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Phillips.

Dotting one of the most fertile spots in the Sandy River valley, in Franklin county, through which flows the babbling waters of the rock cleft stream from which the valley attains its title, is the beautiful town of Phillips. Picturesquely situated, mid wooded hills and fringed with the fertile farms of a prosperous agricultural community, with delightfully romantic drives radiating therefrom in all directions, and practically the heart of a fish and game region unsurpassed in the state, it affords superlative advantages for the comfort and delight of all who enjoy recreation or sport to the extent of their desires. Nor is this all, for there are other offerings equally as advantageous, particularly from a business standpoint, for apart from the transportation facilities afforded by the Sandy River and Phillips & Rangeley railroads, centering at this part, and forming with the Maine Central a trunk line that is in direct touch with the commercial world at large, the town is twained by the Sandy river not only furnishing water power for the several industries hereinafter mentioned, but which power could be farther utilized to a marked extent in the propagation of other industrial plants whenever the emergency shall arise. The town is modernized to an extent largely in excess of many localities of even larger caliber, for apart from the educational facilities afforded by a most excellent public school system, it has one of the best waterworks systems in the state, with an equally satisfactory electric light and power system. The town supports three religious congregations, worshipping in two edifices of modern design and interior fixtures and furnishings, the Methodists convening in the one and the Congregationalists and Free Will Baptists alternately in the other, the latter place of worship being denominated a Union church. Two banks—National and Savings—the former also having a savings department in connection, with a free public library established in 1894, containing 2,700 volumes, which is constantly being added to, constitute essential public features. Added thereto are social, fraternal and beneficial organizations sufficient in number and variety to appease the desires of all classes, including a board of trade. The climatic conditions are all that could be desired for the promotion of health, as the longevity of the inhabitants fully attests. This with the foregoing essentials combine advantages in the way of pleasure or business inducements, that but few localities in the state can present and it is only necessary for those in the old time tradition, that the proof of the pudding is the eating, to come once, obtain their fill of the good things offered and ready for digestion and be convinced as have the many hitherto.

The Fire Department.

The fire department of Phillips is in most excellent condition and in its equipment comprises a hand engine, hose reel, hook and ladder truck and 1,300 feet of hose all in good order. The apparatus is housed on Main street practically in the centre of the town, in addition to which there are two sub-stations, one in either village, with an equipment of ladders, hose and hydrant wrenches, ready for any emergency.

The department is composed of 33 members of which Hon. N. P. Noble is foreman, the general charge being vested in a board of three engineers selected by the village corporation, comprising at present, Messrs. W. B. Butler, A. S. Beedy and W. B. Hoyt. In conjunction with a most excellent system of waterworks the town is as fully protected from the ravages of the fire fiend as any in the state and which is a just cause of pride to its citizens.

Phillips Water Company.

The Phillips waterworks, built in 1896, by the Phillips Water company, of which Hon. F. E. Timberlake is president and W. B. Butler of Phillips, superintendent, is an institution which apart from supplying the public with pure drinking water, has proven of inestimable advantage as a means of fire protection.

The source of supply is Mt. Blue pond, a pure spring-fed sheet of water 600 feet above and some six miles from the town. From the pond the water flows by gravitation to the village and then through an 8-inch main to a 750,000 gallon reservoir located on Blake hill, which is 180 feet above the level of the village.

Its distribution through the town is by some six miles of 6-inch mains, there being at present 122 services in operation. For fire purposes

zation having been effected about two years since.

An inspection of its quarters over the post office is indisputable evidence of the fact that this community of interest association is fully abreast of the times. The apartments thus occupied, comprise a reading room fronting the street supplied with all the leading publications, with an elegant upright piano occupying a conspicuous position; a central room for social enjoyment and a billiard room in the rear, with connecting bath room and toilet facilities and a long distance telephone conveniently located in the corridor.

The fixtures and furnishings are fully in accord with modern standards and the rooms are open at all times, not only to members and friends but to visitors who care to avail themselves of the opportunity, while the secretary would be pleased to furnish such information as may be desired by prospective new comers desirous of a permanent location.

Phillips Electric Light Co.

The town of Phillips is well provided for in the matter of an electric light system by the efficient service rendered by this company, of which Herbert H. Berry of Cambridge, Mass., is president, Edwin P. Cochran of the same city, treasurer and Hon. N. P. Noble of Phillips, local manager, the foregoing also constituting the directorate.

The plant was installed in 1892, the present company assuming control in 1898, since which time the system has been vastly improved. The system is an alternating one, capable of indefinite extension, the power house located upon the bank of the Sandy river near the northern approach to the highway bridge, being equipped with an 600-light dynamo, of which at present 500 lights are in service, which apart from the public buildings, business establishments and residences thus supplied, includes 20 street lights. Added

The business of the office has increased during Postmaster Haley's administration to the extent that its classification has been changed from the fourth to the third grade. Two lady assistants are required to attend to the incidental postal details of the office which in all essentials is creditable alike to the town and its efficient postmaster.

Phillips Hotel.

Centered amid the business district, within a stone's throw of the railway station and post office, is the Phillips Hotel, C. A. Mahoney, proprietor, offering unsurpassed accommodations to the traveling public. Mr. Mahoney is a born boniface, having been "on the road," with an extended experience in hotel life in connection with the Lancey House, Pittsfield, and the Bangor House, in addition to which he conducted a well known restaurant in Farmington for five years and was proprietor of The Willows in the same town for a year and a half. He then came to Phillips as proprietor of Comfort Cottage and assumed charge of the Phillips Hotel the present year. For five years he commanded the K. P. company of Farmington and at present is a major on the staff of Gen. Wesley Smith commanding the state brigade, K. P. Under his management the Phillips Hotel has undergone a thorough renovation and at present stands second to none. The house contains all the modern improvements, including electric lights, steam heat and bath and toilet facilities. There are 25 guest chambers, a handsome ladies' reception room, with steel ceiled office and dining room, the latter seating 60 people. Free transportation is furnished guests and baggage to and from the railway station, and no commendation is needed other than the fact that it is the headquarters of the commercial men frequenting the town and it is conceded by the public that they know a good thing when they see it.

Austin & Co.

The most potent industrial factor of Phillips is the spool manufacturing plant of Austin & Co., originally installed in Weld in 1868 and removed to Phillips in 1896. The plant comprises about nine acres, five of which are utilized for business purposes. The manufacturing plant parallels the Sandy River railroad, spurs from which intersect the property.

The principal structure combines a sawmill, boxing and shipping apartments, machine and wood working shops, the factory being equipped with the necessary spool machines, turning out spools of varied dimension from a 25 to 100 yard to a regulation 200 yard spool, requiring some 1,500 cords of white birch annually. Annexed to the main building is an engine room and boiler house equipped with two engines, combining 75 horse power and boiler of 100 horse power. Connected with the engine house is a dynamo room equipped with 100 light generator. In the rear of the boiler house is a drying kiln of 16 train car capacity, each car being freighted with three-fourths of a cord of spool wood. The plant includes a commodious office building, blacksmith shop and three storehouses.

The property is protected from fire by special hydrants of the Phillips water system, the main building being equipped with automatic sprinklers connected with the town system and supplying a roof reservoir of 5,000 gallon capacity.

Austin & Co. also operate a sawmill plant at Sandy River Plantation, utilized in winter for preparing stock from stumpage in the vicinity, thus furnishing employment to 35 men and 20 horses, while the Phillips plant furnishes employment to some 35 hands.

Board of Trade.

Phillips has a board of trade, comprising in its membership practically all of the leading business and professional men, beside some fifteen nonresident members, all of whom as a collective body, are thoroughly alive to all interests having to do with the town's well being. Hon. N. P. Noble is its president, with Messrs. George B. Sedgely and W. A. D. Cragin as secretary and treasurer respectively, its organi-

The Public School

system of Phillips is under the efficient management of a school board comprising Messrs. Fremont Scamman, A. D. Graffam and Rev. J. B. Ranger, Dr. E. B. Currier officiating as superintendent. There are eight school buildings, all in good repair, the principal building being a two and a half story structure of modern design, steam heated and electric lighted, located in a most delightful spot on Main street in the center of the town proper. The instruction staff comprises a principal and thirteen assistants, the aggregate attendance of pupils numbering 325, divided into a High school department of fifty, Grammar, Intermediate, Primary and sub-Primary, the High school pupils being subject to an English, Scientific and Collegiate course.

thereto the company are prepared to supply power inclusive of motors and electrical supplies to any industrial plants desiring such. Up to date some seven miles of wire have been strung and the principal thoroughfares have been poled and wired, the service being extended as occasion demands.

The Phillips Post Office

occupying quarters on Main street, opposite the Beal block, was for a number of years prior to 1900, located upon the opposite side of the street. For neatness and convenience, both as regards public accessibility and general mailing facilities, it could hardly be bettered, with fixtures and furnishings in keeping therewith. Two mails daily, except Sunday, are despatched and received to and from all points by rail in addition to which three rural free delivery routes, covering a territory averaging 22 miles each center at this office.



METHODIST CHURCH, PHILLIPS.

Sandy River Railroad.

The Sandy River railroad, extending from Farmington to Phillips, 18 miles, with a radiating arm—the Franklin & Megantic railroad, junctioning with the former at Strong and penetrating for thirty miles the northwestern wilds of Maine, forms in conjunction with the Maine Central and Phillips & Rangeley railroads, the connecting link of a direct line by which passengers from Boston and intermediate points, can reach the same evening, nearly all points in the far famed Rangeley and Dead River regions of Maine, famous not only as a sportsman's paradise but for the scenic grandeur thereof.



SANDY RIVER RAILROAD BRIDGE NEAR PHILLIPS.

The Sandy River road in conjunction with its connections north of Farmington, is the principal component of a two-foot gauge system of some eighty miles and which with its pygmean rolling stock, in exact counterpart of that of its more formidable rivals the standard gauge lines, is a novelty to the uninitiated in railroading upon such extremely limited principles. It is with commingled feelings of wonder and delight that one alights from the broad vestibule of the Maine Central train at Farmington and for the first time enters the diminutive passenger coach of this dwarfish train standing alongside, or secures accommodations in a parlor car that under broad gauge principles, would be a valuable acquisition to the Pullman equipment. Then to be whisked at a clip savoring of broad gauge speed through balsamic forests and over fertile plains, dotted in the most romantic manner possible, with tidy looking villages or the comfortable homes of the prosperous agriculturists scattered here and there and anon skirting the babbling pebbly bottomed stream from which the road derives its title, intermittent with the silvery cascades of its periodically rock cleft waters with occasional glimpses of scenic loveliness that would baffle the skill of an artist to reproduce with all its realisms, is a never to be forgotten pleasure. Then again to be dropped off at some picturesque wayside, midst the alluring haunts of such denizens of the stream and forest as abound in the adjacent wilds, the latter punctuated with the most inviting of habitable camps, conducted by those who from long association therewith, are familiar with the favorite haunts of these habitues of this great natural fish and game preserve way down in Maine, is a most exquisite pastime that no lover of the rod or gun can afford to ignore in the season thereof. All this and more can be truthfully said of this pygmean trunk line connection which was opened for traffic in the fall of 1879 and which with its connecting lines, has opened up not only a sportsman's paradise hitherto known and frequented by the few, but has developed a lumber interest accruing to its advantage in freight revenues and beneficial to the community centering thereabout, as well as the commercial world at large.

The officials of the Sandy River, comprising Weston Lewis of Gardiner, Me., as president; George A. Farrington of the same city, treasurer and general passenger and ticket agent; and F. N. Beal of Phillips, who for the past eighteen years has been its efficient superintendent, have labored assiduously in bringing the road to its present state of perfection, financially, physically and in its public service. The latter comprises in addition to a through service with parlor

car attached and with but one change, a double daily service, Sundays excepted, between Farmington and all points in the regions heretofore alluded to. Its road bed and rolling stock are in excellent condition, its passenger equipment having been recently strengthened by the acquisition of new coaches of the latest standard gauge type, with high back seats of the Hale & Kilburn pattern, and seating individually 28 passengers, the passenger rolling stock throughout, being equipped with the Miller coupler and vacuum airbrake. The freight traffic, averaging 1,000 loaded cars per month is rapidly increasing and its equipment being constantly

added to. Its stations and outbuildings are all of modern design and finish, and its plant at Phillips comprises a cluster of buildings within which is contained the several mechanical departments while a new roundhouse supplanting that destroyed by fire is in process of completion.

Franklin & Megantic Railroad.

The Franklin & Megantic railroad, forming one of the group of two-foot gauge lines traversing northwestern Maine, extending from its junction with the Sandy River road at Strong to Bigelow, was opened for traffic to Kingfield, a distance of 15 miles in December, 1884, thence to Carrabassett ten miles farther in 1895 and to Bigelow its present terminus six miles beyond in 1900. Its officials are J. S. Maxcy of Gardiner, Me., president, P. H. Winslow of the same city, treasurer and general passenger and ticket agent; and George M. Vose of Kingfield, superintendent, the latter having been identified with the road



SCENE ON THE LINE OF FRANKLIN & MEGANTIC RAILWAY.

in various capacities for sixteen years, six of which he has been superintendent. Its road bed and rolling stock to which has recently been added an entire new passenger train equipment comprising a combination baggage and smoking car and passenger coach, both of the latest model, are in every essential fully up to the standard of that of the parent line, the Sandy River, and though of somewhat diminutive proportion, the equal of any of standard gauge pattern. The passenger schedule combines a double daily service in connection with the Sandy River road between Farmington and Bigelow connecting at Carrabassett Station with stages for Flag-

staff and at Bigelow for Stratton, Eustis and the various camps in the Dead River region, which can be reached from Boston and intermediate points the same evening.

In its thirty-mile course the Franklin & Megantic railway traverses the romantically picturesque Carrabassett valley, rich in fertility, fringed by primeval forests and towering wooded hills that shelter such stately monarchs of the forest and smaller game in abundance, as is the delight of the sportsman to seek to say nothing of the innumerable streams and ponds dotting this region filled to overflowing with record trout and other piscatorial subjects awaiting the anglers' summons.

For more than two-thirds of the distance this pygmy railway skirts the leafy bowered Carrabassett river, the power of its rock creviced waters as yet unharnessed by man, excepting in a primitive way offering in conjunction with almost unlimited timber lands, exceptional opportunities for the location of all kind of wood working industries. While the broad fertile plains of this brightest verdured valley in midsummer is but sparsely populated save for the thriving town of Kingfield and considerable of a settlement at Bigelow the fruit of an immense lumber manufacturing plant that has sprung into existence as if by magic, its possibilities for business, sport or pleasure are manifold.

S. L. Savage, Carriage Repairing

It is not altogether improbable that notwithstanding the fact that S. L. Savage, whose carriage wood working establishment is located over Staples's blacksmith shop across the river at the lower village, that there are yet a few who are still ignorant of the fact. During the ten years he has been engaged in this business, two years in his present place, he has rendered satisfactory service to numerous patrons in the matter of carriage repairing and having exceptional facilities therefor, is prepared not only to execute any job of carriage wood work or repairing, but to build to order farm or road wagons and sleighs. In fact there is but little if anything along the line of carriage work that Mr. Savage is not fully qualified to do in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

W. T. Hinds.

Among the industrial plants with which Phillips is dotted is the saw and planing mill owned and operated by W. T. Hinds, located upon the bank of the Sandy river, upon the site of the woollen mill burned six years ago. Mr. Hinds is a native of Kingfield and for a number of years in connection with his father operated

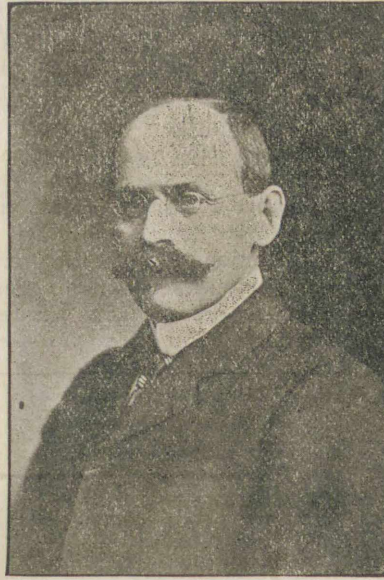
Some Phillips Twins.



MRS. FOSTINA H. TOOTHAKER.



MRS. CLEMENTINA W. TOOTHAKER.



A. S. PRATT.



A. D. PRATT.



GUY L. HARDEN.



DON L. HARDEN.



MYRTIE L. HESCOCK.



MABELLE N. HESCOCK.



L. EVELYN SWEETSER.



C. EVERDENE SWEETSER.

a similar plant in Salem, Maine, the Phillips plant being installed in 1899. The latter is equipped with all the necessary machinery for the sawing of 8000 feet of lumber daily, with a shingle machine of 10,000 daily capacity. The mill is also equipped with planer, matcher and other machinery, by which Mr. Hinds is enabled to execute any order for builders' finish of any character at short notice. Mr. Hinds not only makes a specialty of custom work, but deals in long and short lumber, shingles and builders' finish, a fact that should be remembered by those in need of such either in Phillips or its vicinity.

Hon. James Morrison,

attorney, whose offices are located in the Beal block, is a native of Madrid, but has been a resident of and actively identified with the welfare of Phillips since boyhood. He acquired his education in the public schools and later read law in conjunction with the Hon. Joseph C. Holman. He was admitted to the Franklin county bar in September, 1869, and at once entered practice in Phillips. Apart from professional interests, Judge Morrison has most acceptably served his constituents as a member of the board of selectmen at one time and another for fifteen

D. F. Hoyt & Co., Clothing.

The firm of D. F. Hoyt & Co., men's outfitters, 5 Beal block, opposite the post office, and who some two years since succeeded to the business of D. F. Field, with whom the senior member of the present firm was associated in a subordinate capacity prior to entering business for himself, carry the largest line of ready to wear garments and furnishings to be found in the town. Their stock of clothing for men and boys, comprising sack and frock suits and top coats of the latest pattern and

W. A. D. Cragin, Drugs, Etc.

A well stocked pharmacy like that of W. A. D. Cragin, occupying the east end of the Beal block, Main street, is to say the least a most important adjunct to the business, as well as public interests of any town, particularly so with Phillips, as Mr. Cragin is the only druggist.

As a pharmaceutical establishment, it is the equal of any similar institution in the larger centers, being stocked with pure drugs, chemicals, toilet and fancy articles, druggists' sundries in general, inclusive of the traditional soda fountain, its beverage being flavored with specially prepared fruit juices, the manufacture of Mr. Cragin, together with the leading proprietary remedial preparations, liquid and solid, with a prescription department of which Mr. Cragin makes a specialty, he being a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1876. Stationery and the incidentals thereof, leading daily, weekly and monthly publications, in conjunction with Devoe's ready mixed paints and a full line of Huyler and other well-known brands of confectionery, with choice brands of cigars, are features that should not be forgotten, as also the fact that Mr. Cragin is agent for the Franklin Steam laundry of Farmington.

But the foregoing does not constitute the business in its entirety, for Mr. Cragin apart from the drug store occupying the street floor, occupies equally as ample floor area above, which is given over to the display and sale of wall papers and borders in great variety, as also window shades and fixtures, toys, knick-knacks and holiday specialties in general.

Mr. Cragin is a native of Embden, Maine, and for a time was identified with a well-known Boston drug store, having been in business in this town for the past twenty-three years. He has been a member of the school board and is at present serving his sixth term as town treasurer.

H. F. Beedy.

The subject of this sketch, H. F. Beedy, Esq., attorney, with offices in the Bates block, Main street, lower village, was born in the town of Phillips and acquired his education in the public schools, with a supplementary school training in Massachusetts and the Wilton, Maine, academy, graduating from the latter in 1886. He read law in conjunction with Messrs. P. H. Sawyer of Phillips and S. Clifford Belcher of Farmington and was admitted to the Franklin county bar in the fall of 1886. He first entered practice in Farmington, establishing practice in Phillips in 1890, where he has since remained. Mr. Beedy is admitted to practice in the United States courts and is a member of the Maine Bar association. Added to his law practice Mr. Beedy does a general fire and life insurance business, being the accredited representative of the Aetna of Hartford, the Home, Niagara and German insurance, the three latter of New York and all well known fire companies, and the Northwestern Life Insurance company.

T. R. Wing, Blacksmith.

Located at the junction of Main and Depot streets is the general blacksmithing establishment of T. R. Wing, who three years since succeeded to the business conducted by Walter Beedy, and who for nearly a dozen years prior thereto was engaged in the same vocation in Strong. Mr. Wing is not only prepared to render satisfactory services as a horse shoer, devoting special attention to overreaching and interfering animals, but his premises are fully equipped and he and his assistants are fully prepared to execute any character of carriage repairing whether iron or woodwork be required. In fact, Mr. Wing can and does construct business and farm wagons and puns complete, upon order.

In addition to general blacksmithing, Mr. Wing deals in and is the exclusive agent for this vicinity of Osborn's agricultural implements, comprising horserakes, mowers, ploughs and harvesting machinery, a fact which the agricultural community of North Franklin county should bear in mind and inspect, when in need, before purchasing elsewhere.

A. M. Greenwood, Furniture.

Occupying commodious quarters in the Beal block, opposite the post office is the furniture warerooms of A. M. Greenwood, who has been a resident of and identified with the business interests of Phillips for nearly a quarter of a century, having until recently with the exception of a short interim carried on a successful jewelry business, to which he added the furniture trade about four years ago. The premises occupied by him are literally packed with furniture,



A. M. GREENWOOD.

including parlor, chamber and dining room suits, together with rugs, easy chairs, mirrors, etc. Such household articles as are not to be found in stock, Mr. Greenwood can readily procure upon order from sample photographs of the same. He makes a specialty of pictures and picture framing, with a large line of mouldings from which to select. While not aspiring to political honors, Mr. Greenwood has acceptably filled the office of town clerk for the past four years.

Dr. J. F. Hilton.

Ethically the medical fraternity are debarred from the notoriety accorded the business and professional public in general, but as this is a resume of the town of Phillips and its interests, it is sufficient unto the purpose to say that Dr. J. F. Hilton, physician and surgeon with his office and residence on Main street, is a native of Canaan, Me. He was educated in the public schools of Lewiston, and Bates college of the same city. He subsequently entered the University of New York and later the University of Vermont at Burlington, graduating therefrom in 1892. He first entered practice in Lewiston and also became a member of the Maine Medical society. In 1897 the Doctor established practice in Phillips, where he has since remained.

Dr. E. B. Currier,

physician and surgeon, whose office and residence are opposite the Methodist church on Main street, is a native of Wilton, Maine. His education was acquired through the public schools, Wilton academy, Westbrook seminary and the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, graduating from the latter in 1893. Returning to Maine he entered practice at Rangeley, remaining for three years and from thence coming to Phillips. Dr. Currier is the efficient

superintendent of schools and is also a member of the Franklin County Medical association.

G. F. Chandler, Undertaker.

There is an air of delicacy surrounding the profession of an undertaker, repellant of any extended publicity, though the services of such are a necessity at some period of life. Following this vocation is C. F. Chandler, whose office and warerooms are located at the foot of Main street, near the Union church, and who succeeded to the business of E. M. Robinson some two years since. Mr. Chandler is not only a funeral director in all the term implies, but is a practical embalmer, having graduated from the Massachusetts College of Embalming in 1901. As a funeral director, Mr. Chandler is prepared to assume charge of all details incident to burial services, including the necessary furnishings thereof, with a large and varied line thereof, including burial cases, on hand at his warerooms from which patrons can select.

George D. Bangs, Hardware.

Phillips, sandwiched as it is mid a prosperous agricultural community and a vast lumber operating district, presents exceptional opportunities for the successful conduct of an hardware and agricultural implement business such as George D. Bangs is engaged in, his establishment being located in the upper village. Mr. Bangs is a native of the town and was formerly of the firm of Bangs & Bell, having assumed control of the entire business within a year. Hardware and mechanics' supplies in general, paints, the Heath and Milligan ready mixed colors being a specialty, oils, varnishes and painters' supplies, fishermen's goods, together with Magee stoves, tinware and kitchen furnishing goods constitute the principal features of this well stocked hardware establishment, while an adjoining storehouse contains numerous farm implements inclusive of the Adriance Buckeye mowing machine, with plows, horse-rakes, cultivators and other labor saving farm machinery worthy the consideration of those seeking such at prices within their means.



E. S. Bubier, Jeweler.

The jewelry trade of Phillips is fully represented by Emery S. Bubier whose establishment is located in the Beal block opposite the post office. Mr. Bubier succeeded the current year to the business of A. M. Greenwood, with whom he was formerly associated in a subordinate capacity, thereby acquiring a thorough knowledge of the business. Watches, clocks, silver and plated ware, souvenir goods, charms, class and wedding rings and novelties of the jeweler's art of varied character constitute the principal stock features of this the only jewelry store in town. Mr. Bubier's particular specialty, however, is in the repair and renovation of watches, clocks and jewelry, all work of this character entrusted to his charge being promptly and satisfactorily executed.



J. W. BRACKETT, PUBLISHER OF THE MAINE WOODSMAN.



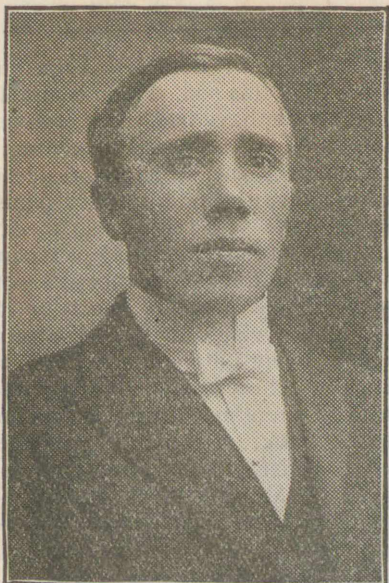
HON. JAMES MORRISON.

years and is at present serving his fourth consecutive term as such, being chairman of the present board. From 1884 to 1901 he served as Judge of Probate for Franklin county and represented this district in the house of representatives in 1877 and as state senator in 1878-9, during which he served as a member of several important committees, with credit to himself and his constituency. Judge Morrison is a veteran of the late Civil war, having for two years and a half served as a member of the Second Maine cavalry and stationed in the department of the Gulf.

George B. Sedgely, Dry Goods.

The dry and fancy goods trade of Phillips is of no inconsiderable importance, its principal interests being centered in the two stores controlled by George B. Sedgely, the one being located in the Beal block and the other in the Bates block, directly opposite on Main street, the former having been under Mr. Sedgely's management for six years and the latter for two, having been previously controlled by E. H. Shepard. Both establishments are in every essential fully up to the standard of excellence governing metropolitan institutions of a similar character, regarding fixtures, furnishings and business methods. The center of attraction for the ladies, however, is the Beal block premises, the floor area being of ample dimension for the display and sale of such dress fabrics in silks, satins, woolsens, gingham and muslins of the latest patterns, with the kindred accessories thereto in the way of linings, trimmings, etc. Ladies' furnishings of various grades and seasonable weight, gloves, laces, hosiery and small wares in variety, constitute an essential feature, as also skirts, wrappers, shirt waists and ladies' tailor made suits, the latter constituting a special department, in connection with a large line of boots and shoes, the "Queen Quality" for ladies being the predominant attraction thereof. The opposite store, equally as spacious regarding floor area, not only caters to the public in dry and fancy goods, furnishings and millinery novelties, but its special features are comprised in gentlemen's ready made clothing, hats, caps and general furnishings, as well as boots and shoes of all sizes and of such grades as are in popular demand.

cut, the equal in many respects to the custom made garment, is amply sufficient to appease the taste of all classes, however fastidious, and withal at prices that cannot fail to meet with approbation. Gent's furnishings, hats, caps, with a large line of boots and shoes in grades and sizes to fit the multitude, as also trunks, bags and suit cases, are also to be found in variety within the premises of this enterprising and progressive firm, who without apparent effort can readily array their patrons with the necessary wearing apparel, inner and outer, from top to toe, inclusive of cane or umbrella, or both, and the traveling equipage in which to carry their doffed apparel.



REV. O. W. PETERSON, PHILLIPS.

Dr. G. L. Toothaker,

physician and surgeon, whose office and residence are located on Main street at the head of Depot street, was born in Phillips. The Doctor obtained his education in the public schools and University of Michigan, attending the latter in 1868-9. From thence he entered the Bowdoin Medical college, from which he graduated in 1871. In the meantime he studied medicine with Dr. Warren Hunter, a well known medical practitioner of Cherryfield, subsequently of Strong, Maine. Dr. Toothaker entered practice in Auburn, Maine, in 1871 and in 1873 came to Phillips and established practice where he has since remained.

H. W. True, Tailor.

In these days of moderate priced custom clothing there is no apology to be offered by the shabbily dressed individual, and though the ready made garment may be a trifle less expensive, the custom made suit is the most economical in the end particularly when made by a custom



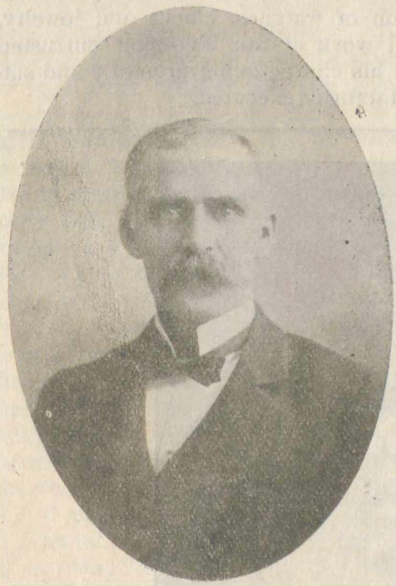
H. W. TRUE.

tailor of reputation like unto H. W. True, who has been engaged therein for upward of a quarter of a century, and at present occupying apartments in the second story of the Beal block opposite the post office. Mr. True maintains a close touch with the latest fashions as promulgated from the leading designs, and with a large line of fabrics of the latest pattern from which to select is prepared to produce a custom made garment, warranted to be correct in style, perfect fit and unexcelled workmanship. Mr. True makes a specialty also of making ladies' skirts and carries a full line of samples of ladies' cloth, apart from which he does pressing, repairing and cleansing of either ladies' or gents' garments.

Sidney G. Haley, Postmaster.

Who has most acceptably filled that position for the past four years, is a native of Avon, but has been identified with the business interests for more than twenty years, having at first conducted a general merchandise business in the Brick store near the present post office. Later he removed to the upper village and from thence in December last to his present location in the Bates block, lower village, having in the meantime substituted general groceries, flour, grain and mill feed, crockery, glass and lamp ware, confectionery, cigars and tobacco for that of general merchandise, his present quarters being fully stocked with the lines enumerated, including dairy products of which he makes a specialty. Connected therewith is a meat market with cold storage facilities for the proper care of such meats as he deals in, comprising beef, pork, lamb, poultry and game in its season together with smoked and canned meats.

Mr. Haley was formerly identified with the Sandy River Creamery Co. and since its collapse has conducted a creamery of his own, and in connection therewith has as fine a farm and buildings as can be found in the



S. G. HALEY.

county, with a herd of 32 milch cows of the Jersey breed, through the agency of which he supplies many of the leading resorts with pure cream, the farm being situated in Avon.

In connection with C. E. Parker of the Phillips Hardware Co. he is interested in lumbering, their timber land being situated in Township 6,

Notwithstanding his multifarious interests, his government duties as postmaster are never neglected, the office being a model one as will be seen by a glance at the article in relation thereto.

Willis Hardy & Co. General Store

This firm while recent converts to the business interests of Phillips have nevertheless had years of experience, the former having been identified with a similar business institution at Livermore Falls and Mr. J. J. Hennings his partner being a well known traveling representative of Milliken, Cousins & Short, which affords the firm exceptional opportunities of securing merchandise bargains. The firm occupies with an annex the entire lower portion of a block in the upper village, and their stock comprises a varied line of dry goods and ladies' and gents' furnishings, including ladies' skirts, wrappers and shirt waist patterns, and novelties in small wares. Hats, caps, gloves, men's and boys' ready-made clothing, lumbermen's supplies, and boots and shoes, the "Roycroft" for men and the "Revelation" for ladies being specialties in the latter line. Then again they deal in choice family groceries, the "Silver Leaf" brand of flour being a specialty, fruit, nuts, confectionery, cigars and tobacco, as also farm and garden seeds, and farm implements of the leading

Fremont Scamman.

Practically no business house in Phillips carries a larger line of footwear of all grades and sizes, the "Chesterfield" for men and the "Radcliffe" for ladies being specialties, than can be found in the premises occupied by Fremont Scamman at the upper village. The same is to be said of wall papers and borders, of which he makes a specialty, as also sportsmen's goods, a fact which all sportsmen visiting this celebrated fish and game region should memorize, as the necessary outfit can be readily procured, with a large line of sporting goods to select from. Mr. Scamman is also a purchaser of wool from the farmers desiring to dispose of such. Mr. Scamman is a native of Weld, coming to Phillips some fourteen years since and succeeding to the business of W. M. Fellows, general merchandise dealer, which Mr. Scamman has since merged into the present lines. He has been a member of the school board for ten years being the chairman thereof, and is a trustee of the Phillips Savings bank.

J. W. Carlton, Harnesses.

No horse owner be he gentleman or farmer but that desires trappings strong and durable, befitting the service required of an equine. This fact, so far as pertains to the owners of horseflesh in and about Phillips, rele-

G. A. French.

One of the most highly respected citizens of Phillips, who has and is always to be found actively identified with all interests pertaining to the welfare of the town is G. A. French, who is a native of the town and for many years one of its leading business men, having first conducted a general merchandise business at the upper village and later as a dry goods trader in the lower village. For several years past Mr. French, who is the owner of a fine farm with a handsome residence on the corner of Main street and Blake Hill road, upper village, has devoted his attention to the purchasing and disposing of neat stock and sheep, largely for the Boston market. He also deals in light carriages and sleighs, a supply of which can always be found in a repository adjoining his residence. Mr. French has been a member of the board of selectmen and is president of the Phillips Savings bank.

Hiscock & Son, Builders.

As contractors, builders and building movers, whose general headquarters are at West Farmington, this firm are too well known to require any extended eulogium for evidences of their skill and workmanship as such are to be found all over the county and even outside thereof, among the buildings erected by them being the Hano camps and other public and private edifices in and about Rangeley, the woolen mill in Phillips and elegant residence of Fletcher Pope recently completed,

E. R. Toothaker, Grocer.

Delightfully located on Main street practically midway the upper and lower villages comprising the town of Phillips, is one of the tidiest and methodically arranged grocery stores to be found in a day's journey, its proprietor, Edgar R. Toothaker, hav-



EDGAR R. TOOTHAKER.

ing some eight years since, succeeded to the business previous thereto conducted by D. H. Toothaker. While groceries are the preeminent feature, it does not constitute the business in its entirety, for in connection therewith Mr. Toothaker deals in stationery and the supplies incidental thereto. The stock of groceries comprises such edibles, crude and prepared and in such variety, as would suffice to stock the larder of an epicurean, teas, coffees and breakfast cereals of popular brand being specialties. Flour, dairy products, canned and bottled preserves and relishes as also the heavier lines of groceries, with a large assortment of fruit, nuts and confectionery comprise the leading essentials of practically the only exclusive grocery store in town.

Dead River Pond Camps.

No hotel landlord is better known to the traveling public who frequent this region, particularly the tourist and sportsman, than E. B. Whorff, proprietor of the Exchange Hotel in Phillips, and his numerous friends and former patrons will be pleased to learn that he has recently assumed the management of a sportsman's paradise, known as Dead River Pond Camps, four miles from Rangeley station on the Phillips & Rangeley railroad, from which carriages will always be found in readiness to convey passengers to the camps. These camps furnish excellent accommodations for 35 guests and are situated in the very heart of one of the best fish and game regions to be found in the state and with a landlord that from long experience in connection with the Bald Mountain Camps, Mooselookmeguntic House, and at present proprietor of the Exchange of Phillips well known resorts in this vicinity, is familiar with every inch of the territory roundabout, these camps should be and will undoubtedly become the centre of attraction for those who desire recreation with unexcelled sporting pleasures. Particularly so as the table is supplied not only with all the delicacies of the season, but such palatable viands, carefully prepared, from such denizens of the stream and forest as abound in this region, the reputation of Mr. Whorff in the matter of cuisine being too well known to require any eulogy.



PHILLIPS HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

makes, including mowing machines, horserakes, cultivators, etc., occupying an adjoining storehouse for that purpose. The firm is enterprising and progressive, their stock being fully up to the modern standard, with price quotations that are not excessive.

W. J. Ross & Son, Grange Store.

This firm occupying the lower story of the Grange building at the upper village, is one of the later acquisitions to the business community of the town. Mr. Ross is well known as a speculator in neat stock and dealer in carriages, and with his son has recently opened this store which is stocked with choice family and staple groceries, which includes teas, coffees, canned goods and dairy products in conjunction with flour and feed. Confectionery, cigars and tobacco, and a handsome soda fountain with its pure fruit beverages are also essential features. They also deal in fresh, salt and smoked meats, poultry and game in the season, as also fish of all kinds, and it is the intention of the firm in the near future to add a general line of dry and fancy goods and furnishings. In addition to the foregoing, Messrs. Ross & Son make a specialty of purchasing wool, country produce, lumber, wood and all other staple commodities, which the neighboring farmers have to dispose of at any time and in fact do a general merchandise business.

gating to the advantage of J. W. Carlton, whose harness and horse clothing establishment is located on Main street, upper village, and who has been identified with the business in this same locality for the past 20 years. Mr. Carlton manufactures to order and deals in single and double harnesses and stable accouterments of every character. He makes a specialty of repairing harnesses to the satisfaction of his patrons. Mr. Carlton is a large purchaser of junk and fox skins and being something of a trapper occasionally visits the haunts of these fur-coated animals with success.

G. A. Staples.

Occupying an annex of Rideout's blacksmith shop on Main street, upper village, is the carriage wood working shop of G. A. Staples, who has carried on this branch of the carriage trade for the past two years in connection with his business as a carriage painter and trimmer, having followed the latter vocation for four years or more, occupying the upper story of the blacksmith shop for that purpose. In this as also in carriage repairing or even the building of farm or express or light carriages to order, he is prepared to meet all exigencies, as well as that of carriage painting, to the satisfaction of his patrons, being not only an accomplished journeyman but having had years of experience.



UNION CHURCH, MAIN STREET, PHILLIPS, MAINE.



HON. F. E. TIMBERLAKE.

Hon. F. E. Timberlake.

The subject of this sketch was born in Livermore, July 18, 1856. He was educated in the public schools and the Monmouth and Wilton academies. Later he taught school and read law in the office of Hutchinson and Savage of Lewiston. He was admitted to the bar in March, 1882 and soon after established practice in Phillips, locating in the Beal block on Main street.

In conjunction with his law practice, Mr. Timberlake established a general fire insurance agency, representing the Phoenix of Brooklyn, N. Y., Orient of Hartford and Hamburg-Bremen of New York and in 1899 Hon. N. P. Noble was admitted as a partner under the title of Timberlake & Noble.

Mr. Timberlake served three terms as county attorney from 1886 until 1893 and in 1895 was appointed state bank examiner, which position he still retains, and the current year was elected president of the National Association of Bank Examiners at their annual convention held in Buffalo. He was for nine years president of the Phillips Savings bank, has been a director of the Phillips & Rangeley railroad since 1889 and is a director of the Phillips National bank.

J. Z. Everett, Harnesses.

While J. Z. Everett, harness maker and horse clothier, has carried on this business for a quarter of a century, first located at the head of Main street and for the past six years near the railway station on Depot street, is known to the residents of the region roundabout, it is just a possibility that the foregoing facts may have escaped the notice of a would-be patron, and this is to call their attention. Mr. Everett not only makes to order, but deals in harnesses of all kinds, light and heavy, single or double, as also horse clothing, stable goods and carriage robes of various grades, and as to repairing, Mr. Everett's long experience has taught him just what to do and how to do it at short notice, at the least expense compatible with good workmanship.

H. M. Staples, Blacksmith.

Situated near the highway bridge spanning the river at the lower village is the general blacksmithing establishment of H. M. Staples, who has followed this vocation for the past twelve years, seven of which he has occupied his present quarters. While Mr. Staples pays special attention to horseshoeing and devoting time to all details incidental thereto, he is also prepared, both by experience and mechanical equipment, to execute any character of carriage ironing or repairing, as also to render prompt and satisfactory service in any character of general blacksmithing, whether in the shaping of mechanical tools or a horseshoe to fit the often peculiar conformations of an animal's hoof.

Hon. Newell P. Noble.

Noble with offices in the Beal block, is a native of Androscoggin county, but has been a resident of and identified with the business interests of Phillips since 1877. He was educated in the public schools and graduated from the Hebron academy in 1873 and Bates college in 1877. He then became principal of the Phillips High school, serving one term. He then entered the mercantile field as a general merchandise dealer in the upper village and after the decease of Mr. Toothaker, in the dry goods trade in the lower village, retiring therefrom in 1898. He read law first with Elias Field, later with P. A. Sawyer and latterly with Hon. F. E. Timberlake.

He was admitted to the bar in February, 1899 and at once entered practice in association with Hon. F. E. Timberlake. Mr. Noble has always taken an active part in all affairs pertaining to the town's welfare, and from 1894 to 1898 was superintendent of schools, during which time the present handsome school edifice on Main street was erected, the plotting of the artistic greensward centered by a fountain of unique design fronting the street, being largely due to his energy and wisdom.

Mr. Noble represented the county as state senator in 1900-1, serving during that period as member of the committees on legal affairs, banks and banking, inland fisheries and game, and as chairman of the com-

mittee on claims. He has been treasurer of the Phillips Savings bank since September, 1900 and is a member of the Maine Bar association.

Phillips Savings Bank.

There is no better barometer of the thrift and prosperity existing in a community than that of a savings institution like that of the Phillips Savings bank located in the Beal block on Main street. This bank was incorporated in 1871, G. A. French being its president, N. P. Noble, treasurer, who with F. H. Wilbur, A. M. Greenwood, Fremont Scamman and A. W. McLeary constitute its board of trustees. This institution not only serves as a savings depository for Phillips but for the several adjoining towns.

Its depositors number approximately 1100 with deposits aggregating \$167,000, invested in gilt edge securities, paying. As savings banks are lawfully limited to the safest investments, patrons of the Phillips bank are assured of their principal when wanted, as well as the highest rate of interest consistent with conservative management. The stocks, bonds and other valuables are securely kept in safety vaults in Portland a guarantee of solvency under all circumstances.

E. H. Shepard, Parcel Handles.

That Phillips is not retrograding industrially is evidenced by the fact that within a year a new manufacturing plant has sprang into existence through the enterprise of E. H. Shepard, which though not of mushroom origin, is nevertheless if not a novelty in product, at least fills an important niche in mercantile as well as the mechanical world, its interests being centered in the manufacture of parcel handles. Prior to the installation of this plant Mr. Shepard was for about twenty years engaged in the dry goods trade and located in the Bates block. In addition thereto he has for several years, in connection with his brother under the title of E. H. & L. D. Shepard, operated a novelty mill at Madrid, its product mainly being birch squares for spool stock, the production of parcel handles being later added. The Phillips plant, bordering the Phillips & Rangeley railroad, midway the depot and Main street, comprises a two-story structure, the lower floor being utilized for manufacturing and the upper for finishing, with an engine and boiler house annex, equipped with a 20 horse power engine and 25 horse power boiler, furnishing power for the factory equipment, the present output being 40,000 handles daily, each about 3 7/8 inches long and the size of an adult's finger in diameter, which apart from any anticipated increase of business would require a quarter of a million feet of birch annually. The factory furnishes employment to several hands, which is likely to be increased rather than diminished.

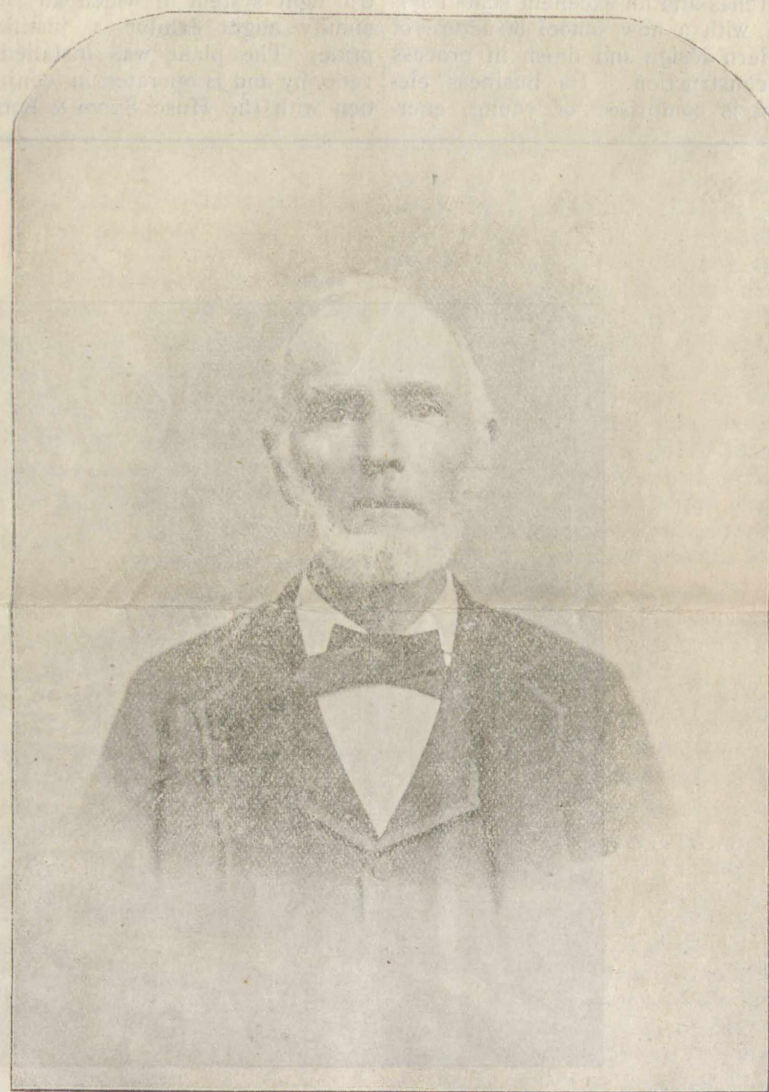
Wilbur & Company.

One of the largest mercantile firms in Phillips if not in the county is that of Wilbur & Co., founded in 1853 by Hon. Joel Wilbur, his son, F. H. Wilbur becoming a partner in 1883, the latter since the retirement of the senior the current year conducting the business alone. The firm deals in general groceries, crockery, glass and lamp goods, their specialties being lumbermen's supplies and the William Tell brand of flour. They also deal in flour, grain, bricks, lime, cement, long and short lumber, and Bradley's fertilizers, occupying with the buildings thereon an acre of ground. The principal business structure, within which is the grocery department, is 48x60 with a three-story and basement annex 38x75, both fronting Depot street and paralleled by a spur of the Sandy River railroad, while skirting the Phillips & Rangeley railroad across the street is a storehouse 30x100, the intervening area being used for the storage of lumber.

Hon. Joel Wilbur, founder of the business, is one of the best known individuals in this section. For 35

The Phillips Hardware Company,

incorporated in 1892 and of which T. M. Parker is president, C. E. Parker, secretary and W. B. Butler, treasurer, is in succession to the firm of T. M. Parker & Co., the business having originally been established by the late W. F. Fuller half a century since. The company occupy commodious quarters in the Beal block next the National bank building, their premises being the practical headquarters for Phillips, and its vicinity for hardware and its sundries including supplies in general for the mill man, lumberman, builder and painter, with a large line of paints, oils and varnishes in connection therewith, machinist, blacksmith and mechanic of whatever grade. They also deal in cutlery, fishing tackle, guns, revolvers and ammunition. Stoves, the Beckwith, Round Oak, Glenwood and Clarion being specialties, ranges, furnaces, tin and granite ware and kitchen furnishing goods in general constitutes a very essential part of their business, as also do plumbing, hot water heating and repairing in connection therewith. They also handle heavy hard-



S. D. DAVIS.

years he was a resident of Avon, 27 of which he was town treasurer. For three years he was superintendent of the Sandy River railroad and a director for 15 years. He has also served as a director of the Phillips & Rangeley railroad and is a director of the Union National bank. He served as a member of the house of representatives in 1889-90 and as a state senator the two years following. Mr. Wilbur was a delegate to the National Republican convention in 1896 and at the following presidential election served as an elector at large. Mr. Wilbur is endowed with broad and progressive ideas and is always to be found actively interested in the welfare of the community of which he is a resident.

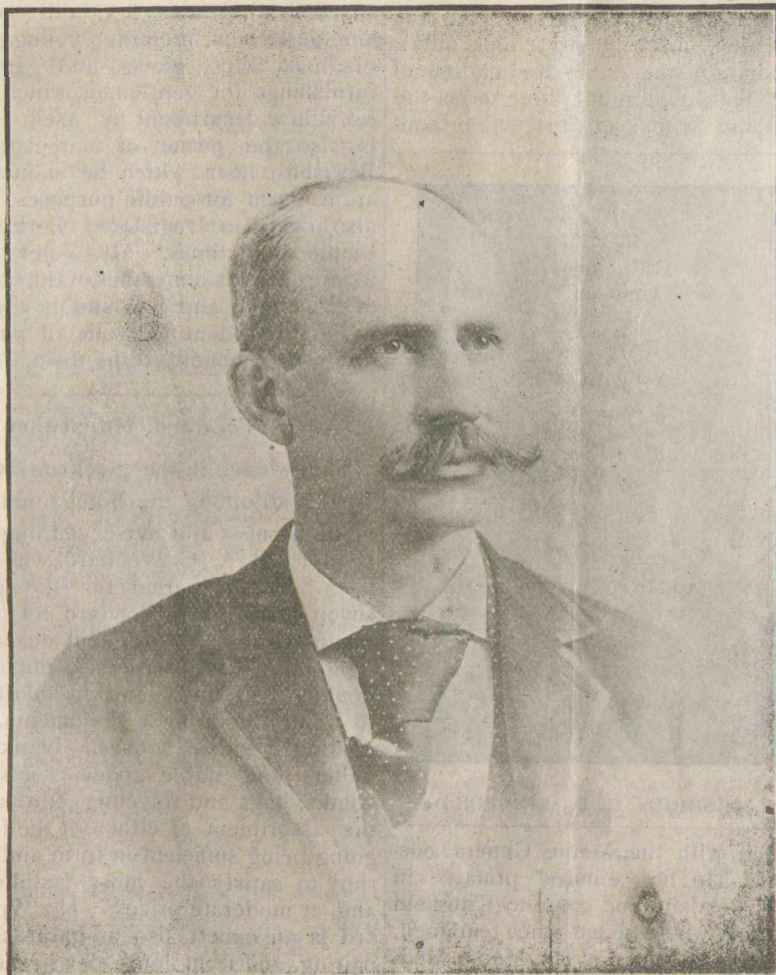
A. D. Graffam.

Inclusive of other business interests of Phillips, is that of a milkman, this vocation being followed by A. D. Graffam, who through the agency of a fine farm located within the town limits, supporting a large herd of milch cows of the Jersey breed, supplies by delivery wagon patrons anywhere in the town with pure milk and cream daily. Mr. Graffam has been thus engaged for the past six years, the business having been carried on many years prior thereto by his father. Mr. Graffam is actively interested in school affairs as well as in all other matters pertaining to the welfare of the town and is at present serving a second term as member of the Phillips school board.

were including carriage stock, bar iron and steel and deal in the leading makes of farm implements, including the New York Champion horse rake and Worcester Buckeye mowing machine, all of which requires the use of two storehouses. The establishment is one of the largest of its character in the county.

N. E. Wells, Livery.

One of the best boarding, baiting and livery stables in this vicinity is that of N. E. Wells, known as the Elmwood stable, located on Main street at the head of Depot street. Mr. Wells succeeded the current year to the business previously conducted by the Phillips Hardware company. He is a native of the town and has for years dickered in horseflesh, and being familiar with every inch of the many beautiful drives radiating from the town, is prepared to transport tourists and others at a reasonable rate, and to furnish the best of livery service, his equipment comprising single and double hitch-outs with all the accompanying comforts, inclusive of fine roadsters, a fact which should be memorized by all who visit Phillips and desire first-class livery service. In addition thereto, Mr. Wells has the best of accommodations for boarding and baiting, which is of essential importance to those frequenting the town from the neighboring localities.



HON. NEWELL P. NOBLE.

Kingfield.

One of the picturesquely situated towns in North Franklin county is twenty miles north of Farmington on the direct route and practically the gateway to the Dead River region. Virtually twining the town is the Carrabassett river, and surrounded as is the town by almost limitless forests, it affords unsurpassed facilities for the location of wood working and lumber manufacturing plants more particularly as it is the general headquarters of the Franklin & Megantic railroad, which in connection with the Sandy River railroad at Strong, affords direct communication with the outside world. While the illustration accompanying this article, taken from a view made in 1895, may assist the reader somewhat in determining the character and surroundings of the town, it nevertheless does not render full justice, as since that period the number of buildings, residential and business, has nearly doubled. The valuation of Kingfield has increased from an aggregate of \$119,000 in 1884 to nearly, if not quite, \$350,000. There are numerous industries in the town which in the total give employment to hundreds of hands, with room for more. The town supports four churches and an excellent school system, with a new school structure of modern design and finish in process of construction. Its business element is comprised of young, ener-



E. L. PENNELL, M. D., KINGFIELD.

capacity. Three miles of six and eight-inch street mains have been laid and satisfactory service is rendered to a large percentage of the residents. Connected with the system are 21 fire hydrants, with seven private hydrants located about the principal industrial plants, the average pressure being 85 pounds to the square inch.

Electric Light System.

Kingfield is equipped with an electric light system in which any community might exhibit a justifiable pride. The plant was installed in 1900, by and is operated in conjunction with the Huse Spool & Bobbin

Fire Department.

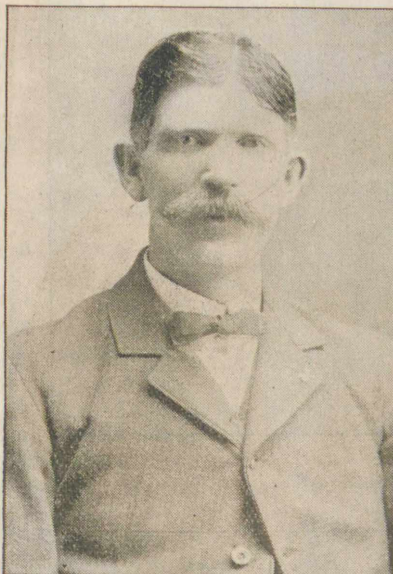
In connection with a most excellent system of waterworks, Kingfield supports an efficient fire brigade of which J. Willis Jordan is chief, Dr. R. D. Simons and A. R. Thurston, being first and second assistants respectively. The apparatus, comprising a standard hose reel, ladder truck and 1,500 feet of hose, two-thirds of the latter being rubber lined, is housed in the business center. Recently a Garnwell fire alarm system has been installed, comprising five regulation signal boxes, these being located in various convenient sections of the town.

Dr. E. L. Pennell, M. D.,

physician and surgeon, with office and residence on Church street, is a native of Gray, Me. He was educated in the public schools and is a graduate of the Nichols Latin school of the class of 1889 and of Bates college in 1893. He taught school in Eastport, Me., one year and served as principal of the Greeley academy of Cumberland Centre for five years. Subsequently he entered the Maine Medical school graduating therefrom in 1901. In the meantime he served as superintendent of schools in Gray and attended for three terms the Portland school of instruction connected with the Maine General hospital, and in 1902 entered practice in Kingfield and is at present a member of the school board.

J. E. Voter, Groceries, Etc.

The business man who best profits by liberal patronage is he who maintains so close a touch with the public pulse as to even anticipate the demands of his patrons, the knowledge of which fact has redounded to the credit of J. E. Voter, who for business purposes occupies the basement and first floor of the building corner of Main and Depot streets. Mr. Voter has been actively engaged in mercantile trade for the past seventeen years, either as a traveling salesman or in conducting business for himself, having been engaged in the latter inter-



J. E. VOTER, KINGFIELD.

Jacobs & Woods, Groceries and Meats.

One of the most enterprising and progressive firms in Kingfield is that of Jacobs & Woods, dealers in groceries and meats, occupying the entire lower story of a block opposite the Kingfield Hotel. The business was established three years since by Messrs. Jacobs & Stevens, the latter relinquishing his interest a year later in favor of Mr. Woods. The firm deals in choice staple and family groceries, including the leading brands of cereals, teas, coffees, spices, and dairy products, with bottled and package goods in variety, as also flour and grain.

In connection therewith, they have one of the best meat markets in town wherein can be found fresh, salt and smoked meats of all kinds, including beef, pork, mutton, hams, tripe and sausages, and as their premises are equipped with a cold storage plant they are enabled to supply their patrons with the best of meat edibles at all times.

Kingfield Hotel.

The interest manifested by the transient public in any locality is largely based upon the accommodations afforded by its public caravansaries. In this respect the Kingfield Hotel, of which J. Willis Jordan is the proprietor, has thus far been equal to all emergencies, for the reason that apart from its central location on Main street in the very heart of the business district, its proprietor



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF KINGFIELD, ME.

getic and progressive people, who believe the town has a future and are working hard to bring about the desired results as is evidenced in the fact that no town in the state of its size is so thoroughly modernized. It has a most excellent system of waterworks, electric lights and sewerage, detailed statements of which will be found elsewhere in these columns, supports a thriving savings bank, a full fledged building association, with social and fraternal organizations sufficient for the demand of all classes, which with a fish and game region close by that is unsurpassed in the state, and the general good health of the community at large makes Kingfield a very desirable place in which to locate.

The Kingfield Water Company

was incorporated and the system installed in 1898, through the energy and enterprise of E. E. Jenkins, its president, H. S. Wing, secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. O. W. Simmons and John and A. G. Winter who in conjunction with the two former constitute the directorate. The service of supply is from Tufts pond, a pure spring fed stream 300 feet above mean level, about three miles from town and which has been pronounced by the state board of health to be free from impurities. The water is thoroughly screened and forced by gravitation through a six-inch main to a reservoir on Stanley hill 200 feet above level and of 550,000 gallon ca-

Co.'s plant, the equipment comprising a general electric dynamo of 2,000 light capacity, with a single phase system of alternating incandescent lighting. Since its introduction all the principal thoroughfares have been poled and wired, the service which is eminently satisfactory, approximating 775 lights, which in their distribution embraces a large percentage of the public buildings, business houses and residences, together with 23 street lights. The Huse Spool & Bobbin Co. are prepared to extend the service at any time and to furnish the necessary electrical supplies therefor.

Kingfield Savings Bank.

No better institution exists, upon which to predicate an opinion as to the prosperity of a community, than a savings depository like unto the Kingfield Savings bank, located in the Alhambra building, incorporated in 1895, of which A. G. Winter is president; H. S. Wing, treasurer and with S. J. Wyman, E. E. Jenkins and C. O. Wilkins comprise its board of trustees. The bank has paid four per cent compound interest since its incorporation, its investments being in substantial dividend paying securities, with sufficient cash on hand for all emergencies. Its depositors number 296 with approximate deposits of \$50,000, the net increase of deposits since April 1 the current year approximating \$9,000.

Dr. R. D. Simons, M. D.,

physician and surgeon, whose office and residence is on South Main street, is a native of Madison, Me. He was educated in the public schools and a graduate of the Maine Medical school in 1899, attending for three terms the Portland school of instruction con-



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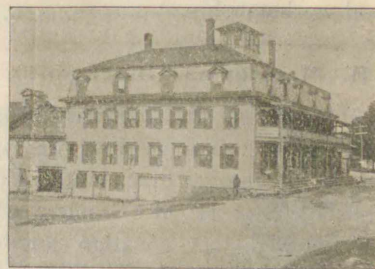
nected with the Maine General hospital. He first entered practice in New Portland and came to Kingfield in 1900, where he has since remained. He is a member of the Maine Medical association, and is chairman of the school board and board of health.

est in Kingfield for the past seven years. Mr. Voter's stock consists of choice family groceries, boots and shoes of all grades for both ladies and gentlemen, including young people; hats, caps, gloves and general furnishings for gentlemen, which latter is in a department by itself. He is also the owner of a registered Berkshire boar, which he maintains at his farm for public purposes, and also deals in registered Berkshire swine at all times. Mr. Voter was for three years a member of the board of selectmen and has and is always to be found identified with all public interests of benefit to the town.

A. G. Woodard, Harnesses.

Sandwiched in the block on Main street, adjoining the hotel building, is the harness and horse clothing repository of A. C. Woodard, who has been located therein for the past seven years. Mr. Woodard not only manufactures to order, but deals in light and heavy harnesses, single or double of all kinds, and in addition to a full line of horse equipments, including whips, robes, blankets, halters and stable goods, deals in trunks, bags and traveling equipage, the assortment of either of the foregoing being sufficient in form and variety to satisfy the most fastidious, and at moderate prices. Mr. Woodard is an expert also at harness repairing, and from long experience is enabled to render satisfactory service thereat in every essential.

and his assistants are ever alert in caring for the comfort of their guests. He has all the modern improvements, including telephone service and electric lights, with most excellent bath and toilet facilities. Apart from a commodious office and reception room, the house has thirty nicely furnished guest chambers, and a large airy dining room seating fifty, while the cuisine is all that could be desired by the most fastidious epicurean. It is the home of the commercial men frequenting the town, which of itself is sufficient recommendation.



KINGFIELD HOUSE, KINGFIELD.

Free transportation is furnished to and from the railway station, and in connection with the hotel, Mr. Jordan conducts a first class livery stable, with the best of service at moderate rates. Mr. Jordan is a member of the Kingfield board of selectmen, and chief of the fire department, and is always to be found identified with all interests pertaining to the welfare of the town.

E. E. Jenkins

was born in Rockland, Mass., in February, 1849, removing to New Portland, Me., when but five years of age. In 1885 he came to Kingfield and erected a novelty mill, which he conducted until 1893, when the plant was incorporated as the Jenkins, Bogert Manufacturing company. Mr. Jenkins has always been actively interested in every movement pertaining to the welfare of the town, and apart from being treasurer of the Jenkins, Bogert Manufacturing company, is treasurer of the Huse Spool & Bobbin Co., president of the Kingfield Water company and a trustee of the Kingfield Savings bank and president of the Alhambra Building company.

Huse Spool & Bobbin Company

containing an industrial enterprise of no inconsiderable magnitude, and an electric light plant affording excellent public service, is an essential development factor of Kingfield. The enterprise was incorporated in 1900, H. S. Wing being president thereof. E. E. Jenkins, treasurer and general manager, who with E. B. Simmons, W. B. Small, R. H. Cunningham and Frank Stanley, the latter still superintendent, and of many years experience in connection with similar institutions, comprising the directorate. The property consisting of some ten acres a few rods west of the Franklin & Megantic railway station, comprises ten stock sheds and a group of three connected buildings,

A. G. Winter, General Merchandise.

Of the numerous mercantile firms in Kingfield, none embodies a wider commercial field than the business controlled by Amos G. Winter, wholesale and retail dealer in choice family and staple groceries, confectionery, cigars and tobacco; lumbermen's supplies being a specialty, combined with a most complete stock of builders' and mechanics' hardware. Even the foregoing does not constitute the business in its entirety, for Mr. Winter owns and operates a grist mill, and apart from custom grinding, deals in flour, grain and hay, as also long and short lumber, brick, lime, cement and masons' supplies in general, with the leading make of agricultural implements, and farming tools of all kinds, together with farm and garden seeds and fertilizers.

For this purpose he occupies a cluster of connected buildings on Depot street next to the Franklin & Megantic railroad station, comprising a two-story and basement structure, 30x70, fronting the street, with a spur of the Franklin & Megantic railroad divisioning this from two adjoining structures 20x70, and 25x40 respectively, in addition to which is a lumber storage shed 25x100 in the immediate vicinity. With the exception of a handsome office 20x22, and a 25 horse power engine plant operating a grist mill of 35 bushels an hour capacity, the entire first story of the main building is given over to trade purposes, with an adjoining grain storage capacity of 3500 bushels. Mr. Winter, who is a son of the late E. S. Winter, began business under the direction of his father, a well-known trader, and for many years postmaster, nineteen years since, and is the president of the Kingfield Savings bank.

L. L. Mitchell, Druggist.

whose establishment is located on Main street, opposite the post office, obtained his pharmaceutical education in connection with a well-known drug firm of Farmington, and succeeding five years since to the business of J. C. W. Clark, had for nearly a quarter of a century prior thereto conducted this business. Within Mr. Mitchell's well stocked drug store can be found the best of pure drugs, chemicals and medical preparations of established reputation, including a cough syrup and headache remedy of his own compounding, pronounced very efficacious by those who have tried them. Mr. Mitchell being a registered pharmacist,

S. J. Wyman, Dry Goods, Etc.

Within one of the broad, deep and high aisled apartments of the French block on Main street, one of the most imposing business edifices in town, is the dry goods and boot and shoe emporium of Sumner J. Wyman, who has been identified with this branch of mercantile trade for five years, three of which he has been located as at present. Though never aspiring to political honors, Mr. Wyman has served as a member of the board of selectmen. The fixtures and furnishings, as well as the merchandise included in Mr. Wyman's premises, are fully in accord with metropolitan standards. The entire depth of the premises to the right is devoted to the display of such dress fabrics of the prevailing shades and textures as would appease the fancy of the most capricious, combined with linings, trimmings, ladies' and misses' furnishings, including hosiery, underwear, gloves and small ware novelties in profusion. Displayed to advantage in the centre is as fine a line of ready-made skirts, wrappers and shirt waists as can be found in the town or county for that matter, while to the left the wall is lined with lily white boxes containing footwear of all grades and sizes, the "Radcliffe" for ladies and "King Quality" for gents predominating. Mr. Wyman is also an agent for the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing machines and is the Kingfield agent of the American Express company. Altogether the establishment is a credit alike to Mr. Wyman and the business element of the town.

H. S. Wing, Esq.,

attorney, with offices in the Alhambra building, is a native of Androscoggin county and with his parents became a resident of Phillips when quite a young man. He was educated in the public schools, and the State Normal school at Farmington, from which institution he graduated in 1890. He read law with the Hon. F. E. Timberlake of Phillips and was admitted to the Franklin County bar in 1895. He established practice in Kingfield the following spring where he has since remained.

In connection with his law practice, Mr. Wing does a general insurance business, representing three of the largest fire companies in the United States. Mr. Wing is at present serving a second term as county attorney and is also admitted to practice in the United States courts.



H. S. WING, ESQ., KINGFIELD, ME.

E. Thurston, who in the conduct of their business occupy the basement and first floor of a building on Main street adjoining the hotel block. Both members of the firm are from Auburn, the senior having been engaged in the present business in Kingfield for the past seven years, the junior partner having been admitted the current year. The Messrs. Thurston not only deal in builders' hardware, but in stoves and ranges, tin and granite ware, and kitchen furnishing goods, crockery, glass and lamp ware. They carry a full line of sportsmen's goods, comprising fishing tackle, guns, revolvers and ammunition; the latter being of essential import in this region, noted for its fish and game, a fact to be borne in mind by sportsmen frequenting this locality. The firm also do plumbing, hot water heating, tin smithing and all repair work in connection therewith, promptly and satisfactorily.

Maines & Bonnallie, Clothiers.

occupying the corner store of the French block on Main street, have their headquarters in Lewiston; the Kingfield establishment being under the management of J. S. Butts, and the first concern to occupy the block after its completion three years since. The fixtures and furnishings are of the best, the large plate glass windows either side of the main entrance affording ample light by day, while the premises are made resplendent at night by numerous electric pendants. The spacious premises afford ample room for the display of an immense stock of ready-made garments for men, youths and boys, comprised in frocks and sack suits, and top coats of the latest pattern, the equal of any merchant tailored goods in style, fit and workmanship; while at slight advance the firm is prepared to manufacture suits to measure. In addition to clothing, the firm deals in hats, caps, gloves and gents' furnishings, including the latest novelties in neckwear. In fact it is the leading clothing house in North Franklin, and wherein one price prevails to all.

O. W. Gilbert, Fruit, Confectionery, Etc.

That a rose under any other name is just as fragrant is evidenced by the fact that O. W. Gilbert, whose location is in the Larrabee block on Main street near Depot street and who caters for public patronage under the title of the Kingfield Fruit store, not only deals in foreign and domestic fruits in the season thereof, but dispenses pure fruit flavored soda beverages and soft drinks of all kinds, together with ice cream of his own make, which is furnished to patrons on the premises or supplied to parties. He also deals in Lowney's and other brands of confectionery, in conjunction with cigars, tobacco, and smokers' articles. As if this were not enough he carries a fine line of books, the leading periodicals, stationery and its incidentals, and a varied line of fancy crockery, glass and china ware, with innumerable souvenir bric-a-brac articles, too numerous to mention, all of which are not only worthy of inspection but are moderate priced and of value as keepsakes.

W. D. Page, Livery.

Situated as is the town of Kingfield, virtually the gateway to a fish and game region unsurpassed, with charming drives radiating in all directions therefrom, the requirements of a livery service are many, yet W. D. Page, whose livery, boarding and baiting stable is located on Depot street nearly opposite the railway station, has during the three years he has been in the business, successfully catered to the public. Tourists, and the traveling public generally, should note the fact that Mr. Page is prepared at all times to render satisfactory livery service, whether it be a single or double hitch out, with open or closed carriages, and if needed, competent drivers who are thoroughly familiar with the town and its beautiful surroundings.

Mr. Page is also the owner of several fine animals of good style and carriage, which can be purchased at a reasonable sum, and as he deals in horses, as well as keeping a livery stable, he is prepared to supply patrons with as fine stock as can be found.

A. R. and G. E. Thurston, Hardware.

The building, hardware, kitchen furnishing and plumbing trade of Kingfield is most acceptably represented by the firm of A. R. and C.



E. E. JENKINS, KINGFIELD, ME.

Jenkins, Bogert Manufacturing Company.

the prime industrial factor of Kingfield, was incorporated in 1893, H. S. Wing being president thereof, E. E. Jenkins, treasurer and general manager, who with E. W. Simmons, O. C. Dolbier and E. E. Tufts comprise the directorate. The concern is a crystallization of the interests formerly controlled and founded by E. E. Jenkins in 1885. The output of the plant, comprising plain, polished and enameled hard wood novelties of inconceivable variety, varying in dimensions from 5-8 to 3-4 inches and including brush handles, pill, toilet and fancy boxes, are distributed through the house of Bogert & Hopper of New York, who are heavy stockholders in the plant.

The Kingfield property comprises a stock plant of some eleven acres on the west bank of the Carrabassett river, upon which are their stock sheds 22x44 each, with a sawmill, by which fifteen cords of white birch are daily, during the sawing season, prepared for manufacture, the mill with a 40-light electric dynamo, being operated by a 40 horse power engine.

The manufacturing plant, a few rods west of the Franklin & Megantic railway station, comprises apart from two stock sheds, a three-story factory 36x108, the first story being divisioned into shipping, polishing and boxing departments; the second equipped with novelty cutting and turning machines, and a thoroughly filled machine shop; and the third to polishing, rattling and finishing, each piece being subjected to a hard varnish polish. Annexed to the factory is a power plant equipped with a 100 horse power engine, two 60 horse power boilers and a 250-light electric generator, the boiler house fuel room being supplied with shavings and sawdust from the factory by fuel chutes. Next the power plant is the enamel shop, equipped with three ovens of a capacity for the enamel hardening of 80,000 pieces, 20,000 of which are finished daily. Added to the foregoing is a blacksmith shop and commodious office building, both across the street.

The plant is protected from fire by a pipe system, to which lines of hose are attached, in connection with hydrants of the Kingfield Water company.

Employment is furnished to from 70 to 100 hands and in addition thereto, the company own and operate a stock plant and novelty mill at Flagstaff, furnishing employment to 25 hands, a stock mill at Lexington and about 1,500 acres of timber land, the latter furnishing employment to a large force of men and teams in winter.

centered by a manufactory 30x140, in one end of which is a fully equipped sawmill, by which 4000 cords of white birch and maple are annually converted into spool and bobbin bars, which after being kiln and air dried are transferred to the factory, the latter equipped with five sets of spool and fifteen bobbin machines, the average daily capacity thereof being 800 gross of silk and cotton thread spools, 2000 electric wire spools and 20,000 bobbins. The adjoining structures are divisioned into a dry kiln, boxing and shipping apartments and operating plant respectively. The latter is equipped with an 100 horse power engine, and 125 horse power boiler, the town electric lighting plant, and a fully equipped machine shop. Fire protection is afforded by pipe service without the building, and special hydrants located about the plant, all shavings and sawdust being transferred to the fuel room by carrier system. Employment is furnished to about forty hands at present, with prospects of an increase therein.

Schools.

The school system of Kingfield is under the management of a town school board, comprising Dr. R. D. Simons, C. O. Wilkins and Dr. E. L. Pennell, the first named being chairman thereof, with L. A. Norton supervisor. There are at present 211 pupils divisioned into Grammar, Intermediate, Primary and sub-Primary grades, and requiring the services of five teachers. The somewhat cramped school building accommodations which have prevailed for some time will soon be obviated, as a town committee has been authorized to contract for a new school edifice of modern design and finish, and this it is expected will be ready for occupancy the coming season.

W. S. Jacobs, Furniture, Etc.

Mr. Jacobs, whose furniture and hardware store is located in the French block on Main street, has been established therein about one year. His stock, fixtures and furnishings are fully up to date, the stock comprising builders' hardware of all kinds, paints, oils and tinware, and kitchen furnishing goods, together with fishing tackle and a fine line of cutlery.

In furniture, be it parlor, dining room or chamber suites, lounges or single pieces he is prepared to meet all exigencies and to secure upon order anything in this line including camp furniture. He also does upholstery, painting and paper hanging, being prepared to execute any order of this character at any time, promptly and satisfactorily. Mr. Jacobs is from New Portland and formerly was in business in that town.

macist, makes a specialty of physicians' prescriptions, using nothing but the best of ingredients in the compounding thereof, combined with a full line of fancy and toilet articles, druggist sundries in general, the best brands of confectionery and cigars, and a handsome soda fountain with its accompanying pure fruit flavored beverages, it is one of the leading pharmaceutical establishments of North Franklin. In connection therewith he deals in paints and oils, Masury's ready mixed paints being a specialty. He carries one of the largest lines of window shades and fixtures, as well as wall papers and borders as can be found in town, together with stationery and the supplies incidental thereto; toys and holiday goods in general.

Strong.

Nestled mid wooded hills and intersected by the Sandy river is the picturesque village of Strong, its shady thoroughfares in summer, with the numerous trim looking cottages of modern design, and the well kept lawns bordering thereon, imparting an air of thrift and prosperity to the stranger even before a more thorough inspection. With its charming drives radiating from the town in any direction one chooses, combined with the fact that its immediate surroundings are dotted with streams and ponds that afford excellent fishing, and a country beyond that affords equal facilities for such game as northwestern Maine is noted, the town is one of the most charming retreats for the tourist, pleasure seeker or sportsman. Strong is directly on the line of the Sandy River railroad, eleven miles from Farmington and is the junction point of the Franklin & Megantic railway penetrating the north country and the direct thoroughfare to the far famed Dead River region. The town supports several industries, including an immense toothpick manufactory, two large lumber manufacturing plants and its business element comprises nearly every branch of mercantile trade. Its school system is excellent comprising some 211 pupils, divided into a High, Grammar, Intermediate and Primary grades, comfortably and even elegantly housed, the system being under the supervision of Philip D. Stubbs and a school board comprising F. E. Howard, C. W. Shaw and C. V. Starbird. There are two churches, both hand-

G. E. Dyer, Druggist.

The drug trade of Strong is most acceptably represented by C. E. Dyer, whose pharmaceutical establishment is located on Main street, near the post office. Mr. Dyer acquired his pharmaceutical education in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, graduating therefrom in 1888, in addition to a twelve years' experience in a subordinate capacity with a Kansas drug house. His premises in Strong are most completely stocked with pure drugs, chemicals, remedial preparations liquid and solid of established reputation, toilet and fancy articles and druggists' sundries in general, not forgetting a handsome soda fountain with its pure fruit flavored beverages. Mr. Dyer makes a specialty also of physicians' prescriptions and deals in wall papers and borders, in variety sufficient for all demands, as also stationery, toys and holiday goods.

G. B. Richardson, Jeweler.

One of the oldest established business firms in Strong is that of C. B. Richardson, jeweler and optician, located on Main street, near the post office. Mr. Richardson has been in business for the past twenty years and as a jeweler deals in watches, clocks and jewelry of every description, inclusive of silver and plated ware, as also a full line of optical goods and fancy articles of china bric-a-brac. Mr. Richardson also

G. V. Starbird, Lumber Mfg'r.

Bordering the Franklin & Megantic railroad in Strong, a mile from the town, is the lumber manufacturing plant of C. V. Starbird, established in 1886, and a very important development factor of the town. The property is comprised in about ten acres, upon which is located a sawmill equipped with all the necessary machinery, including a shingle machine for the turning out of 10,000 feet of manufactured lumber and 10,000 shingles *per diem*, in addition to which, Mr. Starbird makes a specialty of manufacturing and deals in kiln dried maple and birch flooring, sheathing, mouldings and builders' finish of all kinds, together with packing boxes of various dimensions. The plant furnishes employment to ten or a dozen hands and is operated by a power plant containing an 50 horse power engine and 100 horse power boiler. In connection with the mill building, there are several lumber storage sheds, a fully equipped blacksmith shop and a large structure with storehouse annexed, fronting the highway, utilized for general trade purposes. The stock comprises choice family and staple groceries, dry and fancy goods, boots and shoes, clothing, hats, caps, gloves, lumbermen's supplies in general, hardware, crockery, glass and lamp ware and, in fact, about everything that would conduce to the health, comfort and convenience of the human family, including agricultural implements, comprising mowing machines of the Deering and Walter Wood make, the New York Champion horse rake, with small farm tools in abundance.

Redington.**J. F. Hough.**

Most romantically situated in the very heart of the Rangeley region, its surroundings combining unlimited resources for the gratification of the most enthusiastic angler or hunter, and a scenic landscape that would afford an endless variety of subject material for the brush of an artist and exquisite delight to the lover of nature in her gorgeous midsummer garb, are the Redington Camps of which J. F. Hough is the proprietor, situated upon the line of the Phillips & Rangeley railroad, and readily reached from Boston and intermediate points the same evening, via the Boston & Maine, Maine Central, Sandy River and Phillips & Rangeley railways, with through parlor car service in connection therewith. These camps, comprising a cluster of half a dozen cottages all new and nicely furnished, accommodating from five to a dozen persons, are situated upon rising ground, but a minute's walk from the railway station and bordering the Redington pond, the latter being a record breaker for such speckled trout beauties as can be found in no other locality roundabout.

Not only this, but the entire region is honeycombed with ponds and streams equally as prolific of finny subjects, while the surrounding wilds, afford most excellent hunting ground for deer and other game, with a camp in its midst controlled by Mr. Hough for the accommodation of sportsmen.

The central cottage of the Redington group is utilized as a general headquarters and is fronted by a broad veranda. The cuisine of these camps is one of the most essential features, comprising all the delicacies of the season, as also such temptingly prepared viands as is afforded by such denizens of the forest and stream as are palatable. The purest of spring water is afforded in abundance and the accommodations for both ladies and gentlemen are unequalled. Guides, boats and fishing paraphernalia are always to be had upon application to Mr. Hough.

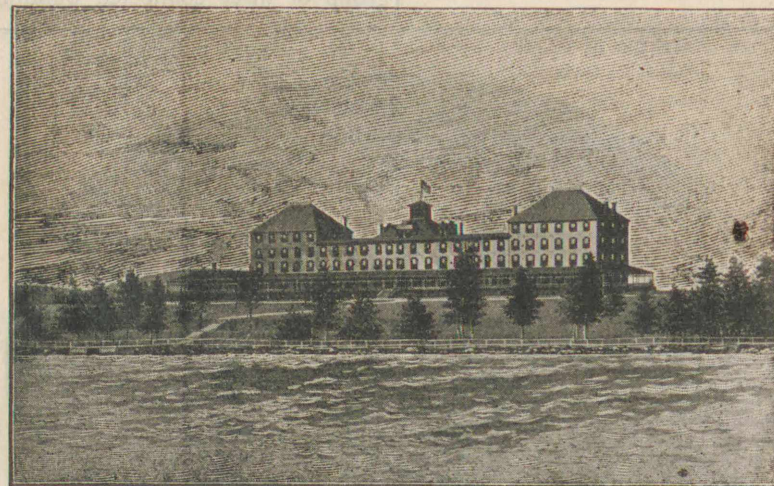
Rangeley.

One of the most delightfully situated and picturesque villages in the region that might appropriately be termed Maine's Garden of Eden, is that of the town of Rangeley, the terminal point of the Phillips & Rangeley railroad, which in conjunction with the Sandy River and Maine Central railways, lands passengers from Boston and intermediate points the same evening in ample season for supper. The town borders the Rangeley lake, one of the chain of lakes extending from Rangeley on the north to Umbagog on the

those lining the lake shores, offer the best of accommodations to guests at moderate prices with cuisines that would satisfy the most fastidious epicurean.

Bigelow.**Prouty & Miller, Lumber Mfg'rs.**

Located at Bigelow, the terminus of the Franklin & Megantic railroad, and practically in the midst of the wilds of northwestern Maine, is the lumber manufacturing plant of Messrs. Prouty and Miller, whose general headquarters are at Newport,



RANGELEY LAKE HOUSE, RANGELEY, ME.

south, and which with the innumerable streams emptying therein, the waters of which afford a home for square tailed brook trout and salmon, has made this region famous as a fishing resort, one of the best in the state. The distance from one end of this chain of lakes to the other is some sixty miles while the trout which these waters shelter vary in weight from 1 to 10 pounds, and the salmon from 4 to 15 pounds, with no perceptible diminution of the supply, as in addition to the natural increase the state and United States fish commission annually liberate thousands of these denizens of the deep into these waters.

Not only this but the wooded shores and interior of the surrounding country offer the most unlimited resources for hunting. In fact with its many beautiful drives, with romantically picturesque surrounding, combined with a trip across the lake to its outlet, its shores skirted with fertile farms, intermingled with the beautiful summer homes of residents from afar, all tend to make Rangeley a most desirable spot for the summer vacationist of whatever temperament.

The town itself, a tidy, quiet little borough animate enough in summer or fall, supports two lumber manufacturing plants in addition to which almost every branch of mercantile trade has its representative, the various trade marts being well stocked

Vt., and who operate similar plants in that locality, and St. Victor and Buckingham, Que., with retail yards at Taunton and Brockton, Mass.

The Bigelow plant comprises about one hundred acres, thirty of which are in use for business and upon which is located a modern two-story lumber manufacturing structure which with its several divided apartments is equipped with the necessary machinery, including one lathe, two clapboard and two shingle machines, the capacity of the plant being 40,000 feet of long lumber, from 20,000 to 25,000 shingles, 30,000 laths and from 7000 to 8000 clapboards daily, furnishing employment to from 90 to 100 hands.

An annex to this structure contains a 250 horse power engine and auxiliary with a smaller engine operating a 500-light dynamo, by which the plant can be illuminated at night. Added thereto are three boilers of 75 horse power each, all shavings and sawdust of the mill being conveyed by an automatic carrier to a fuel burner outside. A platform extends from the mill a considerable distance from which the output can be readily loaded, the plant being conveniently intersected by spurs of the Franklin & Megantic railway.

Included among the company's possessions are a large boarding house, and sixteen dwellings, a blacksmith shop, numerous outbuildings, and a two-story building with



STRONG HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

some edifices. The general health of the community is excellent and all in all it is a most delightful locality in which to enjoy life.

G. W. Bell, M. D.

While the medical fraternity are ethically debarred from public print notoriety it is sufficient to the purpose to state that Dr. C. W. Bell, physician and surgeon, whose office and residence are located on Main street opposite the hotel, is a native of Strong and was educated in its public schools, the Nichols Latin school of Lewiston and the Maine Medical school, graduating from the latter in 1897, entering practice in Strong the same year. Dr. Bell is secretary of Strong's board of health, a member of the U. S. Pension Examining board for Franklin county, and also a member of the Maine Medical society.

Philip H. Stubbs, Esq.

The subject of this sketch, Philip H. Stubbs, attorney, with offices nearly opposite the post office, is a native of Strong and was educated in its public schools, the Farmington academy and Bowdoin college, from which latter institution he graduated in 1860. He read law in the office of his father, the late Philip M. Stubbs, and was admitted to the Franklin County bar in 1862. He established practice in Strong in 1864, where he has since remained. Mr. Stubbs has always been actively identified with all matters pertaining to the welfare of his native town, was county attorney for two terms and represented this district in the state senate in 1883-5. He was a member of the Maine Bar association.

deals in sportsmen's goods, maintaining the largest variety of such in town, comprising fishing tackle of all description, guns, revolvers and ammunition. Being a graduate optician, Mr. Richardson is enabled to make examinations of the eye and determine as to the proper artificial remedy for defective vision, this being of essential importance to those thus affected. He also makes a specialty of watch, clock and jewelry repairing in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

Daggett & Will.

The grocery and hardware firm of Daggett & Will is too well known to require any personal eulogium, they having been in trade for the past ten years. For business purposes they occupy in its entirety a two-story building 32x96, opposite the railway station, divided into a grocery and hardware sales department, with a storage annex either end, the one for heavy groceries such as pork, molasses, salt, flour, grain and mill feed of all kinds, and the other for heavy hardware and as a tinsmithing establishment, the upper story being utilized for general utility purposes. The firm deals in the best of family and staple groceries, inclusive of the leading brands of cereals, teas, coffees, spices, dairy products and country produce.

In hardware they carry everything that would conduce to the comfort and convenience of the builder or mechanic, with a full line of tinware and kitchen furnishing goods, as also fishing tackle, guns, revolvers and ammunition. In fact it is the general headquarters in this vicinity for such merchandise as the firm handles.



MOUNTAIN VIEW HOUSE, MOUNTAIN VIEW, ME.

with such merchandise as would appease the fancy of even the most capricious, and the sportsman who is desirous of any part or the whole of an outfit of any character, can have his demands granted at almost a moment's notice even unto the production of such in a measure to order, while the fair sex can have their desires equally as readily gratified from the procurement of some small, rare novelty of the latest creation to a full evening gown with all the fineries in connection therewith, for be it known that Rangeley store keepers are abreast of the times in all lines, while the hotels, particularly

storehouse annexed, fronting the railway station, within which apart from the general offices of the concern is one of the largest and most completely stocked general supply stores to be found in this section. The company also own some 6,000 acres of timber land in the immediate vicinity, from which much of the material for manufacturing is secured, thus in the winter furnishing employment to 250 or more hands and 80 to 100 teams. The management of the Bigelow plant devolves largely upon W. L. Brown, who has been in the service of the firm for a number of years.