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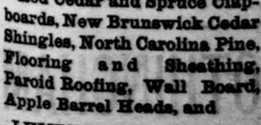
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ASSETS, DEC. 31, 1915

Real Estate	Nil.
Mortgage Loans	$ 63,000 00
Collateral Loans	Nil.
Stocks and Bonds	9,391,784 41
Cash in Office and Bank	475,336 60
Agents' Balances	837,441 76
Bills Receivable	30 09
Interest and Rents	100,073 44
All other Assets	19,508 54
Gross Assets	$10,887,174 84
Deduct items not admitted	13,965 01
Admitted Assets	$10,873,209 83

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.

Net Unpaid Losses	$ 493,701 59
Unearned Premiums	4,674,971 58
All other Liabilities	166,977 70
Cash Capital	1,000,000 00
Surplus over all Liabilities	4,537,558 96
Total Liabilities and Surplus	$10,873,209 83

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National Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford.
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Real Estate	$ 582,444 73
Mortgage Loans	1,692,235 00
Collateral Loans	0 00
Stocks and Bonds	10,789,399 49
Cash in Office and Bank	1,506,365 50
Agents' Balances	1,543,833 89
Bills Receivable	270,525 51
Interest and Rents	209,074 99
All other Assets	56,922 03
Gross Assets	$16,650,831 14
Deduct items not admitted	424,746 76
Admitted Assets	$16,226,084 38

LIABILITIES, DEC. 31, 1915

Net Unpaid Losses	$ 804,567 39
Unearned Premiums	9,324,981 44
All other Liabilities	600,510 43
Cash Capital	2,000,000 00
Surplus over all Liabilities	3,496,545 12
Total Liabilities and Surplus	$16,226,084 38

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London Assurance Corporation
London, England.
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915

Stocks and Bonds	$,427,472 63
Cash in Office and Bank	508,295 36
Agents' Balances	535,618 50
Bills Receivable	66 52
Interest and Rents	44,736 63
All other Assets	145,987 27
Gross Assets	$ 4,662,176 91
Deduct items not admitted	674,848 93
Admitted Assets	$ 3,987,327 98

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915

Net Unpaid Losses	$ 719,994 80
Unearned Premiums	2,252,294 74
All other Liabilities	108,932 31
Surplus over all Liabilities	906,306 13
Total Liabilities and Surplus	$ 3,987,327 98

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STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION
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The amount of its U. S. Deposit is	$ 510,000 00

The Assets of the Company in the U. S. are as follows:

Cash on hand and in the hands of Agents or other persons			$ 412,011 86
Real Estate unincumbered			Nil
Bonds owned by the Company, bearing interest at the rate of various per cent., secured as follows:			
State Bonds	Market value		$ 418,500 00
Municipal Bonds	"	"	977,330 00
Railroad Bonds	"	"	1,627,580 00
Miscellaneous Bonds	"	"	151,900 00
Stocks	"	"	3,186 00
Loans on Bonds and Mortgages of Real Estate, worth double the amount for which the same is mortgaged, and free from any prior incumbrance			Nil
Debts otherwise secured			1,286 00
Debts for premiums			605,249 23
All other securities			60,598 71
Total Assets			$4,257,741 80

LIABILITIES.

Amount due to Banks or other creditors	$ Nil
Amount owing, and not due, to Banks or other creditors	"
Losses adjusted and due	"
Losses adjusted and not due	17,011 06
Losses unadjusted	187,605 49
Losses in suspense, waiting for further proof	18,995 00
All other claims against the Company	71,069 99
Amount necessary to reinsure outstanding risks	2,423,884 18
Total Liabilities	$2,718,015 66

W. J. WHEELER & CO., Agents,
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NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of
SARAH M. BEAN, late of Denmark, 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.
A. MAUDE WITHAM.
February 15th, 1916. 8-10

NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of
GEORGE SOULE, late of Brownfield, 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.
EDWIN F. SOULE.
February 15th, 1916. 8-10

NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of
CHARLES F. WHITTEMORE, late of Paris, in the County of Oxford, 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.
AUGUSTA C. WHITTEMORE.
February 15th, 1916. 8-10

NOTICE.
In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine. In Bankruptcy.
In the matter of
ELMER E. HUTCHINSON, of Hebron, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.
To the creditors of Elmer E. Hutchinson in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:
Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of Feb., A. D. 1916, the said Elmer E. Hutchinson was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the Referee, No. 8 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, on the 8th day of Mar., A. D. 1916, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.
South Paris, Feb. 18, 1916.
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State Grange on Education.

Report of committee on education, Maine State Grange, Portland:

Education is the foundation on which free government is built, and the better the education, especially among the common people, the stronger and more enduring the government. The demand for better education is greater to-day than ever before. Our government, all large corporations and business interests which employ a vast number of young men and women, are seeking to obtain the best educated ones possible, for it is an admitted fact that the better educated the man or woman, the more efficient they are in whatever position they may be placed.

The farmers of Maine are awakening to the fact that they are in need of more education as it applies to their business, that they may be better prepared to meet the fast changing conditions of production, and especially the marketing of their products. And the boys and girls on the farms are asking that they may have a better chance to obtain an education that will better prepare them to fill more successfully the places in the business and social world to which they may aspire. And as the cornerstone of our order is "A better education for ourselves and our children," it behooves us, as Patrons of Husbandry, not only to make the best use of all means within our reach, but to endeavor to find and assist in bringing into use yet better methods.

Much is being said about the conserving of Maine's resources; and we believe that the boys and girls of Maine are the state's most valuable resource, and that the state should so assist them in obtaining such an education that in future years they may return to the state the highest possible dividends.

We believe that the boys and girls on the farms and in the rural sections of the state are of as much value to the state as are the boys and girls of the merchant or mechanic in the city or village, and that they are entitled to and should have as good an education.

To bring about the means whereby this purpose may be accomplished is well worthy the best thought and united effort of this Maine State Grange.

In many of the small towns, the school tax is high enough to be a real burden upon the taxpayers, and yet their school terms are short and their teachers are underpaid, while in several cities and large villages the school tax is so small as not to be noticeable; and yet with the large amount received from the state, they have the longest terms possible, with the best paid teachers they can procure.

As a partial remedy for this condition, we believe that the state school fund should be divided among the cities and towns of the state, according to the aggregate attendance of pupils in the common schools, whereby each pupil attending school, whether in a large city or in a small farming town, should receive from the state the same amount of money. And we believe that when this method is better understood by the people, when they realize that the principal cause for the abandoned farms in Maine is the lack of school privileges, and that when a family abandons the farm and moves to the city to educate their children, it removes that family from the producing to the consuming class, thus increasing the already high cost of living, practically all opposition will be lost.

We would urge all members of this State Grange to have this question thoroughly discussed in their subordinate granges and communities, and at the next meeting of the legislature they use their whole influence in favor of the passage of the grange bill, so-called, for the better distribution of the state school fund.

More co-operation by parents and teachers would be of great benefit to our rural schools at the present time. If they are not the best that they should be, let us try and get the most possible good from them while trying to improve. The frequent changing of teachers does not have a tendency to improve the rural school. After a teacher has become acquainted with the parents and children of a district, learned the desires and ambitions of the parents, and the dispositions and capabilities of the children, she is in a better position to do good work in that district than would be a stranger; and when a good teacher is secured, she should be retained, even at the expense of a few dollars extra on her salary.

The old saying, that "the best is none too good," may as well apply to the educators of our youth as to our cows, pigs or chickens. A large number of our pupils who enter high school from the rural schools, drop out during or at the end of their first year, for the reason that they are not properly fitted in some of the studies to compete with those entering from the graded schools.

It seems to us that this might be partly overcome if superintendents of rural schools would ascertain, as far as possible, what pupils intended to enter high school the next year, and have the teachers give them some special assistance in the studies in which they were deficient, and thus be of great assistance to them during their first year in high school.

To the boys and young men who intend to make farming their life work, and for financial reasons cannot afford to spend four years in high school and then take a college course, we would recommend the two year course in agriculture at the University of Maine.

Any boy who is prepared to enter a standard high school may enter this course at the college, and the expense need not be more per year than it would be in high school if the student were obliged to leave home to attend, and the result would be more satisfactory.

The extension work of the University of Maine, as carried on through the county demonstrators, whereby all the latest and best methods, both practical and scientific, as they apply to the farm and home, are brought to our doors without any expense to us, can be made of much educational benefit to us if we but co-operate with the county demonstrator. This work is now being carried on in ten counties successfully, and we believe will be in all the others as soon as the farmers in sufficient numbers ask for it and show by their interest that they will co-operate with the demonstrator. In unity is strength.—C. M. Marshall, chairman, Topsham.

Albert K. Gardner, who for the past five years has held the position of state horticulturist, has gone to Farmington to assume his new duties as farm extension worker for Franklin county. Mr. Gardner, who is a son of former United States Senator Gardner, has been a very popular and efficient member of the state agricultural department. The farmers of Franklin county are fortunate in securing one so well adapted to start the extension work in their section.

One thing that works greatly against the farm bureau system is the disposition on the part of many to say: "I don't want any man to come on my farm and tell me how to farm it!" But that isn't the right spirit. Better say: "If you can give me a good hint, come on. My latchstring always hangs out, and I'll do my very best to make your stay pleasant." The man who does that is bound to get somewhere.

When communities begin to improve their cows, before they realize it they begin to improve themselves. The interest of the young people is more worth while.

Liquid Manure without Absorbents.

In reply to an Ohio correspondent I will give a little of our own experience along the line concerning which inquiry is made. Quite a number of years ago we put a cement floor in our cow stable 45 feet in length, with two vats underneath to hold the liquids that would run into them. The cows were well bedded with cut straw and that of course absorbed some, but most found its way into the vats. We use a discarded, wooden, sap-gathering tank for drawing out the liquids. This large square box holds three barrels. It is placed on a stoneboat from which it runs out in a thin sheet upon the land or crop to which it is applied.

Where there is a large amount of this fertilizer it would be better to have a distributor adapted to the purpose. This could be either of wood or other material filled with small holes for the outlet, somewhat like a street sprinkler. Have never paid particular attention as to how much was applied to the acre, but should judge from 25 to 30 barrels. Your inquirer can best settle this matter for himself by trial, but it would not be best to apply too large a quantity at first, as it is a quick-acting, strong fertilizer,—as we found out.

We have applied it mostly to grass land. It has proved itself well adapted to this crop and has thus far produced excellent results. We apply in fall, winter or spring, as often as the tanks get filled. It should be applied to grass when wet to prevent coloring and possibly injury, and not after it gets to be very high.

An application was once made when the grass was nearly a foot high and when it was dry. This was a mistake as was soon found. The liquid was so strong that it turned the grass to a yellow color and my son feared he had injured it, but it soon regained its natural color and made an excellent growth.

It happened last year that the liquid was applied in winter to a narrow strip of land that was to be sown to oats and seeded to grass. This was a mistake for the liquid was so strong that it produced a large, tender growth of the oats that fell flat to the ground, where they remained to the injury of the crop in heading and filling. Where this was the case the grass seeding was killed outright and had to be renewed.

From this experience I would not apply it on sown grain crops liable to lodge or fall down. I presume if it were spread on land to be devoted to corn, say on the sod and plowed under in the fall, it would do all right. Neither would I use it with potatoes, as it might encourage the rot. But for grass under the conditions mentioned I have great faith in its good results. But I would not at first undertake to get large crops from a meadow or field on which the grass is far gone or run out. Such land should first be plowed, well manured, and put into a good, thoroughly cultivated crop, like corn, and then seeded to grass. Then with a moderate amount of topdressing with manure or the liquid fertilizer as often as needed, maximum crops of the best hay should be secured for several years, when the process of rotation should be repeated.

Here is hoping that this inquirer and all others interested will seek after the best methods in the making, saving, and using of all manurial substances possible, both solid and liquid, as herein lies in a large measure the success to be secured on the farm.—E. R. Towle, in Hoard's Dairyman.

Excuse Farming.

It is none too soon for farmers to map out carefully crop plans for spring activity. If you wait until the rush is on you will be likely to plan hastily and be a victim of circumstances or "luck." Errors will be made by things remaining undone because you haven't time. You'll be a slave to time and circumstances instead of master. Make your plans and work them. The will can find a way. Captains of industry are captains because they look ahead, prepare for the expected, but have plans should the unexpected happen. Their eyes never leave the final goal, plan or system toward which they are working. They are not looking for excuses in the event they should fail in some particular, but are alert to avoid the conditions which may lead to failure. Too many are not succeeding because they are engaged in excuse farming.

Crops fail to go in or receive the needed care because old Dobbin got a sore shoulder, the plow or cultivator busted, it rained, the hired man got drunk, a new baby came or a thousand and one other things that happen. These are seized as excuses rather than as incidentals. Don't think captains of industry are spared corresponding handicaps. The good Lord in his wisdom ordained that whatever the business, man must hustle and grow by overcoming obstacles if he and his business are to properly develop. Prosperous agriculture and excuse farming are as friendly as two cats suspended by their tails over a clothes line.

The excuse farmer sometimes starts out like a 40 horse power motor and before crops are planted, tended and harvested, ends with the meekness of a bashful June bride. It is for each man to rate his own power; outsiders will give you no higher rating. If you have the ambition, determination, gumption, health and disposition to grow 40 to 100 acres of tilled crops then that is your power rating; if you haven't enough of these to even grow a garden you are to be pitied. Men with red blood and captains of industry are not looking for pity. Nature never made vigorous men that way. Emerson said: "Hitch your wagon to a star." I infer this means to give yourself a high rating. I do not figure it means a rating too powerful for the size of the cylinder head. A cylinder head cap that fits at the beginning should remain a close fit either at rest or under pressure.

Hence, now is a good time to figure out your rated horse power for next season's work. This determined you can plan your campaign, lay in a good supply of fuel-inspiration and be ready to start at the first turn of the wheel. You'll not be making excuses because this or that was not accomplished.—New England Homestead.

How He Did It.

Peter Eglestad of Minnesota is evidently a very practical dairyman. It is interesting to note some of the methods he has used in building up a very successful herd of cows.

He commenced with a small herd of all sorts of cows eight years ago that produced from 75 to 125 lbs. of butterfat. Now he has a herd of forty cows that average 250 lbs. of butterfat per cow. He states that the use of a pure-bred sire, the feeding of a well balanced ration, and, above all, persistent testing, and the weeding out of poor cows are the tools he has worked with. Beyond the tools, it is evident, stands a man who is a close student of his farm, his cows, and his methods.

Roughage and Grain.

A relatively smaller quantity of roughage and likewise a larger amount of grain is more advisable for horses than for bovines. The kind of work to which horses are put calls for the least possible load on the digestive organs, which even in the heavy draft breeds are small, and particularly the stomach, hence the food of the horse should be nutritious in quality, being supplied frequently in comparatively small quantities.

Wind is a good thing. Sweeps the old earth clean and makes everybody healthy. But when it is sifted through big cracks in the barn it doesn't make the cattle feel so very well, and you won't feel very well either, when you come to pay the extra feed bills. Stop the cracks with battens, not with feed.

An able man shows his spirit by gentle words and resolute actions; he is neither hot nor timid.

IX.—A Double Dyed Deceiver.

By O. HENRY

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THE trouble began in Laredo. It was the Llano Kid's fault, for he should have confined his habit of manslaughter to Mexicans. But the Kid was past twenty, and to have only Mexicans to one's credit at twenty is to blush unseen on the Rio Grande border.

It happened in old Justo Valdos' gambling house. There was a poker game at which sat players who were not all friends, as happens often where men ride in from afar to shoot Folly as she gallops. There was a row over so small a matter as a pair of queens, and when the smoke had cleared away it was found that the Kid had committed an indiscretion and his adversary had been guilty of a blunder, for the unfortunate combatant, instead of being a greaser, was a high blooded youth from the cow ranches, of about the Kid's own age and possessed of friends and champions. His blunder in missing the Kid's right ear only a sixteenth of an inch when he pulled his gun did not lessen the indiscretion of the better marksman.

The Kid, not being equipped with a retinue nor bountifully supplied with personal admirers and supporters—on account of a rather umbrageous reputation, even for the border—considered it not incompatible with his indisputable gameness to perform that judicious tractional act known as "pulling his freight."

Quickly the avengers gathered and sought him. Three of them overtook him within a rod of the station. The Kid turned and showed his teeth in that brilliant but mirthless smile that usually preceded his deeds of insolence and violence, and his pursuers fell back without making it necessary for him even to reach for his weapon.

But in this affair the Kid had not felt the grim thirst for encounter that usually urged him on to battle. It had been a purely chance row, born of the cards and certain epithets impossible for a gentleman to brook that had passed between the two. The Kid had rather liked the slim, haughty, brown faced young chap whom his bullet had cut off in the first pride of manhood. And now he wanted no more blood. He wanted to get away and have a good long sleep somewhere in the sun on the mesquit grass, with his handkerchief over his face. Even a Mexican might have crossed his path in safety while he was in this mood.

The Kid openly boarded the north bound passenger train that departed five minutes later. But at Webb, a few miles out, where it was flagged to take on a traveler, he abandoned that manner of escape. There were telegraph stations ahead, and the Kid looked askance at electricity and steam. Saddle and spur were his rocks of safety.

The man whom he had shot was a stranger to him. But the Kid knew that he was of the Coralitos outfit from Hidalgo and that the punchers from that ranch were more relentless and vengeful than Kentucky feudists when wrong or harm was done to one of them. So, with the wisdom that has characterized many great fighters, the Kid decided to pile up as many leagues as possible of chaparral and pear between himself and the retaliation of the Coralitos bunch.

Near the station was a store, and near the store, scattered among the mesquits and elms, stood the saddled horses of the customers. Most of them waited, half asleep, with sagging limbs and drooping heads. But one, a long legged roan with a curved neck, snorted and pawed the turf. Him the Kid mounted, gripped with his knees and slapped gently with the owner's own quirt.

If the slaying of the temerarious card player had cast a cloud over the Kid's standing as a good and true citizen this last act of his veiled his figure in the darkest shadows of dispute. On the Rio Grande border if you take a man's life you sometimes take trash, but if you take his horse you take a thing the loss of which renders him poor, indeed, and which enriches you not—if you are caught. For the Kid there was no turning back now.

With the springing roan under him he felt little care or uneasiness. After a five mile gallop he drew in to the plainsman's jogging trot and rode northeastward toward the Nueces river bottoms. He knew the country well—its most tortuous and obscure trails through the great wilderness of brush and pear and its camps and lonesome ranches where one might find safe entertainment. Always he bore to the east, for the Kid had never seen the ocean, and he had a fancy to lay his hand upon the mane of the great Gulf, the gamesome colt of the greater waters.

So after three days he stood on the shore at Corpus Christi and looked out across the gentle ripples of a quiet sea.

Captain Boone of the schooner Flyaway stood near his skiff, which one of his crew was guarding in the surf. When ready to sail he had discovered that one of the necessaries of life, in the parallelogrammatic shape of plug tobacco, had been forgotten. A sailor had been dispatched for the missing cargo. Meanwhile the captain paced the sands, chewing profanely at his pocket store.

A slim, wiry youth in high heeled boots came down to the water's edge. His face was beardless, but with a premature serenity that hinted at a man's experience. His complexion was naturally dark, and the sun and wind of an outdoor life had burned it to a coffee brown. His hair was as black and straight as an Indian's; his face had not yet been upturned to the humiliation of a razor; his eyes were a cold and steady blue. He carried his left arm somewhat away from his body, for pearl handled .45's are frowned upon by town marshals and are a little bulky when packed in the left armhole of one's vest. He looked beyond Captain Boone at the gulf with the impersonal and expressionless dignity of a Chinese emperor.

"Thinkin' of buyin' that'ar gulf, buddy?" asked the captain, made sarcastic by his narrow escape from a tobacco-less voyage.

"Why, no," said the kid gently, "I reckon not. I never saw it before. I was just looking at it. Not thinking of selling it, are you?"

"Not this trip," said the captain. "I'll send it to you C. O. D. when I get back to Buenas Tierras. Here comes that capstan footed lubber with the chewin'. I ought to've weighed anchor an hour ago."

"Is that your ship out there?" asked the kid.

"Why, yes," answered the captain, "if you want to call a schooner a ship, and I don't mind lyin'. But you better say Miller & Gonzales, owners, and ordinary, plain Billy be damned old Samuel K. Boone, skipper."

"Are you open to a proposition?" said Thrasher.

"Where are you going to?" asked the refugee.

"Buenas Tierras, coast of South America—I forgot what they called the country the last time I was there. Cargo lumber, corrugated iron and machetes."

"What kind of a country is it," asked the kid—"hot or cold?"

"Warmish, buddy," said the captain. "But a regular Paradise Lost for elegance of scenery and be-yooty of geography. Ye're wakened every morning by the sweet singin' of red birds with seven purple tails and the sighin' of breezes in the posies and roses. And the inhabitants never work, for they can reach out and pick steamer baskets of the choicest hothouse fruit without gettin' out of bed. And there's no Sunday and no ice and no rent and no troubles and no use and no nothin' It's a great country for a man to go to sleep with and wait for somethin' to turn up. The bananys and oranges and hurricanes and pineapples that ye eat comes from there."

"That sounds to me!" said the kid, at last betraying interest. "What'll the expressage be to take me out there with you?"

"Twenty-four dollars," said Captain Boone; "grub and transportation, second cabin. I haven't got a first cabin."

"You've got my company," said the kid, pulling out a buckskin bag.

With $300 he had gone to Laredo for his regular "blowout." The duel in Valdos' had cut short his season of hilarity, but it had left him with nearly $200 for aid in the flight that it had made necessary.

"All right, buddy," said the captain. "I hope your ma won't blame me for this little childish escapade of yours." He beckoned to one of the boat's crew. "Let Sanches lift you out to the skiff so you won't get your feet wet."

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Thacker, the United States consul at Buenas Tierras, was not yet drunk. It was only 11 o'clock, and he never arrived at his desired state of beatitude—a state wherein he sang ancient maudlin vaudeville songs and pelted his screaming parrot with banana peels—until the middle of the afternoon. So when he looked up from his hammock at the sound of a slight cough and saw the Kid standing in the door of the consulate he was still in a condition to extend the hospitality and courtesy due from the representative of a great nation. "Don't disturb yourself," said the Kid easily. "I just dropped in. They told me it was customary to light at your camp before starting in to round up the town. I just came in on a ship from Texas."

"Glad to see you, Mr. ——," said the consul.

The Kid laughed.

"Sprague Dalton," he said. "It sounds funny to me to hear it. I'm called the Llano Kid in the Rio Grande country."

"I'm Thacker," said the consul. "Take that cane bottom chair. Now, if you've come to invest you want somebody to advise you. These dingies will cheat you out of the gold in your teeth if you don't understand their ways. Try a cigar?"

"Much obliged," said the Kid, "but if it wasn't for my corn shucks and the little bag in my hack pocket I couldn't live a minute." He took out his "makings" and rolled a cigarette.

"They speak Spanish here," said the consul. "You'll need an interpreter. If there's anything I can do why, I'd be delighted. If you're buying fruit lands or looking for a concession of any sort you'll want somebody who knows the ropes to look out for you."

"I speak Spanish," said the Kid, "about nine times better than I do English. Everybody speaks it on the range where I come from. And I'm not in the market for anything."

"You speak Spanish?" said Thacker thoughtfully. He regarded the Kid absorbedly.

"You look like a Spaniard, too," he continued. "And you're from Texas. And you can't be more than twenty or twenty-one. I wonder if you've got any nerve."

"You got a deal of some kind to put through?" asked the Texan, with unexpected shrewdness.

"Are you open to a proposition?" said Thacker.

"What's the use to deny it?" said the Kid. "I got into a little gun frolic down in Laredo and plugged a white man. There wasn't any Mexican handy. And I come down to your parrot and monkey range just for to smell the morning glories and marigolds. Now, do you sabe?"

Thacker got up and closed the door.

"Let me see your hand," he said.

He took the Kid's left hand and examined the back of it closely.

"I can do it," he said excitedly. "Your flesh is as hard as wood and as healthy as a baby's. It will heal in a week."

"If it's a fist fight you want to back me for," said the Kid, "don't put your money up yet. Make it gun work, and I'll keep you company. But no bare-handed scrapping like ladies at a tea party for me."

"It's easier than that," said Thacker. "Just step here, will you?"

Through the window he pointed to a two story white stuccoed house with wide galleries rising amid the deep green tropical foliage on a wooded hill that sloped gently from the sea.

"In that house," said Thacker, "a fine old Castilian gentleman and his wife are yearning to gather you into their arms and fill your pockets with money. Old Santos Urique lives there. He owns half the gold mines in the country."

"You haven't been eating loco weed, have you?" asked the Kid.

"Sit down again," said Thacker, "and I'll tell you. Twelve years ago they lost a kid. No, he didn't die, although most of 'em here do from drinking the surface water. He was a wild little devil, even if he wasn't but eight years old. Everybody knows about it. Some Americans who were through here prospecting for gold had letters to Senor Urique, and the boy was a favorite with them. They filled his head with big stories about the States, and about a month after they left the kid disappeared too. He was supposed to have stowed himself away among the banana bunches on a fruit steamer and gone to New Orleans. He was seen once afterward in Texas, it was thought, but they never heard anything more of him. Old Urique has spent thousands of dollars having him looked for. The madam was broken up worst of all. The kid was her life. She wears mourning yet. But they say she believes he'll come back to her some day and never gives up hope. On the back of the boy's left hand was tattooed a flying eagle carrying a spear in his claws. That's old Urique's coat of arms or something that he inherited in Spain."

The Kid raised his left hand slowly and gazed at it curiously.

"That's it," said Thacker, reaching behind the official desk for his bottle of smuggled brandy. "You're not so slow. I can do it. What was I consul at Sandakan for? I never knew till now. In a week I'll have the eagle bird with the frog sticker blended in so you'd think you were born with it. I brought a set of needles and ink just because I was sure you'd drop in some day, Mr. Dalton."

"Oh, h——l," said the Kid. "I thought I told you my name?"

"All right; Kid, then. It won't be that long. How does Senorito Urique sound for a change?"

"I never played son any that I remember of," said the Kid. "If I had any parents to mention they went over the divide about the time I gave my first bleat. What is the plan of your roundup?"

Thacker leaned back against the wall and held his glass up to the light.

"We've come now," said he, "to the question of how far you're willing to go in a little matter of the sort."

"I told you why I came down here," said the Kid simply.

"A good answer," said the consul. "But you won't have to go that far. Here's the scheme. After I get the trademark tattooed on your hand I'll notify old Urique. In the meantime I'll furnish you with all of the family history I can find out, so you can be studying up points to talk about. You've got the looks, you speak the Spanish, you know the facts, you can tell about Texas, you've got the tattoo mark. When I notify them that the rightful heir has returned and is waiting to know whether he will be received and pardoned, what will happen? They'll simply rush down here

He Poked the Cold Muzzle of It Against the Consul's Mouth.

and fall on your neck, and the curtain goes down for refreshments and a stroll in the lobby."

"I'm waiting," said the Kid. "I haven't had my saddle off in your camp long, pardner, and I never met you before, but if you intend to let it go at a parental blessing, why, I'm mistaken in my man, that's all."

"Thanks," said the consul. "I haven't met anybody in a long time that keeps up with an argument as well as you do. The rest of it is simple. If they take you in only for awhile it's long enough. Don't give 'em time to hunt up the strawberry mark on your left shoulder. Old Urique keeps anywhere from $50,000 to $100,000 in his house all the time in a little safe that you could open with a shoe buttoner. Get it. My skill as a tattooer is worth half the boodle. We go halves and catch a tramp steamer for Rio Janeiro. Let the United States go to pieces if it can't get along without my services. Que dice, senor?"

"It sounds to me!" said the Kid, nodding his head. "I'm out for the dust."

"All right, then," said Thacker. "You'll have to keep close until we get the bird on you. You can live in the back room here. I do my own cooking, and I'll make you as comfortable as a parsimonious government will allow me."

Thacker had set the time at a week, but it was two weeks before the design that he patiently tattooed upon the Kid's hand was to his notion. And then Thacker called a muchacho and dispatched this note to the intended victim:

El Senor Don Santos Urique, La Casa Blanca:

My Dear Sir—I beg permission to inform you that there is in my house as a temporary guest a young man who arrived in Buenas Tierras from the United States some days ago. Without wishing to excite any hopes that may not be realized, I think there is a possibility of his being your long absent son. It might be well for you to call and see him. If he is, it is my opinion that his intention was to return to his home, but upon arriving here his courage failed him from doubts as to how he would be received. Your true servant,

THOMPSON THACKER.

Half an hour afterward, quick time for Buenas Tierras, Senor Urique's ancient landau drove to the consul's door, with the barefooted coachman beating and shouting at the team of fat, awkward horses.

A tall man with a white mustache alighted and assisted to the ground a lady who was dressed and veiled in unrelieved black.

The two hastened inside and were met by Thacker with his best diplomatic bow. By his desk stood a slender young man with clear cut, sun browned features and smoothly brushed black hair.

Senora Urique threw back her heavy veil with a quick gesture. She was past middle age, and her hair was beginning to silver, but her full, proud figure and clear olive skin retained traces of the beauty peculiar to the Basque province. But, once you had seen her eyes and comprehended the great sadness that was revealed in their deep shadows and hopeless expression, you saw that the woman lived only in some memory.

She bent upon the young man a long look of the most agonized questioning; then her great black eyes turned, and her gaze rested upon his left hand, and then with a sob not loud, but seeming to shake the room, she cried, "Hijo mio!" and caught the Llano Kid to her heart.

A month afterward the Kid came to the consulate in response to a message sent by Thacker.

He looked the young Spanish caballero. His clothes were imported, and the wiles of the jewelers had not been spent upon him in vain. A more than respectable diamond shone on his finger as he rolled a shuck cigarette.

"What's doing?" asked Thacker.

"Nothing much," said the Kid calmly. "I eat my first iguana steak today. They're them big lizards, you sabe? I reckon, though, that frijoles and side bacon would do me about as well. Do you care for iguanas, Thacker?"

"No, nor for some other kinds of reptiles," said Thacker.

It was 3 in the afternoon, and in another hour he would be in his state of beatitude.

"It's time you were making good, sonny," he went on, with an ugly look on his reddened face. "You're not playing up to me square. You've been the prodigal son for four weeks now, and you could have had veal for every meal on a gold dish if you'd wanted it. Now, Mr. Kid, do you think it's right to leave me out so long on a husk diet? What's the trouble? Don't you get your filial eyes on anything that looks like cash in the Casa Blanca Don't tell me you don't. Everybody knows where old Urique keeps his stuff. It's United States currency, too; he don't accept anything else. What's doing? Don't say 'nothing' this time."

"Why, sure," said the Kid, admiring his diamond, "there's plenty of money up there. I'm no judge of collateral in bunches, but I will undertake for to say that I've seen the rise of $50,000 at a time in that tin grub box that my adopted father calls his safe. And he lets me carry the key sometimes just to show me that he knows I'm the real little Francisco that strayed from the herd a long time ago."

"Well, what are you waiting for?" asked Thacker angrily. "Don't you forget that I can upset your apple cart any day I want to. If old Urique knew you were

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West Paris,	Samuel T. White.

Coming Events.

March 6.—Town meeting.
March 7.—Annual meeting South Paris Village Corporation.
March 14.—Supreme Judicial Court, South Paris.
March 30.—Conference of school superintendents and committee men, South Paris.
May 11, 12.—Oxford County teachers' convention, Bethel.
May 23, 24—Oxford County W. C. T. U. Convention, Bethel.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Change of Ownership Sale.
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Probate Notices.
3 Notices of Appointment.
Evidence That Convinces.
Insurance Company of North America.
J. Hastings Bean.
Notice of Foreclosure.
Bankruptcy Notice.
Stray Dog.

Paris Town Report.

The annual report of the town of Paris is about being distributed to the citizens. It is a book of 116 pages, about the usual size and in the usual form.

The assessors' report shows the following facts:

Amount of resident real estate	$ 1,110 100 00
Amount of non-resident real estate	95,520 00
Total real estate	$ 1,205,620 00
Resident personal estate... $342,840 00	
Non-resident personal estate 17,885 00	
Total personal estate	360,725 00
Total valuation	$ 1,566,345 00
Value of land	$ 413,740 00
Value of buildings	791,880 00
Increase in valuation over last year	11,665 00
Total committed to collector	$ 38,604 86
Rate of taxation, 22.8 mills.	
Polls taxed, 963. Not taxed, 126.	
Male dogs, 122. Female dogs, 10.	

Most of the appropriations show a balanced condition or a small unexpended balance. There are however outstanding bills reported, against the highway $187.15, snow bills $5.00, collector's bill $101.85, text books $200. Actual overexpenditure to any considerable amount is reported only in the poor account, where the expense has been large, and the overexpenditure amounts to $706.01.

Treasurer's report shows total receipts of $65,578 65, with cash on hand Jan. 31, $7,566 05.

In the collector's account the same amounts as last year are reported due on bills committed to Alfred H. Jackson, 1906 to 1910 inclusive, amounting to $160.10. On the bills of Harry D. Cole there is due on the 1914 assessment $13.09, and on the 1915 assessment $524.04.

The statement of financial condition of the town is as follows:

LIABILITIES.

Indebtedness to:	
School fund at 6 per cent	$ 3,627 50
Bray fund at 5 per cent	549 00
Cushman fund at 3 per cent	300 00
Rose McKenney Heywood fund at 4 per cent	100 00
William H. Dennett fund at 3 per cent	300 00
Mountain Dist. Cemetery Assn	204 63
Sewer account	1,500 00
Snow account	5 00
Highway account outstanding	187 15
Highway account, spcl. approp'n	700 00
Poor account	706 01
North Paris school house	3,325 00
H. D. Cole, Collector	101 85
Text book and repair account	279 14
Fire escape bill, door frames, etc.	106 59
	$ 11,982 87

RESOURCES.

Balance uncollected town tax, 1906	$	3 72
" " " " 1907		13 65
" " " " 1908		33 74
" " " " 1909		55 09
" " " " 1910		53 90
" " " " 1914		13 09
" " " " 1915		524 04
Cash in hands of treasurer		7,566 05
	$	8,263 28
Liabilities of the town	$	3,719 59

Young Man, Save Now!

We believe in preparedness, not only in state and the United States governmental affairs, but in the home of the humble citizen. Emergencies, accidents, sickness and unexpected events may arise, and it is wise to be as far as possible, prepared. Our savings banks and other organizations that receive deposits and pay dividends, are a reasonably safe and convenient receptacle for laying by something for that inevitable "rainy day."

The past season has been rather hard for our farmers to save much after paying home bills, but the coming season may be more favorable and it will be good policy to save and deposit what can be spared without discomfort and being niggardly.

We were pleased as well as surprised to learn from a savings bank official recently, that nearly 100 residents of Sumner and including a few patrons of East Sumner residing in Hartford, had deposits in his bank. To have even a limited deposit in a savings institution is a safeguard against pressing needs, and a comfort to one's mind when adverse circumstances come, as they may to the most careful observer.

No better time to pay a debt than when you have the means at hand, nor a better time to save a dollar than when the opportunity affords. No better time for our strong young men to lay by a dollar for a home of their own, than the present. Far better than many plausible western wildcat schemes. Our home banks of deposit are safe and reliable. SLOCUM.

East Sumner, Feb 24.

Here and There.

A dictionary which is being distributed to patrons by a newspaper is advertised to contain a full vocabulary of sporting terms. If that means that it covers the field of base ball English, we don't care for so large a book. The ordinary unabridged dictionary is big enough now.

An exchange calls attention to what it thinks is a good omen—that if the first five letters of preparedness are taken off, it leaves redness. That is just the danger that lurks in preparedness—that when we see it accomplished we shall lose sight of the first five letters and see redness.

Loyall Farragut Sewall, eldest son of Hon. and Mrs. Harold Marsh Sewall of Bath, sailed from New York, Saturday, aboard the French liner Lafayette for Bordeaux and will join the French ambulance corps. Mr. Sewall is a well known young man of 21 and was educated at the Westminster school at Simsbury, Conn.

Rev. Benjamin Brewster, D. D., who was recently elected bishop of the diocese of Maine in the Episcopal church, has accepted the election. It is necessary that the election be confirmed by the church authorities, so that it will be some weeks before he actually comes to Maine.

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.

Miss Louise Leverich, who has spent most of the winter in Portland, has recently gone to New Orleans.

Rev. G. W. F. Hill was called to Rockland last week by the death of a nephew.

Mrs. H. P. Hammond has been visiting in Woodstock the past week, the guest of her niece, Mrs. Harland Andrews.

Miss Lizzie Davis, who has been with Dr. Houghton for the past few months, has secured a room at Edgar Hutchins', and will continue to do dressmaking there.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Atwood, P. F. Ripley, Leon Maxim and F. W. Shaw were among those who attended the automobile show at Portland the past week.

Mrs. Charles L. Aldrich was in Auburn Tuesday to consult a specialist for throat trouble.

Mrs. G. B. Shaw, who has been away visiting for the past few weeks, has returned to the home of her son, F. W. Shaw.

Mrs. H. L. Scribner returned home Wednesday from Portland.

Mrs. Hiram Heald is visiting her brother, Malcolm Soule, in Wayne. Mr. and Mrs. Soule are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born Feb. 24th.

The regular monthly meeting of the Paris Hill Library Association will be held at the library Wednesday, March 1st, at 4 o'clock.

The January number of Outing magazine is missing from the library. Will all those who borrow the magazines kindly look and see if it has not been mislaid.

The Ladies' Universalist Social will meet with Mrs. Jackson next Friday afternoon at 2:30.

Don't forget the Circle supper at Cummings Hall on Tuesday evening. The men will have charge of both the supper and entertainment and will do all the cooking,—as usual. It is expected that Frank L. Starbird of Norway will be present to help out the local talent. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The past week has given us about as wide a variety of weather as we often see in the same space of time. Starting with the biggest snow storm of the winter, in which the fall amounted to eight inches or more, it was followed on Friday night and Saturday by a warm rain and gale of wind; the snow was converted into slush and puddles and on Sunday a cold wave set in which has left the roads rough and icy, with zero temperature and high wind blowing Monday.

On Sunday, February 27th, Mrs. Columbia Parris, widow of the late Hon. Virgil D. Parris, quietly passed her one hundred and second birthday. Just what it means to attain the great age of a hundred and two years may be more fully appreciated when we realize that this woman, even now with undimmed intellect, was born under the administration of James Madison, fourth president of the United States, and has lived under twenty-five presidential administrations. John Adams, second president, was living until she was twelve years old and George Washington had only been dead little more than fourteen years at the time of her birth.

PARTRIDGE DISTRICT.

Fremont Field has sold his apples to Thompson of Canada.

Frank Perkins sold a heifer to H. Fletcher of South Paris.

Miss Hattie Mason is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. G. Cushman of Bethel.

Mrs. Will Mason has returned from Buckfield, where she has been nursing for several weeks past.

John Hammond bought two heifers of Will Parlin.

Frank Perkins bought one heifer of John Hammond.

Mrs. Will Harlow has returned home from Massachusetts, where she has been visiting for several weeks.

Mrs. Fremont Field is able to be up and around her room.

Frankie Perkins is boarding at South Paris.

Hebron.

Mr. Rowe, secretary of Bates College Y. M. C. A., preached Sunday.

The Debating Council banquet was Monday evening.

Mrs. Cornelia Moody went to Boston Tuesday on a few weeks' visit.

Mrs. Herbert Bowman is spending the week in West Buckfield with her parents.

Mrs. Dobson and little boy of Portland are visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Sturtevant.

February is surely giving us plenty of winter weather, but late snow does not last like that earlier in the season.

Can any reader of the Democrat give us the address of Robert P. M. Greeley, a student here from North Yarmouth in the late 50's? He is now somewhere in the West, which reminds us that when we were a child a person who went to Massachusetts was said to have gone West.

Albany.

Mrs. O. J. Cross is better, so she sits up some.

Mrs. Shaw is better, but very weak. Mrs. Mabel Bartlett is taking care of her.

Mr. Shaw and daughter were out to see Mrs. Shaw Sunday.

Eben Barker was at North Waterford Sunday, and at Bethel on business Monday.

E. T. Judkins was at his old home Tuesday, and took dinner at J. K. Wheeler's.

F. G. Sloan was at his place Tuesday, and got a load of hay.

Mrs. Eben Barker and Bert Brown were at Bethel Tuesday.

A rough day, Saturday, the 19th.

The bad spell of weather seems to be giving way to better things. Two feet of snow in the woods, and plenty in the roads. Lumbermen are upon the jump getting out their timber and next year's firewood.

Almost everybody is now or has been sick with the grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bean have both been housed for over two weeks with grippe, but are so as to have their clothes on each day, but neither has been out doors for a long time. Mrs. Bean's sister is with them to help care for them.

The town snow rollers have been used on the roads to a good advantage.

Mrs. Nellie Grover, who has been in Massachusetts for several months, has come back to her home with her son.

Harry G. McNally is having his turn with grippe.

Dickvale.

Herbert Richardson has returned to Gorham, N. H., after spending a week with his mother, Mrs. Elmeda Richardson, and sisters, Mrs. Oscar Putnam and Miss Florence Richardson.

Herman Fuller was at home from Milton over Sunday.

Miss Mildred Tracy spent last Thursday with Mrs. B. C. Putnam.

Will Dixon is staying with his daughter, Mrs. Herman Fuller, in Mr. Fuller's absence.

Charles Tracy is ill with the grippe.

Bernard Putnam cut ice two days last week for Carl White.

Mrs. Elbridge Child and Mrs. Roscoe Tracy and daughter Mildred called on Mrs. Will Child at Dixfield recently.

Mary Gordon was at her home here over Sunday.

Farrar Bros. are hauling cord wood.

J. G. and R. J. Tyler have recently bought two cows.

E. C. Chase is drawing logs to the mill at West Peru.

C. J. Tracy is ill with bronchitis.

Mrs. E. G. Child is ill with a bad cold.

Mrs. Esther Gordon is in poor health.

Mrs. Nellie Andrews remains about the same. Mr. Andrews' daughter Bertha is with them.

Bethel.

Notwithstanding the severity of the weather a good number attended our churches, Sunday, the 20th.

Hon. H. H. Hastings and bride have returned from Portland and occupy the "Rev. David Garland house" in Mayville, which Mr. Hastings purchased and renovated for their home. They have the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

Dr. J. G. and Mrs. Gehring returned from a trip to Cleveland, Ohio, last Wednesday.

Evelyn Chandler of Norway is visiting her grandparents for a short time.

There was a social Friday evening given by the Methodist society.

Friday evening the girls' basket ball team played a game with a team composed of the alumnæ.

The Academy fair will be held in Garland Chapel Thursday, March 2d.

Miss Goddard of Deering is a guest of her nephew, Charles Valentine.

Saturday morning a heavy rain falling which makes the traveling anything but agreeable.

MIDDLE INTERVALE.

L. C. Stevens says they are nearly all sick in his family of eight.

More or less sickness all around.

The cook at the Carter camp is out with the grippe. One of the best of the men in the crew supplies.

Blanche E. Kimball has some chicks just out of the shell.

Frances Carter has returned from her stay in Lewiston.

Mrs. Mary Wiley is at her old home, the Carter mansion.

Who does not like to watch a hen with her chicks? We well may learn a lesson from them, also from the birds and bees and ants. Who can doubt the Bible, or that there is a God? Even Socrates was led to believe the truth, from nature. If people would go back to nature and obey the laws of nature what a change there would be in life and living.

Mrs. A. M. Bean has been ill with the grippe.

Blanche E. Kimball has received a beautiful letter from her teacher, Miss L. M. Sargent of Scarboro. We remember well what a homesick feeling we had when vacation time came—a longing to be with the dear little scholars again. Many of them have passed on to the Higher School, and it may be those little children we have led with faltering hand will be the first to greet us over in that better land.

Saturday morning Mrs. Mary A. Needham died from a shock. Although she had been ill for several weeks, the end came suddenly. Her sister, Mrs. Emily Cook of South Paris, came Saturday.

West Bethel.

"We watch and wait for thee, O bonny spring,
Away, so far away, beyond the snow!
We list to catch the rustling of thy wing,
While yet the winter winds around us blow.

"'Tis vain to watch, for still long, weary days
Must come and go, before thy flowery feet
Shall trip along the dear frequented ways
Where thy bright face we shall in raputre greet.

"For many days old earth must meekly wear
Her robe of white and feel the icy chill,
And all the winter's reign of terror bear,
A helpless subject to its iron will."

Town meeting next Monday.

"Leap Day" and no proposals to this date.

Frank G. Sloan continues selling fish in this end of the town on Fridays.

Mrs. Clyde Walker of Ketchum is boarding with Miss Mabel Scribner.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Allen of Bethel Hill visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Allen, Sunday.

Bert Farwell of Everett, Mass., was called here last week by the illness of his father.

No one is heard complaining this week of a shortage of snow, and business is booming.

Their first child, a daughter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Martin Feb. 21st

Elbert Briggs returned from Albany Saturday, and is this week cooking for Sandy McLain and painting for Mrs. Maude M. O'Reilly.

William H. Wiley, a veteran of the civil war, died in this village, Feb. 18th, aged 83 years. His home was with his daughter, Mrs. Emma Bartlett, and his grandson, Walfred J. Douglass.

Few know the value of some kinds of old papers. Fot a mixed lot of old puzzle sheets I received two dollars per pound, and for a complete file of the Portland Transcript from 1875 to 1900 I was paid twenty-five dollars, the purchasers in both cases paying the transportation charges.

East Bethel.

"A roaring gale from the windy west,
For the winter is growing old.
His time is short and he howls his best
From the start of the ruthless cold,
But the February sun shines clear
With a kindly message of hope and cheer."

Z. W. Bartlett recently made a business trip to Lewiston and Portland.

Ceylon M. Kimball took a party of young people to the drama at Locke's Mills Thursday evening, Feb. 17.

The two-act drama, Sally Lunn, was presented at Grange Hall Thursday evening, February 24, by the following cast of characters:

John Randolph, junior at Ya'e,	Ceylon Kimball
Leo Randolph, school boy,	Freeborn Bean
Morton Glynn, another Yale junior,	Guy Bartlett
Marjorie Randolph, Smith College student,	Ethel Cole
Mrs. John Randolph, Sally Lunn	Edna Bartlett
Mrs. Penlope Winslow, aunt to all,	Jennie Mitchell
Vivian Winslow, society miss,	Rose Bartlett

This was followed by a social dance. A baked bean and pastry supper was served from six to eight o'clock, also at intermission. A large crowd was in attendance. Readings with encore by Miss Elsie Bartlett were also greatly enjoyed by every one present.

East Sumner.

Sumner annual town meeting will be held at West Sumner on March 6. Chas. H. Bonney for two years back has collected the taxes and settled with the treasurer some time before the next town meeting was called.

The same policy of keeping square with those with whom we have to do, will apply to town and state affairs as well as to individuals.

Economy for the town is as essential as for the individual.

One can be reasonably prudent and economical without being penurious. Our advice to young men is to save and deposit a dollar when they can. This can be done and still not be isolated from the pleasures of good company.

North Waterford.

Lyman Gustin and daughter Lida, who have been visiting relatives here, have returned to their home in Gorham.

Mrs. Annie Hazelton visited her daughter, Mrs. Don Smith of Auburn, Saturday and Sunday, and did shopping there.

Harry Morey stayed at Fred Hazelton's Wednesday night.

There was no school Tuesday in honor of Washington's birthday.

There was a large attendance and a good time at the Ladies' Circle Tuesday evening. The W. R. C. were invited, and a patriotic program was given.

George Elliott has been confined to his bed since he had a bad spell about two weeks ago.

Dorothy Newcomb goes to Norway Saturdays and takes music lessons of Pearl Cook.

Wilson's Mills.

Winter weather and plenty of snow, which is a boon to the lumbermen in this vicinity.

Much sickness is the order of the day; more or less sickness in every family.

Out of the family at H. W. Fickett's all were prostrated by the prevailing distemper, and early on the morning of the 18th, the elder sister, Mrs. Eliza S. Wilson, passed away. Miss Hannah and Mr. Herbert Fickett are more comfortable, and Miss Edith, only remaining child of Mrs. Wilson, is seriously ill. Mrs. Wilson will be taken to her former home in Groveton for burial. She was 87 years of age.

Norway Lake.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Stephens are in Boston for a few days.

The sick are all improving, some fully recovered.

Miss Alta Pottle has gone back to New Hampshire for a while.

Ralph Tucker, who sawed his right hand the last of December, has returned to school.

Mrs. O. W. Perry has broken a small bone in one foot.

Virgil Flood returned from Farmington Feb. 19th.

West Paris.

Frank S. Farnum is very ill with rheumatism.

The members of the high and grammar schools enjoyed a ride to West Sumner the evening of Washington's birthday, where they held a sociable and had a supper.

The scholars of Mrs. H. S. Mann's Sunday School class had a Washington party at Good Will Hall and gave a general invitation to the children in the village. A good number out, and they had a good time.

Among those in this vicinity who attended the auto show at Portland were, G. A. Smith, L. H. Penley, F. R. Penley, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mann, F. R. Andrews of Woodstock, and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McAlister of North Paris.

Rev. D. A. Ball was in Boston part of last week. He went to attend a meeting on Monday of the officers of the Ferry Beach Park Association.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bates have been spending several days at the New Chase House, Portland.

Miss Alice Barden is taking lessons on the violin, and goes to Lewiston every week.

Mrs. Walter Cole has been very ill with grippe.

Renie Higgins has moved his family into the upstairs rent in the Benson house on High Street. He works in Mann's mill.

Harold Jackson of Milton Plantation is the night watchman at Mann's mill. He boards at Abner H. Mann's.

H. G. Brown, who has been very sick with grippe and complications, is improving slowly.

News of the marriage of Harry Johnson and Miss Clara Hall at Groveton, N. H., has been received. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are popular young people and have the best wishes and congratulations of many friends.

C. N. Herrick and family have gone to housekeeping in Mrs. Field's rent.

Mrs. James S. Dudley entertained the Sunshine Club Feb. 15, and the members were invited to remain for a most attractive supper, after which they were joined by their husbands and a few invited guests, making a jolly party of forty as a birthday surprise for Mr. Dudley. A very pleasant evening was spent in playing games, enjoying music on the victrola, and refreshments of punch, home-made candies, ice cream and assorted cakes. The guests wish Mr. Dudley many more such pleasant birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Swift were in Portland one day last week to see a doctor about Mrs. Swift's eye, which had been causing her much trouble.

March 2d Mrs. Julia Shaw will entertain the Sunshine Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richardson spent a few days in Portland recently.

Guy Boutelle with a friend, spent Sunday with his father, Geo. S. Boutelle.

Buckfield.

Rev. Dr. Tilden, formerly pastor at Hebron, supplied the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday, Feb. 20, in the absence of Pastor Lamb, who is in Bridgewater, Mass., in evangelistic work with Mr. Davidson. Mr. Lamb will be away several weeks.

"The Runaways," a comedy drama, was finely presented at Nezinscot Hall Monday night by members of Buckfield Grange. The parts were carefully assigned and every one was well sustained. About thirty-five dollars was cleared for the grange.

At the regular meeting of Good Faith Rebekah Lodge Tuesday evening, there were a good number present, and after the business was transacted the members enjoyed a variety of games and a fine spread, with tables decorated with flags and red, white and blue streamers.

S. W. Purinton has resigned his position here with the Paris Trust Company, and accepted a similar position at Richmond, Maine. He will enter upon his new duties about April 1. Mr. Purinton has been here about four years, and has made for himself many friends, as has also Mrs. Purinton. Both are accomplished musicians and have contributed much to the social life of the place. Mrs. Purinton has served as president of the Nezinscot History Club and president of the Farther Lights Society, and both are active workers in the Baptist church, where they will be much missed.

Many of the local autoists attended the show in Portland this week. Among them were G. W. Tilton, G. B. Spaulding, H. F. Rawson and wife, F. W. Record and wife, George Warren, W. C. Allen and others.

Miss Mabel Lamb returned from New Gloucester Saturday for a five weeks' vacation from teaching.

The drama to have been given here by the Paris High School on Friday night has been indefinitely postponed.

Buckfield and Mountain Granges were guests of East Hebron Grange Saturday.

The Methodist people have changed their mid-week meeting from Tuesday to Thursday evening.

Bryant's Pond.

Mrs. Olive Hall, wife of Gibbs Wyman, died at her home in North Abington, Mass., on Monday, Feb. 21st, aged about 76 years. She and her family are pleasantly remembered here in this community as old neighbors, they having resided for many years on the Briggs place, just above the village. Many here will regret to learn of her death, a woman highly esteemed and beloved among her former neighbors and associates here. Of her four children, one, Mrs. Mabel M. Elliott, resides at Rumford Falls; Mrs. Delia A. Hathaway in Woodstock, while Walton Wyman and Mrs. Ethel F. Littlefield reside at Abington, Mass. Her remains were brought here Thursday afternoon, accompanied by her son, for interment in Lakeside Cemetery.

Fred C. Lurvey, recently of Walker's Mills, has moved to South Woodstock, where he will be employed in the mill of A. M. Andrews.

Mrs. Cyril Foster was the guest last week of her sister, Mrs. Irving Leighton, at Gilead.

Mrs. Lucinda Rowe, the oldest lady in our village, celebrated her eightieth birthday Feb. 25th.

Josiah Richardson has leased his store to Zenas Morse, the contract to take effect March 1. Mr. Richardson will occupy the building opposite the store.

East Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Merrill are enjoying the company of a little son, born Feb. 22.

Hattie Green has been visiting at C. H. Pride's.

L. E. McIntire recently went to Greene.

Charles Merrill is out again after being quite sick with the grippe.

Mrs. Justin McIntire and Mrs. Sawin have been quite sick with colds the past week.

Miss Stella Bolster is working at Harold Merrill's.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pinkham and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McIntire took dinner with Mrs. Sawin Feb. 20.

Many from the vicinity are receiving treatment from Dr. George M. Whibley, the osteopathic physician.

Mrs. L. E. McIntire spent the day with her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Pinkham, Feb. 18.

C. H. Pride and family and Hattie Green went to Fryeburg Sunday, returning Monday.

Waterford.

Mrs. Charles Hamlin has been very sick with the old-fashioned grippe, but is better now.

Miss Annie Hamlin is having her vacation from the Smiley store and is at home.

The worst snowstorm of the winter has just passed. If there is anything about the "coon" seeing his shadow on Feb. 2d, he must have had a mirror with him. A foot of snow fell this time.

Geo. Miller and Fred Skinner were rolling our roads Thursday. The road was in such bad shape that J. C. Harvey postponed his gathering cream until Friday.

Vincent Chute visited his home in Stoneham Saturday and Sunday.

Wednesday it snowed all day and Friday morning it is raining. Funny winter weather.

Shake Into Your Shoes

Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder for painful, smarting, tender, nervous feet. It takes the sting out of corns and bunions. Over 100,000 packages are being used by the German and Allied troops at the front. Sold everywhere, 25c.

For dyspepsia, our national ailment, use Burdock Blood Bitters. Recommended for strengthening digestion, purifying the blood. At all druggists. $1.00 a bottle.

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A Twice-Told Tale That Will Carry Conviction to Democrat Readers.

Two years ago Mr. Ripley publicly endorsed Doan's Kidney Pills;
He then told of benefit he had received.
Now, with unshaken confidence,
He confirms his statement—
Tells how passing years have strengthened his faith in Doan's.
There's no better test than the test of time.
Can any South Paris reader ask for more convincing evidence?

John A. Ripley, the well-known blacksmith, Oxford St., South Paris, says, "I was quite miserable for several months with an attack of kidney trouble. I had pains through the small of my back and my kidneys didn't act regularly. I got Doan's Kidney Pills at Howard's Drug Store and they relieved me in a remarkably short time."

OVER TWO YEARS LATER, Mr. Ripley said: "I have had little occasion to worry about the condition of my kidneys since I used Doan's Kidney Pills."

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PROBATE NOTICES.

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

At a Probate Court, at Paris, in vacation, in and for the County of Oxford, on the 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. 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 March, A. D. 1916, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

George D. Gammon late of Canton, deceased; first and final and private accounts presented for allowance by Alfred T. Gammon, executor.

Nehemiah E. Sawyer late of Porter, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Eva M. Sawyer, administratrix.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—attest:
9-11 ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby give notice that she has been duly appointed guardian of SUSAM M. YORK, non compos mentis, of Paris, in the County of Oxford, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said ward are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

LEORA A. FARNHAM.
February 15th, 1916. 9-11

Insurance Company of North America,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915

Real Estate	$ 305,682 20
Mortgage Loans	177,724 29
Stocks and Bonds	16,981,484 75
Cash in Office and Bank	1,429 698 06
Agents' Balances	1,719,716 98
Bills Receivable	192,740 02
Interest and Rents	194,018 93
All other Assets	91,977 74
Gross Assets	$ 21,093,037 93
Deduct items not admitted	645,378 42
Admitted Assets	$ 20,447,659 51

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915

Net Unpaid Losses	$ 2,271,140 00
Unearned Premiums	8,171 046 58
All other Liabilities	175,000 00
Cash Capital	4,000,000 00
Surplus over all Liabilities	5,830,472 93
Total Liabilities and Surplus	$ 20,447,659 51

STUART W. GOODWIN, Norway, Maine, Agent.
OTIS M. RICHARDSON, Agent, Canton.
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I have both village and farm property, also several nice wood lots for sale.

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Notice of Foreclosure.

Whereas Ernest L. Pike and Eliza A. Pike, both of Waterford, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, by their mortgage deed dated the twenty-fifth day of July, 1904, and recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds, book 282, page 348, conveyed to Elizabeth M. Newcomb, a certain parcel of real estate situate in Waterford, in the County of Oxford, and bounded as follows: Bounded northerly by land of Frank Stearns and Clarence P. Willard; easterly by land of John Shaw; southerly by the John M. Howe place and land of the aforesaid Clarence P. Willard; and westerly by land of Frank L. Bell and a lot known as the Hale lot owned in common by said Ernest L. Pike and Bion Pike, excepting herefrom the public right to road running through said farm being known as the Blackguard Road, with all buildings on said farm estimated to contain three hundred acres be the same more or less; and whereas said Elizabeth M. Newcomb by her deed of assignment dated July 1, 1910, and recorded in said Registry of Deeds, book 295, page 422, conveyed and transferred said mortgage to the Bridgton Savings Bank; and whereas said Bridgton Savings Bank by its deed of assignment dated March 12, 1915, and recorded in said registry, book 319, page 390, transferred and conveyed said mortgage to the undersigned Freeman P. Stanley, of Waterford, in the County of Oxford; and whereas the condition of said mortgage has been broken;

Now, therefore, by reason of the breach of the condition thereof I claim a foreclosure of said mortgage.

Dated at South Paris, Maine, this twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1916.

FREEMAN P. STANLEY,
9-11 By ALTON C. WHEELER, his Attorney.

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Norway, corner of Fair and Green Sts. Lower floor, three rooms, clothespress, stable, horse stall. Upper floor, six rooms, open room, stable chamber, two clothespresses. All in good repair. Enquire of

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DR. AUSTIN TENNEY
OCULIST

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NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine. In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of LEJUNE O. BURT, of Norway, Bankrupt, } In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Lejune O. Burt, in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of Feb., A. D. 1916, the said Lejune O. Burt was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the Referee, No. 8 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, on the 15th day of Mar., A. D. 1916, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

South Paris, Feb. 26, 1916.

WALTER L. GRAY,
9-11 Referee in Bankruptcy.

Our Annual Sale

......OF......

DRY GOODS

WILL BEGIN

Wednesday, March 1,

Continuing for 10 Days.

The changes going on abroad have already brought a scarcity of many materials, tremendous advances in the cotton, woolen and linen markets, and unparalleled conditions in the dye situation.

In spite of these facts, we shall quote, for a few days only, special prices on new spring dry goods which were purchased before these advances.

Cotton Washable Fabrics

PERCALES—Lot 12 1-2c Percales, best quality 36 inch. Sale price 9c.
PERCALES, the 10c quality. Sale price 8c.
SCOTCH GINGHAMS, value 15c, price 12 1-2c.
BATES AND RED SEAL GINGHAMS, value 12 1-2c, price 9c.
APRON CHECK GINGHAMS for 6 1 4c.
PRINTS, light colors, 5c. Dark colors, 6c.
OUTING FLANNELS—Entire stock of 10c and 12 1-2c Outings at 8c per yard.

Silkalines

All of our 12 1-2c Silkalines priced at 9c during sale.
CRETONNES—Our entire line of 10c, 12 1-2c and 15c Cretonnes at 9c per yard.

Bleached and Brown Cottons

One lot 36 inch brown Sheeting, price 6 1-2c per yard.
One lot 40 inch brown Sheeting, 7c per yard.
LOCKWOOD COTTON, 40 in., at 7 1-2c.
LOCKWOOD COTTON, 36 in., at 7c.
BLEACHED SHEETING, 38 in., value 12 1-2c. Sale price, 9c.
BLEACHED TUBING, 42 in., at 12 1-2c.
BLEACHED SHEETS, 50c each.
PILLOW SLIPS, 42x36, 9c each.
LONG CLOTH, good quality, 12 yard piece, 98c.
LONG CLOTH, better quality, 12 yard piece, $1.19.

Bed Spreads

Good values, fringed and cut corners, 75c, $1.00, $1.29, $1.50 and $2 00 each.
PUFFS AND BLANKETS, low prices, all marked down.

Towels and Crash

TURKISH TOWELS—Lot 1, 21c each.
Lot 2, 27c each.
FAMILY CRASH—Value 10c, sale price, 8c.

Ready-to-Wear Apparel

HOUSE DRESSES—entirely new line, $1.00 each.
WRAPPERS—New lot, made from good percale, $1.00.
KIMONO APRONS—Priced at 39c, 50c, 59c and 75c.
FLANNELETTE WRAPPERS—A small lot at prices to close out.

Muslin Underwear

We offer our entire new line at 10 per cent. discount during sale. This is the best assortment we have ever shown. Also one lot left from last season at closing out prices.

White Waists

Choice line of stylish new waists, $1.00.

Corsets

One lot to close at 1-2 price.
Your choice of La Reine Corsets at 10 per cent. discount during sale.

Underwear

1 lot Ladies' Fleeced Vests and Pants, always sold for 50c, price while they last, 25c.

Lace Curtains and Draperies

Scrim and Lace Curtains, Portieres, Tapestry, Table Covers, Scrim and Muslin by the yard, all go into this sale at 25 to 33 1 3 per cent. discount.

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For the man who wants a conservative, comfortable shoe in a vici leather for general wear every day the broad toe common sense heel Regal is as near perfection as expert modeling and construction can produce. There is no finer vici leather tanned than the Regal black king vici leather which is used in the vamp and top. It is strong and wiry, and at the same time smooth and very flexible. This particular shoe is lined throughout with strong canvas—light but very durable—this lining is cut and fitted with exceptional care. Built on a sole of medium thickness Oak-Bark-Tanned sole-leather, and attached to a flexible welt, and reinforced with outside and inside backstays, the shoe will give exceptional wear, and will fit perfectly and hold its shape to the last minute. Several other Regal styles in stock. We invite your inspection. Prices range from

$4.00 to $5.00

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We are selling Women's Russian Calf Button and Lace Boots the $4.00 grade for $1.65. Below are the sizes and widths now in stock.

B Width, 1 pr. 2 1-2, 1 pr. 3 1-2, 1 pr. 4, 1 pr. 4 1-2, 2 pr. 5, 1 pr. 5 1-2.

C Width 4 pr. 2 1-2, 3 pr. 3, 1 pr. 4, 3 pr. 4 1-2, 3 pr. 5, 2 pr. 5 1-2.

D Width 2 pr. 1, 3 pr. 1 1-2, 7 pr. 2, 6 pr. 2 1-2, 2 pr. 4 1-2, 4 pr. 5, 3 pr. 5 1 2, 4 pr. 6.

E Width 2 pr. 4 1-2, 1 pr. 5 1-2, 1 pr. 6, 1 pr. 6 1-2, 2 pr. 7.

61 pairs in all and they are surely bargains.

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Yours truly,
DE LOSS SMITH,
7tf Director of Music, University of Montana.

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We want you to see—your approval of all these is what we most earnestly desire—and we believe will get after an inspection—pleased to show you.

WOMEN'S SPRING SUITS AND DRESS SKIRTS.

We have ready a very representative showing of the new modes in Spring Suits and Skirts.

Suits Priced from....................$11.75 to $25.00
Skirts Priced from....................$2.25 to $7.50

NOW SHOWING DAINTY AND MOST ATTRACTIVE WASHABLE FABRICS

Formerly Cotton fabrics were considered the least in importance as an article of woman's apparel and classed among the more staple articles of merchandise, but today it is the WASHABLE FABRICS that furnish the most exquisite designs, color combinations and real novelties in the long list of fabrics employed for women's apparel.

DRESS COTTONS in the newest effects are being featured at 10, 12 1-2, 15, 19, 25 and up to 50 cents per yard, including cotton voiles, marquisetts, silk finished fabrics, silk muslins and a variety of the new and attractive materials.

OUR PATTERN DEPARTMENT will be of great assistance in making proper selections for the new spring gown. New publications for spring are now ready.

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You have from now until March 1st to secure the special Designer subscription offer now being offered at the pattern counter.

WINTER COATS AND SUITS

at greatly reduced prices to clear away and make room for the new spring goods.

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NORWAY, - - - MAINE

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COMMENCES

Saturday, Feb. 26, at 8 A.M.

And Continues 10 Days.

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of the season, the time when we clean out all Fall and Winter stock. Styles change so rapidly that we have decided to put our entire stock into this sale, the newest and most up-to-date shoes for Men, Women and Children at Cut Prices.

Come the opening day. Come every day. If you want dollars to do double duty, bring them to this sale and shoe up the whole family.

Remember the date,

Saturday, February 26.

W. O. FROTHINGHAM,

South Paris, Maine.

The Oxford Democrat.

South Paris, Maine, February 29, 1916

SOUTH PARIS.

SOUTH PARIS POST OFFICE.
Office Hours: 7:30 A. M. to 6:30 P. M.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.
Beginning Sept. 12, 1915,
TRAINS LEAVE SOUTH PARIS

Going down (East): 5:35 a. m., express, daily; 9:41 a. m., local, daily except Sunday; 5:07 p. m., express, daily.
Going up (West) 9:43 a. m., express, daily; 3:35 p. m., local, daily except Sunday; 9:31 p.m. express, daily.

The road smoother was out Thursday morning, the first time for the winter.

Funny how nice the snow is for children to play in when there's too much of it to have school.

Miss Edith Maxwell was at home from her teaching in Melrose, Mass., to spend the past week of vacation.

Mrs. Stanley M. Wheeler has returned home after a visit of several weeks with Mrs. Roy E. Cole in Canton, Mass.

Miss Helen Staples of Hanover, a former preceptress of Hebron Academy, was a guest at Albert D. Park's a few days last week.

Richard Garland of Gorham, a student in Bates College, was a guest at N. G. Elder's over the holiday recess the first of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Butts returned the last of the week from a ten days' visit to Palmer, Mass., and other places in that state.

"Just Plain Folks" will be presented by the high school cast at Bolster's Mills Friday evening, March 10. Shaw's Orchestra will furnish the music.

A number who attended from here give a good report of the Norway High School play, "Arabian Nights," given at the Opera House Tuesday evening.

Mrs. George Bonney of Myrtle Street, an experienced dry goods clerk, is the new clerk at the dry goods counter in the store of the N. Dayton Bolster Co.

The Ladies' Social Union will meet to attend to work and arrangements preparatory to the Japanese fair on Wednesday and Friday of this week at 2:30 P. M.

The gentlemen of the Universalist parish will please meet with the minister Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock to arrange for the April men's supper and entertainment.

Ralph C. Andrews of the class of 1919 in the University of Maine, is at home and will not return to college during the present term, having been out of health for some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Bowker and Miss Muriel Bowker attended the firemen's ball at Mechanic Falls Tuesday evening. Mr. Bowker was awarded the prize as the best gentleman waltzer.

President N. Dayton Bolster and Treasurer George M. Atwood represented the South Paris Savings Bank at the annual meeting of the Maine Savings Bank Association at Portland Tuesday.

Seward P. Stearns went to Portland Saturday to meet Mrs. Stearns, who had been visiting in Massachusetts for some weeks, and they spent Sunday in Portland as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tracy.

The Ladies' Aid of Deering Memorial Church will be held at the church vestry Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. This is the annual meeting for election of officers, also reports of superintendents for the year will be given.

Miss Jeanne M. Towle, former assistant in the high school, who left a few weeks since to take a position in the Waterville High School, spent the past week, during a vacation of the Waterville school, with friends here.

O. K. Clifford has bought of E. C. Torrey a lot of land with frontage on Nichols Street lying between the Grand Trunk tracks and the houses on High Street. At present he is sticking pine lumber on it, and has quite an area covered.

Mrs. L. C. Smiley wishes to announce that she has secured Mrs. Jameson Finney of Norway as designer for the coming season. Mrs. Smiley, accompanied by Mrs. Finney, will leave on Tuesday for Boston to buy spring goods and attend the millinery openings.

The executive committee of the Ladies' Circle of the G. A. R. have in charge the arrangements for the annual town meeting dinner at G. A. R. Hall. Slips will be sent out, and all are asked to cook as usual, also members are asked to come in goodly numbers prepared to work.

A very fine and exceptionally large number of articles will be on sale at the Japanese fair at the Universalist church March 7 and 8. Shaw's Orchestra of five pieces will play Tuesday evening. Following the Wednesday night supper Miss McGregor of Portland will present some fine talent from that city.

For the first time this winter the no-school signal was blown Wednesday noon, and the comparatively small number of scholars who got out for the forenoon session finished their day's work at noon. Although not a blocking snow, Wednesday's storm was more "old-fashioned" than anything we have had before for some time.

There will be a court ball at Grange Hall Tuesday evening, March 14. Albert D. Park floor manager; Alton C. Wheeler, Louis W. Clark and Walter L. Gray aids. Shaw's Orchestra of six men will furnish the music. Admission to the hall 25 cents for each person; dancing free. Grand march at 8 o'clock. Car for Norway after the ball. Modern and old-fashioned dances will be in order.

A. M. Green, who drives the delivery cart for the Paris Home Bakery, has been at his home in Bridgton for about three weeks, going there because of having the grippe. A telephone message from him last Tuesday announced the death of his wife that morning. Mrs. Green was ill with the grippe at the time he went home, but it was not thought that she was in a serious condition until shortly before her death. She was nearly 57 years of age, and leaves besides her husband two sons, who live at the home place.

Decorations and diversions appropriate to Washington's birthday characterized a party given to some of the young people Tuesday evening at her home by Mrs. Mary F. Shurtleff. The guests were Miss Sara Coffin, Miss Mildred Scott, Miss Ruth Bolster, Miss Nora Dunham, Miss Mary Clifford, Stephen Clifford, Richard Garland, Morton Bolster, Chester Easson, Sherman Oliver and Stanley Shurtleff. Various mental games of a patriotic or historical nature were engaged in, and refreshments were served, all with the proper setting for the day.

Representatives of the Christian Civic League of Maine were at South Paris Sunday and made addresses, setting forth the history of the league and its work in behalf of civic righteousness and suppression of vice and various forms of violation and disregard of law. Rev. W. F. Berry, D. D., was unable to come on account of illness. Rev. C. E. Owen of Waterville spoke at the Congregational church in the morning, and Edward H. Emery of Sanford at the Baptist church. In the evening a union meeting at the Baptist church was addressed by Rev. Mr. Owen.

An interesting and pleasing entertainment was given at the vestry of the Congregational church Friday evening, by the Juniors, under the direction of Mrs. T. S. Barnes and Mrs. Wirt Stanley, and the work done by the little ones was a credit both to them and the efficiency of their training. Especially pleasing features were "Grandma's Tea Party," and "A Pair of Scissors," presented by the little ones in the costumes of their elders. A series of patriotic tableaux closed the entertainment, and the whole program was patriotic in its nature. There was quite a long program which it would be pleasing to mention in detail if space permitted.

Ransom Gould is announced as a candidate for selectman.

February is certainly giving us an emphatic farewell message.

Mrs. George C. Fernald will entertain the Auction Club on Thursday of this week.

Mrs. D. C. Smith of Gorham, N. H., has recently been a guest of Mrs. E. N. Anderson.

Miss Ethel C. Crockett was at home from her teaching at Alfred over the week-end.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. will as usual serve dinner in Grand Army Hall on town meeting day.

A special meeting of Paris Lodge, F. and A. M., will be held Tuesday evening with work in the F. C. degree.

Mrs. Howard A. Swan, who is at the Maine General Hospital, Portland, for operation for gall stones, is gaining.

Shaw's Orchestra of three men will play for the Masons' dancing party at Norway Tuesday evening of this week.

The L. T. L. invites the W. C. T. U. to a meeting to be held at the grammar school at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. S. P. Stearns and her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Park, were here from Bethel Thursday after some things of Mrs. Stearns'.

On account of illness Mrs. Cora S. Briggs was unable to fill her place as organist at the Congregational church on Sunday and Miss Nellie Jackson presided at the organ.

Rev. Mr. Miller will preach a special sermon next Sunday morning in the Universalist church. It is desired by Mr. Miller that there be a large congregation to hear the message.

On Friday evening of this week will occur the second annual K. of P. ball at Grange Hall. Music by Shaw's Orchestra with A. D. Park as floor manager, W. L. Gray, E. F. Shaw and A. C. Maxim as aids.

It is said that the warrant for the annual corporation meeting, which comes on Tuesday evening, March 7, will contain little or nothing outside of the regular annual business—an unusual condition if true.

It would have been a material gain to the community if some of the power used in keeping the street lights going for an hour after daylight Monday morning could have been used between six and seven Sunday night, while people were stumbling over the rough streets in the dark.

The forthcoming report of the South Paris Village Corporation will make a good showing for the water system. While the exact figures have not yet been obtained, the net income for the year will be between $1200 and $1300, and during the year payments have been made on the corporation notes to the amount of $1300.

Harold C. Anderson of Wollaston, Mass., a few days ago brought his daughter Helen to stay for a while with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Anderson. This was on account of the illness of Mr. Anderson's son, Robert, who has scarlet fever and is quarantined with his mother in a portion of the house at Wollaston. It is not a serious case, and the latest report is that the boy is doing well.

While at work assisting in rigging a water spout at the Mason Manufacturing Co.'s factory Saturday, Henry Merrill suffered a fall by the slipping of a ladder. He dropped a distance of about twelve feet, striking on his side on a platform, and thence to the ground. He was carried home and a physician summoned. No bones were broken, but he was severely bruised and shaken up, and is confined to the bed, with considerable pain.

The Abbott Concert.

A rare opportunity was afforded the music lovers of South Paris and Norway in the concert given in Grange Hall Thursday evening by Miss Margaret Abbott of New York. While the audience was not all that the hall would accommodate, it fairly filled the seating capacity, and was appreciative. It was quite a brilliant party, many of the ladies being in evening dress.

Miss Abbott opened the program with an Italian operatic selection, and followed this with three groups of songs respectively in German, French and English. She has a contralto voice of great power and sweetness. Indeed, when its full power is used it would doubtless be even better appreciated in a room which would seat a thousand people. While some expressed the sentiment that they enjoyed best the softer and lighter passages, as a whole the audience seemed to be most delighted with those selections which brought out the full power of her voice, and those were given the most enthusiastic applause.

Miss Abbott's stage presence and manner are flawless, and she shows much dramatic power in the rendering of her varied selections.

Miss Alberta F. Matthews was accompanist, and was most effective in her work.

The program as originally prepared, and which was carried out with some minor changes, and with two or three additions which Miss Abbott gave in response to the applause of the audience, was:

Ah! Se Tu Dormi (Giulietta e Romeo)....Vaccaj
Meine Liebe ist Gruen....Brahms
Fussreise....Hugo Wolf
Der Schmied....Brahms

L'Heure d' Or....Holmes
L'Heure de Pourpre....Holmes

Drink to me only with thine eyes....Old English
I've Been Roaming....Horn
Dawn in the Desert....Ross
To a Messenger....Frank LaForge
Romance....A. Boradine
A Birthday....Woodman

After the concert an "at home" was given by Miss Grace Thayer, whose guest Miss Abbott was during her stay here. The evening's guests were the ladies of the Seneca Club, under whose auspices the concert was given.

Deering Memorial Notes.

On account of the illness of Mrs. Burnham, the church organist, and the stormy Sundays, the morning services have been held in the vestry. Next Sunday the service will be in the auditorium, and the pastor will preach on the subject, "Limiting Christ."

The Ladies' Aid will have their annual election of officers at the vestry next Thursday at 2:30 P. M. Department reports will be given, and all ladies are invited.

Thursday night the young men's Bible class will have a social.

Maine News Notes.

Governor Oakley C. Curtis has announced that he will be a candidate for renomination by the Democrats at the primaries in June.

Raphael Bennett, 32 years of age, was killed in a saw mill at Presque Isle Tuesday by coming into contact with a band saw. He was married.

Two business partners, present mayor James H. Fenderson and his associate E. H. Mitchell, are respectively Republican and Democratic candidates for mayor in Saco.

William A. Martin of Houlton, president of the Houlton Trust Co., and a well known business man, was one of the victims of the wreck on the Seaboard Air Line at Kingsland Bridge, Va., dying in a hospital at Richmond last Wednesday from pneumonia resulting from injuries received in the wreck.

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Town Meeting Warrant.

There will be plenty of opportunity for something to be done at town meeting next Monday, with thirty-nine articles in the warrant, a large part of which call for the appropriation of money. A considerable portion of the articles are for regular annual appropriations, and there are also others which relate to what have practically come to be routine matters, such as construction of state aid road, maintenance of state road, concrete sidewalks in each of the three villages, etc. In addition to these, there are the following articles relating to special business:

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to underdrain the road between A. U. Tyler's and the Captain Swan farm, so called.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of one hundred and six dollars and fifty-nine cents ($106.59) to pay for the fire escape, door frame, etc., used on Shurtleff primary school building.

Art. 28. To see if the voters will instruct the treasurer of the town of Paris to pay over in the future one-half of the annual income from the Rose McKenney Heywood Cemetery fund to the trustees of the Durrell Hill Cemetery Association.

Art. 29. To see what sum the town will vote to repair and put the road in condition for convenience and safety leading from West Paris village to the Curtis neighborhood, so-called, and how they will have the same expended.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on all taxes paid before a specified time, or charge interest on all taxes unpaid after specified time, or both, and to raise a sufficient sum of money to defray the discount voted.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to buy a road roller and rock crusher, one or both, and raise money for same.

Art. 32. To see what sum of money the town will vote for school physician services, and pay balance of last year's account.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to authorize the superintending school committee to appoint school physicians.

Art. 34. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for school flags and poles.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to move the Snow's Falls school building to a lot located at the junction of the Stearns Hill road and Valley road, and for the purchase and fencing of said lot.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to maintain schools in the following districts: Partridge, Mountain, Bisco and Snow's Falls.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to raise twenty-five dollars for the purchase of additional land of I. H. Ellingwood, the same to be used as a playground for the Forbes school.

Art. 38. To see what action the town will take in regard to the Brick school building, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as revised by the municipal officers.

Several continuing appropriations and deficiency appropriations made during the past year will give quite a neat egg on which to lay the appropriations for this year. The appropriation for three iron and concrete bridges, made in 1913, was completed in last year's assessment, but the Western Avenue sewer appropriation goes on at the rate of $500 per year until 1918. The $3000 originally raised for the North Paris school house is to be assessed $1000 per year for three years. These, with the deficiency appropriations made during the past year, count up thus, for the 1916 assessment:

Western Avenue sewer (vote of 1914)	$ 500.00
North Paris school house (vote of June 26, 1915)	1,000.00
Salary of Supt. of Schools (vote of June 26, 1915)	50.00
Highway bills (vote of Nov. 6, 1915)	700.00
To complete North Paris school house (vote of Nov. 6, 1915)	325.00
	$ 2,575.00

Col. Albert S. Austin.

Col. Albert S. Austin, formerly a well known citizen of Oxford County, died of pneumonia at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James S. McKenna, in Roslindale, Mass., Wednesday evening, Feb. 23, after a short illness. He was secretary of the First Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and was one of the last survivors of Gen. Hooker's staff. He was 79 years of age.

Grief over the loss of his wife, who passed away about a year ago, contributed to his death.

A little more than a year before the Civil War broke out Col. Austin was admitted to the bar in Boston. In response to the first call for volunteers he went to the State House with his Militia company, H, in which he was first lieutenant, and was mustered in by Gov. Andrew in person.

A revolver which was presented to Col. Austin by the city of Chelsea when he left for the front, he lost on the field of Bull Run. Twelve years ago this revolver was returned to Col. Austin by a Virginian, who bought the weapon with the idea of restoring it to its owner if possible.

Col. Austin served as quartermaster of the 1st Regiment and subsequently became chief commissary of subsistence of Hooker's division, corps and grand division, and in January, 1863, when Hooker succeeded Burnside as commander of the Army of the Potomac, Col. Austin was made chief commissary of the cavalry division which was under the command of Gen. Stoneman.

Col. Austin was secretary of the Hooker Association.

After the war Col. Austin resided in Dixfield. In 1882 he was elected clerk of courts of Oxford County, and with his family moved to Paris Hill, then the county seat. He served as clerk of courts for three terms of four years each, from January, 1883, to January, 1895. For a few years subsequent to that time the family resided in Paris, and thence moved to Massachusetts, in which state they have since resided.

He leaves three children, Warren Austin, Mrs. Edward G. DeWolf of Malden, and Mrs. James S. McKenna of Roslindale.

Building Burned at Bethel.

DRUG STORE, DENTAL OFFICES AND RESIDENCE SUFFER.

BETHEL, Feb. 27, 1916.

About 5:30 Sunday morning the alarm of fire was struck and the fire companies soon responded. The building occupied by H. S. Pushard as a drug store and the upper part by Mr. Summerville and family as a residence, was found to be on fire, and the drug store beyond all hope of saving anything. The Summerville family were the first to discover the fire, and were lucky to escape, and saved very little.

The dental rooms of Dr. F. B. Tuell and Dr. Linwood Brown were in the same building. They saved the greater part of their furnishings, but in a wet condition. They will resume business at once in another building. Mr. Pushard lost his books even.

The building was owned by the Hastings Brothers, and was insured with the agency of W. J. Wheeler & Co. at South Paris for $2500. The several tenants of the building also had insurance.

The Summerville family are with the family of Dr. R. R. Tibbetts, who kindly opened their home to the homeless.

The community was shocked to learn that Tristram H. Durell, who came to the fire among the very first, had passed away suddenly. Feeling ill, he left the burning building and went home. His son called Dr. Tibbetts, and soon Mr. Durell died, the cause being the overstrain to his heart caused by the excitement. Mr. Durell was a man who promptly responded whenever and wherever he could help, and perhaps no man among us will be missed more. He leaves a son and his wife, with whom he has lived since the death of Mrs. Durell, and the warmest sympathy goes out to them.

Prize Speaking at West Paris.

The prize speaking contest of West Paris High School will be held at Grange Hall Wednesday evening, March 8, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Alice Wood has been drilling the contestants. Judges as announced are Mrs. M. C. Joy, Albert D. Park and Alton C. Wheeler. The program is:

Music
1. Herve Riel....Browning
Carl Greenleaf Emery
2. Speech of Regulus....Elijah Kellogg
Frank Carter Packard
3. The Squire's Rooster....W. W. Neall
Mandalay....Kipling
John Sherman Billings
4. The Famine—Selected....Longfellow
Lucy Marion Edwards
Solo—Mother Machree....Alice Barden
5. How Rubinstein Played....Anon.
Earle Thomas Hollis
6. Soul of the Violin....Margaret W. Merrill
Ralph Howard McAllister
7. Sandy MacDonald's Signal....Leo Ross
Howard Rodney Emery
Home to Our Mountains, from Il Trovatore....Verdi
School Quartette
8. The Gipsy Flower Girl....Ed L. McDowell
Mildred Helena Conant
9. King Robert of Sicily....Longfellow
Earle Linwood Bacon
10. Speech of Patrick Henry
William Paul Whitten
Music
Awarding of Prizes
Music

NORWAY.

"ARABIAN NIGHTS."

Of the many school dramas given here in recent years, none have scored a greater success than did the play Arabian Nights given at the Opera House last Tuesday evening under the auspices of the senior class of Norway High School. The students that took the parts are certainly to be congratulated upon the manner in which the piece was presented, and much credit is also due Harold Anderson, who coached them and assisted greatly in making the play pass off smoothly.

The play is a light comedy, well adapted to amateur production and easily staged, as one scene is used in all three acts. The action of the play centers very largely around one character, Arthur Hummingtop, a young man of wealth, recently married to a young and charming wife, but who as he expressed it, not only married his wife, but also his mother-in-law and brother-in-law. Much of the success of the play depended upon the way in which this part was given, and Russell Bethell surely proved himself a star in the manner in which he interpreted the part. Although he had much to learn, he had it perfectly committed and gave it a clear and distinct voice that could be easily understood throughout the hall. His stage manner was easy and pleasing and his work brought forth frequent applause.

While his wife was away on a visit and he was left in charge of his mother-in-law, a part splendidly done by Miss Imogene Hunt, he disguised himself and went for a lark in the park, at the close of which he escorted a young lady home. Although he gave her an assumed name, he also loaned her a handkerchief, which unfortunately for him, his kind mother-in-law had marked with his full name and address. The next day the young lady appeared at his home, liked the looks of things and decided to stay, and did so in spite of his pleadings and threats. While in conversation with her, the mother-in-law appeared, and in a fit of desperation Hummingtop introduced her as his niece. This part was taken by Miss Esther Pike with a care-free manner and spirit that added distinctly to the success of the play.

Later in the day the real niece appeared, Miss Frances Andrews, and things began to get decidedly complicated. One falsehood by Hummingtop only made it necessary for him to tell another, and at last it got so the truth sounded strange to him. Ralph Ormerod, Albert Bartlett, Hummingtop's friend, tried to help him out of his difficulty, but only made matters worse, and found when he fell in love that Hummingtop had told his sweetheart, first that he was a married man and later that he was a widower with a daughter Rosie in a boarding school. This made trouble between the two friends.

When the wife returned it capped the climax. The mother-in-law told her all she knew and some things she guessed at. The situation was finally cleared by Hummingtop's artificial niece, as he called her, falling in love and proposing to his brother-in law, Paul Seavey, who as mamma's only boy made a decided hit both by his make-up and his rendering of his lines. After the marriage Rosa confessed all and made the mother-in-law decidedly uncomfortable by calling her mamma.

Marion Bradbury as the wife and Eugene Descoteau and Doris Shepard as the servants of the household carried out their parts well.

During the waits between acts some enjoyable numbers were played on the victrola by Freeland Howe.

There was a fair attendance but such a creditable performance was deserving of a full house.

The Barton Reading Club met with Mrs. Frank W. Faunce, Pleasant Street, Thursday afternoon.

Lake Temple, Pythian Sisters, are planning a fine time for their leap year party which occurs Tuesday evening.

It is reported that Phineas Curtis has sold his ice business to Eugene F. Millett.

The Norway Auto Company has been incorporated with F. Wilson Walker as president, Elon L. Brown clerk and treasurer, and Harold A. Bailey with the president and clerk forming the board of directors. The company has permission to engage in various business enterprises.

The annual banquet of the Browning Reading Club is always a pleasant affair and this year was no exception, in fact, some claimed it to be the best time they had ever enjoyed together. It took place at the home of Mrs. D. M. French on Pleasant Street last Monday evening. The lunch included sandwiches, salads, olives, pickles, tarts, ice cream, cake and coffee, and each article had to be secured by some literary stunt, as telling an anecdote of Washington, writing a telegram using words the first letters of which would spell the name Washington. They were also required to draw a flag and write on a small hatchet the most important event in Washington's life. After the lunch there was a swapping game, each guest having brought a bundle to swap, and which were finally opened and caused much merriment. A picture guessing contest was won by Mrs. R. J. Bruce, and cherry contest, in which the contestants were blindfolded and were to pick cherries from a tree, was won by Mrs. Adna Keene, who secured tree and all. Miss Genevieve Barker played several piano selections, and the entire evening was much enjoyed, as none but the committee in charge had any idea of the stunts they would be obliged to perform.

A broken casting in the water wheel made it necessary to shut down the Norway power station for a while about noon on Thursday. The Paris plant was started and carried the load until the steam plant at Norway could be gotten into commission.

Abigail Whitman Chapter, D. A. R., will hold their March meeting with Mrs. Evis I. Cook on Wednesday evening. Roll call will be answered by favorite quotations, a paper on "Household Life in Colonial Days" will be read by Mrs. Gertrude Libby, and a reading, "The Hanging of the Crane" will be given by Mrs. Lena M. Andrews.

The W. R. C. will serve dinner as usual on town meeting day. The dinner will be served in Woodman Hall, over Stone's drug store, at 12 o'clock.

The annual Board of Trade banquet will be held Friday evening at Beal's Tavern at eight o'clock. Philip J. Deering, chairman, and Paul D. Sargent, chief engineer of the Maine State Highway Commission, will be the speakers of the evening. Only sixty tickets will be sold, as that is all that can be seated in the dining room. Tickets will be sold at $1.50 each and may be secured from the committee of arrangements, which consists of E. N. Swett, Z. L. Merchant and W. F. Jones. No tickets will be sold after 12 o'clock Wednesday noon.

The warrant for town meeting has forty-one articles and it looks as though it would take the greater part of the day to complete the business. Besides the usual routine business and the raising of money for general expenses, there are three articles that will probably bring out considerable discussion. They are as follows:

Art. 36. To see what action the town will take regarding the claim of James N. Tubbs for damages sustained by reason of water alleged to have backed up into his store cellar from drain in Main Street.

Art. 38. To see what action the town will take to assist in the building of a gymnasium on the high school grounds.

Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to raise money by an issue of town bonds or otherwise for a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars ($20,000), for the purpose of constructing a compressed concrete, or other improved street from the head of Main Street, in Norway village to the Tannery Bridge, so called, or further. Said question to be decided by a Yes and No vote of the legal voters of said town. Also to determine the rate of interest said bonds shall bear and the time of payment thereof and to perform any act necessary to effect a legal issue of said bonds.

Don McGrew's Own Unique Minstrels will appear at the Opera House Saturday evening. The local artists advertised to appear are Mr. McGrew, Miss Mealand and Mr. Knapp. Most of the other entertainers will come from Lewiston and Auburn.

L. B. Warner of West Medford, Mass., has rented one of the rooms in the Norway knitting factory and will begin the manufacture of pasteboard boxes, such as shoe boxes, stocking boxes, etc. The machines for the purpose have already arrived and are being installed. Norway is always glad to welcome every new industry and many small beginnings eventually grow to a business that is a big help to a community.

Aaron H. Yeaton, N. H. S., 1911, and Colby 1915, has been elected to the position of science instructor in the high school at Hopedale, Mass. Mr. Yeaton is an athlete of ability and a part of his duties in his new position will be to take charge of the athletic teams of the school.

The colonial supper and old folks' concert at the Congregational church Wednesday evening was a great success and about 150 were present to enjoy the occasion. Many beautiful old time costumes were worn and the singing of the old songs and the readings by A. E. Morse made a program that gave pronounced satisfaction as the abundance of applause showed.

Co. D's military ball takes place at the Opera House Wednesday evening.

A variety shower was given Miss Bessie Haggett of South Paris at the home of Mrs. Howard Maxim on Main Street Wednesday evening. Those in attendance were mostly young ladies who have been associated with Miss Haggett in her work at the Smiley store. Many beautiful and useful gifts were presented the bride-to-be, and the arrangemeets for the whole affair were novel and attractive. The refreshments served in the dining room which was appropriately decorated for the occasion consisted of Welsh rarebit, pickles, olives, fancy crackers, cake, ice cream and ginger ale.

Norway voters certainly got their town reports early enough to satisfy every one this year. They were distributed just two weeks before town meeting.

A Republican caucus will be held at the Opera House Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock to select candidates to be supported at the annual town meeting.

Because of sickness in the family of Mrs. Fred Hosmer, the meeting place of the Browning Reading Club for this Monday evening has been changed, and it will be with Mrs. Gertrude Libby. The program includes roll call, First Aid to the Wounded. Reading from Dr. Richard Cabot's essay "What Men Live By," by Mrs. Thirza Lovejoy and Mrs. Gertrude Hosmer, followed by a discussion by the members.

Dexter Andrews suffered a severe shock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Swain, where he has been staying for some weeks, Sunday morning, and at last reports his condition was considered very critical.

There was a special meeting of Oxford Royal Arch Chapter Saturday evening with work in the P. M. and M. E. M. degrees.

Mt. Hope Rebekah Lodge will start a contest at its meeting Friday evening of this week. Attendance, dues, entertainments, etc., will count in the number of points secured. Mrs. D. M. French will act as captain of one side and Elon L. Brown will captain the other.

Mrs. Harlow Atkins and daughter Clara have gone to Fitchburg, Mass., to be with Mr. Atkins, who has a position in that city.

An interesting meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held at the High School assembly room Friday evening. The president, Mrs. H. L. Bartlett, was in the chair. There was a report of the state meeting at Waterville by Mrs. Wm. F. Jones, after which there was a discussion of the questions, "What a teacher may expect from the parents" with Miss Rideout, Mr. Bergin, and Miss Gardner as the speakers, and "What the parents may expect from the teachers" with Stephen Cummings and Elon Brown as speakers. Others who spoke on the subject were H. L. Horne, Rev. Mr. Nichols, and Rev. Mr. Bruce. Refreshments were served by a committee consisting of Mrs. Annie Favor, Mrs. Maud DeCoster and Leon Longley. The committee in charge of the entertainment was Mrs. W. F. Jones, Mrs. True C. Morrill and Rev. H. L. Nichols. The next meeting will be held the last Friday evening in March.

There was a union meeting at the Congregational church Sunday evening addressed by a worker from the Civic League. Owing to the severe weather and hard traveling the attendance was not large.

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In West Paris, Feb. 20, to the wife of Louis N. Dale, a son.
In South Paris, Feb. 19, to the wife of Charles H. Bumpus, a daughter.
In Norway, Feb. 21, to the wife of Walter S. Chandler, a son.
In East Waterford, Feb. 22, to the wife of Harold Merrill, a son.
In West Bethel, Feb. 21, to the wife of Dean Martin, a daughter.

Married.

In Portland, Feb. 16, by Rev. Charles Harbutt, Mr. Henry H. Hastings and Miss Ethel M. Richardson, both of Bethel.
In Bethel, Feb. 12, Mr. Theodore Gallant and Miss Persis Alice Robinson, both of Greenwood.

Died.

In South Paris, Feb. 20, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bumpus, aged 1 day.
In Bethel, Feb. 27, Tristram H. Durell.
In Bethel, Feb. 26, Mrs. Mary A. Needham.
In Abington, Mass., Feb. 21, Mrs. Olive Hall, wife of Gibbs Wyman, formerly of Woodstock, aged about 76 years.
In Wilson's Mills, Feb. 18, Mrs. Eliza S. (Fickett), widow of W. H. Wilson, aged 87 years.
In Island Pond, Vt., Feb. 17, Robert Howe, formerly of Bethel, aged 74 years.
In West Bethel, Feb. 21, William Wiley, aged 83 years.
In Lowell, Mass., Feb. 18, Fannie K. Blake of Brownfield, aged 76 years.
In Roslindale, Mass., Feb. 23, Col. Albert S. Austin, formerly of Paris, aged 79 years.

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Luxuries, Necessities and Food Conservation.

A glimpse into the windows of our best fruit shops in winter reveals such a profusion of fine things that midwinter seems impossible, were the snow not covering the ground and the icicles hanging from the cornices and window frames.

For instance, in one window last winter there were French artichokes resembling great green hop blossoms, hot house English cucumbers, bright red tomatoes, a basket of fresh mushrooms, large clusters of Black Hamburg grapes bedded deep in green tissue paper, white California grapes, richly colored Japanese persimmons grown in our southern states, with plenty of golden oranges, tiny kumquats, pale grape fruit, red tangerines, pears of the palest green and others dark russet in color, Oregon apples, South African melons, and oddest of all—fresh figs! three for a quarter of a dollar! Figs of the purple kind are not rare even in our eastern cities, in summer, but they are unusual in winter. In a nearby window were fresh strawberries; and a carcass of venison, wild ducks, and a bear attracted many spectators.

Surely the abundance of our land is not apreciated, and it would seem as if no one should go hungry; yet, food is wasted that might feed and delight countless thousands who suffer. Cooperation and the organization and direction of industry is what is needed. Last summer in some parts of Maryland and other states peaches could not be picked for lack of labor, and cherries and grapes were allowed to waste on the branches. In 1893, in Chicago, when sixty thousand men were desperate from idleness and soup kitchens were started, it so happened in Louisiana that the price was so low for sugar and the markets such that it did not pay to haul the crop of syrup, so it was given away and the negroes surfeited upon it and the stock were fed with it, hogsheads of syrup were emptied into plantation ditches; the stream emptied into the bayous and the molasses killed the fish, rendering the water foul and sickening the cattle and the people, until the state government had to intervene to stop it; thus a year's staple crop was wasted. It could have been bought and quickly shipped to Chicago and other points where it could have been used to comfort the hungry.

The fruit from many orchards goes to waste, so also do wild berries for lack of pickers and movable canneries. Seasons vary; some years the blackberry and blueberry crop is prodigious and in parts of the South there are wild strawberries worth "putting up."

If we do not conserve our resources, we will in time come down to grinding want. We need wise organization and direction of industry and conservation of resources of all kinds, food, fuel and timber and the precious water that gives us these.

In the early days, when men battled with the Indians, at least there was standing timber which men might hew down for homes, fish and game and wild fruits for the taking, skins for clothing, and maple sugar for sweetening the wild cranberries and other fruits,—it was a rough and adventuresome life, but at least, men were brave, and women had homes in which to live and rear their families and die.

Recipes.

STEAMED CHOCOLATE PUDDING

1 1-2 squares chocolate
1 cup sugar
1 cup milk
2 cups flour
2 eggs
2 teaspoons cream of tartar
1 teaspoon soda
2 teaspoons butter
1-2 teaspoon vanilla

Cream together the sugar, butter, and the eggs well-beaten. Add the chocolate melted over hot water and the vanilla; sift together the flour, cream of tartar, and soda and add alternately with the milk to the first mixture. Pour into a well-oiled mold, steam for two hours, and serve with any sauce preferred.

CHOCOLATE CREAM ICING

1-4 pound bitter chocolate
2 1-2 cups sugar
3-4 cup milk
1-4 teaspoon cream of tartar
Few grains salt
1-2 teaspoon vanilla

Stir together the sugar, milk, cream of tartar, and salt over the heat till the sugar melts, and then boil without stirring to 238° F. or until a soft ball is formed when a little is dropped into cold water. Cool until tepid, add flavoring, and beat until thick enough to spread. In the meantime melt the chocolate over steam. Spread the first mixture on one layer of the cake to be iced and then coat this with the melted chocolate. Place the second layer on top, repeat the process, and ice the top and sides in the same manner.

DATE SPONGE

1 cup stoned and chopped dates
1-3 cup flour
1 3 cup sugar
1 1-2 cups milk
1 tablespoon butter
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla

Scald the milk; mix together flour and sugar and add the milk gradually, stirring until smooth and thick. Cook over hot water for ten minutes, beat in the butter, and cool. Add the egg-yolks well beaten, the dates, and flavoring, and fold in the whites whipped stiff. Turn into a buttered pudding dish, set in a pan of hot water, and bake for half an hour. Serve cold with hot lemon sauce.

CANNED CORN AND CELERY CHOWDER

1 can corn
1 head celery
1 quart milk
2 onions
1-4 pound salt pork
Salt and pepper to taste
2 cups diced, cooked potatoes

Dice the salt pork and put it in a frying pan. When the fat begins to cook out, add the onions chopped fine and cook the two together until the latter are tender and the salt pork is browned. Cut the celery in inch-lengths and cook it till tender in salted water barely to cover. Add celery and liquor to the milk with the potato, onions, and pork. Bring to the boiling point, turn in the corn, reheat, and serve with split and buttered browned crackers.

CORN BREAD

1 cup corn-meal
2 tablespoons melted butter
1 cup flour
1 2 cup sugar, or less if desired
1 cup sour cream or rich milk
2 eggs
1-2 teaspoon baking-soda
1-2 teaspoon salt

Mix the corn meal with flour, sugar and salt. Beat in the cream, mixed with the soda, the butter, and the eggs, well-beaten. Turn into a well-oiled tin and bake in a moderate oven for thirty minutes.

Notes.

Add a cup of chopped walnut meats or a cup of chopped raisins or currants or both to your graham bread batter and have an extremely appetizing and nutritious addition to the children's lunch pail.

A bottle of library paste is not an extravagance even though one has flour and water at hand. It is always ready, often needed and always just right if the paraffin cap covering it when bought, is kept unbroken and in place when the paste is not in use.

Easily made pop corn balls that will stick: boil one cup brown sugar and one-fourth cup mild vinegar till they hair. Leave on the stove to keep warm. Put a handful of pop corn without grease into pan, pour on a tablespoon of syrup, stir thoroughly and press into ball.

When egg prices go up it may be possible to eat down the family supply somewhat, but it is not wise to eat it down too much. Protein we must have for health and strength, and one of its most easily digested and very best forms is this same egg.

NEWS CONDENSED FOR BUSY READERS

Happenings in Various Parts of New England States

Rt. Rev. Benjamin Brewster, missionary bishop of western Colorado, has accepted his election as bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Maine.

Yale university celebrated the third alumni university day with the return of several hundred of her graduates.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Maine Central railroad is called for March 8 at Portland, Me., to act on the $6,000,000 refunding issue.

Joseph Lambert, 53, died as the result of being crushed between a bale of jute and a stanchion on a steamer at Boston.

Joseph Adams of Manchester, N. H., who took poison in the presence of his two small children, died from its effect.

Schooner Pontiac arrived at Boston with groundfish that sold for $10,000, making a profit of $300 each for the sixteen men in the crew for their work of the past month.

Peter Comfort, 48, a freight conductor, walked in front of a locomotive at Auburndale, Mass., and was killed instantly.

Rev. Samuel S. Seward, 78, prominent preacher and theologian, died at Pittsfield, Mass.

John Conlon, 70, tender at a railroad crossing at Central Falls, R. I., was instantly killed when he was struck by a train.

John P. Williams, a foreman with the East Taunton Street Railway company since its inception and a veteran of the Civil war, died at Taunton, Mass.

Mrs. Florence Cerrio, 23, was shot to death at Johnston, R. I., by her husband, Giuseppe Cerrio, 23, who escaped.

As the result of four incendiary fires within a few days the E. E. Taylor shoe factory, Brockton, Mass., engaged in manufacturing army shoes for the Russian government, has placed armed policemen on duty.

Fire destroyed two of the principal buildings, the Riorden and Michelman blocks, at Gardner, Mass. The loss is $160,000.

Gray's Inn, Jackson, N. H., one of the most popular of the White Mountain hotels, was destroyed by fire. The loss is $100,000.

Joseph Merchant was found dead from inhaling illuminating gas in a Providence rooming house. The police said the circumstances indicated suicide.

Dr. Robert A. Blood, at one time surgeon general of Massachusetts, died at Lake Sunapee, N. H., in his 77th year. He served through the Civil war.

Remi Mathieu, 98, died at Spencer, Mass. He was the father of seventeen children and grandfather to nearly 100.

Benjamin F. Palmer, 76, for more than half a century prominent in newspaper work in New England, died at Somerville, Mass., from an arterial trouble.

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Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose with five cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup. Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets.—A. E. Shurtleff Co., S. Paris.

May—That was a lovely engagement ring you gave me last night, dear; but what do those initials, "E. C.," mean on the inside?

Harry (who has bestowed the ring before and had it back)—Why—er—that is—don't you know that is the new way of stamping 18 carats?

NOW FEELS ENTIRELY WELL

A. H. Francis, Zenith, Kan., writes: "I had a severe pain in my back and could hardly move. I took about two-thirds of a 50c box of Foley Kidney Pills and now feel entirely well." Middle-aged and older men and women find these safe pills relieve sleep-disturbing bladder ailments.—A. E. Shurtleff Co., S. Paris.

Miss Gigglequm (single and romantic)—The shower of soot and ashes from Vesuvius must be an awe inspiring sight. Would you not like to witness it?

Mrs. Pottson Pane (married and prosaic)—Oh, I don't know. I've seen my husband take down a stovepipe.

AFTER LAGRIPPE—WHAT ?

F. G. Prevo, Bedford, Ind., writes: "An attack of lagrippe left me with a severe cough. I tried everything. I got so thin I looked as if I never would get well. Finally, two bottles of Foley's Honey and Tar cured me. I am now well and back to my normal weight." A reliable remedy for coughs, colds, croup.—A. E. Shurtleff Co., S Paris.

"Your Honor," said the arrested chauffeur in a Chicago court, "I tried to warn the man, but the horn would not work."

"Then why did you not slacken speed, rather than run him down?"

A light seemed to dawn upon the prisoner.

"Gee, your Honor," he said, "that's one on me—I never thought of that."

WHAT CHILDREN NEED NOW

In spite of the best care mothers can give them this weather brings sickness to many children. Mrs. T. Neureuer, Eau Claire, Wis., writes: "Foley's Honey and Tar cured my boy of a severe attack of croup after other remedies had failed. It is a wonderful remedy for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough." It stops lagrippe coughs.—A. E. Shurtleff Co., S. Paris.

"Why don't you ever wear those pretty new shirts I bought you?" asked Mrs. Newlywed.

"It's like this, lovey," her husband replied. "If I wear them I'll have to send them to the laundry afterward, and they're such beautiful shirts I can't bear to have them ruined."

THIS MAY INTEREST YOU

If you suffer with pains in your back or side, stiff and sore muscles or joints, or rheumatic aches, or have symptoms of kidney trouble such as puffy swellings under the eyes or sleep disturbing bladder ailments, you should know that Foley Kidney Pills have benefited thousands in like condition.—A. E. Shurtleff Co., S. Paris.

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Jiggs—Is there? I should say there is. I am satisfied that Brown is going to take my girl to the dance, but hanged if I'm contented.

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Principal Arthur L. Williams of the Saugus, Mass., high school died of pneumonia. When he passed away the student body was in prayer at the high school for his recovery.

Edward A. Reed, 53, committed suicide at Whitman, Mass., while temporarily insane.

A cold snap served to close over Lake Champlain from shore to shore. Danger of an ice famine, which was thought to be imminent, is averted.

Boston harbor is now patrolled by armed guards of the customs service in a fifty-foot motor launch, and a close watch is being kept of all shipping.

While witnessing a performance in a Medford, Mass., theatre Mrs. Walter S. Peasley was stricken with an apoplectic shock, dying in a few minutes.

Joseph H. Smith died at New Bedford, Mass., at the age of 105 years.

The trustees of Dartmouth college accepted the resignation of Dr. John K. Lord, a member of the faculty for forty-seven years. His retirement is due to the failing health of his wife.

The cost of running the Boston city departments in the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1916, was $27,513,460.64. This is an increase of $406,369 over the figures of the preceding fiscal year.

Vermont citizens who failed to pay their taxes before Feb. 15 cannot vote in the annual town meetings this spring on state issues, according to State Attorney General Barber.

The world's record for butter-producing milk was awarded at Montpelier, Vt., to Fuella Mechthilde, a Holstein owned by J. G. Whitney. Her record is 35,316 pounds of butter.

"The prevalence and fatality of tuberculosis are steadily decreasing in Massachusetts," is a conclusion of the state department of health.

Linwood J. Badger of the Maine Central institute of Pittsfield was elected president of the Maine preparatory school boys' conference.

A general increase in wages, approximating 5 percent and affecting nearly 1000 employes, will go into effect at the paper mills of S. D. Warren & Co., at Cumberland Mills, Me.

For the seven weeks of 1916 Beverly, Mass., school children put away as deposits in the school savings bank the sum of $1593.61.

The First Methodist church of Lynn, Mass., celebrated the 125th anniversary of its foundation.

Joseph R. McCabe, 35, keeper of the Deer island lighthouse, Boston harbor, was drowned when he slipped off a sandbar leading out to the light.

An early cucumber crop valued at $3000 was ruined by a fire in the greenhouse of George Foster at Woburn, Mass. The total loss is $5000.

William B. Hasty, who conducts livery stables in Boston, filed a petition in bankruptcy. He owes $30,427.68.

The Brockton, Mass., police are endeavoring to find relatives of John Riley, 50, an expert wood-turner, who dropped dead in a hotel.

The Odd Fellows' building, one of the largest structures in Littleton, N. H., was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of $20,000.

The will of G. H. Whitcomb, envelope manufacturer, was filed at Worcester, Mass. He left an estate of $2,000,000, all to his family.

Unwrapped and unclothed, the body of a female infant was found in an ash can on a Boston street.

William F. Wiley, 78, one of the best known Civil war veterans in Massachusetts, died at his home at Peabody.

Three hundred youthful delegates marched in a street parade at Fairfield which marked the opening of the first annual conference of Maine schoolboys.

Arthur C. Tapley, whose railroad gospel services were for many years an annual occurrence of great interest to railroad employes of New England, died at Haverhill, Mass., aged 73.

The bill wiping out the Massachusetts state house building commission was passed to be engrossed in the house by a vote of 101 to 19.

Mrs. James Cuthbert escaped from her home at Warwick, R. I., which was destroyed by fire after she had been aroused by a dog that jumped upon her bed.

Eben Carpenter, 76, who led several guerilla attacks during his services in the Civil war while fighting under Sheridan and Burnside, died at Malden, Mass.

The West End Street Railway of Boston asked the public service commission for authority to issue $2,396,000 of bonds, to be used to retire bonds that expire next summer.

Ralph E. Kallock, a Rockland, Me., business man, committed suicide by shooting. He had been despondent.

Arthur L. Millett of Gloucester qualified as a member of the Massachusetts fish and game commission.

Rev. Charles F. Dole, for forty years minister of the First Congregational Society, Unitarian, of Jamaica Plain (Boston), has tendered his resignation.

John Ojala, a young man in an advanced stage of tuberculosis, committed suicide by cutting his throat in a Fitchburg, Mass., hospital.

Three firemen were injured during a fire at North Attleboro, Mass., which destroyed the Kendall block. The loss is set at $30,000.

Norman Smith of Waltham, Mass., aged 6, was awarded $4000 by a jury in his suit against the Middlesex and Boston Street Railway company for injuries received by being struck by a car.

Oak Farm of Cohasset, Mass., owned by C. W. Barrorn, won the honor in the 2-year-old class for milk production, according to the official record of the Guernsey club.

With gas escaping from an open jet in the chandelier, Miss Marie Higgins was found dead in bed in her home at Boston.

IN BOSTON MARKETS

Quotations given here are strictly wholesale and retailers must expect to pay more for small lots:

Butter—Northern creamery extras, 33@33½c; western creamery extras, 32@32½c; western firsts, 29½@30½c.

Cheese—York state fancy, 17½@18c; fair to good, 16½@17c; Young America, 19@19½c.

Eggs—Choice hennery and nearby, 30@31c; eastern extras, 28@29c; western extras, 26@27c; western prime firsts, 24@25c; western firsts, 23@23½c; storage firsts, 17@18c.

Apples—Baldwins, $1.50@3.50; greenings, $2@3; Northern Spy, $3.50@3.50.

Potatoes—Maine, $3.55@2.70 bu; sweets, 85c@$1 bskt.

Poultry—Northern fowl, 18@22c; western fowl, 17@21c; native broilers, 26@32c; native roasters, 19@27c; turkeys, western, 18@29c; ducks, 16@18c; geese, 11@16c; native squab, $5.50@6.50 doz; native pigeons, $2@2.25 doz.

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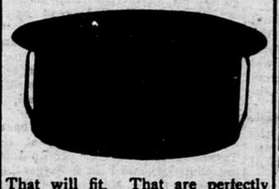

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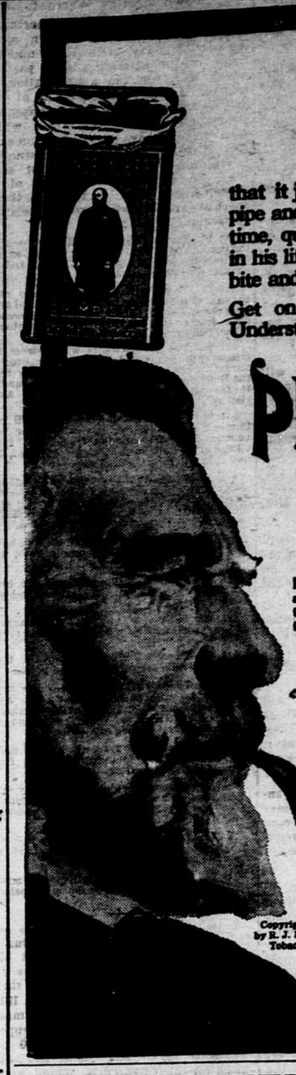

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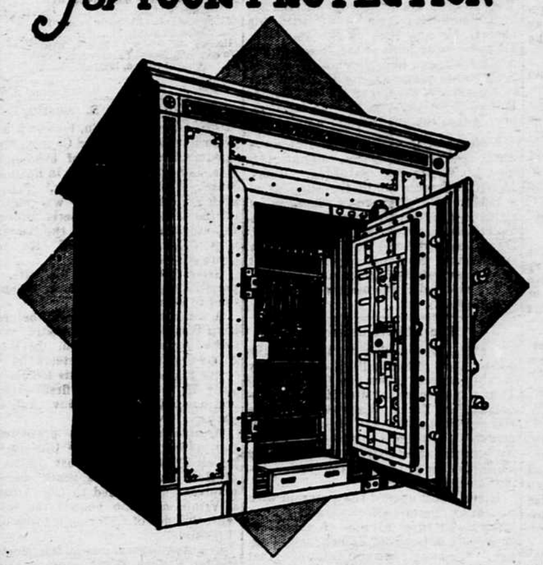

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PROBATE NOTICES.

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

At a Probate Court, held at Rumford, in and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. 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 Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1916, at nine the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Freeman B. Smith late of Mexico, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Albert W. Smith, the executor therein named.

Irving A. Dean late of Dixfield, deceased; first account presented by Albion Holman, administrator.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—Attest:
7-9 ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

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

SAMUEL H. BURBANK, late of Canton, in the County of Oxford, 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.

H. JANE BURBANK.
February 8th, 1916.

NOTICE.

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

SUSTON A. COLE, late of Woodstock, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and gives 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.

SUSIE M. COLE.
February 8th, 1916.

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 Feb., in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, the following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

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Charles S. Noble late of Paris, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by James S. Wright, the executor therein named.

William B. White late of Quincy, Massachusetts, deceased; copy of will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Clarence Burgin and Carl W. Weixler as executors of the same without bond presented by said Clarence Burgin and Carl W. Weixler, the executors therein named.

Jonathan L. Tobie late of Oxford, deceased; petition for the appointment of David A. Tobie or some other suitable person as administrator of the estate of said deceased presented by David A. Tobie, a son.

Peleg Thompson Wadsworth late of Hiram, deceased; petition for the determination of collateral inheritance tax presented by Ruth R. Wadsworth, executrix.

James B. Pelland late of Oxford, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Ross F. Staples, executor.

Peleg Thompson Wadsworth late of Hiram, deceased; first and final account presented for allowance by Ruth R. Wadsworth, executrix.

Clarence E. Foster late of Buckfield, deceased; petition for determination of collateral inheritance tax presented by Leila Foster, administratrix.

Kate Walker late of Lovell, deceased; final account presented for allowance by George F. Walker, administrator with the will annexed.

Elizabeth H. Patten late of Boston, Massachusetts, deceased; petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Frederick C. Patten, administrator.

Nellie B. Walker of Lovell, minor; petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Mary S. Walker, guardian.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.
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NOTICE.

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

MARY B. WADSWORTH, late of Hiram, in the County of Oxford, 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.

CHARLES F. WADSWORTH.
February 15th, 1916. 8-10

NOTICE.

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

GEORGE H. YORK, late of Paris, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and gives 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.

JAMES S. WRIGHT.
February 15th, 1916. 8 10

NOTICE.

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

ALONZO E. SHURTLEFF, late of Paris, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and gives 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.

ARTHUR K. SHURTLEFF.
February 15th, 1916. 8-10

NOTICE.

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

SAMUEL W. LORD, late of Hiram, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and gives 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.

STEPHEN J. ADAMS.
February 15th, 1916. 8-10

NOTICE.

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

JEREMIAH MERRIFIELD, late of Porter, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and gives 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.

WALTER P. PERKINS.
February 15th, 1916. 8-10