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The Election on Monday. The chance for the triumph and disaster of a large town meeting is certainly a great one.

We expected to hear of coffee and pistols, but a night or two after the same parties were "giving the lie" as gibby as though it was a common thing.

The resolutions favoring the reciprocity, were voted upon by a vote of ninety-five in favor, to twenty-five opposed in the house, indicating its opinion on free trade, as against protection in our dealings with our Provincial neighbors.

The bill to establish Meridian Lines, passed the house by a close vote, and is expected to be in the Senate tomorrow. It will probably pass.

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DEAR AMERICAN.—Our town meeting passed off quietly and quickly yesterday. R. G. W. Dodge filled the office of Moderator to the satisfaction of all.

We copy the following from the Somerset Reporter to show how bitter these railroad men have become to each other. In the end the big fishes will eat the little ones all up.

1st. Unnatural Appetite of rum-drinkers. The appetite grows with his growth and strengthens daily. He told us that three-fourths of the poverty, misery, and crime in the State of Massachusetts was attributable to the indulgence of this unnatural appetite.

Objects of Interest at the Capital. AUGUSTA, March 8th, 1869. DEAR AMERICAN.—The location of the United States Arsenal, in this city, on the eastern branch of the river is excellent.

WARD ONE. Alderman—John D. Higgins, Rep. 134; John G. Jewell, Rep. 58; Arno Wiswell, Rep. 121.

WARD TWO. Alderman—J. T. Grant, Rep. 66; Arno Wiswell, Dem. 22.

WARD THREE. Alderman—Calvin P. Jordan, 23; Robert Gerry, Jr. 18.

WARD FOUR. Alderman—Philander R. Austin, 23; Edward Higgins, 22.

WARD FIVE. Alderman—Jesse Dutton, Rep. 79; H. B. Hays, Dem. 85; Tom James, 23; Nahum Flood, 23; Edwin Hartshorn, 23; Peter McGowan, 22; Edward McGowan, 22; Ransom A. Bonney, 22.

Railroad Influence. It will be for the future peace of the state if some general law is passed by the Legislature in regard to building railroads; and something of the kind must be done.

2nd. Influence of rum-sellers. They will not listen to entreaty, and are proof against reason. Heart-breaking appeals do not move them.

3d. Power of Fashion. Some persons had rather be out of the world than out of fashion. Referred to the drinking customs of the Aristocracy. Related story of Henry Wilson declining to drink wine when asked to do so by Ex. Pres. John Q. Adams while a Member of Congress.

4th. Alcoholic Medication. Showed the uselessness of Alcohol as a medicine by Medical testimony. Some Physicians find it quite convenient in compounding their medicines but not necessary.

5th. Bible Support. There are nine words in the original language which are translated into our word wine. These words in the original have different meaning.

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The bill relating to savings banks, after a lively debate, in which Messrs. Bradford, Chamberlain and Gilbert participated, was postponed indefinitely in the House, and is now upon the table in the Senate.

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The bill for the establishment of Teachers' Institutes, makes it the duty of the State Superintendent, to see that in every county to hold therein a teachers' institute annually, commencing at least ten days, to employ suitable instructors, and lecturers, and to hold an examination of teachers on the closing day or days of the session, granting certificates of scholarship and qualification.

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The citizens of Ellsworth assembled at Whiting's Hall on Monday evening, to continue the discussion of the great question of temperance. A large and respectable audience was present.

Mr. Savary was the first speaker, and in his usual earnest and happy way addressed the audience, making apologies for having occupied so much of the time in former meetings, and remarking that there were a goodly number present, eminently able to discuss the question, who had either not addressed the meeting at all, or not more than once, and from such he would be glad to hear. That in a community like ours there was too much inactivity and luke-warmness among citizens, on this momentous question; and that as we had recently taken on city airs, we might become better, and be more earnest in carrying out the laws of the State.

Mr. Hazlewood was called upon to address the meeting, and took strong grounds for prohibition; believed the present law adequate to close all rum shops, if properly executed; that in his judgement the law had not been properly tested, that too frequent changes in the law served rather to increase than abate the traffic; that he was utterly opposed, to licensing, did not believe it was necessary; that in his opinion the time was approaching when we must make a great national question in our politics on the question we are now agitating.

Rev. Mr. Cole was called for, and remarked that he used to be so called, but thought that the prefix had been dropped; that he was truly surprised to find Mr. Savary so changed in his views from those he advocated when the temperance meetings were first opened, then it was prohibition to annihilation, now he had taken the ground of Licensing; should not now be surprised to see him kicking the beam. Did not believe in the moral ability of any man to sell liquor without becoming demoralized and cater to the love of gain, no more than he believed that the Arch Angel Gabriel had power to come to earth and set out Satan, or that unless he had the power of the three wraiths to go through the fiery furnace and coming out not having so much as the smell of fire upon his garment. He related some stories, how happy it made some people to be balmy and to take on a little of the lift up, as he termed it, and how they would jump on wings and fly upwards on their lift up, and be Oh, so happy, so good, so religious! He made other remarks upon which I am unable now to touch. The next meeting will be on Monday evening, March 22nd, at Whiting's Hall, when it will be expected to have a speaker from abroad.

Adjournd. A. F. BURNHAM, Secretary.

SEBASTIAN.—Sitting at the head of Benjamin's River, is a pleasant little town, with as jovial and wide-awake people as you can find in the country. When they want a dollar or so, for any object, religious or for the purpose of building sidewalks, or any thing under the sun, it will be had. They are well united in the one grand object. "A good time." This is what they aim at, and they always accomplish their end.

SEBASTIAN, MAR. 8. 1869. FRIEND SAWYER.—At our Annual Meeting to-day following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Hon. James G. Blaine was elected Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives without much opposition. "A correspondent of the Portland Advertiser" writing from Ellsworth, thus digneously reports some of his business: "There are some fifty stores doing business here after the old style. You will find flour, pork and molasses in one corner of a store, hardware in another, boots, shoes, hats, caps, prints, and dry goods generally in another, and notions in the shop corner.

will begin to think of becoming a city soon just to keep up with the march of progress. The town election takes place on Monday the 8th, and probably a Republican board will be elected, as the people are mostly black &c., not niggers as Nashy has it, but Republicans.

For the Ellsworth American. All Sorts. "The great R. R. fight" has been settled by the Legislature in favor of the Somerset R. R., which has been under contract for several months, and about five hundred men are now employed in pushing forward the work.

The bridge at Norridgewock village, over which the cars will run, is now being built. It will cost, it is said, about sixty thousand dollars. A velopce school has been opened in Norridgewock, and is attracting considerable attention.

The Eaton School will close its winter term the 11th inst. There will be a public examination of the classes during the day, and a public entertainment at the School Building in the evening.

None in our State, suffer so much on account of intemperance as mothers, wives, and daughters, and they expect to suffer still by their own votes the evil is suppressed. Politicians may scout the idea if they choose to, but the day will surely come, and is not far distant, when woman's will, will be expressed through the ballot-box, and then, time serving politicians will wish "they had never been born."

March 5th, 1869. MESSRS. Editors. I see the Ellsworth American is being scattered over the State, and is everywhere highly complimented. Its large size, neat appearance, and variety of matter, are topics of conversation. As you have now become a city, I suppose you will make the American more brilliant than ever.

Town Elections. Sullivan, Election, the 8th. Moderator, G. E. Simpson, Clerk, John B. Preble, Selectmen, G. E. Simpson, Nathl. Mayo, and James Simpson. Town Agent, James Simpson. Mr. Mayo is a Democrat. Do not learn that politics was carried into the election.

Town Election Eden March 1st. Moderator, Wm. P. Thomas, Clerk, D. G. Brewer, Selectmen, Dec. D. H. Fairs, Daniel H. Brewer, Fountain Baskin, Treasurer, John McFarlan, Constables D. A. Higgins, Jared Emery and Frederick Alley. All elected on a union ticket.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS. Hon. James G. Blaine was elected Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives without much opposition. "A correspondent of the Portland Advertiser" writing from Ellsworth, thus digneously reports some of his business:







