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NEED \$25,000 FOR FISH HATCHERIES

Senator Allen of Kennebec Says That This Amount Should Be Had at Once.

If the fish hatcheries of the state are to be saved it is imperative that the commission of Inland Fisheries and Game have \$25,000 at once, according to the statement of facts which accompanies a resolve offered in the senate Thursday by Senator Allen of Kennebec.

It is set forth in this statement of fact that there are no available funds to operate the state hatcheries with. The resolve, which carries an emergency provision, provides that the \$25,000 in question shall be used not only for the temporary operation of hatcheries, but also for the protection of fish and game.

SPORTSMEN'S SHOWS.

Date Set for the New York and Des Moines Events.

The dates have been set for the New York and Des Moines sportsmen's shows. The New York show will be held in Madison Square garden from Feb. 27 to March 5, inclusive, and the show at Des Moines from April 17 to 27.

The managements of both shows announce interesting contents and exhibits. Much interest will be taken in trap shooting at both the shows.

FISH AND GAME PROTECTOR DIES

H. O. Stanley Head of Maine Fish and Game Interests for Years --Visited Rangeley First Time 70 Years Ago.

Dixfield, Me., Jan. 13.—Hon. Henry O. Stanley of Dixfield, for many years a leader in the interest of protection of fish and game and developing Maine's resources as an attraction for visiting hunters and fishermen, died at his home Saturday night after a week's illness, following a cold contracted in Boston. Mr. Stanley was 83 years old. He leaves a son, George T. Stanley of Dixfield and a daughter, Mrs. Nellie Kimball of Malden, Mass.

Mr. Stanley was for years connected with the State Fish and Game commission, being one of those responsible for the organization of the commission. He had also represented his town in the state legislature.

Mr. Stanley was appointed on the fish commission by Gov. Sidney Perham in 1872 and he had held eleven commissions, the last one expiring Jan. 24, 1904. E. M. Stillman of Bangor was appointed on the board at the same time and served until his death some ten years ago.

At that time the artificial cultivation of fish was in its infancy, and but little was known on the subject. The commissioners had it all to learn, the means were small and but little encouragement was received from outside. There were many obstacles to overcome but the commissioners persevered.

Liberated Trout.

They began by hatching a few trout and liberating them when they commenced to feed. They could not really tell whether it was a success or not, as there were also trout where they liberated them. At that time there were only four lakes in Maine that contained land-locked salmon. Mr. Stanley and his fellow members of the commission, secured some of these eggs, hatched and turned them loose in new waters where there were none when they were small and just beginning to feed. Now and then one would turn up, but the results were not satisfactory. They then commenced feeding the young fry till three to six months old before liberating them. They saw the result at once. Salmon from three to four years old would appear in many places where they were planted weighing as many pounds as they were years old.

Today there are hundreds of these ponds and lakes that contain these fish, where it is as good angling as in the original lakes. Today Maine is the banner state for fish as well as for game. It raises more trout and salmon artificially and plants them in its waters than any state in the union. This has largely been brought about by Mr. Stanley and his brother commissioners. Mr. Stillwell and Mr. Stanley set the ball rolling and had to overcome the hardest obstacles.

Besides his work on the commission and the care of extensive property, Mr. Stanley found time for other work, and about the beginning of the century he and his son commenced making the Rangeley Spinners and Stanley Smelts and other fishing tackle which found favor with the followers of Isaac Walton, but this business was given up at about the time he resigned from the commission. The right to manufacture the Rangeley Spinner was transferred to Mr. Edwards, Deering, Me.

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Mr. Stanley had fished the Rangeley lakes for nearly 70 years, having made his first trip with his father while a small boy. They (Continued on page eight.)

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EASTERN MAINE MAKES PROTEST

Residents of Section 25 Miles from New Brunswick Border Object to Proposed Moose Law.

Vanceboro, Me., Jan. 13.—Residents of eastern Maine, in the section extending inland 25 miles from the New Brunswick border, have joined forces against the recommendations of the Fish and Game Commission in regard to a close time on moose. The following open letter addressed to the legislators is their first public move toward preventing such a law:

To the Law Makers of Maine: While much may be done to make the game laws better suited to conditions existing in eastern Maine, and while many of the reforms advocated are desirable, we, the residents do not think a change in the close time on moose called for, in the section extending inland at least 25 miles from the New Brunswick border and wish to protest against such an enactment.

The country in question is largely covered with a thick second growth, forming an ideal feeding ground and at the same time making it extremely difficult to see the game without first alarming them. Since the moose began to locate in this section and notwithstanding the hunting, they have continued to increase rapidly until we probably have the best moose hunting to be found in the state.

The moose, especially along the St. Croix waters, journey back and forth to the New Brunswick side, and with the calling season there opening Sept. 15, we are at the present time furnishing game for the hunters just across the border, a month before we can legally kill at home.

How much justice would there be in a law for this locality that would create a close time against the hunters of Maine, while the same game could be attracted or would go to the other side of the line to improve the hunting conditions there, and from which under the present law a part of our supply comes due to the habits of the animals.

With the natural increase that is now evident the attraction to the non-resident hunters, and the opening up of a region but little hunted, there would still bring to Maine the sportsmen, who would naturally be drawn outside of the state when the regions heretofore furnishing the hunting grounds are closed because of the failing supply.

The farmer, when one pasture is too closely grazed, gives it a rest by opening his other fields. Would not the same arrangement work best in the game interests? Close (Continued on page 5.)

"NOT PANTHERS," SAYS JACKMAN

"Lynx," States Former Strong Boy in Interview on "Panther Scare" with Lewiston People.

A. L. Jackman, formerly of Strong, has written the Lewiston Sun a letter regarding the Lewiston "panther" matter. Mr. Jackman is now located in Lewiston, but for a number of years was a well known resident of Strong.

Says he: "There has been much discussion about the East Auburn panther scare but knowing what I do, it is my honest belief that there are no panthers around here and hasn't been any. The feet of the Canada lynx correspond with the tracks in the snow bank up by Maple Hill farm.

"The statement was given out about pumas but this is entirely out of reason for these animals inhabit the Rocky Mountain region and never come this way. The story that Mr. Dignard reports about tracks as large as a man's hand is due to the thaw since the tracks were made. Furthermore, I would state that I am from Missouri too and would like to know how any animal could eat a porcupine as it would be much like eating a pin-cushion full of needles.

I have traveled the woods a good deal and find that as a general rule such animals as these feed on partridges and rabbits.

"Speaking about lassoing animals if the gentleman was Buffalo Jones we might believe it as he is the only man who ever accomplished that difficult feat.

"I think it is wrong to report of having followed what is thought to have been panther tracks, as these animals are nothing but Canada lynx and there are two of these; one has been shot and if the weather permits I shall resume the hunt for the other lynx. I do not intend to hunt people's business but this is a free country and we all have the same chance.

"People of East Auburn may rest assured that not much harm will come to them by Canada lynx."

"Signed, A. L. Jackman, Lewiston, Me.

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•JOE DIGNARD SAYS THERE ARE PUMAS IN EAST AUBURN

Discredits Story That A. L. Jackman Shot a Lynx---Joe Will Take Up Puma Trail Later ---Says There Is a Mother and Cub.

That two American pumas have been prowling about in the vicinity of Maple Hill, East Auburn and Turner, is the opinion of Joe Dignard of Sabattus, who is well known in Phillips and this locality.

Mr. Dignard is known in this vicinity as a bear and panther hunter, for it was he who attempted to lay low the famous Madrid panther and later the Weld bears.

There has been great excitement over the matter of the panther reported, seen and heard in the vicinity of Maple Hill in East Auburn. The various reports so excited the fancy of Hunter and Trapper Dignard that he started on the trail, if trail it could be called, and at last reports had determined in his own mind that it was a family of pumas and not of panthers which was and is disturbing the peace of that locality near Auburn, known as Maple Hill. Mr. Dignard was also much concerned over the report that A. L. Jackman of Lewiston had shot a large Canadian lynx in the vicinity of West Auburn recently. Mr. Jackman is a former Strong boy, who was always fond of hunting. Mr. Dignard doubts that Mr. Jackman shot the lynx.

From Missouri.

To a reporter, who interviewed him on the matter of the lynx and the pumas, recently, Mr. Dignard said:

"I'm from Missouri, and they have got to show me. If this Jackman fellow has shot a lynx why doesn't he produce the goods? I am frank to say that I don't take any stock in the story. I have travelled all over that territory and talked with all of the people up that way, and I can't find anyone who knows anything about a lynx being shot. I don't believe a word of it; and it isn't right to start a story of this kind, to throw folks off their guard and make 'em think that one of the animals which has been terrifying the people up that way, has been killed and was nothing more than a Canada lynx.

Knows All About Lynx.

"Now I know all about Canada lynx. They are a pretty sly bird all right. They don't look nor act like a puma. The lynx has got a short tail while the cougar or puma has a long tail. The lynx is more like the bob-cat only much larger. They are not as heavy as the cougar and their feet are regular snowshoes and they can sail right over the snow, while the puma will sink

down deep.

"When I got to Maple Hill I had a long talk with Mr. Partridge who saw the animal. He saw him close range and I guess he could tell the difference between a puma and a lynx. I showed him a picture of the American puma and he said it was an exact likeness of the animal he saw. He is positive that the animal he saw was about five feet long and stood about two feet high and had a long tail which he lashed savagely as he stood on top of the wall snarling and growling.

"Now I know something about animals. I have hunted just this kind of animal before, know what they look like, how they act and just what kind of a track they make. I have studied their habits and when I tell you that I am convinced that there have been at least two pumas, a mother and her cub, prowling around up there, it's a pretty sure sign they have been there all right.

Saved by a Lantern.

"I used to kill Canada lynx when I was a boy. They are not in the same class with the panther, and it isn't right at all to try and ring in a lynx and discredit the panther story. I am positive the track I saw were made by the puma. They were as big as my hand and sun deep into the snow. I bet you that biggest puma would weigh at least 100 pounds. The smaller one I guess would not go over 75 pounds but the old mother is a big one and I don't wonder that the ordinary man was afraid of her. Probably her cub was right close by when Mr. Partridge saw her and it is my honest opinion that his lantern was the only thing that saved him. All wild animals are afraid of a light. If they'd attacked him, they'd have made quick work of him all right. You see after snow comes and things freeze up, they have a hard time getting food. They don't have to be very hungry when there is two of them together to attack a person.

Joe Afraid of Nothing.

"Of course, I wouldn't have been afraid of them. I ain't afraid of anything. Never was scared in my life and I have had some pretty exciting experiences. As poor as I am I would have given \$10 quick as a wink if I could have been there when those tracks were first made. I'd have had Mr. Puma before this. And I wouldn't have shot him either. No sir, I'd captured him alive. How would I done it? I would have put my pack of bear hounds on his trail, drove him up a tree, and then lassoed him. Leave it to me. I'd get him all right if I could only find a fresh track.

"We found plenty of old tracks on the Plains and could see where at least two of the animals had been playing in the snow. We know they weren't lynx because where one of them sat down in the snow we could see the imprints of his long tail.

All Watching for Signs.

"I have been all over that territory from East Auburn to Turner and have talked with everyone up that way and they are all watching for signs and tracks and just as soon as they find anything worth while they are going to let me know. But now this story about Jackman shooting a lynx up by the power house and the impression that this has cleared up the panther scare, has been given out, some people may believe it and stop looking for panther signs. Those kind of stories hurt my business.

"There is one thing I would like to say and that is that I never saw a finer lot of people than those I have met during my two days' hunt for the panther. They used me

fine and did everything they could to help me. If the weather holds good I plan to go back Monday and hit the old trail. 'Course I may go back before that. I am all ready at a minute's notice when I hear the word.

Looking for Food.

"But it looked to me as though the panthers were working north where they will find more food. You know they live principally on rabbits, deer and porcupines. I rather think we will find them up near Sumner. I know where there are some big ledges up that way and as there are lots of porcupines there, I think they may den for the winter right in those ledges.

"I'm sorry they got that lynx story going. It may be the means of the panthers getting away or hurting somebody who has heard a lot of fake stories and isn't on his guard. You can take it from me that there are no less than two real American pumas somewhere in the region of Turner."

MAINE GUIDES BIG HIT IN THE SOUTH

"Ed" Gay of Clearwater Lake, Me., Writes of His Work at Pinebluff Inn, N. C.

E. G. Gay, who conducts Gay's Camps at Clearwater Lake, writes Farmington friends that he is the manager of Pinebluff Inn, at Pinebluff, N. C., and that the Mid-Winter Canoeing club is making its headquarters there this winter. Several Maine guides with Mr. Gay have made a great hit with visiting sportsmen.

Of the canoeing at Pinebluff, Mr. Gay writes: "In the whole United States or Canada, for that matter, there is nothing that will begin to compare with it, 365 miles without a carry and no white water, and almost every bit through a country filled with game, wild turkey, wild hogs, bear, deer, quail, woodcock, coon and a variety of small game too numerous to mention, and I did not mention ducks or geese. Everyone who has taken any part of it gets wild over it."

Mr. Gay took several Maine guides with him to Pinebluff this winter. They have made a hit with the visiting sportsmen.

FURS IN SOMERSET COUNTY.

Estimated that 1500 Foxes Have Been Shot and Trapped in the County During the Year.

It is estimated that 1500 foxes have been shot and trapped for their hides in Somerset county this season. The fur dealers claim that the foxes and minks have never been so plentiful. The fox skins have brought more money per skin than in several years back. It is estimated that the hunters have realized from fox skins alone in the county nearly \$15,000. One of the most unusual things in connection with this industry, one man alone in the county caught in two days' time a black fox and a gray one that brought him a check of \$2500, and in a week's time this man trapped 10 red foxes. This is getting to be one of the greatest industries, and many farmers are making as much money hunting as they earn on the farm during the rest of the season. Many have earned enough money from catching foxes and skunks to pay the mortgages on their farms. A fox skin on the average this year brings \$5. One farmer this winter let his dog out of doors in the morning and it immediately left for the woods. Along in the middle of the forenoon the man while sitting in the house heard a noise in the entry and opened the door and a red fox closely followed by a dog rushed in. The kitchen window was open, and before the man could stop it the fox had made a leap for it, but when he did he knocked the stick out that held the window up and he was caught by the window as it fell and was then killed.

WRITER FAVORS USE OF THE RIFLE

Says That Many Deer Wounded with Buck Shot Live to Finally Die in Agony.

The following story, clipped from "Our Dumb Animals," points its own moral. There has been much said regarding the use of shot guns loaded with buck shot. Here is one of the latest contributions on the subject.

"Another open season for deer has just closed in Massachusetts. What have these poor creatures ever done to man that so many of them should meet death in such unspeakably cruel forms as are described to us in the articles we quote below? It is because of the savage brutality of so many hunters who mutilate and murder that we would have the state either humanely exterminate all our deer, or spend the necessary money to confine them within the limits of a great reservation. The following are but illustrations of what has just taken place in the eight counties of this noble Commonwealth in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twelve:

"The buck was first sighted by Mr. Taber in the rear of his home. Mr. Taber took a quick shot at the deer and broke one of its legs. The deer started to hobble away and Mr. Taber also started in chase. Lyman Grinnell, who was also out looking for deer, joined in the chase and took a shot at the wounded deer, placing a charge in its side. The deer ran down to the mill stream where it was seen by Mrs. David Terry, who, with the aid of Frank Barrows and Stephen Hathaway, kept the deer in the water until Freeman Sellars arrived on the spot with his gun and he placed another shot in the side of the deer and also succeeded in breaking another leg. The deer made a brave effort to escape its pursuers and hobbled across a field on a run. It was then that Mr. Hathaway did a circus stunt. He headed off the deer and jumped on its back, bringing the deer to the ground. It was held there with difficulty by the men despite its wounds and loss of blood. It was finally dispatched by Charles Strange, who cut its throat with a knife. The deer weighed about 200 pounds.

"Hunters near Jacob's Ladder reported stories of brutality that have been done by amateur hunters on deer this season. Tuesday they found a deer with its lower jaw shot away and the animal was dying. They found a large buck with one of its rear legs shot away and on Wednesday they found a small doe so full of buckshot holes that it could not walk.

"A special deputy game warden of long experience and familiar with deer and hunting methods, writes us, and says he spent six days of the open season in the woods; that the whole thing was a sickening and cruel procedure and a disgrace to the state. Boys in knee pants were firing at any thing that moved. Six deer, to his personal knowledge, badly wounded, escaped. The woods contain many injured animals. Much shooting was done by moonlight which resulted in maiming a large number of deer. Let the state put competent riflemen into the field and kill off the surplus deer--this is his suggestion--and send the carcasses to charitable institutions for food. Massachusetts, he continues, is too thickly settled to allow high power rifle shooting, and nothing else is fit. The shotgun is a mangler. F. H. R.

"F. H. R." is correct. The shotgun is a mangler. Rifles should be

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used for deer shooting. We are reminded of the manner in which the gun shooting buck shot is denounced by the hero of the Leatherstocking Tales. Let us be sportsmen, whatever else we are.--Editor.

GILA MONSTER AND RATTLER IN FIGHT

Thrice Snake Sprang and Missed Before Lizard Seized it---Cat's Deadly Revenge.

The "rattlesnake season" this year in the Southwest was unusually destructive of life and was marked by some stamling and dramatic incidents. It is estimated that some fifty deaths from snake bites have occurred this season in the plains country and the mountain regions of New Mexico, Arizona and Texas.

E. B. Van Veen of the Pinal Mountain district tells of a fight between a rattlesnake and a gila monster. Bob Henry, on returning from his camp by the Pinal Mountain road, was attracted by the sound of a rattlesnake. Turning, he saw a rattler about seven feet long and three feet away, a gila monster sitting on an ant hill. The snake stood up from the ground higher than a man's knee in the shape of an elongated S. The remainder of his body was upon the ground behind him in a straight line. In addition to rattling, a hissing sound issued from his mouth. The gila was standing up as high from the ground as his short legs would permit. His tensed attitude indicated that trouble was ahead. Suddenly the snake sprang at the big lizard, but it evaded the stroke by flattening himself on the ground. The snake drew itself up again and struck and again missed. The third time the snake drew back and struck, but the lizard was two inches to the right. The snake started to draw back for another attempt, when the gila monster made a lightning-like plunge, and the next instant the back of the rattler's neck was in the bulldog jaws of the 18-inch lizard, which was shaking it like a rat. Several times the lizard was thrown vertically into the air, and as often it was dragged on the dusty road, with its feet vainly attempting to find a hold. But the jaws held tight, (Continued on Page Three.)

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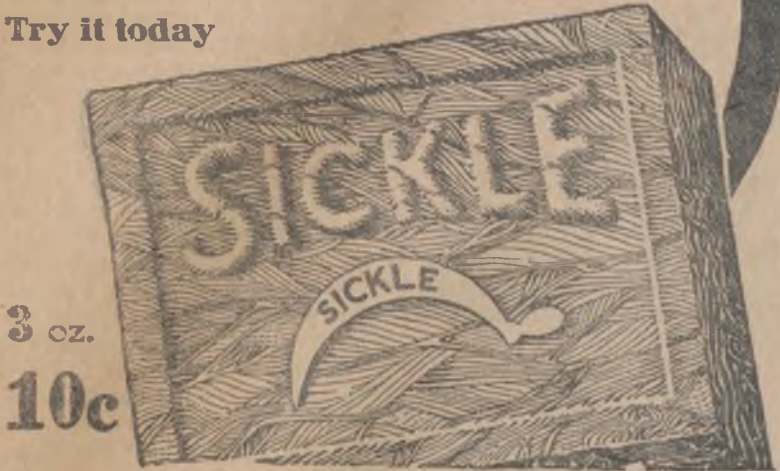
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LONG HIKE AT 70 BELOW UP NORTH

How the Klondikers Dress to Withstand the Long and Fierce Cold of Alaska.

Now that a real cold snap has struck, Maine and New England are interested to know how they get along in Alaska. Here is the plan, as told by Frank Fantius of Chicago in the Chicago News:

"It is hard for the people of this section of the United States after a cold spell of three weeks, during which the mercury ranged from a little above to many degrees below zero, to believe the stories from the Arctic coming in lately about men stampeding in temperatures of from 60 to 70 below zero to the new Yukon territory gold diggings on Sixty Mile creek, east of Dawson City," said Mr. Fantius, who was in the Klondike in 1896 and 1897.

"I am sure the gold hunters of the north are doing just what it is asserted they are doing. They have reached a degree of resourcefulness and hardness that is dit-

tle short of marvelous. Some of them travel hundreds of miles in frigid weather as that country always has at this time of the year through sections where there is not a single human habitation, reach their destination without frosting so much as a little finger, and set about the work of going to bedrock for gold with as little evidence of suffering as if walking along Michigan avenue in May sunshine.

Slogan is "Hustle."

"The slogan of everybody is 'hustle,' and they go about getting their meals, water and fuel with such vim that they seldom need aid either in camp or on the march. When, in rare instances, one of a party becomes ill or exhausted he is usually buckled in a sleeping bag on the sled with supplies and carried along with the expedition. It sometimes becomes necessary to place a hot iron at the feet of the ailing, and once in a great while a party is forced to stop for a time, build a snow house and give special care to the disabled. Those Klondikers, however, are about the grittiest men on the North American continent, and where one falls by the wayside 1000 will go through to the finish and be ready to assail mother earth with torch, pick and shovel an hour after they reach the promised land.

"They accomplished the seemingly impossible by going prepared for the excessive fridity they know they are going to encounter. Their coats are fur inside and out, their underwear is heavy and close knit, and their trousers are of sheepskin, upon which there is a growth of wool from two or three inches in length. They carry with them fur-lined sleeping bags, which they place as much out of the wind as possible at night and creep into them, carefully drawing head and hands inside. Up there men do not travel alone. Two, three or five 'mush' over the tundra together, having a sled and four to six of the wolf dogs common to the Yukon country. Upon the sled they carry their provisions, and contrary to the general belief in the states, there is always some sort of wood for fuel to be found—willow, cottonwood, fir or pine.

Gold Hunters Are Brave Men.

"These gold hunters (as Mark Twain said of another band of pioneers on the occasion of their scaling the Rocky Mountains to reach California before the civil war) are no simpering, dainty, kid-gloved weaklings, but stalwart dauntless braves, brimful of push and energy, and royalty endowed with every attribute that goes to make up a peerless and magnificent manhood—the very pick of the world's glorious ones."

"A considerable number of men who are racing this winter for the head waters of the Yukon, Sixty-Mile Creek and their tributaries, are pioneers of Alaska and Yukon Territory, and they realize as no 'tender-foot' can how much of a bonanza there may be at the end of their

northland rainbow. Some of them remember that in the little creek just out of Dawson City in 1896 Geo. Carmack, discoverer, and his party of half-breeds took out of placer claims \$1200 in eight days; that once two men in two days gathered \$4000 in nuggets varying in size from a pinhead to a pea; that three Swedes put gold to their credit at the rate of \$17 a minute all the winter of 1897 and 1898; that William Ogilvie, Canadian government surveyor found \$590 in gold in a single pan, and that of the 300 claims staked on Bonanza Creek not one proved a failure.

Butter a Dollar a Pound.

"It will not be known until May or June next whether the men who are now rushing to Sixty-Mile Creek will be 'rich in pay dirt.' They will be obliged to pursue the Klondike method of alternating thawing the frozen ground with big fires and throwing the loose dirt on 'dumps' ready for washing in the spring. In the meantime provisions up there, I learn from a former pal at Skagway, have jumped to prices that make those of Chicago considered outrageously high, seem decidedly small. So-called butter is selling at \$1 a pound; oranges and lemons, 75 cents apiece; potatoes and onions, 75 cents a pound; ham and bacon, \$1 a pound; kerosene, \$1.25 a gallon; hay, \$70 a ton.

"In the British possessions in which this new gold country is located, the rules are much stricter than in the United States. For instance, a creek claim, one running along a stream, is by law 250 feet long, and may not be more than 1000 feet wide. It is required that other placer claims shall not be more than 250 feet square. Moreover the Canadian government reserves every alternate 10 claims. To prevent useless occupation of a claim, it is stipulated that if an occupier fails to work his property for 72 consecutive hours his right to it is forfeited. There are dozens of other rules in force in the British Arctic, but in spite of them, it is asserted, illegal jumping of claims is almost unknown there."

WEALTHY INDIAN IS A DEAD SHOT

Lon Hill, Who Blazed Way for Civilization in the Rio Grande Valley, Sells Land for \$2,000,000.

The richest Indian in the world and one of the richest land owners in Texas, coming from the recently developed Rio Grande valley, was in Kansas City the other day. He is Lon Hill of Harlingen, Tex., a town of 2,500 inhabitants, twenty-five miles from Brownsville. He called on J. Z. Miller, Jr., vice president of the Commerce Trust Company. Mr. Miller was in his father's store at Belton, Tex., away back there in the pioneer days when the cowboys drove the herds that way to the pastures of Indian territory. They became friends then.

\$2,000,000 Worth of Land.

Lon Hill in the last two months sold land for \$2,000,000 says the Kansas City Star, and he still owns 90,000 acres in the Rio Grande valley that is estimated in value at \$4,000,000.

It may appear a strange thing to say about an Indian, but it is true nevertheless that he blazed the trail for civilization and development through the Rio Grande valley that was infested with cattle thieves, bandits and Mexican desperadoes. Mr. Hill refuses to talk about those early days and it is left to his friends and admirers to recite the story of the deeds that made for him a reputation as a fighter. Mr. Hill still has many enemies and he never is without two six shooters strapped to his belt. His long black hair falls to his shoulders and his rugged features make him a picturesque character.

Talks of Development.

"Now don't talk to me about those fighting days," he said this morning. "I guess I've had about as much trouble and fighting as any man, but I don't want to talk about that. I would rather talk about

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the development of the Rio Grande country—the corn, the cotton, the alfalfa, the millet and the onions.

"If I am going to say anything about myself I want to say that every time in my life I moved into a country and paid \$1 an acre for it that some land went up to \$50 an acre before I left there. Once that bunch of thieves and Mexicans was run out of that country it blossomed quickly. You can't find a better government or a better community of law abiding citizens anywhere than we have now and that is enough to say about it.

Some of Mr. Hill's friends recite some of the tales about when Hill, a graduate of the Texas University, gave up a law practice of \$30,000 a year to go into the Rio Grande Valley to rid it of outlaws and establish a mammoth fortune for himself.

He once purchased 4,500 acres at \$1 an acre and the wife of the man from whom he purchased it complained to her husband the price was too cheap.

"I could afford to give it to him," the seller said. "Once Lon Hill gets into this country the thieves will leave our cattle alone."

One of the leaders of a gang of cattle thieves sent word to Hill that he would kill him and braid his long black hair for bridal reins. They met by chance on the road one day. One man rode away. It was Lon Hill. Then the desperado's wife, herself a horse-woman and a deadly shot, took up the feud. She could ride at breakneck speed on horseback and empty two revolvers full of bullets into the bark of a sapling. They never met, however.

Hill's friend asked him what he would do if he were attacked and had to fight a woman.

Would Give Woman the First Shot.

"I would prove the gallantry of a gentleman," he said. "I would extend to her the courtesy of the first shot."

The Rio Grande Valley is developing rapidly now and only a few of the thieves and desperadoes exist in the outlying districts. They still hold a grudge against the man who led posses and made war on them, however.

The other day at his home an enemy fired on him from a house as he was passing in a motor car. The bullet splintered the steering wheel in the hands of a chauffeur Hill reached into the leather pockets of the car and drew a rifle and revolver. He emptied them into the side of the house as the chauffeur turned the car into full speed. Upon reaching home the chauffeur asked for his pay. He said he guessed he would go back to New York.

GILA MONSTER AND HUGE RATTLESNAKE FIGHT.

(Continued from Page 2.)

and in two or three minutes the snake lay dead on the ground.

From Flagstaff, Ariz., comes the story of John Gustafson, who, bitten in the palm of his right hand by a rattlesnake at Russell's mining camp in the Copper Basin District, has fully recovered. Not only that but inoculated with the deadly venom has cured insomnia, from which Gustafson had been a sufferer for

five years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nelson of Jerome Junction, Ariz., vouch for a story told of a fight between a house cat and a rattlesnake. The cat, the mother of six kittens, was perambulating among the little mounds of a prairie dog town when she was attacked by a rattler and bitten on the cheek. She retired to her nest under the house and for several days her head was swollen to several times its normal size. As soon as she recovered she set out in the direction of the prairie dog town and an hour later returned to the house with a big dead rattlesnake in her mouth, and showing evidence of a hard fight.

Near Bisbee, Ariz., Alfred Kinney 17 years old, encountered a rattler by the roadside and battled with it. After the snake, apparently stunned by the repeated strokes from the boy's whip, retreated to its lair and the boy was preparing to mount his horse, it sneaked out of the hole and bit the boy, and he died a few hours later.

The 18-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Otto of Skidmore, Tex., was bitten by a large rattler and died within a few hours.

Samuel Dunlap of Comanche, Tex., while on a visit to his farm in Mills County discovered two large rattlesnakes in a pile of brush and undertook to capture them alive. He procured a large fishing cord and placed them in a nail keg and took them to Comanche and placed them on exhibition. Each has seven rattles and a button.

CATS KILL AND EAT MANY OF OUR BIRDS

"Average Feline Will Slay and Devour 50 Songsters a Year," Says Bird Expert.

Herbert K. Job, the state ornithologist of Connecticut, is after the cats. He presents a strong case against them in the following statement, which he has given out.

"On the wild tract of land in Connecticut, used as a game preserve, remote from any town or village, during the first year and a half of its recent operations, the keeper in charge killed forty roving cats, and during the next year two dozen more. Many of these were evidently homeless, having relapsed into the condition of wild animals. Others were house cats, accustomed to roam mostly by night, miles from their homes. All were preying on birds and wild game. This is no exceptional case, but typical of what goes on everywhere.

"People often wonder why our song and insectivorous birds which are protected by law do not increase. The real wonder is that they have not long since been exterminated, with an army of hunting felines, especially in the vicinity of towns, roaming everywhere in the breeding season, searching for nests and young birds. If the nest is on the ground or anywhere that a cat can climb, the case is almost hopeless.

"Even if out of reach, the young when learning to fly are almost sure (Continued on Page Seven.)

SANDY RIVER & RANGELEY LAKES RAILROAD TIME TABLE

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RANGELEY

PASSENGER TRAINS leave Rangeley for Phillips, Farmington, Portland and Boston at 10:45 A. M.

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MIXED TRAIN leaves Rangeley for Phillips at 10:55 A. M.

MIXED TRAIN arrives at Rangeley from Phillips at 10:15 A. M.

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PASSENGER TRAINS leave Phillips for Farmington, Portland and Boston at 6:05 A. M. and 1:20 P. M.; for Rangeley at 6:15 P. M.

PASSENGER TRAINS arrive at Phillips from Boston, Portland and Farmington at 12:55 P. M. and 6:10 P. M.; from Rangeley at 12:25 P. M.

MIXED TRAINS leave Phillips for Farmington at 7:30 A. M. and for Rangeley at 7:40 A. M.

MIXED TRAINS arrive at Phillips from Farmington at 2:15 P. M. and from Rangeley at 3:00 P. M.

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PASSENGER TRAINS arrive at Strong from Boston, Portland and Farmington at 12:32 P. M. and 5:47 P. M.; from Bigelow and way stations at 1:30 P. M.; from Phillips at 6:26 A. M. and 1:42 P. M.

MIXED TRAINS leave Strong for Farmington at 8:45 A. M.; for Bigelow at 3:00 P. M. and for Phillips at 1:45 P. M.

MIXED TRAINS arrive at Strong from Phillips at 8:45 A. M.; from Bigelow at 2:10 P. M. and from Farmington at 11:45 A. M.

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PASSENGER TRAIN leaves Kingfield for Bigelow at 9:05 A. M. and for Farmington, Portland and Boston at 12:45 P. M.

PASSENGER TRAIN arrives at Kingfield from Boston, Portland and Farmington at 6:35 P. M.; and from Bigelow at 11:50 A. M.

MIXED TRAIN leaves Kingfield for Bigelow at 8:05 A. M. and for Strong at 12:50 P. M.

MIXED TRAIN arrives at Kingfield from Bigelow at 11:15 A. M. and from Strong at 4:00 P. M.

BIGELOW

PASSENGER TRAIN leaves Bigelow for Kingfield, Farmington, Portland and Boston at 11:00 A. M.

PASSENGER TRAIN arrives at Bigelow from Kingfield at 10:00 A. M.

MIXED TRAIN leaves Bigelow for Strong at 10:00 A. M.

MIXED TRAIN arrives at Bigelow from Kingfield at 9:10 A. M.

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Thursday January 16, 1913.

As we go to press we are unable
to discover how James Mathieson
voted at the time the final vote
was taken for United States sena-
tor, but those who have counted
longest claim that he must have
gone down with his Bull Moose
colors nailed to the mast. The
opinion has been rather freely ex-
pressed in this section that Mr.
Mathieson should have stood by the
preferential primaries in voting, but,
on the other hand, there are also
those who applaud his stand for
the Progressive party.

NEXT WEEK!

Read Maine Woods for a complete
story of the doings of the Maine legis-
lature in the interests of fish and
game.

Read Maine Woods for all the Range-
ley and Dead River news and notes on
fox and rabbit hunting.

Read the new department, "The
Man from Maine." Chatty paragraphs
on matters of interest to all sportsmen,
wherever they may be.

FRESH SKUNK HIDES IN PAR-
CELS POST.

Decatur, Ill., Jan. 16.—Somebody
threw a wrench into the smoothly run-
ning parcel post machinery at the De-
catur post office today. It was a pack-
age of fresh skunk hides, mailed by a
trapper on a rural route. Because
fresh breezes were blowing in the
country, the rural route carrier was
able to bring the parcel to Decatur,
but as soon as he carried it into the
building, the clerks went out by an-
other door. The parcel will be return-
ed to the sender.

HOUND REFUSES
TO WADE BROOK

(Special to Maine Woods).

South Strong, Jan. 16.—Interest in
fox hunting remains unabated. A
number of the followers of the hounds
have been successful, including Fred
Peck, A. L. Brown, Arthur Staples,
Owen Mann and others.

There is one fox hound in this place
that refuses to wade through a brook
when one is encountered on the trail.
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THE MAN FROM MAINE

First sign of spring in Phillips.
—Arrival of some coal in town.

"Fly Rod," who is well known to
the readers of Maine Woods, took
the Man from Maine on a tour of in-
spection of the new fish and game
museum. It is certainly an inter-
esting place, but when the plans of
those interested in this feature of
the state's resources are complet-
ed it will be one of the most at-
tractive corners in the state house.

Down in the lobby of the New
Augusta House The Man from Maine
found Harry B. Austin of Phillips,
who is one of the busy ones at the
legislature this winter. Later in
the day Senator H. S. Wing of King-
field appeared and Cyrus N. Blan-
chard was also there. No man who
is averse to hearing state politics
talked should frequent the lobby
of that hotel at this season of the
year, for the air fairly vibrates pol-
itics.

E. L. Lambert of Bangor, who
travels for a fish firm of the
Queen City of the east,
has a new pet which he has
just taken on a trip through Frank-
lin county. It is a giant rooster,
whose plumage has a sheen that
might be envied by the wearers of
silks and satins. Mr. Lambert, who
is a close friend of "Wilson, That's
All" of Augusta, takes great pride
in his rooster. Now and then he
takes him from the velvet lined
bag in which he carries him and
lets him walk up and down the car
aisle, crowing lustily as he goes.
But there is one thing that worries
Mr. Lambert, and that is that the
frost will nip the brilliant red comb
of his pet. While he has not done
so as yet he has plans for a little
case for the comb, so that the
rooster will be thoroughly protected
against the Arctic climate with
which this country is blessed.

Still more about the parcel post.
A Phillips farmer telephoned his
meat man to send him a quarter
of beef by parcel post. The market
man got the beef ready in 10
pound packages and just as he was
about to mail it found a friend of
the farmer in town and sent it
out by him. It would have cost
less than one dollar to have sent
the beef by parcel post. The name
of the farmer who ordered the beef
by telephone to be sent by mail can
be furnished on request. He is a
modest man and does not care to
have it printed.

The recent freeze of fruit in
California has made the market for
Florida fruit much better. Edgar
Toothaker of Phillips tells me. Grape
fruit, oranges and lemons are now
coming from that state. There are
many people in Phillips who do not
recognize a grape fruit when they
meet one face to face. Some 20
years ago a man drove over to
Phillips from Salem who tasted a
banana and then inquired its name.
"People are getting educated in
eating fruit. Now and then some-
body comes in who looks the grape
fruit basket over and then inquires
what they are, but as a rule the
folks in this town know good fruit
and buy it. I remember a man who
drove over from Salem about 20
years ago and asked for some or-
anges. I told him that I didn't have
any oranges but that I had some
good banana. He asked where they
were and I pointed to a bunch hang-
ing in the store. Then he remarked
that he guessed he'd try one. Af-
ter he ate the fruit I asked him how
he liked it and he said that it was
fairly good, although not very juicy.
He said that it was the first banana
that he had ever seen," said Mr.
Toothaker.

For many years Josiah Maxcy was
one of the owners of the Sandy Riv-
er and Rangeley Lakes railroad. Of
course he always travelled "dead
head." But one day recently Mr.
Maxcy walked up to the ticket win-
dow at a station on the narrow
gauge road and demanded a ticket,
laying down the cash in payment
for the same. Mr. Maxcy remarked
to a friend, that it was the first
time he had ever paid a fare over
the road.

Good luck to the American Bird
Banding Association, recently or-
ganized in New York for the pur-
pose of placing identification bands
on wild birds. This is said to be th
only practical method by which or-
nithologists can study bird move-
ments and tell where and how far
they fly.

Way up here in Maine we read
with great interest that the Coun-
tess Zia Torby, daughter of Grand
Duke Micheal of Russia, is attract-
ing much attention because of her
abilities as a sportswoman. She is
said to be an expert shot and thinks
nothing of spending a whole day bag
ging grouse. We wonder if this
member of the nobility would find
as much pleasure in still hunting
for deer in the Maine woods?

In the death of Hon. Henry O.
Stanley of Dixfield, Maine loses a
man who was always at the fore-
front in the interests of fish and
game preservation. Mr. Stanley
was one of the early fish and game
commissioners. He was an inventor
of the Stanley spoon hook, which
is used by many anglers for troll-
ing. An account of his life will be
found in another column of Maine
Woods.

According to a Maine exchange of
the Maine Woods, J. W. Nash of
Livermore Falls is something of an
angler, even in winter. One day
recently he caught a five pound
pickerel and a day or two after-
wards he made a trip to Wayne
Pond and secured 13 pickerel and
two cusk, one of the latter weigh-
ing 6½ pounds. He gave away two
pickerel and a cusk and the combin-
ed weight of those he brought home
was 36 pounds.

The Man from Maine notes that
there is considerable difference of
opinion in different parts of the
state in regard to the protection of
moose. Here in the western part
the hue and cry is "a long term of
protection for the bulls," while over
Danforth way they say that they
have got plenty of moose and that a
long term of protection would be a
hardship. Maine Woods has stood
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ter protection of this valuable game
animal, believing that in so doing
the best interests of the state are
being cared for so far as it is

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doors. Come now, brother sports-
man, get out the fountain pen and
tell us your experiences. If you
have any pictures send them along
as well.

VALUE OF BIRDS TO THE FAR-
MER.

(Paper by Miss Hazel Cowing, de-
livered at meeting of Hancock Po-
mona grange in Dedham, Dec. 7.)

For a long time it has been
known that birds are of use in ag-
riculture, but as a rule the farmer
notices the harm done by the birds
and overlooks the good accomplish-
ed by them.

The birds have two important val-
ues. The first, or their working
value, is given directly to the farm
and so, indirectly, to the farmer.

The farmer has enemies to conten-
with such as weeds, bugs, grass-
hoppers, caterpillars and other kinds
of insects, but he has friends helping
him—the birds.

We have the food of birds divid-
ed into two classes, vegetable and
animal. As a rule our common birds
do not confine themselves entirely
to one class, but eat both vegetable
and animal food, although they usu-
ally rely more on one than on the
other.

Some of our most common vege-
table eating birds, or those that
feed to some extent on seeds are
the robins, bluebirds, sparrows,
bobolinks and juncos. The princi-
pal food of the junco is weed seed.
About 61.8 per cent. of seed is eaten
in every month and in September it
amounts to 95 per cent. of his food.
by destroying so many weed seeds
they render a great service to agri-
culture and should be protected.

Birds eating animal food are the
following: The robin, about 42 per
cent of whose food is animal, made
up of grasshoppers, caterpillars, an-
gleworms, beetles, spiders and snails
Although he does some damage to
small fruits, yet he does so much
good that he should be forgiven the
fault of taking a few cherries or
strawberries, when we ourselves can
no resist the temptation of feast-

ing.

The woodpeckers, two-thirds to
three-fourths of whose food consists
of insects, and helping to save
our trees and forests by devouring
wood-boring beetles, caterpillars and
ants. The kingbird's food consists
almost entirely of insects, nearly
all being injurious. The kingbird
is also useful in driving away hawks
and crows. The swallows eat great
numbers of beetles, mosquitoes and
small insects that are of no use.
Other birds destroying insects are
the sparrows, bluebirds humming-
birds, cuckoos, bobolinks, orioles,
nighthawks, bluejays and crows.

You may ask of what use are blue-
jays, crows and hawks. They sure-
ly have harmful traits, but if
care is exercised they do little or
no damage. And they kill a great
many insects and mice that are det-
rimental to the farm.

Summing up the working value of
birds we have all our common birds
eating both weed seeds and insects.
Destroying the hundreds of weed
seeds is really making less plentiful
the weeds, and killing the thousands
of beetles, spiders, grasshoppers and
caterpillars is merely saving the
corn, vegetable and hay crops, and
our apple trees and forests, from
which the farmer receives his sus-
tenance.

The second or esthetic value is
imparted directly to the farmer
through his senses of sight and
hearing. How wonderful to the
sight are the bright flashes of blue
from the bluebird, yellow from the
gold finch, red from the purple finch,
and orange from the oriole, mixed
with the more sombre colors of
brown and gray from the sparrows
and juncos. Also the steady flight
of the crow compared with the dart-
ing swiftness of the hummingbird,
the skimming of the swallow with
the jerky flight of the grosbeak.

And think of the grazd music
poured forth from the throats of the
song sparrow, robin and bluebird
in the early morning hours, and the
sweet song of the swamp robin at
evening's dusk.

WILD PIGEONS

To the Editor of Maine Woods:

The Sportsmen's magazines for
years have been printing articles
referring to the millions of pigeons
that formerly migrated through the
eastern and northern states, and
that the same are now extinct—at
least from this country.

The last issue of the "Maine
Woods," under date of January 2nd,
in the report of the State Fish and
Game meeting also declared that
there were no pigeons in this coun-
try, but I beg to submit the follow-
(Continued on page 5.)



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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—at Lake Onawa Camps and cottages, prices \$1500 to \$10,000. Camp lots, \$200 per acre. Onawa is called the Switzerland of America. Address E. F. Drew, Onawa, Me.

FOR SALE—Bellflowers, Northern Spy and Baldwin apples. \$2. per barrel. G. V. Wilbur.

FOR SALE—The unusually staunch and able steam yacht, "Wa-Wa" of about 22 H. P. The U. S. Government inspection of 1911 showed her to be in first class condition. May be inspected at Camp Bellevue, Upper Dam, Maine. Price will be reasonable to a quick purchaser. Apply to Dr. Norton Downs Fordhook Farm, Three Tuns, Pa. Or Archer D. Poor, at camp.

FOR SALE—Must go for cash. Kimball piano player and music, excellent condition, cost \$250. Savage rifle, 32-40, takedown, sling, Lyman peep sight, new, cost \$26. Winchester self-loader, .35 caliber rifle, practically new, cost \$21. Game Getter, 22-44 calibers, 18 inch, peep sight, holster, new, cost \$20, has \$3 extra ammunition. Ithaca double hammerless, Grade 1 1/2, sells \$30 net to be made to order. Winchester 22 model 1906 peep, globe and folding near sights, cost \$13.50. Write. Make offers. C. L. Chamberlin, Osseo Michigan.

FOR SALE—23 foot gasoline launch fully equipped, nearly new. A. W. English, Wyocena, Wisconsin.

FOR SALE—Edison Dictating machine. In first class condition. Inquire at Maine Woods office.

FOR SALE—Village stand, on the easterly side of Sandy river in Phillips lower village. Inquire of J. Blaine Morrison.

FOR SALE—Cottage on the line of the S. R. & R. L. R. R., two minutes' walk from station. If bought at once, sold cheap. Address J. O. Chadborn, 131 Oak street, Lewiston.

FOR SALE—A tame deer. For particulars, address, C. W. Luckin, Madrid, Me.

FOR SALE—Two second hand sewing machines in excellent condition, one nearly new. Will also exchange for wood. Henry W. True, Phillips.

WANTED.

WANTED—A young man, single preferred, as partner. Take half interest in a store in the Maine woods. Store supplies, fancy groceries, supplies for cottagers and campers, fruit and confectionery, Indian novelties, mounted heads and souvenirs. Post-office and public telephone; only store in the place. Man must be strictly temperate and be able to invest not less than \$2,000. Address D. F. E., Maine Woods office, for further information.

FOXES—Wanted a litter of wild live young foxes; Black silver or cross. Write, giving color and full particulars; also give telegraph and express address to James D. Hammond, Melanethon, P. O., Ontario, Canada.

Don't sell until you see D. G. Bean, Bingham, Maine, buyer of White Ash and shovel handle blocks.

WANTED—All the good people who subscribe to Maine Woods and all those who desire to get all out of life there is worth getting—those who do some thinking occasionally and are at a loss to know the "Why and wherefore" of things—to read the History and Power of Mind by Ingalese—see advertisement in this paper and go to your nearest book dealer and order a copy.

TO LET.

During September, October and November, this season we will take eight or 10 men only, guests, who want to hunt birds, big and small game, at the Bodfish Valley Farm. Our place is situated at the head of Lake Onawa in the Bodfish Valley, between Boarsterre and Barren Mountains. No neighbors nearer than five miles—an ideal place to hunt—good game country—Deer, moose and partridge close to the house, seen every day. Address, E. F. Drew, Onawa, Maine.

DOGS.

HUNTERS—This fall, on that bear track you will wish for a dog. I have dogs I will warrant to hunt bear, cats or lynx. The best strains of hunting Alredales, Blood hound and terriers cross hound and bull terrier cross. Also youngsters just right to train. Thayer, Cherryfield, Maine.

FOR SALE—Two good fox hounds, three years old. One coon hound, one pup seven months old. Will sell cheap. Vel Bailey, St. Francisville, Mo.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Maine Fir Balsam Pillows—Fresh from the tree. It is healthful to smell the Maine Woods. Do it at home in winter. Size 10 by 15. Cotton covers 50 cents, better covers up to \$1.00. Address J. N. Bridges, Meddybemps, Me.

POISON—TRAPPERS—POISON.

Use Goes' New-Liquid-Poison-Capsules, the quickest killer for fur animals, such as foxes, coyotes, wolves, lynx, wildcats, martin, skunks, raccoons. Kills the animals on the spot, if bait is properly taken. Now the sixth season on market with great results. Excellent testimonials. Trappers try my Goes' Fox-Luring-Bait, a real natural bait, which attracts the animals from all sides to the place where trap or poison bait is laid. Two pound can enough to catch 15 foxes, \$1.00. Write for free circular and mention this paper. Edmund Goes, Milwaukee, Wis., Station E.

RANGELEY MAN FIGURES IN FIGHT

James Mathieson Prominent in Senatorial Contest at Augusta Which Resulted in Burleigh's Election.

Hon. Edwin C. Burleigh was elected a United States senator Wednesday by the joint vote of the Maine house and senate, the vote being, Burleigh, 91; Gardiner, 82; Thompson (Progressive) 7.

Without a moment's loss of time after the result of the ballot became known it was announced that a formal protest of the election of Mr. Burleigh would be filed with the United States senate on the ground that the election is not legal because postmasters having no right to take part in such an election aided and brought about his election.

Mathieson in the Lime Light.

There were many dramatic scenes in the house and senate Tuesday, when the voting resulted in a deadlock of 72 and 72. James Mathieson of Rangeley was in the lime light from the time the fight started until it finished.

The question of members of the legislature having a right to vote if they were postmasters came up when Mr. Newbert read from Section 2 of Article 4 of the Constitution of Maine, which reads:

"No member of Congress nor person holding any office under the United States (post officers excepted) nor office of profit under this state, justices of the peace, notaries public, coroners and officers of the militia excepted, shall have a seat in either house during his being such member of Congress, or his continuing in said office."

Mr. Newbert was interrupted by Mr. Austin of Phillips who wanted to know if he wished to include all members of the House holding post offices and Mr. Newbert answered that he did. Mr. Austin then called attention to the fact that Mr. Mathieson of Rangeley holds a commission as summer postmaster at Indian Rock. Mr. Newbert replied that an amendment to his order could be easily introduced at the proper time so as to include Mr. Mathieson.

Later Representative George H. Smith of Presque Isle made some remarks on the subject and made a motion to lay the order on the table. A "yea" and nay vote was demanded and lost and then Mr. Austin offered an amendment to the order so as to include Mr. Mathieson.

Mr. Mathieson Explains.

Mr. Mathieson explained that he had charge of a special summer post office at Indian Rock from May to October of each year. This he did for the accommodation of a sporting club (the Oquosoc Angling association) and that he received no compensation for his services.

Mathieson Made First Break.

The first break in the roll call, that resulted in a deadlock of 72-72, was

when the name of Representative Mathieson was called.

The member from Rangeley rose to his feet and said, "E. M. Thompson." The spectators were startled. The break was not expected.

Throughout the dramatic proceedings on the floor of the united house and senate Tuesday and Wednesday Representative Austin of Phillips was a prominent figure.

WILD PIGEONS.

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ing evidence to the contrary, by letter received under date noted:

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 4.

S. E. Stanton,
Utica, N. Y.

Dear Sir:—

Your letter of the 23rd of October forwarded to me, and I take pleasure in answering your question regarding the pigeons encountered in Mexico, which I mentioned in a descriptive article to the "National Sportsman."

There is not the least doubt that these pigeons are identical to the ones that were so numerous in the eastern and northern states forty years ago. They are the blue pigeons, and the males have red breasts. I have found them mostly in the western side of the state of Senora in Mexico, and there were millions of them.

I have been told they are very plentiful up in the Jefferson Davis Mountains, but I have not been in those mountains, but expect to be, and will write you later if I find them there.

Any letter will reach me at any time at Keithville, La.

A. B. Clingman.

I believe these statements made in the letter are absolutely correct. The reasons for so doing are several. First, no doubt the increase in population, and the terrible slaughter of these birds, with the fact that they can get plenty of food in those mountain ranges where they are, and avoid both the slaughter and the long distance of migration has put them into this part of Mexico in the mountains, and I think the sportsmen would be glad to read this article if you print it.

S. E. Stanton.

LEGISLATIVE NOTICE.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game will meet at Room No. 22, (First Floor) State House, on Wednesday of each week at 2 p. m., until further notice.

Joseph W. Allen, Chairman.
Seth F. Clark, Secretary

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MERRIDEN, CONN.

GEORGE HOAR IS BADLY INJURED

While Working in the Woods Near Rangeley He Slipped and Fell, Striking on a Skid—Other Rangeley News.

(Special to Maine Woods).

Rangeley, Jan. 14.—George Hoar was severely hurt in the woods on Spotted Mountain last Thursday morning while putting the last log on the sleds before starting for the landing. Mr. Hoar slipped and fell about six feet striking upon a skid.

He was driving a four horse team and kept on with his work until late Saturday afternoon, when he had planned to come out, having made arrangements for a team to meet him on the road that night. Before reaching home he was convinced that a rib was broken as the movement of continued walking caused a grating sensation, and upon calling a physician it was found that not only was one rib broken, but two were started from the back bone.

Mr. Hoar is not confined to his bed, suffering less when in an upright position. He is gaining as rapidly as could be expected.

A. T. Fickett, an uncle of the late Royal Bean, who made his home in Rangeley for a time several years ago, died in Auburn, January 8.

Thrown from Sleigh.

Mrs. Charles Gile was thrown out of a sleigh at the corner of Main and Allen streets, Friday and quite badly lamed.

Geo. M. Esty went to Brunswick last week to join Mrs. Esty, who has been visiting their daughter in that place. Mrs. Esty is improving in health and is expected to accompany her husband home in a few days.

The Ladies' aid met last week with Mrs. E. I. Herrick. Mrs. Frank H. Kempton was chosen president for the month and Mrs. H. B. McCard, vice president. The meeting this week will be with Mrs. Will Tomlinson.

Story of the Year.

During the year 1912 22 births, 19 marriages and 14 deaths, two of the latter being non-residents, were recorded on the town books.

The members of the Rangeley cornet band have hired the hall over O. R. Rowe's store, known as the old K. P. hall, and are meeting there for practice frequently. Several new members have been added and the older members are teaching the younger ones the tricks of the trade. Among the learners are: Constantine Harnden, Adon Hoar, Vernon Stewart, Vance and Carl Oakes, Everett Bailey and Percy Ellis. O. R. Rowe is the leader.

Martin Fuller is repairing boats for the Megantic club.

That Geo. D. Huntoon, veteran of the Civil war, and 81 years old next July, is lighter on the foot than many a younger man was proved one frosty morning recently when he danced a double shuffle by the stove in one of our grocery stores and there remarked, "If it wasn't for this old hand of mine I would go into the woods and work swamping. I feel just like it!"

Hal Tibbetts cut the middle finger of his left hand some time ago while cleaning out putty off a window and some of the paint and putty became embedded in the wound, causing a great deal of suffering. It is now hoped that the finger may be saved.

The ANGELUS, introduced in 1895, is the mother of all Player Pianos—and is indorsed by the United States Government as the Pioneer of all similar instruments, (U. S. Census Report of July 24, 1902) and is conceded to be the greatest and most human of all playing devices. It comes in combination with the world's greatest Pianos in the

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FARMER'S WIFE ALMOST A WRECK

Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—Her Own Story.



Westwood, Md.—"I am a farmer's wife and do most of my own work when I am able. I had nervous spells, female weakness and terrible bearing down pains every month. I also suffered much with my right side. The pain started in my back and extended around my right side, and the doctor told me it was organic inflammation. I was sick every three weeks and had to stay in bed from two to four days.

"It is with great pleasure I tell you what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. I have followed your directions as near as possible, and feel much better than I have felt for years. When I wrote you before I was almost a wreck. You can publish this letter if you like. It may help to strengthen the faith of some poor suffering woman."—Mrs. JOHN F. RICHARDS, Westwood, Maryland.

Women who suffer from those distressing ills peculiar to their sex should not doubt the ability of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to restore their health.

If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman, and held in strict confidence.

EASTERN MAINE MAKES PROTEST.

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up those sections that are being too closely hunted and leave open that territory that can hold its own in supply for some years to come.

Look into this matter carefully, learn the conditions first, then give us laws that will fit the localities each to itself.

Signed by: Sherman Gross, D. W. Leavdy, H. J. Crandlemire, T. H. Leveille, Raymond C. Hunter, C. G. Hewes, J. B. Hunter, W. E. Beers, Albert Finley, John Cleary, H. S. Holbrook, Jas. Cleary, H. O. Gellison, Walter Keen, Blinn Price, E. A. Holbrook, F. Crandlemire, D. C. Conner, F. H. Ross, Horace Kellogg, Stillman Armstrong, P. Blanchard, M. A. Blanchard, Frank Langmaid, Will O'Brien, Fred McDonald, Dulie Goodine, Geo. M. Grant, H. Kellogg, Jr., F. H. Ross, L. A. Field, Earl Crandlemire, Jas. Togue, Robert Clendenning, E. S. Hodgkins, H. S. McLaughlin, Guide, William Goss.

Augusta, Maine, Jan. 10.

ORDERED: That the time for the reception of bills, petitions for private and special legislation be limited to Wednesday, February 6, 1913, and that all such petitions, resolves and bills presented after that date be referred to the next legislature.

W. R. Roix,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

W. E. Lawry,
Secretary of the Senate.

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ROAD ASSESSMENTS

STATE OF MAINE, Franklin, ss. Court of County Commissioners. Decem-ber Term, A. D. 1912.

On the first day of the present term, being the 31st day of December, A. D. 1912, we, the subscribers, County Commissioners for said County of Franklin, having by one or more of our board, in the month of September, A. D. 1912, made an annual inspection of all the County roads in the unincorporated townships and tracts of land in said County of Franklin, and having thereupon made an estimate of the amount needed to put them in repair so far as to be safe and convenient for public travel, have assessed upon the following unincorporated townships and tracts of land in said County of Franklin, exclusive of water and land reserved for public use, for the repair of the County roads therein, during the year A. D. 1913, the following sums, to wit:

On the South Half of No. 4, Range 3, B. K. P., the sum of \$640.00 as follows, to wit:

Owners.	No. Acres.	Value.	Tax.
L. T. Hinds.	400	\$1,600	\$32.00
M. J. Stevens,	120	550	11.00
Joseph Fotter,	200	900	18.00
F. C. Burrell,	20	200	4.00
Coburn Heirs, Inc.,	2,200	7,000	140.00
E. B. Hill, Heirs,	2,200	7,000	140.00
Philbrick & Butler,	4,800	14,400	288.00
O. & Allen Blanchard,	80	350	7.00

To be expended as follows, to wit, in repairing the roads leading through the same and F. C. Burrell of No. 4, Range 3, is appointed agent to superintend the expenditure thereof.

On No. 4, Range 2, B. K. P., the sum of \$904, as follows to wit:

Owners.	No. Acres.	Value.	Tax.
Prouty & Miller,	2 000	\$4,000	\$80 00
Great Northern Paper Co.,	19,760	40,000	800.00
Garrett Schenck, part of Height of Land Farm,	200	1,200	24.00

To be expended in repairing the roads therein, and F. C. Burrell of No. 4, Range 3, is appointed agent to superintend the expenditure thereof.

On No. 3, Range 2, B. K. P., Jerusalem Township, the sum of \$1,051.50, as follows to wit:

Owners.	Description.	No. Acres.	Val.	Tax.
Wm. H. Quigley,	Settler's Lot No. 10,	163	\$1,500	\$30.00
Wm. H. Quigley,	Settler's Lot No. 11,	53	53	1.06
Wm. H. Quigley,	Settler's Lot No. 13,	112	137	2.74
Wm. H. Quigley,	Grant Mill Privi-lege and Lot,	12	40	.80
Frank J. D. Barnjum,	Settler's Lot No. 1,	160	800	16.00
Frank J. D. Barnjum,	Settler's Lot No. 2,	80	400	8.00
Frank J. D. Barnjum,	Settler's Lot No. 3,	70	350	7.00
Frank J. D. Barnjum,	1-2 Settler's Lot No. 5,	41 1-2	205	4.10
Frank J. D. Barnjum,	1-2 Settler's Lot No. 6,	45	425	8.50
Frank J. D. Barnjum,	Settler's Lot No. 4,	74	370	7.40
Frank J. D. Barnjum,	Settler's Lot No. 7,	122	610	12.20
Frank J. D. Barnjum,	Settler's Lot No. 8,	66	330	6.60
Frank J. D. Barnjum,	Settler's Lot No. 12,	92	460	9.20
Frank J. D. Barnjum,	Settler's Lot No. 9,	37 1-2	185	3.70
Great Northern Paper Company	2 Cottages and Lots,		50	1.00
Carrabasset Timber-land Company,	S. E. quarter as divided by S. J. Court,	6,060	12,000	240.00
Carrabasset Timber-land Company,	N. E. quarter as divided by S. J. Court,	4,380	10,000	200.00
Carrabasset Timber-land Company,	N. W. quarter as divided by S. J. Court,	5,600	11,000	220.00
Walter Rogers,	Settler's Lot No. 15,	77	350	7.00
Elizabeth L. Huse,	Mill and Land,	15	200	4.00
Mark Gray	House and Lot,	1	150	3.00
Phillip H. Stubbs,	Hotel and Lot,		300	6.00
Kingfield & Dead River	R. R. Co., Stations, etc.,		200	4.00
George Woodcock,	House and Lot,		250	5.00
W. C. Record,	House and Lot,		150	3.00
E. A. Davis,	Saw Mill Lot,		10	.20
F. J. D. Barnjum,	Height of Land Farm,	200	500	10.00
Prouty & Miller,	S. W. quarter as divided by S. J. Court,	4,260	11,000	220.00
E. S. Rogers,	Lot No. 14,	139	350	7.00
A. B. Martin,	1-2 Lot 5,	41 1-2	100	2.00
A. B. Martin,	1-2 Lot 6,	45	100	2.00

To be expended on the roads therein, as follows, to wit: \$551.50 on the road from Kingfield to No. 4, R. 2 line; and \$500 on the road leading from former site of Grant's mill in said No. 3, R. 2, B. K. P., to Somerset County line, and the Dead River road from said line to line of Highland Plantation. and George Woodcock of said Jerusalem Plantation is appointed agent to superintend the expenditure thereof.

On Washington Plantation, so called, being a part of No. 4, the sum of \$114.60, as follows, to wit:

Owners.	No. Acres.	Value.	Tax.
W. E. Dodge,	173	\$700	\$14.00
C. F. Blanchard, Anderson land,	50	100	2.00
C. F. Blanchard, R 1 and 2, Lot 6,	40	150	3.00
C. F. Blanchard, R. 1, Lot 7,	117	400	8.00
Fred Wilkins,	30	100	2.00
O. L. Chandler,	15	30	.60
Guy L. Chandler, Homestead and Lot,	50	200	4.00
Horace North and Leon Mosher,	80	200	4.00
American Enamel Co.,	169	500	10.00
Clarence Kelley,	120	300	6.00
Clarence Kelley,	140	300	6.00
Wilkins & Mosher,	156	300	6.00
F. T. Daisey,	25	50	1.00
F. M. Derby,	30	100	2.00
John Adams,	50	250	5.00
Nathan Severy,	35	100	2.00
Daniel Pease,	35	50	1.00
C. F. Blanchard, Daisey land,	270	600	12.00
C. F. Blanchard, Foster land,	110	250	5.00
C. F. Blanchard,	100	200	4.00
C. F. Blanchard, Lot No. 5,	119 1-12	200	4.00
C. F. Blanchard, Skeetup Lot,	98 1 2	150	3.00
Blanchard & Dodge,	40	100	2.00
Blanchard & Wilder,	40	150	3.00
John Townsend,	65	200	4.00
John Townsend,	30	50	1.00

To be expended on the roads therein and George Welch of Perkins Planta-tion is appointed agent to superintend the expenditure thereof.

On Perkins Plantation, the sum of \$182.50, as follows, to wit:

Owners.	No. Acres.	Value.	Tax.
Peter Merchant,	60	\$300	\$6.00
George Welch,	68	500	10.00
American Enamel Co., Hildreth Mill and Land,	20	2,200	44.00
Fred Leavitt, Asa Adams farm,	350	1,400	28.00
John O. Legroo, House and Lot,	5	2,500	5.00
C. F. Blanchard, Kelley land,	65	1,500	3.00
C. F. Blanchard, Hellen Lot,	123	250	5.00
C. F. Blanchard, H. C. McKeen land,	160	250	5.00

Owners.	No. Acres.	Value.	Tax.
C. F. Blanchard, part of Hildreth land,	10	25	.50
Frank Russell, Charles Newell farm,	125	850	17.00
George Newell Old Scho lhouse and Lot,	4	10	.20
Clarence Kelley,	25	50	1.00
Bert Lothrop,	50	150	3.00
John H. Peary,	35	250	5.00
Joseph G. Knowles,	40	200	4.00
Mrs. O. Hammond,	5	10	.20
W. W. Wilkins estate N. part Lot 3, R. 2,	80	500	10.00
Wilkins Brothers. Lot 4, Range 1,	120	250	5.00
Jones Brothers,	70	250	5.00
C. F. Blanchard, Lot 7, Range 5,	160	350	7.00
Frank Holt,	29	100	2.00
Evans & Owen Merchant,	5	30	.50
Alton & Ethel Adams	203	500	10.00
Flora E. York,	115	200	4.00
John S. Harlow,	30	100	2.00

To be expended on the main road leading from Weld to Wilton, and on the road leading to the Charles Newell farm, so called, and George Welch of said Plantation is appointed agent to superintend the expenditure thereof.

On the road leading over Dodge Hill in said Perkins Plantation, the sum of \$156.30, as follows, to wit:

Owners.	No. Acres.	Value.	Tax.
J. S. Merchant,	230	\$1,000	\$20.00
James Merchant,	120	320	6.40
O. C. Merchant,	75	250	5.00
Charles Cushman,	160	600	12.00
William Horrick,	320	1,400	28.00
W. C. Cushman, Hatch Farm,	130	300	6.00
C. F. Blanchard, Mary J. Cushman place,	160	250	5.00
C. F. Blanchard, Log House Lot,	86	100	2.00
C. F. Blanchard, Skeetup place,	145	200	4.00
C. F. Blanchard, Locklin Hill Pasture,	380	300	6.00
C. F. Blanchard, Locklin Place,	40	80	1.60
C. F. Blanchard, Gilbert Miller lot,	120	240	4.80
C. F. Blanchard, Miller & Perkins land,	80	160	3.20
C. F. Blanchard, Harrison Merchant place,	80	300	6.00
C. F. Blanchard, Henry Holman land,	70	200	4.00
C. F. Blanchard and Samuel Mc-Laughlin, Crocker farm,	160	320	6.40
Gates & Harlow,	30	100	2.00
Henry Holman,	60	150	3.00
N. S. Stowell, Lot 6, R. 6,	160	400	8.00
H. L. Tobin, Holman land,	25	75	1.50
Fred Crane, Homestead farm,	130	600	12.00
Berlin Mills Co.,	35	150	3.00
C. F. Blanchard, School lot,	160	320	6.40

To be expended on the road over Dodge Hill, and James Merchant of said Plantation is appointed agent to superintend the expenditure thereof.

On the West half of No. 6 Plantation, N. of Weld and between Phillips and Byron, the sum of \$550, as follows, to wit:

Owners.	Description.	No. Acres.	Val.	Tax.
Berlin Mills Co.,	First four tiers of lots in South side of said West half of No. 6,	4,000	\$20,000	\$250.00
George W. Blanchard & Son-Co.,	All of said West half except the above and public lots,	10,740	24,000	300.00

To be expended on the roads therein and D. W. Berry of Carthage is appointed agent to superintend the expenditure thereof.

On letter E, the sum of \$207.50, as follows, to wit:

Owners.	No. Acres.	Value.	Tax.
International Paper Co.,	17,292	\$51,876	\$207.50

To be expended in repairing the roads therein, and B. F. Beal of Phillips is appointed agent to superintend the expenditure thereof.

And it is hereby ordered by us, the said County Commissioners, that notice of said assessment be published as required by law.

S. I. BEAN, } County Commissioners
L. A. WORTLEY, } of the
H. W. COBURN, } County of Franklin.
A true copy. Attest, B. M. SMALL, Clerk

VENERABLE SALMON FISHERMEN.

Still Swinging the Rod Though Well Past Four Score.

A group of venerable salmon fishermen who have followed the lure of the rod well past the allotted time of the psalmist are brought to the attention of disciples of Izaak Walton by Prof. Charles Hallock of Northampton, who has sent to the Republican a letter from one of the veterans—John Manuel of Ot-tawa, Ont. The letter is in part as follows:—

I was very pleased to get your note on the 2nd inst., with en-closures, and to note from the phot-ograph you sent me the very smart and youthful appearance you still show at 79 years of age. I am glad to learn that Walter M. Brack-ett of Boston still lives and is able to swing his two-hand salmon rod in his 87th year. I have met him

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Let me add that two other vener-ables are M. Hardy of Maine and William Venning, ex-inspector of fisheries in the Maritime provinces, for 26 years, until he was retired by old age. He still lives in his 89th year, at Sussex, N. B.

SPORTING NOTES.

The law on wild ducks went into effect New Year's day. This law, however, does not protect sheldrake, coot, oldsquaw and wild geese. There are many of the latter birds found about our coasts during the season, bu the geese have about finished flying south, now. The Coot, old-squaw and sheldrake are found about the coast during the winter months, however.

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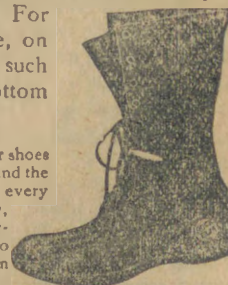
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Fly Rod's Note Book

BY FLY ROD

State House, Augusta, Jan. 7. It was a great pleasure and an honor to be received this morning in his private office in the executive department by our new Governor, William T. Haines, of whom the state of Maine is justly proud.

As I shook hands and offered congratulations, I realized that the Governor remembers his old friends, and each and all will be glad to learn that he is in the best of health, having recovered from the severe trouble with his eyes, and from every part of the state friends are calling to offer congratulations, and wish him a prosperous administration.

Long live Gov. Haines!

"Press Room," is the notice on one of the doors on the fourth floor of the State House, where the representatives of the press welcome their friends, and if too busy for a hand shake they always have a smile and a nod of welcome as they continue to "rush copy."

The pen pushers, who this winter are sending many columns each

day of the doings of the legislature, all over the country, include newspapermen that we are proud of and are: J. Clement Murphy, Morgan Flaherty, L. M. Hart, N. D. Colcord, Henry Farnham, E. L. Chadbourne, Frank Manson and Sam E. Conner.

The good fellowship of the boys, who hurry from place to place, reporting the committee meetings, and attending the hearings, seem to be always present in the House and Senate and never fail to note the newcomer. And if he stops at the "Press Room" and asks, "Can I have a pencil?" or "I am out of copy paper," they make him feel at home.

Roy Atkinson, editor of Maine Woods, was a caller Monday.

One of the delights of these days at the Capitol is wandering over the place and greeting old friends.

Often I spend an hour in the library and State Librarian Holmes has done great work during his term of office.

There is a case of old books, doc-

uments and letters recently placed on exhibition. At this time an old book is especially noticeable and many a joke and laugh it is causing. The leaves are yellow with age and I have not learned that any of those who penned their names there are now living.

On the first page appears the following pledge, dated Feb. 2, 1842. "We the undersigned, members of the executive and legislative departments of the government, hereby pledge ourselves to and with each other, a total abstinence from the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage," and was signed by practically all the state officials, and members of the legislature.

An attempt was evidently made to get the pledge as generally signed in 1843, but only about 50 signatures appear and the rest is blank.

As there is plenty of room in this book it is suggested passing it around. Fly Rod.

NEW IDEAL HAND BOOK.

The new Ideal Hand Book No. 23 is now ready for distribution. To the many thousands of shooters who know the Ideal Hand Book, no more need be said; they will write for a copy of the new edition at once.

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For the man who wants to know if it pays to reload his shells, there are tables showing the actual cost of the factory cartridge compared with the cost of reloaded cartridges, showing in detail the cost of primed shells, cost of powder, cost of bullets ready made, cost of bullets when you make them yourself, etc. The information in this book is absolutely accurate and reliable, and it will certainly make the average shooter sit up and take notice when he sees what a surprisingly big saving can be affected by reloading



his shells. The books show that the .22 Savage High Power cartridge usually sold to the consumer at \$3.42 per hundred can be reloaded with a charge that compares very favorably with the factory load at an expense of 62c per 100. The .25-20 high velocity factory cartridges cost \$1.79 per 100; you can reload them with a mighty satisfactory load at an expense of only 59c. The .25-35 and .25-36 factory cartridges sell at \$2.97 per 100 and they can be reloaded for high power requirements at 79c per 100. The .30-30 and .303 factory cartridges sell for \$3.42 per 100; you can reload the empty shells and have 100 first class cartridges for 97c.

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ICY DIP WAS END OF ICE BOAT TRIP

Experience of Four Bangor Men on Lake Pushaw—Asked for Help But Were Refused.

Bangor, Jan. 14.—Four Bangor men have discovered a new way of "passing" the time of day, or, rather night.

Here's the dope.

Go out to Pushaw lake, get an ice-boat and fare forth over the smooth surface. The boat must run free before a strong wind. Lie there comfortably and think what great fun you are having, you and your companions shooting along under the light of the moon. Say to yourself, "There's nothing just like ice boating, after all." At this moment the boat, footing very fast, must be headed directly for a small unseen strip of clear water, and the really exhilarating feature of the outing comes just as you are regretting you did not bring your wife or sweetheart. The craft leaves the ice and shoots over the water, takes the surface after the fashion of a hydroplane, and then settles in ten feet of water as would an aeroplane with the pontoons left at home.

Th's is what happened to A. B. Purington, Leslie Cutter, Sam Strickland and Ernest Hutchins one night recently between 9.30 and 10 o'clock. The ice was firm and smooth, the wind was strong, the thermometer registered five degrees and it was bright moonlight when they started for a sail on the lake. Their outing progressed as outlined above.

The wonder is that all hands live to tell the story. Somehow they managed to scramble onto the ice. Mr. Purington was especially fortunate in being able to get out, for he went to the bottom with the boat and reached the ice by crawling along the mast wire and tail board. All were soaked to the skin and it's needless to say they shivered as they stood there under the moon, at ice-edge, taking account of stock.

A second boat with three occupants, came zipping along toward them. The four just out of the water with warning shouts stopped the oncoming three just in time. Then the three walked over and asked what the fuss was about. They soon learned. The chilled men asked for a lift to camp. The three said "sure thing"; but they walked to their boat and sailed away without another word. Great spirit, the cold quartet thought, as they started on their mile-and-a-half tramp to warm quarters and dry clothing! The boat was raised Sunday forenoon.

CATS KILL AND EAT MANY OF OUR BIRDS.

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to flutter down and get caught. If one will look around near home he will often find empty nests which have been robbed of eggs or young. The cat is a born hunter, and nearly all of them hunt for wild game, even though their owners do not suspect it. It is a very moderate estimate, to assume that the cat, on the average, says one bird a week, say fifty each year.

"In most parts of Europe birds are said to be much more abundant than with us, though they are shot and trapped much more freely. A well-known naturalist, who has travelled much in those countries, considers this due in considerable measure to the comparative absence of cats. It seems to him a local peculiarity of the American people to tolerate in their homes numbers of these half-wild animals, a queer abnormal fad. In Europe the possession of cats is said to be regulated by law. A common barbarity is the practice of abandoning cats by people changing their residence, leaving them to suffer and to prey upon society. In pity I have taken these homeless, starving creatures and fed them. At one shore resort in Connecticut I have been told that there are from 50 to 100 homeless cats, abandoned by summer cottagers, eking out a wretched existence around the piers."

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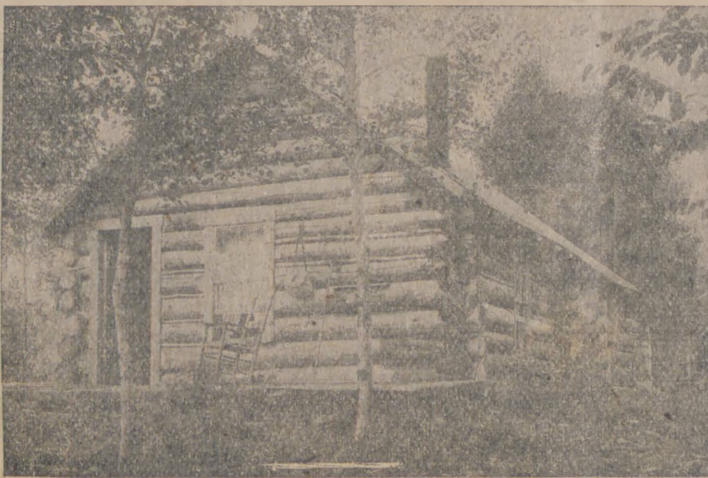
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As the plans of Mr. Barnjum are gradually worked out with regard to the new holdings there can be no other result than an increase in the valuation of all business interests in this town, for, with the increase in population that is sure to result more money will be spent in this locality.

Lumbering operations will go forward on all the Barnjum properties without pause throughout the winter. Already huge piles of logs have been landed at the mill at Barnjum, but the work at Redington has not progressed as rapidly, owing to lack of snow.

Just where a new saw mill of mammoth proportions could be located in Phillips is a matter that is being discussed at present. Some are of the opinion that the site of the burned Brayman mill would be an excellent place for such an enterprise, while others favor a location near the old Pope mill, which is near the railroad bridge.

Mr. Barnjum has associated with himself a number of men of experience, among whom is Fred N. Beal of this village, who with Mr. Barnjum owns the mile strip of timberland in Salem.

FISH AND GAME PROTECTOR DIES.

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went by team, passing through Carthage, Weld and Madrid. The trip took nearly three days owing to bad roads. By boat they went to the present site of Oquossoc and finally camped at Indian Rock. Mr. Stanley's outfit on this first trip consisted of some dozen hooks, a line made by twisting and doubling coarse linen thread, and a pole cut on the shores of the lake. While the men were making camp the first night, the elder Stanley told his son to stand on Indian Rock and catch some trout for supper. So with alder rod, thread line, and pork bait the future fish commissioner made his first cast into Rangeley waters, and landed a 3-pound trout. Later during the same trip he caught trout so large that he could land them only by pulling them out over the rock, fish which probably weighed 8 or 9 pounds.

In those days it was customary for parties to go as the Stanleys did, spend a week or two at the Lakes during the spawning season and return with a barrel of great trout, each split down the back and thoroughly packed in salt, or with smoked fish. There were trout in abundance, both red-spots and bluebacks, the latter now practically extinct.

About 1844, an uncle of Mr. Stanley, Major Bernard, was employed exploring some timber lands around Bemis and he took young Stanley and a cousin of about the same age with him on one of his trips. They went to Byron by team and then with their packs on their backs struck through the forest for Bemis. The way seemed rather long to the boys who were unused to tramping with packs, but at last they reached the lake and made their camp at Splitrock. Here they stayed for a week or more locating the best clumps of pine and estimating the timber, then as their provisions ran low, they were forced to break camp and return.

While at the lake the boys had little time for fishing, but on the homeward route they fished down Swift river and found plenty of trout.

No Sporting Camps.

All this happened before any settlements of importance had been around the lakes. At the outlet Rangeley lake was a farm of fairly good size, with house, barns, sawmill and a grist mill. At Metalluc brook was the Richardson farm. As yet no sporting camps had been built.

When grown to manhood, Mr. Stanley and his brother John (at the present time superintendent of the hatchery at Auburn) trapped for fur around Bemis. Sable was the principal fur-bearing animal at that time. Their sable line, along which they set a hundred and fifty traps, started about three miles west of the present line of Rangeley Division of the Maine Central railroad and went as far as Mountain dam on a branch of the Swift river. Besides sable they caught mink, otter, beaver fisher, skunk and fox. Why they should have found skunk so far from civilization was a question in Mr. Stanley's mind, since the skunk is rather a domestic animal in his tastes (said tastes inclining toward eggs, young chickens, corn and the like).

Still later, when the fish hatcheries had been established, Mr. Stanley and his men frequently went to the spring hole near Bemis stream during the spawning season to get trout eggs. The big fish would come up through the shallow water to the hole where they could easily be caught and stripped.

First Rangeley Camps.

George Page of New York with some of his friends built four or five log camps where Capt. Barker's camps now stand and in these the men stayed while taking eggs. These camps were among the first to be built on the Rangeleys.

Mr. Page, who was deeply interested in fish culture, afterwards built a little log hatchery at the spring hole and allowed Mr. Stanley to use it for hatching trout spawn.

With the older guides around the Rangeleys, Mr. Stanley declares that there were no deer around the lakes until the early eighties, although moose tracks and moose were plenty. At one time while rowing across Upper Richardson lake with a companion, he called attention to some cattle which were standing on the beach near Metalluc brook. What was their surprise soon after to see the cattle wade into the water and then commence to swim. The men rowed toward them and found that they were several moose which swam across the Narrows and then disappeared in the woods.

When Mr. Stanley was past his allotted three-score years and ten he still fished yearly at Sebago, besides at his camp at Weld pond. His fishing tackle was a joy to behold. There were flies of every description, big flies for sea salmon and little flies hardly bigger than "no-see-um's," bright flies and dull flies, and nearly all tied by himself and his son, as were his leaders.

True to the Split Bamboo.

Unlike so many sportsmen he did not lose his heart to the modern steel rod, but remained true to the split bamboo. Both his fly rod and trolling rod were made by Daniels and did their maker credit, for after a long term of service during which some monster salmon have been landed they are as supple and full of life as if just from the shop.

His favorite reel also, was made in the days when men took pride in the quality of their handiwork and after thirty years of service it looks and runs fit enough to outlast half a dozen modern reels.

Besides being an ardent fisherman Mr. Stanley was a famous fox hunter and many a fox has fallen at the report of his gun. One sport which Mr. Stanley enjoyed as a boy and which is unknown to the boy of today, was shooting wild pigeons. During his boyhood these birds were very plenty around Dixfield and he says he has often shot a dozen or more without leaving the village, while in the woods one could shoot as many as he wished. At that time his only gun was an old-fashioned, muzzle-loading flintlock "fowling piece," which weighed about ten pounds, had such a terrific recoil that one cared to fire it but once a day, and was so long and unwieldy that the small boys could aim it only by resting over a stump or stone. Also on damp days the flint would refuse to give a spark, but while one boy held the gun another would touch it off with a match. There would be a sizzle, a flash and a report and one boy would pick himself up from behind the gun, while the rest picked up the game, for the birds were so thick that one was sure to get one or two if he shot in their general direction. But the wild pigeons are gone, probably never to return. It was not the shooting, but the netting of them that exterminated them.

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