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AMONG THE FARMERS.

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What are Profits in Farming?

The word "profits" is persistently misused by agricultural colleges as well as by farmers. The inaccurate English is bad enough, but the misleading conclusions are much worse, as they result in losses to farmers.

Nearly all bulletins on fertilizer tests call thevalue of the increased crop less the cost of the fertilizer "profit" or "net profit." But it usually costs $1 to $2 per ton to haul fertilizer from town; the application of it costs something; the use of the money for the season is a very important item; the harvesting and storing of the increased crop cost something. To ignore all these items and call the difference between the value of the increased crop and the cash cost of the fertilizer "profit" is very misleading. We ought to call the difference "the value of the increase above the cost of the fertilizer" or use some other accurate statement.

The prices at which crops are figured are often much more than farmers can get. It seems to the writer that the average farm price for the state for a period of five years as given in the Yearbook of the Department of Agriculture is a good price to use. It is interesting to see the comparisons made by different departments. At the New York State Fair this year one state institution showed charts that valued corn silage at $7 per ton. It was showing the profits from growing corn. Another institution was showing how rich you could get by feeding cows. It valued corn silage at $2 50 per ton. The agronomy department of one college values manure, including the cost of spreading, at 50 cents per ton. This shows a great profit from using it as a fertilizer. The dairy department in the same institution credits the cows with manure at $1.50 in the barn. Probably it would cost at least 50 cents more per ton to haul and spread it. This same dairy department charges cows with hay at what it costs to grow it, not at what it is worth. This ought to make any scrub cow pay, whenever there is a good hay crop.

The difference between the cost of feed and the value of the milk is commonly called profit in bulletins and farm papers, but the feed is usually only from one-half to two-thirds of the cost of keeping a cow. The man labor usually costs from $10 to $30 per cow per year. The use of buildings is usually worth $5 to $15 per cow. The horse labor, the use of equipment, the interest on the investment, the veterinary fees, the male service and many other items must be considered if we wish to find the profit. Instead of misleading persons by using the word "profit" why not say "value of milk above the cost of feed," or invent a new word? A long awkward expression is better than an untruth.

A very recent bulletin uses the word "profit" in discussing certain systems of farming, and tells how many times more profit a farmer will make if he follows a certain system. But when the bulletin is examined it is found that the only expenses counted are labor, interest and taxes. The farmer who followed the system that gave greatest receipts would not necessarily make any profit at all.

The public will be much better instructed when papers, speakers and bulletins use the word "profit" both accurately and honestly.—G. F. Warren, in the December Cornell Countryman.

Testing Seeds at Home.

It is important to the user of seeds not only to know their percentage of purity and what kind of weeds they carry, but to also know something of their vitality. In the case of seeds there are at least three ways whereby the user may be injured. A seed which carries foreign matter of any kind, in any considerable amount, is correspondingly lowered in value. But there is another reason more important than the money consideration, and that is that the weed seeds which the seeds contain may be pernicious. For example,—clover seed frequently carries plantain seed. If this plantain seed is the door-yard variety which is present practically all over Maine, there would be comparatively little harm from using clover seed which contained it. On the other hand—lance leaved plaintain or rib grass is not abundant in Maine. It is an undesirable plant and using seed carrying it might introduce a weed into land which is at present free from it. It is important that the farmer should know the vitality as well as the purity of the seed that he is to use. No matter how pure a seed may be, if half of it will not sprout it has no more value than if the seed were half chaff.

While it is not easy to make an exact purity test, it is not difficult for a farmer to so acquaint himself with the seeds he is ordinarily using that by the help of an ordinary reading or magnifying glass he will be able to tell whether the seed in question contains any considerable amount of impurities. If the seed is spread out upon a white plate, a little practice will enable a farmer to see whether a given seed is reasonably pure or not, and he will soon learn to detect the more common foreign seeds.

The following simple instructions for preforming germination tests at home without any special apparatus will enable the farmer to learn for himself whether the seed that he is using has good vitality or not. Germination tests may be made in two ways,—the so-called blotting paper methods, and the sand method. In making the germination test with blotting paper, blue blotting paper of common weight, cut into strips about 6 x 19 inches should be used. This is laid folded twice so as to get a piece of three thicknesses and about six inches square, on an ordinary dinner plate or platter. The seeds if small are placed on the top of the paper and if large between the folds. The paper is kept moist (but not soaked) and at a temperature of 70 to 80 degrees F.

If only a vitality test is desired the blotting paper method is preferable, but if is desired to know how many seeds may be expected to grow, the sand method is in some ways preferable. In this method a thin layer of fine sand is sprinkled on the bottom of a flat dish and the seeds to be tested placed on it under a thin covering of sand. This must be kept moist and well shaded and at a somewhat higher temperature than in the first case.

At the end of every second day in the case of some seeds, and the third day in the case of those germinating more slowly, the sprouted seeds should be removed from the blotters or the sand and counted, the per cent being readily found by referring back to the number of seeds which were taken for the test. If 100 seeds are used, the number that sprout give the vitality per cent.—Maine Station Bulletin.

Thick sour milk seems to have a greater value for hens than sweet milk, but milk, either sweet or sour, is of great benefit to poultry and will aid in filling the egg basket.

Don't keep more hens than you can accommodate nicely. Crowded poultry houses mean unhealthy birds and but few winter eggs.

The healthy and laying fowl has a good appetite and is a hearty eater. A fowl's condition may be well judged by its appetite.

When poultry keeping is combined with fruit raising,, it adds materially to the income of both industries.

Keep the biddies out of damp quarters. Dampness breeds roup and many other diseases.

The Gist of the Primary Law.

(Circular prepared by Civic League.)

What candidates are to be nominated under the new direct primary law?

Candidates for U. S. Senator, representatives to the U. S. Congress, and all state and county officers.

Who conducts the business of the primary election for each party and prepares the party platform?

Each party holds a state convention, 1st, to formulate and adopt a platform, and, 2d, to elect state, district, and county committees by whom the primary election campaign for the nomination of candidates, and, subsequently, the regular election campaign will be conducted.

Where and when are these state conventions for the adoption of platforms and election of committees to be held?

At such places and on such dates between sixty and ninety days prior to the third Monday in June as the present state committees shall determine and announce.

How are the state conventions of the different political parties made up?

They are made up of delegates elected at caucuses of the different parties, regularly called by the city, town, and plantation committees throughout the state.

IMPORTANT NOTE.—The selection of the delegates to the state conventions is of vital importance. The character and conduct of the campaigns depends upon the character and doings of the conventions. The character and doings of the conventions depends upon the character of the delegates, and the delegates will be good or bad according as good citizens faithfully select them or carelessly neglect their duty to do so. Will you do your part?

When does the primary election take place?

On the third Monday in June, which for 1912 is June 17, between the hours of 12:00 o'clock, noon, and 9 o'clock at night, except in towns and plantations of 3000 inhabitants or less where the polls will be open from 9.00 A. M. to 6.00 P. M.

Where is the primary election to be held?

At the regular voting places throughout the state.

Are separate primary elections to be held for each political party?

No. All political parties unite in one primary election at the same time in each voting place throughout the state.

Are the names of the candidates of all the different parties to be printed upon the same ballot for the primary election?

No. Each political party will have a separate ballot and each party ballot will differ in color from the others. The primary ballot of the party casting the largest number of votes for governor in the last state election will be white; that of the next largest party will be yellow; that of the third, blue; the fourth, green; and sample ballots will be brown.

How can candidates for any office have their names placed on the primary election ballot?

Each candidate for office MUST FILE with the secretary of state, before the first Monday in May preceding an election, a nomination paper signed by qualified voters, of his party, in number not less than one per cent nor more than two per cent of the entire vote cast for governor in the last preceding election, in the state, district, or county wherein such candidate is to be voted for.

For example, 1st, a candidate *for governor* must file with the secretary of state such nomination paper signed by the qualified voters of his party, in the state, in number not less than one per cent nor more than two per cent of the entire vote for governor cast at the last preceding election; 2nd, a candidate for *a county office* must file with the secretary of state a nomination paper signed by qualified voters *of his party within the county* in number not less than one per cent nor more than two per cent of the entire vote cast for governor *in that county* at the last preceding election. The filing of such a nomination paper entitles the candidate to have his name placed upon the primary election ballot.

When may such nominations papers be secured?

No nomination papers can be signed before the first day of January, preceding the election. All nomination papers must be completed and filed in the office of the secretary of state before the first Monday of May, which for 1912 is May 6.

May a candidate's nomination papers be signed and filed by the act of his friends without his knowledge or consent?

No. Whoever expends money or contracts liability to aid in an effort to secure the nomination of any candidate without his knowledge or consent forfeits $500 to be recovered by indictment. Moreover, the candidate's written agreement to accept the nomination must be filed with his nomination paper in the office of the secretary of state.

Who may vote at primary election?

REGISTRATION.—Only voters who have been properly registered before the primary election occurs are qualified to vote. The list of voters used at the last municipal election is the basis of registration for the primary election. This list, however, is subject to correction by the proper authorities. Voters not properly registered should apply to the registration officers for registration, in the same manner as provided for in regular elections.

ENROLLMENT.—In addition to registration, each voter must be enrolled as a member of some political party. Any registered voter, however, who has not been so enrolled may be enrolled on primary election day by the ballot clerk. In towns and plantations having less than 2,000 inhabitants enrollment by political parties is not required.

How does the voter mark his primary election ballot?

He indicates his choice among the candidates for each office by making a cross (X) in the square, *at the right*, of the name of the person he prefers for each office.

By whom and to whom are the returns of the primary election to be made?

The returns announcing the result of the primary election in each city, town, and plantation, will be made by the clerks to the secretary of state within seven days from the date of the election.

Who determines what candidates have been nominated by each political party in the primary election?

The governor and council, on or before the first Tuesday in July, which for 1912 is July 2, must tabulate the returns in the office of the secretary of state and determine what persons, for each office, have been nominated, by each party, as candidates to be voted for at the September election.

How will candidates learn of their nomination?

The successful candidates will be notified, at once, by the secretary of state, by registered letter; and such candidates must notify the secretary of state, by registered letter, of their acceptance within seven days after being notified, and send therewith a statement of expenditures, in securing the nomination, properly subscribed and sworn to.

To what extent may a candidate spend money to win his nomination in the primary election?

In case of nomination, for any office, to be voted for by the whole state, as governor or U. S. senator, the amount expended must not exceed $1,500; for members of Congress $500; for state senators and county officers $150 for each 10,000 votes cast for governor within the county at the last election; for members of the legislature in districts having three or more representatives, $100; in all other districts, $50. To exceed these limits forfeits the nomination.

A SPLENDID HAZARD

By HAROLD MACGRATH

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[CONTINUED.]

"Yessir, Mr. Donovan," said Captain Flanagan, his peg leg crossed and one hand abstractedly polishing the brass ferrule. "Yessir, the question is, what did y' hear?"

Mr. Donovan caressed his beer glass and reflected. The two were seated in the office of Swan's hotel. "Well, I took them bricks out an' it seems that loony ol' Frenchman our grandpas use to blow about had hid a box in th' chimbley."

"A box in the chimbley. An' what was in the box?"

Mr. Donovan considered again. "I'll tell you the truth, cap'n. It wus a lot of rigermarole about a treasure. I wanted t' laugh. Your commodore's a hoodoo on pirates an' treasures, an' he ain't found either yet."

"No jokin'; keep a clear course."

"No harm. Th' admiral's all right, and don't you forget it. As I wus sayin', they finds this 'ere box. The dockeyments wus in French, but th' daughter read 'em off sumpin wonderful. You've heard of Napoleon?"

"Yes; I recollects the name," replied the captain, with quiet ridicule.

"Well, this business pertained t' him. Seems some o' his friends got money t'gether t' rescue him from some island or other."

"St. Helena."

"That wus it. They left the cash in a box in Corsiker, 'nother island; Italyan, I take it. But I'll bet a dollar you never find anythin' there."

"That is as may be." The captain liberated a full sigh and dug a hand

"ONE HUNDRED? CAPT'N, I'M A"—

into a trousers pocket. He looked cautiously about. The two of them were without witnesses. The landlord was always willing to serve beer to those in quest of it; but immediately on providing it he resumed his interrupted perusal of the sporting column. At this moment his soul was flying around the track at Bennington. When the captain pulled out his hand it seemed full of bright autumn leaves. Donovan's glass was suspended midway between the table and his lips. Slowly the glass retraced the half circle and resumed its perpendicular position upon the oak.

"Beauties; huh?" said the captain.

"Twenty-dollar bills!"

"Yessir; every one of 'em as good as gold; payable to bearer on demand, says your Uncle Sam."

"An' why are you makin' me envious this way?" said Donovan crossly.

"Donovan, you and me's been friends off an' on these ten years, ever since th' commodore bought th' Laura. Well, says he t' me 'Capt'n, we forgot that Mr. Donovan was in th' room at th' time o' th' discovery. Will you be so kind as to impress him with the fact that this expedition is on the Q. T.? Not that I think he will say anythin', but you might add these few bits o' paper to his promise not t' speak.' Says I, 'I'll trust Mr. Donovan.' An' I do. You never broke no promise yet."

"It pays in the long run," replied Mr. Donovan, vainly endeavoring to count the bills.

"Well, this 'ere little fortune is yours if you promise to abide by th' conditions."

"That I keeps my mouth shut."

"Then I give you these five nice ones with th' regards o' th' commodore." The captain stripped each bill and slowly laid it down on the table for the fear that by some curious circumstance there might be six.

"One hundred? Capt'n, I'm a"— Mr. Donovan emptied his glass with a few swift gulps and banged the table. "Two more."

The landlord lowered his paper wearily (would they never let him alone?) and stepped behind the bar. At the same time Mr. Donovan folded the bills and stowed them away.

"Not even t' th' Mrs.," he swore. "Here's luck, capt'n."

"Same t' you; an' don't get drunk this side o' Jersey City."

And with this admonition the captain drank his beer and thumped off for the water front, satisfied that the village would hear nothing from Mr. Donovan. Nevertheless, it was shameful to let a hundred go that easy; twenty would have served. He was about to hail the skiff when he was accosted by the quiet little man he had recently observed sitting alone in the corner of Swan's office.

"Pardon, but you are Captain Flanagan of the yacht Laura?"

"Yessir," patiently. "But the owner never lets anybody aboard he don't know, sir."

"I do not desire to come aboard, my captain. What I wish to know is if his excellency the admiral is at home."

"His excellency" rather confounded the captain for a moment; but he came about without "takin' more'n a bucketful," as he afterward expressed it to Halloran, the engineer. "I knew right then he wus a furriner; I know 'em. They ain't no excellencies in th' navy. But I tells him that the commodore was snug in his berth up yonder, and with that he looks to me like I wus a lady. I've seen him in Swan's at night readin'; allus chasin' butterflies when he sees 'em in the street." And the captain rounded out this period by touching his forehead as a subtle hint that in his opinion the foreigner carried no ballast.

In the intervening time the subject of this light suggestion was climbing the hill with that tireless resilient step of one born to mountains. No task appeared visibly to weary this man. Small as he was, his bones were as strong and his muscles as stringy as a wolf's. If the butterfly was worth while he would follow till it fell to his net or daylight withdrew its support.

So it fell out very well that Admiral Killigrew was fond of butterflies. Still, he should have been equally glad to know that the sailor's hobby inclined toward the exploits of pirates. M. Ferraud was a modest man. That his exquisite brochure on lepidopterous insects was in nearly all the public libraries of the world only gratified, but added nothing to his vanity.

As it oftentimes happens to a man whose mind is occupied with other things, the admiral, who received M. Ferraud in the library, saw nothing in the name to kindle his recollection. He bade the savant to be seated while he read the letter of introduction which had been written by the secretary of the navy:

My Dear Killigrew—This will introduce to you M. Ferraud of the butterfly fame. He has learned of the success of your efforts in the West Indies and South America and is eager to see your collection. Do what you can for him. I know you will, for you certainly must have his book. I myself do not know a butterfly from a June bug, but it will be a pleasure to bring you two together.

Breitmann arranged his papers neatly and waited to be dismissed. He had seen M. Ferraud at Swan's, but had formed no opinion regarding him; in fact, the growth of his interest had stopped at indifference. On his part the new arrival never so much as gave the secretary a second glance—the first was sufficient. And while the admiral read on M. Ferraud examined the broken skin on his palms.

"Mr. Ferraud! Well, well; this is a great honor, I'm sure. It was very kind of them to send you here. Where is your luggage?"

"I am stopping at Swan's hotel."

"We shall have your things up this very night."

"Oh!" said Ferraud, in protest, though this was the very thing he desired.

"Not a word!" The admiral summoned the butler, who was the general factotum at the Pines, and gave a dozen orders.

"Ah, you Americans!" laughed M. Ferraud, pyramiding his fingers. "You leave us breathless."

"Your book has delighted me. But I'm afraid my collection will not pay you for your trouble."

"That is for me to decide. My South American specimens are all seconds. On the other hand, you have netted yours yourself!"

And straightaway a bond of friendship was riveted between these two men which still remains bright and untarnished by either absence or forgetfulness. They bent over the cases, agreed and disagreed, the one with the sharp gestures, the other with the rise and fall of the voice. For them nothing else existed; they were truly engrossed.

Breitmann, hiding a smile that was partly a yawn, stole quietly away. Butterflies did not excite his concern in the least.

M. Ferraud was charmed. He was voluble. Never had he entered a more homelike place, large enough to be called a chateau, yet as cheerful as a writer's fire. And the daughter! Her French was the elegant speech of Tours, her German Hanoverian. Incomparable! And she was not married? Heins! How many luckless fellows walked the world desolate? And this was M. Fitzgerald the journalist? And M. Breitmann had also been one? How delighted he was to be here! All this flowed on with perfect naturalness; there wasn't a false note anywhere. At dinner he diffused a warmth and geniality which were infectious. Laura was pleased and amused; and she adored her father for these impulses which brought to the board, unexpectedly, such men as M. Ferraud.

M. Ferraud did not smoke, but he dissipated to the extent of drinking three small cups of coffee after dinner.

"You are right," he acknowledged—there had been a slight dispute relative to the methods of roasting the berry—"Europe does not roast its coffee; it burns it. The aroma, the bouquet! I am beaten."

"So am I," Fitzgerald reflected sadly, snatching a vision of the girl's animated face.

Three days he had ridden into the country with her, or played tennis, or driven down to the village and inspected the yacht. He had been lonely so long and this beautiful girl was such a good comrade. One moment he blessed the prospective treasure hunt, another he execrated it. To be with this girl was to love her; and whither this pleasurable idleness would lead him he was neither blind nor self deceiving. But with the semihumorous recklessness which was the leaven of his success, he thrust prudence behind him and stuck to the primrose path. He had played with fire before, but never had the coals burned so brightly. He did not say that she was above him; mentally and by birth they were equals; simply, he was compelled to admit of the truth that she was beyond him. Money. That was the obstacle. For what man will live on his wife's bounty? That bodice and those sleeves of old Venetian point would have eaten up the gains of any three of his most prosperous months.

And Breitmann, dropping occasionally the ash of his cigarette on the tray, he, too, was pondering. But his German strain did not make it so easy for him as for Fitzgerald to give concrete form to his thought. The outlook, as he saw it, had a nebulous appearance.

M. Ferraud chatted gayly. Usually a man who holds his audience is of single purpose. The little Frenchman had two aims; one, to keep the conversation on subjects of his own selection, and the other, to study without being observed.

With Laura's rising the little after dinner party became disorganized.

It was yet early; but perhaps she had some thought she wished to be alone with. This consideration was the veriest bud in growth; still, it was such that she desired the seclusion of her room. She swung across her shoulders the sleepy Angora and wished the men good night.

The wire bell in the hall clock vibrated twice; 2 o'clock of the morning. A streak of moonshine fell aslant the floor and broke off abruptly. Before the safe in the library stood Breitmann, a small tape in his hand. For several minutes he contemplated somberly the nickel combination wheel. He could open it for he knew the combination. To open it would be the work of a moment. Why, then, did he hesitate? Why not pluck it forth and disappear on the morrow? The admiral had not made a copy, and without the key he might dig up Corsica till the crack of doom. The flame on the taper crept down. The man gave a quick movement to his shoulders; it was the shrug, not of impatience, but of resignation. He saw the lock through the haze of a conjured face. He shut his eyes, but the vision remained. Slowly he drew his fingers over the flame.

Yet before the flame died wholly it touched two points of light in the doorway, the round crystals of a pair of spectacles.

"Two souls with but a single thought!" the secret agent murmured. "Poor devil! Why does he hesitate? Why does he not take it and be gone? Is he still honest? I must be growing old. I shall not ruin him, I shall save him. It is not good politics, but it is good Christianity."

CHAPTER XI.

THE WOMAN WHO KNEW.

"DON'T you sometimes grow weary for an abiding place?" Laura pulled off her gauntlets and laid her hot hands on the cool lichen grown stones of the field wall. The bridle rein hung over her arm. Fitzgerald had drawn his through a stirrup. "Think of wandering here and there, with never a place to come back to."

"I have thought of it often in the few days I have been here. I have a home in New York, but I could not possibly afford to live in it; so I rent it; and when I want to go fishing there's enough under hand to pay the expenses. My poor old dad! He was always indorsing notes for his friends or carrying stock for them and nothing ever came back. I am afraid the disillusions broke his heart. And then perhaps I was a bitter disappointment. I was expelled from college in my junior year. I had no head for figures other than that kind which inhabit the Louvre and the Vatican."

Her face became thoughtful.

"Isn't Mr. Breitmann just a bit of a mystery to you?" she asked.

"In some ways, yes."

"He is inclined to be too much reserved. But last night Mr. Ferraud succeeded in tearing down some of it. If I could put in a book what all you men have seen and taken part in! Mr. Breitmann would be almost handsome but for those scars."

He kicked the turf at the foot of the wall. "In Germany they are considered beauty spots."

"I am not in sympathy with that custom."

"Still, it requires courage of a kind."

"The noblest wounds are those that are carried unseen. Student scars are merely patches of vanity."

"He has others besides those. He was nearly killed in the Sudan." Fitzgerald was compelled to offer some defense for the absent. That Breitmann had lied to him, that his appearance here had been in the regular order of things, did not take away the fact that the Bavarian was a man and a brave one. Closely as he had watched, up to the present he had learned absolutely nothing; and to have shown Breitmann the telegram would have accomplished nothing further than to have put him wholly on guard.

"Are you eager to return to the great highways once more?"

"I should like to stay here for a hundred years."

"You would miss us all very much then," merrily. "And Napoleon's treasure would have gone in and out of innumerable pockets!"

"Do you really and truly believe that we shall bring home a single franc of it?" facing her with incredulous eyes.

"Really and truly. And why not? Treasures have been found before. Fie on you for a doubting Thomas! What a gay little man that Mr. Ferraud is!"

"Lively as a cricket. Your father, I understand, is to take him as far as Marseilles. After tonight everything will be quite formal, I suppose. Honestly, I feel ill at ease in accepting your splendid hospitality. I'm an interloper. I haven't even the claim of an ordinary introduction. It has been very, very kind of you."

"You know Mrs. Coldfield. I will, if you wish it, ask her to present you to me."

"I am really serious."

"So am I."

"They will be here tomorrow?"

"Yes. And in four days we sail. Oh, it is all so beautiful! A real treasure hunt."

"It does not seem possible that I have been here a week. It has been a long time since I enjoyed myself so thoroughly. Have you ever wondered what has become of the other man?"

"The other man?"

"Yes; the other one in or outside the chimney. I've been thinking about him this long while. Hasn't it occurred to you that he may have other devices?"

"If he has he will find that he has waited too long. But I would like to know how he found out. You see," triumphantly, "he believed that there is one." She shook the rein, for the sleek mare was nozzling her shoulder and pawing slightly. "Let us be off."

She put her small booted foot on his palm and vaulted into the saddle, and he swung on to his mount. He stuffed his cap into a pocket, for he was no fair weather horseman, but loved the tingle of the wind rushing through his hair, and the two cantered down the clear sandy road.

Fitzgerald was light hearted and boyish, Breitmann was grave and dignified, but in the eyes of each there was a force the girl had encountered so seldom as to forget its being. Breitmann, in his capacity as secretary, was not so often in her company as Fitzgerald; nevertheless she was subtly attracted toward him. When he was of the mind he could invent a happy compliment with a felicity no less facile than Fitzgerald. And the puzzling thing of it all was, both men she knew from their histories had never been ornaments at garden parties where compliments are current coin. She liked Fitzgerald, but she admired Breitmann, a differentiation which she had no inclination to resolve into first principles. That Breitmann was a secretary for hire drew no barrier in her mind. She had known many gentlemen of fine families who had served in like situations. There were no social distinctions. On the other hand, she never felt wholly comfortable with Breitmann. There was not the least mistrust in this feeling. It was rather because she instinctively felt that he was above his occupation. To sum it up briefly, Breitmann was difficult to understand and Fitzgerald wasn't.

Fitzgerald had an idea; boldly put, it was a grave suspicion. Not once had he forgotten the man in the chimney. Once the finger had pointed at Breitmann or some one with whom he was in understanding. This had proved to be groundless. But he kept turning over the incident and inspecting it from all sides. There were others a-treasure hunting; persons unknown; and a man might easily become desperate in the pursuit of 2,000,000 francs, almost half a million of American money, more, for some of these coins would be rare. He had thoroughly searched the ground outside the cellar window, but the sea gravel held its secret with a tenacity as baffling as the mother sea herself. There was a new under groom, or rather there had been. He had left, and where he had gone no one knew. Fitzgerald dismissed the thought of him; at the most he could have been out an accomplice, one to unlock the cellar window.

While Breitmann lingered near Laura, offering what signs of admiration he dared, and, while the admiral chatted to his country neighbors who were gathered round the tea table, Fitzgerald and M. Ferraud were braced against the terrace wall, a few yards farther on, and exchanged views on various peoples.

"America is a wonderful country," said M. Ferraud, when they had exhausted half a dozen topics. He spread out his hands, Frenchman wise.

"So it is." Fitzgerald threw away his cigarette and quietly caught the other by the wrist and turned the palm.

M. Ferraud looked into his face with an astonishment on his own, most genuine. But he did not struggle. "Why do you do that?"

"I am curious, Mr. Ferraud, when I see a hand like this. Would you mind letting me see the other?"

"Not in the least." M. Ferraud offered the other hand.

Fitzgerald let go. "What was your object?"

"What object?"

Fitzgerald lowered his voice. "What was your object in digging holes in yonder chimney? Did you know what was there? And what do you propose to do now?"

M. Ferraud coolly took off his spectacles and polished the lenses. It needed but a moment to adjust them. "What are you talking about?"

"You are really M. Ferraud?" said the young man coldly.

The Frenchman produced a wallet and took out a letter. It was written by the president of France, introducing M. Ferraud to the ambassador at Washington. Next, there was a passport, and far more important than either of these was the Legion of Honor. "Yes, I am Anatole Ferraud."

"That is all I desire to know."

"Shall we return to the ladies?" asked M. Ferraud, restoring his treasures.

"Since there is nothing more to be said at present. It seems strange to me that foreign politics should find its way here."

"Politics? I am only a butterfly hunter."

"There are varieties. But you are the man. I shall find out!"

"Possibly," returned M. Ferraud thinking hard.

"I give you fair warning that if anything is missing"—

"Oh, Mr. Fitzgerald!"

"I shall know where to look for it," with a smile which had no humor in it.

"Why not denounce me now?"

"Would it serve your purpose?"

"No," with deeper gravity. "It would be a great disaster; how great I cannot tell you."

"Then, I shall say nothing."

"About what?" dryly, even whimsically.

"About your being a secret agent from France."

This time M. Ferraud's glance proved that he was truly startled. Only three times in his career had his second life been questioned or suspected. Should he trust this young man? With that swift unerring instinct which makes the perfect student of character, he said, "You will do me a great favor not to impart this suspicion to any one else."

"Suspicion?"

"It is true: I am a secret agent;" and he said it proudly.

"You wish harm to none here?"

"No. I am here for the very purpose of saving you all from heartaches and misfortune and disillusion. And had I set to work earlier I should have accomplished all this without a single one of you knowing it. Now the matter will have to go on to its end."

"Can you tell me anything?"

"Not now. I trust you. Will you trust me?"

Fitzgerald hesitated for a space. "Yes."

"For that, thanks," and M. Ferraud put out a hand. "It is clean, Mr. Fitzgerald, for all that the skin is broken."

"Of that I have no doubt."

"Before we reach Corsica you will know."

And so temporarily that ended the matter. But as Fitzgerald went over to the chair just vacated by the secretary, he found that there was a double zest to life now. This would be far more exciting than dodging ice floes and freezing one's toes.

Laura told him the news. Their guests would arrive that evening in time for dinner.

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It was Breitmann's habit to come down first. He would thrum a little on the piano or take down some old volume. Tonight it was Heine. He had not met any of the guests yet, which he considered a piece of good fortune. But God only knew what would happen when she saw him. He dreaded the moment, dreaded it with anguish. She was a woman, schooled in acting, but a time comes when the best acting is not sufficient. If only in some way he might have warned her; but no way had opened. She would find him ready, however, ready with his eyes, his lips, his nerves. What would the others think or say if she lost her presence of mind? His teeth snapped. He read on. The lamp threw the light on the scarred side of his face.

He heard some one enter, and his gaze stole over the top of his book. This person was a woman, and her eyes traveled from object to object with a curiosity tinged with that incertitude which attacks us all when we enter an unfamiliar room. She was dressed in black, showing the white arms and neck. Her hair was like ripe wheat after a rainstorm; oh, but he knew well the color of her eyes, blue as the Adriatic. She was a woman of perhaps thirty, matured, graceful, handsome. The sight of her excited a thrill in his veins, deny it how he would.

She scanned the long rows of books, the strange weapons, the heroic and sinister flags, the cases of butterflies. With each inspection she stepped nearer and nearer, till by reaching out his hand he might have touched her. Quietly he rose. It was a critical moment.

She was startled. She had thought she was alone.

"Pardon me," she said, in a low, musical voice; "I did not know that any one was here." And then she saw his face. Her own blanched and her hands went to her heart. "Karl?"

CHAPTER XII.

THE DRAMA BEGINS.

SHE swayed a little, but recovered as the pain of the shock was succeeded by numbness. That out of the dark of this room into the light of that lamp in this house so far removed from cities that it seemed not a part of the world there should step this man! Why had there been no hint of his presence? Why had not the clairvoyance of despair warned her? One of her hands rose and pressed over her eyes as if to sponge out this phantom. It was useless; it was no dream; he was still there, this man she had neither seen nor heard of for five years because her will was stronger than her desire, this man who had broken her heart as children break toys! And deep below all this present terror was the abiding truth that she still loved him and always would love him. The shame of this knowledge did more than all else to rouse and to nerve her.

"Karl?" It was like an echo.

"Yes." There was war in his voice and attitude and not without reason. He had wronged this woman, not with direction intention, it was true, but nevertheless he had wronged her, and her presence here could mean nothing less than that fate had selected this spot for the reckoning. She could topple down his carefully reared schemes with the same ease with which he had blown over hers. And to him these schemes were life to his breath and salt to his blood, everything. What was one woman? cynically. "Yes, it is I," in the tongue native to them both.

"And what do you here?"

"I am Admiral Killigrew's private secretary." He wet his lips. He was not so strong before this woman as he had expected to be. The glamor of the old days was faintly rekindled at the sight of her. And she was beautiful.

"Then, this is the house?" in a whisper.

"It is."

"You terrify me!"

"Hildegarde, this is your scheme," shrugging. "Tell them all you know; break me, ruin me. Here is a fair opportunity for revenge."

"God forbid!" she cried with a shiver. "Were you guilty of all crimes, I could only remember that once I loved you."

"You shame me," he replied frankly, but with infinite relief. "You have outdone me in magnanimity. Will you forgive me?"

"Oh, yes. Forgiveness is one of the few things you men can not rob us of." She spoke without bitterness, but her eyes were dim and her lips dropped. "What shall we do? They must not know that we have met."

"Cathewe knows," moodily.

"I had forgotten!"

"I leave all in your hands. Do what you will. If you break me—and God knows well that you can do it—it would be only an act of justice. I have been a scoundrel. I am man enough to admit of that."

She saw his face more clearly now. Time had marked it. There were new lines at the corners of his eyes and the cheek bones were more prominent. Perhaps he had suffered too. "You will always have the courage to do," she said, "right or wrong in a great manner."

"Am I wrong to seek"—

"Hush! I know. It is what you must thrust aside or break to reach it. Earl The thing itself is not wrong, but you will go about it wrongly. You can not help that."

He did not reply. Perhaps she was right. Indeed, was she not herself an example of it? If there was one thing in his complex career that he regretted more than another it was the deception of this woman. He did not possess the usual vanity of the sex. There was nothing here to be proud of. His dream of conquest was not over the kingdom of women.

"Some one is coming," he said, listening.

"Leave it all to me."

"Ah"— with a hand toward her.

"Do not say it. I understand the thought. If only you loved me you would say!" the iron in her voice unmistakable.

He let his hand fall. He was sorry.

Presently the others made their entrance upon the scene, a singular anticlimax. The admiral rang for the cocktails. Introductions followed.

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No Local Option Vote This Year.

But for the fact that a United States Senator could not be elected until the second Tuesday after the legislature convened, Governor Plaisted's extraordinary session, which met last Wednesday, might have adjourned finally Saturday. As it is, all that remains is for it to go back on Tuesday of next week and elect Senator Gardner to serve for the rest of the year.

As had been generally expected, the governor's local option amendment failed of a two-thirds vote. It got the necessary vote in the senate, but in the house it failed by a vote of 71 yes and 64 no. Two Republicans in the house voted for the measure, and one Democrat in the senate and seven in the house voted against it.

There had been considerable speculation as to the possible length of the session, but it was practically settled that it would not be long when the Democratic majority in caucus voted to confine action to the matters named in the governor's message, which were four in number.

Aside from the prohibition amendment matter, the subjects and the action taken are, in brief:

Roads. An amendment to the constitution of the state is to be submitted to the people, allowing the issue of not exceeding $2,000,000 in bonds for the building of roads, principal and interest to be paid from the automobile tax.

Election laws. An extensive revision passed, with some changes from present provisions. The most important change is that providing that all the ballots cast in an election, instead of being kept in the custody of the town clerks as now, shall be transmitted to the secretary of state within twenty-four hours after the polls close.

The redistricting of the state for representatives in congress. Only one change is made from the present apportionment. Washington County is taken from the Fourth District and put into the Third District. This does not take effect until Jan. 1, 1913, so that the congressmen will be elected this year from the districts as they have been for the past decade.

Here and There.

Some humorist (Pattangall, doubtless) must have penned that part of the Democratic state platform which reads,

The state tax has been lowered from five mills in 1910 to four mills in 1912, a saving to the people of more than four hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the year 1912 alone.

No mention of the six mill tax in 1911, the first year of Democratic administration, between the two years that are named, nor any suggestion to how much that took out of the people.

If the Democratic convention had desired to be perfectly frank and honest in the matter of state finances, it might have made a comparison of the amount of the direct state tax for the two years 1911 and 1912 of Democratic administration, and the tax of the two preceding years, under Republican administration. Thus:

DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION.

State tax for 1911	$2,712,641.88
State tax for 1912	1,809,081.65
Total for two years	$4,521,723 53

REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION.

State tax for 1909	$1,286,651 55
State tax for 1910	2,143,156.47
Total for two years	$3,429,808 02
Increase in Democratic term	$1,091,915 51

This is the direct state tax alone. There was an increase in other forms of taxation, on railroads, expresses, &c., amounting to about $500,000 for the two years. That is the way taxation was reduced by the Democratic administration.

Governor Hunt of Arizona is bound to have the recall of judges in the constitution of the state if possible. The admission of the state into the Union was delayed until that provision was eliminated from its constitution, but now that Arizona is a sovereign state, the governor in his first message urges the adoption of such a constitutional provision as soon as it can be accomplished. And the legislature seems to be just as eager as the governor.

Charles W. Morse, only a few weeks ago in a dying condition in a United Stated prison, is now said to be in good health and spirits in Naples, and itching to get back into the Wall Street game again.

Attention is called to the fact that concrete, after standing for a few years, becomes harder than stone, and almost needs explosives to break it up at all. This will constitute a serious defect in those "poured" houses, built entirely of concrete, which we are by-and-by to have. How is a man to have the extreme pleasure of "fixing over" his house when it doesn't just suit him, if dynamite is the only thing that will cut a door in a partition?

Democrats Squarely for License.

There is no doubt now as to where the Democratic party stands on the question of licensing the liquor traffic in Maine. During the campaign of last summer there was more or less attempt to confuse the real issue by saying that we were not voting on the question of license or no license, but simply as to whether prohibition should stay in the constitution, where it did not belong. With this and other specious arguments some voters were doubtless befogged.

Last week the Democrats of Maine in their state convention set forth their position in the matter. This is, in brief, local option without qualification for the cities, and practical local option for the towns. The only restriction on it is that before a town can be granted any privilege of license, fifty-one per cent of the voters must petition for it. Aside from that, it is as purely a local option program as is embodied in the law of any of the states.

With its colors flying in behalf of license, we may look to see the Democratic party go down in defeat in Maine next September.

The Socialists of Maine, at their state convention at Bath last week, formally nominated George Allan England of Bryant's Pond for governor. Mr. England had previously been selected by vote of the local Socialist organizations. The convention took a day and a half for its proceedings, but much of this time was made necessary by a revision of their constitution.

Old Town also went Democratic last week.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

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

Paris Hill.

First Baptist Church, Rev. G. W. F. Hill, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School at 12. Sabbath evening service at 7.30. Prayer Meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Covenant Meeting the last Friday before the 1st Sunday of the month at 2:30 P. M. All not otherwise connected are cordially invited.

Mrs. Jarvis M. Thayer, who was operated upon at the Central Maine Hospital, at Lewiston, last week, is making good recovery and expects to return home in about two weeks.

Miss Persis N. Andrews, who sold her home in this village to Mrs. J. P. Thompson of Portland last fall, arrived here last week to make preparations for clearing the house out. Miss Andrews holds a sale of household goods the present week as advertised in this paper.

Miss Josephine Cole is at home from Canton to care for her mother, Mrs. Joseph B. Cole, who has been sick for several weeks.

Painters are at work at the Dr. T. H. Brown house preparing it for the occupancy of Col. Edward T. Brown and family, who will make their home here now that Col. Brown has retired from the army.

"Winter lingers in the lap of Spring." Another snow storm Sunday gave us about five inches more of snow and cleared off cold Monday morning, making excellent sleighing and an indication of "six weeks sledding in March."

Stanley Bennett and Raymond L. Atwood are at home from Hebron Academy for the regular vacation between the winter and spring terms.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis, who recently moved here from Bryant's Pond, have purchased Frank Ryerson's farm north of this village. Mrs. Davis offers her place here, the Joseph Slattery stand, for sale.

Miss Linnie Marshall, of West Paris, who has been at Jarvis M. Thayer's, has gone to Burlington, Vt., to visit her brother.

Gilbert Shaw and family, who have lived in this village during the winter, returned last Wednesday to their farm.

Greenwood.

The 15th of this month possesses more than usual interest, being the first anniversary of the birth of our great grandkid, Harlan Whitman, and also the death of Mrs. Erastus Bryant. On that day there was a snow storm, making it necessary to break out the roads; while on the 15th it snowed in the morning, then turned to rain which continued during the day.

Railroad accidents, not to mention other kinds, killing more or less people, but generally more, have become so frequent as to attract hardly more than a passing notice. Hear what the Boston Post of March 19, says in part, "San Antonio, Tex., March 18. At least 32 men were killed, and parts of their bodies were strewn for blocks adjacent, when a big passenger locomotive in the Southern Pacific shops blew up here today." Then it proceeds to give further information of the fearful event.

A letter from Darius O. Davis of Osakis, Minn., informs us that the past winter there was the coldest within the memory of man, with very little snow, the temperature being from 20 to 40 below much of the time. He reached his four score mile stone in January, and has given up the idea of ever coming back here to live the remainder of his days, or on a visit.

Mr. Davis gave us the price of several kinds of groceries, which were similar to what they are here.

A pine tree was cut here which measured three feet, ten inches on the stump, and the two ten-foot logs scaled within a fraction of 1000 feet. Then it divided into three parts, the whole scaling 1000 feet more. It was hauled to Titus' mill to-day and made quite a show.

Hay is scarce in places and two of our neighbors have bought or will in the near future.

Oxford.

Monday evening, March 18, Mr. and Mrs. James Holden celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Invitations were sent out to about one hundred relatives and friends, nearly all of whom were present. A pleasing entertainment consisting of readings and music was rendered, and there were also remarks by Rev. Mr. Newport of Turner, formerly pastor of the Congregational church here, and by Mr. Eaton, the present pastor. Refreshments were served during the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Holden received many valuable presents as well as the best wishes of all. Among the guests were their daughter, Mrs. Florence Brockway, from Lowell, Mass., Charles Holden, Mrs. Etta Gould and Mrs. Kennard of Portland, Mrs. Gertrude Barker of Norway, Rev. Frederic Newport of Turner and others.

The Congregational Ladies' Circle met with Mrs. John Chadbourne last week.

Charles Young is working for Mr. Knight.

Miss Retta Glover has been spending a few days with friends on Fore Street.

Mrs. William Boyd received slight injuries from a fall on the ice last week

Herbert Denning has gone to North Anson to work.

Gerald Judkins has been confined to the house for several days with a severe cold.

The spring term of school began in town Monday.

A mock trial was given in the Grange Saturday evening and well enjoyed by all.

Friday evening "The Country Minister" was played here by local talent from Mechanic Falls. Although the weather was very disagreeable there was a fairly good attendance and the play well rendered.

Oscar Chamberlain gave a moving picture entertainment here Tuesday evening.

Walter Scribner is improving and able to be about the house.

Mrs. Morris Clarke has had a severe attack of the grippe.

The Advent Mission Society met at Dr. Haskell's.

An entertainment was given Friday evening in the chapel with ice cream, cake and candy on sale, and a program of music and recitations presented.

Denmark.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cobb have recently returned from Southern Pines, N. C., where Mrs. Cobb has been for a short time for her health.

Chas. Perkins has returned from Canada where he has been for a few weeks.

Mr. Eben Hilton is at home on a short visit.

Denmark Lodge, No. 50, I. O. O. F., conferred the initiatory degree on one candidate Tuesday evening.

The drama, "Nevada," presented by Denmark Dramatic Club, Wednesday evening, at Odd Fellows' Hall, was a success in every feature. The proceeds are for a new organ at the church. It has been requested that they repeat the drama in the near future.

Mr. C. E. Cobb is making an addition to the hotel for an office.

Sumner.

Mrs. Jane Bartlett is visiting her niece, Mrs. Elmer Roberts.

Ellen Poland, who has been spending a few weeks in Waltham, Mass., has returned home.

Charles Varney and wife have been visiting his parents, N. M. Varney and wife.

Mabel Roberts is suffering with a bad cold.

Willis Bowker has returned from South Paris where he has been attending court.

Several attended the Grange fair and sale at East Sumner on March 19, and report a fine time.

Several in this vicinity are making maple syrup.

L. H. Poland made a trip to West Paris on Thursday, returning Friday with a load of mill machinery for Mr. Willis.

W. E. Bowker has been hauling wood for H. Stetson.

John Libby recently lost a nice horse. It got loose and got tangled up in some harnesses and it is supposed that it choked to death.

L. H. Poland and Eugene Elwell are working for the Martin Bros.

Bethel.

Tuesday, Gould Academy opened for the spring term.

Tuesday afternoon the W. C. T. U. held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Horace Andrews. It was in recognition of the birthday of Gen. Neal Dow.

Mrs. W. A. Bunting and children have returned to their home in Yarmouth.

Mrs. F. S. Chandler has returned from Auburn.

Mr. Chester Bean of Boston spent Sunday with his parents.

Monday, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Brown went to Augusta where Mr. Brown is attending the special session of the legislature.

Thursday evening the men of the Congregational society served their annual supper. The menu consisted of clam chowder, cold meats and all kinds of pastry. The men proved themselves equal to preparing and serving in first class shape, a fine supper.

Thursday evening the Columbian Club gave the people of Bethel the opportunity to hear Prof. H. Hartshorn of Bates College. The subject, "Victorian Literature," was interesting and instructive. The students of the academy were the guests of the club.

Gould's Academy endowment fund has now reached $4,863 00. The gift of Mrs. Pratt of the sum of $1500 annually for five years will be a great help to the academy and is deeply appreciated by the friends of the academy.

Sunday, March 24, Rev. C. L. Banghart will preach his last sermon before conference which meets in Lewiston, March 26.

West Bethel.

"March! March! March! They are coming
In troops to the tune of the wind.
Red-headed woodpeckers drumming,
Gold-crested thrushes behind;
Sparrows in brown jackets hopping
Past every gateway and door;
Finches with crimson caps stopping
Just where they stopped years before.

"March! March! March! They will hurry
Forth at the wild bugle-sound,
Blossoms and birds in a flurry,
Fluttering all over the ground.
Hang out your flags, birch and willow!
Shake out your red tassels, larch!
Grass-blades, up from your earth pillow
Hear who is calling you—March!"

Spring, with winter weather.

There will be a social dance in Grange Hall on Saturday evening, March 30th.

Miss Violet Morrill is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harlan Bean, in Auburn.

Mrs. Helen Tyler is slowly recovering from her long and severe illness.

Sledding is fine for the season, with no spots of bare ground in the roads.

The snow has been shoveled from the sidewalk on the north side of the street.

Miss Ethel Allen came home from her visit in Norway and South Paris Tuesday.

Adrian Grover was on the road last week gathering nests of brown tail moths.

Many teams are still hauling birch bolts and pine logs to Rolfe Brothers' mill.

Francis D. Mills is again attending Gould Academy, going and returning daily on the cars.

Mrs. L. D. Grover is still confined to her home by illness. Her sister, Mrs. Mary A. Lapham, of Oxford, was sent for and came Tuesday.

No improvement is seen in the condition of John Carleton and John B. Murphy. Both are under the treatment of Dr. R. R. Tibbetts of Bethel Hill, and we are hoping to soon see them out again.

East Sumner.

W. S. Robinson of Hartford was in town one day last week exhibiting his insect trap which evidently is the best device yet found for collecting flying moths and insect pests, that so largely affect the apple crop. It is a simple yet very effectual method of destroying early in the season the various moths that if not partially exterminated, threaten to ruin the apple crop. Mr. Robinson has testimonials from some of the most reliable and successful orchardists in the vicinity who have tested with satisfactory results the efficacy of this device. It commends itself.

Our thanks are due to the friends who sent in cards and other evidences of respect on our 75th birthday. We received "nothing to drink" but the fine maple syrup sent in by Moses Young and wife was good easy eating.

Our first reportorial work was for the Oxford Democrat more than a half century ago when amateur writers began with "Jim has a sore toe and Sol has got the measles." Great strides in journalism have been made in the past half century and people appreciate the newspaper as an essential educator, much more than formerly. It is a duty to sustain the local home paper.

East Waterford.

L. A. Sawin is in a very low condition.

Mrs. Martha Pride is able to be about the house.

Helen M. Sanderson, a nurse, has returned to the Sanatorium at Hebron.

L. E. McIntire has bought a nice 5-year-old colt of Andrews Bros. to match his other two work horses.

Frank Millett, who has been lumbering in the McIntire neighborhood this winter, has finished his job and gone home.

West Lovell.

The late rain and thaw has caused the meadows to be overflowed and the loggers have had to stop drawing lumber. Leo Bell has about twenty-five thousand back on his job.

C. D. Lord is at home again and Will Fox has moved his family home. He is widening his tie-up this spring. Ernest Hatch boss carpenter.

Joel Allard is at home from a two weeks' visit to Boston and vicinity. His daughter Lottie is on a visit at home.

Norway Lake.

Harold Tucker of Portland visited his grandparents for a day or two last week.

A stork brought a little daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Frank the 17th. They are stopping at J. L. Partridge's.

Mr. Frank's health is very poor. He has been ill for some time.

Miss Helen Dunn has the mumps now, also Mr. Thaxter Doughty. I wonder who next?

Miss Lena Bennett is a guest at Miss A. D. Shattuck's.

Miss Shattuck returned from Canton, Mass., March 16th.

Mr. Milan Bennett and family have moved from Woodfords to Dr. C. A. Stephens'. He will carry on the farm.

Mr. W. S. Partridge visited in Norway Thursday.

The Misses Helen and Mildred Tucker of Farmington are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Tucker. Arthur Tucker of Farmington was there recently.

Locke's Mills.

Mrs. Helen Bryant spent last week with her sister, Mrs. D. A. Thurston, at Rumford Corner.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stowell were the guests of Mrs. Edith Abbott at Bryant Pond Sunday.

Raynor Littlefield and Henry Tenney have been enjoying a few days at "Just-a-mere Camp."

Mr. Addison Bryant of Milton called on relatives and friends last week. We were all pleased to see "Add" in town once more.

Mr. Lucius Trask is on the sick list again.

Mr. Charles Bartlett attended court at South Paris last week. He was one of the jury.

Dennis Swan is boarding at Leslie Whitman's.

Mrs. Ordell Bryant was in Bethel Thursday.

J. Melvin Bartlett of Stoneham was at J. C. Littlefield's Monday night.

North Stoneham.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Richards visited his uncle, Edwin Allen, of East Stoneham, Sunday.

Mrs. N. H. Sawyer is visiting relatives in Lovell.

Howard Bilsh has returned from Stow where he has been doing chores.

Mrs. John Adams is sick with a sore throat.

Myrtle Adams is at home from her work at Arthur Fox's, of Lovell, for a vacation.

Lee Andrews of North Lovell is cutting pine for M. E. Allen. Mr. Allen has taken the pine on Sumner Kimball's lot that was blown up to put into Great Brook. G. W. Adams hauls it.

Fourteen members of Kezar Lake Grange went across the mountain and visited Eagle Grange of Chatham, N. H., Wednesday night and had a fine time.

West Paris.

An entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Good Will Society in Good Will Hall Friday evening, March 29, consisting of piano duet by Misses Lilla Young and Laura Willis; song by Dana Grover; reading by Mrs. John Wood; vocal duet, Mrs. Wood and Mr. Grover; drill by eight young ladies, also other specialties of music and readings. The entertainment will be followed by an observation party. Refreshments of coffee and cake will be served. Admission including refreshments, 15 cents.

The First Universalist parish will hold its annual meeting and election of officers Tuesday evening, March 26.

Friday, as Frank Davis and his mother, Mrs. William Davis, of Woodstock, were driving near West Paris school house, the horse became frightened throwing them both from the sleigh. Mrs. Davis struck heavily on her shoulder and was badly shaken and bruised. She was taken to her home by a physician and at last reports was doing well.

Mrs. I. F. Emmons is very ill. Dr. Packard of South Paris is her physician and she has a trained nurse. Bertha Emmons came home from Portland Friday.

Misses Laura and Alice Barden and Cora Day of Hebron Academy are at their homes for a vacation of two weeks.

Nathan Merrill has sold his livery business to Joseph Cummings and G. L. Emery. The new firm have taken possession.

Grippe and severe colds have been quite prevalent of late; among those who are recovering from them are Rev. D. A. Ball, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tucker, Eva Tucker, Mrs. Ora Marston, Mrs. H. W. Dunham and Mrs. Mary Bucknam.

A good number partook of the public supper of Onward Rebekah Lodge Thursday evening, considering the storm and bad traveling.

Mrs. F. E. Wheeler and Mrs. Lorinda Curtis, who have been at the Central Maine General hospital at Lewiston for several weeks, are sufficiently recovered to be able to return to their homes.

Mabel E. Ricker arrived home last Monday after a five weeks' stay with relatives at Lawrence, Mass.

Mrs. Eva M. Swift has been a recent guest of friends in Portland.

Miss Edith Jordan and Miss Beulah Hutchinson are boarding at C. E. Chase's.

Mrs. D. A. Ball entertained the mission circle of the Universalist society Thursday afternoon.

Bryant's Pond.

Melrose E. Cole, a conductor on the Maine Central, is visiting his cousin, Dell Cole.

The Chicopee basket ball club will play at Andover Saturday evening, March 23d.

Mr. Elmer R. Bowker has returned to Colby after a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Bowker.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell of Prince Edward Island are staying with Mrs. Campbell's brother, George K. Coffin.

Mrs. John Foster and family have returned from Sumner.

One more case of diphtheria was reported Friday noon and the boarding house of Mrs. Amanda Sheran has been quarantined by the board of health.

Miss Florence Hopkins of Milton Plantation is working for H. C. Berry.

Mrs. Lizzie Meader has been making repairs on the interior of her boarding house. Two new rooms for guests will be added, also an office.

West Sumner.

Mrs. Hattie Bessee and daughter Marion of Bryant's Pond, are with Mrs. Besse's parents, Deacon and Mrs. Moses Dow.

Mrs. H. B. Maxim has gone to Livermore.

There was a social dance here Wednesday evening which was well attended. A good time was reported.

Mrs. Mabel Foster and three children, who have been staying with her parents a while, returned to her home in Bryant's Pond.

It is feared that Walter Chandler will lose one of his valuable work horses. He got his horses into the snow and had to haul this one to the barn. It has not been able to stand since.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jacobs went to Buckfield Thursday.

The ladies of the Baptist Circle served a dinner in the vestry Wednesday, the 20th. There was a full attendance and it was pronounced the best in the series. The Misses Elwell of Paris sang at the entertainment.

Mr. Vining of Abington, Mass., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Chas. Barrows.

Freely Farnum and family of Hartford visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jacobs Wednesday.

Marjorie Thomas is at home from the Edward Little High School at Auburn. Miss Thomas has had the measles which have left her eyes in a very bad condition.

Mrs. H. S. Robertson is still in bed though somewhat improved in strength.

Hebron.

At the speaking Saturday evening the 1st prize by the boys was won by John B. Mathews, sophomore; 2d by Ralph P. Goodwin, senior. 1st girl's prize by Catherine Sturtevant, sophomore; 2d Florence Adams, freshman.

Mr. Chas. Dwyer of Conway, N. H., former athletic coach here, and a young friend, were guests of Prof. Joy from Friday till Monday.

Mrs. M. C. Joy has a sister visiting her.

Rev. Mr. Graham of West Minot preached here Sunday in exchange with Dr. Tilden.

Prof. Dwyer gave a talk to the students Sunday afternoon and in the evening a musical service was held in place of the usual prayer meeting. Several solos were given and the service was greatly enjoyed by all.

Norman Richardson spent Saturday and Sunday at home from Bates.

Mrs. H. A. Cushman is visiting relatives in Auburn.

The Ladies' Circle met with Mrs. Ella Bearce Tuesday.

The academy school closes to-day, Thursday, for a ten days' vacation.

Andover.

John Tweedy is at home from Richardson Pond, where he has been working this winter.

Mrs. L. R. Hall, who had been ailing for a day or two, was found dead in bed last Tuesday, March 12, by Mr. Hall on coming to the house after doing his morning chores at the barn. The funeral was held Thursday, Rev. H. L. Packard officiating. Lone Mt. Grange, of which Mrs. Hall was a charter member, attended in a body. Mrs. Hall was a very estimable woman and leaves a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Burton Hanson is at home from Bowmantown where he has been scaling for the International Paper Co. for the winter.

Lone Mt. Grange held a special children's day meeting March 16th, with a large attendance.

There is a prospect that several new houses will be built here the coming season.

John F. Caldwell and wife have returned from Leeds where they have been visiting their brother, E. E. Caldwell.

Geo. W. Abbott and wife visited friends at Rumford Point Monday.

Mrs. Otis M. Richardson and children of Canton spent a few days with her father, H. W. Poor, last week.

F. F. Hutchins is working for Sylvanus Poor this week.

North Waterford.

Lulu Hamilton, from Haverhill, Mass., came to her uncle's, Newell Andrews', Thursday night.

Waterford Grange, No. 479, will hold their first annual sale and supper on Thursday afternoon and evening, March 28th. State Lecturer B. W. McKeen is expected to be present and will give an address in the evening. Come and help the Grange.

Little Louise Nason has been quite sick with the prevailing cold.

Mrs. Katherine Grover and son Archie are back at their home here staying. Mrs. John Grover and child are stopping with them at present. Leon Newcomb has been a guest there a few days.

Sumner Grover and son went to Otisfield and purchased a cow.

George Morey has finished work at Denmark and is back here again.

Mrs. W. H. Kilgore is more comfortable.

Buckfield.

Mr. Pearl has shipped his household goods, and the family will shortly go to Charleston, Maine.

Mr. Frank Ricker, who has worked this winter at the Seeley mill here, has a position at Wilton in a woolen mill. The family will go to Sabattus for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Drummond of Waterville and Mr. and Mrs. John Shearman of Portland were here over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Prince.

Harold H. Hall of New York has been at the Saints' Rest for a few days.

Peter Gauthier died at his home Wednesday morning after a long illness, at the age of twenty-nine years, leaving a widow and two small children beside his mother. The body was taken to Lewiston Wednesday afternoon for the funeral which was held Friday and the burial was at the Catholic cemetery.

The girls from here who are attending the Normal School at Farmington returned home for a short vacation Friday morning.

Mrs. E. L. Phinney has been quite ill this week.

Hiram.

Mrs. Margaret A. Adams, wife of Orison W. Adams, died in Hiram March 14 of cancer in the stomach. Her age was 57 years, 3 months, 2 days. She was a daughter of the late Willoughby and Margaret Lowell. She was a lady of many excellent qualities, that greatly endeared her to a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Marshall Spring is slowly recovering from a severe case of the grippe.

Arthur M. Noble and Melville Gould attended the Democratic State Convention Tuesday.

Hon. Charles Rankin visited his son, Dr. Clark B. Rankin, at Mechanic Falls Monday, and attended Probate Court at South Paris Tuesday.

The change of temperature from 45 above zero on the 20th to 10 above the 21st and 22d was unwelcome.

Miss Lizzie M. Clemons, who has taught several terms in Kezar Falls village, will teach the grammar school in Hiram village this year.

Alton Goodwin of Porter was in town Thursday.

Albert F. Howard is removing to West Baldwin.

Charles I. Lewis of Porter was in town this week.

Mrs. Maria Lowell is in poor health.

Dickvale.

Mrs. Abbie Irish has gone to Hartford on a visit.

Ernest Andrews sold two cows to Charles Mathews last week. R. S. Tracy bought two of Linus Libby recently.

E. G Child and wife visited relatives in Dixfield Thursday.

W. S. Hotham is helping Alex McPhee haul his pulp wood.

Report says that E. F. Child of Leeds, but formerly of this place, is ill with pneumonia.

East Bethel.

Mrs. H. E. Bartlett is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Lyon of Rumford Falls.

Mrs. Irving Kimball of Boston is spending a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Holt.

The condition of Urban Bartlett's hand is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester F. Bean of Phillips, Me., are spending a short vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bean.

Mr. G. M. Kimball of Hanover visited at F. B. Howe's last week.

All of the students excepting Urban Bartlett have returned to Gould Academy for the spring term.

Mr. C. M. Kimball recently lost a good work horse.

Mason.

Myron Morrill, who has been at work with his father's team for Walter Blake of Bethel, came home the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McKenzie are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, born March 19th.

D. W. Cushing purchased a hog of E. A. Grover recently.

Miss Mabel Scribner of West Bethel is at work at J. A. McKenzie's caring for Mrs. McKenzie and child.

Quite a number from this place attended the entertainment at the Grange Hall, March 21, in spite of bad weather.

The agent for the Maine Farmer was through this place this week.

D. W. Cushing's team came home from work in Bethel, March 22d.

GLORIOUS NEWS

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NOTICE

To Holders of Oxford County Bonds:

By order of the County Commissioners of Oxford County notice is hereby given that bonds numbered 101 to 150 inclusive, of the outstanding Court House Bonds of Oxford County, Maine, are hereby called for payment and are payable at the Norway National Bank, at Norway, Maine, on May first, 1912.

The fifty bonds described above will cease to bear interest after May first.

GEORGE M. ATWOOD,
County Treasurer.

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Do this just before going to bed: your head will feel fine and clear and you'll awake from a refreshing sleep minus a cold in the morning.

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NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of

LUCINDA F. LAMB late of Buckfield, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

March 19th, 1912. FRANK M. LAMB.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of

ADAM KINSLEY late of Norway, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

ADELAIDE D. SHATTUCK.
March 19th, 1912.

FOR SALE.

Hereford Bull, one year old, girths 6 ft. At my farm on road from South Paris to Buckfield.

HENRY W. WHITMAN,
R. F. D. 1, Buckfield, Me.
Jan. 30, 1912.

Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of HIRAM R KEENE, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

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

HIRAM R. KEENE of Hebron, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represents, that on the 22nd day of April, 1911, he was duly adjudged bankrupt, under the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of Court touching his bankruptcy.

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

Dated this 12th day of March, A. D. 1912.
HIRAM R. KEENE, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

On this 16th day of March, A. D. 1912, on reading the foregoing petition, it is—

Ordered by the Court, That a hearing be had upon the same on the 26th day of April, A. D. 1912, before said Court at Portland, in said District, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in said District, and that all known creditors, and other persons in interest, may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

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

Witness the HON. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Portland, in said District, on the 16th day of March, A. D. 1912.

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

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I am city salesman for Burnham, Stoepel & Co., and I have driven the car a little over 8,000 miles in the last year. I use the car for calling on my trade and was able to use the car every day last winter, except three, and then it was below zero, too cold to drive. I found the car so useful that the firm purchased four more Brush cars this Spring. I overhauled my car last week and found it in the finest kind of shape and had to replace only two or three small parts. I had never overhauled a car before in my life, but I found the car so simple in construction that I had no trouble at all, and the car is running better than ever now. I believe it is the cheapest car to maintain on the market today. I get from 25 to 29 miles on every gallon of gasolene and 1500 miles on five gallons oil.

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Yours very truly, S. D. GUSTORL

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SOUTH PARIS.

A. E. Morse read at an entertainment at West Bethel Thursday evening.

Miss Ethelyn Beede of Phillips is a guest at Rev. T. N. Kewley's for a few weeks.

Miss Eva E. Walker, who has been ill for some weeks, is now so she gets out some.

H. V. Starrett of the Maine Register has been in town for a few days working on that publication.

The Flinch Club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. N. D. Bolster at her home on Pleasant Street.

Miss Mabel G. Hathaway is at home from her teaching in Rockport, Mass., for a week's vacation.

Hon. John P. Swasey of Canton has been engaged by Wm. K. Kimball Post as speaker for Memorial Day here.

Luther M. Winslow has bought the Elmer Briggs house on Myrtle Street and has moved in with his family.

Alton C. Wheeler, representative from this district, was at Augusta last week attending the special session of the legislature.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Cole of Ashland, Mass., are spending the week here as guests of Mrs. Cole's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wheeler.

Harold H. Gammon was here from Mexico a few days last week, to pack up his goods, and he and Mrs. Gammon have gone to Mexico to live.

Coal, did you say? Well, the extent of the famine here may be judged by the fact that the coal dealers are heating their own houses with wood.

Henry J. Merrill and family, who have been at Camden for some time, have returned to South Paris, and moved into Lafayette Dow's rent on Pleasant Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swett will accompany Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Clifford when they go to Los Angeles, Calif., on the 8th of April, and expect to remain there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams, who have occupied the rent in Mrs. Julia Lovejoy's house on Pleasant Street, have broken up housekeeping and are boarding at Hotel Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Merrill of Rockport, respectively principal and assistant in the high school at that place, have spent a week's vacation with Mr. Merrill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Merrill.

The county commissioners voted last week to call in $5,000 of the county bonds May 1st. The payment of these will leave outstanding only $15,000 in bonds, of what the county buildings have cost.

Ernest F. Clason of Gardiner, former teacher of the high school and later superintendent of schools here, now traveling for Ginn & Co., publishers, was here a short time last week, and met many friends.

H. B. Smith, who purchased the Cummings mill building near the depot, is now fitting it up for a garage and repair shop, and has moved here with his family. He occupies a rent in C. W. Bowker's tenement house.

One of the first signs of spring was shown the Democrat by W. L. Jackson early last week before that cool wave. It was a grasshopper of one of the smaller species, which came into the Paris Manufacturing Co.'s factory on some lumber from the outside shed, alive and kicking.

Cyrus P. Berry of this place has an old violin which he regards as of considerable value. It is pronounced by experts an imported instrument. Mr. Berry has owned it for sixty-one years, and knows where it was for some time before that, and there is little doubt that it is over a hundred years old.

Dr. F. W. Snell of Dennysville, who planned to go to London for study last year, but was called back from New York on account of an epidemic at Dennysville, sailed for London about the first of March. He expects to return about the first of June, and will settle in South Paris and occupy his house on High Street.

Dwight M. Wise of Rockland, Mass., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wise, a short time last week. Mr. Wise gave his parents a very interesting account of a reception recently given at his house to the Methodist minister by Mr. Wise's Sunday School class composed of twenty men. The reception was a large ly attended and very enjoyable affair.

Numerous friends in the place joined in a post card shower on Wednesday for S. P. Stearns of this place, who with Mrs. Stearns is spending the winter at Bethel. The occasion was the eightieth birthday of Mr. Stearns. The completion of fourscore years finds Mr. Stearns still physically active, and able to take part in the management of numerous business affairs. Congratulations to him are general and hearty.

Advertised letters and cards in South Paris post office March 25:

Mrs. Mary A. Ripley.
Mrs. A. McKeen.
Mrs. Nancy Cushman (card.)
Miss Carrie Scully.
Calvin Gale.
Theodore C. Rex.
John Quirk.
Fred West.
A. M. Tibbetts.
W. H. Brown.
Leon Miles (card).
J. H. Burton (card.)

Good cooks the men of the Methodist church proved themselves at their supper Tuesday evening—that is, at least they proved themselves efficient in serving. A plantation supper, hot hoe cake and all, was served to about 170, and was pronounced first-class. The excellent entertainment which followed was:

Piano solo,	Miss Ida Dean
Vocal solo,	Miss Tolman
Reading,	Frank L. Starbird
Cornet Solo,	Lloyd Davis
Reading,	Mrs. C. L. Buck
Vocal solo,	Miss Lona Noble
Duet,	Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Smiley

Mrs. Hester R. Oldham, for a number of years housekeeper in the home of Mr. E. E. Parker of Hill Street, has closed her engagement with him to take a position elsewhere. Wednesday evening a goodly number of her neighbors and friends tendered her a farewell reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gray. The evening passed pleasantly with games, refreshments, music and general sociability. During her nine years' residence in this place Mrs. Oldham has won the respect and good will of her neighbors, all of whom feel sincere regret that she is going away.

A fire alarm from the whistle at Kenney's mill a few minutes after six o'clock Tuesday morning was heard by a portion of the people of the village, but most of them did not know for some time afterward how much of a blaze there was. The smokestack at Kenney's mill burned out, and the fire caught in the shingles on the roof. The hose from the house in that district was brought to the place, but in attempting to open the hydrant near the mill the stem was twisted off. As the hose was not long enough to reach another hydrant it was thought best to have more on hand, and the alarm was blown. The hose of Co. No. 1 at the engine house was taken down, but was not used, as in the meantime the blaze had been disposed of with a pail of water, before it got under much headway.

It really proved to be about the best supper ever that was served the Fan-Tans Tuesday evening, though the prophecy was made partly in jest. Two immense roast chickens, which were cleaned to the bones before the club members got through with them, formed the central feature of the feast, and there was in addition a well varied menu, topped out with ice cream and coffee. The decorations of the club room were appropriate to a St. Patrick's Day occasion, and so were the costumes worn by some of the members—for this was a costume party, and in the matter of costumes the club's ability is second only to its culinary skill. Socially it was a particularly enjoyable evening, and the hour was late when the party dispersed. Twenty-two including club members and guests were present.

Mrs. C. L. Buck is visiting in Portland for a few days.

F. M. Edwards is very ill at his home on Pleasant Street.

Robert W. Wheeler was at home from Portsmouth, N. H., for a few hours Sunday.

Epyrus Bosworth of Hartford was a guest at O. H. Bumpus' for a day or two last week.

Miss Ruth Bolster is away for a week visiting friends and relatives in Freeport and Portland.

S. C. Ordway and daughter Hester went to Portland Saturday, returning Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Andrews started Monday morning for a visit to relatives in Lawrence, Mass.

On account of the funeral of Mrs. Harrison Farrar, the mill of Farrar Brothers will be closed Tuesday from 9 till 2.

Mrs. Herman Phillips of 36 Manley Street, Auburn, was a guest of Mrs. S. C. Ordway and Mrs. E. N. Anderson last week.

Mrs. Ellen Richards of Western Avenue spent Saturday and Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Cummings, of Fore Street, Oxford.

All those who are to take part in the Congregational Easter concert are asked to meet at the vestry for rehearsal Wednesday at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Smilley's millinery opening will occur Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, April 2d and 3d. Look for fuller particulars next week.

Back into winter once more. The last few days have been sufficiently wintry to suit almost anybody, and five inches of fine dry snow on Sunday capped the climax.

State Highway Commissioner Hardison has announced the dates of his road meetings in the several counties. The Oxford County meeting will be held held at the court house April 10.

Menander Dennett of Lewiston, the well known humorous reader, has been engaged for the men's supper of the Universalist church Tuesday evening of next week. Mrs. Wynifred Staples Smith of Carthage is the singer.

At the next regular meeting of Hamlin Lodge, K. of P., Friday evening, March 29th, there will be an entertainment and social, after which refreshments will be served. Doors open at 7:45. All K. P.'s and Sisters are invited with families.

Among those who went to Portland Saturday to hear Roosevelt were Franklin Maxim, J. E. Murch, A. E. Clark, and M. L. Noyes. "I should go if I thought there was any chance of my getting in," was a remark made by a great many here Saturday.

Arthur Cummings of Fore Street went to the Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston Saturday for an operation for appendicitis. He was accompanied by his brother Charles of Hebron. The operation was successful, and he was as well as could be expected late Saturday afternoon.

Miss Florence Sanborn, teacher in grade 5 at the brick school house, was unable to teach the last of the week on account of illness, and Monday morning went to her home in Saco, where she expects to undergo an operation for appendicitis on Wednesday. The term will be finished by Miss Tessa Thibodeau of Norway.

A supper will be served at the Baptist vestry Tuesday evening by the young ladies. Music while you eat. After the supper an entertainment will be given. Following is the menu of the supper:

Meat Pies. Corn Rolls.
Salads. Pickles.
Baked Beans. Bread.
Pies. Tarts Cakes.
Coffee. Cocoa.

Thursday evening the debate between Buckfield High School and Paris High School will be held in New Hall. The question for debate is, "Resolved, That reciprocity between the United States and Canada would be beneficial to both countries." Paris High has the affirmative, and the speakers are Murray Bigelow, Harold Merrill and Chester Eason, with Arthur Patch as alternate. The Buckfield team are John Fogg, Roger Eastman, Herbert Spaulding and Dwight Turner. Professor Newton of Hebron Academy is one of the judges, a man from Bates will be another, and the third is not yet secured. An admission of twenty cents will be charged.

The friends of Mrs. Julia Colley, who for some time lived at South Paris, but is now with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Motley, in Auburn, are very sorry to learn of an accident which happened to her on the 9th of this month. Going out to mail a letter, Mrs. Colley fell on the ice in front of the house, and broke her hip. On account of a heart trouble, it was necessary to reduce the fracture without giving ether. She is now under the care of a trained nurse. Mr. and Mrs. Motley were packed up at the time and ready to start for California to make their home there, but their departure will necessarily be delayed. Friends who would like to give Mrs. Colley a little cheer by letter or otherwise, may address her at 54 Pleasant Street, Auburn.

After a long illness and much severe suffering from cancer of the stomach, Mrs. Harrison Farrar died Sunday morning at her home on Park Street. She was 74 years of age. Mrs. Farrar before marriage was Eliza Ann, daughter of William Hammond of Buckfield. She married, more than fifty years ago, Harrison Farrar of Paris. They lived on the old farm in the northeast part of the town until a few years since they moved to the house in this village where Mrs. Farrar died. She is survived by her husband, three sons, Everett H. Farrar of Paris, H. Douglass Farrar of Norway, and Carl E. Farrar of South Paris, and one daughter, Mrs. H. R. Teague of Madison. The funeral will be at the house at 11 o'clock Tuesday, attended by Rev. C. G. Miller.

The Girls' Choir of Deering Memorial Church will give a concert at the church vestry Wednesday evening, March 27th. They will be assisted by Mr. Frank P. Knapp, cornet, Mr. George Davee, violin, Miss Alice Barden, soprano, Mrs. C. L. Buck and Miss Mildred Parlin, readers, and the Sunday School Orchestra. The following program will be given:

March—Orchestra.
Chorus—Morning Invitation.
Solo—Selected, ... Miss Barden
Reading—Selected, ... Mrs. Buck
Piano Trio,
Lulu Davis, Marie Newton, Nora Dunham.
Solo—Lullaby, ... Verna Howe
(Violin obligato, Miss Swett).
Viviane Overture—Orchestra.
Solo, ... Miss Barden
Cornet Solo—Inflammatus, ... Mr. Knapp
Reading, ... Miss Parlin
Vocal Trio,
Verna Howe, Marie Newton, Lulu Davis.
Reading, ... Mrs. Buck
Chorus—All on a Summer's Day.
Idle Moments—Orchestra.

Mrs. George I. Burnham, accompanist. Admission, 25 cents.

There was a good attendance at the "Shamrock evening" at the Congregational vestry Thursday evening. Decorations and costumes were appropriate to Ireland's special day. The entertainment was given by the Boy Scouts and the Pioneer Chorus, who had been trained for the occasion by Mlle. Scalar, and the perfection of everything testified to the thorough and efficient work she had done. On account of sickness, two or three changes were necessary in the program, which as arranged was as follows:

Shamrock drill,
Eva Andrews, Muriel Bowker, Mary Clifford, Myra Haggett, Lizzie Muzzy, Nettie Newell.
Duo, Piano—Clover Leaf Dance, ... Holtz
Will Frothingham, Lafayette Dow
Solo, Voice—Kathleen Aroon, ... Abt
Rose Clark.
Chorus and Cornet—Killarney, ... Balfe
Raymond Penfold, Pioneer Chorus.
Duo, Piano—St. Patrick's Day, ... Anon
Bertha Wight, Lafayette Dow.
Solo, Voice—Kathleen Mavourneen, ... Anon
Ruby Clark.
Reading,
(a) Paddy McQuillan's Courtship, ... Anon
(b) The Widow Malone, Ohone, ... Anon
Rev. A. T. McWhorter.
Duo, Piano—Irish Serenade, Potpourri, Gounod
Miss X, Mrs. Geo. Bennett.
Solo, Voice—Irish Love Song, ... Briggs
Helen Barnes.
Chorus and Cornet—The Irish Sailor Lad, Watson
Raymond Penfold, Pioneer Chorus.
Duo, Piano—Tam O'Shanter, ... Byron
Miss X, Lafayette Dow.

Don't forget that Lyman Hall cigars are always six for a quarter.

John Towle.

John Towle died at his home, 50 Copeland Street, Boston, on Monday, March 18, the cause of his death being inflammation of the bladder, from which he had to some extent been a sufferer for ten years, though he had been able to attend to his business till within about six weeks of his death. Mr. Towle was a native of Fryeburg, this state, and was born on February 18, 1842, being the son of Ira and Sarah (Clement) Towle. He was educated in the public schools of his native town and at Fryeburg Academy. In early life he went to Washington, where he studied music under the personal instruction of the Mr. Heller who subsequently became so celebrated as a magician and prestidigitateur. Afterwards in Boston Mr. Towle was for several years a piano teacher. On April 14, 1861, he enlisted as a member of Company G of the 6th Massachusetts Regiment, and was mustered out on August 3, 1861, on the expiration of his term of service. In March, 1862, he enlisted as a member of Company I, of the 7th Rhode Island Regiment, and in May, 1863, was discharged in consequence of disabilities incurred in the service. From 1868 till the time of his last illness, with the exception of five years during which he was in the employ of the New York Times, he was in the employ, first as compositor and afterwards as proofreader, of the Boston Journal. He learned the printer's craft at Worcester, where he was a fellow apprentice with the late William M. Olin, who was for many years Secretary of State of Massachusetts, and with whom he enjoyed a lifelong friendship. Some thirty years ago, while he was in the employ of the New York Times, he married Miss Julia Johnson of Millburn, N. J. The funeral took place at the late home of the deceased on Wednesday, March 20, at 2 o'clock, the attendance being large and there being many beautiful floral offerings. In addition to the regular funeral exercises, the Grand Army ritual was rendered by a delegation from the Thomas G. Stevenson Post, No. 26, G. A. R., of which the deceased was a member. The remains were taken to Millburn, N. J., for burial. Mr. Towle is survived by his wife, by a son, Charles E. Towle, who is a Boston letter-carrier, and by a daughter, Sadie N. Towle, who is a typewriter and stenographer for a Boston law firm, and who lives at the parental home, and he is also survived by three sisters, viz.: Mrs. Mary Souther of Cleveland, O., widow of Samuel Souther; Abby Clement Warriner of Fryeburg, widow of Chauncey Warriner; and Harriet Bradley of Chicago, wife of Alexander Stuart Bradley. Mr. Towle was of a genial, sunny disposition, and his death will be mourned by a wide circle of warm friends.

The Democratic State Convention.

As it was the first time in long years that a Democratic convention has met in this state with the party in power in the state government, it may be taken for granted that the state convention of last Tuesday at Augusta was enthusiastic and eager. Such it in fact was. It also seems to have been in its main features harmonious, only minor differences being evident.

Speeches were made by Governor Plaisted, United States Senators Johnson and Gardner, and Congressmen McGillicuddy and Gould.

Delegates to the Democratic national convention at Baltimore were chosen. A resolution favoring the candidacy of Hon. Woodrow Wilson for president was introduced, but was not passed by the convention, and the delegates go without instructions.

The delegates chosen were as follows:

First District: Dr. Charles M. Sleeper, South Berwick; Dr. Harry A. Weymouth, Saco; Stephen C. Perry, Portland.

Second District: Hon. Obadiah Gardner, Rockland; Hon. Daniel J. McGillicuddy, Lewiston; Merton L. Kimball, Norway.

Third District: Hon. Charles F. Johnson, Waterville; Hon. William R. Pattangall, Waterville; Hon. Samuel W. Gould, Skowhegan.

Fourth District: Col. F. H. Strickland, Bangor; Fred W. Thurlow, Cutler; John S. Williams, Guilford.

Candidates for presidential electors: Dr. Seth C. Gordon, Portland; Hon. Charles W. Mullen, Bangor; Hon. Melvin P. Frank, Portland; Hon. Leslie Boynton, Jefferson; Hon. Edgar F. Hanson, Belfast; Hon. Edward P. Murray, Bangor.

The platform adopted by the convention "points with pride" at considerable length at the record made by the Democratic administration in its fifteen months, and promises to do almost everything which could be mentioned that is desirable in the future; advocates submitting a constitutional amendment providing a $2,000,000 bond issue for good roads; favors the development of water powers for use in Maine exclusively; a public utilities commission and a state bureau of commerce and trade; an employers' liability law; and equalization of taxation. In the matter of prohibition it advocates the submission of a constitutional amendment additional to the prohibitory amendment. This amendment would provide that the prohibitory section "shall not apply to cities, in which the manufacture, sale and keeping for sale of intoxicating liquor may be permitted under such regulations as the legislature may provide," and further provides for local option in towns whenever fifty-one per cent of the voters shall petition for it.

About the State.

Lumber operators in the Maine woods have as a rule finished their work early in the season.

Portland Lodge, No. 1, F. and A. M., the oldest Masonic body in the state, observed its 150th anniversary Thursday.

Machias is to have an elaborate celebration of the 150th anniversary of the settlement of the town in 1913. This is one of the objects of the Machias Business Men's Association just formed.

A man later identified as C. A. Ware of Middleboro, Mass., was struck and killed by a train in Yarmouth Monday night. He had been at work in the woods. Ware was about 25 years of age.

A tree felled by Will Thomas, 39, of Oakland, Tuesday, struck a stump in falling, driving the stump against Mr. Thomas' back and killing him instantly. Thomas was working at North Belgrade for W. P. Sawtelle, who with his little boy witnessed the accident. Thomas leaves a widow and two children.

The body of a man found frozen in the ice on the river shore four miles below Bucksport has been identified as that of Horatio E. Gross, 68 years old, a well known resident who was last seen on his way across Verona bridge on November 20 last. It is believed that he fell from the bridge accidentally and was drowned.

The Bangor and Aroostook Railroad has another of the new gas-electric motor cars like that purchased last fall. It is a combination motor and passenger car with accommodations for about 75 persons and a drawing power sufficient to haul a trailer or ordinary day passenger coach. It has much the appearance of an ordinary coach, except that the ends are closed and entrance is gained from the middle. The car received last fall has been in service between Fort Kent and Squa Pan and has proved a most satisfactory addition to the motive power of the railroad.

Town Officers.

PORTER.

Moderator—I. M. Stanley.
Clerk—E. W. Sawyer.
Selectmen—H. L. Eldion, S. B. Stanley, H. O. Burbank.
Treasurer—E. R. Bachelder.
Collector—J. L. Mason.
S. S. Committee—M. G. Ridlon.
Road Commissioner—Fred C. Whiton.

Out of His Way.

On talking with a friend the other day, I asked him why it was that he always went out of his way a couple of streets on his way to business. In answer he said he liked to start the day right, with a quarter's worth of Lyman Hall cigars.

The M. S. Bubier farm, situated in Tuelltown, North Paris, has been sold through the Dennis Pike Real Estate Agency to August Komulainen for occupancy.

TO MOTHERS—AND OTHERS.

You can use Bucklen's Arnica Salve to cure children of eczema, rashes, tetter, chafings, scaly and crusted humors, as well as their accidental injuries,—cuts, burns, bruises, etc., with perfect safety. Nothing else heals so quickly. For boils, ulcers, old, running or fever sores or piles it has no equal. 25 cts. at Chas. H. Howard Co.

NORWAY.

Merton L. Kimball, Esq., is one of the delegates to the Democratic national convention.

Senator A. J. Stearns went to Augusta Tuesday to attend the special session of the state legislature.

The sewer pipe and street drain on Bridge Street became filled with sand from the street this week and overflowed by way of the open grate in the street and caused its annual difficulty and trouble.

Several parties in town have purchased autos and others are making known a great liking for the sport and will without doubt invest in cars before the season opens.

The organization of the board of management of the Norway Public Library on Saturday afternoon resulted as follows:

President—Eugene F. Smith.
Vice-President—George W. Holmes
Secretary and Treasurer—William F. Jones.
Purchasing Committee—W. F. Jones, M. L. Kimball, Frank Kimball.
Executive Committee—William C. Leavitt, Rev. B. C. Wentworth, A. J. Millett.

Miss Pearl Cook entertained her pupils in music at her home on Pleasant Street Tuesday afternoon from two to five o'clock. About twenty were present and a very pleasing musical programme was in order. After the exercises refreshments were served and the little people returned to their homes after a most delightful afternoon.

Mrs. Charles P. Kimball, who submitted to a surgical operation some two weeks ago, is slowly gaining. While she is under the care of a trained nurse it is understood she has materially improved.

The annual meeting of the members of the Norway Savings Bank Corporation Monday evening at the Savings Bank rooms. The report of the treasurer showed deposits of $539,584.07, an increase in the past year of $17,663.94. Reserve fund increased during the present year, $3,000. Officers elected as follows:

President—Alfred S. Kimball.
Vice-President—Frank H. Noyes.
Secretary and Treasurer—Geo. L. Curtis.
Trustees—F. H. Noyes, Chas. L. Hathaway, Chas. F. Ridlon, A. S. Kimball, Fred W. Sanborn, H. F. Andrews and G. L. Curtis.

Mrs. Hedwig Bartel Schnuer died at her home on Greenleaf Avenue, Tuesday the 19th inst., aged 63 years and 26 days. She was the wife of Otto Schnuer. She was born in Berlin, Germany. By a former husband she leaves a son, Emil O. Herms, Clara V. Schnuer, Mrs. Frank Barker and Mrs. Harlow Adkins, as well as her husband, Otto Schnuer, survive her. She was a Universalist and a great worker for the church. She was loved by a large circle of friends who will greatly miss her. Services Friday afternoon, attended by Rev. M. C. Ward.

George H. Bennett is on a trip this week to Boston. He enjoyed a few days with his brother, Edward Bennett, at Melrose, Mass.

William W. Twombly, who had a slight shock some time ago, is much improved. His son, Will, of Boston is with him for a few days. It is understood that Mr. and Mrs. John C. Twombly of Portland will come to Norway and take care of their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Twombly. Mr. and Mrs. John C. moved to Portland last year where he has a very good position.

Mrs. Freeland Howe will go to Bangor to visit her daughter, Mrs. Morrison, for a short time.

Genevieve Barker, Monday evening, entertained a party of friends at the farm. A most bountiful supper was enjoyed and the company enjoyed one of the most pleasant times of the season.

Mrs. George L. Curtis entertained the Barton Reading Club at her home on Danforth Street Thursday afternoon. A very entertaining programme was in order.

Dr. E. C. Walker visited his sons in Boston this week.

Louis J. Brooks, for a long time with J. N. Tubbs, is at work in the Bangs store. The new firm, of which Mr. Brooks is a member, will take possession the first of April it is understood. Mr. Bangs will go to Portland about the first of the month but his family will reside in Norway for some time unless the real estate should be sold at once.

The express company appeared on the street with a newly painted wagon the first of the week. During the next few days many wagons and carriages will be seen upon the village streets.

Charles Porter of Boston made his father, Deacon Porter, a short visit the past week. Deacon Porter is Norway's oldest citizen and is smart and spry as a man twenty years his junior. He is fast recovering from a sickness.

REPELS ATTACK OF DEATH.

"Five years ago two doctors told me I had only two years to live." This startling statement was made by Stillman Greene, Malachite, Col. "They told me I would die with consumption. It was up to me then to try the best lung medicine and I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery. It was well I did, for to-day I am working and believe I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure that has cheated the grave of another victim." It's folly to suffer with coughs, colds or other throat and lung troubles now. Take the cure that's safest. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottle free at Chas. H. Howard Co.

The Dennis Pike Real Estate Agency has negotiated the sale of the Perley F. Ripley farm in Paris to Alfred Daniels.

NINETEEN MILES A SECOND

without a jar, shock or disturbance, is the awful speed of our earth through space. We wonder at such ease of nature's movement, and so do those who take Dr. King's New Life Pills. No griping, no distress, just thorough work that brings good health and fine feelings. 25c, Chas. H. Howard Co.

This Will Interest Mothers.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children relieve Feverishness, Headache, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and destroy worms. They break up Colds in 24 hours. Used by mothers for 22 years. At Druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address, A. S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y. 11-14

Don't use harsh physics. The reaction weakens the bowels, leads to chronic constipation. Get Doan's Regulets. They operate easily, tone the stomach, cure constipation.

"My child was burned terribly about the face, neck and chest. I applied Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. The pain ceased and the child sank into a restful sleep."—Mrs. Nancy M. Hanson, Hamburg, N. Y.

Born.

In North Paris, March 18, to the wife of Willis Walker, a son.

In North Paris, March 20, to the wife of Otta Kilberlainen, a daughter.

In Mexico, March 17, to the wife of Samuel Nichols, a son.

In Andover, March 18, to the wife of Roscoe Littlehale, a son.

In Mason, March 19, to the wife of J. A. McKenzie, a daughter, Cora Jane.

In North Waterford, March 11, to the wife of Ernest J. Brown, a son, Donald Lee.

In Norway, March 17, to the wife of John M. Frank, a daughter, Lola Merline.

In Norway, March 19, to the wife of Ellsworth Murch, a daughter.

In Norway, March 16, to the wife of Harry Jackson, a daughter.

In Buckfield, March 14, to the wife of Montrose E. Bennett, a son.

Married.

In Hartford, March 20, Mr. Lawrence W. Lavorgna of Canton and Miss Amy J. Russell of Hartford.

In Rumford, March 16, Mr. Charles T. Packard and Miss Estella Ruff, both of Rumford.

Died.

In South Paris, March 24, Mrs. Eliza Ann, wife of Harrison Farrar, aged 74 years.

In Rumford, March 17, David Mineberg, aged 75 years.

In Andover, March 19, Mrs. Selinda (Marston), wife of L. E. Hall, aged about 60 years.

In Buckfield, March 20, Peter Gauthier, aged 29 years.

In Norway, March 19, Mrs. Otto Schnuer, aged 63 years.

In Oxford, March 14, Mrs. Mandana Dwinal, aged 80 years.

In Lewiston, March 12, Mrs. Mary Dubey of Norway, aged about 70 years.

In Hiram, March 14, Mrs. Margaret A., wife of Orinon W. Adams, aged 57 years.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of

CHARLES L. HOLLAND late of Buckfield, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

March 19th, 1912. FREDERICK R. DYER.

A Bald-headed Woman.

SHORN OF HER CROWN OF BEAUTY, LOSES IN LOVE AND MARRIAGE.

Hair is certainly most necessary to woman. Who could love and marry a bald-headed woman? What charms could one array to offset such a disfigurement?

A woman's goal is usually love and marriage. Her crowning glory is her hair. The loss of her hair mars her beauty, happiness, and success. Yet, right here in South Paris, there are hundreds of women who are neglecting or injuring their hair to such an extent that it is only a matter of time when it will be utterly ruined.

Many women destroy the beauty of their hair through thoughtlessness or ignorance of certain facts. They use curling irons over-heated, or to excess, which destroys the natural oil of the hair, causing it to split, break, and come out. They do not shampoo their hair often enough, or too often. They use soaps or preparations which contain ingredients positively harmful to the scalp and hair.

As a result of such treatment, dandruff is created, the hair loosens, loses color, falls out, and baldness commences, unless proper and prompt precautions are taken in time. Then again, microbes and certain diseases bring about unhealthy scalp and hair conditions.

Almost any woman may rid herself of dandruff and diseased scalp and hair if she will but use the right remedy. We have that remedy and we will positively guarantee that it will either cure dandruff and baldness or it will not cost the user anything.

That's a pretty broad statement, but we will back it and prove it with our own money. We will return your money if you do not find that Rexall "93" Hair Tonic is an entirely satisfactory remedy that will promote hair growth and overcome scalp and hair troubles; that it will grow hair even on bald heads, unless all life in the hair roots has been extinguished, the follicles closed, and the scalp is glazed and shiny. It gets its name from the fact that it grew hair in 93 out of 100 cases, where it received a thoroughly hard, impartial, and practical test.

We want you to try Rexall "93" Hair Tonic at our risk. You surely cannot lose anything by doing so, while you have everything to gain. You had better think this over, and then come in and see us about this offer. You will be well repaid for your visit to our store. Remember, you can get Rexall Remedies in this community only at our store—The Rexall Store. Chas. H. Howard Co.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

No. 200. 5 ACRE VILLAGE FARM in South Paris, Me., under a good state of cultivation and devoted principally to small fruit: Apple, Pear, Grape, Raspberry, Strawberry raising. Cuts 8 tons No. 1 Hay, besides other annual crops. Large poultry house for 125 hens. House 1 1-2 stories, 7 rooms, cellar, also spring water. New stable, 30x25, tie-up and general storage.

This place will appeal to one wanting light farming and to enjoy living near a prosperous village. Price $1800. Come soon.

No. 226. WE ARE NOW OFFERING a nice smooth upland farm of 200 acres, in good nearby locality and within two miles of railway and mills; 1-2 mile to school; 45 minutes drive to S. Paris. 40 acres smooth clean fields in tillage; 40 acres wood lot; balance pasture and wood. Will cut 70 tons hay. Large maple orchard with sap house, new evaporator, buckets, all complete. Average yield 175 gallons maple syrup. 500 cords pulp and hard wood. Barn 38x60, split stone cellar, 12 foot linter for 20 head, silo, hay fork. House 1 1-2 stories, 8 rooms; carriage house, sheds, all connected with barn. No better opportunity to secure a first-class farm. $3,100.00. Easy terms.

No. 227. UPLAND FARM OF 125 ACRES in Paris, including stock, farming tools and hay, viz: 4 cows, calves, heifers, mowing machine, rakes, harrows, cultivators and small tools, 30 tons of hay in barn. Dwelling of 9 rooms, house 1 1-2 stories. Barn 67x38 feet with cellar under entire buildings. 200 apple trees, mostly to Baldwins, average yield 225 barrels. Two wood lots of 15 acres each, to old growth hard wood and young growth spruce. Never failing water to buildings. This farm will carry 30 head and at present cuts 40 tons of hay; smooth fields and all machine mowing. Telephone service, R. F. D. and cream collections. An ideal all-round farm. Must be seen to be appreciated. Price $3,200.00.

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We pay for all the medicine used during the trial, if our remedy fails to completely relieve you of constipation. We take all the risk. You are not obligated to us in any way whatever, if you accept our offer. That's a mighty broad statement, but we mean every word of it. Could anything be more fair for you?

A most scientific, common-sense treatment is Rexall orderlies, which are eaten like candy. Their active principle is a recent scientific discovery that is odorless, colorless, and tasteless; very pronounced, gentle, and pleasant in action, and particularly agreeable in every way. This ingredient does not cause diarrhœa, nausea, flatulence, griping, or other inconvenience. Rexall Orderlies are particularly good for children, aged and delicate persons.

If you suffer from chronic or habitual constipation, or the associate or dependent chronic ailments, we urge you to try Rexall orderlies at our risk. Remember, you can get them in South Paris only at our store. 12 tablets, 10 cents; 36 tablets, 25 cents; 80 tablets, 50 cents. Sold only at our store—The Rexall Store. Chas. H. Howard Co.

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OF LONDON.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1911.

Real Estate,	$ 0 00
Mortgage Loans,	0 00
Collateral Loans,	0 00
Stocks and Bonds,	2,278,851 76
Cash in Office and Bank,	104,345 74
Agents' Balances,	301,794 38
Bills Receivable,	0 00
Interest and Rents,	28,659 04
All other Assets,	436 66
Gross Assets,	$ 2,713,987 58
Deduct items not admitted,	120,247 04
Admitted Assets,	$ 2,593,740 54

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1911.

Net Unpaid Losses,	$ 183,504 00
Unearned Premiums,	1,353,357 75
All other Liabilities,	55,381 63
Deposit Cash Capital,	400,000 00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	601,597 16
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	$ 2,593,740 54

W. J. WHEELER & CO., Agents,
13-15 South Paris, Maine.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1912, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Greenfield H. Horne late of Mexico, deceased; petition for the appointment of Vivian C. Horne or some other suitable person as administrator of the estate of said deceased presented by said Vivian C. Horne, son and heir.

George F. Marshall late of Paris, deceased; petition for the appointment of Jarvis M. Thayer or some other suitable person as administrator of the estate of said George F. Marshall presented by Georgia M. Thayer, daughter and heir.

Daniel Wentworth late of Porter, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Everett Wentworth, the executor therein named.

Joseph F. Benson late of Sumner, deceased; petition for allowance out of personal estate presented by Sarah A. Benson, widow.

Wallace Byerson late of Paris, deceased; petition for an allowance out of personal estate presented by Esther M. Byerson, widow.

Charles L. Holland late of Buckfield, deceased; petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Frederick R. Dyer, administrator.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—attest:
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of

GEORGE GOLDSMITH
late of Maplewood, Missouri,

deceased. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

FRANCES ELIZABETH GOLDSMITH.
March 19th, 1912.

A SALE OF
Household Goods
will be held from
March twenty-fifth to thirtieth inclusive, at the house of Persis N. Andrews, Paris Hill.

These goods include a refrigerator, six dining room chairs, 10-foot ash extension table, cupboards and shelves, a hair mattress, one mahogany and hair cloth sofa, a lounge with black walnut frame, solid mahogany sink, bedsteads, bureaus, tables, chairs, dishes, baskets, stoves, carpets and matting, &c., &c. 12-13

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Before you buy *ANY* automobile, examine the *NYBERG* 1912 cars, now on exhibition by

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Agent for Oxford County and Harrison and Bridgton. It will pay you to see this car. 5-31

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Just received a carload of Canada Straw which is bright and nice.

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Bread, cake and pastry better than ever before, reward the cook who uses William Tell Flour.

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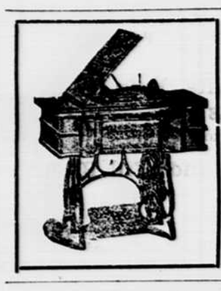

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THE LAND OF PUZZLEDOM.

No. 1678.—Beheaded Rhymes.

Dick Dobbins was mightily given to —,
His tongue ran along at a terrible —,
And all the time that his victuals he —
He chatted away just the same.

His father would scold, and his mother would —
And vow that their son was an ill mannered —,
But Dick would not stop till he'd had his talk —,
And that time, alas, never came!

No. 1679.—Concealed Square Word.

I'm nearly distracted. Oh, what shall I do?
I'm like the old woman who lived in a shoe.

The hero we rather expected tomorrow,
But he's coming today, and that's to our sorrow.

In the pantry I saw a red herring, just one.
The butcher and baker have come, and they're gone.

Here's Dinah. "There's company coming to dine!"
The faith that I see in her face restores mine.

"Distressing? Oh, no! See the cans on that shelf?
The dinner'll be good, for I'll cook it myself."

—Youth's Companion.

No. 1680.—Anagrams.

American Cities.

1. A philanthropic city—Sob not.
2. An enterprising city—On, we kry.
3. A river spanning city—Crost here.
4. A capital city—In shag town.
5. A seaport city—Let's anchor.
6. A hot city—Roll me.
7. A lie abed late city—Up last.

No. 1681.—Prefixed Letters Puzzle.

Prefix two letters and change a shop into repair: a ditch into curtail; a beginning into means; part of a lock into recompense: a kind of turf into to do again: a track into a going for help: an end into to drive back: a leaning into to retract: a prayer into act of repeating: a gift into to describe: a kind of tree into to fret: a title into to relate in detail: a pamphlet into to take back: a steeple into to breathe: a position into sleep: a walrus into pain from guilt: a string into to register: to work steadily into to answer: part of a horse into to sell in small quantities: an entertainment into to retire: to wind in rings into to shrink: a quantity of paper into to demand: entirely into to pay in return.

No. 1682.—Charade.

My first is something
Both silent and cold.
It is never seen
In the south, I'm told.

My second is round,
But not like a ring.
As it whirls through the air
We oft hear it sing.

My two joined together
Make a large, showy flower.
'Tis often seen growing
Beside summer bower.

No. 1683.—Rebus Puzzle.

What kind of joint is this?

No. 1684.—Additions.

1. Add the letter D to a garden implement and get a barnyard fowl.
2. Add the letter S to a body of water and get to quench one's thirst.
3. Add the letter S to a poor shanty and get something we dig into the earth with.
4. Add the letter F to a very old time musical instrument and get a more modern musical instrument.

Charade.

My first is a gauzy piece of material.
My second is the atmosphere.
The whole is a piece of furniture containing shelves and drawers.

Answer—Chiffon, air; chiffonier.

Key to Puzzledom.

No. 1670.—Primal Acrostic: Vocalist. Crosswords: 1, voice; 2, ocean; 3, cream; 4, arbor; 5, loves; 6, idler; 7, smoke; 8, train.

No. 1671.—Subtractions: Curve, cure; clover, cover; below, blow; popular, poplar; surely, surly; gyrate, grate; brush, bush; prose, pose.

No. 1672.—Hidden Insects: Locust, ant (aunt), gnat (Nat), flea, cricket, wasp (asp), midge (midget), beetle (b tell)

No. 1673.—Quadruple Crossword Enigma: Spring, summer, autumn, winter.

No. 1674.—Charade: Her, it, age—heritage.

No. 1675.—Names Puzzle: Millie, Minnie, Marion, Milton, Max, Marie, Mary, Mitchel, Maria, Maud, Martha, Morris, Mamie.

No. 1676.—Transpositions: Live, evil, vile, ile, oil—olive.

No. 1677.—Riddle: Clove, love, glove, clover.

A COLD, LA GRIPPE THEN PNEUMONIA

Is too often the fatal sequence, and coughs that hang on weaken the system and lower the vital resistance. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is a reliable medicine that stops the cough promptly by healing the cause; soothes the inflamed air passages, and checks the cold. Keep always on hand. Refuse substitutes. A. E. Shurtleff Co., South Paris; S. E. Newell & Co., Paris.

She—He is the most popular man I know.

He—Yes, he never tells the truth about anything.

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the cold itself that you need to fear, but the serious diseases that it often leads to. Most of these are known as germ diseases. Pneumonia and consumption are among them. Why not take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and cure your cold while you can? For sale by the Chas. H. Howard Co., South Paris.

Edith—Who are you writing to, dear?

Ethel—Jack's written me that his girl has thrown him overboard, so I'm dropping him a line.

R. G. Collins, Postmaster, Barnegat, N. J., was troubled with a severe la grippe cough. He says: "I would be completely exhausted after each fit of violent coughing. I bought a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and before I had taken it all the coughing spells had entirely ceased. It can't be beat." A. E. Shurtleff Co., South Paris; S. E. Newell & Co., Paris.

"Why does the old maid use so much paint on her face?"

"She's making up for lost time."

HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

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

For the Invalid's Tray.

To the whimsical palate no dainty is more acceptable than jelly, but even this delicacy will find greater favor if served in some unusual form—as in a teaset made of lemon shells, or in a little lemon pig, rotund with satisfaction. First cut the lemons according to the shape desired—in two, lengthwise, for the pitcher; exactly in half, the other way, for the cup, and allowing a little more than half for the sugar bowl. Pin on handles made of thin strips of the peel. The little pig explains his own anatomy. Fill the shapes with liquid jelly and set away to harden. Or still another most attractive way is to fill either lemon or orange shells with the liquid jelly, slicing them, when cold into transparent rounds that cannot fail to tempt the most jaded appetite. Other dainty tidbits follow.

FRUIT CREAM.

Beat the white of an egg very stiff, beat in a tablespoonful of powdered sugar and half a glassful of grape, blackberry or cherry juice. Add a tablespoonful of cream and beat thoroughly and serve in a sherbet glass.

BEEF BROTH MADE WITH EGG.

The white of the egg may be served nicely with beef broth. Have the white beaten very stiff, then take a half cup of beef broth from which every particle of grease has been removed, stir the beaten white into this very rapidly, and serve at once.

EGG SHERBET.

This cold preparation is relished where there is fever or thirst. Boil together a cupful of water and a tablespoonful of sugar, cool, and add the juice of two oranges. Pack in ice and salt for an hour, stirring two or three times; then stir in the beaten white of an egg, let stand for half an hour longer and serve in a thin sherbet glass.

RICE CREAM.

Take a tablespoonful of rice flour and blend it with a little cold milk. Stir this slowly into a pint of boiling milk and season with salt, sugar, and any preferred flavoring. Stir continually for ten or fifteen minutes, then pour into a dish and cover with the stiffly beaten white of an egg which has been sweetened with a tablespoonful of powdered sugar. Place in the oven for a few minutes and serve either hot or cold.

FARINA CUSTARD.

Season a pint of boiling milk with salt and sugar and stir in two tablespoonfuls of farina beaten together with the yolk of an egg and a little water. Boil for fifteen minutes and remove from the stove and stir in the well beaten white of the egg. Serve in a dainty dish garnished with bits of jelly.

Other Recipes.

FROZEN GRAPEFRUIT AND GINGER COMPOTE.

Cut the fruit exactly in halves, removing the hard, pithy centre, the skin between the sections, and the seeds; then with a silver fork shred the pulp into minute particles, adding to each half a heaping teaspoonful of powdered sugar, a teaspoonful of grated cocoanut, one tablespoonful of Canton ginger cut into dice, and a tablespoonful of the preserved ginger sirup. Pack the halves when filled in a large tin lard pail, with a water-tight cover, and bury in ice and rock salt for four hours before serving. Serve on small dessert plates, placing in the centre of each half a star of whipped cream that has been pressed through a pastry tube.

GRAPEFRUIT SORBET.

Boil together for five minutes a pint of water and a pint of granulated sugar. Remove from the fire and when the sirup is cold stir in a tablespoonful of bar de luc jelly, one cupful of grapefruit pulp and juice (that has been carefully freed from the skin and seeds), and a pinch of powdered cinnamon; turn into the freezer, and when half frozen add four tablespoonfuls of meringue and half a cupful of chopped Maraschino cherries. Turn the crank of the freezer slowly about five minutes after the last ingredients have been added, and serve the sorbet in slender, long-stemmed, crystal glasses, garnishing each portion with a few crystallized cherries and a little minced candied orange peel.

GRAPEFRUIT CREAM.

Cut in halves three large grapefruit, and with the aid of small, sharp scissors and pointed spoon, carefully remove the contents, saving all the juice and pulp. Press these through a puree sieve, and to the fruit thus obtained add a large cupful of sugar, one tablespoonful of pineapple or other fruit juice, and two tablespoonfuls of gelatine that has been dissolved in a cupful of boiling water. Mix thoroughly, and when almost cold place the fruit mixture in a bowl set in a pan of ice water, whipping with an egg until well thickened; then fold in lightly half a pint of cream beaten solid and fill at once into the grapefruit shells that have been soaked in ice water, garnishing with squares of vividly tinted orange jelly.

The Egg.

Eggs are much served in the day's news just now. They come mostly boiled. They come mainly high.

Whatever it costs, let us be grateful for the egg. All honor to the hen that lays it.

It is the most wonderful of all foods. It is the safest, simplest, purest, most healthful, most faithful, most widely available article that man can put into his stomach. In whatever corner of the world one finds one's self, however soiled the surroundings, however uninviting the inn, one can always count on the egg. It is sure to come at the call with its clean, wholesome, strengthening contents neatly protected from dirt and germs.

Unlike other foods, the egg is not a carrier of disease. One never hears it blamed for infection. Milk may contain a hundred dangers, bread may be unwholesome, but the fresh egg is a model of sanitary sweetness and antiseptic purity. Nor can its contents be tampered with without destroying its integrity and making plain to all the world its fall.

Alone—boiled, dropped, poached, shirred—it offers itself always with confident assurance. It seeks no aid.

Yet it is an admirable "mixer." It will lend itself with gentle willingness to almost any society. It improves and elevates whatever company it enters. It strengthens the bowl of the invalid. It tempers the cup of the reveler.

It has one of the most beautiful shapes in nature. Its oval has been the despair of artists. Its surface is a joy to the hand.

No record or ancestry is more ancient and honorable. Yet it offers itself freely and impartially to rich and poor. Its price is not its fault.

All glory to the egg. Whenever we meet her let us take off our hats to the hen.

I wonder how many people know that there is a common weed growing about their places, and even in their gardens, that makes a delicious dish. The colored people call it poke salad, but it is merely the ordinary poke-weed, the berries of which appear in early autumn. Cook it as you would spinach, first allowing it to soak in cold water for an hour or more. The tough part of the stem should be removed, so that there is little left but the leaves, and it should be picked in the early morning, before the sun is well up and strong and has had a chance to toughen it. For the best results, poke should be gathered before it grows to be much more than a foot high. If cut down it will grow again. In taste, it is midway between spinach and kale; an eminent physician recently recommended it as a most beneficial spring food.

Don't throw away an old hot water bag just because it leaks. Patch up the holes with adhesive plaster, fill with coarse salt or sand, screw in the top, and slip into a flannel bag. When wanted for use, heat on the radiator or in a moderately hot oven and apply to cold feet or to the seat of a pain. It will stay hot much longer than water.

Light housekeeping is apt to make heavy bread.

His Tribute to His Wife.

The following obituary notice was published in a German paper:

"Today red, tomorrow dead. So it was with my wife, who only seven days ago 'was springing over bench and table,' and was buried yesterday. During her life she was a live woman, who did not easily mistake an X for a U. For that reason everybody can tell the extent of my sorrow; so young and so merry, and now buried. What is human life? I have said to myself repeatedly within the past few days, and also yesterday in the church yard when I paid the sexton, who will also keep the grave mound in order. So cheerful a wife I shall certainly never, never find again, and therefore my sorrow is a righteous one. I wish that heaven preserves any man from a similar sad fate, and thanks for the flowers, as well as the Herr Cantor, the music master of the choir, for the grave hymn, which went through and through me, but was very well sung. Ackerman, Master Locksmith."

Not the Silent Partner.

"I want to telegraph $25 to Chicago," said a man to the clerk in a Boston telegraph office recently.

"The name, please," asked the receiving teller, a good looking young woman behind the counter, whose age might have been twenty-five.

"It's for Mrs. Mary K. Brown, 175 — avenue," answered the man.

"Your name, too, please," again questioned the young woman.

"My name is Henry Brown; I'm the other half of the firm," answered the man.

"The money goes to the silent partner, eh?" good naturedly remarked the young woman.

"Not on your life she isn't!" answered the man. "Nothing silent about her. She's made more noise for the last two weeks for this $25 than you can imagine. She's the noisy partner of the firm, and she makes good with the title too."—Boston Traveler.

Begging the Question.

The phrase "begging the question," or in Latin "petitio principii," signifies the treating of a proposition as a fully demonstrated fact when it is actually only a premise or statement brought forward and not yet proved. In other words, to beg the question is to assume something to be true, in order to evade the task of bringing forward the necessary argument to show its truth. —Uncle Remus' Magazine.

C. A. Glossner, 24 Ontario Street, Rochester, N. Y., has recovered from a long and severe attack of kidney trouble, his cure being due to Foley Kidney Pills. After detailing his case, he says: "I am only sorry I did not learn sooner of Foley Kidney Pills. In a few days' time my backache completely left me and I felt greatly improved. My kidneys became stronger, dizzy spells left me and I was no longer annoyed at night. I feel 100 per cent better since using Foley Kidney Pills." A. E. Shurtleff Co., South Paris; S. E. Newell & Co., Paris.

"Say, Emily, are you still as much in love with the handsome riding master as ever?"

"Rather. I became engaged to a friend of his yesterday in order to get to know him."

John W. Sickelsmith, Greensboro, Pa., has three children, and like most children they frequently take cold. "We have tried several kinds of cough medicine," he says, "but have never found any yet that did them as much good as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." For sale by the Chas. H. Howard Co., South Paris.

"I hope you are not playing politics?" said the reformer.

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Dorothy was only five years old, but she has begun to make plans for the future. She unfolded one of them to her mother one day.

"When I grow up I'm going to have two children," she said; "I'm going to name the first one Anemia and the second one Malaria!"

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Frost—When the whisk broom is missing nowadays, I always wonder.

Mrs. Frost—Wonder what?

Frost—Whether we had it served as breakfast food or whether you're wearing it on your latest hat.

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Little Willie—What is a lawyer, pa?

Pa—A lawyer, my son, is a man who induces two other men to strip for a fight and then runs off with their clothes.

HOW COLD CAUSES KIDNEY DISEASE.

Partly by driving blood from the surface and congesting the kidneys, and partly by throwing too much work upon them. Foley Kidney Pills strengthen the kidneys, give tone to the urinary organs and restore the normal action of the bladder. They are tonic in action, quick in results. Try them. A. E. Shurtleff Co., South Paris; S. E. Newell & Co., Paris.

Mr. Bullion—Can't you wait a year before you marry my daughter?

Prospective son-in-law—I'll consult with my creditors, sir.

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"A man has to be up-to-date to do anything nowadays."

"Yes," replied Mr. Dustin Stax. "When I talk to an investigating committee, I find it desirable not to dwell needlessly on the past."

BACKACHE ALMOST UNBEARABLE

is an almost certain result of kidney trouble. D. Toomey, 803 E. Olive St., Bloomington, Ill, says: "I suffered with backache and pains in my kidneys which were almost unbearable. I gave Foley Kidney Pills a good trial, and they done wonders for me. To-day I can do a hard day's work and not feel the effects." A. E. Shurtleff Co., South Paris; S. E. Newell & Co., Paris.

Knicker—Do you think women would vote for the best man?

Rocker—Certainly; the bridegroom wouldn't be noticed at all.

When you have rheumatism in your foot or instep apply Chamberlain's Liniment and you will get quick relief. It costs but a quarter. Why suffer? For sale by the Chas. H. Howard Co., South Paris.

Jamaica's Booby Eggs.

Trade in booby eggs is one of the sights of Kingston, Jamaica. Long ago the British seamen gave the name "booby" to several of the species of gannets, because these fowls are regarded as stupid. The eggs are gathered in vast quantities on the islets at certain seasons of the year and taken to Port Antonio by the boatload. The arrival of a boat with booby eggs is the occasion of no little excitement among the negro women, who buy them by the box and then sell them by retail chiefly in Kingston, though they are also sold in other towns on the island. Though sold mostly by the dozen to housekeepers, booby eggs are also peddled, hard boiled, on the streets of Kingston, salt and pepper being provided that the purchasers may eat the eggs at once. These eggs are about two-thirds the size of an ordinary hen's egg and are quite palatable.

The Part of Wisdom.

Everybody in Middle Bay knew that Mrs. Captain Liscomb was talking about making a visit to her married daughter in Cincinnati. She had been talking about it for two years, but age and the natural timidity of a woman unused to travel had postponed the great event from month to month until the neighbors began to wonder whether it would ever come to pass. So one morning, when Uncle Billy Evans met Captain Liscomb in Eccles' store, there was a twinkle in his eye as he asked:

"When's Mis' Liscomb going out to Ohio, Daniel?"

"Don't ask me!" returned the captain, a little peevishly. "I don't know nothin' about it. If I tell her to go she says I want to get rid of her. If I tell her to stay at home she says I'm mean! I ain't sayin' a single word!"—Youth's Companion.

Friendship.

Friendship that flows from the heart cannot be frozen by adversity, as the water that flows from the spring cannot congeal in winter.—Cowper.

The more one judges the less one loves.—Balzac.

Everybody in Your House

is likely to have an off day occasionally. It may follow from eating too bountifully, it may come from overwork, or perhaps from exposure when fatigued. A dull, heavy, tired feeling in the morning, a headache or a cold in the early stages; these symptoms unfit a person for doing his best, and may lead to illness if neglected.

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South Paris Savings Bank

ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the corporation of the South Paris Savings Bank for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at its Banking Rooms, in Pythian Block, South Paris, on Thursday, the 28th day of March, A. D. 1912, at two o'clock, P. M.

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FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss.

To the Honorable Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court next to be holden at Rumford, in and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of May, A. D. 1912:

RESPECTFULLY REPRESENTS Phila R. Warren, of Upton, in said County of Oxford, that she was lawfully married to Colby F. Warren, now of parts unknown to your libellant, at Errol, in the State of New Hampshire, on the 30th day of May, 1908, and subsequently came to Upton, in this State, where they lived together as husband and wife until the 24th day of June, 1908, when he deserted and abandoned her while she was sick of scarlet fever, which said desertion has continued for three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel; and she further alleges that he was, from the time of their marriage until the time he so deserted her, guilty of extreme cruelty and of cruel and abusive treatment towards her. And your libellant further alleges that she has resided in the town of Upton, in the State of Maine, in good faith for more than one year next prior to the filing of this libel. They have no children. And your libellant further alleges that the residence of said libellee is not known to her, and cannot be ascertained by reasonable diligence

Wherefore she prays that the bonds of matrimony now existing between her and the said Colby F. Warren be dissolved.

Dated at Upton, Maine, this 29th day of February, 1912.

PHILA R. WARREN.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, SS. February 29, 1912.

Personally appeared the above-named Phila R. Warren and made oath to the truth of the foregoing libel, and particularly to that part pertaining to the residence of the libellee.

Before me,
HOLLIS I. ABBOTT,
Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS:

(SEAL.)

Supreme Judicial Court, in Vacation. March 7, A. D. 1912.

UPON THE FOREGOING LIBEL, ORDERED, That the Libelant give notice to the said Colby F. Warren, Libelee, to appear before the Justice of our Supreme Judicial Court, to be holden at Rumford within and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of May, A. D. 1912, by publishing an attested copy of said libel and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in Paris, in our County of Oxford, the last publication to be 30 days at least prior to said second Tuesday of May, 1912, that he may there and then in our said Court appear and show cause if any he have why the prayer of said libelant should not be granted.

WM. P. WHITEHOUSE,
Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

A true copy of libel and order of court thereon.
Attest: CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.
JAMES S. WRIGHT, Esq.,
Attorney for Libelt. 11-13

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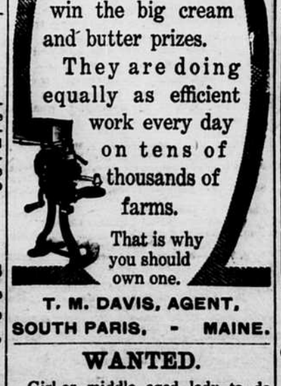

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Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of LOUIS PICARD, Bankrupt. } *In Bankruptcy.*

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

LOUIS PICARD of Rumford, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represents that on the 6th day of May, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of Court touching his bankruptcy.

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

Dated