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**Coming Events.**  
Sept. 19, 20, 21—Androscoggin Valley Fair, Canton.  
Sept. 22, 23—Northern Oxford Fair, Andover.  
Oct. 3, 4, 5—West Oxford Fair, Fryeburg.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**  
Children in School.  
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Farmers.

**Apparently it is "No."**  
**THOUGH OFFICIAL RETURNERS**  
**MAKE IT "YES."**

**A Close Vote on Repeal of Prohibition, Which Only the Official Count Will Settle.**

After a week of shifting winds and uncertainty about the result of last Monday's vote on the repeal of the prohibition amendment, it seems that we are not absolutely sure of anything, but indications are that the state has voted "No."

Official returns received at the office of Secretary of State Davis show a majority for repeal of 190. It has been learned, however, that the returns from a few towns were incorrectly made, and correcting these gives a majority against repeal, as given out by the Associated Press, of 369. The figures compiled by some of the daily papers show a majority against repeal a little larger.

The figures of Secretary of State Davis show a total of 90,614; No, 60,378. The errors in the clerical returns which are said to have been made were due to transposing the yes and no vote. The governor and council met on Monday, the 18th, to canvass the returns. It will probably be some time before we shall be sure of the exact result. One thing is sure, it is a very close vote. The cities of the state in the aggregate, gave a majority of over twelve thousand, or nearly two to one, Calais being the only city to give a majority. The strength of the no vote, as expected, was in the country districts.

Two other constitutional amendments were adopted. One of these provides that August, after it acquires a population of 40,000, shall become the capital of the state. This had quite a large majority. The other allows cities of 40,000 population or over to increase their debt limit from five per cent to seven and one-half per cent, this at present applying only to the city of Portland, and being made for its benefit. This amendment was carried, though not by a large majority.

The primary election bill, submitted under the referendum, was adopted by a large majority.

Elsewhere in this paper are given the figures of the vote of the Oxford County towns, showing a total vote for the county, on Question No. 1, of 2472 yes, and 3804 no, a no majority of 1332, which is exceeded only by Aroostook and Somerset Counties.

The figures given out by Secretary of State Davis for Oxford County show a total yes vote of 2664, and a no vote of 3804, a no majority of 1140. This is shown by our figures. As our figures are from written cards sent by the town clerks to the Democrat office, it is evident that mistakes have been made somewhere.

**Maine News Notes.**  
William J. Brooks, who shot Mrs. Maude A. Burrill at Messalonskee, and then shot himself, died later from his wounds.

At the annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, to be held in Saco Oct. 2, 3, 4 and 5, by invitation of the Saco Educational and Industrial Union, an unusually interesting program will be presented.

Gardiner will be the first city in Maine to be governed by commission, the citizens at a special election Tuesday voting to adopt a charter providing for a commission government of three men, a vote of 725 to 181 in favor of the plan. The city of Gardiner is a city of 1850 and besides a mayor is at present governed by six aldermen and eight councilmen. The new commission will appoint all subordinate officers and receive salaries of \$1,000 each, with \$1200 to the man chosen as mayor.

The county commissioners of the state held their annual convention at Auburn Thursday. Prison labor on the roads was generally resented in the discussion of the subject. A resolution was passed during the session requesting the next legislature to pass a law requiring officers for the prevention of cruelty to animals to confine their work to their own counties, and that the appointments be made upon the recommendation of the county commissioners. It was also voted to request the legislature to pass a law requiring the counties to pay the expenses of the commissioners when attending their annual meetings.

The selection of the towns of Eliot and South Paris has become a "million dollar town." Former Governor John P. Hill, who was a native of Eliot, is largely responsible for the town's upward jump. As a controlling factor in the Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies S. S. Lines, which include the Clyde and Mallory Lines, he has caused these lines to be transferred to Eliot, and his old home town reaps the benefit of the taxation. Last year the town was taxed at \$612,000, but this year the tax is \$1,112,000. Last year the tax rate was \$23 per \$1000, this year it is \$15.

**Thousands of Dollars Damage.**  
FREEZE OF WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY A BAD BLOW TO FARMERS.

It seems too bad, when two weeks more would have put the crops out of danger, that last week's frost had to come, but the fact cannot be escaped. After the wind blew of Wednesday the wind went down at night, and by two o'clock it was freezing. The next morning there was a heavy white frost on all the face of the earth, and everything except the most hardy plants was ruined. Ice formed in places on an eighth to a quarter of an inch thick. It was not merely a valley frost, but from the hills as well as in the valleys.

To many farmers it means a loss of hundreds of dollars, and the aggregate in the section will run into the thousands.

**THE OXFORD BEARS.**  
THE DOINGS OF THE WEEK IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY.

**Paris Hill.**  
First Baptist Church, Rev. G. W. F. Hill, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 10:15 A. M. and 7:15 P. M. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Communion meeting the last Friday before the 1st Sunday of the month at 7:30 P. M. All not otherwise connected are cordially invited. Universalist Church, Rev. C. H. Kitchener, pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 10:45 A. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Lunt of Somers, Maine, and John P. Stearns, of Cambridge, Mass., who are making an automobile tour of Maine, were guests at Elmhurst during the fall last week.

Miss Edith Morris of Portland is the guest of Admiral and Mrs. H. W. Lyon at Lyonsdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Wilson of Buffalo, N. Y., were guests at the Beeches the past week. Mr. Wilson is a brother to Mr. Dan Winslow of this village.

Dr. J. A. Atwood and Stanley Bennett went to Hebron Academy last week for the fall term.

Prof. George D. Bartlett of Pratt in the Brookings, N. Y., with Wm. G. Harlow and Mr. and Mrs. Payne, of Dixfield, were at Paris Hill Thursday.

Miss Mills and Miss Gertrude M. Brown, who have been guests of Mrs. Wm. B. Brown, have returned to New York.

Mrs. J. C. Irish, who has spent the summer with her sister, Mrs. Eleanora, returned to her home in Lowell, Mass., last Friday.

Mrs. Burroughs, who has spent the summer with her daughter at the Hubbard House, returned to New York Saturday.

The annual meeting of the Paris Hill Universalist Society will be held at the church Tuesday evening of this week, at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams of Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. A. W. Bridge and daughter, Miss Evis Bridge, of Mechanic Falls, were recent guests at W. H. Adams'.

**Buckfield.**  
Mrs. Elizabeth Waldron and Mrs. Anna Buck returned Saturday from a visit with relatives in Peru.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell Allen of Portland were called to their home Tuesday and Wednesday.

Everybody went to the fair at Paris Wednesday, and everybody who couldn't go Wednesday went Thursday.

Buckfield has reason to be proud of her water system and the volunteer fire fighters. Thursday forenoon an alarm was given for a fire in a portion of the blacksmith shop. In less than ten minutes from the time of the first alarm the fire was out with very serious damage. The fire was caused by a boiler in the blacksmith shop, and an extension of hose laid in short order, which proved to be unnecessary.

Mr. Benjamin Spaulding arrived home from a week's visit in Caribou accompanied by his brother, W. C. Spaulding. They were met at Waterville by the Spaulding auto.

Mrs. Laura Fessenden of Fort Fairfield returned to her home Friday after a visit with her sister, Mrs. C. C. Spaulding.

C. C. Tuttle went to Biddeford Saturday to take charge of the high school there.

Rev. F. M. Lamb and wife and Mrs. F. Warren and Mr. C. H. Prince attended the Baptist association at Rumford Thursday and Friday.

Buckfield gave a substantial majority against the prohibition amendment on Monday.

**Greenwood.**  
Were any of the ladies at the fair clothed in summer white raiment last Wednesday? If there were didn't they shiver some? Our work was pulling down and were glad to see extra clothing for the occasion. The frost on Thursday morning was a killer, but there occurred a heavier one in the evening, and the damage in this state being estimated at one million dollars. What the damage by the present one will amount to can be told better later on.

All the roads did not lead to the county fair last week, but many of them did, and the people were traveling therein.

They talk now about going some, and here is a sample of how some things go: On the 20th of August we mailed a letter to D. O. Davis of Maine, a distance of about 1500 miles; on the 25th he had received it and mailed one in return which reached us on Sept. 1.

Mr. Davis writes that although the drought was fearful in and about Oakis, they had plenty of rain later which was doing wonders for the crops. He mentioned that there was now some prospect that he could dispose of his affairs so as to be able to come back and spend the rest of his days in his native state. He has never been fully contented there; but the irony of fate seems to have always been against his coming back.

Daniel Cole has a three-year-old bull, whose mother was born in a cattle car while en route to market. Being of a fancy breed he has kept him until now and has been a quiet animal until recently, when his master led him to water, then pulling the stick out of his hand which was hitched to a ring in his nose and finding himself at liberty he rushed into two pitchforks, so as to fight it out at both ends, they finally succeeded in subduing him. The bull has a girth of about seven feet and a powerful animal.

**Brownfield.**  
The funeral of Miss Cora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Liscomb, was held at the house Thursday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Cotton. Four of her young lady friends by her request went as bearers. The burial was in Pine Grove cemetery. The family have the sympathy of all.

Mrs. George Wakefield, who has been sick a long time, is falling.

J. L. Frink is in very poor health. Raymond Ham, who has been sick a number of weeks, is slowly improving.

**Hebron.**  
Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cushman of Lynn, Mass., and James Mather are at A. M. Richardson's for a few days.

J. E. Bartlett of Boston was at W. A. Bartlett's last week and took his grand daughter, Frances Rimback, home.

Mrs. W. A. Bartlett gave a lawn party on Thursday in honor of her grand daughter, Frances Rimback. About twelve little girls were present and had a happy time. Ice cream and cake were served after their play.

Fred Gurney and his son are now in line for the new school building, and now has in fine shape five windows, cupboards, etc.

Many from this way are attending the county fair at South Paris this week.

Mrs. Carrie Cantello is at home from Massachusetts where she has been spending the summer. All are glad to welcome her back.

Alton DeLano, a former graduate here and now in Bates, is visiting Miss Tripp, who now has two of her "boys" with her and they always find a warm welcome.

The academy opened Tuesday with a large number of new students.

**North Stonestown.**  
Gertrude Cook has finished work for Mrs. I. A. Andrews and gone to Kennebec to teach school. Myrtle Adams takes her place at Mrs. Andrews'.

Winnie McKenney is attending high school at Norway.

Burg Dunfee from Boston and Phoebe Davis of Bridgton visited their brother, Wm. Durgin, and also at H. B. McKenney's Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dennis Adams is at work in the corn shop at Fryeburg Harbor.

Ephraim Durgin is putting the finish on John Adams' house.

Cliff Eastman of Albany is picking the cranberries on the Mack bog.

**West Paris.**  
Herbert Richardson, Miss Cora Day and Miss Laura and Alice Barker left Monday morning to attend school at Hebron Academy.

George F. Cummings of Boston was the guest of Mrs. and Mrs. D. H. Eide. Wednesday night, having come to attend the Oxford Co. fair.

Merton Hammond of Boston, Wirt Moss and Mrs. M. J. Walpole, of Walpole, Mass., are visiting relatives and friends in town.

Mrs. Eugene Hammond will sell her household goods at auction Monday, Sept. 18, at 1:30 P. M.

The severe freeze of Wednesday and Thursday night was disastrous to the sweet corn crop in this section as only a small part of the 275 acres planted for the Burdham & Morrill factory had been harvested. Farmers and workmen had laid great plans on the corn picking this year, as new machinery had been added to the factory, and more acres of corn pledged than ever before, consequently Thursday morning found many in a state of despair.

Mrs. Percy J. Miles and daughter Zola of Gorham, N. H., are guests of Miss Margaret E. Barker.

Several new books have been added to the library of the Universalist Sunday School.

**Bryant's Pond.**  
The severe freeze of Wednesday night has brought the sweet corn business to a close, and the shop will close Saturday.

The pack will close on Sept. 20, 1911. Dr. J. A. Gallison and wife of Franklin, Mass., are staying with Mrs. Elsie Peverly.

Elmer R. Bowker will return to Colby Monday. Lawrence Clifford who is taking a special course will accompany him.

The remains of Mrs. Hannah L. Miller were brought here Tuesday for interment at North Woodstock. She died in Baldwin at the age of 91.

Mrs. Mabel Cushman was in town this week looking after her house here. The family have concluded to remain in Gorham for the winter, and their house will be closed.

Charles Jacobs has his house nearly completed and will occupy it soon. The house recently sold by him will be repaired and occupied by Harold Swift of Paris.

**West Summer.**  
Mr. Austin Haines and Mr. Keene of Lincoln Center were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. H. Carter.

There was an exceedingly heavy frost in this vicinity the night of the 13th. Ice formed in watering tubs, and the roads were slick and were left out were frost-bitten.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wheeler are planning to move to South Paris as soon as they can make arrangements to do so.

Mrs. Freeman Farrar is spending a week at Bryant's Pond with her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Foster.

Mrs. Mabel Foster bought the stand formerly owned and occupied by Mrs. Clara G. Clark. Mr. Dyer will move his family in soon.

Mr. C. C. Cushman had a dish of luscious ripe raspberries sent her that were gathered fresh from the vines, Sept. 13th.

Charles Young, who has been spending the week in South Paris, has returned home.

**Rumford.**  
A very pretty wedding occurred Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bridegroom, 122 Penobscot Street, when Byron A. Evans and Miss Geneva Olive Winslow were united in marriage by their pastor, the Rev. A. W. Pottle.

The Methodist Episcopal service with ring was used. A small party of near family friends were present and the whole affair was social and informal.

After the ceremony was performed and greetings extended, refreshments were served by the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are now in Rumford.

Later in the evening the happy pair left home by auto for a short bridal tour.

Rev. A. T. Craig, on account of insistent trouble with his eyes, has resigned his pastorate of the Rumford Methodist church and Rev. A. W. Pottle of Waterville has been appointed by the District Superintendent Rev. G. D. Holmes as pastor till next conference, which occurs in April. Mr. Craig has moved to Waterville and will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Pottle at 74 Elm Street.

Mr. Craig's early home was in Waterville where he has a brother in business whom he will assist during the fall and winter.

Rev. W. W. Pottle was in Waterville the first of the week to cast his vote on the issue of the day.

Mrs. Susan E. Millay of Bath is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. W. Pottle.

The Ladies' Church Aid Society had their first meeting after their vacation Tuesday with Mrs. J. W. Simpson, and the Home Missionary Society met Wednesday with Mrs. Dr. Wheel.

**North Buckfield.**  
Miss Gertrude Warren, who has been doing table work in Lewiston, has returned home.

Miss Althea Stearns is attending Farmington Normal School.

George Dunham and family of East Weymouth are visiting at Mrs. Celia Dunham's.

Quite a lot from this place attended Oxford County fair.

Fred Keith of East Bridgewater, Mass., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Amy Bicknell. Farmers are busy with their sweet corn and apples.

John Barker has recently purchased a horse of Earl Jack.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Smith spent last week in Paris taking in the fair.

**East Waterville.**  
A pretty home wedding occurred Sunday at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McElvaine, the contracting parties being their daughter, Lulu Gladys, and Roy Eugene Pinkham. Rev. G. W. Sias performed the ceremony, the single ring service being used. The best man was Fred Arthur and Agnes Pinkham, brother and sister of the groom. Refreshments were served to the company by the bride and groom. Mr. Pinkham will reside in this place. Mr. Pinkham being proprietor of the store here.

William Henry has bought and moved on to the Alonzo Brackett place in Norway.

Mrs. C. H. Kilbourne and three sons returned to their home in New York Tuesday.

Mrs. Arthur Merrill and two little sons of Lyndonville, Vt., were at C. H. Prid's a few days.

**North Waterford.**  
A very heavy frost and freeze Wednesday night.

They are picking cranberries on Ray's bog.

Mrs. Annie Hazelton went to Bethel Tuesday. L. J. Andrews of Albany went with her.

Ernest McGary and Sias Stearns on telephone poles for the line that is to be put in. The telephone is to be in Mrs. Stearns' and Fred Hazelton's house right away.

Walker Nason and family and Fred Black, who were in New York for some time, have returned.

Walker Nason has gone to housekeeping over Perkins' store.

**Bethel.**  
Sunday evening there was an interesting and happy meeting of the Methodist church which was prettily decorated with the National colors. N. R. Springer gave an address.

Monday election in Bethel resulted in Nos more than two to one.

Wednesday a large number of Bethel people attended the fair at South Paris and the season will be in town were closed and the academy also.

Saturday, Sept. 9th, the W. C. T. U. and Young Campaigners had a picnic at the Fairview, a flag and a flag going to Chapman Grove as planned.

The children were enthusiastic in singing songs and Master Robert Farwell gave a sermon. Stronger and louder and the children played games and were very gracious in accepting their disappointment in not celebrating in the grove.

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**WILD RIDE IN A MOTORCAR.**

It was Saturday morning, May 27, 1911—a good time for adventure. Jerry rode promptly at six and one-half o'clock, put a navy blue stocking on one foot and seal brown stocking on the other foot, washed 8 per cent of his face, looked out of his window seventeen times, broke a shoe string, lost three buttons, worked the kinks out of his suspenders six times, yawned fifty-nine times and was dressed as the clock struck 7. Then he slammed his door, fell downstairs, swallowed some breakfast, coasted 15 cents from his mother and was off.

His plan was to get on the car that would take him farthest for one fare, have adventures all day, spending a nickel for lunch of some kind and return the remaining 5 cents for the return trip.

It was a beautiful plan, but the adventures would not wait; they began as soon as he got on the car, which was crowded. He was no sooner on the car than he was being pushed and pulled, and he was jumping on the rear rail. A big brass bound, horse voiced automobile crossed behind just as the car gave a tremendous lurch forward. Jerry was jerked over into the auto with such force that he knocked the chauffeur into the street and sat in his place. Jerry opened his eyes, rubbed his eyes, and gave a prolonged whistle and looked around.

"Toot! Toot!" roared the horn. On the back seat were two little girls with yellow curls and a Skye terrier with a pink bow.

"Stop! Stop!" cried the little girls. "Hup! Hup!" barked the terrier. "I wish I could stop," said Jerry. "Toot! Toot!" roared the horn. Jerry wanted to oblige, and he tried to stop; he pressed something—what? The machine gave a spring. They were tearing through the air, puff, puff, puff, clatter, clatter, rattle, rattle. Trees and houses rushed by, and stones flew, teams got out of the way, people shouted. The wind roared through Jerry's ears, the sand flew in his eyes, he was dizzy, he wanted to cry, he forgot to steer, he forgot to trot







