall for the general exercises of the day. The address will be delivered by Rev. J. K. Richardson, D. D., of Brockton, Mass., who was a member of the Twenty-third and Thirtieth Maine Regiments.

All veterans in town are invited to join the post in the exercises of the day, whether they are members of it or not.

OBITUARY.

Died, in Hiram, April 9th, of senile gangrene, Mr. Erastus Storer, aged 78 years, 4 months, 16 days.

He was a diligent and thrifty farmer, a good citizen, a kind husband and an obliging neighbor. He was a descendant of Mr. William Storer, a revolutionary soldier, who was an early settler of Hiram.

Mr. Storer has been an earnest and active member of the Methodist church some sixty years, and he held positive opinions upon the great religious and moral questions of the day.

After prolonged and intense suffering, borne with Christian patience he passed, peacefully to his well-earned rest. "An honest man is the noblest work of God."

LLEWELLYN A. WADSWORTH.

LETTER TO ALVA SHURTLEFF. SOUTH PARIS MAINE.

Dear Sir: The late president of the Croton River Bank, at Brewsters, N. Y., built the finest house in all that region in 1884, and painted it with lead and oil at a cost of $490—the house cost $31,000.

In 1887—three years—he repainted it with Devoe at a cost of $350. In 1897 this paint was in good condition.

Lead and oil, $400, three years. Devoe, $350, ten years.

Yours truly,
F. W. DEVOE & Co.

PAINT YOUR BUGGY FOR 75 CENTS

With Devoe's Gloss Carriage Paint. Ready for use; 8 colors. Gives a high gloss equal to new. Sold by C. B. Cummings & Sons, Norway.

STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The much talked of launch of the 30 1-2 knot torpedo boat Dahlgren from the Bath Iron Works will take place some day this week, and will be a great event.

Mrs. Frank B. Haskell of Augusta committed suicide by cutting her throat Tuesday. She was 38 years of age, and the only sister of William Bussell. Besides Mr. Haskell, one daughter, 14 years of age, survives her.

Elmer R. Snowman, the Rangeley guide found guilty last September of guiding without a license, has secured Ex-Judge Enoch Foster as counsel to test the constitutionality of the new law. The case will be heard at the July session of the law court in Portland.

A canoe in which Robert H. McArthur, a hunter's guide, started from Pine's camp on Grand Lake Monday for Grand Lake Stream, has been found bottom up about half way between the two places. It is supposed that McArthur was drowned, although the efforts which have been made to recover the body have been unsuccessful. McArthur was 28 years old and belonged in Milltown.

The case of the steamer Portland was before the United States court in Portland last week, on the petition of the company for a limitation of its liability to the value of the steamer and cargo. Quite a lengthy hearing was held. Judge Webb decided that the company used due care in all respects, and granted the petition of the company. The suits against the company, arising from the loss of the Portland, have all been dropped.

Tuscan Lodge of Masons at Addison has a gavel made of shittim wood and cedar from the Mount of Olives. The gavel was the gift of Rolla Floyd, who more than thirty years ago was one of the company that left Addison and Jonesboro to settle in Jaffa. When the colony realized that it was being deceived by its leaders most of the members prepared to return home, but Floyd with a few others remained, and for years he was engaged as a dragoman for Americans visiting Palestine.

The joke is on an Ellsworth young man who allowed himself to be mesmerized by a traveling hypnotist and lay for 24 hours asleep in the show window of one of the principal stores in the city. For the service he was to receive $10. While he slept perhaps dreaming of the $10 bill which he was to make more easily than he ever had before, the city tax collector, who never sleeps, filed the necessary legal claim for the $10, and the sleeper awoke to find his poll tax for the past three years paid.

George W. Pierce, the central figure in that remarkable Lewiston case, was found guilty of an attempt to murder H. E. Teel by sending him poisoned whiskey. On the other indictment, for attempted murder of Judge Cornish by poisoned sugar, a demurrer was filed and overruled by the court, leaving the status of the prisoner as if he had pleaded guilty. He was then sentenced by Judge Whitehouse to thirty-eight years in state prison on the two indictments. If he should live to complete that term, he would be nine-fovr years old. The community where he lived breathes easier.

The governor has made the nominations for cattle commissioners, and the suspense is over. Dr. Bailey is turned down, and his successor is Frank S. Adams of Bowdoinham, who had the support of the Grange. The other commissioners, F. O. Beal of Bangor and John W. Deering of Saco, are renominated. Other nominations by the governor are as follows:

Trustees of the Industrial School for Girls, Hallowell—Andrew Hawes, Deering; A. W. Anthony, Lewiston; Chas. H. Dudley, Hallowell; Miss Clara M. Farwell, Rockland; Mrs. Geo. W. Martin, Augusta.

Commissioners of Traveling Library—Prof. Geo. T. Little, Brunswick; Prof. A. J. Roberts, Waterville; Prof. Lyman G. Jordan, Lewiston; Mrs. H. M. Estabrook, Orono.

In a certain blacksmith shop in the suburbs of Portland there are working side by side two men of extreme opposites. One is saving and frugal, sober and industrious, and has a good bank account. The other is ragged, often drunk, and is so poor that the neighbors often have to provide food for his family. And yet, while the sober man with money in the bank is always anxious, worried and growling, the dissolute one is always as happy as a lark, and keeps whistling and singing from morning till night. This is an incident of real life and a phase of human nature worthy of the study of a philosopher.

WHY DO YOU COMMIT SUICIDE?

The man who lets a cold "run on" until he finds himself in consumption's grasp is guilty of self-murder. There is no cure for death, and consumption is death. Coughs and colds are nothing more nor less than death in disguise. There is one sure, infallible cure—Cleveland's Lung Healer. Don't trifle—get a free trial bottle from F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris, Williamson & Kimball, Norway, and be cured before it is too late. It is the greatest lung medicine in the world. Large bottles cost but 25 cents, and you can get your money back if it doesn't cure you.

FARMERS' FIELD DAY.

The Annual Farmers' Field Day at the University of Maine, Orono, comes this year May 31st. Arrangements have been made for one fare rates for the round trip over all railroads. Circulars of information will be sent to any one addressing Professor Charles D. Woods, Orono, Maine.

Orono, Maine, May 6, 1899.

SOME TONICS MAKE DRUNKARDS, but Cleveland's Celery Compound Tea contains no alcohol—it is purely vegetable. Steep it in hot water and it is ready. It is as pure and harmless as milk, but it is the quickest and surest cure in the world for Nervous Prostration, Exhaustion, Constipation, Indigestion, and all diseases of the Blood, Kidneys, Liver, Stomach and the Skin. There is health and vigor in every ounce of it. F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Williamson & Kimball, Norway, will give you a free trial package. Large packages 25 cents.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

The best lawn mower for the price at W. C. Leavitt's, Norway.

There is nothing equal to success. The Keeley Institute, 151 Congress St., Portland, is daily asserting its importance and value in meeting the demands made upon it by those who desire to become cured of rum, opium, and tobacco diseases, as well as of nervousness and nervous prostration. Correspondence solicited.

Poultry wire and staples at W. C. Leavitt's, Norway.

I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhœa ever since the war, and have used all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found one remedy that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy. P. E. Grisham, Gaars Mills, La. For sale by F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris, Orin Stevens, M. D., Oxford.

Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they endured during the war. Mr. Geo. S. Anderson of Rossville, York County, Penn., who saw the hardest kind of service at the front, is now frequently troubled with rheumatism. "I had a severe attack lately" he says, "and procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It did so much good that I would like to know what you would charge me for one dozen bottles." Mr. Anderson wanted it both for his own use and to supply it to his friends and neighbors, as every family should have a bottle of it in their home, not only for rheumatism, but lame back, sprains, swellings, cuts, bruises and burns, for which it is unequalled. For sale by F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris, Orin Stevens, M. D., Oxford.

Does Coffee Agree With You?

If not, drink Grain-O—made from pure grains. A lady writes: "The first time I made Grain-O I did not like it but after using it for one week nothing would induce me to go back to coffee." It nourishes and feeds the system. The children can drink it freely with great benefit. It is the strengthening substance of pure grains. Get a package to-day from your grocer. 15c. and 25c.

NORWAY.

CHURCHES.

Second Congregational Church, Rev. B. S. Rideout, Pastor. Preaching service Sunday, 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12:00 M.; Social Meeting, 7:00 P. M.; regular weekly Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening; Young People's Meeting Friday evening.

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

Methodist Church, Rev. W. B. Kilbridge, 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. Preaching service, 2:00 P. M.; Sabbath School, 3:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting Saturday evening.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M. Regular meeting of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, in Masonic Hall, Friday Evening on or before full moon. Oxford Royal Arch Chapter, No. 20, assembles Wednesday Evening, on or before full moon, at Masonic Hall. Oxford Council, R. & S. M., Friday evening, after full moon.

I. O. O. F.—Norway Lodge.—Regular meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, every Tuesday Evening. Wilder Encampment, No. 21, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, second and fourth Friday Evenings of each month. Mt. Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 36, meets on first and third Friday of each month.

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

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

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

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

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

H. J. Bangs is progressing rapidly with his improvements on the store.

Dr. Thompson put a very pretty steamer "Rockaway" into the lake Thursday. It is large enough for a party of twenty.

The assessors have completed the assessment of the '99 taxes.

Crews of men are now at work on the highways under the direction of the selectmen as road commissioners.

Crockett bridge has been up for the past few days. A crew of bridge builders are at work upon it.

Ralph S. Freeman died at his home in this town Sunday, at the age of 81 years. He was born in Minot. He married Sarah Crockett and settled on the Crockett homestead. Mrs. Freeman survives him. Mrs. Harriet Merrill, Mrs. S. Alice Merrill of Manchester, N. H., Chas. E. Freeman and Henry W. Freeman, of Manchester, N. H., made up the family of children. Mr. Freeman was one of Norway's most successful and influential citizens. He was a charter member of Norway Grange. Funeral services were at the house Wednesday afternoon under direction of Norway Grange and Rev. C. E. Angell. Interment at Pine Grove cemetery.

The special corporation meeting was held at the Opera House Monday evening, M. L. Kimball, Esq., moderator. Voted to amend the corporation by-laws constituting the board of fire police a board of six members, and making their pay one dollar each for each fire at which they do duty. The following were elected: A. P. Bassett, G. A. Morse, E. R. Jordan, G. A. Cole, S. J. Marr and G. A. Brooks.

Joseph S. Smiley of Augusta visited his brothers in town this week.

A company consisting of F. W. Sanborn, W. C. Leavitt and F. H. Noyes enjoyed a fishing trip to Camp Brockton, Ketcham, this week.

Stated communication of Oxford Lodge F. and A. M., was held Friday evening. Work third degree. Stated convocation of Oxford Chapter will be held Wednesday evening of this week.

Arthur Bunting of Gilead is station agent at the Norway station. Mr. Penfold is taking a vacation.

The Pythian Sisterhood on Tuesday evening gave an entertainment at K. P. Hall to the members of Pennesseewassee Lodge, K. of P. Reading by Mrs. H. L. Bartlett; duet by Selden C. Foster and Horace Cole; reading by Prof. Wiley; solos by James Dunn, Mr. Cole and Miss May Dunn, followed by reading by Miss French and music by Foster and Dunn. Dance followed by refreshments of ice cream and cake.

Mrs. Otis N. Jones and daughter of Boston are visiting W. F. Jones, Esq., on Pleasant Street. It is understood that they will spend the summer in Europe.

Col. Littlefield and M. W. Sampson are enjoying a fishing trip in Stoneham.

Dr. P. Cain will soon go to Estherville, Iowa, as a veterinary surgeon. He is not outranked by any. His many Norway friends would keep him here but the doctor has a liking for the west and thinks he must go.

Tuesday afternoon teachers and scholars presented Principal A. G. Wiley with a reception chair. Mrs. Hayden made a very pretty speech.

Dr. Annette Bennett has moved from the Horne Block to the Howe Block on Main Street.

Rev. B. S. Rideout preached the sermon before the class of '99, Norway High School, Sunday.

Jacob McKeen, of Paris, was before the municipal court Saturday charged with assault and battery and making threats to kill Samuel D. Marshall of Paris. He was arrested by Sheriff Tucker. He was required to furnish bonds in the sum of $400 to keep the peace. Failing so to do he was committed.

The graduating exercises of the class of '99, Norway High School, took place at the Opera House Thursday evening, May 18. The stage was beautifully supplied with flowers and amid a profusion of class colors appeared the class motto, Utile Dulci. The programs were very pretty. The house was crowded to the doors with Norway citizens who take great pride in their young graduates. The members of the class are bright and capable young ladies and gentlemen with ability to make their way in the world. The papers read were excellent and told of much hard work. The order was as follows:

Music.
Prayer, Rev. C. E. Angell.
Music.
1. The Life and Work of Frances E. Willard, Grace Melville Warren, Latin-Scientific.
2. Benefits of the Spanish-American War, Elhanan Bertram Tubbs, English.
3. Unwritten Music, Minnie Violetta Keene, English.
Music.
4. A Plea for Football, Fred Scott Brown, English.
5. An Indian Legend, Edith Frances Knight, English.
6. Class Poem, Bertha Mabelle Holmes, Classical.
Music.
7. Our Greatest Mission, Grace May Jordan, English.
8. Class History, Lester Wallace Horne, Classical.
9. Some Castles in Spain, Emma Belle Harriman, Latin-Scientific.
10. The Snobbery of Education, Lotta Shannon Richardson, Latin-Scientific.
Music.
11. What Does New England Offer, Acaph Carl Tubbs, English.
12. The Study of Literature, Franie Helena Brooks Paragard, Latin-Scientific.
13. Nelson Dingley as a Statesman, *Arthur Hastings Delano, English.
14. Class Prophecy, Alice May Smith, Classical.
Conferring Diplomas.

*Excused.

CLASS ODE.

WORDS BY BERTHA M. HOLMES.
MUSIC BY FRANK KIMBALL.

For four short years we've climbed the hill
Of Knowledge, steep and high;
With hearts that now with sadness fill
We bid school-days good-bye.
'Tis sad to tear our hearts away,
When we would wish you longer stay,
But now our books aside we lay,
Good-bye, dear school-days, good-bye.

CHORUS.

Together we have kept in line,
Good bye, dear comrades, good-bye,
The jolly class of '99,
Good-bye, dear comrades, good-bye.

We've gathered now, my classmates dear,
To bid school-days good-bye;
We may not meet for many a year,
Good-bye, dear school-days, good-bye.
Tho' now we sadly part from you,
Where'er we go, whate'er we do,
Yet '99 will still be true;
Good-bye, dear school-days, good-bye.

CHORUS.

The officers of the class were:

L. W. Horne, President.
L. W. Horne, Carl Tubbs, Fred S. Brown and Bert Tubbs, Executive Committee.

J. A. Tuell & Co. appeared upon Main Street Thursday with a new bakery cart. It is a beauty.

We understand that John Hayes of the Norway bakery will put a new cart upon the road this week.

PERSONAL.

Archer Lewis Grover of Bethel is a member of the senior class at the University of Maine, in the course in electrical engineering. His thesis for graduation is, Design for Wiring Proposed Engineering Building for the University of Maine.

Messrs. Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., Boston, will publish June 1, "Mary Cameron; A Romance of Fisherman's Island." Regarding this book United States Senator Hale writes the author as follows: "I shall look with interest for your novel, both for myself and for friends, who think a great deal of Maine and its skies, its shores, its people and its writers."

Adjutant General Richards has made requisition for the rifles for the use of the National Guard. He has ordered the new model of the Springfield rifle, believing that they are more serviceable for the use for which they are intended than the Krag-Jorgensen rifles.

BEATS THE KLONDIKE.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages; and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure; would have it, even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis, and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Trial bottles free at Shurtleff & Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents and $1. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

WHOOPING COUGH.

I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of that remedy I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house.—J. L. Moore, South Burgettstown, Pa. For sale by F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris, Orin Stevens, M. D., Oxford.

BORN.

In Greenwood, May 4, to the wife of Greenville Whitman, a son (12 pounds).

In Norway, May 14, to the wife of Geo. W. Kenliston, a daughter. (Mary Ella.)

In Norway, May 10, to the wife of Ernest A. Bradbury, a son.

In Kezar Falls, May 12, to the wife of Bert Fox, a son.

In Fryeburg Centre, May 10, to the wife of David Bell, a daughter.

In Denmark, May, to the wife of Harlan F. Lord, a son.

In Rumford Falls, May 12, to the wife of Joe Potvin, a daughter.

In Rumford Falls, May 7, to the wife of James Keenan, a son.

In Canton Point, May 1st, to the wife of Mr. M. McWilliams, a daughter.

In Canton, May 14, to the wife of S. B. Ellis, a son, 9 1-2 lbs. (Ansel Staples.)

MARRIED.

In North Bridgton, May 4, by Rev. A. G. Fitz, Mr. Elton B. York of Waterford and Miss Ada F. Cobb of Worcester, Mass.

In Denmark, May 13, by Rev. C. F. Sargent, Mr. Leslie Hill and Miss Nettie Chadbourne, both of Brownfield.

In West Side, Cal., April 26, Mr. Dean Spring and Miss Cora Gatchell, both of East Brownfield.

DIED.

In Amesbury, Mass., Mrs. Georgie D. Adkins, nee Towle, formerly of Canton.

In West Paris, May 18, Mrs. Grace, wife of Austin Hayes.

In Buckfield, May 17, Deacon Alfred Shaw, aged 70 years.

In Oxford, May 8, Harry Littlewood.

In Paris, May 16, Mrs. Chloe Ann Heath, aged 62 years.

In Waterboro, Ophelia, wife of Calvin Cole, aged about 64 years.

In West Lovell, May 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. McAllister, aged 2 years, 1 day.

In South Waterford, May 8, Mrs. Mabel Kilgore Willard, aged 21 years.

In Byron, May 12, Daphna Bancroft, aged 69 years, 10 months, 8 days.

In Norway, May 14, Ralph S. Freeman, aged 81 years, 4 months, 27 days.

LOST.

May 17th, somewhere on the road going from Concord Pond in Woodstock over Billings Hill through North Woodstock to South Paris, a cloth bound copy of the War Between the States, Vol. 1, by Alexander H. Stephens. Will the finder please write to the Democrat office.

A Plucky Girl...

There are many of them in the world, but few have the opportunity to display the quality as the attractive heroine of John Mackie's great story

They That Sit in Darkness

It is a story of the Australian Never-Never, spiced with excitement and adventure. It is just the kind of tale to keep the reader on pins and needles from beginning to end.

We have purchased the story for use in this paper. The first chapters will appear soon. Do not miss them.

GLASSES To Fit Any Eye.
Samuel Richards OPTICIAN SOUTH PARIS

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed administratrix with the will annexed of the estate of CAROLINE A. BURNHAM, late of Dixfield, 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.

May 16th, 1899. JENETTE W. SHEEHAN.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of AARON JONES, late of Sweden, 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.

May 16th, 1899. CLARENCE E. JONES.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of SAMUEL B. LOCKE, 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.

May 16th, 1899. THOMAS E. THOMPSON, Portland, Maine.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of MARY A. JACK, late of Denmark, 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.

May 16th, 1899. EDWARD SMALL, Portland, Me.

Premiums Discontinued After July 1st.

After July 1, 1899, we shall discontinue the picture premiums and shall issue no more cards after June 1st.

W. O. & G. W. Frothingham, South Paris, Maine.

PROBATE NOTICES.

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

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. 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 June, A. D. 1899, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause:

HIRAM HUBBARD, late of Paris, deceased. Will and petition for probate thereof presented by Hiram R. Hubbard and Jeanne Hubbard, the executors therein named.

JOHN WOODMAN, late of Norway, deceased. Will and petition for probate thereof presented by N. Dayton Bolster, the executor therein named.

COLEMAN F. LORD, late of Norway, deceased. Will and petition for probate thereof presented by Eugene F. Smith, the executor therein named.

ELVIRA S. THOMES, late of Denmark, deceased. Will and petition for probate thereof presented by Nelson S. Thomes, the executor therein named.

JOHN BACHELDER, late of Fryeburg, deceased. Will and petition for probate thereof presented by J. Louville Bennett, the executor therein named.

JOEL B. THAYER, late of Paris, deceased. Petition for distribution of balance in the hands of the administrator presented by Arthur E. Forbes, administrator de bonis non with the will annexed.

PHEBE CUSHMAN BRAGG, late of Andover, deceased. Final account presented for allowance by Ingalls Bragg and Hiram Abbott, executors.

ALBERT WARD, minor, of Brownfield. Fourth account presented for allowance by Edwin L. Poor, guardian.

ORIN J. LOVEJOY, late of Roxbury, deceased. Petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by F. H. Lovejoy, administrator.

CHARLES CROCKETT, late of Sumner, deceased. Petition for an allowance out of personal estate presented by Thursby Crockett, widow.

SAMUEL M. KEENE, late of Hebron, deceased. Petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Auranus M. Fogg, administrator.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE,
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South Paris, Me., Apr. 29, 1899.

To the Honorable County Commissioners within and for the County of Oxford:

The undersigned, inhabitants of Lovell in said County, respectfully represent that a county way exists in said Lovell leading from Number Four, so called, over Foster Hill, so called, to Number Eight, so called; that it is desired that said way be so altered as to avoid said hill so far as possible. They therefore request you to make such alteration as follows: Commencing on said way at a point near the residence of William Kimball and running northwesterly and northerly, westerly of said way, in the most feasible route and intersecting or returning to said way at a point near the junction of said way and the town way known as the Swan road.

Dated at said Lovell this first day of April, A. D. 1899.

J. L. PARKER, and 54 others.

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss.

Board of County Commissioners, May Session, 1899.

UPON the foregoing petition, satisfactory evidence having been received that the petitioners are responsible, and that inquiry into the merits of their application is expedient, IT IS ORDERED, that the County Commissioners meet at the house of J. L. Parker in Lovell, in said county, June 20, A. D. 1899, at nine of the clock A. M., and thence proceed to view the route mentioned in said petition, immediately after which view, a hearing of the parties and their witnesses will be had at some convenient place in the vicinity, and such other measures taken in the premises as the Commissioners shall judge proper. And it is further ORDERED, that notice of the time, place and purpose of the commissioners' meeting aforesaid be given to all persons and corporations interested, by causing attested copies of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the Clerk of the said Town of Lovell, in said County, and also posted up in 3 public places in said town and published 3 weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County of Oxford, the first of said publications, and each of the other notices, to be made, served and posted, at least thirty days before said time of meeting, to the end that all persons and corporations may then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioners should not be granted.

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

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

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

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

The undersigned, citizens of the town of Bethel and vicinity, respectfully represent that public convenience and necessity require that a road or highway be located by your Honorable Board in said Bethel as follows, to wit:—commencing at a point on the highway leading from Bethel Hill to Middle Intervale and near the house of Mrs. Carrie Sanborn, thence southwesterly across land of Calvin L. Sanborn, land of Liscoe A. Hall and land of Oscian R. Stanley to a point on said highway near the house of said Stanley. Wherefore your petitioners ask that after due notice your Honors will view the premises, hear all parties interested, and take such action thereon as you may deem advisable for the public convenience.

R. W. KIMBALL and 34 others.

Bethel, Me., February 27th, 1899.

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss.:

Board of County Commissioners, May session, 1899.

UPON the foregoing petition, satisfactory evidence having been received that the petitioners are responsible, and that inquiry into the merits of their application is expedient, IT IS ORDERED, that the County Commissioners meet at the Lovejoy Hotel in Bethel Village in said County, June 22, 1899, at nine of the clock, A. M., and thence proceed to view the route mentioned in said petition; immediately after which view, a hearing of the parties and their witnesses will be had at some convenient place in the vicinity, and such other measures taken in the premises as the Commissioners shall judge proper. And it is further ORDERED, that notice of the time, place and purpose of the Commissioners' meeting aforesaid be given to all persons and corporations interested, by causing attested copies of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the Clerk of the said Town of Bethel in said County, and also posted up in three public places in said town and published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat a newspaper printed at Paris in said County of Oxford, the first of said publications, and each of the other notices, to be made, served and posted, at least thirty days before said time of meeting, to the end that all persons and corporations may then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioners should not be granted.

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

A true copy of said Petition and Order of Court thereon.

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

NOTICE.

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

CHARLES CROCKETT, late of Sumner,

in the County of Oxford, deceased, and has 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.

April 18th, 1899. JAMES J. ABBOTT.

THE PUZZLER

No. 110.—What Is It?

What is it that men and women despise,
Yet one and all so highly prize;
What kings possess not, yet full sure am I
That for that luxury they often sigh;
That never was for sale, yet any day
The poorest peasant makes the best display;
The farmer needs it for his growing corn,
The tired husbandman delights to own;
The very thing of a sick friend's room;
Its coming soft as spring's early bloom;
A great, soft, yielding thing that no one fears;
A little thing oft wet with mother's tears,
A thing so holy that we often wear
Carefully hidden from the rude world's stare?

No. 111.—Changed Words.

1. Change nine to four. 2. Change mine to gold. 3. Change book to leaf. 4. Change goat to mule. 5. Change cake to wine. 6. Change cat to pig. (Change but one letter at a time, forming a correct word each time.)

No. 112.—Numerical Rhyme.

'A bazaar" is found to be 1, 2, 3, 4;
While 2, 3, 4 is "the atmosphere;"
2, 3, 4, 5 are ever considered a bore,
Vain trifling are not wanted, 'tis clear;
Part of a wheel is 5, 6, 7, 8, 9;
6, 7 is a large river abroad;
'You should 8, 9, 10," says Sandy, "what you sign;"
1 to 10, "one with a civil word."

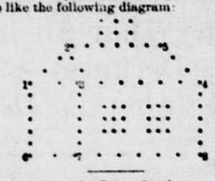
No. 113.—Arithmetical Puzzle.

Take 5 from 12 and leave 5.

No. 114.—A House.

1 to 2, play friskily; 2 to 3, scheme; 2 to 5, a gland; 1 to 4, translation; 1 to 6, remains; 3 to 7, claws; 5 to 4, to mend; 4 to 8, very poor; 6 to 8, science of the world. Chimney: 1, black substance; 2, since; 3, to decay. Left window: 1, noted general; 2, to devour; 3, so forth. Right window: 1, part of the verb to be; 2, a card; 3, to place.

When completed, the arrangement must be like the following diagram:



No. 115.—Decapitation.

Entire I own, I am not new,
And that's a disadvantage, too;
Behead me, and a thing is told
That at its best can ne'er grow old;
Behead once more, and you'll agree
With age more powerful 'twill be.

No. 116.—Word Squares.

1. A mountain chain; 2. a flower; 3. a continent; 4. slender.

1. A hard substance; 2, past; 3, close; 4, falls into error.

1. A dwelling; 2, a kitchen necessity; 3, reward; 4, finishes.

1. A horse; 2, an exclamation; 3, grate; 4, to see.

No. 117.—Easy Picture Rhyme.

What familiar rhyme is suggested by the picture?

No. 118.—Riddle.

I always am seen in a crowd and in company
Yet dwell in loneliness year after year.
I've passed all my life in a hovel, in poverty
Yet in the richest of clothes I appear.
In freedom I live, yet in closest confinement.
I'm never in tears, though always in trouble,
And though I'm seen neither in daytime nor darkness
In moonlight I always appear to be double.

No. 119.—A Heterogeneous Bouquet.

1. Undergraduates and a knob for fastening.
2. A kind of bird, a fowl and the best of anything.
3. To preserve or dress with sugar and a cluster of grass.
4. A snatch and to shun.
5. Sets upright and an instrument for adjusting wool, flax, etc.
6. To let go from the memory, objective case of I and a word of negation.
7. Pertaining to the Indies and small bullets.
8. Having a keen sense of feeling and a vegetable production.
9. Grateful to the palate and a garden vegetable.
10. A pendant and to adorn with flowers.
11. An evergreen shrub and a kind of wine.

Whose Children?

Two brothers, A. and B., walking one fine day, met three charming, little, fair haired, prattling children. "I must speak to those children," said A.; "they are my nephews and nieces." "Ah!" said B "As I have no nephews and nieces, I shall walk on." How was this?

They were B.'s children.

As Evidenced.

She (approvingly)—You won her hand then?

He (rather glumly)—Humph! I presume so. I'm under her thumb.—Tit-Bits

A Changed Horse.

A sea horse is a sea horse
When you see him in the sea.
When you see him in the bay,
A bay horse then is he.

Key to the Puzzler.

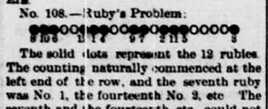
No. 104.—Charade: Con-sol-i-date.

No. 105.—Concentric Square: AbomInate, MecHaNics, PaSsenGer, FAbricaTe, WhereintO, AGitatiNg, CoNditIon, ImmIgRate, ObliVious. Answer: Washington Irving.

No. 106.—Crossword: Ivanhoe.

No. 107.—Square: 1. Doe 2. Owl 3. Ell.

No. 108.—Ruby's Problem:



The solid dots represent the 12 rubies. The counting naturally commenced at the left end of the row, and the seventh ruby was No. 1, the fourteenth No. 2, etc. The seventh and the fourteenth, etc., could not be counted again.

No. 109.—Changed Letters: Beer, sear, bier, bear, tref, deer, dear, dead.

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Cut a French roll into slices or take three good-sized slices of light, stale home-made bread and toast them carefully until a pale golden brown. Put into a saucepan with one scant quart of water and simmer slowly until they become a jelly. When done strain through a thin cloth and flavor with lemon juice, nutmeg and sugar, also a few spoonfuls of sherry, pour into wetted molds and set away.

ORANGE JELLY.

Soak one-half of a box of gelatine in one-half of a cupful of cold water until soft. Boil together for three minutes one cupful of water and one cupful of sugar; take from the fire, add the gelatine and stir until dissolved. Add the juice of one lemon and one pint of orange juice and strain through doubled cheesecloth. Pour into wetted molds and set away until firm. If desired to serve as a fancy dessert cut the oranges open in such a way as to represent a basket with a handle, then scoop out the pulp with a spoon and press it to extract the juice. Set the prepared rind baskets in a pan of chopped ice and after straining the jelly carefully fill them; or mold the jelly in flat dishes, cut when firm into dice and heap in the baskets.

ORANGE FLOAT.

Heat one pint of water in a saucepan; when boiling stir quickly into it two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch mixed to a paste with a little cold water. Stir and cook for ten minutes. Add one-eighth of a teaspoonful of salt and one-half of a cupful of sugar, stir until the latter is dissolved and take from the fire. Add the juice and pulp of one large lemon. Cut in half three large juicy oranges, remove the seeds and with a spoon scoop out the pulp and juice; place in the dish in which the float is to be served, pour over the cooked mixture and set away. Serve cold with cream and sugar.

EGG MUFFINS.

Separate the yolks and whites of three eggs and beat until light. To the yolks add one pint of milk. Mix in a bowl three cupfuls of flour, one-half of a teaspoonful of salt and one teaspoonful of sugar; add gradually the milk and eggs and beat until smooth. Add one tablespoonful of butter, melted, and beat again; add the whites of the eggs whipped to a stiff dry froth and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder; mix carefully and quickly, fill greased muffin-pans two-thirds full and bake twenty-five minutes in a quick oven.

PLAIN FRITTERS.

Beat together three eggs until light. Add to them one cupful of milk, one-half of a teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and sufficient sifted flour to mix to a drop batter. Have ready a kettle partly filled with smoking hot fat; drop into it a few spoonfuls of the batter and as they rise turn them that they may brown evenly. As soon as well swollen and brown take out with a skimmer and drain on soft paper.

CORN FRITTERS.

Beat together two eggs until light. Add one cupful of milk, one-half of a teaspoonful of salt, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of pepper and one can of corn chopped fine. Stir in sufficient sifted flour to make a drop batter, one tablespoonful of melted butter and one heaping teaspoonful of baking powder. Drop by spoonfuls into smoking hot fat and fry as directed for plain fritters or saute in a little fat in a pan.

FRUIT FRITTERS.

Beat together the yolks of two eggs, add one-half of a cupful of cold water, and one cupful of sifted flour and beat until smooth. Add one tablespoonful of melted butter or olive oil and one-half of a teaspoonful of salt and beat again. Cut in lightly the stiffly whipped whites of the eggs and set aside in a cold place for a couple of hours. Drop into this batter slices of apple, banana or any whole or cut fruit, turn each piece until completely coated and drop into smoking hot fat, cooking as directed for plain fritters. Drain on paper and serve at once with or without sauce.

KUCHEN.

One-half of a pound of sugar, one-quarter of a pound of butter, one pint of molasses, one-eighth of a teaspoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls of baking soda dissolved in a little boiling water, one scant tablespoonful of any mixed ground spices preferred, flour to make a stiff dough. Mix thoroughly together, cover and set aside for two or three hours, then roll out, cut into cakes and bake in a moderate oven. If desired they may be glazed with a water icing.

FRENCH TEA CREAM.

Scald one quart of cream, take from the fire, add one tablespoonful of any preferred kind of tea, stir for an instant, cover closely for six minutes, then strain. Return to the fire in a double boiler with five eggs and five tablespoonfuls of sugar beaten together and added to it, and stir until as thick as custard. Take from the fire, add one box of gelatine which has been soaked in one cupful of cold water and stir until dissolved. Strain into a wetted mold and set away until firm. Serve with whipped cream.

CHOCOLATE CREAM.

Grate and melt over hot water four ounces of bitter chocolate, add to it three-quarters of a cupful of sugar, and when dissolved one quart of scalded cream. Stir for five minutes over the fire, then set aside until cold. Add eight well beaten eggs and one teaspoonful of vanilla, pour into a buttered mold, set in a pan of hot water, cover and cook slowly over the fire until a skewer or knife blade will come out clean; this will take about an hour. Set aside until very cold, turn out carefully and garnish with cream sweetened, flavored and whipped.

A SIMPLE CREAM WHIP.

Whip one pint of very thick cream to a solid froth. Cut into it very carefully three tablespoonfuls of apricot or other marmalade; spread it in layers in a glass dish with macaroons dipped in fruit juice or syrup between each layer. Garnish with a few bits of candied or preserved fruit and serve at once.

CREAM OF COFFEE BAVAROIS.

Scald one pint of milk in a double boiler, tie four tablespoonfuls of freshly ground coffee in a piece of cheese cloth, drop it into the milk, cover and let stand at the side of the fire for ten minutes. Remove the coffee and add four eggs beaten together with three-quarters of a cupful of sugar, stir over the fire until the mixture thickens like custard. Add one-half of a box of gelatine soaked in one-half of a cupful of cold water, take from the fire, stir until dissolved, strain and set aside until the mixture begins to thicken. Add one teaspoonful of vanilla and one pint of cream whipped to a solid froth, turn into wetted molds and set away until firm.

NEAPOLITAN ICED PUDDING.

Grate or scrape six squares of chocolate, add one-half of a cupful of sugar and set over hot water until melted; add one cupful of boiling water and boil for ten minutes, then set aside until cold. Whip one quart of thick sweet cream to a solid froth and divide into three parts. To one portion add carefully the chocolate mixture, to the second portion one-half of a cupful of powdered sugar and two teaspoonfuls of vanilla and to the remainder one tumblerful of strawberry, raspberry or cherry jelly. Fill a mold having a tight cover with alternate layers of the three mixtures; cover with a sheet of waxed paper before on the cover, bind round with a strip of buttered muslin and bury the mold in ice and salt for three or four hours. Wipe off the mold carefully to remove all traces of salt, turn out on a platter and serve.

PEACH SALAD.

Pare large sweet peaches. Cut a section from the top of each and carefully remove the stone; fill the cavity with mayonnaise and serve in lettuce cups.

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THE FORGOTTEN ARMY.

PEN PICTURES OF LIFE AT ONE OF THE SOLDIERS' HOMES.

This is the story of a Forgotten Army. In its ranks march 6,300 soldiers, each man battle-tested. Its camp is pitched on the broad shoulder of a hill overlooking a city of 100,000 people. Every morning, after the sunrise gun, the long roll sounds, and the firing squad of the Forgotten Army, with guns reversed, marches out to fire the last volley over the new grave of a soldier—"fallen in the line of duty." Every day the army answers its roll-call, posts its pickets, fights its battles. Every night when taps have sounded the lights go out all over the camp, leaving only here and there a sentry standing guard against possible surprise.

On the Island of Luzon, as far away as men can well get, another army is fighting. The cable brings each morning news of its slightest movement. We read that a ninety-pound Kansas bantam has swum a river and climbed up the opposite bank—probably into the United States Senate. At the cost of $1.50 a word we are told that Private Johnson of the Fifteenth South Dakota Regiment has sustained a flesh wound in the calf of his left leg. Three deaths, cables the Major General commanding, have resulted since the last report.

But with the Forgotten Army there are no war correspondents. Whole companies may be wiped out with no more than a ten-line notice in the "ads" in the local paper. Colonel Brown of the crack cavalry regiment goes to the hospital with no one to tell of the heroic saber charge he led against the enemy's guns. No fat political office waits for the hero who volunteered to creep through the line at night and carry messages on which the fate of the whole division depended.

The Forgotten Army deserves a better fate.

Besieged within its intrenchments on the hilltop, it is making a desperate fight against a foe who never lost a battle. The end is certain. Every year the lines are drawn closer. But the Forgotten Army sticks to its guns. No white flag has ever fluttered from its breastworks. When it finally surrenders it will be with all the honors of war.

Each morning for more than thirty years reveille has sounded shrilly over the parade ground of the Forgotten Army.

We can't get 'em up, we can't get 'em up,
We can't get 'em up in the morning.

To the army call the 6,000 soldiers answer, put on their uniforms—except here and there a man taken care of later by the dead squad—and hurry to breakfast in the mess halls. There is always a hurry at breakfast, for the stern business of the day lies before, and who knows what may depend on a soldier's promptness? Then each to his post of duty.

Down here under the oaks in the gravel of the walk one General is laying the siege of Vicksburg with his cane. He holds a council of war just before the final assault is made and it is easy to see that he and his adviser are not in harmony. So that attack fails, and another strategist takes temporary command. That is one advantage which the Forgotten Army possesses. It can fight its campaigns over and over again. And with proper planning battles which history says were defeats can always be turned into glorious victories.

On the high bank by the rose hedge a little squad is struggling again up the bloody sides of Lookout Mountain, and over beyond the deer park Sheridan comes dashing "from Winchester twenty miles away."

There is small talk of Miles or Shafter, Sampson, Funston or even Dewey in the ranks of the Forgotten Army. "Pap" Thomas and "Black Jack Logan," "Little Phil," and "Old Grant" are still the heroes.

Here and there in the oak woods behind the officers' quarters a soldier lies asleep on the grass. His nose is buried in the clover, which is sweet with memories of the old farm and of the girl he kissed good-by the day after Sumter was fired on.

So the Forgotten Army fights its way through to the dinner hour, and then, refreshed, takes up again its unequal struggle. Its enemy is armed only with a scythe and an hour glass, but victory for its soldiers lies nowhere this side the grave.

In the evening, when cool shadows begin to fall over the great camp, young men and women come out from the town to show the army that it is not altogether forgotten. A young girl in white looks curiously yet with a touch of softness in her face at a gray-haired warrior, who leans upon a crutch.

"Just here," he is saying as he puts a finger on the spot, "the bullet entered. It never did come out. I lay in the thicket above Moccasin Bend for twenty-four hours, looking down at the wide river, but with never a drop to drink. When they found me I was unconscious. They had to take the leg off just above the knee."

There are tears now in the soft brown eyes. Though a man be no Hobson shall we blame him if he ask passing tribute now and then from a pretty stranger? It is hard work, this service in the Forgotten Army. No live man likes to feel himself only a part of history.

As the sun goes down far on the other side of the hill two gray fifers and a lame drummer of 70 stump out across the parade ground and halt at the base of the 150-foot flag staff. Shrilly over the camp sounds the salute to the flag. As it breaks off sharply and the great banner comes slowly fluttering downward the sunset gun booms out to let the world know that the soldiers' day is over.

Only once a year, on May 30, Memorial Day, do all the soldiers of the Forgotten Army come together for review. This side the day of resurrection there can be no sight more pathetic. Hardly a man in the long broken ranks is less than 60. One out of every three is crippled. Men blind of an eye, lame men, men with long, white patriarchal beards, men leaning hard upon heavy canes, each with a tiny flag in his button hole, straighten up and come to a pitiful attention as the old order rattles down the line.

Soldiers from the Rhine, who "ft mit Sigel," soldiers from Meagher's Irish brigade, soldiers from the vineyards of France, and tall Yankees from rocky New England farms touch elbows in the ranks—akin in that they wore and still wear, the blue, faded now and stained.

Within the next twenty-five years the last soldier of the Forgotten Army will have surrended. But not one of them will ever be really forgotten. Though reveille calls them no longer to fight the old battles over and over again; though the bugle sounding taps echoes through a deserted camp, their place is still secure.

On Fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And glory guards with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead.

—Chicago Tribune.

A VISIT TO A VOLCANO.

Kilauea the Only One Active In the Hawaiian Islands.

RAINBOWS OVER THE CRATER.

The Luxuriant Vegetation—Passing Through Four Degrees of Latitude In Traveling Thirty-one Miles. Mouth of the Fire Mountain—A Lake of Blackness.

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Doing the volcano is part of every tourist's orthodox duty in the Hawaiian Islands. Kilauea, on the island of Hawaii, is the volcano at present most worth seeing, though there are two others on the same island, one of them being mighty Mauna Loa, three miles high. Mauna Loa was last in eruption in 1887. You sometimes read that Kilauea is not a great sight now because it is "not active." It is hard to understand what people think they mean when they say this. It is true the whole top of the crater, 18 miles around and four miles across, is not eternally belching forth big blazes and brimstone like the pit of the infernal regions. But if shooting up day and night over a tract of 15,000 acres great clouds of steam and smoke and deadly sulphur fumes and sending up from fissures 1,000 feet deep heat enough to burn wood and boil water is not being active—at least in a modest way—then, pray, what is?

PICTURESQUE COCOANUT ISLAND NEAR HILO.

Some friends and I, jolly good Americans all, visited the volcano from the Hilo side. The coasts of these islands are strangely lonely. They are so rough and rugged and the sea that dashes against them is so wild and high that no small boats can live except in the little harbors where the steamers land. It is a rough trip over summer seas, but not smooth seas. Your ship dances up and down past tremendous, barren bluffs so steep and awful that you shudder and wonder what would become of you if you were to fall down there. Lines of white water tumble down their sides a thousand feet, sending up showers of spray and disappearing in the sea. Not a rowboat is along the shore, not the white sail of a fisherman's craft is visible on the face of the blue water.

Somewhere in the mountains or upon the sea it is always raining here at this time of year, and by sunlight or moonlight there are perpetual gorgeous rainbows. So near you they are that it seems, if you could just step out a little way, you could lay your hand upon the pot of money they told us when we were children was buried at the end of the rainbow. I remember starting in pursuit of it once. The rainbows that play over the black crater of Kilauea are especially brilliant, dazzling in their vivid beauty.

Sugar plantations with millions in them are pointed out to us as we skirt the coast of Hawaii. They are back of the volcanic bluffs. Here and there is a tiny break in the bluffs and a fertile patch of ground close by the sea. As we enter the little harbor of Hilo, Cocoanut island, covered with the trees that give it its name, is pointed out to us. I never see a cocoanut tree that I do not think of Mark Twain's description of it—"a feather duster struck by lightning."

We are rowed ashore at beautiful Hilo, pearl upon the brow of Hawaii. Outside of Honolulu there is not a pier or dock on the Hawaiian Islands at which a steamer can land. The harbors are shallow, the coast is rough and the surf high. Steamers anchor half a mile offshore, and freight and passengers are transferred to and from them in rowboats manned by finely built, brown skinned natives. This adds to the picturesqueness of travel in Hawaii.

Hilo is the largest town in Hawaii, and, next to Honolulu, the largest upon the islands. It contains between 3,000 and 4,000 inhabitants. It is a miniature tropical paradise, with a bit of Punch and Judy thrown in. The Punch and Judy part is the half naked Japanese babies that swarm and squeak and tumble over one another in the streets. For weary folk, like the farmer's wife on her deathbed, so tired that they desire only "just to do nothing for ever and ever," the place is a heaven. It is cooler there than at Honolulu, and there are not so many mosquitoes. Neither is there that too muchness of tree and foliage which is a drawback to Honolulu. At Hilo you can see the stars at night, and the streets are not overshadowed to the point of dense, damp darkness.

The pretty town rests at the foot of a mountain, whence streams of pure water flow through the lawns and gardens. Roses begin to grow here, too, for a wonder, and flowers of rare loveliness, such as you see in California. One who had a cottage and a patch of ground at Hilo could raise on his own soil everything he needed to eat, from cocoanuts to fresh eggs.

We remain one night at Hilo, and at 7 in the morning take stage for the mountain top and Kilauea crater. It is not every day in these times that the traveler can enjoy a ride in an old fashioned stage with a bugle and four horses, two of which are mules, as we did. Our leaders were mules, our wheelers were horses, and all of those blessed nags had seen better days, far better, let us hope.

You pass through at least four degrees of latitude from warm to cool in traveling that 31 miles of road from Hilo to the crater of Kilauea. It is a smooth, gentle rise all the way, a wonderfully picturesque road, fair and alluring as the road to ruin. As we trot out of the town we pass patches of sugar cane waving their royal silken plumes in the soft wind. As we go upward the cane ceases. Thenceforward on each side of the road is a tangle of tropical jungle. For some reason flowers, which seem rather shy and scarce about Honolulu, here bloom in lavish profusion. The lantana, which we cherish so carefully as a greenhouse plant in winter at home, in the Hawaiian Islands becomes a scrubby weed and a nuisance. So is the nasturtium, with its gorgeous shades of yellow, orange and brown. They say they cannot rid their fields of the nasturtium pest once it gets hold in the soil.

On we go. Passion flower vines of splendid size and beauty climb great trees and cover them with leaf, blossom and fruit, for the passion vine bears an edible fruit here. Morning glories as large as the biggest of single hollyhocks and of exquisite coloring are thrown in to fill up. The choicest foliage plants, such as we pay much money for and coddle into being at home,