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PANTHER REPORTED IN WOODS NEAR LEWISTON

Many Residents Believe That There Is a Family of the Huge Cats in the Vicinity--- All Are Arming.

(Written for Maine Woods).

Lewiston, Jan. 9.—Reports that a gigantic panther is in the woods near East Auburn or Turner are continually being received, and there is much talk of organizing a hunt to trail the brute to its den.

At first the reports of the presence of a panther in this vicinity caused laughs of derision, but after a number of people had spoken of ear piercing screams and mentioned giant tracks in the snow, more credence was placed in the stories told. Now all the residents in that locality are arming themselves.

Some go so far as to express their belief that there is a family of panthers in the woods in that locality. One of the many hunting parties out has found large tracks which indicate that a pair of the ugly brutes are in the vicinity.

It was perhaps two years ago that Willard Waterman, an R. F. D. carrier, coming down over the plains

saw an animal ahead in the road very similar to that described by Edward F. Partridge, a resident of Maple Hill, who works in the Auburn shoe shop.

One dark night recently he was accosted by this creature while on his way home, but was apparently frightened by the bright light he carried. The animal sprang onto a stone wall, however, and viewed Mr. Partridge and his companion as they hastily passed on their way.

The reports of Messrs. Partridge and Waterman make a sort of "two and two" combination, leading many people who have before scouted the idea believe that there are panthers in the Maple Hill locality.

27 BELOW ZERO IN WEST PHILLIPS

One City Sportsman Braves Cold for the Sake of His Health--- 24 Below at R. R. Station.

Thermometers in Phillips and vicinity made all sorts of reports on the weather Friday morning. The little truth teller at D. F. Hoyt's said that it was "14 below" and the instrument at the Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes R. R. station made a report of 24 below.

Along in the forenoon, D. F. Hodges of West Phillips called up and said, coolly: "Twenty-seven degrees below zero."

Whew! Red noses were the order of the day and double mittens had a great call at the clothing stores.

One city sportsman, who is in Maine for his health, braved the intense cold and left Phillips for Kingfield early Friday morning. This man is H. G. Ophilt of Bridgeport, Conn., who plans to spend some time at Round Mt. Lake camps

NOVEMBER LONG ENOUGH SEASON

Vermont Man Favors Protecting the Moose and Thinks One Month Is Long Enough Season.

Windsor, Vermont, Jan. 6. To the Editor of Maine Woods:

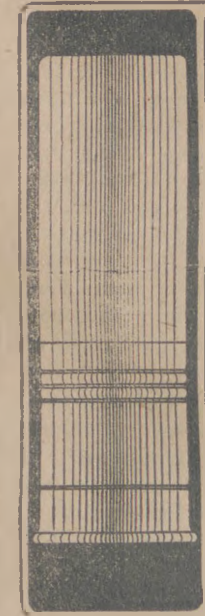
If the moose are to be saved the time is now to do it, for our grandchildren will want a chance to miss, as C. B. Hutchinson says, and I think the same thing. The month of November is long enough and the closed season to be not less than five years. I have never hunted in Maine but think I shall next fall and the deer season ought to be shorter or shoot bucks with horns not less than five inches and in doing so would lessen the shooting of so many men, for they would be on the lookout then. If hunters would be more careful in their shooting there would be less lives lost in the woods.

My way of thinking is if a man shoots let him know what he is going to shoot first. There ought to be a license for the resident as well as the non-residents and the resident license ought to be \$2.

Will close for this time, hoping this won't reach the waste basket. I will come again. Mine for Maine Woods.

E. L. Monroe.

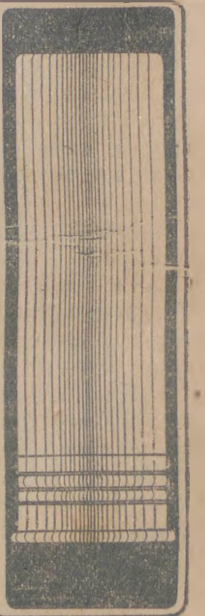
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"FISH HAVE INCREASED 30 PER CENT," SAYS BURNS

Rangeley Hotel Man Favors Plug Fishing and Speaks a Good Word for Guides--- "Give Us More Fish," He Says

Haines Landing, Jan. 9.

To the Editor of Maine Woods:

Having spent the last sixteen summers at the Mooselookmeguntic House on the Mooselookmeguntic Lake at Haines Landing, Maine, the home of the big trout and landlocked salmon, I wish to say that the sportsmen have increased thirty per cent, and that I find our spring fishing far ahead of fifteen years ago. Then there were not over fifteen boats at our hotel, there were only three private camps, where there are now twenty besides Bald Mountain and the Barker. In the early days fifty boats in all were a large number while this summer I should conservatively estimate two hundred. If the fish caught last spring were turned into the few boats of years ago, when fishing was termed great, there would be no comparison between now and then. The old bait law as it was abused, when a boat was allowed thirty pounds, I was pleased to see changed to two fish to a person. This law is strict and a' of my sportsmen are willing to abide by same, and with our guides and alert wardens enforcing this, I can't see why our fishing should not be as good in years to come, considering the great fishing we have had for the last two or three years after the slaughter of fish while the old law was in existence four or five years ago. I am in favor of giving the fish all protection possible and stocking our lakes with a large majority of our spawn. When they get to be yearlings and two-year-olds, one of these little fish is worth more than hundreds of baby fry. If sportsmen are increasing we must increase the fish to equal the demand.

I wish to take exception to a petition praying that the fish and game commissioners stop bait fishing in the Rangeley chain of lakes. It practically means no fishing in hot weather. I have had true sportsmen leave my hotel in summer because they would not "plug fish" and could not get fish trolling.

As a hotelman I advertise that the Mooselookmeguntic Lake challenges any lake in the state of Maine to equal the size and number of trout and landlocked salmon caught and I would feel rather embarrassed to tell my guests the only way they could fish would be to row a boat a day in the hot sun and rough seas, or to employ a guide, par-

ticularly if he were a man of moderate means and feeling in my own heart by so doing their chances were very slim to get a fish.

Let me say that it is sometimes impossible to get guides in summer, as many of our rich sportsmen do not like to row out to the fishing grounds, or pull the anchor. The more guides employed the better, for the hotelman, because he receives pay for his board.

We cannot afford to antagonize our sportsmen. We must have an amusement for our people as this country is advertised everywhere as a great fishing resort and I feel that our hatcheries return to our lake a large proportion of yearlings and two-year-olds, that our fishing would be better in years to come than it is today.

One of the biggest loop-holes in our regions and about which not one thing is said is at the Upper Dam. Here our fish start from the Cupsuptic and Kennebagu rivers and follow the logs right down through the sluice way. These fish can never get back to our waters, as there is no fishway. I think this is not fair to Rangeley or the Mooselookmeguntic lakes. Each lake should be on the same basis and let the fish choose for themselves. I hope the committee on fish and game will be conscientious in considering the petitioners' request to stop all fishing in hot weather and I would like to hear from other business men, hotel men and guides.

Fred B. Burns.

Capt. F. C. Barker and Miss Florence Barker were in Phillips Monday, en route to points south.

Captain Barker will spend the winter in Florida, as is his usual custom. The genial captain looks hale and hearty this winter. He expects to appear at the Maine legislature during the session for the purpose of defending fishing regulations.

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GAME PIES ARE IN HIGH FAVOR AT PRESENT TIME

Just the Thing for Hamper Luncheons For the Auto---Also Popular for Holiday Fare

In certain parts of France there is a custom at holiday time of exchanging greetings between friends by means of small game pies made in moulds packed in little boxes and labelled with good wishes. The pies are made in the home oven and cost but little, yet often they are more appreciated than orchids, bonbons or more costly offerings in vogue elsewhere, says the New York Sun.

The game pie always a tradition in England since the time of Sam Weller's "weal and hammer" and the pastry of Shakespearian days, gained a great vogue in America during the old racing days at Jerome Park and other fashionable courses when four-in-hand parties used to draw up in good position to witness the races and lunched on top of the coaches or spread the basket feast on the lawn.

Motor Car Has Changed All.

Then the restaurant and country club era left the hamper lunch without a reason for being and the game pie, which has not much place in the regular fare of America, vanished to a great extent from the menu. But the motor car has changed all that. Every well appointed car has its food hamper, its hot and cold liquid utensils and its tea service, so that in case of the failure of friendly inns or even in place of them the picnic fare carried in this way makes a pleasant interlude in the usual routine of steaks, chops, roasts and entrees that make up the regular fare of the American man and woman.

Hotels and caterers are called on at this time of year for numberless "pies" that are a direct contrast to the fruit pie which was invented in New England. The English baskets now generally used have special pockets and receptacles for the safe carriage of this dainty, for the meat pie to be good must contain its gravy, and a sudden jolt or skid might break the golden crust if not properly protected, and the pie would be a thing dead, dry and savorless.

Many American tourists who knew nothing of the old four-in-hand coaching days when the then popular English fads have been educated up to the idea of the meat pie through that famous dish served semi-weekly at the old Cheshire Cheese in Wine Bottle alley off Fleet street in London during the winter season. It is known there as a pudding but it is really a deep dish pie finished on top with a crust.

It has never lost its charm to

Londoners or to visiting tourists, although its contents sound somewhat appalling to our more restricted ideas as to combinations of food under one roof, as it were. It has been served there, they say for 200 years.

In a rich brown gravy it contains bits of beefsteak, morsels of marrow, larks, mushrooms, kidneys and oysters. If anything unusual comes in season it goes into the pie. They are always adding to it and they hold the recipe a secret. It comes to the table in a dish 18 inches deep and 20 across the top. It holds 100 pounds including the crust and is cooked 20 hours.

Visiting Americans have frequent occasion to be packed for shipping to this country and to be served at club dinners or banquets at which a specialty is made of boars' heads and other spectacular dishes that are not as a rule in favor here.

A Triumphant Return.

Now the game pie, the meat pie and even that of fish and oyster combinations have made a triumphant return to American bills of fare. These pies figure on the daily menus of the restaurants, while hundreds are ordered for the hampers put up for motor trips. At the winter resorts, such as Hot Springs, Lakewood and Aiken, the game pie has become the cherished dish of the feast.

It is an essentially masculine dish, although daintier methods are being evolved by the chefs to suit feminine appetites. Individual pies of oysters, quail, chicken and turkey are popular. They do away with the necessity of carving and when well made and crusted so as to lose no jot of their gravy they are easier to serve than the sturdy pie of foreign design.

They are comparatively simple for the home cook who wishes to supply an innovation to the holiday bill of fare. The proper way is to use a mould well buttered, although the old fashioned housekeeper may regard this as a frivolity in contrast with the deep dish pie that is best known when filled with apples or rhubarb and served with cream and sugar.

The mould turns out a golden brown edifice carved with palm branches, crescents, horseshoes or flowers. There are even pies made for birthday consumption which contain names and dates shining out in pale yellow on the russet crust. For these of course special moulds are necessary.

The pork pie is a great standby with the Britisher of all classes. Duchesses dabble with them at suppers in Park lane and bank holidays see them disappear by the thousand.

Left Over Foods.

One of the advantages of the meat pie at home is that it admits of using left over foods in an attractive manner. A pie made from cold roast turkey sometimes seems to be the very best way of serving the bird. The meat can be chopped fine and put in a saucepan with a little milk, some pounded mace, pepper and salt. Thicken the mixture with a little flour that has been blended with butter and stew gently for a few minutes. Line a buttered dish with a good crust much thicker than that used for fruit pies and when the turkey mixture is cold pour it into the paste, cover the top with a somewhat thinner crust, moisten and press the edges together and bake in a quick oven. This is good either hot or cold.

Partridge and quail make a dainty pie. For this a mould can be used. The birds are boned and stuffed with minced ham or oysters if preferred. Pastry half an inch thick is used to line the buttered mould. It must be pressed gently with the fingers into every crevice so that the shape will be perfect.

Then pour a layer of minced ham on the bottom and fill in with the quail and partridges, filling the spaces between with ham and mushrooms. Put on the upper crust quite thick. Brush it with beaten egg and cover with buttered paper. Bake the pie slowly for three hours and let it cool in the mould if it is for cold service, otherwise take it hot and well browned from the mould.

Reed Birds Are Good.

Reed birds, which so often dry up in the cooking, make a fine pie. The birds are used whole and stuffed with veal, ham or oysters, in earthen baking dish is lined with thick pastry. Put in the birds in layers with flour, butter, wine or gravy and season well with salt and pepper and powdered spice. Cover with a crust and slit the top to permit the steam to escape while cooking.

A great southern holiday dish is a squirrel pie, the squirrels being in excellent condition all through December. For this a pair of squirrels are skinned, cleaned and jointed, the giblets and the blood being saved. Chop a pound of beef suet very fine, rejecting all membrane. Mix it with a pound and a half of flour, two level teaspoons of salt and a level saltspoonful of pepper.

Butter an earthen baking dish, add enough cold water to the suet and flour to make a crust which can be rolled out about three-quarters of an inch thick. Line the dish with the crust. Put in the squirrel meat and blood, adding enough cold water to fill the pie half way up. Season it highly with salt and pepper and a little paprika, cover with a crust, wetting the edges so they will adhere. Cut a slit in the middle of the top crust. Bake the pie for two hours in a moderate oven. If the top gets too brown cover over with buttered paper. Serve hot in the dish it is baked in.

Venison Pie.

An old English receipt for a venison pastry calls for sliced venison with either venison or lamb fat. This is the original direction. There is hardly a doubt that modern taste will prefer good butter to lamb fat, or bacon fat combines well with any dry meat.

Cut the venison in small slices and mix with the butter or fat, seasoning with salt, pepper and powdered allspice; pour into the dish a gravy made from the trimmings of the venison stewed for an hour in water enough to cover them. Or any good meat broth may be used, with claret, port wine and lemon juice added. When no wine is used onion is chopped and added. If the venison is tender put on the top crust and bake; if it is tough bake it uncovered for an hour before putting on the top, through which as in all pies, a slit must be cut for ventilation.

Sweetbreads and mushrooms make a pie that is in favor for light luncheons. For an oyster pie a much flakier paste, what is called puff paste, is used. If the cook cannot make a good puff paste it is possible to get the empty shell at a caterer's. Of course this is never so good as the home pastry when it is made properly.

Drain the liquor from a quart of oysters, chop them fine with a sharp thin bladed knife. Thicken a little cream in a saucepan with flour and an ounce of butter, added. When the butter has been well mixed in season the chopped oysters with salt and pepper, put them into the thickened milk and simmer, stirring carefully to prevent burning, for five minutes, then take from the fire.

MIGHTY HUNTERS ROAMING WOODS

(Written for Maine Woods)

Strong, Jan. 6.—There are mighty fox hunters roaming through the woods these days, and the bay of the faithful hound is heard in the frosty air of winter.

The Gray boys, who live on Dyer Hill, and the Moores of South Strong are among the prominent fox chasers, but there is also Bernard Libby, who lives in South Strong and who is a crack shot and successful fox hunter.

Norris Morton of New Vineyard also has good results usually with dog and gun.

CONDITIONS BAD IN MAINE WOODS

Bangor, Dec. 26.—The Bangor Commercial has the following to say of conditions in the Maine woods:

Maine lumbermen generally express regret that the snow which fell so plentifully in Boston and New York, Tuesday, did not extend as far east as the big north woods. Everything is now awaiting its arrival—even the moose and deer and other denizens of the forest are merely marking time until the snow white carpet of winter shall have spread itself over rocky, spruce-clad ridge, and frozen swamp land. The frost has been eating its way deeper and deeper each week, and the ground is now as hard as granite. Everything is in readiness.

Although the moose and deer are still travelling somewhat in their search for food, they are no longer covering the wide range of territory which they are accustomed to traverse before the cold weather comes. Probably most of the animals have already picked out the country in which they are to winter—sheltered regions to the southward of a ridge or mountain, usually, although they may often be found, even on a northern exposure.

With the coming of the snow they will still further restrict their daily travels. As it grows deeper and deeper, it becomes more and more difficult for the animals to get about and, gradually, they find themselves enclosed in "yards" where they spend the time until spring. They tread down the deep snow and make paths and runways along which they make their daily journeys in quest of the more tender twigs and embryo buds which form their chief source of winter food supply. Sometimes a deer yard will consist of a network of trails which extend for two or three miles. But of late years, they frequently cover much less territory.

Most of the bull moose have lost their antlers now. There will be practically none left by New Year's. The old bulls drop their horns first, and those of the younger animals are retained a little longer. In the days when caribou herds roamed over Maine, it was noted that these animals shed their horns from 15 to 20 days before the moose and the deer. Occasionally a cow caribou would carry her antlers all winter.

Besides the deer and the moose, the lumbermen are anxiously awaiting snow. At many camps, the work is hung up, pending its arrival. Logs are all yarded and as soon as the hauling begins, the work of transporting them to the landings will begin. Hundreds of horses are eating their heads off in the woods hovels, today, waiting for the winter to set in earnest. It won't be long now, the operators are hoping.

POACHERS BUSY AT SWEET'S POND

(Special to Maine Woods).

New Vineyard, Jan. 6.—The residents of this town are much disturbed over the reports of alleged ice fishing on Sweet's pond, so called.

It would seem that some persistent violator of the fishing laws has been catching large numbers of pickerel, with now and then a salmon to add to the basket.

Those who are interested in the preservation of the fish in this lake are so much stirred over the matter that drastic action is likely to be taken at once.


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When a shootless shoot is given the rifle is stationary. It is tied to a bag of sand on a tripod or a table or any other convenient rest. The marksman takes his position and sights his gun. At the other end of the range a man holds a target which is moved at the direction of the shooter, either up or down, or to the right or left. When it is in the position the marksman thinks proper he calls "Hold," and his shot is recorded. This is done by making a mark through the center of the bullseye on a piece of paper on the wall.

After that shot is recorded another is made. Three shots are allowed each man, and after they have been "fired" a triangle is drawn that connects the marks on the paper. The man who has the smallest triangle is high.

When the 5th company held their match, prizes were offered for each member brought a bundle of some kind. The man who scored the smallest triangle had first choice of the bundles.

While no shots were fired the men of the outfit got some very excellent practice in aiming the rifle. They learned the use of the "peep" and "bead" sights, and gained in knowledge without the waste in powder. Still, there is more fun in shooting the rifle just the same.

As the shootless shoot of the 5th company proved so successful, other companies are going to try it, and some rare sport is expected during the winter.

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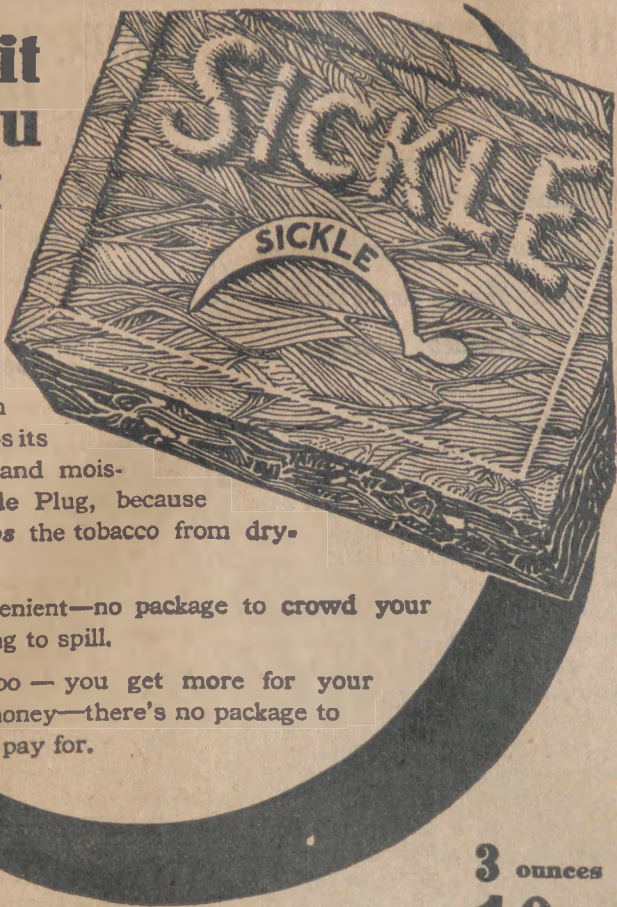
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a three-year-old youngster in the
rear of the home of the Rev.
Chauncey J. Hawkins, No. 34 Elm
street, Jamaica Plain, Boston. The
little fellow shouts with glee at
the clumsy attempts of the cubs to
overtake him, and the cubs them-
selves, entering into the spirit of
the fun, give vent to loud grunts of
merriment. The boy is Robert
Boone Hawkins, son of the Rev.
Mr. Hawkins, who brought the cubs
to his Jamaica Plain home after a
trip through the New Brunswick
wilderness last summer.

One afternoon last week their
curiosity created havoc in the home
of Mr. Hawkins. A step ladder was
placed at the rear of the house and
in an unlucky moment a nearby win-
dow left open. The cubs promptly
climbed in and entered the kitchen
and soon became coated in a mix-
ture of flour and molasses. Then
they continued into the parlor, and
strains of wondrous discord were

heard proceeding from the piano.
When the cubs were discovered they
were rolling on the parlor floor in
an attempt to rid themselves of their
sticky coating.

Every morning and afternoon a
throng of children come to call
upon their friends, who rise on
their hind legs and salute with joy-
ous grunts. The cubs are not at
all "puffed up" with their popular-
ity, and greet all visitors with equal
affability.

Frequently little Robert clammers
into his baby carriage and calls to
Blitzen, his favorite chum, who obe-
diently toddles over to the carriage
and pushes the little boy around the
yard to his heart's content. The
cub performs the duties of nurse
with some laxity it must be ad-
mitted, as whenever his attention is
diverted he deserts his young charge
at once and the youngster is oblig-
ed to clamber out of his carriage
and threaten his crum with a whip-
ping before he will return to his
task. Blitzen is very affectionate
and sympathetic and slobbers his
young friend with kisses when he
cries. The youngster objects to
these damp caresses and a puckering
of the lips will stop any threat-
ened flow of tears.

Both Donner and Blitzen are fond
of music and when they hear the
strains of the piano or a passing
hurdy-gurdy they will dance in an
ecstasy of joy around the yard or in
their commodious wooden house.

The cubs, which are of a handsome
dark brown, have grown wonderfully
since leaving their wilderness home,
and now weigh over 125 pounds
each. Blitzen or Lightning is of a
care-free and frivolous nature,
while Donner or Thunder is of a
more serious and sober sort. Both
will go into their long winter sleep
within a few weeks and will awake,
says Mr. Hawkins, not the playful
cubs they now are, but wild, some-
what ferocious and nearly full
grown bears.

THE BOOTHBYS TO SPEND WIN-
TER IN FLORIDA.

Col. and Mrs. Frederick E. Booth-
by are soon to leave for California
where they are to pass the winter
months.

SPOSTING NOTES

Mr. P. J. Mills drives a gray mare
that is as good as a bird dog for
hunting. They have hunted a good
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ograph and a Bible

The great forests his temple; a
stump his pulpit and towering trees
the pillars of his edifice—that is
the only church Jack McCall, a for-
mer resident of Kalamazoo, Mich.,
and now missionary to lumberjacks
of northern Minnesota, knows, says
the Detroit Free Press.

Though nature furnishes the only
temple he has, no one can say that
Jack McCall, now the Rev. Jack Mc-
Call, is not doing as much good as
the pastor who occupies the most
expensive church built by man.

Way up in the north woods, miles
and miles from the nearest settle-
ment, where only the hunter now
and then strays and where the lum-
berjacks go in search of a live-
lihood, Jack McCall has gone to
tell the wicked, careless lum-
berjack that the name of the Saviour
stands for something else than pro-
fanity.

Sacrificing a good job, a home in
the city where he had all the luxur-
ies enjoyed by a city resident, Mc-
Call left Kalamazoo four years ago
to take up his strange work in the
woods, to become an apostle to the
lumberjack. His flock is not all in
one camp. They are scattered miles
and miles through the woods. It
is not a strange thing for him to
walk alone 12 or 15 miles a day
through the dreary forests to vis-
it the camps of lumberjacks.

There are no places to conduct
regular services. Sometimes in the
bunks of the lumberjacks, some-
times out in the open, sometimes in
the mess tent, he finds it conven-
ient to preach the gospel. Jack
has no women in his congregation.
There are no societies, no ice cream
socials and no sewing bees for the
missionary to attend.

It is no surprise to Jack to have
one of the lumberjacks offer him a
drink when he has just finished de-
livering a prayer. He considers it a
common occurrence to be cursed dur-
ing a service—but the missionary
has never been known to lose his
temper. That is one of the secrets
of Jack's success—his ability to
turn a point his way under trying
circumstances.

But preaching the gospel is not
his only mission. Often a lum-
berjack is in trouble. Jack acts as
his legal adviser, but he gets no
retainer, except possibly to capture
the man's soul for his God. Writ-
ing letters home for "the boys" is
one of his common duties—and some
of the letters are most pitiful.

Last winter a young lumberjack
was stricken with pneumonia. Jack
cared for him, nursed him, and gave
him the best treatment he knew
how. The condition of the young
fellow grew worse instead of bet-
ter. Finally, realizing that it was
all over, the young fellow told Jack
to write home for him. It was his
first letter in years. Jack told the
parents of their son's whereabouts,
of his illness and slim chances of
recovery—also of his conversion.

It was the first message they had
received from their boy in years.
They hurried to the woods, but when
they arrived the boy had died. The
parents are now liberal supporters
of Jack's work in the woods.

Day after day, week after week,
McCall trudges through the woods,
carrying the message of hope to
the men in the various camps. Mag-
azines, books, papers and Testa-
ments are distributed among the
lumberjacks. Some of the wood-
cutters do not know how to read. So
Jack reads their letters and maga-
zines to them.

He faces dangers aplenty when
travelling through the woods—dan-
gers that would drive the average
lone traveller back to the land of
civilization. The cry of the wolf,
the frightful snow storms do not
frighten him.

Trudging along with a pack
strapped to his back, a phonograph
dangling from his sides and his
arms filled with books and circulars,
all winter long Jack circles from
one camp to another.

The missionary has found that
the lumberjack loves music, no mat-
ter how crude it is. So he bought
a phonograph with a lot of records.
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religious music and when Jack opens
and closes a service the phonograph
takes the place of the big pipe or-
gan. It is a heavy thing to lug
through the woods with all the oth-
er things he has to carry, but so
successful has it proven in his
work that it goes on every trip, no
matter how many miles he may have
to go before reaching home again.

Sometimes when his trip is an
especially long one through the
woods and he is unable to reach his
destination before nightfall, Jack
curls up under a big tree, and in
the glow of the campfire, the phon-
ograph furnishes him music for
hours. More than once, says the
apostle, the starry skies have acted
as the canopy of his bedroom.

His work way up north of Duluth
is almost as strange as was his
conversion in this city. Driven out
of Detroit by the police, he drifted
to Kalamazoo. Staggering along the
street one night, he partly fell into
the Rescue Mission entrance.

Picked up and cared for by mis-
sion workers, he decided to change
his ways. A few years later he
read of the work of Frank Higgins,
the "sky pilot." Having been a
lumberjack and knowing of the life
in the woods, McCall decided to
take up this branch of religious
work.

Arrangements were immediately
made with Higgins, and McCall was
sent to northern Minnesota. His
wife acts as a hospital missionary in
that country.

That the work of Higgins, McCall
and others is proving of great bene-
fit to the lumberjacks is evident
from many things. The lumber com-
panies tell of the good results—and
the decrease in crime and trouble
among the northern pines bears ev-
idence of the good work of the lum-
berjack apostle.

SPORTING NOTES.

Game Warden R. B. Wales is ad-
vocating establishment of a coun-
ty quail farm, from which to re-
lease the birds to destroy bugs and
insects that attack orchards. Many
ranchers are providing food for
the birds during the winter. They
say the insects disappear as soon
as the quail multiply.

K. E. McLeod, a rancher living 14
miles east of Spokane, recently
captured a live eagle with his
hands. The eagle was creating
consternation among the rancher's
chickens, and when McLeod ap-
proached, it became entangled in
a woven wire fence, making cap-
ture easy.

Dion O. Blackwell.

ROUND MOUNTAIN IS HEARD FROM

Prop'r Blackwell Says That He
Favors a Resident Hunters
License, Moose Law and
Shorter open Season.

Jan. 1.

To the Editor of Maine Woods:
As only a few have expressed their
opinion on more new game laws I
think the time has come when all
should say and do something. I
think there should be an annual
close time on moose for 6 years in
this part of the state. Anyway if
the other parts are not willing,
what's the use of waiting until they
are all gone, then wait a long
time before we get them back as
we did the caribou. It will be a
long time now before they are
thick again, if ever, but they are
really back in their old haunts.

The deer need looking after with
the large increase in resident hun-
ters, as we guides and camp own-
ers have got to look out they don't
decrease, as our business will go
faster than the game! I think every
resident should pay a license of
\$5 to hunt deer and birds on the
wild lands of the state, and if they
like the sport it is surely worth it
to them to keep the game supply up
in the future. It costs a lot of
money to protect game in a piece of
woods like the state of Maine, and
as to non-residents, I approve of
Mr. Beal's idea, allowing only one
deer to anyone, and a license of
\$10. As far as I know they will be
perfectly satisfied as the outing is
really what they are after, and they
will put the time in getting a good
one and leave the small deer
alone. But if they were to have
two deer it would be more along
the lines of game protection to
pay an extra \$5 license by both res-
idents and non-residents, and let
it be optional with them whether
they take it or not. By all means,
cut the season down and close it
Nov. 20th on all game as there
are but very few hunters in the
woods later than this, and the state
cannot afford to keep it open later
and keep the supply up in the fu-
ture, and this is what we want to
look out for. I would like to see
everyone give his opinion through
the Maine Woods, who is interest-
ed. Everybody's ideas are worth
more than a few to get the best re-
sults in the future.

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Thursday, January 2, 1913.

**FLY ROD WRITES
FROM STATE HOUSE****Tells of the Doings of the Fish and
Game Commission and Talks
of Other Matters.**

(By Fly Rod.)

(Special to Maine Woods).

State House, Augusta, Me.,

Jan. 6.

A representative of the Maine Woods
spent a very pleasant hour today at
the Fish and Game department and
while there looked over a copy of the
Annual report of the Commissioners
which was filed with the Governor on
Dec. 31, last, as required by law.

As it will be some time before this
report will be available for distribution,
we will mention some of the most in-
teresting features of this report which
is one of the largest ever issued by
this department.

The report will be profusely illustrat-
ed with full page cuts of the ten fish
hatcheries and feeding stations, views
of the State Museum, etc.

In addition to the usual formal re-
port of the operation of the fish
hatcheries, the commissioners give a
list of the waters in Maine stocked by
the U. S. Fish Commission during the
last fiscal year. As will be seen when
this report is published, the federal
government has been very liberal with
Maine in regard to supplying fish for
our waters.

One chapter of the report is devoted
to a history of the work of the several
local fish and game associations of the
state, which organizations, the Com-
missioners say, "have rendered in-
estimable service to the state and as-
sistance to the commission by way of
upholding our inland fish, and game
and forestry laws, co operating with
this department in securing needed fish
and game legislation, securing funds

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for screening lakes, and in various
other ways."

The commissioners add, "The bene-
fit of such associations in creating
proper public sentiment toward the
work of this department cannot be
over-estimated."

The department has a record of the
organization of 25 of these local asso-
ciations in addition to the Maine
Sportsman's Fish and Game associa-
tion, and the reports received from the
secretaries of these clubs are very in-
teresting.

It was only natural that I should
linger longest over the report of the
Oquosoc fish hatchery, and am very
proud of the work it is doing, and
knowing it will be of great in-
terest to the readers of the Maine
Woods I quote it in full:

**REPORT OF THE OQUOSSOC FISH
HATCHERY FOR THE YEAR
1912**

Harland K. Curtis, Superintendent.

Land-Locked Salmon.

250,000 land-locked salmon eggs
were taken at this hatchery in 1911.
Shipped to Moosehead hatch-
ery 190,000

Loss from time of taking
to time of hatching, 7,000

Loss from time of hatching
to time of planting 2,000

Number planted 51,000

These fish were liberated in the
following waters:

Varnum North Pond, Temple 7,500

Clearwater Pond, Industry 11,500

Porter Lake, Strong 2,500

Loon Lake, Dallas 10,000

Abbott Pond, East Sumner 5,000

Wildwood Brook, Rangeley 5,000

Whetstone Brook, Rangeley 4,500

Square Tailed Trout.

560,000 square tailed trout eggs ta-
ken at this hatchery fall of 1911.

Received from Rolfe & Vir-
gin Hatchery, Rumford,
eggs that state purchased 240,000

Shipped to the Hill hatchery,
Augusta 25,000

Loss from time of taking to
time of hatching 57,000

Loss from time of hatching to
time of planting 16,500

Number planted 649,500

These fish were liberated in the
following waters:

Cold Brook Cupsuptic 20,000

Garland Pond, Byron 10,000

Stream in Phillips 7,500

Day Mt Pond, Strong 5,000

Varnum Pond, Temple 7,500

Sweets Pond, Strong 10,000

No. Branch Dead River,
Eustis 10,000

So. Branch Dead River,
Stratton 10,000

Nash Stream, Stratton 10,000

Mt. Bigelow Pond, Stratton 10,000

Four Ponds, Houghton 10,000

Big Beaver Pond, Upper Dam 10,000

Little Beaver Pond, Upper
Dam 10,000

Mt. View Brook, Oquosoc 20,000

Bemis Stream, Bemis 20,000

South Bog Stream, So. Range-
ley 20,000

Wilton Lake, Wilton 20,000

Little Island Pond, Seven Ponds
Township 5,000

Natanias Pond, Seven Ponds
Township 5,000

Seven Ponds, Seven Ponds
Township 5,000

Chain of Ponds, Chain of Ponds
Township 5,000

Sawyer's Lake, Wilson's Mill's 15,000

Hatchery Brook, Rangeley 20,000

Smith Cove Brook, Rangeley 20,000

Ellis Brook, Rangeley 20,000

Whetstone Brook, tributary to
Kennebago Stream 20,000

Cold Brook, Cupsuptic 20,000

Tributaries to Kennebago Riv-

er	10,000
Ellis Brook, Bald Mt.	10,000
Brook at Upper Dam	40,000
Brook at Middle Dam	30,000
Toothaker Brook, Bemis	10,000
Meganthe Preserve Brooks, Eus- tis	20,000
Quimby Brook, Rangeley	5,000
Withee Brook, Rangeley	5,000
Gull Pond, Rangeley	10,000
Wildwood Brook, Rangeley	20,000
Mt. View Brook, Oquosoc	15,000
Saddleback Lake, Dallas	5,000
Quimby Brook, Rangeley	4,000
Hatchery Brook, Rangeley	4,000
Gull Pond, Rangeley	7,000
Cold Brook, Cupsuptic	10,000
South Branch Dead River Strat- ton	5,000
No. Branch Dead River, Eus- tis	5,000
Bigelow Pond, Stratton	5,000
King and Bartlett Lake, T. 4, R. 5	5,000
Blakeslee Lake, T. 5, R. 6	5,000
Four Ponds, Summit	5,000
Chain of Ponds, Chain of Ponds Township	5,000
Ell Pond, Eustis	2,500
Gull Pond, Rangeley	3,000
Deer Lake, T. 4, R. 5	3,000
Loon Lake, Dallas	5,000
Little Island Pond, Seven Ponds Township	2,500
Big Island Pond, Seven Ponds Township	5,000
Jim Pond, Franklin Co.	5,000
Little Jim Pond, Franklin Co.	2,500
Lake Everett, Franklin Co.	2,500
Wilson Lake, Wilton	3,000
Clearwater Pond, Farmington	3,000
Porter Lake, Strong	2,500
Garland Pond, Byron	4,000
Potter Pond, Dixfield	3,000
Howard Lake, Hanover	2,500
Harvey Pond, Madrid	2,000
Sandy River, Phillips	2,000
Day Mt. Pond, Strong	2,500
Brooks in Wilton	1,000
West Carry Pond, Dead River	5,000
Brooks in Cumberland Ctr.	1,000

1,000 square tailed trout wintered
at this hatchery winter of 1911-12.

These fish were liberated in wat-
ers at Weld, (fed until fall at hatch-
ery at Weld.)

52,000 square tailed trout on hand
to be wintered this winter.

415,000 land-locked salmon eggs
have been taken at this hatchery
this fall.

585,000 square tailed trout eggs
have been taken at this hatchery
this fall.

One chapter of the report contains
a catalogue of the mounted speci-
mens in the museum, also a detail-
ed account of the history of the val-
uable geological collection which
has recently been installed there,
the same being the property of the
state which has for many years been
stored at Colby college and recent-
ly unearthed by Chairman Wilson.

The museum is in charge of Cura-
tor Thos. A. James, of Winthrop,
and no room in the Capitol is more
frequently visited.

In the course of a few days I in-
tend to spend more time in the mu-
seum than I have as yet been able
to and will in the near future write
the Maine Woods in detail about the
valuable collection which it now
contains.

I have always taken a great inter-
est in the work of this department
and it pleases me to note that it is
conceded, by the public generally,
to be one of the most important, if
not the most important, departments
in the state government, represent-
ing as it does an industry which
means to our people an annual in-
come of from \$25,000,000 to \$30,-
000,000, the primary attraction being
the fish in our waters and the birds
and animals in our forests.

Fly Rod.

**"HARRY" HAS HARD
LUCK IN THE CITY****Woodsman Falls Among Thieves
and Loses Overcoat, Watch
and Money but Finally
Reaches Camp.**

Sumner, Maine, Jan. 1—Harry Zin-
nerman who lives in a Camp on the Bon-
ney wood lot near Fletchers Ledges and
chops wood for John Libby met with a
sad experience about a week ago. As
He went on a business trip to Boston
and on His third day there He started
for the boat early in the evening on
His return homeward and while passing
through a short street not far from
the wharf He was very suddenly grab-
bed by three men and in an instant
became powerless and could not even
make a sound of alarm—as two of the
men held Him while the third relieved
His person of a new overcoat just
bought, his gold watch and chain re-
volver jackknife and fifteen dollars in
cash—and nearly took his heart.

Pretty hard circumstances for an old
man of sixty eight and over two hun-
dred miles from Camp and peniless but
however Mr Zinnerman after much hard-
ship succeeded in reaching his destina-
tion and when the Old fellow tells us
that He was happy when he reached
sight of His little 10x12 camp with a
nice supply of groceries and plenty of
dry wood. We are very to take the
old gentlemans word for it

**NEW ZEALAND'S MONSTER
TROUT**

Writing to "The Sportsman" re-
cently, Mr. P. A. Vaile states, with
reference to the capture of the
fine rainbow trout of 15 pounds,
14 ounces, taken in Canada:—"I be-
lieve that for a rainbow trout this
is, in Canada, a very big fish, but
it may interest your readers to
know that in the Lake Taupo dis-
trict of New Zealand last season
there were taken over 150 tons of
rainbow trout, many of which weigh-
ed from 15 to 18 pounds. The re-
cord rainbow trout for New Zealand,
so far as I can remember is 28
pounds, while they have brown trout
up to as high as 37 pounds, and
numbers have been caught weigh-
ing 34, 30, and 28 pounds. I may
mention that this is in one dis-
trict only. It is, amongst fisher-
men, of course, well known that
many other districts in New Zea-
land, particularly the Rotorua dis-
trict, are famous for the trout of va-
rious kinds which they produce."

**CARIBOU MAY YET
RETURN TO MAINE****While There Are No Signs of Them
Yet, the Deer Changing Their
Feeding Grounds Gives
Support to This
Belief.**

(Special to Maine Woods).

Augusta, Jan. 10—Because the deer
are changing their feeding ground the
members of the fish and game com-
mission are of the impression that the
caribou may return to Maine.

There are no signs of them yet, but
the fact that caribou are never found
where deer are makes the members of
the commission very sanguine that a re-
turn of these animals of the north may
result. All that is necessary to drive
the larger animals out is to let a herd
of deer appear. That is why the cari-
bou left the Mt. Katahdin region for
New Brunswick.

Now it happens that the deer which
have been grazing in the Mt. Katah-
din region seem to be gradually leaving
that section. They are also departing
from the extreme eastern and northern
lands in favor of the section to the west.
More deer are now being found in the
vicinity of the Rangeley lakes and Dead
River region than ever before. Men in
the game department are of the opinion
that there are more deer there than in
any other one section of the state.

From this it is argued that the deer
are changing from the eastern to the
western portions of the state. Thus
there will be an incentive for the cari-
bou to return to their accustomed
haunts from New Brunswick.

Just at the present there is a closed
time on caribou and it will not be legal to
shoot them for four years to come. On
top of this it is more than probable that
another close time will be enacted as
soon as the present one expires.

Under present conditions the only
big game hunting in the state that can
be really counted on is for deer and
bear. There is every prospect that a
long term law will be placed on the bull
moose of the state. The cows are al-
ready protected.

It is thought that there will be little
opposition to the reduction in the out-
of state hunting license from \$15 to \$10
and the placing of a license on resident
hunters.

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DANCING PARTY SOCIAL FEATURE

Rangeley Folks Enjoy Themselves by Tripping the Light Fantastic—Other Notes

(Special to Maine Woods).

Rangeley, Jan. 7.—The officers of the Rangeley Sunday school for the year 1913 are as follows: Supt., Olin R. Rowe; assistant Supt., Harry O. Huntoon; Sec., Mason Russell; Treas., Mrs. Phineas Tracy; librarian, Dessie Lamb; Supt. primary department, Mrs. O. R. Rowe; Supt. cradle roll, Mrs. H. O. Huntoon; Supt. home department, E. T. Hoar. The average attendance for the year 1912 was 114 and the average collection, \$1.48.

At the church conference Thursday night it was unanimously voted to extend a call to become pastor of this church to Rev. Herman Childs of Belmont, N. H. Mr. Childs has preached here the past three Sabbaths and there is an earnest desire among the people for him to locate here.

Little Kenwood Rowe was quite sick last week, being under the doctor's care for several days.

Thomas Earleton of Boston, a woodsman who has been at Dr. Colby's for the treatment of a cut foot, has so far recovered as to be able to leave there.

Sedgeley Ross, who has been very ill, indeed, suffering with pneumonia, is recovering. He was cared for by a professional nurse, Miss Chaplin of Lewiston.

Walter McCormick was brought out from the storehouse Sunday with a cut foot. He was accompanied by Sam Clark of Clark and Toothaker's, Pleasant Island camps. Dr. Colby dressed the wound and Mr. McCormick returned to camp with Mr. Clark.

Another very enjoyable dancing party was given at Furbish hall, Friday evening and a large number were present in spite of the high wind and icy streets. The grand march was led by E. H. Lowell and Miss Sadie Pickens. Music was furnished by the Rangeley orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Huntoon, Miss Muriel Hoar and Hayden Huntoon have been spending a few days at E. I. Herrick's camp, Gull Pond. On

New Year's day they entertained, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McCard and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Badger at supper. During the afternoon the hunters in the party were out after rabbits, but only secured one.

Maxcel, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dunham, is recovering from a very severe attack of indigestion. Dr. A. M. Ross attends him.

Miss Florence Barker returned to her work in Bradford academy, Monday. She was accompanied by Capt. Barker, who is just starting on his annual trip to Florida.

While hauling hay with four mules, on Wednesday of last week, D. E. Lamb of Rangeley Plantation got the pole animals into the lake but succeeded in getting them out uninjured.

Mrs. Herbert Ross, Mrs. Daniel Ross and little son and Harold Hinkley, have been visiting Mrs. Leonard Ross in Phillips.

The Grangers enjoyed an oyster supper Saturday night. There was the usual good attendance.

Max Weybrant is quite ill at the home of Will Tomlinson. His mother is with him, coming from Brunswick Saturday.

Vern Pillsbury was brought home Saturday with a small but severe cut in his foot, the cord running to the great toe having been severed.

The accident happened in the woods not far from Macy Junction, and some time necessarily elapsed before a physician called and found the cord so drawn back each way that ether had to be administered while it was brought together again.

Rangeley had a fire scare Monday forenoon, caused by a thimble falling from a chimney in one of the rooms over the pool room, and allowing smoke to pour out in such quantities that the building, which is an old wooden one, was thought to be on fire, and the alarm was given. Everybody ran and came back smiling with relief, for a high wind was blowing from a quarter which meant plenty of trouble if a fire had started.

Dr. Colby was called Sunday to attend Sam Quimby, a son of J. D. W. Quimby, who was quite seriously injured while coasting on the hill this side of the White schoolhouse. Mr. Quimby's right thigh was broken near the body. Warren Wilbur, Jr., was also bruised and lamed in the same accident.

Lawyer Ross of Phillips will be in Rangeley Tuesday night at the residence of Dr. A. M. Ross. Consultations invited.

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IT'S A BEAR, IT'S A BEAR, IT'S A BEAR

Where? Why Out on the Ice Over There!—But It Was Only a Dog After All.

(Special to Maine Woods).

Belgrade Lakes, Jan. 8.—"What is that out there on the ice?" yelled Jabez Spooner to Hiram Hancock yesterday, as he gazed, in the teeth of a biting wind, at a dark object far out on the ice.

"By gum," remarked Hiram, "I believe that thing is a bear, Jabe."

From that time on matters moved with great celerity in this village. Not since the time that Anna Held came here some years ago has there been such a breeze of excitement.

It was passed from mouth to mouth that a great black bear was on the ice of the lake. Surely now was a time for some of the mighty Nimrods to distinguish themselves.

Great was the rush for arms. All kinds of guns were called into service from the tiny 22 to the blunderbuss that grandfather carried way back in the Indian wars.

Then came a bit of a pause, for who should be first to venture forth on the ice. It was a question not easily solved.

Finally Hank Plummer said that he would take a chance. Hank was armed with a discarded army rifle, but he had great faith in its powers as a bear slayer.

Thus it was that, headed by Hank, the little army started out over the black, bleak, cold ice. In the meantime the black object remained stationary, apparently undisturbed by the hostile demonstrations.

Nearer and nearer, slower and yet more slowly the procession moved, for a bear in the dead of winter is a dangerous animal. Anyway, Hank allowed that such was the case.

In the meantime the wind was blowing merrily up the lake and the temperature seemed to be a few degrees, at least, below zero.

Just then the black object ahead rose to its feet. The procession paused and all cocked their guns, ready to fire as soon as they could see the whites of the animal's eyes, perhaps a little before that, even.

"Say," yelled Jabez Spooner to Hiram Hancock, "durned if it 'aint a dog!"

Then the procession reformed and returned to town.

James Nile on Sunday, January 5. Mrs. Nile was formerly Miss Beulah Pillsbury.

Floyd Huntoon who has been very ill with an abscess of the kidney is recovering.

Sam Farmer will be glad to know that his old time friend, Henry Kimball, is up and about the house once more and will undoubtedly be out of doors in a few days.

Mrs. Sylvader Hinkley went to Phillips Monday to visit her sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Burns entertained a party of friends at whist Saturday evening. Refreshments were served after the game.

Schools opened Tuesday after a two weeks' vacation, the teachers returning Monday night.

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LIKE MUSEUM OF FIREARMS.

Weapons Taken from West Virginia Coal Mine Strikers Include Flintlocks of '76.

A motley and interesting collection of firearms has resulted from the disarming of strikers in the coal mine district of West Virginia, where martial law has been declared by Governor Glasscock. The arms taken from the guards hired by the mine operators are commonplace enough—hundreds of Winchester repeaters with boxes of the ammunition for them. But the other pile takes one back to the days of the minute men.

There were old English fowling pieces of beautiful workmanship; Kentucky rifles with barrels six feet long; flintlock muskets that probably did good service in 1776; Sharp's rifles like those that the free soilers carried into "Bleeding Kansas" in '58; a dozen varieties of carbines—Burnsides, Maynards, Spencers and others such as the troopers of '61-'65 knew how to wield so well, and modern military rifles, effective weapons that are now sold for a few dollars apiece by many department stores as a result of the war department's policy of selling discarded firearms at auction. Among the old pieces are guns by such famous makers as Tyron and Deringer of Philadelphia, Sutherland of Richmond and Baltimore and others of seventy-five or one hundred years ago, to whom gun making was a fine art.—Springfield Republican.



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OWL LEAVES TREE FOR A HEATED APARTMENT

Boston, Jan. 6.—Boston's owl visitor has changed his daily roosting place from the gnarled branching of an old tree in the Granary Burying Ground on Tremont street to the chimney top in the rear of the N tman photo studio on Park street.

The feathered stranger whose advent has been the cause of much newspaper publicity the last few days ably demonstrated his wisdom in making the change, for in his new position he not only gets shelter from the wind behind a chimney adjacent to the one on which he roosts but likewise has a heated apartment, which is apparently much to his liking.

Mrs. Denys Bourdon of the Notman studio first observed the owl in its new home while looking out of the office window yesterday morning. The bird snuggled up against the chimney that runs close beside the one on which it was perched, apparently deep in slumber.

Somebody rapped on a window pane and the bird's head came up

erect in an instant, while two orbs gazed on the spectators less than 20 feet away. Then, evidently satisfied that it would not be molested, the owl nestled closer to the chimney, dropped off into another nap and remained there until night-fall.

There has been a noticeable lack of sparrows in the locality since the owl arrived. It feasts on these smaller birds during the night, when it can best see, and comes back at daybreak to rest up for another attack as soon as sunset drives the sparrows to trees and bushes for the night. Mice also form a portion of the owl's menu whenever it comes across one in its nightly travels.

This owl in particular is much larger than the ordinary owl of that species, being about a foot tall. Its plumage resembles that of the partridge.

Many persons who have watched the feathered visitor and who have seen the owl that has been visiting Boston the last three years believe it the same bird.

SAYS HE LIKES THE MAINE WOODS

Willimantic, Conn., Jan. 2. To the Editor of Maine Woods:

Enclosed please find \$1 for the "Woods" for another year. I enjoy reading it each week as I am interested in the fishing and hunting in Maine, especially in the region around the Rangeleys and therefore am interested in the matter of a close season on moose. I might say that I wish there had been a close season on the "Bull Moose" previous to the last election. I have never had the good fortune to even see a moose in Maine except the political breed, as they are not very thick about the region in the Rangeley district where I go. It is my opinion, however, that Blaine S. Viles of your fish and game commission has the best idea, to make a close season for 2 years, instead of 5 and then ascertain during the two years how the law works. I understand that matter of winter feed is important. If the moose are to be retained and if the matter of feed can not be met then there would be little use in having a close season for 5 years. Try this two year closed season first.

Being in the newspaper business myself, I know how easy it is for people to say "there is nothing in your old paper this issue." If they knew how hard it is sometimes to find interesting matter for all the readers they would be more charitable but I do wish we could have a little more news from the Upper Dam, Middle Dam and Kennebago country

G. A. Bartlett.

ROAST WILD SWAN IS LATEST DISH OF EPICURE.

E. W. Deming, Artist, Declares It Is Delightful and Nothing Is Comparable to It.

"Epicurus," and Mrs Gazway spoke firmly. "we must really hasten. Sing your swan song to that portion of roast swan, please. " We must not be so late for the opera."

"Yes, love," replied Epicurus Gazway, meekly, as he bestowed a parting glance at the newest luxury. "All the same it is simply delicious. What will they be thinking of next to eat that is expensive."

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BLACK FOX BEARS A CHARMED LIFE

Weld Hunters Are After a Black Reynard Who Sports a Valuable Set of Furs--All Shots Fail.

(Special to Maine Woods).

Weld, Jan. 6.—Hunters say that there is a black fox in this section that bears a charmed life, for shot after shot has been fired at the glistening black beauty and he yet runs at large.

The fox, which is said to have a particularly handsome skin, has been seen and shot at a number of times by local hunters, including Guy Sampson and Carl Masterman.

Centre Hill is a favorite haunt for Reynard and it is there that many of the best known fox hunters of the town are spending much of their time in the hope of getting a shot at the black fellow, whose skin is estimated to be worth anywhere from \$500 to \$1000.

The fox, according to those who have seen him, appears to be of larger size than usual. There is great rivalry among the hunters as to who will bring down the valuable trophy.

EASY TO TEACH BLACKBIRD.

The blackbird which belongs to the thrush family, has strong imitative powers, and has been taught to speak. There is not much variety in its natural song but its voice has a pure, flute-like tone and full volume. The bird is very susceptible of being trained, and when reared by hand from the nest is capable of forming strong attachments and makes itself a great favorite.

When a blackbird is six or eight weeks old, his training should be begun. Take him to a quiet room away from any other birds, and each night and morning whistle the portion of your tune you wish him to learn, or play it on the flute. Feed him before you begin, and put a fat lively worm where he can see it. After you have whistled or played the air, say twenty times, stop, so that the bird may have an opportunity of imitating it.

If he should make the attempt, give him the worm at once, praising and caressing him meanwhile. He will soon begin to see why a reward was given to him, and will not be slow in trying to earn it. When once he has learned the tune he will never forget it, and it will pass into and become a part of his song.

After the blackbird has completed his education, he should be placed near some other singing bird, whose notes he would soon learn and blend with his own.

Put his cage out of doors whenever the weather permits, and he will tell you how pleased you have made him. But during the hot days of summer, let him be well shaded and kept cool, as heat and dry air seem to affect his voice. He will begin to sing at the end of February or the beginning of March and will continue until the fall if the summer is not too hot.

THE MILLION DOLLAR HOTEL NOT TO BE BUILT.

Through authoritative sources, coming from the principal officials of the road, it is announced that construction work on the new hotel which was to have been erected on the recently purchased Hardy's Point property at Bar Harbor, including the site of several present hotels, has been postponed for a period the length of which is now uncertain. The main reasons given are that the present probe of the New York, New Haven and Hartford and the indictment of its officials have caused the company to give up for the present, at any rate, the projects of this nature which have been planned.

The news is of a most disappointing nature to Bar Harbor people, who confidently expected to see actual building in the near future and that with the erection of the million dollar hotel, the finest in New England in point of luxury, according to the contemplated plans, a revival of the old busy and prosperous hotel days would come to the resort, together with the prosperous cottage business which it now enjoys. Business men at Bar Harbor were looking for the admission of automobiles and the building of this mammoth summer home to make Bar Harbor the most prosperous summer resort in New England.

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NEW BEAVER DAM.

A beaver dam which has been built by the beavers on the Charles Armstrong farm at Fort Fairfield is attracting much attention. There are about 18 beavers in all. These little creatures have very sharp teeth and they certainly have shown much intelligence in using them. They have gnawed down trees 16½ inches thick, also several trees eight inches through and afterwards cut off the branches, dividing up the trunks into suitable lengths for floating down to the stream to their dam. The result of their labor is most interesting and worth going many miles to witness, their work being done in the most workmanlike manner, thus showing how they have been employed. The water near their dam is about five feet deep. Their houses are built of mud and sticks and look like rubbish. The interior is a nice little room with carpet of chips, grass and moss. The doorway is under the water.

SAVING THE BIRDS.

Marsh Island, which is on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, southwest of New Orleans, and is about eighteen miles wide, has been bought by Mrs. Russell Sage for the purpose of making a bird refuge. The expenditure of \$150,000 for this purpose by Mrs. Sage is a worthy use of wealth. It will benefit the birds and also humanity, for by reckless slaughter we have caused the extinction of some highly useful birds, and have robbed future generations of both food and enjoyment.

Dr. W. T. Hornaday, director of the New York Zoological Garden, says the purchase is "the most delightfully startling coup that has been exercised in behalf of the birds of North America since the will of David Wilcox financed the National Audubon Society.

In the great annual migrations of birds between North and South, the island will be sanctuary, affording protection to transients and developing a wild life that will be of great value to scientists and nature lovers.

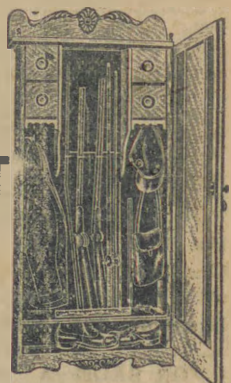
Bird protection is highly desirable not only on aesthetic or sentimental grounds, but because birds keep in check the insect world, and so are useful to man. In every civilized country feathered life should be protected, for without restrictions it is destroyed senselessly by human bipeds filled with joy merely at the thought of killing something. Laws intelligently framed and strictly enforced should exist in every state for the protection of the birds.

SPORTING NOTES.

Cinematograph films made under water and showing the submarine actions of herons, penguins, seals, and others have been shown at the Camera Club by Dr. Francis Ward, F.Z.S., says a London fishing journal. One film showed an otter actually cornering a fish and bringing up a couple of trout in its mouth. One of the trout, said Dr. Ward, the otter had caught in the usual way with its teeth and the other with its forepaw, afterwards lifting the fish to its mouth. Dr. Ward added that he had made some experiments during the last nesting season at a heronry on the Orwell in order to find out what quantity of fish certain birds consumed. He found that in 50 nests young and old birds together ate 500 pounds of fish a day.

Horatio Merrill saw a black bird which flew into the elm trees near the Elm House at West Harpswell. It was quite an unusual sight at this time of the year, comments the Brunswick Record.

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Phillips, Me.

LOCAL LICENSE GOOD FOR STATE

**So Says D. C. Cummings of Houlton
in Discussing This Matter--
States it Will Keep Boys
Out of the Woods.**

To the Editor of Maine Woods:
Many favor a resident's license. Is there anyone that don't? I would like to hear from him, giving reasons. I, for several reasons, favor compelling every bonafide resident of this state over 14 years of age, to take out a license for the right to carry a gun at any season of the year.

Such a law would keep the guns out of the small boys' hands, prevent many accidents and save the lives of thousands of our small birds every year.

Another important point in favor of residents' license law, it will check foreign born non-residents from carrying their guns into the woods, killing hundreds of our big game every year. The wardens will have a chance to know who has and who has not a right to hunt, and if they should meet a person with a gun, and no license, the rest would be easy.

It does not matter about the price of the license. Such a law would be a protection regardless of that. On the other hand, is there any reason why a resident hunter should not contribute at least one dollar a year, to be expended for the protection of our game?

Any person posted on the conditions know that our big game is on the decrease, especially in northern Maine, and it is due solely to the want of protection.

D. C. Cummings, Houlton, Me.

THE DEATH ORCHID.

**Its Lethal Odor Has the Effect of
a Powerful Narcotic.**

The death orchid of the Venezuelan Indians has been proved to be no mere campfire yarn.

Years ago an orchid hunter, Grayson, set out to find "El Lugar de los Flores Venenosos"—that is, "the place of the poisonous flowers" which was said to be located in the dense and pathless wilderness occupying the vast stretches between the headwaters of the Orinoco and the Andes. Two weeks passed without any incident out of the ordinary. But one morning there was a perceptible smell of flowers in the air. When the orchid hunt-

er and his Indians camped that night the jungle smells had been entirely lost in the cloying scent. Many of the band refused to go farther.

As Grayson and the others proceeded the rankly sweet and oppressive odor became stronger, attacking the senses like a narcotic. One after another the remaining Indians collapsed till only Grayson and the guide were left, pushing onward. The orchid hunter felt as if he was being attacked by the insidious power of opium, but retained enough consciousness to become aware that gleaming through the trees ahead, he saw flowers of huge size and vivid colors, many huge clusters of them hanging in trails.

It was the dead orchid!

When he recovered his senses he found himself being carried back to camp, where the rest of his porters had remained. Many of the band were severely sick and many half witted with the continued effect of the scent.—Suburban Life.

WOODPECKERS OF LARGE SIZE.

**Species that Abound in Mexico and
Central America Attain Large
Proportions.**

To those readers who may only be familiar with the average sized woodpeckers found in this country, it will be interesting to know that there are species in this famous group of birds in existence, which, even when compared with such sizable species as the well-known "flicker," appear in proportion like great ravens, placed by their lesser congeners, the garrulous magpies.

Our common pileated woodpecker, which ranges over North America at large, may attain a length of nearly 20 inches, while the handsome black woodpeckers of northern Europe, the pic noir of the French, averages but three or four inches smaller.

Both of these, however, undersize the true giants of this interesting race of birds, for our ponderous ivory-billed woodpecker, now found only in the wilder timbered districts of the gulf-states, has a length of 21 inches and a wing extent of nearly a yard. The magnificent imperial woodpecker of Mexico and Central America is even larger by an inch or more than the last-

named species, and is truly a most remarkable bird.

There is one very peculiar thing about these big woodpeckers, and that is in their general coloration they are all of a greasy black, with white markings, and the males have brilliant scarlet crests or other color areas of the same on their heads.

The imperial and the ivory-billed have powerful white, chisel-cutting bills, capable of making great havoc with the partly decayed trunks of forest trees, where they search for the pine-destroying insects which constitute their chief food.

A COLLECTION OF SUNSETS

(Written for Maine Woods.)

Otisfield, Me., Jan. 3.—For years I have been making a collection of sunsets and have also quite a collection of clouds at all times of day.

Of course I cannot show them to others but they are mine all the same. What is it to own a thing anyway? One has not to keep a material grasp of things in order to own them. If so, we own very little in life. I find, often that enjoyment is ownership, but all ownership is not enjoyment.

Therefore I own the sunsets and the clouds and floating mist and bright sunbeams for I have enjoyed them, and looked at them as admiringly and lovingly and freely as anything which I ever owned. What if I did not gather them up physically and transport them with my other worldly goods, they are mine, placed in the gallery of memory where I can look at them when I choose.

In gathering sunsets one has many surprises, or at least I did, for I had no idea there was nearly as much beauty in the sky, even at an ordinary sort of sunset which one would not commonly notice at all.

The unusual sunsets do not have all the beauty,—all of them are unusual, when you come to look at them and watch the grand colors gradually change into each other;—the beautiful yellow expanse of open sky, the ocean blue clouds that turn red, violet, purple by turns. And the expanse, the unlimited generous expanse of beauty,—rapture,—rapture,—rapture!

Then I thought of all the others who did not see what I was seeing, probably not another in the little village.

They were all thinking of something else and would have considered it wasted time to have sat down deliberately and watched a sunset.

But I hope, yes and believe that most of them would have loved it as I did, had they really seen it as I saw it.

I like to think that most everyone loves the beautiful, true and good.

Gertrude I. Barrows.

SEEKING NEW KIND OF SKUNK.

Wilson Wishes One of Odorless Variety.

Washington, Dec. 26.—On or before March 4, when he quits the job, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson would be glad to hear of any reliable way of producing an odorless skunk. The Biological Survey is experimenting in the rearing of fur-bearing animals in captivity, and the skunk is quite a problem, even to the gasoline experts.

Skunks, muskrats, mink and foxes, however, are reared in captivity or on preserves under control of breeders. The large prices asked for mature black foxes for breeding purposes has resulted in confining the industry in the hands of a very few. Comparatively few attempts have been made to raise mink in the United States, but experiments are being conducted in co-operation with the National Zoological Park with a view to determining the most successful methods of rearing these animals. Muskrat farming has probably reached its highest point of development on the eastern shore of Maryland. Muskrat marshes are worth more measured by their actual income than cultivated farms of like acreage in the same vicinity. Only one other animal in the world, the European rabbit, exceeds the muskrat in the number of skins marketed.

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MOOSE MATTERS IN AROOSTOOK

**Hunter in Maine's 'Great Northern
County Says "Protect for a
Short Term at First."**

To the Editor of Maine Woods:

Through your paper I wish to express my opinion on the moose question in Aroostook county and tributaries. Our moose are on the decrease, which everyone who is posted on conditions can readily see, and something must be done to save them or in other words, check the decrease. We have a good supply of moose in our forests today, but in many sections they are gradually decreasing, not because they have migrated to other countries, or gone to hunt new feeding grounds. There is no call for it, for there is plenty of feed at home.

But our moose are disappearing for the want of proper protection. They have been illegally killed. This illegal killing is all done between the 1st day of December and the 15th of October, following, but little going on in open season. Just the same a resident license, low, checking this foreign born non-resident hunting will be one step towards protection for both deer and moose. But under the present conditions there is no other remedy as I see but put a close time on bull moose for a term of years, not too long.

Not over two years, at first, then at the end of two years, continue it longer, if thought policy to do so. Our moose are not gone beyond recall, by any means, and to put on a five years' close time on the start, will give the non-resident hunter the impression that the decrease in moose is something more serious than what it is.

We would not put so long a close season on them at the start. Here is a point that I wish to call attention to. A close time on moose in Maine means that the non-resident hunters who want moose, will have to go to the provinces after them, and when the provinces find there is a 5 years' close time on moose in Maine and the non-resident hunter has got to go elsewhere for their moose, they will increase their warden force, protect their moose as they have never done before. Keep the season open as it is now and at the end of 5 years, with liberal law, are liable to hold their business, which they are sure to build up, on the strength of the close time on moose in Maine.

D. C. Cummings, Houlton.

WANT THE RATS.

**Boys and Men Flock to Mystic River
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Boston, Jan. 2.—Scores of young hunters and trappers attracted thither by stories of the presence of hundreds of mink and muskrats have daily lined the shores of the Mystic river near the Cradock bridge dam in Medford for the past few weeks armed with guns, traps and accompanied by terriers, bull dogs, mongrels and even rat-catching cats in an effort to capture some of the fur-bearing animals. Superintendent Edwin Tewksbury in charge of the dam, and his assistants together with the Metropolitan Park police officers have been kept busy driving off the trappers, who, for the most part, have been young boys, although not a few men have essayed to secure the valuable skins from the river banks and basin above the dam.

The muskrats are so abundant that through their depredations the bank along the river above the dam has been partially undermined and constant watch is necessary lest it give way completely.

The rules governing the Mystic River Reservation prohibit the carrying of guns, traps, knives, etc.

SPORTING NOTE

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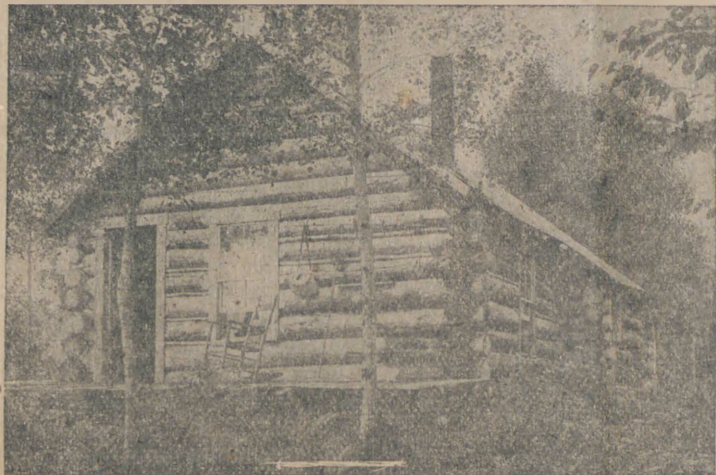
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"GIVE THE BEAVER A REST," SAYS ASHBY

Well Known Writer on Nature Subjects--Agrees with Sprague on Moose but Not on Beaver.

Caribou, Jan. 6

To the Editor of Maine Woods:

I have read with interest the report of John F. Sprague, the retiring president of the Maine Sportsman's Fish and Game Association.

In some things I agree with Mr. Sprague, but in others I have a different opinion. There is no question now, but what a close time for moose must be put in force for a term of years or there will soon be no moose in the state. In my opinion, had the law been such that each man might shoot one moose, regardless of sex, the moose tribe would have held their own as the deer are now doing. I believe two moose leave the state when one is shot.

But it is no use to cry for spilt milk; the facts are that the moose are rapidly disappearing and I sincerely hope the present legislature will pass stringent laws for their protection. So far Mr. Sprague and I agree.

I do not know where Mr. Sprague got all his information about the beaver, "that most interesting wild animal that God ever created." I'll admit they are interesting but they do more damage than any other wild animal. Why rave eternally about the beaver? Give him a rest and talk about the mink and the otter. It is true, the latter animals eat a few fish occasionally but their fur is valuable and why should they be exterminated.

The northern part of the United States and Canada is the only territory on earth where the genuine beaver is found, also the skunk and genuine porcupine. It is true that in northern Europe and Asia there is a little quadruped that lives on bark and wood, but they are not much larger than a rat. The fur is worthless and the government takes no steps to prevent their slaughter, as it does other fur bearing animals. I was talking with a Swede this morning, who says he spent years in the Scandinavian peninsula, and he tells me he never saw such a thing as a beaver dam or a real beaver till he came to Maine. The beaver builds his dam for a purpose; he cannot eat frozen wood. Beneath the waters of the pond he stores his winter supply of food; should he store it in a river or stream, it would be carried away by the current. In hot countries like Mexico the beaver never builds dams, because nature does not require him to do so.

Those who do not believe what I have written will do well to investigate for themselves.

Our "majestic" rivers in the northern part of Maine, once did teem with salmon and the people caught hundreds of them, and where they caught one, two came; but when they built mills the entire length of the rivers, and threw saw dust and refuse into the water, both salmon and trout left and returned no more, for those fish live only in pure water.

The passenger pigeon is rightly named. It is a bird of passage. All that were killed from the great flocks that used to swoop down and devour the farmer's grain did not amount to a flea bite on a hog's back. They were not exterminated, but like the caribou, they went away. They may be found today by millions on the islands in the Pacific ocean, far to the south, where the climate is cold. Why they went I do not know. Mr. Sprague, I believe, is much interested in fish hatcheries; those institutions cost the state a lot of money; we have one here at Caribou. The way the business is done up this way doesn't do anyone much good. The fish are taken from the hatchery in cans and dumped in deep water in some lake or stream. Now any freckled face boy, who fishes with an alder pole with a nail for a sinker will tell us that big fish eat the little ones. Instinct tells the little fish that are hatched in a natural way in brooks and lakes to scoot for the shallow water where

the big fish cannot come; but the fry from the hatchery do not try to get out of the way and 75 per cent. of them are destroyed. When will some sportsman advocate protecting the little fish by screens?

But this appeal for a resident license law gets my goat. Of course the rich and prosperous do not want the common people running around the woods with guns. A one dollar license for residents would work fire for an entering wedge. In a few years, by the liberal use of honeyed words and a little money the dear people would be soaked for \$10 each year and inside of a generation it would climb up to \$100, which would prohibit the common people from carrying guns.

Two Englishmen fresh from the "tight little Isle," worked on the farm for me last summer. They knew nothing whatever about firearms; they were afraid of a gun or a piece of a gun; they had never seen a revolver; they could not load a gun and dared not fire one; but they humbly asked permission to be allowed to go to the woods and cut stout sticks to fight dogs and tramps with. A resident license law is a starting point for such a condition in Maine.

Some of our military officers advocate a law to allow the boys in our schools to learn to handle firearms. Why not? It is not the men who are drilled to use firearms, that do the accidental shooting; it is not the miner, who is used to handling dynamite, who blows himself up. It is the green horn.

Suppose war should suddenly come between England and the United States. In a few days a regiment of sharpshooters could be gathered in Aroostook, or anywhere in northern Maine—young men who can now shoot with a rifle a squirrel from the tallest tree, or a night hawk out of the sky.

Near the close of the 1812 war, Gen. Jackson was at New Orleans with a handful of militia. The pirate Lafitte with a fleet craft came into the harbor and told the general to get out of that for a large fleet of British transports loaded with British soldiers was steering toward the city. But the general did not run; he hastily sent for a few companies of rifle men, who were stationed near by and stood his ground. Those young men were from Kentucky and Tennessee; as boys they had shot squirrels, driven nails and snuffed candles with rifle bullets, but they had never fought British soldiers. The world knows the result. A handful of half drilled militiamen whipped and nearly wiped out a whole British army. Although the war was over, that was the most important battle ever fought in the United States territory, because it showed the nations of Europe that the undrilled woodsmen are the best marksmen in the world.

But take the guns from the farmers and lumbermen and the result would be different.

The wild lands of the state once belonged to the people of Maine, but a vicious law caused them to pass to a monopoly. The wild game still belongs to the people of the state, to rich and poor alike. Protect it properly, gentlemen of the legislature, but beware of special privileges that are sure to follow a resident license law.

I hope Mr. Sprague will take this in the spirit in which it is written. I do not wish to start a quarrel, but in order to express my opinion I have probably written things that offend some people.

W. T. Ashby.

SPORTING NOTES

Hanson and Wilcox of Avon Valley had an unexpected addition to their New Year dinner in the form of a fat young raccoon. Mr. Hanson captured him and brought him in alive, and then ensued a lively debate, regarding keeping him for a pet or putting him on the menu. But the beauty of the fur and prospect of roast coon with baked potatoes and stuffing won, and his coonship graced the festive board.

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