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COW TESTING IN WALDO COUNTY.

At a meeting, July 1, in Burnham, of North Waldo Pomona, the question, Resolved, That Cow Testing Would be a Benefit to Waldo County, was opened in the affirmative by C. C. Clements, worthy lecturer of this Pomona. He said, in part, that it sometimes happens that we must go to the old world for new ideas; that the first cow-testing association was formed in Denmark thirteen years ago; was composed of 14 men, with 250 cows. That this idea has been worked out along similar lines until now there are 11 in Wisconsin, 58 in Canada, one in Massachusetts, several in other states and three in Maine. That it is possible by the aid of these associations to find out the best paying cows, the rate per cent of profit from each, the proper feed for protein and the amount for each cow; in short, to place oneself where he will know just what he is doing and how much profit he is getting; that this can all be secured by the formation of these associations of a given number of men, with a certain number of cows, one man being employed, which can be done for about $300 per annum, this man to test and compute the profit from each, every member to have all this for $1 a cow per year.

N. L. Littlefield was called on to support the negative and he advised the patrons not to put too much confidence in that little particular man who comes around and tests out the value of the cows or the profit therefrom. He said he believed it would be better to send samples to the experiment station and let them figure out the butter fat, protein, etc., and keep out of too many of these associations.

R. L. Clements said: "It is not the cow that gives the most milk nor yet the cow that gives the least; it is the one that has the highest per cent of butter fat and lots of farmers are keeping cows that do not know themselves which pay the most in the herd; they should test them once in a while and find out what they are doing."

O. B. Dow: "These associations would be a step in the line of progress. There is no question but that it would be a benefit to know what to feed to get the best results. It is a fact, however, that farmers ought to be able to study out these things for themselves. We do not get the time and if we joined one of these associations, then we should know what in a great many cases we have to guess at now."

C. H. Libby: "I am not in favor of giving a man $300 a year for something that any one can do just as well. Put the milk in tumblers and you can soon tell which is best. The state dairy inspector told me that the Babcock test is all right, but there is only one man in 50 that can operate it properly. We can tell ourselves just as well, whether a cow is good or not, and I wouldn't give a man $300 a year and board him to tell me something I knew before."

L. E. White: "I think it is best to sell the poor ones when you find it out, but sometimes it is hard to know whether a cow is poor enough to sell or good enough to keep. The man employed by the association could tell us this and we would be benefited."

Mr. Davis: "I think this would be a benefit to Waldo County to weed out the poor cows and that would mean about one-third would go, for I believe about that number is kept at a loss."

Mr. Wood: "Let your creamery man do your testing. He will do it free and it would be just as well as to pay so much for something that could be found out some other way."—New England Farmer.

Molasses As a Cattle Food.

A correspondent of a German paper gives a description of the manner in which molasses is being used as a cattle food. At the present moment the use to which molasses can be put is a question of considerable importance in Germany, inasmuch as the export of this product to France, which formerly went to that country in great quantities, is now stopped, owing to the heavy duty imposed there. The writer in question had been paying a visit to the neighborhood of Roitsch (Prussian Saxony) and availed himself of the chance of obtaining information as to the mode and extent of the use of molasses as cattle food. He says:

My friend had asked a farmer to delay the feeding of his cows until we could be present. Molasses is served out to them at midday and in the evening, in the following way: After they had eaten about three-fourths of the dry fodder, the molasses, mixed with broth, is poured over the remainder. It was a sight to see, when the maids came with buckets containing the broth, how expectantly and greedily the animals looked for it, and could hardly wait till it was poured over the fodder. When this was done you should have seen and heard the eager consumption of the whole; any cow keeper would have been delighted with it.

We afterward inspected the mangers. They were cleaned out and licked perfectly clean—a proof that the animals appreciated this kind of feed. Milk cows, cows in calf and oxen get daily three pounds of molasses a head. The farmer takes the molasses just as it comes from the factory, and pours it into the stone trough in the feeding shed. This method of using involves no trouble of preparation or new apparatus. In my opinion it is the simplest and best way of utilizing molasses.

The farmer whose establishment we visited has been using this system of feeding for some time. It has not had the slightest ill effect on his stock, and he will adhere to it for the future. A further visit to a neighboring state, where there were eighty cows in the sheds, and over one hundred oxen, led to the same experience. In this farm the molasses had been used continuously, as above described, for a period of two years.

In commencing to use the molasses, from one to one and a half pounds a head is given at first, and after about a fortnight the quantity is gradually increased to three pounds.—American Cultivator.

E. L. Bradford, manager of the Turner Center Creamery at Auburn, whose products were shut out of Portland unless the local board of health was satisfied that the milk was coming from tuberculin tested cows, has sent out a circular to its farmers stating that the creamery is to install special apparatus for handling such products separately from the rest of the milk supply and will after July 1, 1908, pay one cent a pound extra for butter fat in products coming from tuberculin tested cows. The manager of the Turner Center Creamery states that he intends to comply strictly with the requirements of the local board of health in regard to milk products and all milk and cream that he sends into Portland will come from tuberculin tested animals.—Turf, Farm and Home.

With the hay cut to half a crop, the pastures correspondingly short and the price of grain still rising, the milk supply problem does not rest easy in the minds of producers.—Maine Farmer.

A Maine correspondent reports determination and enthusiasm among farmers in that section. This is promising for success.—New England Farmer.

General Crop Outlook.

(Specially reported for Maine Farmer.)

Harvesting is progressing steadily throughout the West, under favorable weather conditions. Returns from spring wheat show a lighter yield than was anticipated. In some sections of Minnesota it is claimed that spring wheat is threshing out only eight to ten bushels to the acre. This is exceptional, however, more farmers reporting 10 to 15 bushels, while in some localities the yield is about up to the average. Farmers in the northwest are planting more durum wheat each year, about a third of the total crop being this variety, to which practically no damage has been done. It seems certain that the wheat crop will be materially smaller than the government's figures August 1, indicated. The winter wheat crop is estimated at less than 400,000,000 bushels, and the spring wheat crop at about 225,000,000 bushels.

Receipts of wheat have been light at the market recently chiefly because farmers have been busy. A heavy movement of spring wheat is expected to begin this week. Some Canadian wheat has come to market from Northern Manitoba. The first car graded No. 1 northern, and the grain was plump and of excellent quality. The yield in Manitoba is good, averaging close to 20 bushels per acre. Exporters of wheat have held off, hoping for lower prices when the spring wheat movement starts. Farmers are not disposed to sell, however, at any recession from the present price.

Supplies of oats are scant. The crop was badly damaged, but will total about as a year ago, averaging probably below 30 pounds to the bushel, which is rather poor. Farmers are reluctant to market their oats, at least until the corn crop is assured. The supply of oats will be no more than sufficient for a normal demand, so that farmers are justified in their position of waiting.

Barley and rye crops are generous, and the scarcity of other grains will make a steady market for these. New malting barley has sold at 68 cents in Buffalo, and good feeding barley for mixing with oats has sold at 75 cents a bushel in New York.

The weather has been favorable for corn, and excellent progress has been made recently. The drouth has been relieved in all sections, and the early corn is practically beyond danger, while late corn is looking well. If there is no early severe frost the corn crop will be considerably greater than that of 1907. This danger is experienced every year, but a killing frost early enough to hurt the corn crop over any wide area is unusual. While some sales of new corn have been reported at 68 cents in New York, for export, this is not considered a fair market price. Our corn has to compete with a heavy crop in Argentina, which is being offered at low prices.

The hay crop promises about 1,000,000 tons in excess of last year's figures. Conditions were very favorable in the west, but the crop in New England was much below the average.

Apples on the whole will show a larger yield than last year, but the crop is irregular. With Maine 50 per cent below last year and New England 35 per cent below, other sections will furnish larger amounts. Nova Scotia, which supplies a large percentage of the apples consumed in this section, will show only a small loss. Western New York will supply as much as last year, but Eastern New York will be short. The middle west and the extreme west will harvest enormous crops. On the Pacific coast a crop double that of last year is expected, and the quality is said to be unusually good, the fruit being large and free from worms. In Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, and adjoining states, from 25 to 40 per cent more will be harvested than were harvested last year.

Potatoes in some sections of the West have suffered from drouth, but the damage is thought not to be large.

Fall Seeding to Grass.

In this state, and throughout all northern New England, the month of August is the proper time for autumn, or rather late summer, seeding to grass. In order to insure the stand of grass through the following winter it is necessary that it be seeded before the close of August. The plants then get well and deeply rooted in the soil before freezing weather.

When manuring with chemicals thoroughly pulverize the soil and make the surface smooth and even. This is important that both the chemicals and the seed be evenly distributed over and into all parts of the soil. For fertilizing the following formula will give good returns: Nitrate of soda 100 pounds, acid rock or dissolved bone 500 pounds, muriate of potash 400 pounds. As a rule in manuring with chemicals the more liberal the quantity applied, within reasonable limits, the larger the profits. On land that has not been overlong neglected the amount named per acre will answer well for the fall seeding. Then the next spring apply 200 pounds nitrate of soda to the acre about the time the grass starts into growth. If the land is lean by long neglect increase the application to three-fourths of a ton to the acre. Each spring after the first season's crop apply 200 pounds each of nitrate of soda and acid rock, and 100 pounds muriate of potash to the acre. Continue this as long as it returns bountiful crops.

The late Geo. M. Clark, for his remarkable crops of hay, used ground dissolved bone in place of the acid rock we have above given. Both science and practice claim the acid rock gives equally as good results, while it costs less than the ground bone.

Farmers will figure that the cost of the fertilizing as here given will be heavy. That would be true if the seeding was for one year or a single crop only. But carried out through several crops it proves to return profitable results. Besides, there is no royal road or low cost method of bringing run down land into bountiful production. It cannot be done without cost.

Sow twelve pounds timothy and five pounds red-top seed to the acre. Sow no clover in the autumn. The next spring in March or early April sow ten pounds red clover, or half the amount of alsike to the acre.—Maine Farmer.

Hog Weight Shrinkage.

Hogs shrink from live to dressed weight 18 to 20 per cent according to weight. Heavy, solid hogs shrink the least. Most packers estimate 20 per cent shrinkage, and this is about the average. This is on a hot basis, of course. There is a further shrinkage of about 1 1-2 per cent in chilling.

A test of a large number of hogs averaging 234.21 pounds of live weight showed a shrinkage of 18.84 per cent from live to dressed weight. This was the hot weight and not the chilled dressed weight; with the head on and the ham facings. The net yield of these hogs was 69.51 per cent of the live weight, figuring sides, hams, shoulders, lard, grease and rough meats or market meats.

As there were a number of hogs cut into certain English meats the lard percentage ran high, being 15.96 per cent, and the side meats 28.63 per cent; the hams showed 12.35 per cent; the shoulders 8.88 per cent; rough meats 2.17 per cent; grease 0.32 per cent; total 69.51 per cent.

A test of 83 Canadian hogs showed a shrinkage of 20.80 per cent from live to dressed weight, and another of 25 hogs showed a shrinkage of 23.20 per cent. These hogs shrank nearly 2 per cent in the chill room.—Maine Farmer.

The June make of butter the country over has largely increased from that of the same time a year ago. Correspondingly large quantities have gone into cold storage to be carried forward to the shorter supply of the winter season.—Maine Farmer.

The New Mayor

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[CONTINUED.]

"How about the election this fall?" began the financier.

"We're already growing; but, just between you and me, it's going to be a hot fight. The people at large seem to be a little sore on the organization. A few deals lately have been a little raw, and some of the papers are kicking. Good Lord! If it wasn't for the newspapers what a cinch a boss would have in running a city! It 'd be like taking pennies from a baby's bank. But"—

"Then you think there is some doubt about the election?"

"I wouldn't go so far as that. It'll be a tussle, but with plenty of cash and the right man for mayor—mark me, I say 'and the right man'—we ought to win."

"The woods are full of 'right men,'" replied Wainwright. "The money is the chief thing to consider. That is why I asked you here today. This is the point I'm getting at: As soon as election is safely over the Borough Street railway will apply for a franchise for a car line from Blank avenue to Dash street along the river front."

"I see!" nodded Horrigan. "And, as you own the City Surface line and as that is the Borough Street railway's worst rival, you want the Borough's franchise bill killed when it comes before the board of aldermen."

"You're wrong. To paraphrase your own words, you know a lot about politics. I want the Borough Street railway's franchise granted, and I want the franchise to be perpetual."

"But I don't see what your driving at. If you intend to merge the Borough Street railway with your own City Surface line its charter will become void."

"I don't mean to merge them. I own both roads, and I run them separately."

"The —— you do!"

"That's a little surprise, eh? I haven't made any parade of it. I just went quietly to work, through Gibbs, and bought up a majority of the Borough stock. Now don't you see how the granting of the franchise and the news that I control the road will work when they are made known?"

"Sure! It'll send that stock sky high. You'll scoop in a million or two."

"A million or two!" echoed Wainwright scornfully. "Nearer"—

"Hold on!" interrupted Horrigan. "What's that noise?"

He had jumped to his feet with an alacrity that was surprising in so large a man and was listening intently.

"That clicking?" asked Wainwright. "Oh, that's only the private wire in my office."

"Private wire? Any operator?"

"Of course. Why?"

"Suppose he should happen to be listening to us?"

"Who? Thompson? Absurd!"

"I don't know. I'd rather"—

"Nonsense. It's Thompson, my private secretary, a man who's been with me nine years. I trust him as"—

"But I don't. I don't trust anybody. Send him into some other room."

"I can't. In his absence some important message might come, and if he wasn't there on the very moment to transmit it to me I might lose thousands. He's all right if ever a man was. I trust him implicitly."

"Oh, all right, then. Go on with what you were saying."

"I want the Borough Street railway franchise made perpetual. Catch my drift?"

"Sure. But the papers and the property holders will make a big kick."

Alwyn Bennett.

"Let them. They'll soon get hoarse and have to rest their throats. As long as we get the votes what do we care if"—

"Yes, yes!" agreed the boss impatiently. "That's all right, but what I want to know is, How does all this concern me?"

Horrigan threw himself back in his chair, uptilted cigar in one corner of his mouth, thumbs in waistcoat armholes and eyed his host quizzically. Wainwright did not even pretend not to understand. Still, instead of giving a direct answer he went on with seeming irrelevance:

"I am a public spirited citizen. I believe civic welfare would suffer by any change in municipal administration, so to keep the present party in power I am willing to donate to it $200,000 toward election expenses."

"That sounds pretty good as far as it goes, but maybe you didn't hear something I asked you a minute ago. What I want to know is, How does all this concern me?"

"I'm coming to that. As I said, I am a public spirited citizen. I'm also a good friend—such a good friend that I'm always glad to put my friends on to anything in the market that looks particularly promising. Suppose I carry for your account at the market price (that's 63 just now) 15,000 shares of Borough Street railway stock?"

"Well?"

"If that franchise is granted, Borough stock will go up at least 25 points within two days. That would clear up for you a profit of—let's see—about $375,000."

Horrigan had pulled a pencil from his pocket and was figuring on the back of an envelope.

"Yes," he said at last; "that's right, $375,000. That would be my profit, while yours would run into the millions. That's not warm enough friendship for me."

"Surely, that is a generous"—

"Generous, maybe, but I'd like something munificent—say 25,000 shares at 63. Then at the 25 point jump I'd make—I'd make"—consulting his figures on the envelope—"something over $600,000. That sounds better to me. Hey?"

"But Mr. Horrigan"—

"You've got my terms. Take 'em or leave 'em."

"Oh, very well," conceded Wainwright, with lame graciousness. "Anything to oblige an old friend."

"Good! So we get $200,000 for election expenses, and my personal account receives 25,000 shares at 63."

"Quite so. And now"—

"And now comes the question of the right man for mayor. We"—

Again Horrigan paused, rising to his feet stealthily, like some ponderous cat, his head bent slightly, as though catching a faint or distant sound.

"What's the matter?" asked Wainwright, looking up.

"Nothing," returned Horrigan. But he did not resume his seat. Instead as he talked he began to pace the room in apparent aimlessness, yet every turn chanced to bring him nearer and nearer to the door of the adjoining office.

"You see," he said, "we must have the right man. If we don't, we haven't a shadow of a show to win. We must be careful to choose the best man possible. In fact, Mr. Wainwright—in fact"—

Thompson stepped quietly over the threshold.

His wanderings had brought him to the office door. With the last word he suddenly jerked it open.

Thompson stepped quietly over the threshold into the library, walked over to his employer, handed him a dispatch and went out again under the battery of Horrigan's glare, closing the office door after him.

"That fellow was listening to every word we said!" shouted the boss as the door shut behind Thompson.

"How foolish you are!" protested Wainwright. "He was bringing me this message. I've tried and tempted and tested Thompson in a hundred ways, and he's always rung true. I trust him utterly."

"Well, I don't trust a man living," retorted Horrigan, reluctantly convinced. "I don't sign receipts or keep accounts or write letters or have witnesses when I talk. I always make it a question of veracity between me and the other man if there's an investigation. My word's as good as any one's, and they can't prove anything against me in case of a showdown. I advise you to try the same plan. It's a good one. And in the meantime if I were you I'd keep an eye on that secretary. He'll bear watching."

"Never mind about Thompson. He's all right. Let's get back to the election. Who have you in mind for mayor?"

"Well," considered Horrigan, "he's got to be some one who isn't mixed up in politics or corporations. Some one the public isn't on to. A man with no queer past."

"I advise you to consult the calendar of saints and pick out your candidate there," sneered Wainwright, who could not clearly follow his guest's reasoning.

"No. I think I can find him on earth," laughed Horrigan. "He's got to be young, clever, educated, with a good name, a good family and social standing and plenty of cash. The cash is important, so the public will understand he isn't a graft hunter. They've got to be made to think he's in the game for purity of politics and high principles and love of civic duty and all that sort of thing. At the same time he's got to be some one we can handle to suit ourselves. That's the man who'll catch 'em coming and going. We've got to find him. Any suggestions?"

"Well, how about Gibbs?"

"Won't do. Broker and money juggler. The public wouldn't stand for him."

"Young Sawyer"—

"Sawyer was born foolish, and he's been getting steadily sillier every year since, and his face shows it."

"Ten Broeck, then."

"Ten Broeck is too fond of turning a cigarette into the connecting link between fire and a fool. And, besides, he wears a monocle. What'd happen if he was to flash that monocle in a Fourth ward meeting? There'd be a massacre."

"Well, who, then? Have you any one in mind?"

"Yes," assented Horrigan, "I have. Do you happen to know a young fellow who spends his summers near here—a chap named Bennett—Alwyn Bennett?"

"Certainly; I know him well. But"—

"Well, how does he strike you?"

"I'd never have thought of him in such a connection."

"Why wouldn't you? He pretty near fulfills all our qualifications. Besides, his father used to be a big man in the organization. Got some fat contracts from it in his time too."

"But young Bennett has never"—

"He's well off, well educated, clever, and all that. I ran across him last fall when he came over to help Lorimer in his fight in the Fourteenth. He made some rattling good speeches, and the boys all took a liking to him. A swell, but not a snob; good mixer; good fellow, popular, clear headed, no past—yes, he's our man. More I think it over the surer I am."

"I shouldn't wonder if you're right. How would you like to talk it over with him now?"

"Now?"

"Yes. He's still around the place somewhere. I think."

Wainwright rang a bell, and the butler appeared.

"Find Mr. Bennett," said the financier, "and ask him if he will step here for a moment."

"Yes," went on Horrigan reflectively, rubbing his huge plump hands together, "he's the man for us—that is," he added, with less assurance, "if we can handle him."

"I think we can," answered Wainwright, a fragment of his conversation with Gibbs flashing across his memory. "You see, I have fairly good reasons for believing he's in love with my niece, Miss Dallas Wainwright."

"So? That's"—

"And, as I control her fortune and her brother's until Perry is twenty-five"—

"Oh, it's a cinch!" chuckled Horrigan. "He"—

"Mr. Bennett is playing tennis," reported the butler, coming to the door. "He will be here at once."

"Now," resumed Horrigan, "the only thing that remains is to find out if he'll consent, and then"—

"You wanted me, Mr. Wainwright?" asked Bennett, stepping through the long window from the veranda. "Oh, good morning, Mr. Horrigan," he added on seeing the second occupant of the room.

The young man was coatless and collarless, his silk shirt being turned in at the neck. In one hand he swung a tennis racket. With the other he mopped his flushed face, for the day was hot and the game had been swift.

"Yes," answered Wainwright. "I'm sorry to interrupt your tennis set, but we want to see you on a rather important matter. We've been talking about you."

"Thanks!" said Bennett, with a puzzled smile from one to the other of the two older men. "What about?"

"Want to be mayor?" queried Horrigan abruptly.

"What's the answer?" countered the perplexed youth.

"It isn't a joke," intervened Wainwright. "Mr. Horrigan is in earnest."

"In earnest? I hope the heat hasn't gone to his head."

"You don't understand," put in Horrigan. "I control the party's nominations. The nomination for mayor is yours if you'll like it."

"Not—not really?" gasped Alwyn aghast.

"Yes, really. We"—

"But, with a whole organization full of good material, why do you come to me?"

"Because you're the man we want."

"As an answer that's excellent, but as an explanation it's mystifying."

"I'll tell you. We're looking forward to a risky fight and"—

"And since you see no chance of winning you pick me out as the victim instead of some organization man? Good idea as far as you're concerned, but I beg to decline, without thanks."

"No, no!" corrected Wainwright. "Mr. Horrigan thinks that you have a strong chance of winning."

"That's right," corroborated the boss. "It'll be a hard fight, but with the right man we'll win, and we believe you're the right man. Even if you lose, you'll show the world what you're made of. Folks admire a fighter. They haven't much use for an idler."

The coarsely spoken words brought back with a rush Dallas Wainwright's plea and his own yearning to do something to make her proud of him—to win her by great deeds—to prove his love worth her acceptance. Was this the chance—the chance he had so eagerly longed for? It seemed providential. His face alight with the joy of battle and the hope of his heart's reward, Bennett turned upon the waiting boss.

"I accept."

"Good!" yelled Horrigan, slapping him resoundingly on the back. "Good boy! Now, we'll"—

"But remember one thing, Mr. Horrigan," interrupted Bennett, and his careless boyhood seemed to have fallen away from him like a discarded garment, leaving the manhood and rugged strength stripped of all the follies and idleness that had hitherto masked it, "remember one thing. If I win this fight—if I am elected mayor—I shall never once swerve from my solemn oath of office. If"—

His careless boyhood seemed to have fallen away from him

Wainwright, uneasy at the candidate's unwonted words and manner started to speak, but Horrigan deftly interfered.

"Of course you'll keep your oath of office," he bellowed jovially. "Of course you will. That's understood."

Then in an undertone to Wainwright as Alwyn moved away the boss whispered:

"Don't butt in! Leave him to me! That silly reform talk don't mean anything. It's the way all youngsters in politics blow off steam. Leave him to me!"

CHAPTER IV.

THE next few months were a period of unprecedented toil and excitement for Alwyn Bennett. He sometimes wondered at his own eloquence. Speech after speech he made in every section of the city—in half built suburbs, in halls where nine-tenths of his hearers were in evening dress and where familiar faces dotted the place; in overcrowded, smoke reeking auditoriums, where not one man in three wore a collar and where a score of nationalities vied for precedence.

With a versatility that delighted Horrigan the candidate managed to adapt himself to every audience and, moreover, to impress his hearers with a sense of his absolute sincerity and honesty. In the crowded, polyglot meetings he hit on the plan of speaking to representatives of each race in their own language. In a single evening, so the papers recorded, he had made speeches in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish. At some meetings toughs had tried to confuse him by interrupting with questions, joking comment or insult. For each Alwyn, without breaking the thread of his discourse, found some quick reply so apt as to turn the laugh on his tormentor and turn the audience's sympathy to himself.

At last election day came and went. And Alwyn Bennett by a fair majority carried his entire ticket to victory. Even his severest critics in the organization were forced to admit that Bennett, and Bennett alone, had saved the party from severe defeat. Horrigan's judgment and choice of men for the thousandth time in the boss' crooked political career was vindicated, and Horrigan himself was overjoyed beyond measure. Nor did the fact that he had failed to oust Alderman Phelan in the primaries wholly cloud the boss' delight.

There was, however, a slight cloud on Alwyn's triumph, for Dallas Wainwright was not present to share that triumph. Within a few days after Horrigan's visit to the Wainwright place Dallas had gone with an aunt on an eight months' tour of Europe and the Mediterranean. But Perry, who at her secret request had kept her posted on every detail of the stirring campaign, cabled her the result on election night, and the following day a reply message of congratulation crossed the Atlantic to gladden Alwyn's heart. In a letter that followed a week later Dallas asked the first political favor the future mayor was called upon to grant. She begged that in his office Bennett would try to find a place for Cynthia Garrison, in consequence of which when the young man made up his list of personal appointments Miss Garrison found herself listed as assistant private secretary at a decidedly comfortable salary.

It was while she was working in that capacity in the mayor's private room in the city hall during Bennett's lunch hour one day in midwinter that her solitude was broken by the entrance of a visitor.

Perry Wainwright, redolent of bandbox and soap as ever, found his way past the doorkeeper and burst into the sanctum.

"Hello!" was his greeting. "His honor isn't around?"

"No," answered Cynthia demurely, looking up from her work with the most businesslike air she could assume. "He's out at lunch."

"I knew he would be," grinned Perry. "I timed it fine, didn't I?"

"If you knew he was out, why did you come?" she asked severely. "You know I never receive callers during business hours. If you didn't come to see Mr. Bennett"—

"But I did. Honest I did. I have a message for him. It's awfully important. He mustn't miss it."

"Perhaps you'll leave it with me? I can"—

"No; it's got an answer to it. I'll have to wait, I suppose."

He sat down, uninvited, with an air of mock resignation that was too much for Cynthia's gravity.

"Perry Wainwright," she exclaimed in exasperation, "how often am I to tell you you mustn't bother me here in office hours?"

"Now you've hurt my feelings," announced Perry in solemn conviction. "But," he added generously, "I'll forgive you, and to prove it I'll give you a peace offering. See? Your old Boston terriers Betty and Prince Charlie, and me holding them."

And he laid before her a photograph. She caught it up, with a little cry of pleasure.

"Oh, the beauties!" she exclaimed.

"We do look well in that pose," he admitted modestly.

"I was speaking of the dogs," she reproved him, with lofty scorn.

"But I'm in the picture, too," he explained. "I'm the one with the hat on. And"—

"Thank you so much for the picture. I shall keep it always. They're the nicest dogs I ever had."

"I'm nice too. And it isn't my fault I'm not a dog. I"—

"I told you once before not to give up hope. You'll grow. "I"—

"I told that to some fellows at the club, and we tried to figure it out, and we decided you were guying me."

"What clever men you must be at that club! Are you going to the administration ball next week?"

"Are you?"

"Why?"

"Because that's the answer. I've never been to an administration ball, but if you're there I guess it"—

"Don't be silly. The administration ball is a very great function indeed. I've been asking questions about it. Not only every one connected with the administration goes, but all sorts of capitalists and other people like that. I've heard that some of the biggest financial deals are arranged during that ball. Isn't it queer?"

"Not especially. There's a deal I'm thinking of putting through myself that night if I don't get a good chance earlier—a deal that means a lot to me."

"Then why wait till the ball? Why not"—

"I'd do it now, only Bennett might come in before"—

"What a worker Mr. Bennett is!" broke in Cynthia, turning very pink and hastening to change the subject.

"In the old days we thought he was the soul of laziness, but now he's working here night and day. He's not only the youngest mayor this city ever had, but I think he's the busiest too. He"—

The eulogy on the new mayor was cut short by that dignitary's appearance from the center room. As Alwyn paused to hang up his coat and hat and pull off his gloves Cynthia bent once more over her work, while Perry straightened up and tried to look as though he really had business of pressing importance with his honor.

The months had brought changes to Bennett. There were care lines on his face, and his eyes were tired. A few silver strands, too, had crept into the darker hair on his temples. There was little now about him to suggest the idler.

"Well, old man," he exclaimed on seeing Perry, "what's the excuse this time?"

"The what?" asked the youth uneasily.

"The excuse. You come here—when I'm likely to be out—about four times a week, and always with a perfectly new excuse for your intrusion. I tolerate you for the originality of those excuses. What is today's?"

"I have no need of an excuse," replied Perry, with an air of hurt dignity. "I am the bearer of a most important message to you."

"From whom?"

"From—from— Dallas is home; landed this morning."

A light came into the mayor's tired eyes at the news.

"And the message?" he asked eagerly.

"That's the message. She's home."

"She sent you to tell me that?"

"No; not exactly that," evaded Perry, wriggling uncomfortably.

"Well, what was her message then?"

"She—she didn't send any."

"Then who sent the message that she has come home?"

"Well, the fact is I sent it myself. That's why I brought it."

"Oh, you poor idiot!" laughed Bennett. "The same old excuse in a new shape! Well, now you're here, you can stay just five minutes. I'm too busy to play with little boys today."

"Little boys! I'll be twenty-two next spring. I"—

"Any messages while I was out, Miss Garrison?"

"Yes, one," answered Cynthia. "Your mother telephoned that she would be here at half past 2. She said she had a surprise for you."

"Say," remarked Perry, feeling he was being excluded from the talk, "I'd go easy on that surprise if I were you, Alwyn. I've had surprises over the telephone myself, and they're punk. Once a girl"—

"Alderman Phelan would like to speak to your honor," said Ingram, the old doorkeeper, popping out of the anteroom.

"Show him in," answered Bennett. "Now, then, Perry"—

"Were you about to ask me to stay awhile longer?" asked the boy. "Because I'm sorry, but I can't. Goodby. Good afternoon, Miss Garrison. Glad you liked the photo. So long. Maybe I'll bring another message from Dallas tomorrow."

"What can Phelan want of me, I wonder," mused Bennett, half aloud "He and I scarcely— Good afternoon, alderman! I think this is the first time you've honored me with a visit."

"Then be lenient with a first offense, your honor," suggested Phelan, shaking hands with the mayor and nodding pleasantly to Cynthia as she passed out to her own office.

"Something important, I suppose," hazarded Bennett.

"Maybe it is important, and maybe it isn't," returned Phelan. "It all depends on whether that was a true story in the Chronicle today about your vetoing the Borough Street railway bill. If you've really vetoed that bill all I'll have to do is to say, 'Sorry I can't stay longer,' and get out."

"No," said Bennett, "that announcement wasn't authorized. I haven't vetoed the Borough Street railway bill. In fact, I haven't made public any decision on it. Why?"

"I'm glad to hear it, and, that being the case, I'll invite myself to a seat and stay awhile. Say, your honor, on the level, that Borough bill was the rawest thing that ever came across. Gee, but they did their work with a meat ax!"

"Then you weren't one of the alder men who voted for it?"

"Me? Nothin' doing. I don't belong to Dick Horrigan's 'solid thirteen.' He can't buy and sell me at his own terms like he does them thirteen geezers."

"And yet, alderman, from your reputation"—

"From my reputation I'm a crook hey? Well, there's crooks and crooks. And I'm one of the other kind, if I'm crooked at all, which I deny most enthoosiastically. At least I follow no Horrigan whistle."

"Then why are you here in regard to the Borough bill?"

"Perhaps it's on the theory of 'set a thief to catch a thief.'"

"Well," laughed Bennett, amused in spite of himself by the alderman's frankness, "at least you call a spade a spade."

"I sure don't refer to it vague, but as a 'utensil.' You don't need any foot note explanations in one syllable when Jimmy Phelan's talking. Every move a picture. If I hadn't been through the game from shuffle to cash in would I be wise to what the Horrigan crowd is framing up on you now? Say, I've done some raw work in my time, but this Borough business is the coarsest yet. They must think you're the original Mr. Good Thing."

"You speak as if I were to be made responsible for"—

"And ain't you?" cried Phelan. "Sure you are. When the people get wise to what they're up against and commence to do their scream will they remember that So-and-so framed the bill and that such and such aldermen voted for it? Not them. What the public will remember is that you signed it. It'll go screechin' down the corridors of time as 'the iniquitous Borough franchise bill that Bennett signed.' Catch the idea?"

"Yes," said Bennett grimly; "I understand. But what I don't see is why you should have taken the trouble to come here and warn me of this. You've never shown any special fondness for me hitherto."

"That's right. But I've shown bunches of unfondness for Ginesty Dick Horrigan. And Horrigan's the man who's rushing the Borough bill through. Lord, what a bill! It's so crooked that if it was laid out like a street the man who tried to walk along it would meet himself coming back. Why, your honor, I"—

"Mr. Wainwright, your honor," said Ingram at the door; "says he won't detain you long."

"Let him in if you like," suggested Phelan. "I can wait. Shall I go into the other"—

"No. Wait here if you choose. His business isn't likely to be private."

"I'm sorry to break in on your rush hours," said Wainwright as he advanced to greet the mayor. "I won't keep you long. Good afternoon, alderman."

"Howdy," returned Phelan, walking over to the far end of the office, where, by falling into deep and admiring study of a particularly atrocious portrait of some earlier mayor, he denoted that he was temporarily out of the conversation.

"I'll come to the point at once, Mr Bennett," began Wainwright. "I called to see you about the Borough Street railway bill."

"That's an odd coincidence," answered Bennett. "I was going to call you up this

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Enforcement at Rumford Falls.

Some of those who heard Mr. McCarthy's address in New Hall Wednesday evening seem to have acquired the impression from what he said that the sale of liquor has gone on openly at Rumford Falls without any real attempt at enforcement of the law except by "fake" seizures. It is not really surprising that they did get such an impression.

The Democrat is not going into any analysis of figures to prove one thing or another. It merely wishes to call attention to the summary of some figures prepared by Recorder James B. Stevenson of the Rumford Falls Municipal Court and published in the Rumford Falls Times showing the business done in that court in nineteen months of Sheriff Hubbard's administration, as compared with the two years of Mr. McIntire's administration of the sheriff's office.

Briefly, it may be stated that in the first nineteen months of Sheriff Hubbard's administration, with the present deputy sheriffs as officers, there were 70 convictions for violations of the prohibitory law and $6800 was paid in fines.

This does not look as if the conditions at Rumford Falls, whether better or worse than Mr. McCarthy's gloomy picture, had resulted in an absolute nullification of the law. The figures speak for themselves.

Another thing which is not a matter of record, though it is a fact. As was said by Mr. McCarthy, a "spotter" last winter secured evidence against a number of the dealers there. He had to remain in town several days until he had acquired a standing as "one of the boys," before he could purchase the liquor which he called for. And in each instance where he did purchase the liquor, it was brought from a hide, or taken from the person of some third party, or from some other place of concealment. He did not find an open saloon, where liquor could be bought over the bar.

Mrs. Sarah T. Pratt.

Editor Democrat:

While in Newton Center, Mass., we received the sad news of the death of our loved aunt, Mrs. G. C. Pratt (*nee* Sarah T. Penley), widow of the late Capt. G. C. Pratt of South Paris. The writer has received many interesting letters from her, each one begging her to come and stay with her the remainder of her life, which now we deeply regret we did not do. In her girlhood she was intelligent and fine looking, and in maturer years retained the same beautiful nature and care for others, and after her marriage was a loving mother and devoted wife, ever willing to sacrifice all for the good of her children, and we know well that her death will make a wound in their hearts which refuses to be healed. She was a Christian, always prayed for her loved ones, attended church when she could and was in every way a high minded, superior woman. She ever mourned the early death of one of her sons, and at one time composed a poem on his death, well worthy of note, which the writer has somewhere among her papers in Bethel. There are only two left of the once large and interesting family of Joseph and Lovina Penley of South Paris.

Rest, weary one, your life work done,
From early morn till set of sun.
You'll meet your loved ones gone before,
Waiting on the shining shore.

E. P. K.

Miss Whitman Wins Prize.

EFFINGHAM, ILL., Sept. 5.

The friends of Miss Geraldine Whitman will be pleased to learn that in the gold medal contest held by the College Fraternity Friday night, Sept. 4, her work won the second prize, the silver medal. She also received very high praise from Professor Cook, who complimented her highly on the originality and individuality of her work.

Miss Whitman entered the Illinois College of Photography last April, and her progress has been constant and steady.

It is said that when Oxford County boys and girls leave their native hills to carve out a career for themselves they are always successful, and Miss Whitman evidently does not intend to be the one to occupy the back seat. She is very popular in college, and she and Mrs. Whitman have a large circle of friends in Effingham.

Rev. Dr. Henry S. Burrage, State Historian of Maine and Chaplain of the National Soldiers' Home of this state, has recently given some valuable early Dutch records of the city of New York (New Amsterdam) to Philip Baer, librarian of the city library. Dr. Burrage in his duties as chaplain came into personal contact with Lieutenant Fernow, who died at the National Home a few months ago. In the settlement of the estate of the deceased lieutenant by his brother, Dean of the Forestry Department of the University of Toronto, Canada, some manuscripts in the Dutch language were found and given to Dr. Burrage, who consulted with Mr. Baer who sent them to the Holland society for investigation. They were found to be the missing records of the burgomasters, or the administrative minutes of New Amsterdam from 1662 to 1664 and these lately discovered records supply a missing link through a most interesting period in the city's early history.

During the past year the York Improvement Society has planted some 34 trees, 1020 shrubs and 125 creepers. The village green has been kept in good order, and all trees, shrubs and creepers, have been well cared for; streets and sidewalks have been kept free from rubbish; grass has been cut and weeds have been uprooted along the roadsides and loose stones and gravel removed from the sidewalks and from the Cliff walk.

The trustees for the Maine School for Feeble Minded have engaged Dr. G. S. Bliss of Waverly, Mass., to act as superintendent of the Maine School at West Pownal. Dr. Bliss has been first assistant for the Waverly School for Feeble Minded.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

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

Paris Hill.

First Baptist Church, Rev. G. W. F. Hill, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School at 12. Sabbath evening service at 7:30. Y. P. S. C. E. Tuesday evening. Prayer Meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Covenant Meeting the last Friday before the 1st Sunday of the month at 2:30 P. M. All not otherwise connected are cordially invited.

Universalist Church, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School at 11:45.

Charles L. Case of New York arrived at his summer home here Sunday for a few days, having just returned from an extended European tour.

Hon. Edward L. Parris arrived from New York last week and is with his family at their Paris Hill home.

Dr. Charles S. Stuart of Bethel and Miss Ruth Stuart of South Paris were guests at "Crossroads" Sunday.

A subscription for the purchase of a chemical fire engine for the use of the village is in circulation and is receiving a great deal of encouragement from property owners.

Prentiss T. Ripley and family of Boston are guests of Mr. Ripley's sister, Mrs. W. F. Parlin, at the Ransom Ripley homestead north of this village.

Arrivals at Elmhurst last week are Mr. I. F. Sturtevant, Portland, Mrs. Chas. Manning, Miss Manning, and Mrs. C. F. Manning.

The annual parish meeting will be held at the Universalist church Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Annual report of the librarian of Paris Hill Library for 1908:

Number of books in circulation during the past year, 1417, an increase of two hundred volumes over the preceding year. Of this number 1199 were fiction, 48 science, 44 travels, 39 literature, 35 biography, 27 historical works, and the remainder were a few books in a number of different classes.

Largest number of books loaned in one month, 193; average per month, 118. Number of current magazines in circulation for the year, 384; number of bound magazines, 28.

We have added one hundred new books and forty-one bound magazines to the library during the past year; about half of the number have been given.

Those that have kindly remembered our book shelves are Mrs. Stetson, the Misses Phelps-Stokes, Miss May, the Misses Titus and Tappan, Mrs. E. E. Chapman, Mr. Hammond, H. C. Thayer, Dr. E. W. Hall and Dr. Mann.

Mrs. C. L. Case is still kindly giving us Harper's Bazar and Scribner's Magazine, and besides these we subscribe for the following: Atlantic Monthly, Bookman, Century, Cosmopolitan, Outing, Review of Reviews, Success, St. Nicholas and Technical World.

Greenwood.

Judging by the dust that rises when the teams pass by one would infer it is getting dry again, and besides that the smaller streams have ceased to flow.

The corn is coming to the factory now at such a rate that they have to make pretty long days; last night the retort man and husking girl did not get home till half past eight. Hope their pay is such as to make it even.

Herbert Ring planted a field of sweet corn, and being out of seed he obtained it of the company. But as it proved to be a large, late kind, and not daring to risk it longer on account of frost, he has built another silo and will use it for fodder. His brother Wesley got it played on him in the same way, but it so happens he has room enough for it without building new.

They went to work on Johnnie's bridge, so called, near Locke's Mills, thus obliging the farmers beyond to haul their sweet corn round by North Woodstock in order to get to the Pond. The Gore road is rather hilly, and it is hinted that some of the men use words hardly appropriate to be heard in Sabbath School.

The other day an auto called here containing the driver and two other men, whose business was electioneering. Driving to the south part of the town they met a team, consisting of a colt and buggy and occupied by the owner, Frank Hayes, and another man. Hearing the auto coming and fearing trouble both men alighted, took the colt by the head, but coming up to the other carriage, which had now come to a halt but failed to shut off the power, the colt became so frightened as to clear himself from the men, then ran some distance, and when found he lay on his side and underneath the carriage, or what there was left of it. It is said that the most of the wagon was reduced to kindling wood, but how seriously the colt was injured is not known.

Alva Estes and Will Yates went to Rumford Wednesday each with a load of goods for Herbert Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Alba Noyes of Bryant's Pond spent Sunday with their father, Clinton Cole.

Several from this place attended state fair last week.

Emma Burke from the Irish Plantation is teaching school here and boards at Chas. Martin's.

Celia Pike is at work at the corn shop at Bryant's Pond and boards at S. Newall's.

Hannah and Lucy Emmons, Celia and Minnie Pike recently visited camp on Indian Pond lately built by Lester Morgan and Geo. Emmons.

Through this column Flora Edgerly wishes to thank friends and neighbors who have sent her fruit and nice reading during the past few weeks. It is hoped she may soon be able to take up her work as clerk for parties a few stations below.

Alger Millett and wife of South Woodstock spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Millett.

A Finn reception was given on Young Hill last week. A general good time is reported.

North Buckfield.

J. C. Varney of Haverhill, Mass., is visiting at Washington Heald's.

Mrs. Helen Lyons and son of Rumford and Miss Belle Gibbs of Livermore Falls have been guests at S. D. Swallow's.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Heald of Searsport are visiting relatives in town.

Will Clapp and son Roger have returned to their home in Salem, Mass.

Mrs. J. C. Heald remains about the same as she has been for the past week.

Denmark.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Gray are spending a short vacation in Portland.

Mr. Chas. Hill of Brownfield had one of his team horses die at the corn shop here Tuesday, after hauling a load of corn from Brownfield.

Mrs. W. C. Ordway lost her pocket book Thursday somewhere between Mr. Dudley Perkins' store and her home, containing about $7.

The corn packing season for this place will close about the 17th.

Mr. Geo. Dealey, firm of Burnham & Morrill, was in town Thursday.

Locke's Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frost are enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Annie Emery returned from Milton Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Trask and Mrs. Lola Foster spent Sunday at Gorham, N. H.

Mrs. Alice Farrington entertained a small party last Wednesday afternoon in honor of her birthday. Each lady carried her sewing and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all. Delicious cake and ice cream was served. Mrs. Farrington received many dainty gifts. On going home all wished the hostess many happy returns of the day.

Norway Lake.

Eugene Lasselle and wife of Massachusetts are visiting at his old home, Mrs. Sabrina Lasselle's.

Mrs. Willis Emery of Massachusetts is a guest at C. A. Stephens'.

Mrs. Asa Frost has been quite ill but is better.

Chester Flint's baby has had an attack of indigestion, but is much better.

Mr. Arthur Noyes and father of Greenwood and J. L. Partridge and wife of this place took a trip to Lovell in an automobile the 5th, returning the next day. A very pleasant ride.

Bennie Pottle and wife of Lynn are visiting relatives here.

West Paris.

Quite a large number from this section attended state fair last week and report a big show.

Rev. E. C. Bolles, D. D., of Boston, and Mr. Frederick Sturtevant and Mrs. Julia B. Kimball of Portland recently were guests of Mrs. H. R. Tuell for several days. They stayed nights at Mrs. Kimball's house, "The Pines."

Miss Ethel M. Howe is again teaching school at Mechanic Falls.

The Lucky Leaf Club have started the idea of getting up an entertainment next month for the benefit of the West Paris Fire Company.

Mr. Benjamin S. Davis is in poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Taber of Yonkers, N. Y., and Miss Lila Gilbert of Canton were guests last Friday and Saturday of Mrs. Emma W. Mann.

West Paris Ball team in an interesting game defeated the Rumford home team on Labor Day on their own grounds. Score 9 to 7.

Rev. E. C. Bolles preached at the morning service at the Universalist church the first Sunday in September. It was an excellent and helpful sermon on "The Abundant Life;" text, John 10-10.

Miss Laura A. Willis is also attending High School at South Paris.

Mr. Abner H. Mann, who has been here all summer with his uncle, Mr. Lewis M. Mann and been employed in the clothes pin factory, will enter Shaw's Business College at Portland the last of this month. Mr. Mann will spend a few days at his mother's home at Norway before going to Portland.

Miss Lalah Thompson of Haverhill, Mass., is spending this month with Mrs. J. H. Cole.

Mr. Everett Harmon of Franklin, Mass., has been ill at O. D. Ellingwood's with an attack of appendicitis. It is hoped that a surgical operation will not be necessary at present.

Mr. S. W. Dunham, while returning from the state fair picked up on the floor of the railroad car a small flat pocket book which he at first thought to be of little account, but on examination was found to contain quite a sum of money. Some receipts showed the name of D. C. Wheeler, Woodsville, N. H., and Mr. Dunham has written to the party hoping to receive a reply from the owner.

Mr. Alton L. Day has purchased at West Milan, N. H., a handsome pair of dark red horses to replace those lost in the recent fire.

The primary school teacher, Miss Annie Stoehr of Sabattus, boards at E. E. Tuell's.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ready of Salem, Mass., have been spending a vacation at C. S. Marshall's. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Porter of Boston are now visiting at Mr. Marshall's.

Mr. George Jones and family of Maidstone, Vt., have come here and are staying at the Maple House.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Dunham of Waterville are spending the week at S. W. Dunham's.

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Parsons of Portland, district superintendent for this district, visited at the Methodist parsonage with Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Ford several days of last week.

Mildred Curtis of Norway went home last Saturday after a visit of a week or two with Mrs. L. C. Bates.

The Republicans held a meeting at Dunham's Hall on Saturday evening with excellent speeches on the political issues of the day by Mr. Alton C. Wheeler and Hon. James S. Wright of South Paris. Music was furnished by some members of Swastika Orchestra.

West Sumner.

Mrs. Arno Austin and three children have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ella Bonney.

Mrs. Clementia Abbott is visiting in Auburn.

Mrs. Thurza Crockett went to Brunswick Wednesday.

The village school began Monday with Miss Helen A. Rowe, teacher. She has taught two successful terms here. She will board with Mrs. Ella Chandler.

Edwin Doble and Charlie Ryerson are working in the corn shop at East Sumner.

Mrs. Hattie Young has moved her goods from her house in this village to Hartford.

Dunham Brothers have sold out their store to Peter G. Barrett of Peru. Mr. Barrett has taken possession and moved his family here.

Cliff Dunham has moved his family to North Paris, and his wife is very sick there with nervous prostration.

Carl Dunham and family have gone to William Stearns' on Stearns Hill where he will work for a few weeks.

The ladies who have been spending the summer at Ryemoor went away this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl West visited at Geo. West's recently.

Mrs. Margaret Heald went to the Lewiston hospital Tuesday. She will remain a few weeks for treatment.

Miss Edith Parker and little nephew Norman are visiting at I. O. Swift's.

The West Sumner Library Association held its annual meeting Friday. The same officers were re-elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. Margaret Heald.
Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Villa West.
Sec.—Mrs. Rosetta Ryerson.
Treas.—Dottie Heald.
Librarian—Mrs. Helen Robertson.

Dickvale.

M. G. Morrill has gone into the meat business.

It is very dry weather again.

Hoed crops in this section are looking well.

With the help of the boys I have raised a good crop of potatoes, also a good piece of yellow corn, and plenty of sweet corn for the family, vegetables, etc.

Mrs. R. S. Tracy has put up 68 quarts of berries, plums and pears, also 29 quarts of pickles, besides entertaining the measles, this season.

Mrs. Viola Child visited relatives in Dixfield Wednesday.

Geo. Smith has sold his farm here to a Mr. Fuller.

Mason.

Moses Bennett and daughter of Auburn have been visiting his brother for a few days.

Mr. Stone and wife of East Poland visited at A. S. Bean's Sunday.

Rev. I. A. Bean and wife of Richmond visited friends and relatives a few days.

Charles Judkins is visiting his sisters, Mrs. P. E. Bennett and Mrs. J. A. McKenzie; has not visited them for thirteen years.

Mrs. Aaron Kennerson and four children of Gorham, N. H., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cushing, and brother, Douglas Cushing.

E. H. Morrill, H. G. Mason and Oscar Nason attended the state fair.

The Mason Telephone Co. met and signed a new contract with the Van Telephone and Telegraph Co. the 9th.

East Bethel.

Miss Florence Skillings is teaching the fall term of school here and boarding at F. B. Howe's.

Miss Edna Bartlett, John Howe, Free Bean and Viola Bartlett have returned to their studies at Gould Academy.

Mrs. Etta Bean has returned home from Lawrence, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bartlett and C. C. Kimball of Berlin, N. H., visited here last week.

Mr. Fred Cole and two friends of Washington, D. C., accompanied by Fred C. Bean, visited the Lakes last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bartlett went on a carriage drive to the White Mountains last week.

Mrs. Isaac Morrill is spending a few days with her father, M. S. Coburn, who is in very feeble health.

North Waterford.

L. H. Jewett is building a house. Fred Littlefield and Frank Bryant are helping.

Edith Knight has gone to Poland Spring to work.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bowers and two girls from Leominster, Mass., are visiting his sister, Mrs. D. H. Lebroke.

Ezra Lebroke has gone to Lovell to work in the corn shop.

Sarah Washburn has gone on a visit to Kennebunk.

Miss Patrick is the teacher here in the grammar and Mary Dresser in the intermediate room.

Mrs. James Brown, who has been working for Mrs. G. E. Farmer, has gone from there.

Vincent Hamlin has returned to Portland.

Bethel.

Dr. Edwin Gehring of Portland has been stopping in Bethel with his family for a short vacation. Monday he returns to Portland accompanied by his wife and little daughter.

The schools in town opened Tuesday.

Gould Academy opened Tuesday with 108 students, which has increased since. With the new dormitory an assured fact and the original residence being leased by Mrs. Ellen Chandler more pupils can be accommodated.

The corn shop has been a busy place the past week. Another week will doubtless finish the canning process.

Mrs. O. M. Mason will attend the W. C. T. U. State Convention at Rockland, 16th, 17th and 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Jordan have returned from Toledo, Ohio, where they attended the G. A. R. Encampment.

Mr. Allan Town and family of California have been visiting Mr. Town's native place but started for California the first of the week. They will stop in Iowa on their return.

Friday evening Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Curtis gave a reception to the academy students, Y. P. S. C. E. and the young people of the village at Garland chapel. A very pleasing programme was given before the social. Vocal solos by Mrs. I. H. Wight and Miss Florence Mercier, readings by Miss Lucia Weed and Dr. J. G. Gehring and charades. The remainder of the evening was spent in marching and sociability. It was a pleasant evening for the pastor and his wife and the young people also.

West Bethel.

The morrow was a bright September morn;
The earth was beautiful as if new-born;
Teere was that nameless splendor everywhere,
That wild exhilaration in the air,
Which makes the passers in the city street
Congratulate each other as they meet.

Longfellow—"The Falcon of Sir Federigo."

The leaves are turning into gold;
They always do the same;
It is a little way they have,
A sort of green goods game.
The hazy twilight brings a moon
That takes up half the sky
And makes a hungry fellow think
Of future pumpkin pie.

Beautiful summer weather.

The state fair and election are over, and this week the tide of travel turns to South Paris.

Henry A. Cross is entertaining his daughter Alice and four children of Nashua, N. H.

Clarence Tyler has started in the meat business and runs a cart to Bethel Hill on Mondays and Thursdays.

L. E. Allen has employment as engineer in the new mill of the Merrill, Springer Co. near Bethel station.

No frost has come to injure the growing crops since July 17th, and late planted corn and beans are ripening finely.

Master Francis D. Mills and Misses Gladys Morrill, Eva Glines and Susan Tyler are attending Gould's Academy.

The printing office of Whitten & Dennison is nearing completion and the engine for running the press has arrived.

The September drouth is causing a scarcity of water in small brooks and shallow springs and many wells are becoming dry.

A good crop of hay has been gathered from the low lands of Pleasant River valley and no grass has this year been left standing.

Our village school opened Tuesday, Sept. 1st, with Miss Maud Russell of Middle Intervale, teacher. Superintendent Hastings had a new platform and steps laid and the school house is now in fine condition.

Bryant's Pond.

The alarm of fire was given here early Thursday morning. H. C. Berry's house had caught near the kitchen chimney. The fire company was out ready for business, but the fire was quickly extinguished.

Della Giles is teaching the school in the Perkins district. The Chase school will be taught by Elsie Cushman.

C. F. Farrar is putting new sills under his stable. Jerry Farrar is assisting him.

Lauriston Sessions is suffering from a paralytic shock, and is in quite a serious condition.

Elmer Bowker returned Tuesday from the Lewiston hospital and is improving rapidly. He will return to his school at Hebron next week.

The old chimney at the Baptist church has been taken down. A new chimney will be erected on the outside at the rear end of the church.

The village association has purchased a lot near the village known as the Whitman field. It contains about five acres and they intend to fit it up later for a park and play ground.

The family of G. W. Harding of West Bethel occupied Pine Point cottage last week.

H. A. Bacon is repairing the house bought from the S. Perham estate.

H. H. Crockett has purchased a lot near Ricker's shop and will build a machine shop on it at once. The shop will be occupied by his son, who will use it for an automobile repair shop.

The corn shop will probably run through the coming week. The corn has been ripening very slowly.

Albany.

Lauren Lord had the misfortune to lose his milch cow. She stuck a stick through her udder in such a way that they had to kill her.

Mrs. L. M. Goodwin of Paris is visiting her brother, F. G. Sloan.

Fred Bartlett of Stoneham was in town last week.

Florence Hunting of Welchville is teaching the Hunt's Corner school, Maud Eloise Dresser at the Clark, Mary Pitts at the town house, Gertrude Cobb at Lynchville.

Sibyl Cummings is in Auburn with her sister and aunt.

J. F. Guptill transports the scholars in the town-house District.

W. E. Cummings is in Lewiston while his wife is at the hospital there. She is in a very critical condition.

R. C. Lawrence is working for C. D. Conner.

David Millett of Oxford visited his sister, Mrs. Addie Conner, last week.

Annie Cummings, who is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cummings, while her parents are in Lewiston, has been on the sick list.

A. E. Cross was in Frye recently.

Roger Sloan, who has been ill, is improving.

Brownfield.

Miss Edith Swan of Boston, Mass., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnson.

Ernest Frink of Portland was at his old home Sunday last.

Mr. Lewis of Boston, Mass., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Gilpatrick.

Chester Page of Peabody, Mass., is at Wm. Rowe's.

Dr. and Mrs. Fitch are spending the week at Sebago.

Miss Mary Spring of Hiram is at R. B. Bean's.

Mrs. T. Barton and her sister, Mrs. Seymour Sands, are visiting their mother, Mrs. John Fogg.

Andrew Blake is on the sick list, also J. L. Frink.

West Lovell.

Mrs. Blanche Stone and two sons returned to Beverly Wednesday.

Mrs. Sarah Lord sprained her ankle last Thursday. Miss Helen Armstrong is with the family.

Horatio Stearns received the sad news of the death of his granddaughter Muriel, daughter of G. W. Stearns of Millinocket.

Ralph R. McAllister and Earl P. Fox are attending the academy at Fryeburg.

Hebron.

Dr. Crane is at home from his vacation and commenced the year Sunday. All were glad to welcome him back. Professor and Mrs. Brainard remained with him two days before going to Gardner, Mass.

Others have gone back to their schools in various places, and the district schools here are in session.

The academy opens next week.

Mrs. Joseph Hibbs, who has been visiting relatives in Deering, is now at home.

Miss Grace Bumpus returned from a two weeks' visit in Deerfield, New Hampshire, Wednesday.

Mr. N. Q. Bachelder of Boston went back Thursday.

A few people from here attended the state fair at Lewiston.

Mr. Conant, the R. F. D. mail carrier, is having his vacation and Fred Sturtevant is substitute.

Corn is being rushed to the factory at West Minot this week.

Buckfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Irish of West Paris spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Withington.

Mr. Allen Irish of Bath was at his home over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Irish spent the latter part of the week with friends at Boothbay Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Irish of Rumford Falls were in town last week.

Miss Marietta Kirby of Milford, Mass., who was assistant teacher in the high school last year, is visiting Miss Clara Withington.

Mr. C. H. Tuttle has purchased a Stanley automobile, making six machines in town.

Many of our people attended the state fair at Lewiston during the week.

Mrs. Carrie Spaulding is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Bisbee, in Rumford Falls.

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Marston are visiting Mrs. Marston's parents in Brewer, Maine.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Ulrich returned Wednesday from the Rangeley region where they have spent the summer. They will make a short stay here before returning to their home in Baltimore.

There was a vaudeville show at Nezinscot Hall Tuesday night.

Hon. John D. Long and family returned to Hingham Friday morning.

Miss Ella Hancock of West Roxbury, Mass., is the guest of Mrs. C. M. Irish.

Heald & Lunt are making repairs on their dam and flume of the grist mill.

The brush shop is shut down for a few days for repairs.

There was a dance at the hall Friday night with a small attendance. Holmes' Orchestra furnished music.

Evening Star Lodge, F. and A. M., elected the following officers at their annual meeting Monday evening:

W. M.—J. E. Warren.
S. W.—H. P. Shaw.
J. W.—L. S. Ricker.
Sr. Deacon—C. W. Shaw.
Jr. Deacon—R. Crockett.
Sec.—Alfred Cole.
Treas.—H. H. Nuity.

The Master Mason Degree was conferred on one candidate, and after the work a banquet was served in the dining hall.

Schools in town commenced Monday, the 14th, with a good attendance.

Two very pleasant weddings occurred at the Methodist parsonage the past week, no doubt greatly increasing the satisfaction of the parties directly involved and also that of their large circle of friends. One occurred late Wednesday, Sept. 9, as the pastor was about to retire for his night's rest, when Adelbert Freeman Davenport and Miss Alma Buck of West Sumner expressed their wish to be united in the bonds of matrimony. They were married in due form "according to the usages of the church and the laws of the land" by Rev. A. W. Pottle, after which they went on their way rejoicing. The other happy pair was Harry Dudley of Buckfield and Eva F. Allen of Paris. They also craved the offices of the pastor in consummating their union as husband and wife. They were married by Rev. A. W. Pottle Thursday morning, Sept. 10, and immediately left on an extended bridal tour by carriage drive through the country, calling on friends by the way. They are followed by the good wishes of a large circle of friends.

The Methodist church observed Sunday, Sept. 13, as rally and children's Sunday. In the afternoon there were exercises by members of the Sunday School consisting of singing, recitations and addresses by the pastor and superintendent, Perlen Dudley.

The first quarterly meeting for Buckfield charge will occur Sunday, Sept. 27, when the District Superintendent, Rev. C. F. Parsons of Portland, will be present and preach and conduct quarterly conference. The occasion will be a sort of field day, all the services being united at the village church. In the morning at 10:30 o'clock will be a love feast and short address by the superintendent and the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's supper. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock will be preaching by Rev. C. F. Parsons. In the evening a union, mass, evangelistic service addressed by village pastors, the superintendent and by others. It is hoped that Rev. G. B. Hannaford will be present and assist in the services.

Wilson's Mills.

Dr. Twombly of Colebrook was called to Parmacheenee the past week.

Cecil, Pearl and Clinton Bennett went to Bethel Sunday to attend school. Their mother went with them for a few weeks. C. I. Wilson carried them.

The Grangers had a dance and supper Friday night. Proceeds $8.65.

Mrs. Lewis Olson has a new organ.

J. F. Hart carried a party to Colebrook Saturday.

Harry Pennock and Mace Collins have returned from the lake.

Gladys Cameron spent Sunday with her cousin, Millie Storey.

Leon Bennett has been to Colebrook after the tiling for the state road.

R. B. Wilson is keeping house for his brother, J. S. Wilson, while he is at Bethel.

East Brownfield.

On Labor Day a party of twenty-two from this place ascended Mt. Pleasant in Denmark.

The W. C. T. U. held a mothers' meeting at Mrs. Stickney's Sept. 11.

The Congregational Circle served a supper at Bradbury Hall, Sept. 9, which was a success.

Miss Martin of Hiram has charge of the East Brownfield school.

Percival Rounds is attending Fryeburg Academy.

East Sumner.

Ill health may account for the lack of usual amount of locals from this place this week.

A council has been called to meet at the Congregational church on Friday, Sept. 18, to ordain Mr. S. C. Eaton to the Gospel ministry. Mr. Eaton's work in the vicinity is highly appreciated, and the desire to retain him as long as possible is unanimous.

School began on Monday in charge of Miss Harlow of West Buckfield.

A. H. Harlow and family are up from Harpswell and at work at the corn shop.

East Waterford.

Phil Rolfe is again with his brother, Henry O. Rolfe.

Mrs. Joseph Clayton of Portland spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Martha Pride.

Mrs. Justin E. McIntire, who has not been in good health for some time, was taken ill Tuesday, and Wednesday suffered a paralytic shock from which she has not rallied. Two physicians have been in attendance.

West Buckfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett and Gene and Paul Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hall went to Lewiston Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Elwood went to Peru Saturday and returned Monday.

Miss Edith F. Barrett of Barrett has been visiting at O. D. Warren's and Harry Buck's.

Mrs. M. E. Bennett and children returned from Bath Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Dunn returned Tuesday from a week's visit in Mechanic Falls. Mrs. Leslie Cummings went there Tuesday on a week's visit.

Miss Alice Beryl Harlow is teaching school at East Sumner.

Misses Ethel and Mabel Pearson returned from Mexico Tuesday.

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are not always accompanied by severe eye distress.

Headaches, Smarting, Burning Lids, Shooting Pains in the Forehead, Floating Spots before the Eyes, Dizziness and Weariness of the Eyes after close work

are some of the signs that your eyes need glasses.

Don't put off having your eyes examined if any of the above symptoms have been experienced by you.

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OXFORD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

66th Annual Exhibition.

Everything now indicates that Oxford County Fair will be the largest that it has ever been. Extensive improvements have been made on the buildings and grounds. The Society has engaged the St. Cecilia Band to supply music during the Fair. The Ferris Wheel and Merry-Go-Round, with other entertainments, a large lot of fakirs and large list of entries, with good weather, will make this the Banner Fair of Oxford County.

STATE OF MAIEN.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss.

Supreme Judicial Court, May Term, A. D. 1908.

No. 312. Cox & Ward Company vs. J. H. McKeeman.

And now on suggestion to the Court that said J. H. McKeeman, the principal Defendant at the time of the service of the Writ, was not an inhabitant of this State, and had no tenant, agent or attorney within the same; that his goods or estate have been attached in this action, and that he has no notice of said suit and attachment.

IT IS ORDERED, That notice of the pendency of this suit be given to said Defendant, by publishing an attested copy of this order, together with an abstract of the Plaintiff's Writ, three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris in said county, the first publication to be not less than 30 days before the next term of said Court, to be holden at Paris, in and for said county, on the second Tuesday of October, A. D. 1908, that said Defendant may then and there appear and answer to said suit, if he shall see cause.

Attest:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

(Abstract of Plaintiff's Writ.)

Writ dated January 28, 1908. Real estate attached January 28, 1908. Action returnable at the March Term, 1908. In a plea of the case. Declaration. Account annexed for $250 for hair sold by Plff. corporation to Defendant.

A true copy of order of Court, with abstract of the Writ.

Attest:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

L. W. BLANCHARD, Esq., Atty. for Plff.

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CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church, Rev. A. T. McWhorter, Pastor. Preaching service, 10:45 A. M.; Sunday School 11:45 A. M.; Y. P. S. C. E. 6:00 P. M. Evening service 7:00 P. M.; Church prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 P. M. All, not otherwise connected, are cordially invited.

Methodist Church, Rev. T. N. Kewley, Pastor. On Sunday, morning prayermeeting 10:00 A. M.; preaching service 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; Epworth League Meeting 6:00 P. M.; prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:00; class meeting Friday evening 7:00.

Baptist Church, Rev. J. Wallace Chesbro, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching service 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:15 P. M.; prayer meeting 7:00 P. M.; Wednesday evening prayer service 7:00. Seats free. All are welcome.

Universalist Church, Rev J. H. Little, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Junior Union at 3:30 P. M. Y. P. C. U. at 7 P. M.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Paris Lodge, No. 94. Regular meeting Tuesday evening on or before full moon.
I. O. O. F.—Mount Mica Lodge, regular meetings Thursday evening of each week.—Aurora Encampment, first and third Monday evenings of each month.
D. of R.—Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 20, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.
G. A. R.—W. K. Kimball Post, No. 148, meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month, in G. A. R. Hall.
Wm. K. Kimball Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month, in Grand Army Hall.
K. of V.—Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp meets first and third Tuesday evenings of each month.
P. of H.—Paris Grange, from May 1 to Oct. 1, meets first and third Saturday; during the remainder of the year, meets every Saturday, in Grange Hall.
U. O. G. C.—Second and fourth Mondays of each month.
N. E. O. P.—Stony Brook Lodge, No. 181, meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month.
K. of P.—Hamlin Lodge, No. 31, meets every Friday evening at Pythian Hall.

Mrs. Heidner is spending a few days with friends in Bethel.

And now, as soon as the votes are counted, we'll attend to the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gould Spofford of Hopedale, Mass., are guests of his father, E. I. Spofford.

Mrs. J. A. Scott is spending a few days visiting relatives in Readfield and other places in the state.

Mr. Raymond Farrar, who is a conductor on the electrics in Boston, is at home on a short vacation.

Miss Rose Murphy spent Saturday and Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. James W. Crooker, at Locke's Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Morrison of Rutherford, N. J., are guests of Mrs. Morrison's brother, L. S. Billings.

Miss Eva F. Swett and Miss Leona D. Stuart are to enter Simmons College, Boston, this fall. They will go there next week.

The state fair had the usual good attendance from here last week. Let us hope the weather clerk will be as good to our fair this week as he was to the state fair.

Miss Flora Mitchell of Portland, a former member of the Democrat force, now in the Marks Printing House in Portland, was the guest of Miss Maud Douglass a few days last week.

Mr. Dana Grover and wife of Portland, who have been visiting Mr. Grover's parents in Bethel, are on a carriage drive and are spending a few days with Mr. Grover's sister, Mrs. George A. Chapman.

Clyde T. Hebbard is a member of the freshman class at Bates College. The Bates students in the other classes returned to Bates last week for the opening of the year, with the exception of Miss Ethel C. Crockett, who is engaged in teaching this year.

At amateur night at the Bijou Thursday night, the first prize was awarded to little Gladys Kane, who gave a recitation. The second went to L. L. Briggs, who gave a monologue in black face. This week there will be matinees each day of the fair, with a daily change of programme.

All the schools in South Paris village are suspended this week, because of the fair. In the other schools of the town, the teachers are allowed to act their pleasure regarding suspension of their schools, with the understanding, however, that any time taken out must be either made up or lost.

The ladies of the Good Cheer Society of the Universalist parish will furnish baked bean dinners on the fair grounds at the same place as last year, i.e., last building on the left as you enter the grounds, beyond the exhibition building. Beans baked in the ground. Dinner, 25 cents. Supper also served.

Rev. and Mrs. I. A. Bean of Richmond were in town over Wednesday night. Mr. Bean was formerly pastor of the South Paris Methodist church for four years. He and Mrs. Bean took their vacation this year in the form of a carriage drive, going as far as Umbagog Lake. They were on their homeward way last week.

Advertised letters in South Paris post office Sept. 14, 1908:

Miss May G. Hudson.
Miss Beatie Tripp.
Miss Marion M. Andrews.
Miss Hazel E. Abbott.
Mrs. Ella F. Dyer.
Mrs. C. Garland.
Mrs. Geo. Sandon.
Edward W. Chase.

S. F. DAVIS, Postmaster.

A cylinder head blew out on a freight engine about nine o'clock Friday evening, just as the train was coming into the yard at the north end, the engine stopping at the Nichols Street crossing. No one was hurt, and the accident was a fortunate one in happening where it did, rather than miles out. People in the vicinity were considerably scared nevertheless, as the racket was something fierce.

The Pacific didn't go to the state fair, after all. In view of the fact that the village is still without the degree of protection from fire which it has had most of the time for some years—there being only a low pressure on the hydrants—it was deemed too risky to take away the hand tub, on which we have learned to place so much dependence. So South Paris was not represented in the firemen's tournament, though some of the firemen were there to see it.

A number of the Delta Alphas, with a few invited guests, making a party of about a dozen, went Thursday evening by invitation of Miss Grace Dudley to a husking at the home of her father, Charles S. Dudley, on Stearns Hill. The trip was made in a hayrack, with about the usual amount of gayety and noise which has been from time immemorial considered essential to a hayrack ride. The night was warm and still, and the harvest moon was full, and everybody had a good time. The hayrack party was almost a "dove" party, containing only three lone men, and the husking party was so nearly the same that it is reported that there were no red ears in the whole lot of corn.

The transfer of Hotel Andrews was duly made, and the new proprietors, Messrs. Motley and Colley, took possession Thursday morning. William H. Motley of this firm has been in hotels for about ten years, at Beal's Hotel, Norway, at Sanford, Rumford Falls, and for the past summer at The Barker at the Rangeleys, of which he has been manager for the season. Arthur Colley, the other member of the firm, has been for ten years in Coe's Hat Store on Middle Street, Portland. Mr. Colley will take charge in the hotel office, and Mr. Motley will do the buying and the outside work. Mrs. L. A. Shaw, who has sold the house, has been there for over twenty years, going into it with her husband, the late William M. Shaw. Since the death of Mr. Shaw about four years since she has run the hotel herself, and has made a house very satisfactory both to the people of the place and to the traveling public, as has been testified by the increasing patronage. Mrs. Shaw will remain in the house a short time to assist until after the fair.

Dust a foot thick.

And no prospect of rain yet.

Sun bright, and wind northeast.

H. F. Hall started Sunday morning on his return to Kansas City.

Mrs. C. E. McArdle visited in Lewiston and Auburn over Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Bryant of Locke's Mills visited relatives in town Sunday.

Miss Lillie Mason of Lawrence, Mass., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sarah E. Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Barnes of Portland were guests at T. S. Barnes' over Sunday.

The central of the Citizens Telephone will be closed the second and third days of the fair.

John C. McArdle of Lynn, Mass., and his sister, Florence McArdle, are visiting relatives here.

Topic for the Y. P. C. U. next Sunday evening, "How shall we strengthen our church this year?"

Mrs. H. A. Hilton's mother, Mrs. Blackstone, of Garland, has been spending a few days with her.

Eddie Lowell shot a hen hawk Saturday morning which measured 55 inches from tip to tip. A handsome bird.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Tucker have returned from their cottage at Bay Point where they spent the summer to their home here.

A piazza is being built on the ell of Carl Mason's house on Church Street, and other repairs and alterations are being made.

The ladies of the Congregational and Universalist societies are very busy getting ready to run their eating booths at the fair grounds.

Louis W. Clark started Monday morning for Orono, to enter the University of Maine. He expects to take the course in electrical engineering.

Percy Briggs, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Central Maine General Hospital at Lewiston several weeks ago, returned home Sunday.

Herbert M. Tucker has a position for the coming year in charge of the cattle and dairy department of the University of Maine at Orono. He expects to leave with his family for that place in the course of a few days.

Leon S. Fairbanks of Newtonville, Mass., came Friday night to join Mrs. Fairbanks, who has been spending two or three weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Crockett. They returned to Boston the next day.

George E. Emerson of Norway and Alice May Howe were united in marriage at the residence of Rev. J. H. Little last Saturday evening, the ring service being used. They were accompanied by a brother of the bride and a sister of the bridegroom.

Miss Abbie Starbird started Sunday morning for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to join her brother, Capt. Alfred A. Starbird of the Artillery Corps, and a few weeks later they will sail for the Philippines, where Capt. Starbird expects to have two years' service.

Latest reports from Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Plummer, who are in Paris, indicate that they will sail for home about the 19th, at least not before that, as that is the earliest date on which accommodations can be secured. They are having a fine time in Paris, and enjoying it greatly.

The foundation having been sufficiently dried out, and given two coats of coal tar to waterproof it, work is now going on upon the superstructure of Fred W. Bonney's cement block house on Spring Street. Mr. Bonney is giving the work his personal attention, and it is safe to say that no building in the village was ever built closer to the specifications in every detail than this.

At the meeting of Paris Grange Sept. 5th, Mr. W. J. Thompson, lecturer of the Maine State Grange, was present and gave a fine address on "Evolution". Mr. Thompson is also one of the state assessors and much valuable information was gained as time was given in questioning as regards taxation. Particular reference was also made regarding the "Initiative and Referendum." At the next meeting Sept. 19th, Mr. R. D. Leavitt of Auburn, chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee, also deputy of this district, will be present.

As the Democrat goes to press, Monday noon, the voting is going on rapidly, and with a clear, comfortable day, there is every prospect that a large vote will be cast. All sections of Paris are turning out well, and the vote of the town will probably be heavy. For the first time the "Morey booths," with closing doors, are in use. The only difficulty with them is that they are rather few in number, there being only five of them, and at the rush hours there has to be considerable waiting. Next week the Democrat will give the full detailed vote of the county.

Mrs. Louise S. Strickland suffered a severe paralytic shock Thursday night, from which she never rallied, dying Sunday afternoon without having regained full consciousness. The funeral will be held at the house at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Strickland was the widow of Nathan F. Strickland, who died a few years since. She leaves two sons, Wallace B. Strickland of this place and Roy E. Strickland of Schenectady, N. Y. The latter was summoned and arrived here on Saturday. There are also two grandchildren of Mrs. Strickland, Merton R. Sumner and Miss Louise Sumner, both of this place.

Now for the County Fair.

EVERYTHING INDICATES THAT WE ARE TO HAVE A GREAT SHOW.

Give us good weather, and if no signs fail, we shall have the biggest and best county fair yet.

That's the way all things point.

In the class races, there are entries numbering from 11 to 27 in the several classes, the average number in each class being above 20. And they are an exceptionally good lot of horses, too.

In the baby show, and in the various classes of live stock, there are entries already much larger than ever before in advance of the opening of the fair.

At least three granges will compete in the hall show, and perhaps more.

The dates are Sept. 15, 16 and 17, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. All entries close absolutely at noon of Tuesday. Don't forget that. Music by the St. Cecilia Band all three days. Baby show at 2 P. M. Tuesday. Base ball on the first and third days. Drawing matches begin Tuesday afternoon and continue each afternoon and Thursday forenoon.

Premium stock parades as usual, at 10 o'clock Thursday morning—or some later.

The Ferris wheel is already up, and the midway is lined with tents. The fakirs, that essential feature of a fair, are here in full force and established in good season.

The programme of the races is as follows:

FIRST DAY.
AFTERNOON.
2-year-old class, trot and pace.—Purse $75.
2:40 class, trot and pace.—Purse $200.
2:19 class, trot and pace.—Purse $200.

SECOND DAY.
AFTERNOON.
3-year-old class, trot and pace.—Purse $100.
2:30 class, trot and pace,—Purse $200.
2:23 class, trot and pace.—Purse $200.

THIRD DAY.
FORENOON.
Gents' Driving Horses.—Purse $35.
AFTERNOON.
2:25 class, trot.—Purse $200.
2:27 class, trot and pace.—Purse $200.
Free-for-all, trot and pace.—Purse $250.

County Fair Entries.

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THEY TAKE THE KINKS OUT.

"I have used Dr. King's New Life Pills for many years, with increasing satisfaction. They take the kinks out of stomach, liver and bowels, without fuss or friction," says N. H. Brown, of Pittsfield, Vt. Guaranteed satisfactory at F. A. Shurtleff & Co.'s drug store. 25c.

Will Observe Golden Wedding.

MR. AND MRS. FRANKLIN PORTER REACH THEIR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY TUESDAY.

"I can't make it seem to me that it is fifty years," said Franklin Porter to the Democrat, as after a cordial greeting he gave the information that he and his good wife were to observe the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday of this week. "As I look back over it," he continued, "with all the joys and sorrows, the troubles and the pleasures, it seems like a dream."

A great many friends will extend congratulations to this worthy and kindly couple on their arrival at their fiftieth milestone, and wish them still many more anniversaries as happy as this.

Franklin Porter, who is one of the best-known men in Paris, was born Oct. 18, 1829, the son of John Porter, one of the earliest settlers in the Porter neighborhood, and a prominent citizen of the town in the early days. Franklin Porter in his young manhood worked for some years for a sub-contractor engaged in building what is now the Grand Trunk Railway, and on other roads. Later he was in Boston engaged in trucking for a while, but the death of his father called him home, and on the old farm he remained until a short time since.

On the 15th of September, 1858, he married Martha M. Millett, daughter of Nathan Millett, of Norway. To them have been born four sons, all of whom are now living. They are Francis E., of South Paris; Junot N., of Wisconsin; Joseph H., of Boston; and John A., who lives on the old home farm.

And though it is in a sense an intrusion into the intimate personal affairs of these good people, it is perhaps pardonable to say that the most noteworthy thing about the anniversary is the picture of their married life which the groom of fifty years presents.

"When I was a young man," he says, I had worked around in several places, and had had a chance to see more or less of the life of a number of families. I have been in families where it was 'Yah! Yah!' in the morning and 'Yah! Yah!' at night—a row all the time between man and wife. And I had seen so much of that that I was afraid. Honest I was. And so when we settled down I says to my wife, 'Now let's not have any dissensions between you and me. If we're going to have trouble, either of us, let's have it outside our own home.' And then when the children began to come along, we agreed that if we ever did have any quarrels, we wouldn't have them before the children and set them a bad example. And so we've lived on that plan, and in all these years my wife has never given me a word of resentment. Oh, of course, we have had different opinions, and many times it has been, 'I wouldn't do this' or 'I wouldn't do that.' But we've never had a quarrel, and," to quote his contradictory but expressive words, "if there has ever been a cross word it has always been a pleasant one."

A plain story, but refreshing in these days of overworked divorce courts!

Two or three years since Mr. and Mrs. Porter, thinking that their years entitled them to a larger share of ease than they would be likely to get on the old place, left the farm in the hands of their son, and came to occupy a part of a house on Myrtle Street in South Paris village. Their home is furnished largely with articles of interest and value from their antiquity and associations. Here they are living a quiet and happy life in their advancing years, and here the visitor is sure of a kindly greeting.

There is to be no elaborate celebration of the anniversary on Tuesday. The son who lives in Wisconsin is not expected here, but Joseph H. and his wife from Boston are already here, having timed their vacation for this event, and the two sons who live in town, with their families, will join in a family dinner party.

Mr. McCarthy Only Speaker.

CHARGES CONNIVANCE OF OFFICIALS IN PROHIBITORY LAW ENFORCEMENT.

South Paris people are not one-sided in their attendance at political meetings. They have furnished good audiences for the Republican meetings of the campaign, and they did the same thing for the Democratic meeting Wednesday evening. The audience included a large share of the local Democrats, and perhaps an equal number of voters of steadfast Republicanism, besides ladies and children.

The meeting was to have been addressed by Hon. D. J. McGillicuddy of Lewiston, the Democratic candidate for congress in this district, and Matthew McCarthy of Rumford Falls, the Democratic candidate for county attorney. By an unfortunate accident Mr. McGillicuddy was absent. In company with his law partner, Mayor Morey of Lewiston, and Sheriff Hastings of Auburn, he had started here in an automobile. Only a few miles out the machine was overturned, throwing them all out. Mr. Morey was quite badly hurt. The others were shaken up but not seriously injured, though the accident prevented Mr. McGillicuddy from coming here.

The meeting was called to order by William O. Frothingham of the Democratic Town Committee, who after stating the circumstances regarding Mr. McGillicuddy, as learned a short time previously by telephone, introduced Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. McCarthy stated that he had come expecting to devote a short time to the discussion of a single state issue, but that under the circumstances he would speak briefly regarding national issues. He expressed the greatest admiration for President Roosevelt, and said that the reason of the president's great and admitted popularity was that he had shown symptoms of the disease called Democracy—that the reforms advocated by Roosevelt are not in the Republican platform, but have been in the Democratic platform for years.

After a brief statement of this matter, he turned to state issues, and discussed only one—resubmission. He declared that the prohibitory law, as enforced by the dominant party, is the "greatest humbug in the history of the world."

After some general remarks, he took up the matter of conditions at Rumford Falls, which he said he disclosed with reluctance. He then made the charge that in Rumford Falls, since Jan. 1st, 1907, in at least thirty places, ales, strong beers and other liquors have been sold with the knowledge, consent, and at the connivance of the two Republican deputy sheriffs in that town. The dealers have been tipped off, he said, and told to get rid of their hard beer and substitute Uno, when raids were to be made. As a particular instance, he stated that on Saturday, Sept 7, 1907, he was informed by a dealer that he had got to get rid of his ale and substitute Uno, because the shops were going to be raided, and on Monday a deputy sheriff swore out sixteen warrants and seized some beer, which upon analysis proved to be Uno. The raids cost the county $108, of which about $59 went to the officer.

"Where did these men get their information?" asked Mr. McCarthy, a question which he did not attempt to answer, though he later alleged that Waldo Pettengill, chairman of the Sturgis commission, had full knowledge of the conditions at Rumford Falls.

Mr, McCarthy closed with a brief plea for resubmission and the repeal of the Sturgis law, speaking in all less than an hour.

HOW TO GET STRONG.

P. J. Daly, of 1247 W. Congress St., Chicago, tells of a way to become strong. He says: "My mother who is old and was very feeble, is deriving so much benefit from Electric Bitters, that I feel it's my duty to tell those who need a tonic and strengthening medicine about it. In my mother's case a marked gain in flesh has resulted, insomnia has been overcome, and she is steadily growing stronger." Electric Bitters quickly remedy stomach, liver and kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at F. A. Shurtleff & Co.'s drug store. 50c.

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Rumpus, Riot, and Row.

THE "CIRCUS CROWD," HEADED FOR THE FAIR, GET INTO TROUBLE.

A lot of fakirs and their followers, coming from the state fair to the county fair, made their entry with what the Frenchman called a "grand flourcesh" Friday afternoon, and paid for the fun afterwards.

The train up that afternoon had two baggage cars loaded with the stuff belonging to fakirs and refreshment stand keepers, headed from the state fair to the county fair, and the men who went with them were passengers on the train. It came out in evidence in the subsequent proceedings, that seventeen quarts of some kind of alcoholic stimulant was disposed of on the way up from Lewiston, by the crowd.

After they got off the train at South Paris, a dissension arose, which apparently started between two rival camps, and the aforesaid alcoholic stimulant furnishing fuel for their anger, a sort of free rough and tumble fight on the station platform resulted. This went on until one man had been knocked off the platform several feet by a blow on the chin, and came back on to his feet with a revolver in his hand. It appeared afterward that it was a property revolver used in a show with blank cartridges, so that it wasn't strictly a dangerous weapon, and he didn't aim it at anybody.

Station Agent Chandler telephoned to Jailer Farrar, who was at work in the rear of the county buildings with some of the prisoners, and as soon as he could get there he was at the station. Here he began making arrests, but in doing it he was interfered with by some of the men, pushed and pulled and his shirt torn considerably. He finally took seven men to jail.

The men were given a hearing in the Norway Municipal Court before Judge Jones Saturday afternoon. On account of the crowd the court was adjourned to Concert Hall. E. F. Smith, Esq., appeared for two of the respondents, but the others were without counsel.

Two of the men pleaded guilty of intoxication, but in the other cases there was a hearing of greater or less length.

On the charge of intoxication, John Fitzgerald, William Canfield, George Vigue and Andrew Doyle were fined each $5.00 and costs, amounting in all to $22.99. George Prescott, Ralph Slater and William Wilkins were adjudged not guilty.

William Wilkins, the man who pulled the revolver, was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon upon Ralph Slater, but after a hearing was adjudged not guilty, and was discharged from custody.

On the charge of obstructing the officer, William Canfield, George Prescott, and Andrew Doyle were adjudged guilty and fined each $5.00 and costs, amounting as in the other cases to $22.99. Judge Jones denied a motion for suspension of sentence in the case of George Prescott, made by his attorney, Mr. Smith. Ralph Slater was also adjudged guilty, but appealed, and his father, who was in court, furnished cash bail in the amount of $50.

Two of the convicted men paid their fines, and three went to jail to serve them out.

Some of the "bunch" announced that there was a gang coming the next day that would run the town when they got here. Up to date, however, no such gang has been sighted.

Sunday Jailer Farrar arrested Joseph Kelley, an attache of one of the shows on the grounds, on the charge of assault. It is alleged that he struck another man on the grounds a violent blow, without provocation. It is also said that he will be charged with another assault of the same nature committed at Norway Saturday night.

Maine News Notes.

Bates College opened last week, with 78 young men and 57 young women in the entering class.

Daniel J. Kimball, a member of Company D, 19th Maine Infantry, committed suicide at his home at Belfast Sunday by hanging. He was 64 years old and leaves a widow and seven children. The deed was due to despondency.

The Tannersau, a three-story summer hotel, accommodating 100 guests at Fortune Rocks, was destroyed by fire Wednesday, causing a loss of $10,000. The hotel was to close at the end of the week and but few guests were in the house, all escaping uninjured.

Little Miss Evelyn Albee of Alna Center may deservedly be called a heroine. A few days ago, while playing near an open well, she accidentally stepped in. The well was 18 feet deep, with six feet of water. Her playmate heard the splash, but was too frightened to call for assistance. Miss Evelyn, who is not six years old yet, was equal to the occasion and clambered to the top, unaided and unharmed. "How did she do it?" is the general question asked, but no one but the lady herself knows and she wishes to forget it. That she wasn't hurt in some way was truly remarkable.

Turf, Farm and Home: Potatoes in central Maine are showing a tendency to rust and rot and many good fields are being dug to save them. This is a great disappointment to a large number of farmers who have used all sorts of chemicals in spraying the tops to preserve them from both bugs and disease, but all in vain in a great number of instances. This seems to be one of the years when all ordinary preventatives utterly fail to do what they are advertised to perform. The result is a big loss in yield and the spuds are off in size and excellence of character. The time when you simply had to dig a hole in good fertilized soil and drop in a potato eye and go back in a few weeks and get a good substantial mess of fine, rich mealy potatoes has passed and gone, and successful potato culture to-day is one of the fine arts. We are glad to get good reports from the Aroostook fields both as to the size of the yield and the excellency of the tuber.

Highway Robbery at Rumford.

DR. W. P. HUTCHINS LOSES OVER TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Dr. Wm. P. Hutchins was the victim of a bold highway robbery on the night of Monday, Sept. 7. As he was going home in his automobile, about 10:30 P. M., he was accosted near the Rumford end of the toll bridge by two men, one of whom shouted,

"Give us a ride, Doctor."

The doctor stopped his auto, and a blanket saturated with chloroform was thrown over his head and he lost consciousness. When he came to himself, he found that his pocketbook containing about $240 was missing. He notified Deputy Sheriff Elliott as soon as possible, and Mr. Elliott came to the scene. They found tracks leading toward the railroad, but they were soon lost.

Dr. Hutchins is the treasurer of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and a considerable amount of money belonging to that organization was paid in Saturday, which with some of the doctor's own money made up the large amount in the pocket book. As Monday was Labor Day the banks were not open, and the doctor could not deposit the money.

A PAYING INVESTMENT.

Mr. John White, of 38 Highland Ave., Houlton, Maine, says: "Have been troubled with a cough every winter and spring. Last winter I tried many advertised remedies, but the cough continued until I bought a 50 cent bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery; before that was half gone the cough was all gone. This winter the same happy result has followed; a few doses once more banished the annual cough. I am now convinced that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best of all cough and lung remedies." Sold under guarantee at Shurtleff & Co.'s drug store. 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

HOW TO AVOID APPENDICITIS.

Most victims of appendicitis are those who are habitually constipated. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup cures chronic constipation by stimulating the liver and bowels, and restores the natural action of the bowels. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup does not nauseate or gripe and is mild and pleasant to take. Refuse substitutes. For sale by all druggists.

NORWAY.

CHURCHES.

Second Congregational Church, Rev. B. S. Rideout, Pastor. Preaching service Sunday, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12:00 M.; Y. P. S. C. E., Sunday Evening, 6:30 P. M.; Social Meeting, 7:00 P. M.; regular weekly Prayer Meeting, Tuesday evening.

Universalist Church, Rev. S. G. Davis, Pastor. Preaching service on Sunday at 10:30 A. M. Sabbath School, 12:00; Y. P. C. U. meeting, 7:00 P. M.

Methodist Church, Rev. C. A. Brooks, Pastor. Preaching service, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12:00 M.; Social Evening Meeting, 7:00 P. M.; prayer meeting, Tuesday evening; class meeting Friday evening. Epworth League, Sunday evening, 6:00 P. M.

Baptist Church, Rev. E. S. Cotton, Pastor. Preaching service, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12:00 M.; Prayer Meeting, Sunday evening 7 P. M., Wednesday evening, 7:30.

Work rushing at the corn factory.

Village schools in session after the county fair.

Norway people improved the excellent weather last week and visited the Lewiston fair in great numbers.

Harry Nevers, M. D., after a few days with his sister, Mrs. L. H. Cushman, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nevers, returned to his home in Lawrence, Mass. Mrs. Harry Nevers, who was a professional nurse before marriage, has been with Mrs. Cushman for several weeks. Dr. and Mrs. Nevers have many friends in town.

E. N. Gilbert, at some time with the Advertiser, now pressman in the Corrier office, Rochester, N. H., is stopping with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gilbert, on Water Street.

Miss Lucy B. Getchell of Exeter, N. H., and Mrs. W. A. Bibber and daughter Marion of Richmond, returned to their homes after a ten days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Smith, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Adams entertained Mrs. A. M. Eastman of Auburn last week.

A. L. F. Pike while at work on his house the first of the week fell from the second story and was badly shaken up but not seriously injured.

Mrs. A. L. F. Pike was taken to the hospital Wednesday for an operation for appendicitis.

Edmund R. Jordan, for years head sawyer for C. B. Cummings & Sons, was injured while at work sawing logs last week very severely. A piece of bark from the saw hit him just below the eye and just above the eye. He continued at his work until noon and again until six o'clock in the afternoon. The wounds troubled him greatly and a physician was called and the eye removed. Since the other eye has been inflamed and it is feared he may be obliged to have that removed.

A class of six candidates was confirmed at Christ Church Friday evening by Bishop Codman, assisted by Archdeacon Seymour and Brayton Bryon, lay reader.

A fishing and hunting party consisting of Harold Moore and his brothers Will and Fred, left for Wild River last week.

The Oelrich entertainers at the opera house Sept. 15 and 16 promise to be very attractive. The evening's entertainments will be followed with a social dance for two hours or more. Excellent music.

The little seven-year-old child of Charles Allen, Alvarado, fell from a team Tuesday and had his left leg broken above the ankle and the right leg injured. The boy was riding and when he jumped from the wagon he fell under the wheel. Mr. William Wight stopped before the wheel passed over the boy's legs.

Horace Dinsmore and son Regnall are building a very attractive set of buildings just easterly from Pleasant Street near the Gurney place. A street has been planned from Pleasant Street easterly which will open up several house lots.

The special corporation meeting Tuesday evening was well attended and the matter of the purchase of a chemical fire engine carefully discussed. It was voted to pass over the article and the meeting adjourned. Charles F. Ridlon was elected moderator. The sentiment expressed most freely was that a speedy mending of the Norway Water Co.'s engine and pipes would, in a great measure, do away with the necessity for both the chemical and fire engine. If for any reason the Norway Water Company is unable to furnish water for fire protection then the corporation must purchase a steamer.

Sara Danforth and her sister Annie have returned from The Weirs, New Hampshire, where they have been at work during the summer.

James Gregg, a young lad, while selling fruit at the mill of C. B. Cummings & Sons Friday afternoon, was injured in his left arm by a saw. A physician was called and seven stitches taken in the wound.

At the monthly meeting of the local board of trade Wednesday evening a committee consisting of W. C. Leavitt, Lee M. Smith and Fred W. Sanborn was appointed to investigate the matter of the purchase of a steam fire engine by the village corporation. Mr. Leavitt and Mr. Smith were elected delegates to the State Board of Trade at Augusta, Sept. 22.

Work is well under way on the H. F. & E. E. Andrews stable. It is understood that they will not rebuild the house this season.

A. S. Kimball, Grand Representative from the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of Maine, accompanied by his wife, will attend the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows to be held at Denver, Col., Sept. 21-26. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball start Monday, Sept. 14.

Freeland Young attended the reunion of the Seventh Maine Battery, Lewiston, last week. The reunion was held at the fair grounds.

Dr. and Mrs. Lester W. Horne are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. Horne. Dr. and Mrs. Horne are located at Acushnet, Mass.

A. J. Avery is boarding with parties on Water Street. He was for some years foreman in the making room at the shoe factory.

Miss Ellie Swan, assistant postmaster, is enjoying her vacation with Mrs. Geo. T. Tubbs at the cottage by the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Hills entertained Mr. Hills' father from Union last week. Mr. Hills attended the Lewiston fair.

At the annual meeting of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, F. and A. M., Friday evening, the following officers were elected:

Master—Geo. L. Curtis.
S. W.—A. L. Proctor.
J. W.—H. F. Andrews.
Treasurer—L. M. Smith.
Secretary—H. D. Smith.

Josephine Stearns and Florence Rideout left for Lewiston the first of the week where they will attend Bates College.

Members of I. O. O. F. Lodge and the Rebekah Lodge enjoyed a corn roast at the Stimpson farm, Fore Street, Monday evening. An excellent time is reported.

Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease.
A powder for swollen, tired, hot, smarting feet. Sample sent FREE. Also Free Sample of the FOOT-EASE SANITARY CORN-PAD, a new invention. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Born.

In South Paris, Sept. 12, to the wife of Roscoe C. Gray, a daughter.
In Lewiston, Sept. 11, to the wife of George W. Robbins of South Paris, a son.
In Newton, Mass., Sept. 8, to the wife of Vernon B. Swett, a son.
In Brownfield, Aug. 31, to the wife of Clifford Jones, a son.
In North Waterford, Sept. 3, to the wife of Sidney Hatch, a daughter.
In Andover, Sept. 7, to the wife of Jack Tweedy, a son.

Married.

In South Paris, Sept. 12, by Rev. J. H. Little, Mr. George Earle Emerson of Norway and Miss Alice May Howe of Paris.
In Buckfield, Sept. 9, by Rev. A. W. Pottle, Mr. Adelbert F. Davenport and Miss Alma Buck, both of West Sumner.
In Buckfield, Sept. 10, by Rev. A. W. Pottle, Mr. Harry Dudley of Buckfield and Miss Eva F. Allen of Paris.
In West Paris, Sept. 5, by C. H. Lane, Esq., Mr. Heikki Niskanen and Miss Reeda Korhonen, both of Paris.
In Fryeburg, Sept. 9, by Rev. Edwin P. Wilson, assisted by Rev. B. N. Stone, Mr. Walker Cushing Billings of Boston and Miss Molly Spring Gordon of Fryeburg.
In Roxbury, Sept. 6, by Rev. G. B. Hannaford, Mr. Fred L. Grover of Andover and Miss Bertha M. Howe of Roxbury.

Died.

In South Paris, Sept. 12, Mrs. Louise S., widow of N. F. Strickland, aged 61 years.
In South Paris, Aug. 30, Myrtle, wife of Jason Smith, aged 24 years.
In Canton, Sept. 7, Mrs. Almina C., widow of Stephen S. Packard, aged 70 years.

For Sale.

Stanley Steamer, 1904 model, new copper boiler, new super-heater tubes, new pumps. Engine has just been thoroughly overhauled and everything is in first class condition. Tires in good shape, including extra one. Rear tires 3 inch, Continental, run one season. Basket on rear of seat and full assortment of tools. Am leaving town in a few days and offer a great bargain if taken at once.

Inquire of owner or at Myron Maxim's.

HERBERT M. TUCKER,
South Paris, Me.

Entries for County Fair.

Entries for the fair of Sept. 15, 16 and 17, in trials of speed close Sept. 8. All other entries close at 12 o'clock noon, Sept. 15. This rule will be strictly enforced, and all exhibitors are requested to take notice.

OXFORD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.
William O. Frothingham,
35-37 Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss.
To the Honorable the Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court next to be holden at Paris within and for said County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of October, A. D. 1908:

Respectfully represents Nellie L. Brickett of Paris aforesaid, that she was lawfully married to James A. Brickett, now of parts unknown, at Waterford in the State of Maine, on the seventh day of February, 1900, and lived with him as husband and wife at said Waterford until January 19th, 1903; that she has always conducted herself as a faithful wife toward the said husband, but he, regardless of his vows and duty, utterly deserted your said libellant on said 19th day of January, 1903; which said utter desertion has continued for three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel; that the residence of the libellee is not known to your libellant, and can not be ascertained by reasonable diligence.

Wherefore, your libellant prays that the bonds of matrimony now existing between her and the said libellee be dissolved.

Dated at Paris aforesaid, this second day of September, A. D. 1908.

NELLIE L. BRICKETT.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss. Sept. 2, 1908.

Personally appeared the above named Nellie L. Brickett and made oath that the above allegation as to the residence of the libellee is true.

Before me,
JAMES S. WRIGHT, Justice of the Peace.

(SEAL.)

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss.
Supreme Judicial Court, in Vacation. September 4, A. D. 1905.

UPON THE FOREGOING LIBEL, ORDERED, That the Libellant give notice to the said James A. Brickett to appear before the Justice of our Supreme Judicial Court, to be holden at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of October, A. D. 1908, by publishing an attested copy of said libel and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in Paris, in our County of Oxford, the first publication to be 30 days at least prior to said second Tuesday of Oct., 1908, that he may there and then appear before our said court and answer to said libel.

HENRY C. PEABODY,
Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.
A true copy of libel and order of court thereon.
Attest: CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.
WRIGHT & WHEELER,
Attorneys for Libt. 36-38

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Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of GERMAN N. PHILBRICK, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the HON. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine:

GERMAN N. PHILBRICK, of Byron, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represents, that on the 21st day of September, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of Court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays, that he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankruptcy Acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 27th day of August, A. D. 1908.
GERMAN N. PHILBRICK, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

On this 28th day of Aug., A. D. 1908, on reading the foregoing petition, it is

Ordered by the Court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 18th day of Sept., A. D. 1908, before said Court at Portland, in said District, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in The Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in said District, and that all known creditors, and other persons in interest, may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further Ordered by the Court, that the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Hon. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Portland, in said District, on the 28th day of Aug., A. D. 1908.

[L. S.] JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.
A true copy of petition and order thereon.
Attest:—JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.

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Aug. 18th, 1908. HATTIE E. FARNHAM.

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The Puzzler

No. 253.—Numeral Puzzle.

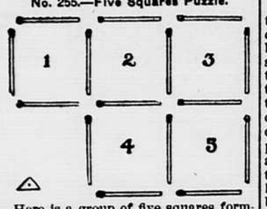
Take one hundred and one
And to it affix
The half of a dozen,
Or, if you please, six.
Put fifty to this,
And then you will see
What every good child
To all others should be.

No. 254.—Double Acrostic.

Confused, unintelligible talk. To reach a place. Having little distance from side to side. Want of order or neatness. Pertaining to the Alps. The capital of Saskatchewan. At a distance.

My whole midwinter brings—'tis ne'er delayed;
In different way I pray you mark my meaning's twice conveyed.
—Youth's Companion.

No. 255.—Five Squares Puzzle.



Here is a group of five squares formed of matches. Remove only three matches and leave three perfect squares.

No. 256.—Hidden Sewing Articles.

Say "Tata" pet, and mother will give you some more milk.

You will need less eggs if you beat the cake more.

Charles Plays pool as well as his father.

You look chic, Otto, notwithstanding your negligee shirt.

You have to look sharp in shooting or you'll miss your bird.

No. 257.—Added Letter Puzzle.

Add a letter and change a musical instrument into another one; competent into a feigned story; to permit into untilled; part of the head into alarm; evil into to occupy; loose into a plant; one into to confront; a slimy fish into touch; crippled into a blaze; a kind of steps into to suffocate; to recline into willingly; scrapings into a hard stone; to do into reality; a point of the compass into a rich repast; a decree into a defect; humble into to glide; trouble into to fall short; thin into the side; a bar into weak; a chance into gambol; grassland into an insect; atmosphere into beautiful; to engrave into to bring; anger into ardor; metal into in front of; the whole into to drop.

A Discovery.

If four and four were seventeen
And twice three goats a pail of lard.
It wouldn't make much difference;
This 'rithmetic 'd be just as hard.

Conundrums.

Why is it almost certain Shakespeare was a broker? Answer—Because no other man has furnished so many stock quotations.

Why is a professional thief very comfortable? Answer—Because he usually takes things easy.

Why is a young man growing his first mustache like a goose? Because he grows down.

Why is a hen immortal? Answer—Because her son never sets.

When is a man obliged to keep his word? Answer—When nobody will take it.

What is the longest sentence known in history? Answer—The life sentence.

Why was the elephant late in entering the ark? Answer—Because he stopped to pack his trunk.

When is a piece of beef like a new dress? Answer—When getting basted.

Riddle and Answer.

In marble walls as white as milk,
Lined with a skin as soft as silk,
Within a fountain, crystal clear,
A golden apple does appear.
No doors are there in this stronghold,
Yet thieves break in and steal the gold.
Answer.—An egg.

Just the Man.

"What we need," said the managing editor, "is a good, snappy book reviewer."

"Well," replied the applicant's champion, "if you want a good, sharp, exacting critic my friend is just the man for you. He's an unsuccessful author."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Training Bobby.

Such a wailing, such a clatter,
On the back porch raised!
"Children, children, what's the matter?"
Mother cried, amazed.

Yellow tangled curls a-flying,
There stood little Bob.
"Sisser took away my candy!"
Cried he, with a sob.

Sister pouted: "I fink Bobby
Makes an awful fuss!
I was des a-tryin' to teach him
To be generous!"
—Little Folks.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 251.—Charade: Hatred.

No. 252.—Silent Letter Puzzle: Gnome, guarled, gnashed, gnats, gnu, gherkins, Thames, doubt, plumb.

No. 253.—Numerical Proverb: "A stitch in time saves nine."

No. 254.—Pictorial Sums: Boy plus awl minus yawl plus stone minus e equals Boston.

No. 255.—Hidden Parts of a Building: 1. Beam. 2. Sash. 3. Eaves. 4. Cleat. 5. Sill. 6. Latch. 7. Shelf. 8. Post.

No. 256.—Hidden Tableware: Cup, plate, glass, platter, bowl, dish.

CURED HAY FEVER AND SUMMER COLD.

A. J. Nusbaum, Batesville, Indiana, writes: "Last year I suffered for three months with a summer cold so distressing that it interfered with my business. I had many of the symptoms of hay fever, and a doctor's prescription did not reach my case, and I took several medicines which seemed to only aggravate my case. Fortunately I insisted upon having Foley's Honey and Tar in the yellow package, and it quickly cured me. My wife has since used Foley's Honey and Tar with the same success." For sale by all druggists.

"Is this the only seat for the concert you have left?"

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"How so?"

"Well, Mrs. A. occupies the seat on the right and Miss B. on the left, and you know there's a very decided coolness between them."

Make a note now to get Ely's Cream Balm if you are troubled with nasal catarrh, hay fever or cold in the head. It is purifying and soothing to the sensitive membrane that lines the air passages. It is made to overcome the disease, not to fool the patient by a short, deceptive relief. There is no cocaine nor mercury in it. Do not be talked into taking a substitute for Ely's Cream Balm. All druggists sell it. Price 50c. Mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren Street, New York.

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Foley's Kidney Cure will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. No medicine can do more. For sale by all druggists.

HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

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

Seasonable Recipes.

BONNE BOUCHE.

For a first course at dinner or luncheon, make some pastry covers by covering tiny but deep patty pans with rich pastry, and then, with a pastry jagger, cut very narrow strips of the pastry to make a rim for the cup. Bake them and when cool they will slip from the pans—of course they should be baked with pastry side up. When ready to serve, fill them with pate de foie gras, made quite soft with whipped cream and seasoned with salt and cayenne or paprika. On top of each one put a tiny mold of aspic jelly. These are also suitable to serve with the salad course. The aspic is made out of clear veal or beef stock stiffened slightly with gelatine and seasoned with tarragon vinegar, or use cider vinegar and a bit of onion juice if without tarragon vinegar.

A DRESSY CANAPE.

Make round slices of toast, butter them and, while hot, lay on each a slice of tomato one-half an inch thick. But before putting the tomato on the toast, scoop out carefully all the soft part of the tomato, leaving thus a cavity between each connecting section. Into this cavity put a mixture of caviare, cooked egg yolk, lemon juice and cayenne. Chop the egg white very fine, pile it in a mound in center of tomato, and in the center of the mound put a tiny flower. If caviare be not in the home, anchovy, chopped pickled cucumbers with beets and olives may be used, and a perfect sprig of chervil or parsley may be used instead of the flower.

LETTUCE AND CELERY SOUP.

This is a delicious combination. Use the white tops and coarse stalks of celery. Put one cup of it, after it has been cut into tiny pieces, into a stew pan and add three cups of cold water. Stew gently until celery is tender, adding enough water to have at least two cups when done. Mash celery through a coarse sieve, and put this and the water in which it was cooked on the fire again and add two bunches of home-grown lettuce, the cheap variety. This should be cut into shreds with scissors and then chopped rather fine. Add one minced onion and one tablespoon of minced parsley and a blade of mace, simmer slowly twenty minutes, then add this to a cream sauce made of one tablespoon of butter, two of flour and one cup of milk. When ready to serve add one-half cup of cream mixed with one well-beaten egg yolk. Do not strain.

CHEESE AND HAM SANDWICHES SAUTED.

Mix boiled ham minced fine with grated cheese, spread between buttered slices of bread, dust with paprika and soak the sandwiches for a few minutes in one-half cup of milk mixed with one egg yolk. Then saute them in butter until a light brown, turning once.

BAKED CODFISH BALLS.

Mix one cup of codfish shredded, or use the codfish fluff, with two cups of raw potatoes cut in large dice, cover with boiling water and simmer slowly until potatoes are tender, drain and mash and mix in one tablespoon of butter and one or two egg whites beaten rather stiff and a dash of pepper. Form into balls, put them in a buttered baking pan, brush each one with melted butter and put in a hot oven for ten or fifteen minutes or until a light brown. Serve with a sauce made of one tablespoon of butter, one of flour, one cup of milk or hot water, the egg yolk left over and one tablespoon of grated horseradish. The egg and horseradish should be put in at the last moment. Serve for luncheon.

HAM WITH EGGS.

This is suitable for luncheon or supper. Mince fine one cup of boiled or broiled ham, also chop rather fine four hard-cooked eggs. Line a buttered baking dish with soft bread crumbs, put in a layer of ham, then a layer of eggs. Sprinkle over the eggs finely-minced green or sweet red pepper and over the ham finely minced chives or parsley. Repeat and cover the top layer, which should be eggs, with soft bread crumbs and bits of butter, pour into a dish three-quarters of a cup of cream sauce, and bake in a hot oven until quite brown on top.

TOMATO CURRY.

Peel and slice rather thick four or five ripe tomatoes, cook one tablespoon each of minced onion and celery in two of butter, and then put in the tomato slices and cook them for a few moments. Mix one tablespoon of flour, one teaspoon of curry powder, one-quarter teaspoon of salt and one-eighth teaspoon of paprika with three quarters of a cup of cream. Put the tomato slices in a hot dish, pour the cream mixture into the saute pan and cook until it begins to thicken, then pour it over the tomatoes. This can be cooked in the chafing dish, and is delicious for luncheon.

POTATO SALAD.

While potatoes are still almost new, try this: Peel raw potatoes, cut them in thin slices and to two cups add one small onion cut in quarters. Cover with boiling water, add one tablespoon of salt and cook until tender. Drain and cover with a French dressing. Let them cool, then remove onion and add small cucumber pickles cut in thin slices, capers, minced parsley and chives and hard-cooked eggs cut in quarters, then in slices. Serve on lettuce and pour over another French dressing.

APPLE SALAD.

Core, but do not peel, six ripe apples, scoop them out a little. Fill them with cold, cooked chicken minced fine and mixed with finely minced green pepper, a little salt, and just enough cream to moisten the chicken. Now put these apples in a steamer and cook them until almost tender, but not in the least soft. When cool put them on ice until very cold, then serve each one on a bed of lettuce and pipe plenty of mayonnaise dressing around and on top of each.

APPLE SAUCE PUDDING.

Cream one-quarter cup of butter with one-half cup of brown sugar, add one beaten egg, two or three tablespoons of milk and enough flour to make a stiff batter. One-half teaspoon of baking powder should be sifted with the flour. Bake this in two layers and put them together while hot with apple sauce and serve surrounded with a rich custard slightly thickened with cornstarch. Peaches cut in small pieces could be used instead of the apple sauce and would be delicious.

APPLE PRALINES.

Core and peel six apples and steam them in one and one-half cups of sugar cooked in two cups of water. While they are cooking, make a candy of one cup of sugar cooked with a few drops of water and one-half cup of minced nuts. When beginning to caramel put a big spoonful on the top of each apple. Of course the apples should be ready before the sugar and nuts begin to brown. Pour the syrup in which apples were cooked around them, cover with whipped cream and serve with sponge cake or on pieces of bread, toasted. The nut syrup will candy immediately on the apples, but care should be taken that it does not cook too long.

COFFEE CARAMEL FLUFF.

Soften one large tablespoon of gelatine in one-half cup of cold water. Cook one-half cup of granulated sugar until quite brown and thick with one-quarter cup of very strong coffee; then add one-half cup of coffee, which should be freshly made and hot, and also add the gelatine. When dissolved remove from fire and beat until cool. Now add one-half cup of cream, whipped stiff, and the stiffly beaten whites of three eggs. Set away to harden slightly, but before it is quite set turn it into a mold and put it on ice for an hour or more. Serve with a custard made of one and one-half cups of milk, one-quarter cup of sugar, one teaspoon of butter, one-half teaspoon of arrowroot moistened in some of the milk and after boiling a few moments add the three yolks slightly beaten. Take from fire and flavor with one teaspoon of vanilla.—Good Housekeeping.

Vary the appearance of your voile suit of plain color by having a variety of slips to wear beneath it.

New England Buys Competitors.

INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES WILL CEASE TO DO BUSINESS.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. has recently secured control of three independent telephone companies, the Northeastern, the Lewiston-Auburn, and the Cumberland. The subjoined official statement is given out by the New England Co. regarding the matter:

"The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. has secured control of the Northeastern Telephone Co., the Lewiston-Auburn Telephone Co. and the Cumberland Telephone Co., three independent companies operating in some twenty-five towns and cities in the State of Maine. How this control was secured the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. believes to be of legitimate interest to the general public as well as to the limited number of the stock and bond holders of these companies.

"The most considerable of those companies, the Northeastern Telephone Co., was incorporated under the general laws of the State of Maine in 1882, under the name of the Dirigo Telephone Co. In 1883, seven months before the incorporation of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co, its powers were enlarged by special act, and in April, 1902, its name was changed to the Northeastern Telephone Co. By the act of 1883 the amount of stock authorized was $1,000,000, of which $600,000 was finally issued at a par value of $10. On Dec. 1, 1902, a mortgage was given to the Portland Trust Co. on the entire property of the company to secure a bond issue of $600,000. The stock was advertised as a five per cent stock, and the bonds bore interest at five per cent. The fact that the bond and stock holders were mainly the same, and in most cases held an equal amount of stocks and bonds, creates the presumption in the light of the history of the company that little or nothing was paid for the stock. Certainly nothing was received from it in the way of dividends.

"After the general custom in Independent financing the bonds were mostly issued to a construction company in payment for the plant, a custom resulting in this case as in others in no appreciable advantage except to the construction company in the possibility of its securing a double profit, at the expense of the operating company. Some bonds and stock were placed in small amounts among local enthusiasts for competition who were dissatisfied with existing conditions or were eager for low rates. For the company was, in the language of the circular, the 'Investor's and Subscribers' Mutual Benefit Public Service Corporation.' And rates were promised ignorantly and improvidently. To quote from another circular 'The above rates are less than half the present rental charges for the miscalled private line telephone of the New England (Bell) Co.'

"In 1902 and 1903 it rained circulars to prove the advantages offered by the Northeastern company. Apparently the plant was paid for on the basis of 10,000 subscribers. But history was made very rapidly; too rapidly even for the construction company to get rid of all its bonds. With ignorance of operating conditions, with seeming disregard of depreciation, and with a large open construction account, the Northeastern Telephone Co. drove rapidly towards failure, till in the fall of 1907 with about 3,000 subscribers, and with eighteen months' defaulted interest on its bonds, it passed into the hands of a receiver.

"Since then there have been issued Receiver's certificates to the amount of $20,500. The balance sheet of June 30, 1908, shows a deficit of $59,377 28.

"The Lewiston-Auburn Telephone Co. was organized April 2, 1903, under the general laws of the state of Maine with an authorized capital stock of $250,000, par value $100, all of which was issued. Its exchange territory is the two cities of Lewiston and Auburn. On May 31, 1905, it had 1340 subscribers, and on Aug. 29, 1908, 1421 subscribers including some free telephones. On April 1, 1904, it executed a trust mortgage to the Portland Trust Company to secure $250,000 20-year five per cent bonds. As in the case of the Northeastern, a construction company took most of the bonds and stock. Interest was paid in full on the bonds to March 31, 1906, and a partial payment amounting to $400 was made on Sept. 30, 1906. Since that time no payments have been made. No dividends have been paid on the stock. The Company's balance sheet of June 30, 1908, shows a deficit of $24,108 65. Considering the number of subscribers this is fairly comparable with the Northeastern company's deficit of $59,377.28.

"The Cumberland Telephone Co., the smallest of the three companies, was organized under the general laws of the State of Maine, July 15, 1903, with a capital stock of $50,000, divided into 100 shares of common stock of the par value of $100 each, and 400 shares of preferred stock, of the par value of $100 each. Its territory is mainly the town of Gorham and city of Westbrook and it started in business with about 97 subscibers, which have decreased to 85 in the last five years. It never issued any bonds, and the dividends it paid during the years 1904, 1905 and 1906 were not earned. The balance sheet of June 30, 1908, shows a deficit of $2,064 20.

"Briefly told, the story of all three of these companies is that they have been run at a loss, which is even greater than the figures quoted show, for no allowance was made by any of them for depreciation. Taking the cost of the plant and the items of the construction account at their book values, and making the modest estimate of eight per cent depreciation, these companies should have set aside for depreciation during the last year $139,149. Against this there is nothing. With these values the cost per station for the Northeastern was $408, for the Lewiston-Auburn $326, and for the Cumberland $399. The average cost for all the Bell companies is $149 per station.

"With the companies in this condition there came to the New England Co. a representative of the majority stock interests with an offer to sell. The offer was declined as being unsatisfactory in substance and detail. The management of the New England company did not care to make the purchase. A bad example was more valuable to the New England company than a bad purchase. But in justice to its own stockholders it was bound to consider what might prove to be a good bargain. It made a careful investigation of the plant and liabilities of the three companies. After many conferences and much correspondence it in turn made an offer to purchase. The offer was accepted.

"The seller agreed to assign certain unsecured indebtedness, to pay the receiver's salary, attorney's fees in excess of $2,500, certain receivership expenses, and to pay all other outstanding indebtedness other than bonded; this for all the companies. In addition he transferred to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company $20,500 receiver's certificates of the Northeastern company, $475,000 bonds and $388,500 stock of the Northeastern, $234,000 bonds and $144,900 stock of the Lewiston-Auburn. There is in the treasury of the Northeastern Company $40,120 of its own stock, $80,000 of the stock of the Lewiston-Auburn, and $8300 of the stock of the Cumberland. For all of this, including as it did, $1,662,900 of securities, the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. paid the sum of $325,000. This gives the New England company 79 per cent of the bonds of the Northeastern company, and 93.6 per cent of the bonds of the Lewiston-Auburn.

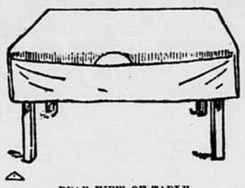
"A matter of interest to the public in connection with this purchase is the question of rates. Those subscribers who had both Bell and Independent telephones will get their service cheaper. Those who had only the Independent telephones may have to pay more. For manifestly the rates were not adequate to maintain the companies' existence. There is a living rate just as surely as there is a living wage, but it is gratifying to say that neither the existence nor the passing of competition has affected or will affect the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.'s charge for service in the cities of Portland, Lewiston or Auburn.

"For additional stock and bonds, though not necessary for the control, the New England Company will negotiate on the same basis on which it secured the majority interest."

The Vanishing Coin Trick.

To do this coin trick place on a small table a rather large cloth and let it hang twelve inches over the front edge and about thirty inches over the side farthest from the audience. Pin up this side of the cloth so as to form a bag as shown in the picture. The hanging portion in the front prevents the bag from being seen. In this bag is put a plate, and another one is set on the table with a number of coins beside it.

Borrow a handkerchief and place it on the table until needed. When work-



REAR VIEW OF TABLE.

ing the trick, take up the plate and show your audience that it is unprepared. Hold it behind the table over the plate in the bag and sweep off the coins on the plate, really letting them fall on the hidden plate. Every one will think the coins are on the one you are holding, which you now cover with the handkerchief before raising it above the edge of the table. You have only to bring the plate forward and raise the handkerchief to show that the coins have vanished.

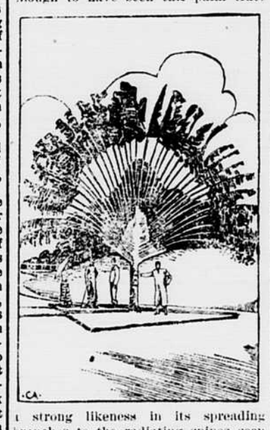
Zoology—A Game.

Let one of the party leave the room. The rest decide upon the name of some animal for him to guess. When he returns the players question him in turn, as if he were the animal chosen. For instance, the animal selected is a tiger. The questions may be: "Do you scratch?" "Are your claws sharp?" "Do you spring upon your prey?" "Is your fur handsomely marked?" He thinks they have named a cat and says, "Yes; am I a cat?" When told no they still question him till he guesses correctly. The person who betrays the animal by his question is the next to leave the room and guess.

A Traveler's Palm.

This beautiful tree is called a traveler's palm and is to be found in Asia It is an odd fan shaped growth resembling a large ostrich feather far more than a real tree.

People who have been fortunate enough to have seen this palm trace

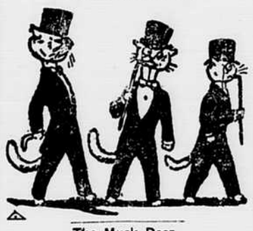


a strong likeness in its spreading branches to the radiating spines seen in the ordinary palm leaf fan.

The Planets.

There are eight "primary" or "major" planets, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, together with several hundred minor planets, or planetoids, discovered since 1801. It is certain that one planet, Jupiter, was known to the ancients. Whether they knew of others is not determined.

Three Feline Dudes.



The Musk Deer.

This little deer, from which the musk is obtained, lives in the Himalayas and Tibetan mountains, 9,000 feet above sea level. The male deer yields the finest and greatest quantity of musk. The deer are shy and alert and difficult to capture.

All the world may not exactly love a lover, but it always takes quite an interest in his letters when they are read to the jury.—Puck

HOW TO AVOID APPENDICITIS.

Most victims of appendicitis are those who are habitually constipated. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup cures chronic constipation by stimulating the liver and bowels, and restores the natural action of the bowels. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup does not nauseate or gripe and is mild and pleasant to take. Refuse substitutes. For sale by all druggists.

Wedderly—To tell the truth, I never thought of saving a dollar until I got married.

Singleton—And do you now?

Wedderly—Oh, yes; I'm constantly thinking how much I might save if I were single again.

THE NEW PURE FOOD AND DRUG LAW.

We are pleased to announce that Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds, and lung troubles is not affected by the National Pure Food and Drug law as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults. For sale by all druggists.

"Oh, I couldn't love him."

"Why not?"

"He wears a wig. The very idea!"

Then the dear creature removed two rats, some puffs, a coronet braid, a pompadour, a switch and sat down to peruse a novel.

Healthy kidneys filter the impurities from the blood, and unless they do this good health is impossible. Foley's Kidney Cure makes sound kidneys and will positively cure all forms of kidney and bladder disease. It strengthens the whole system. For sale by all druggists.

"He slept well and ate a hearty breakfast, apparently wholly unconscious to his fate. He was attired in the conventional black and—"

"And what hour did they hang him?"

"Hang him? They don't hang a man for getting married! He was the groom, not a condemned criminal."

One of the worst features of kidney trouble is that it is an insidious disease and before the victim realizes his danger he may have a fatal malady. Take Foley's Kidney Cure at the first sign of trouble as it corrects irregularities and prevents Bright's disease and diabetes. For sale by all druggists.

BRYAN AS PROPHET FAILS TO QUALIFY

Disasters He Foretold Never Come to Pass.

OPPOSITE IS ALWAYS TRUE.

As a prophet William Jennings Bryan has never been a success. The calamities which he has foretold would have brought unlimited disaster to the country if they had ever been realized But they never came to pass. The harrowing pictures which he painted were merely figments of his imagination based on absolutely no foundation whatever.

It is well to have Americans remember that prophecies uttered by the orator of the Platte must be discounted fully 100 per cent, for all signs indicate that he feels the fates once more and is about to begin prophesying again. A male Cassandra, Mr. Bryan might by this time have learned that the forecast of evil will never be believed by those who have found that in the past his vaticinations have been but empty air.

"Driving Country to Ruin."

For instance, when Mr. Bryan was a member of the house of representatives in 1892 he was absolutely certain that protection was driving the country headlong to rack and ruin, and in his speech delivered March 16 of that year he drew the following agonizing pictures:

"Protection has been our cannibal tree, and as one after another of our farmers has been driven by the force of circumstances upon that tree and has been crushed within its folds his companions have stood around and shouted, 'Great is protection!' * * * Thus in every state, so far as these statistics have been collected, the proportion of home owning farmers is decreasing and that of tenant farmers increasing This means but one thing. It means a land of landlords and tenants, and, backed by the history of every nation that has gone down, I say to you that no people can continue a free people under a free government when the great majority of its citizens are tenants of a small minority. Your system (protective tariff) has driven the farm owner from his land and substituted the farm tenant."

How far this picture portrays the America of today or the America of any year since he made that speech any American can answer. Even in Mr. Bryan's own state he can find an answer right at his doors, for the farm lands of Nebraska have doubled in value.

"Murderous Gold Standard."

But during the four years succeeding that speech Mr. Bryan's agitation grew no less nor did the demon which he had raised in his own imagination hide with diminished head, for in 1896 he again saw destitution threatening the country. He had a remedy for it, a panacea, a fetish which he held up for worship—free silver. Here are some of the things Mr. Bryan said would happen if the gold standard were continued:

"I reply that if protection has slain its thousands the gold standard has slain its tens of thousands." — From Speech at Democratic National Convention July, 1896.

"Do not let the Republicans beguile you about the future. The future is written in blood crushed out of you by gold."—From Speech at Erie, Pa., August, 1896

"Ah, my friends, there is another reason why people have gone into the cities and left the farms. It is because your legislation has been causing the foreclosure of mortgages upon the farms. * * * Mark my words! If the gold standard goes on and people continue to complain the gold standard advocates instead of trying to improve the condition of the people will be recommending that you close your schools so that the people will not realize how much they are suffering." — From Speech at Monmouth, Ill., October, 1896.

But whom has the gold standard slain? What future did it write in blood? What district schools did it close? Again the condition of the country makes a calm reply confuting the impassioned orator.

Campaigning again in 1900 Mr. Bryan decided that imperialism was another danger to the country. If it were continued the Fourth of July would be forgotten by all Americans and the "spirit of '76" would become a thing of the past. Speaking at Lincoln Mr. Bryan said:

Sees Death of Patriotism.

"The fight this year will be to carry out the sentiment of that song we have so often repeated, 'My Country, 'Tis of Thee.' If we lose, our children and our children's children will not succeed to the spirit of that song, and celebrations of the Fourth of July will pass away, for the spirit of the empire will be upon us."

Is there any spot in these United States where the spirit of 1776 is dead and forgotten and the Fourth of July a meaningless date on the calendar?

One of the most ridiculous of these prophecies was contained in a speech Mr. Bryan made in support of Judge Parker during the campaign of 1904, when he attacked President Roosevelt bitterly. This prophecy had it that military despotism was sure to follow the decrease in the size of the standing army. In this speech Mr. Bryan also emphasized the fact that he was then and always would be a firm believer in the principle of free silver. He summed up his position on this question in the following sentence:

"I believe today in the principles set forth at Chicago and Kansas City (16 to 1) and shall continue to fight for those principles."

Watch Bargains.

Fine Timekeepers.

Key Winders and Stem Winders. Please call and see them. 11tf

S. Richards.

To the Honorable, the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court next to be holden at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of October, 1908.

Fred Bernier of Rumford, in said County, husband of Lydia Poulliot Bernier formerly of Rumford, now of parts unknown, respectfully libels and gives this Honorable Court to be informed:

That he was lawfully married to the said Lydia Poulliot at Rumford Falls, Maine, on the 31st day of October, A. D. 1904, and that they resided together at Rumford Falls for some time: That he has had by her one child, now living, whose name is Rita, aged three: That your Libellant, since their said intermarriage has always behaved himself as a kind and faithful husband, and has ever provided for her and their child, suitable maintenance and support: But that the said Libellee, wholly regardless of her marriage covenant and duty, at divers times and places since their said intermarriage, and previous to the date of this writ, has committed the crime of adultery with one Thomas Simoneau: and at divers other times and places with divers other men to your Libellant unknown.

And your Libellant further says that the residence of the Libellee is unknown to him, and cannot be ascertained by reasonable diligence on his part.

WHEREFORE, your Libellant prays this Honorable Court to decree a divorce between him and his said wife from the bonds of matrimony, and that the custody of the minor child may be committed to him.

Dated this 25th day of August, A. D. 1908.
FRED BERNIER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26th day of August, A. D. 1908.
LUCIAN W. BLANCHARD,
Justice of the Peace.

(SEAL.)

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS.
Supreme Judicial Court, in Vacation. August 26, A. D. 1908.

UPON THE FOREGOING LIBEL, ORDERED, That the Libellant give notice to the said Lydia Poulliot Fernier to appear before the Justice of our Supreme Judicial Court, to be holden at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of Oct., A. D. 1908, by publishing an attested copy of said libel, and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in Paris, in our County of Oxford, the first publication to be 30 days at least prior to said second Tuesday of October, 1908, that she may there and then in our said Court appear and show cause, if any she have, why the prayer of said Libellant should not be granted.

HENRY C. PEABODY,
Justice of the Sup. Jud. Court.

A true copy of the libel and order of court thereon.

Attest: CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.
L. W. Blanchard, Attorney for Libellant

HEBRON STATION, MAINE, July 20, 1908.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Oxford County:

We, the undersigned, do petition and earnestly desire that a road shall be laid out in said town and county as follows: Leaving the county road, leading from Buckfield to Mechanic Falls, at a point just north of land owned by W. H. Packard, running westerly, crossing land owned by Fred Packard and Dr. N. M. Marshall, crossing the town road, leading from East Hebron to Hebron Academy, near the top of the hill north of the residence formerly owned by R. P. Fuller, now owned by M. R. Farris, crossing land of M. R. Farris and entering said town road at some point east of Hog Brook Bridge. The same would be a shorter and easier route and a great public convenience.

BAKER PHILLIPS, and others.

[SEAL.]

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS.

Board of County Commissioners, September session, 1908.

UPON the foregoing petition, satisfactory evidence having been received that the petitioners are responsible, and that inquiry into the merits of their application is expedient, IT IS ORDERED, that the County Commissioners meet at the store of D. M. Needham & Son, at Hebron Station, in said county, on Wednesday, the 21st day of Oct., next, at nine of the clock, A. M., and thence proceed to view the route mentioned in said petition; immediately after which view, a hearing of the parties and their witnesses will be had at some convenient place in the vicinity and such other measures taken in the premises as the Commissioners shall judge proper. And it is further ORDERED, that notice of the time, place and purpose of the Commissioners' meeting