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AMONG THE FARMERS.

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Dainty Calf, Poor Cow.

I have been much interested in the correspondence concerning the heifer calf, whether or not it is necessary to raise every calf in order to determine which are profitable and which are not.

One thing can be done besides waiting to grow the cow and that is to pass on the negative merits which can be determined with some considerable degree of certainty, even though the positive ones cannot be foretold.

For instance, before a calf is a month old the caretaker can form a fairly good idea of something that is of no little importance in the characteristics of a cow which is to be a profitable member of the herd, and that is whether the animal is a good feeder or not. We have all seen the dainty calf which apparently never cares whether it eats or not, and we know this feed bucket test is not valueless provided the calf is in ordinary health.

Nobody expects a good cow to be a dainty feeder. In other words, the dainty feeder is not apt to be a really profitable cow. A voracious appetite is one of the requisites of the cow that pays her way, and if the history of such an animal were followed from birth it would show that she possessed a voracious appetite even as a calf. A dainty feeder also is almost invariably such from the first. The heifer that would gorge itself, if permitted, may be relied on as the one with enormous capacity for taking care of food as she grows older, and this capacity always is a trait of heavy producers. Your dainty calf, nine times out of ten, will never prove a high producer. It is the wide-awake, ready-for-business calf that makes good as a cow.

It cannot for a minute be claimed, however, that there is an unfailing rule in this matter. Assuredly no one would reasonably claim that all wide-awake, hearty eaters were bound to make profitable cows. Yet close observation will bear out the statement that the profit making animals are usually possessed of hearty appetites, and that this characteristic is present at birth.

The prevailing high cost of feeds can not but have the effect of diminishing the number of young stock raised, especially by the man who sees no further than the present. At the same time one takes very little chance in keeping every heifer calf until she has reached the age when her milking value can be demonstrated, particularly as animals of two or three years of age will undoubtedly bring more for beef than it has cost to raise them at any time. Beef prices will probably not decline except as feed prices do the same.—E. E. ROCKWOOD, in Hoard's Dairyman.

Breeding Troubles.

Trouble comes to all of us and as Mark Twain said of human nature, "some have more than others." Some people are not satisfied with the trouble that unavoidably comes their way but they persist in breeding trouble.

The farmer who lets manure lie around his premises during the summer is not only losing fertility but is also breeding flies and trouble therewith.

Many farmers keep breeding stock of late hatched chickens, then wonder why with good feeding they do not get winter eggs. They do not stop to consider that they have been breeding shy layers and summer layers.

The writer at one time worked on a farm where registered hogs were kept. When we first went to the farm there were two registered Duroc-Jersey gilts in the herd. On keeping a record of these gilts we found that one gilt and her posterity produced 3 to 5 pigs a litter, while the other gilt and her posterity produced 8 to 13 pigs to a litter. If we are going to avoid breeding troubles, we must consider the family from which we breed for there are unprofitable families in practically all breeds.

We should breed for a purpose. We spent our boyhood days in a community where gaited stallions were kept. When we tried to work the colts from these stallions we found them unwilling to pull. We were breeding balky horses and therefore breeding trouble. When these gaited colts were put on the road they would simply "burn the wind," but a farmer can not succeed and spend his time on the road.

We should co-operate with the great breeders of the past. The men who established the breeds of improved live stock were great thinkers and close observers, and they founded the particular breeds with a purpose in view. We should regard their work as a sacred trust, and do what we can to carry on the work they began. To do this we must maintain the type and characteristics by keeping the breed pure and selecting good individuals for breeding stock. Some time ago we were talking with a dairyman who was using an Angus bull on a herd of high grade Jersey cows. This man was breaking up type and characteristics and thereby destroying the work of skilled breeders for many generations back. He was also breeding trouble, as the Angus-Jersey makes are neither good butter producers nor good beef cattle.

A traveling salesman told us of a farm where he visited where there were 20 horses, all descendants from one blind mare, and 17 of them were blind. The ill shaped udder and the hard milking teats are a source of trouble that we meet twice a day. By selecting bulls from cows with good udders, and easy milking teats, and eliminating the hard milkers, within a few years we can have a herd of cows with good udders and easy milkers.

Probably the most important factor in dairying is the selection of a bull. If we are going to avoid breeding trouble we must look back and choose the female ancestors of our calves. This is where the production pedigree is of great value. If a farmer has only a few cows and cannot afford to keep a well bred bull then he should co-operate with his neighbors in keeping a good bull.—J. M. DOUGHTY in Hoard's Dairyman.

Shortage of Hay.

From information that I have obtained from Departments of Agriculture and business firms, previous reports that there is a shortage of hay in the southwest of the United States are confirmed. The best hay is selling in St Louis at $27 a ton, and some is being shipped in from Canada. This shortage will divert the hay from the middle west to that part of the country. The result of this will be to leave the markets of New England and the Middle Atlantic States to be supplied from this section. This being the case, it looks as though there would be a fair market for the surplus hay of Maine.

In the section of the country where this shortage of hay exists, they are disposing of their stock to quite an extent. Young steers and heifers are selling there from $6 to $8 per hundred. They freight us about $7 a head. I understand there is one car of this stock on route for Maine.—F. S. ADAMS, Chief, Bureau of Markets.

If strongly flavored foods such as turnips or cabbage are given at any time except immediately after milking, the milk is likely to have the flavor of the food.

Getting winter eggs is not so simple as it sounds. There is many a slip between the graceful young pullet and the laying hen.

Hen Manure.

HOW TO PREVENT LOSSES IN STORAGE.

One of the most valuable by-products of any live-stock industry is the manure. Its proper care and use is one of the distinguishing features of a successful stock farm.

Poultry manure contains more nitrogen than other farm manure, because in birds the excretion of the kidneys is voided in solid form (uric acid), with undigested portions of the food. This form of nitrogen is easily available to plants. Unfortunately, however, it is not stable. Putrifactive processes easily change it to ammonia compounds, and unless special care is taken of the droppings one-third to one-half of the nitrogen passes off as ammonia gas.

The yearly droppings from a hen while on the perches will weigh about thirty pounds. While these will vary in composition with the kind of feed that is used, in general the thirty pounds will carry about 8 pounds of nitrogen, 5 pounds phosphoric acid and .25 pounds of potash. The phosphoric acid and potash will not waste if the manure is kept dry but the loss of nitrogen in unprotected and untreated hen manure is large and will vary from one-half to three-quarters of the total nitrogen.

Fifteen years ago the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station made a series of trials in which different preservative materials were added to fresh hen manure. The following is a summary of the results.

When left untreated considerable more than half of the nitrogen was lost. When dry absorbents were used the loss was equally large. When ashes or lime was added the loss was greatly increased. Addition of two parts by weight of plaster prevented all loss of nitrogen. The addition of one part by weight of acid phosphate or of kainit to 3 parts of manure also prevented loss. The addition of dry absorbents with these materials did not reduce their preservative action and made the manure of such consistency that it could be readily applied to the land.

Because of these trials the Station recommended storing the droppings in a covered shelter and the daily addition of chemical to the droppings in the following proportions: To each 30 pounds of hen droppings, add 10 pounds of dry sawdust, dry peat, or dry loam, 16 pounds of acid phosphate and 8 pounds of kainit. This makes a balanced fertilizer. But during the war it will be impossible to obtain kainit and it will have to be omitted from the formula. The acid phosphate in the above proportion will prevent loss of nitrogen. By the use of wood ashes applied to the land in the spring the needed potash would be added. But the ashes must at no time be directly mixed with the hen droppings.

The absorbent and the chemicals should be kept conveniently at hand and each day when the droppings are collected they should be treated. It may be best to weigh the ingredients a few times after which it will be possible to make sufficiently close estimates by measure. Droppings treated in this way will not be in good enough mechanical condition to be used in a planter or drill but they can be evenly distributed with a manure spreader. They should be used at the rate of about two tons per acre.—CHAS. D. WOODS, Director.

Weeds—An Unnecessary Loss.

When someone speaks of weeds, what do you think of? Quite often your first thoughts are perhaps of a hoe and hard work, because to most farm boys, at least, weeds do mean plenty of hard work with a hoe. And it isn't always pleasant work either, especially on a hot July or August day. However, in spite of that there is something else that we ought to consider first when this weed subject is brought up and that is the loss which weeds cause us. In Wisconsin Circular 48, Dean Russell has this to say about it:

"Taxes, of course, are inevitable, and by many often regarded as necessary evils. How many of us, though, fail to appreciate the tax which we voluntarily allow to be levied against us though unnecessary waste and readily preventable losses. But few appreciate how much of a tax noxious weeds take on many of our farms, nor how rapidly these pests are being spread over the state."

It will be worth your while to actually study that paragraph for a minute and think what it means. You have often heard men complain about high taxes, haven't you? But the money paid as taxes is not a loss. It enables us to run our government; it builds our school houses and our roads and is used for other public improvements.

Weeds, on the other hand, cause us a loss that is a real loss. Have you ever passed fields where there were big patches of weeds in the growing crop and wondered just how much actual loss they caused? We once helped to thresh oats from a field that was badly infested with Canada thistles. The owner got just half a crop from that 10-acre field because of the thistles. In other words, he lost 5 acres of oats. His land was good and he had used good seed so that except for the thistles he could have expected a yield of at least 40 bushels per acre. Those thistles meant a loss of, let us say, 175 bushels of oats. They were selling for about 40 cents then so his loss amounted to about $70. Today, with prices where they are, it would amount to more than twice as much. That's a loss we can't afford.

Now, that was an extreme case. Perhaps there are no such ones in your section, but undoubtedly there are some, where weeds cause a considerable loss and possibly they cause some loss on your father's farm. If so it is a loss you can help prevent.—Hoard's Dairyman Juniors.

Charcoal for Poultry.

Charcoal seems to worry beginners as well as some experienced poultry raisers. I have heard any number of old breeders say that poultry would do as well without charcoal as with it, while some write us, "What is it good for and what benefit is it to fowls?" There is no question but what charcoal prevents noxious gases that form in the digestive organs of fowls.

I have found that charcoal puts new life into a lazy layer, as well as aids every organ which is very likely to be overcome through its contact with impurities. Charcoal cleanses the crop, prevents sour crop, cleanses the intestines, brings about sweetness and assures purity to decayed and fermented food. It aids the fowl's digestion. I have given it to my fowls constantly for years, and seldom have a fowl die from indigestion; in fact I cannot recall ever having lost a fowl from indigestion since we began the use of charcoal. When a fowl feeds freely on charcoal, it leaves its roosting room in the morning feeling fine and fresh, while those that are deprived of charcoal and fed heavily on fat-producing foods, appear stupid, dull and listless, never laying an egg, and eventually dying from an enlarged liver. I never saw a fowl which was fed on charcoal suffer severely with bowel trouble. In fact, it's a wonderful health producer. No poultry keeper can afford to go through the winter without supplying charcoal liberally.—J. C. CLIFF.

"Foresight means looking ahead and providing for the future; give an example of it," said the teacher. "Not to eat too much breakfast when you're going to grandfather's for Thanksgiving dinner," said Fred Jones.

Practice pacing so that you can step as nearly three feet at a pace as possible. You will be in pieces many times where the best and perhaps the only measure you have is pace sticks.

Has Maine a History?

IF SO, IS IT OF CONSEQUENCE?

Editorial in Sprague's Journal of Maine History.

Two false ideas relative to the importance of a knowledge of Maine history, we believe, are more or less prevalent among Maine people: (a) That because the ancient Province of Maine became a District, that for a time was under the political jurisdiction of Massachusetts, we have no distinct place in early American history. (b) That even if we have a history it is not of consequence, interest or value to any but lovers of anything that is antique and venerable; its usefulness in the work of today being, at most, only negligible.

A plain statement of the first proposition refutes itself. From the times of Waymouth and the Pophams to these days of Oakley Curtis and Carl Milliken, Maine has had a continuous record of events that are potential parts of the history of democracy in the world.

From the early years of the seventeenth century when the explorers, colonists and missionaries first began the making of American history, until 1775, people of the old world were coming to the new world, and coming here to Maine, for a shelter from tyranny and oppression. They subdued a wilderness and replaced it with homes, fortresses and fertile fields. Thus they came here to Maine, as to other parts of the north Atlantic coast, with bare hands but with hearts full of longings for freedom that was then only a dream, and for liberty that they knew not how to use.

The development of representative government was a slow process. It was, at best, only an experiment. It was a political ideal that startled and amazed the greatest statemanship and most profound philosophy of the entire world. Our plan was unlike any other that had before been known. It was a governmental system outside of all known precedents," without an example, ancient or modern."

The question of its success or failure centered around one single problem: whether or not man was capable of self-government.

In this way did the roots of democracy commence to sprout in this strange soil: a thirst for individual liberty. For many former centuries man had had a sovereign to direct him in his religious duties, and blood and treasure had flowed continuously to force him to pursue what his rulers conceived to be the right course. This new undertaking allowed him to choose his own religion and his own prayer book, or none at all, as his own conscience might dictate, and he was to be his own sovereign.

In 1782 the highest intellect and shrewdest judgment of the world sincerely believed that this scheme was doomed to collapse. Its success could only be demonstrated by actualities; the day of theories was done; the hour of facts had struck. The leaders in this majestic adventure constituted the most glorious band of patriots that humanity had ever known. But Washington, and Hamilton, and Jefferson, and Adams and all their great compeers were themselves alone powerless to solve the problem of self-government. The men who built log houses and cleared up farms, who ran stores, taverns, saw-mills, stages and cooper shops, were the only ones who could prove to the world that man could govern himself without a king.

And so, in all parts of the American colonies, from the Carolinas to the Penobscot, it was in the homes of these grim old pioneers that we find the roots of democracy. It was these first settlers and their descendants, here in Maine, whose sacrifices and toil laid the foundations for a great state, and for its prosperous towns and cities, who helped work out this problem for all mankind.

The story of their lives is a part of the glorious record of man's supreme achievement in finally making himself capable of self-government. Their history is a part of the history of the world's struggle between despotism and freedom; it is the tale of the progress of humanity. And yet, there are many in Maine today who do not appear to perceive that such a history is of worth and inspiration to the present generation. It is full of fascination, but they see it not. It inspires patriotism and a love for their own state, but they know it not. Neither do they seem to realize that the educational system of Maine in not making town, county and state history a part of its regular course of study in every school, is doing a flagrant injustice to the youth of our state.

Knitted Work of Red Cross.

The New England Division Headquarters of the American Red Cross is pleased to announce that since August 22nd it has issued to soldiers and sailors in its division the following list of knitted goods:

Sweaters	59,314
Helmets	13,723
Pairs of Wristers	30,686
Mufflers	18,923
Pairs of Socks	14,974

It has been the endeavor of the division to supply knitted articles in the following order—first, to those soldiers and sailors who are leaving for foreign service; second, to those who are under canvas; third, to those in the barracks. The officers of the division believe that the task has been practically completed and that future receipts of knitted articles can be sent directly to France where the need for them is so urgent.

We have sent to Camp Devens, our great National Army Cantonment, 33,335 sweaters. According to an official count made in compliance with an order issued by Major-General Hodges, at noon on Saturday November 10th, there was a sweater for every enlisted man in the camp, and there are on hand at the camp 5,344 sweaters ready to be delivered to incoming increments of the last fifteen per cent of the first draft, the time for whose arrival is not yet definitely fixed. The New England Division is in a position to equip with sweaters at the camp all men who can be reasonably expected to arrive there during the winter.

The officers of the New England Division of the Red Cross wish to take this opportunity to express their appreciation and admiration of the splendid service rendered by the volunteer women workers all over New England. In light of the demands made for sweaters and in light of the fact that practically all sweaters furnished have been the product of volunteer work on the part of devoted women, they feel that the amount of production is a remarkable achievement. They wish to make public the following letter from Colonel H. L. Dalton, Division Quartermaster of Camp Devens:

With reference to the large number of sweaters which have been donated to this command during the past several weeks by the American Red Cross Society from your Headquarters in Boston, the Commanding General desires me to convey to the Society and to the ladies individually who have so kindly given their efforts to aid in the comfort and welfare of the enlisted men of this command, his sincere appreciation and thanks in which he is joined by all officers and also by the enlisted men who have been the recipients of the great number of sweaters received from your Society.

Due to the extraordinary conditions in the organization of this command and the unusual climatic conditions during the past two months the sweaters have been particularly welcome to the enlisted men and the thanks of the entire command goes out to the ladies of your Society for their interest and their assistance in the furnishing of warm clothing which has been greatly needed in the present contingency.

Very truly yours,
H. L. DALTON, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, N. A., Division Quartermaster.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON

MY FOURTEEN MONTHS AT THE FRONT

An American Boy's Baptism of Fire

By WILLIAM J. ROBINSON

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The most graphic account of the great war that has yet been written comes from the pen of a twenty-two-year-old Boston boy, who has just returned from France, where as dragoon guardsman, dispatch rider and motor-car driver he served fourteen months under the British flag. Out of thirty-one motorcycle dispatch riders he was one of four survivors.

CHAPTER VII.

The Attack on Hill No. 60.

AT last we came to the place where the communication trench began, and I explained it to him. The trench lay about 100 yards off the road, running parallel to it. It was awfully muddy and one of the dirtiest holes to get to that I ever saw. He noted this and wanted to stick to the road, so I shut up and said no more for a few minutes.

Pretty soon a few shells began to come over, and I could see them bursting farther up the road. I spoke again and pointed out the danger we were running into. He had to consent then, so we slipped and slid through the mud and finally got into the trench. It was easy after that, and we reached the trenches just in time to have some lunch.

In the afternoon he was shown all through the trenches there and then came back and asked to see some bombs thrown. They threw some bombs for him and then started firing rifle grenades. Everything was lovely until about 4 o'clock. Suddenly something whizzed over and landed in a trench not a dozen feet from where we were standing. I didn't wait to see what it was. I didn't even hesitate. My feet just acted automatically, and I think I broke the world's record for the standing broad jump right then and there. As it happened, the thing didn't explode, and it's a good thing it didn't, for the colonel just stood and watched it.

Soon after this he decided to go back, so we returned the same way we had come, and all the way back he had me picking up shell noses and pieces of shell until, when we reached the car again, I resembled a junk wagon.

To put the finishing touches on it all they were shelling Viamertinghe when we returned, and we passed through that place as fast as that car could travel, while the houses were tumbling down on either side of us. Taken all in all, it was about as exciting a day as I wanted.

But my troubles were not over yet, for I was informed that I was to take him to the Ploogsteert trenches the next day. I did not mind that so much, for the Saxons were holding the trenches opposite us on that part of the line, and they did not bother us very much. Sometimes days would pass with hardly a shot being fired. Of course the German artillery gave it to us just the same as everywhere else, but the Saxons themselves are pretty decent chaps.

The village of Ploogsteert is a very interesting place, as there had been a great deal of hand to hand fighting there in the earlier days of the war and the houses and trees left standing were all scratched and cut by bullet marks.

We started out about 10 o'clock the next morning, and by 11 we were on our way up to the trenches. In going to the trenches one passes through a big wood, and this place, too, was alive with snipers. We arrived without mishap, however, but things were warmer than usual, for it seems that there were some Bavarians in against us at this time.

While the colonel was mousing around I picked up one of the new periscopic rifles that had just come out and started potting at a chap who was digging a sniping trench out in front of the German parapet. I could only see the flash of his intrenching tool as he threw the dirt out, and once in awhile his head would show for a fraction of a second. But I kept potting away more to kill time than anything else.

He soon knew that I was after him, for every once in awhile he would wave his little shovel at me just after I had taken a shot. All afternoon I kept this up, and about 4:30 I was beginning to get rather tired of the game. I just happened to glance into the glass of the periscope, and there was his whole head and shoulders showing above the little parapet.

I pulled the trigger, and he seemed to disappear almost at the same instant. It sounds rather long to tell about, but it all happened in the fraction of a second. I didn't know whether I had hit him or not, and I was beginning to doubt it when some one threw his body out and went on digging in his place. I had fired nearly 400 rounds of ammunition to get one German, but I felt rather sick at having finally been successful.

Around 5 o'clock we started back to the car, and as we were going through the wood we saw one of our poor fellows sniped. We had several batteries of artillery in the vicinity, and this chap was an artilleryman. He was walking up a path which joined the one we were on, the junction of the paths being about 100 yards ahead of us. We could hear the poor devil whistling as he came along, but his whistle was cut short by the crack of a rifle. We rushed to the spot where he had gone down, and we found that he had a bullet through his right lung.

I got out my field dressing bandages, and we bound him up, tying the pad on the bandage tight over the bullet hole. We carried him down until we came to the artillery quarters, and there we gave him over to his comrades, who rushed him to the nearest field ambulance. I do not know whether he recovered or not; I have often wondered about it.

We found our car where we had left it, and we were back at headquarters before dark. On the way back the old colonel made a remark that I believe he really meant. He said: "I've enjoyed these two days immensely, and it brought back the days of my youth. Fate has decreed that my body shall remain in England, but God knows that my heart lies with you boys out here in the trenches."

A rather funny thing happened soon after this which shows what a man who doesn't know the ropes will do when he gets excited. There was a very strict order to the effect that no man other than one detailed for the work should touch or in any way disturb an unexploded enemy's shell. A heavy penalty was imposed for disobeying this order, and no one but a man who didn't know any better would think of doing it.

A new regiment came up and went straight into rest camp before going into action. A private in this regiment happened to run across an unexploded shell one day, and, being the first he had ever seen, he was greatly excited. He picked it up and came dashing into camp with it. Before showing it to any one else who knew any better he went straight to his commanding officer to exhibit his find.

"Oh, look what I found sir," he said. "It's a German shell that hasn't exploded."

"Is it really?" said the officer. "Well, I'll tell you what you can do with it. You will take it into that field, and you will dig a hole five feet deep, and you will bury your find there, providing, of course, it doesn't explode in your hands before you have time to carry out this order. Corporal, fall in two men and see that this man obeys the order."

You may be sure that that man never so much as looked at an unexploded shell after that.

During the time I was at the front I put six automobiles out of commission. According to an estimate made after a year of war, the average life of an automobile is eight days and the life of a horse is about thirty hours.

The first auto I lost was due to engine trouble, and I had to abandon it for the salvage companies to take care of. The second one was destroyed by a shell in the city of Ypres while I was having some dinner. The third one I lost during the scrap for hill 60. I got stuck in the middle of a field, and as it was in doubtful position I set fire to it and trusted to luck that I had done the right thing. The other three were used up by the fearful condition of the roads.

We knew several days before the attack came on hill 60 that there was something in the wind. Our mining and tunneling companies had been working day and night, and I noticed that the artillery seemed to be concentrating in that vicinity. Re-enforcements were brought up, and everything seemed to point toward some doings in the near future.

Two days before the attack came off I was warned to hold myself in readiness to take a motorcycle machine gun into action, but I was not told anything about when I was likely to be wanted.

Hill 60 itself had hardly any right to be called a hill, for to me it looked like a little rising ground and that's all, but we had ninety-two batteries of artillery playing all over it, and they kept up the heaviest possible bombardment for thirty-five minutes. When you think of 363 cannon pouring shells into such a small place as one little hill it may give you some idea of what we gave the Germans who were trying to hold it against us.

The bombardment stopped as abruptly as it started, and as soon as it ended the mines we had laid under the hill were set off. The earth seemed to tremble for a moment, and then came a great rumbling roar, followed by an upheaval of earth which seemed to reach the clouds. The moment the mines had been set off our chaps left their trenches on the dead run, and they charged across the crater where hill 60 had been but a few moments before.

The heavy artillery fire we had given the Germans had partly demoralized them. The explosion of the mines finished the job, and they fled like sheep. Our machine gun was pouring steel into them for a few moments, but we had to stop, as our own men were pursuing them, and it was not safe to continue our fire any longer. It was all over in a very short time and, while we had to stand by all night, our work did not last long during the actual battle.

Soon after this battle I secured my first "leave" to go to England for a rest of seven days, and though this is supposed to be a story of experiences while on the fighting front, I will relate something that happened while I was in Glasgow, Scotland.

Of all the cities in the British isles Glasgow has sent more men to the front than any other in proportion to her size. The business firms of the city encourage their men to enlist and do all they can to make things easy for them to leave their families. In many cases firms continue to pay men their salaries while they are at the front. The street car company in Glasgow has sent thousands, and their places are taken by women while the men are away.

Not only are there women conductors on the street cars, but women drive the cars too. When one arrives at the station in Glasgow it seems very odd to have a woman step up and ask to carry your bag. Women have taken the places of the porters in the stations.

Scotland has responded nobly to the country's call. In many of the small villages the entire male population has gone to the war, excepting, of course, the men who are too old or those who are physically unfit.

In the British isles during this war a great many of the women have been "helping recruiting" by walking the streets and putting a white feather in the buttonhole of every man they meet who is not wearing khaki.

I was standing just outside the Central station in Glasgow when a woman walked up to a man who was standing near me, and without a word she pulled a white feather through his buttonhole. He was a great big fellow, and she had to do some reaching to get at him. He smiled when he saw what she had done and said "Thank you, madam," very politely.

That was like waving a red flag before a bull, and she grew crimson and started telling him what she thought of him. He listened until she was all through, and then he asked, "Have you another one of those feathers, by any chance?"

"Yes, I have, you coward," she snapped, and she put another feather on him. As she did so he pulled a Victoria cross from his pocket and pinned it right under the feathers.

That woman gasped and stuttered and stammered trying to make an apology, and she reached out to take the feathers back, but he stopped her.

"No, madam," he said, "I'll keep these as souvenirs, if you don't mind, but I'd like to say a few words to you about what you are doing.

"Because I am in civilian clothes does not signify that I am a coward. For all you knew I might have been medically unfit for service. I might have been a married man with ten or a dozen small children depending on me. I might have been any number of things that would have prevented me from joining the army, but you didn't even wait to inquire.

"You simply thought that because I was not in khaki I was a coward, and you thought to shame me into joining the army. As a matter of fact, I have been at my home recovering from wounds I received when I won this little cross, and I am now on my way back to join my regiment.

"If you will accept a suggestion from a man who knows men, you will stop this silly business, for you are doing more harm than anything else, and if I were a civilian and you had done it to me then, I would have faced a firing party before I would join the army. I trust you have learned something. Good afternoon."

I found out later that he was a sergeant piper in one of the most famous Scottish regiments and that he won the cross for saving three officers when wounded himself.

CHAPTER VIII.

Second Battle For Calais.

MY rest of seven days seemed very short, and I was back on the job at Poperinghe all too soon.

Ypres, which was six miles away, had been comparatively quiet all winter. In fact, it had been so quiet that our Twenty-seventh divisional headquarters had moved in there. As the spring drew near the Germans began to shell around the city again, but very few shells landed directly in the city proper.

There was a big gas tank on the outskirts down toward Krustadt, and around this place the shell fire would be rather heavy at times. The city was much knocked about even then, but it was nothing to what it was at the end of the "second battle for Calais."

Before the beginning of this battle the kaiser was quoted as having said that if he failed to break us this time he would lay the city of Ypres to the ground street by street. He failed to break us, all right, and he kept his word, for today the fine old city of Ypres is nothing but a shapeless heap of broken bricks.

For weeks before the attack our airmen were bringing in reports that the Germans were massing heavy bodies of fresh troops just in front of our position. All our transport trains went through the city, our men were billeted there, and one of our divisional headquarters had moved into the city.

The Germans still continued to bombard our positions in this vicinity, but they left the city itself severely alone. All winter it had been as safe to go through Ypres as it would be to go to church, consequently an order to go to Ypres did not bother anybody very much.

I was at the divisional headquarters in Ypres with a staff officer on the afternoon the bombardment started. We had gone to the city on horses, and we naturally expected to come back that way. I suppose it was about 2 o'clock when we arrived there, and I put the horses in the yard behind several buildings.

As I was still on duty, I didn't dare go very far away, for I didn't know at what moment the officer might show up. The first inkling I got of anything unpleasant was when I heard the scream of several shells coming through the air at once.

Right then I acted on the impulse that seizes every one at such a time and went through the nearest cellar window, where I landed on a pile of potatoes. I was content to stay there, too, until an orderly found me and told me that my officer wanted me. The Germans had been bombarding us about half an hour then, and there was no sign of any letting up yet.

The orderly told me that the shells were dropping in at the rate of forty-one to the minute, and I remember wondering who on earth would be fool enough to count the number of shells falling. I reported to my officer and found him as cool as a cucumber. He asked me where the horses were, and when I told him he said for me to leave them there and to go and find a car of some kind.

I knew it was mighty serious when he would abandon the horses, and I started out with the fear of God in my heart and wondering where in the dickens I would find a car in that inferno. As a matter of fact, I did find one, or at least it had been a car at some time or other. It was an ambulance which had had the body blown off, and some one had built a couple of little bucket seats out of empty bacon boxes.

Bacon boxes or not, it certainly looked like a million gold dollars to me at that moment, and I wasn't so slow about nabbing it. The engine was all right, so I decided to take a chance on the rest of it holding together until I got my officer through the city anyway. I pulled around in front of the headquarters, and the officer jumped in.

It seemed as though the whole city was being torn from its very foundations so terrible was the din. The houses were going down in every quarter, and on the face of it it looked like pure madness to go through at all. Wagons, horses, autos, bicycles, were piled up everywhere. Men, women and children, soldiers and civilians were lying dead and dying in every street. I should say that about 50 per cent of the shells were landing in the Grand place, and the buildings were falling all around and practically covering up the road.

We had a straight run of about 200 yards before we got to the worst part of it, and I certainly saw to it that the old bus made the most of what she had. We were going at a pretty good pace when we hit the main square of the city, but it seemed to me that we were just crawling.

There is a sharp corner as one turns out of the square, and I knew it would be impossible to twist her around it at the pace we were going, so I tried a stunt I had read about racing drivers doing on the hairpin curves. I gave her more power, jammed on the brake, and we skidded around on two wheels. We were between the devil and the deep sea, and I believe that no chance we could take were too long considering the fix we were in.

The bacon boxes held together all right, and we got out of it without being touched, but it was more by pure luck than anything else. What got my goat was that during the whole thing the officer sat there with a cigar in his mouth and a monocle in his eye and didn't even look as though he was nervous.

When we got back to our own headquarters he said "Thank you" and remarked to another officer that "one d——d fool" had escaped wearing a wooden uniform that day "by the breadth of a gnat's eyelash." I presume he was referring to me, and I agree with him heartily. Believe me, that ride did me out of a year's growth.

I certainly pitied our transport men during this time as I never pitied them before. They could not help being nervous while waiting to go through the city, which they had to do, as there was no other way for them to go. The ambulances, too, suffered heavily.

All night the bombardment continued with unabated fury, yet our supplies went through the city to the men just the same.

The next morning I was ordered to report in my car to a young officer of the intelligence department. The officer told me that he had orders to go through Ypres to a little place called Potijze and to report himself to the divisional commander there.

There was absolutely no other way to get to Potijze except through Ypres, and you may be sure we were feeling none too pleasant about the prospects. We had to go slowly, even at the start, as the road was filled with all kinds of transports. After we got through the village of Viamertinghe we found the going a little better, and we got along faster. The road from Viamertinghe to Ypres is almost straight, and one can see right into the city before one comes within two kilometers of it.

As we swung into this straight stretch I noticed several German aeroplanes over the city, and it was plain to be seen that they were dropping bombs. This time they were dropping petrol bombs, and the instant they exploded they would spray petrol all over the place and a flame would shoot up into the air. In this way they were setting fire to the city.

It was a sight that I shall never forget. The shells were falling just the same, and, what with the ground fairly trembling from the terrific explosions, the smoke from the bursting shells and burning houses, the flames and dust that filled the air, it made a scene that would need a Dante to describe and do it justice.

The thought that we were to attempt the passage through all this was terrifying. An awful fear, almost panic, seemed to grip me, and I longed to jump from that car and hide my face from the flaming hell which seemed to be stretching out its tentacles of fire to draw us into its gaping maw.

I felt weak all over and was wet with cold perspiration. I looked at the officer, almost praying that he would give the order to stop, but even as I looked I knew there was no chance of that. He was as white as death, but there was a look of determination on his face, and the clenched teeth and set jaws gave no promise of his backing down.

I think the bulldog grit that he was showing helped me, for I resolved that, while I might get so weak as to be unable to drive that car, I would stick by him as long as I could hold out. And he certainly showed that he was "white" clear through, for he told me to stop a moment. I did, and he got out of the car.

"Robinson," he said, "I've just been thinking that there won't be any need for you to come any further. It is a rotten business, and as there are ambulances going up all the time, I can get a lift in one and will stand just as much chance of getting through as though you were to take me. I don't believe in any one taking unnecessary risks, and in this case it would be risking an extra man and a car, too, and I don't mind going on in an ambulace the least bit."

I thought it was just about one of the finest things I had ever heard of a man doing, and I want to say right here that such things as this are typical of the true British officer. There are men holding commissions who couldn't do such a thing as this to save their necks, but they are the "pikers" found in every country, "temporary gentlemen," as they are called by the real men who are obliged to associate with them.

My officer's generosity did not help me any, but I appreciated it more than I can tell. I had orders to take him to Potijze and to bring him back, and if I stayed behind and anything happened to him I would be worse off than if I were lying beneath the ruins of Ypres.

I explained this to him and said that I would rather take him. God knows whether it was true or not, but I said it, anyway. While we were talking another car passed us, and as my officer jumped in I resolved to follow the man who was now ahead of me.

I noticed as the car passed us that there were two officers in it. One, a major, was sitting beside the driver and the other, a colonel, was in the back. The car was about 200 yards ahead of us, and I let him keep about that much ahead all the way up to the outskirts of the city. As we got nearer the noise became deafening and the smoke began to bother us too.

Before one enters the city proper one must cross a double line of railroad tracks. The machine ahead of us had just crossed these when a big fifteen inch shell scream

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Coming Events.

Nov. 29—Thanksgiving.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Bankruptcy Notice.

Here and There.

One ray of cheer in the war news is the story of sinkings by U-boats, which last week reached the minimum since the campaign of piracy began, only six British vessels being sunk during the week, and most of them small ones. It is not a piece of American brag to point out that the beginning of the reduction in the U-boat toll was practically coincident with the entry of a portion of the United States navy into the fight against them. At any rate, such is the fact. Doubtless it would be unfair to attribute the improvement all to the work of the American destroyers, but it has unquestionably counted.

The Fuel Administration reckons the 1917 coal shortage at 50,000,000 tons. Judging from the small sample of shortage to be found in almost any country town, those figures are about right.

Though it is said that present conditions in Russia and Italy have checked the talk of peace in Germany, it is significant that the press of Berlin is generally in favor of the plan, made in Russia, for a three months' armistice to discuss terms of peace. Germany has got over the delusion that she is winning the war.

Prohibition is defeated in Ohio by a majority of 1723 in a vote of over a million. A narrow margin. It will come next time.

The Sugar Shortage.

Nothing which could have happened has forced home upon Americans the truth of stories which have been published as to the need of conserving our food supplies and preventing waste as the shortage in sugar has done. The housewife who has tried to buy sugar in the local market and failed to obtain it now knows that there has been no "camouflage" about the seriousness of the food situation. She will not need to be preached to by special agents nor appealed to by public speakers to save sugar in the future. Having been deprived of it for a little time the housewife will not waste the sugar which she will finally obtain. Not only will she save sugar, but she will now try to save everything else. She now knows that the plea to save flour that our soldiers and our allies may have it is no idle plea. She believes that there is something in the claim that "food will win the war" and every American housewife will do her best to prevent waste and save all the food she can. So far as this particular campaign is concerned it has already been won. From now out America will continue to save tons and tons of sugar, wheat, meat and other food material. This is one good effect the sugar shortage has had.—Portland Press.

Federal Licenses for Explosives.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.

Van. H. Manning, Director of the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, to-day appointed the following persons as licensing officers in connection with the enforcement of the new Federal Explosive Regulation act: B. M. Small, clerk of courts, Franklin County, Farmington, Me.; C. W. Jones, clerk of courts, Kennebec County, Augusta, Me.; Tyler M. Coombs, clerk of courts, Knox County, Rockland, Me.; W. F. Merrill, clerk of courts, Lincoln County, Wiscasset, Me.; Ernest J. Record, clerk of courts, Oxford County, South Paris, Me.; Clinton C. Stevens, clerk of courts, Penobscot County, Bangor, Me.; and George I. Keating, clerk of courts, Waldo County, Belfast, Me.

The law goes into effect November 15, and provides that any person having use for explosives must first obtain from the licensing officer in his county a license stating the manner in which the explosives are to be used and assuring the officer that the explosives will be properly accounted for.

No licenses will be issued to aliens who are accredited to countries that are unfriendly to the United States.

It is hoped in this manner to account strictly for the disposition of all explosives and to prevent them from falling into the hands of evilly-disposed persons. The entire police force of the country has been asked to aid in the enforcement of this law. The penalty for the violation of the law is a fine of $5,000 or a year in penitentiary or both.

Maine News Notes.

The First Maine Heavy Field Artillery has been transferred from Camp Bartlett, Westfield, Mass., to Charlotte, N. C.

The name of E. W. Mathie of Dennysville, in the Candian overseas forces, appears in a recent casualty list as killed in action.

Rev. Smith Baker, who was for some time pastor of a Congregational church in Portland, and was well known over Maine, died in Portland on the 10th, at the age of 81 years.

Mrs. Irving L. Sanborn of Lewiston committed suicide at her home Wednesday. Mental depression caused by years of suffering is given as the cause. Mrs. Sanborn was 50 years of age. She leaves a daughter, who is the wife of Franklin Fisher, assistant attorney general of Maine, and brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Eunice Merrill Jones, widow of Emery Jones, observed her 90th birthday recently at South Freeport. Mrs. Jones is a cousin of Nathan Hale, the Revolutionary hero, and her father, Jacob Merrill, fought under Washington. Mrs. Jones is believed to be the youngest person living whose father fought in the Revolution.

That Bangor is to be the northern terminus of an airway extending south along the Atlantic coast to Key West, Fla., if the plans of the Aero Club of America materialize, was the subject of interested comment here on Tuesday, says the Bangor Commercial. The route is designed to be one of the main arteries of air navigation in the United States, and Bangor, should the scheme ever be carried into effect, would be an important landing station.

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.

"Indian Summer" days the past week and Sunday was a real summer day.

Mrs. George E. Turner and children have gone to Louisville, Ky., to join Capt. Turner, who is stationed there for the present.

Admiral and Mrs. Henry W. Lyon left Friday for Southern Pines, N. C., for the winter months.

Miss Cara D. Cooper, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Nelson Bailey left here Saturday for Wells River, Vermont, where Miss Cooper and Mrs. Rogers will spend the winter with the family of Mrs. Bailey. They go to Vermont after spending a few days in Portland.

Mrs. J. N. Thompson closed her home here and went to New York last Friday.

Mr. Charles L. Case is having a nice double stone wall built along the entire front of his summer residence in this village which greatly improves the looks of the place.

Leon Maxim and John Cole have gone to Andover on a deer hunting trip.

Two automobiles from South Paris made a house-to-house canvass of this village for the Y. M. C. A. War Fund Sunday afternoon at the same hour that the canvass was made at South Paris and Norway.

Mrs. M. C. Snow closed her home here and went to Portland Monday.

Mrs. Alonzo Pomeroy has returned home after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Margaret Thompson, in Buckfield.

Dan Winslow is cutting out trees and making other improvements at the Miss Ford place. Mr. Winslow expects to go away for the winter soon.

The annual meeting of the Sumner and Paris Telephone and Telegraph Co. will be held at the Forbes school house next Saturday, Nov. 24, at 10 o'clock A. M.

West Sumner.

Mrs. Herbert Barrows had the misfortune to fall down her cellar stairs, and was hurt badly.

The many friends of Lynn J. Farrar and bride are extending congratulations on their marriage on Nov. 4th.

Mrs. James Boyle received a telephone message to come to Livermore Falls immediately as her mother, Mrs. Isabelle McAllister, was sick unto death.

Nov. 24th, The Ladies' Aid will have a sheet and pillow slip masquerade dance. Ice cream and cake will be served. Music by Shaw and True. All are cordially invited.

Alphonso D. Hazelton has returned from the hospital. He was in an accident with a runaway team.

Mrs. Frank Scudder is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Glover.

Mr. Stone of Hebron will be the new operator at the telephone office.

West Sumner is in the grip of a sugar famine.

One hundred and fifty-three Sumner ladies have become members of the U. S. Food Administration.

Gilman W. Heath, the oldest man in town, was found unconscious in bed Saturday morning, the 10th, and lived only seven days, dying on the 17th, at the age of 89 years. He was born in Buckfield but has spent most of his life in Sumner. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Eva Lunt of Buckfield and Miss Ada Heath, also of that town, and one son, Herbert T. Heath of this town.

East Sumner.

Orra H. Bumpus of South Paris was in town a day or two last week calling on old acquaintances. Mr. Bumpus and family, consisting of his wife and her parents, Winslow Richardson and wife, were former residents at East Sumner, and moved to South Paris in 1883. Mr. Bumpus is now the only one left of the family.

W. H. Eastman has officiated in the post office several days during the illness of Postmaster Palmer and family.

Several ladies are knitting for the Buckfield branch of the Red Cross, and thus aiding and comforting the loyal, brave boys who are trying to save our republic from the encroachments of German autocracy. A most patriotic work characteristic of the loyal people of Sumner and vicinity. "Is Sparta dead?" Not by a long chalk!

Oxford.

Rev. Malcolm MacKay has finished his pastorate with the Congregational church at Oxford, and has gone to Calais, Vt. He preached his farewell sermon Sunday morning. Mr. MacKay spoke of the spirit of harmony and friendship which had prevailed during his five years' pastorate, and his appreciation of the kindness shown during his recent illness and his regret in severing the ties which bound him to his people.

The Congregational and Methodist churches joined in a surprise reception given at the parish house Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. MacKay were presented with an eiderdown puff and a year's subscription to a magazine. The presentation speech was made by Dr. Holden, superintendent of schools. He spoke of the kindness and courtesy of Mr. MacKay in his intercourse with the school officials and pupils. In reply Mr. MacKay spoke warmly of his pleasant friendships formed here and his regret at parting from his many friends. A large number were present. A short musical and literary program was followed by refreshments of ice cream, cake, etc.

Mrs. Louisa Richmond will go to Kentucky for the winter with her niece, Mrs. Ray Philip Hall.

Mrs. Lina Carr will spend the winter in New York with her daughter.

A clam chowder sale was held at the M. E. vestry Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Lovejoy have gone to Boston, where he has work as a janitor. Mrs. Francina Rayse has moved into the rent vacated by them.

Dickvale.

Mr. Wardwell of Lewiston has a crew here on his wild land cutting wood and timber. He has hired the use of the lumber mill, and is going to make needed repairs and do business there.

Mrs. Bernard Putnam remains quite poorly.

Mildred Tracy is in Woodstock helping a family who are sick with measles.

Maurice Tracy is at work for C. M. White.

Nathan Flagg is cutting wood for A. C. Hammond.

Born in Dixfield Nov. 14, to the wife of Gerald Tracy, a son, 7 pounds.

Locke's Mills.

Mrs. C. B. Tebbets returned Thursday from Durham, where she had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Engleman.

Mrs. Annie Emery is caring for Mrs. Ralph Richardson and baby at East Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Swan, Miss Georgia Crockett and Walter Gordon were Sunday guests at Abbie Trask's and Lola Foster's.

Little Lydia, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cummings, has cut her knee by falling on an axe while at play in the yard.

Mrs. Lizzie Tebbets of Auburn was in town last week.

Herbert Day is having a garage built. Azel Bryant is doing the work.

C. B. Tebbets and Charles Stowell were at Redding last Thursday.

South Sumner.

Mrs. Thomas is caring for Beryl Russell, who is ill with measles.

School closed Friday, after a very successful term taught by Mrs. Alice Turner.

Quite a number of the high school students are very ill with measles.

Mrs. Emma Chaffin has returned home. Her son, Bonney Chaffin, who has been honorably discharged from the army, is staying with her.

R. D. Tuttle recently purchased a nice cow.

Wm. Tuttle has finished packing apples for F. A. Ricker, and returned to his home in Paris.

Bethel.

According to the report of the treasurer of the Bethel Red Cross Auxiliary Nov. 1, that body has raised up to that date a total of $982 52, and now has a balance on hand of $164.23.

A military whist party for the benefit of the Red Cross was held in Grange Hall Friday evening. Refreshments were served in which no sugar was used.

Miss Mary B. Merrill went Wednesday to Boston for a stay of a few days.

Ernest Blabee has gone to Berlin, N. H., where he has employment with the Berlin Mills Co.

Rev. Ralph F. Lowe of Rumford will assist in the special meetings to be held at the Methodist church this week. Miss Blackington, supervisor of music in the Bethel schools, will be the special singer at the meetings.

An informal reception was given Miss Blackington by the social committee of the Parent-Teacher Association at the brick school house Thursday evening.

Elmer Tebbitts of Braintree, Mass., is visiting his brother, Fred T. Tibbetts.

MIDDLE INTERVALE.

W. E. Benscoter, superintendent of schools, and Miss Blackington, director of music in Bethel schools, recently visited the school here.

H. A. Packard was visiting his sister, Mrs. E. P. Kimball.

John Carter, Jr., of Quebec, spent a few days with his family and father here.

Mr. Gilbert from Livermore Falls spent a few days with L. C. Stevens.

Mrs. Harold Powers has taken O. A. Buck's horse Maggie for the winter.

B. W. Kimball is working for H. Carter.

Mrs. Mary Wiley is at her old home here.

Robert Farwell has been plowing for C. Kimball.

Moses Davis and Ernest Buck are shipping apples to Berlin.

L. C. Stevens is going into the woods soon.

Lawrence Kimball is working on the Maple and Pine Farm.

Mrs. Dana Hall spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. L. U. Bartlett, down river.

E. M. Carter was at his home recently.

Edward Bouchard from Berlin is hauling wood from the Bosworth wood yard and shipping it to Berlin. He also has bought some wood from the Maple and Pine Farm.

Norman Dudley is working for E. Annis.

West Bethel.

"November woods are bare and still;
November days are bright and good;
Life's noon burns up life's morning chill;
Life's night rests feet which long have stood;
Some warm, soft bed, in field or wood,
The mother will not fail to keep,
Where we can lay us 'down to sleep'."

"To be content!
This is the best.
Life's sun and storm are blent
And both are blest.
All glory, love and joy that soul secures,
Who strives, who overcomes and who endures.
For God is all and you with Him are rife—
Know this and you have gained the goal of Life.
Take you this blessing that is heaven-sent
And be content.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Crouse are the happy parents of a bouncing boy born Nov. 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Griffin of Portland visited Mrs. Elaina Coffin and Mrs. Sarah Brown on Saturday last.

Elbert Briggs came up from Yarmouth Friday and visited his father and eldest brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Martin and children of Norway visited G. Dana Morrill and family last week.

Deer are warned of the approach of hunters by the rustling of dry leaves, and few will be killed before snow falls.

We are reminded that "Old Time is still a-flying" by receiving the Maine Farmer's Almanac for 1918.

Bryant's Pond.

Benjamin Vittum and wife arrived this week from Tamworth, N. H., to visit at the home of Frank Cushman. About Dec. 1st they will go to the western country, intending to locate in Oklahoma.

Miss Lena M. Felt has been visiting this week at Greenfield and Athol, Mass., and also making a trip as far as Troy, N. Y.

Mark C. Allen shipped a carload of cider apples Wednesday to New York city. R. L. Cummings is also loading several carloads of winter apples at this station.

George G. Judkins has closed his house at North Woodstock and moved to Dixfield village, occupying the Towle rent on Main Street.

A foundation is being laid for an ice house at the summer cottage of Arthur C. Ricker.

Mrs. Lizzie M., wife of Frank Lane, died at her home at 91 Lancaster Street, Portland, Nov. 13, aged 59. She was a daughter of Amos S. and Jenett (Perham) Bryant of this village and a sister of Mrs. Georgia E. Hayden, whose death occurred in Portland last week. They were the last two surviving children of the family, a younger sister, Mrs. Ada A. Sawyer, having died in that city in the fall of 1892.

North Hartford.

Albert Davenport, who has been assisting his brother, John Davenport, in shingling his barn, has finished work and is now packing apples for James Suckles of Sumner.

Walter Henry is working for Mrs. Leavia Buxton.

Edith Andrews is boarding at Edna Fuller's and attending school at Tyler Corner.

Ernest Bragg has sold his farm, and he and his family will move to Leeds soon, where they will make their future home.

Sunday callers at the home of John Davenport were Fred and Howard Henry, Percy Davenport, Henry Richardson of Canton, J. H. Blanchard and son Daniel of East Auburn, Albert Elkins of Jackson, N. H., and Mr. Wagner of Canton Point.

Mrs. Ruth Hillier has returned to her home in Auburn after making an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Henry.

W. B. West has gone to Cambridge, Mass., on a short visit.

Effie Davenport was in East Sumner on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport were Sunday guests at the home of F. R. Sargent.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry and daughter Phila, who have been visiting relatives in Lewiston, have returned home.

Irene Stetson was the Wednesday guest of Mabel Davenport.

Francis Sargent has had his old horse, known as "Mayflower," laid at rest, and has a new horse to take her place.

John Davenport was the Tuesday night guest of his uncle, Sherman Davenport of Sumner.

Effie Davenport was a recent guest of Leavia Buxton.

Edith Andrews has been unable to attend school for the past few days, owing to a large abscess on her arm which has required the services of a physician, but is much better at this writing.

Mrs. Lina Jones has gone to Lowell, Mass., to visit her sister, Lizzie Allen.

Mrs. Estella Bartlett and daughter Carrie are guests of Mrs. S. B. I. Lucas.

Jonathan Holmes has returned to his home in Cambridge, Mass., after visiting relatives here.

Harold Parsons shot a deer in Walter Farrar's pasture Monday morning.

Mrs. Nellie Gammon went to Lewiston Monday with her little twin boy, who is suffering with a rupture and is in a run-down condition.

Percy Davenport is working for his father, J. Davenport.

Hazel Gammon was the Wednesday guest of Wilma Davenport.

Andover.

"Bluemont Inn" is closed for the winter.

R. L. Melcher of Rumford was in town recently.

The funeral services of Robert Hewey were held Sunday in the Congregational church, Rev. Mr. Bergh officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles York of Waterford have moved into B. L. Akers' house. Mr. York will work in the new spool mill.

Philip and Ray Learned each shot a bear recently.

Victor Akers has returned to his home after working at the Lakes a number of weeks.

Buckfield.

Rev. W. H. Lakin, pastor of the Buckfield Baptist church, read his resignation at the close of the morning service Sunday, Nov. 11, to take effect Nov. 18, having accepted a call to a church in Warren, Maine. Mr. Lakin came to this church a year ago from Montville, Ct., and has served the church acceptably.

The Ladies' Mission Circle met with Mrs. C. T. Bowen Monday afternoon.

Howard Holmes is making extensive improvements around the Thompson place, lately purchased by him.

W. H. Bridgham has sold his farm in Hartford near the Buckfield line to Sumner DeCoster.

E. H. Libby, secretary of the State Grange, was here with Buckfield Grange Saturday, Nov. 17th, for an all-day meeting.

Hebron.

Miss Hodsdon spent Sunday at her home in North Yarmouth.

Two young ladies, "The Sunbeams," from the White Bureau, Boston, gave a very interesting entertainment here last week, consisting of readings, music and songs from Dixie.

H. K. Stearns and family went to Bethel Sunday to visit his mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cantello were in Portland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Gurney went to Portland Tuesday.

Miss Myrtle Scothorne, who has been at F. E. Gurney's for a few days, returned to her home in Norway this week.

Mrs. Ina Silver Farrar of West Peru, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Ethel Philbrick, went home Tuesday. Mrs. Farrar is a graduate from the Academy here.

Mrs. Sargent has been in Massachusetts instead of Portland as reported last week.

We were the guest of Prof. and Mrs. Field Tuesday afternoon at their home in J. D. Long Cottage. Everything about the place is beautiful, and the cottage well worthy of the name. While there we saw a student, Fred Hall of Bangor, climb to the top of the flag staff to adjust the rope which was out of place.

Mrs. Cornelia Moody and Frank went to Lewiston Tuesday.

Senator Fernald spoke here Wednesday evening on the war conditions.

Is this Indian summer?

"If we had watched some loving life die out,
And shut the lid down on the glazing eye,
And felt the ache which pierces the sad heart
In the first loneness of its agony!
If in that moment when the soul was strained
To catch the gone one—the dear hand should rise,
The eyes unclose, the soul give one last look,
And then die out, indeed!
Were like to thee,
Oh, sweet, last smile from the dead summer's face."

Brownfield.

Mr. and Mrs. George Trumbull of Denmark were visitors Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clemens.

Mrs. Chandler is the guest of her grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Blake, at East Brownfield.

Herbert Gilman of Dover, N. H., was in town Tuesday calling on friends.

The food conservation committee have finished their canvass, with 218 signatures out of 228 families.

News has been received of the marriage of Raymond Ham and Susie Garland. Mr. Ham is a soldier boy of this village. He went from Westfield to Boston Nov. 5th, to meet his bride elect, where they were married.

Our postmaster, F. G. Ham, and Dr. Fitch are laboring hard cutting wood for their winter use. Wood is a very scarce article in this town; also sugar, not a pound to be had in town—makes it rather trying for coffee drinkers.

North Buckfield.

Roy Buswell and family have gone to Chatham, N. H., where he has a job.

Fred Scott is going to move into the B. S. Record rent.

Mrs. M. S. Record is at Mrs. Jane Heald's for the winter.

W. E. Warren has bought a horse of Roy Briggs.

It is reported that P. M. Bennett will move into George Record's rent for the winter.

Mrs. M. A. Warren has been visiting in Auburn.

There will be a dance at Grange Hall Nov. 23. Music by Shaw and True. Oyster supper.

G. A. Holmes has purchased a horse of N. E. Bessey.

There will be an all-day meeting of Mountain Grange Nov. 17. State Overseer John Abbott will be present.

Norway Lake.

Mrs. Asa Frost submitted to a severe surgical operation Thursday, at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kneeland and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kneeland and daughter Lucille, of Harrison, visited at Walter Pride's Sunday.

Clarissa Olmstead, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Olmstead, died Thursday, the 8th, from scarlet fever.

School has been closed this week because of the case of scarlet fever though no other cases have broken out.

Alton Frost of Boston and Mrs. Will Wood of Bridgton are here, called by the illness of their mother, Mrs. A. D. Frost.

Lizzie Gammon spent the day Tuesday at A. D. Frost's.

Mrs. A. D. Kilgore, who has been visiting in New Hampshire for a week, returned Wednesday.

Albert Olmstead and family of Augusta, who have been at W. J. Olmstead's for a week or two, have moved to the village.

Little Eileen Dulles is ill.

Mrs. George Meader and little daughter of Norway have been visiting at Ralph Flood's.

North Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. York have moved to Andover. He had his old family horse laid away before going.

Mrs. Bert G. McIntire canvassed this town for the food administration, and found but very few unwilling to sign the card.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hamlin and baby visited her sister, Mrs. Henry Durgin, Sunday.

Merton Hobson seems to be gaining for a few days.

John Grover and family are going into camp this winter.

John Joscelyn of Harrison is a guest of his daughter, Mrs. Guy Morse.

There is a small attendance at the schools on account of the measles scare.

Mrs. M. S. Cleveland has gone to her home in Norway.

Mrs. Henry Durgin and daughter Dorothy spent Tuesday with Annie Hazelton.

Louise Lord has had the measles.

George Hobson is having his house newly clapboarded.

East Brownfield.

The State President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Althea G. Quimby, spent Tuesday with Miss Isabel H. Stickney at the New Uberty. She like all temperance workers is much rejoiced at the recent victories. The day of national prohibition is drawing near, as well as equal suffrage.

The G. A. R. Circle hold a baked bean supper at the hall this Thursday evening.

The Congregational circle met with Mrs. Dr. Marston on Wednesday.

The result of the food conservation canvass is closed, and the result very satisfactory, but few refused to sign.

A large amount of wood is being prepared in view of the shortage of coal.

Wilson's Mills.

Eight autos went through here Nov. 4th loaded with men for the Berlin Mills camps above here, and, those who run autos here have a busy time carrying them back to Berlin in a few days.

Azel Wilson was called to Lewiston to see his father, Ransom B. Wilson, who is very ill in the hospital.

A fur trader from Bethel bought Elwyn Storey's bear.

E. S. Bennett has been on a trip to Umbagog Lake.

Elwyn Storey, who has been guiding the Cass party from Haverhill, is now at home. His party got three deer.

News of the death of Ransom B. Wilson was received here the last of the week. Funeral and burial at Errol Nov. 11th.

Mrs. Clinton Bennett is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cameron, for a few days.

West Paris.

The Good Will Society of the Universalist church will hold their annual sale, chicken pie supper and entertainment Wednesday afternoon and evening, Nov. 21, at the church. Sale will consist of a fine line of fancy and work aprons, pop-corn, peanuts, and a variety of useful and fancy things too numerous to mention. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 7 P. M., and will consist of chicken pies, mashed potatoes, pickles, bread, butter, custard, lemon and other varieties of pies, assorted cakes, coffee and tea. The entertainment will consist of the popular two-act comedy, "Johnny's New Suit," with cast as follows:

Mrs. Silas Larkin, mother of growing boy, ... Mrs. Leona P. Ridlon
Johnny Larkin, the boy ..... Carroll A. Bacon
Mrs. Albert Spencer, a neighbor ..... Laura Barden
Deacon Rice (Judge) ..... Edwin J. Bacon
Miss Miranda Brown, president of Rhetorical Society ..... Elinor H. Mann

Contestants for the prize who will give readings and vocal solos will be Belle Dolley, Alice Welch, Alice C. Wood, Addie Mann, Abner Mann, Harold Perham, Phila Mayhew, Mary Stetson, Earl Bacon. Other good talent has been secured for this bright and funny performance. Vocal and instrumental music between the acts. The high school orchestra will be one of the pleasing musical features. Supper, 35 cents; entertainment, 15 cents; supper and entertainment, 45 cents. Children under 10, supper and entertainment, 25 cents.

The Red Cross will hold their meetings Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 2 o'clock in the Paris Manufacturing Co.'s office. This room is clean, heated and very light. Anyone having a chair that is not in use please send to the room. The Red Cross wish to thank the Grange for their kindness, and hope they can return in the good old summer time if the war continues. Forty Christmas packages were sent to the Red Cross in Boston, and Christmas packages were sent across to William Swan, Leon Martin, James Abbott, Harold Jackson, Arthur Flavin, Wright Flavin, William Silver, Roy Young, Roy Perham, Alfred Andrews, Lorenzo Littlehale, Roy Herrick. The Christmas packages for the five navy boys will be sent soon. Also thirty more were sent to the Red Cross. From headquarters New England Division came the word that the demand for sweaters and surgical dressings is tremendous.

Dr. and Mrs. Baldwin and son Marshall of Portland motored to West Paris Sunday of last week and were guests of her father, A. E. Marshall, and family. Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Briggs accompanied them and were guests of Mrs. Briggs' mother, Mrs. Sara E. Curtis.

Perley Farrington is moving his family from H. W. Dunham's rent to A. R. Tuell's rent recently vacated by Mrs. Bessie Small, who has moved to the Dean house at Trap Corner.

There was an all-day meeting Saturday of West Paris Grange. A harvest dinner and supper was served. E. H. Libby, State Secretary, and C. O. Purinton, State Lecturer, were present and gave very interesting addresses. The afternoon meeting was open to the public.

Mrs. Maude Mann of South Paris was the guest of Mrs. L. H. Penley Tuesday night.

Dance at Centennial Hall Thursday evening of this week, Nov. 22. Music by Shaw and True. Prizes for lucky number waltz.

Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Bean went to Paris Sunday. Sewall Pingree went with them to spend the week with Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Lord.

Eugene Chayer is moving to Walker's Mills. George Connor hauled a load of goods for them.

Lila Connor is visiting Helen Beckler, as they are having a vacation. The teacher went home Friday.

Mrs. Betsy Cross went on an auto ride Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Inez Cummings.

Messrs. Eastman and Stearns are still looking over the land for a new valuation.

Allen Cummings' horse that was sick is better.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lord returned home to Paris Friday.

We are enjoying what we call an Indian summer just now. We hope for a good long season of it.

Hunt's Corner seems to be all stirred up of late. Will Grover, who has been renting the late Dea. Lovejoy place, has bought the J. F. Guptill place near the Town Hall, and moved his family into the upper part of the house, and rented Lincoln Holmes the first floor. Mr. Holmes has moved in for the winter, and will help Grover move 300 cords of pulp wood from the Pine Hill lot so called, for Fred Littlefield.

Arthur Andrews has purchased the Dexter A. Cummings place, so called, of Robert York, who will return to Norway.

Amos L. Bean and wife went to the Bog last week on a deer hunt, and on their home trip to Auburn they called on his father and mother and left them a liberal slice of deer meat. They also served his brother Herbert the same way. We saw a fine deer left in the auto, presumed to be held for family use.

We had business at H. I Bean's store one evening, and thought business was good. We saw Mr. Bean pay one young hunter over $100 cash for his fall's work in the trapping line. We think there were 10 foxes, 16 rats, 3 mink, 2 coons. We think that was a good job for a youngster, so take the liberty to give his name, Ivan Morey.

Apples are all harvested and mostly marketed.

Hiram.

Mrs. Mary E. Young is confined to her bed by lameness.

Mrs. Lydia Gilman died Nov. 6th, aged about 60 years. She was a daughter of the late Royal and Caroline McLucas.

Lieut. John W. Hubbard of Fryeburg has removed to his native village, and bought the beautiful summer home of Mrs. Andrew P. Cram. He was in past years selectman, treasurer and postmaster in Hiram. His many friends gladly welcome his return. He is visited by Mrs. Alexander Bradford, of Dorchester, Mass.

Llewellyn A. Wadsworth was kindly remembered on the 79th anniversary of his birth, Nov. 13th, by thirty-four of his friends. He celebrated the day harrowing in rye with an ox-team.

The town of Hiram is still without a clergyman, physician, or lawyer. John B. Pike, Esq., does not practice law now.

Mrs. Minnie H. McLaren, who has passed the summer with her sister, Mrs. John B. Pike, has returned to her home in Alhambra, California.

W. L. Earley has sold two of the old spool mills to Alson W. Goodwin of Garland, writes the Sebec Lake correspondent of the Piscataquis Observer. Mr. Goodwin is now taking them down and will move the lumber to Dover, where we understand it will be used to build a garage. At one time these mills were one of the most thriving and up-to-date industries in Piscataquis county. It was in them that the first electric lights used for commercial purposes in the State of Maine were turned on in the fall of 1880. At one time, also, the telephone farthest north was used in these mills.

An Androscoggin County man was recently awarded a verdict of $250 in a suit for alienation of his wife's affections, although the wife testified that no affections had been alienated, because none had existed for many years.

When baby suffers with eczema or some itching skin trouble, use Doan's Ointment. A little of it goes a long way and it is safe for children.

NOTICE.

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

In the matter of OSCAR U. SULLIVAN, of Rumford, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Oscar U. Sullivan of Rumford, in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of November, A. D. 1917, the said Oscar U. Sullivan was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the Referee, No. 3 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, on the 5th day of December, A. D. 1917, 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, Nov. 17, 1917.

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The Oxford Democrat.

South Paris, Maine, November 20, 1917

SOUTH PARIS.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Harold Bates of East Rochester, N. H., were in town Friday.

Herbert F. Hall of Kansas City recently spent a day at South Paris, his former home.

Mrs. James H. Clark went Saturday to the hospital in Lewiston for surgical treatment.

Mrs. Ralph Perkins and Miss Marie Newton visited at Bethel during the past week.

Mrs. William Lewallen of Alna is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Swett.

Robert L. Whittle went Thursday to Island Pond, Vt., to take a job as brakeman on the Grand Trunk.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton C. Wheeler entertained a rook party of five tables at their home on Porter Street Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Parker are at Levi Richardson's in Norway for a few weeks, and Mr. Parker is working in the woods there.

Frank L. Dow has been away during the past week on a hunting trip, and Mrs. Dow meanwhile visited at North Paris.

Sumner E. Tucker has sold to Alton C. Maxim the house on Skillings Avenue which is occupied by W. W. Swett and family.

Judge E. M. Stevens of Lynn, Mass., was a guest at A. E. Morse's for a few days last week, and met many old friends.

The Ladies' Social Union will hold an important meeting for work preliminary to the annual fair in the church parlor Wednesday at 2:30 P. M.

Mrs. Charles E. Merrill went Thursday to Patten after her daughter, who has been with her grandparents in that town for a number of weeks.

Mrs. Lizzie Palmer of Pownal and her daughter, Mrs. Albert Richardson of Rochester, N. Y., are guests of Mrs. Palmer's sister, Mrs. John M. Murch.

A still alarm was given Wednesday for a burning chimney in the house of Mrs. Louise Durgin. Fire Chief Charles W. Bowker had it soon cared for, with no damage.

Mrs. M. L. Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. North, and her family, who have lived for some years in the second house on the North farm, have moved to Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Dudley are making quite extensive improvements on the house at their farm, including the enlargement of the cellar, and a pressure tank water system, with bath room, set tubs, hot air furnace, etc.

News has been received of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. S. Kaspar Wight of Columbus, O., on the 6th inst. Mrs. Wight was formerly Miss Florence Richardson of South Paris. The child has been christened Kathryn Marjorie.

Through the real estate agency of Charles E. Merrill, a wood lot of between eighty and a hundred acres on the J. H. Bumpus farm in the southeastern part of the town has been sold by the owners, Mrs. J. H. Bumpus and Mrs. J. P. Penley, to J. A. Kenney.

The special town meeting will be held as announced, next Saturday at 2 P. M., in New Hall. The sole purpose of the meeting is to see if the town will raise a sum sufficient to pay the outstanding highway bills, authorize the treasurer to hire the amount, and place in the assessment for 1918.

Thirty-six Christmas packages have been sent across the water by the Service League. They were addressed to First Lieut. Guy I. Swett to be distributed by him to the boys from this vicinity. Each package contained pipe and tobacco, sweet chocolate, hard candy and wafers.

The new fire station on Pine Street is being painted drab with slate trimmings—or, if it was a nice residence, the colors would probably be called pearl gray and Scotch gray or something of that sort. Anyway, the colors harmonize well with the asphalt shingles which are used on the roof and give a good general effect.

A percentage of the receipts of the Tuesday evening show at the Savoy Theatre will be given by Mr. Bragdon to the Service League. The picture to be shown is "Miss George Washington," which was recently shown in a neighboring town. It is a comedy, and is said by those who have seen it to be one of the best.

On Wednesday the Christmas smokes for the boys of Co. D, paid for by subscription of the citizens, were shipped from the store of the Chas. H. Howard Co. by express to the New York navy yard, to be forwarded to the company. There were several boxes, addressed to Lieut. Guy I. Swett. The shipment included 300 tins of tobacco, 650 cigars, and 4950 cigarettes.

As was announced in the Democrat last week as possible, an egg-laying contest will be held in connection with the coming show of the Western Maine Poultry Association, provided there are sufficient entries. Prizes to the amount of $28.00 will be awarded. The contest will be by pens of six birds for a period of six days, beginning on Saturday preceding the opening of the show on Tuesday.

Sheriff Harry D. Cole was in Portland Friday to attend a conference to secure cooperation between federal and state officials to prevent the bringing of liquor into Maine. Among those who were in conference were Governor Milliken, Collector Charles M. Sleeper of the Portland customs district, United States District Attorney Merrill, and the sheriffs of the several counties bordering on New Hampshire and New Brunswick.

It is a matter of light pleasantry, and at the same time a testimony of the zeal of the officers, that Sheriff Cole and two of his deputies, while patrolling the roads for rum smugglers "somewhere in Maine" a few nights ago, were held up by another deputy sheriff, who was out on the same business. Other law-abiding citizens not in official position, whose business happened to bring them home from a New Hampshire town in the night, were also held up.

An alternation in the decree of divorce in the case of Mary G. Maxim vs. Harry E. Maxim was made last week in the Cumberland Superior Court. By the original decree, the custody of the minor children, Frank B. and Philip E. Maxim, was given jointly to the mother and the grandfather, Franklin Maxim of South Paris, with certain restrictions as to where they were to reside. By the amended decree, the boys are given to the custody of the grandfather alone. Alton C. Wheeler appeared for Mr. Maxim in the Cumberland court.

An enjoyable affair was the annual reception of the W. C. T. U. to the teachers, which was held at the Baptist vestry Tuesday evening. Fifteen teachers were present, besides the members of the senior class in the high school, who were specially invited, and a good number of the parents. The decorations used were patriotic in design. Mrs. E. N. Haskell was chairman of the entertainment committee, and presided at the program which was given. Mrs. M. C. Joy gave the address of welcome, and the response was by Principal Arthur Foster of the high school. A good talk was given by Alton C. Wheeler on the attitude of appreciation which the community should maintain toward the teachers. Other numbers on the program were selections by the Schubert Quartette, Mrs. H. E. Wilson, Mrs. Alton C. Wheeler, Mrs. Luella C. Smiley and Mrs. Stella W. Burnham; a mandolin quartette by Mrs. Alta Rankin, Miss Agnes Fogg, Miss Ethel Crockett and Miss Sara Coffin, with Miss Nina Butterfield pianist; a solo by Miss Emma West, accompanied by Mrs. Agnes L. Morton; and the reading of "Hannah Jane" by Miss Eva E. Walker. No refreshments were served.

Miss Muriel Bowker was at home over Sunday from Gorham Normal School.

Hamlin Lodge, K. of P., will work the rank of Knight at the meeting next Friday evening.

Mrs. L. W. Jack of Woodfords was the guest of her brother, N. D. Bolster, Friday and Saturday.

Albert Morse is here from Ellsworth to visit his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Morse, who is in poor heath.

F. R. Gleason and family have moved from Sumner into the George P. Tucker house on Park Street.

Miss Ella Billings of Freeport was the guest of her sister, Miss Lulu Billings, at Mrs. George H. Davis' last week.

The ladies of the Congregational church are asked to have their red letter calendars ready the first week in December.

Freeland E. Witham and family of Mechanic Falls have been spending the past week with his mother, Mrs. Harriet Witham.

The annual Thanksgiving concert will be given at the Congregational church Sunday evening, Nov. 25th, at 7 o'clock. Silver offering as usual.

There will be a meeting for work of the members of the Fan Tan Club who are to be workers in the Ladies' Sewing Club, on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 20th.

The Ladies' Whist Club will meet this week with Mrs. F. N. Wright. On account of other events, the meeting will be on Wednesday afternoon instead of the regular day Thursday.

Harrington Mann is here with Mrs. Mann for a week from the Maine Sanatorium at Hebron. Mr. Mann has been for some time at the sanatorium, and has improved materially in health.

Andrew Eastman of Albany, who was at George F. Eastman's a short time last week, has enlisted in the army aviation corps, and is ordered to Princeton, N. J., to begin training at once. He left for that place Saturday.

There will be a Thanksgiving sale at Paris Grange Hall, Nov. 27th beginning at 2 P. M. There will be on sale fruit, vegetables, chicken, food, aprons, etc. Be sure and remember the date, and plan to do your Thanksgiving shopping at this time.

The delay in the delivery of the First Liberty Loan bonds continues. The banks are now informed that no deliveries of 4 per cent bonds in exchange for interim certificates of the 3 1-2 per cent bonds can be made before December 15th and then only as fast as they can be issued by the Government.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Swett expect to start next Monday for Moab, Utah, to spend at least the winter with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Locke. Mrs. Locke, their daughter, is not in good health. Moab is in southern Utah, thirty-five miles from the railroad. Mr. Locke has an important position in the United States forestry service.

Neville S. Burnet, who has lived in Oxford Park for some years, has purchased the double tenement house of Charles M. Johnson at the corner of Myrtle and Spring Streets. One tenement is now occupied by Mr. Burnet's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Doten, and the Burnets will move into the other tenement.

The members of Mrs. Ordway's class in the Methodist Sunday School met at her house Saturday afternoon and organized under the name of "Sunbeams." There were eleven members present, and the following officers were chosen:

Pres.—Hester Ordway.
Vice-Pres.—Cathleen Small.
Sec.—Laura Brooks.
Treas.—Marjorie Edwards.

Maurice L. Noyes and family are to move from the farm into the Holt house on Park Street, which Mr. Noyes purchased some time since. Quite extensive repairs and improvements will be made on the house before they go into it. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bowker, who have been living in the house, are now in a rent in the Hersey house on Main Street.

Almon Churchill has exchanged his place on Hill Street with Stillman S. Wyman of North Leeds for the latter's farm at that place, and the families expect to make the move this week. The farm acquired by Mr. Churchill is of about 190 acres, with a good lot of wood and timber besides tillage, lying along the Maine Central Railroad and only a short distance from the North Leeds station of that road.

The South Paris women who are interested in woman suffrage are delighted to have had again the pleasure of listening to Miss Lola Walker. Miss Walker, who was here in the summer and organized the town committees, was in town again Saturday and addressed an enthusiastic audience in the grand jury room at the court house. She had just come from the successful campaign in New York, and spoke in a most interesting manner of the work there. She brought, also, messages from the leaders of the National Association, and told of the work already going forward toward procuring the national amendment. At the close of the address it was agreed unanimously by those present to support the following pledge:—"We pledge our support to the Maine Suffrage Association, and to the non-partisan policy of the National American Woman Suffrage Association in their work toward the immediate submission of a suffrage federal amendment."

While the housewives of South Paris are most of them members of the Food Administration and carrying out its suggestions more or less fully in their homes, food conservation is also apparent in the social functions of greater or less importance. Clubs and parties where it has been the custom to serve rather elaborately have materially reduced and simplified the refreshments which are part of the program. The rook parties, where the players have been accustomed along with their playing to munch candy of high grade to an extent which left a dark brown taste in the mouth, are now bone dry as far as refreshments are concerned. The home-made candy table, so long a *sine qua non* of a church fair, was omitted from the fair of the Baptist ladies last Thursday, and will be omitted at the Universalist fair on Thursday of this week. The reception of the W. C. T. U. to the teachers last week was eatless, and the traditions have been departed from in numerous other ways, to the saving of food and doubtless in many cases to the benefit of the physical health.

The Kupple Klub met Friday evening with Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Merrill, when four tables were filled at rook. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Foster and Morton V. Bolster were guests for the evening, and took the place of absent members in the playing. This club is composed of eight couples of young married people. In assigning them their starting positions for the evening each of the ladies was given by the hostess a card containing a verse which indicated her partner. The eight verses were as follows:

No. 1.

A youth and a maiden were strolling along,
Seeking adventures bold.
The bashful boy and the merry maid
Were surely a "*Jog*" to behold.

No. 2.

They wandered down toward a lake.
Upon its waters blue,
Looking like toys upon the waves,
Some "*Briggs*" appeared in view.

No. 3.

They saw a man beside a horse,
Giving him a pill.
They asked him then in anxious tones,
"Why Doctor, is your '*Mare-ill*?'"

No. 4.

"Yes," he replied, in accents sad,
"His manner of eating is crude—
For when in a hurry, he often fails
To '*Fletcher*' his his food."

No. 5.

They came upon another horse
At the foot of a long, steep hill.
"Why," said they, "*C. F.*," (see) they cried,
"Here is another '*Mare-ill*'."

No. 6.

"How will you get him home?" they asked;
"Its such a long, hard trip."
"Oh, get me a couple of wheel-'*Barrows*'."
He said as he took up his grip.

No. 7.

"But," they replied protestingly,
"We know not where they are sold."
"But me no '*Butts*'," he sternly said,
"Just go and do as you're told."

No. 8.

Here the tale ends. You see it's a fable,
Like an "*Other*" Optic book.
As soon as you're able, just hunt up your table,
And proceed at once to play rook.

A Lively Hour's Drive.

CAMPAIGN FOR LOCAL QUOTA OF Y. M. C. A. WAR RELIEF FUND.

Things were moving briskly for a while Sunday afternoon, when the work of raising the Paris and Norway quota of the Y. M. C. A. war relief fund was in progress. This work was in general charge of Alton C. Wheeler, local chairman, and the canvass was made between the hours of four and five Sunday afternoon.

Posters and flyers put out two or three days before had prepared the people for the call of the solicitors. The villages were divided into small districts, and an automobile assigned to each district. Each automobile carried besides the driver four or five collectors, who were to call at every house in their district. One car carried a load of the teachers, but most of them were scholars from the several Sunday Schools assigned to the work.

In South Paris the start was made from Deering Memorial Church, where sixteen automobiles were lined up against the curb before the starting hour. At the stroke of four the church bells were rung and the whistles blown, and the cars started.

As fast as their work was finished, the cars reported at the Paris Trust Co., where a force of clerks was engaged in counting the money and making up the totals.

The first car in was that of Carl P. Dunham, which had been assigned to Church, Myrtle and Spring Streets. This reported at the bank in twelve minutes after the start, with $28.42. Others were close behind. The last one in was Walter L. Gray, who with five solicitors had covered the village of Paris Hill, and arrived at 4:50.

In Norway the start was made from the Congregational church at the same hour, with some ten automobiles, and the money was reported at Norway National Bank.

The total for South Paris and Paris Hill for the hour's drive was $524.20; for Norway village, $259.31. Norway had previously contributed $240 for the Y. M. C. A. recreation fund in the same line.

The apportionment for the two towns is $1237.39, which is our part of the $35,000,000 fund. With a canvass still to be made of the business men and corporations, it is thought that the amount will be made good before the canvass closes Monday night.

Paris School Notes.

The prizes for the Julia A. Hammond spelling contest for the present year have been received from Charlotte F. Hammond, M. D., and the contest will be held early in the winter term, at the South Paris high school building. There is much interest in it, and it promises to be a better contest than last year's.

Next Saturday, Nov. 24, there will be a meeting of all teachers of Paris at the South Paris high school building, opening at 10:15 A. M. It is especially desired that all teachers be present. Matters of special interest will be presented and a good program will be carried out. Dinner will be served at Grange Hall. The teachers of Woodstock and Norway will be specially invited. It is possible, though not definitely known, that Senator B. M. Fernald may be here to address the teachers, in which case he will speak soon after dinner.

In the forenoon a general session will be held in the assembly room, with Superintendent Merlin C. Joy chairman. There will be music by the high school orchestra, an address on "Music in the Paris Schools" by Supervisor Grace E. Butcher, and an address by Miss Marion C. Ricker of Farmington, State Director of Household Arts.

The afternoon will be devoted to department sessions, with meetings in the several rooms.

Detailed afternoon program:

Grammar Group.
Miss Harriet Fogg, Chairman.
Class Room Methods in Reading. Miss Sara Coffin
Devices in Teaching Percentage,
Miss Alice Wetherell
What We are Doing in Nature Study,
Miss Ethel Brock
Supervision of the Noon and Recess Periods, general discussion.

Primary Group.
Miss Hattie Leach, Chairman.
Methods in Primary Reading. Miss Ethel Spiller
The Story Hour.....Miss Nina Butterfield
Primary Number Work...Miss Mary Cummings
Plans for Busy Work, general discussion.

Rural Group.
Mrs. Edna Cummings, Chairman.
The Rights of the Rural Child,
Miss Virginia Mixer
The School Improvement League,
Miss Alice Leonard
Improvement of School Grounds and the Noon Lunch, general discussion.

High School Group.
Prin. H. Arthur Foster, Chairman.
The Use of Current Literature in High School English.....Mrs. Alta Rankin
The Socialized Recitation...Prin. Diana J. Wall
Supervised Study, general discussion.

Whitman-Andrews.

There was a quiet wedding at Norway on Saturday evening, the 10th, when Evander Blake Whitman of Bethel and Miss Marion Eugenie Andrews of Norway were united in marriage by Rev. Robert J. Bruce of the Congregational church. The bride was gowned in white crepe de chine. The bridal couple were attended by Philip D. Wight of Gilead and Miss Ava Maude Andrews, a sister of the bride.

After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Whitman will reside on Mechanic Street, Bethel.

Mr. Whitman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Whitman of Bethel, and is one of the popular young men of the place. During the past summer he has been employed in the store of the L. W. Ramsell Co. The bride is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Andrews of Green Street, Norway. She graduated from Norway High School in the class of 1911, and has been for some time cashier in the store of Z. L. Merchant & Co. She is a member of Mt. Hope Rebekah Lodge, and of the Minerva Club.

Woodbury Cummings.

Woodbury Cummings died Thursday morning, Nov. 15, at the Soldiers' Home at Togus. Mr. Cummings was born in Paris May 5, 1837, the son of Joseph and Ruth (Thayer) Cummings. He was the youngest to live to maturity of a large family of children, and was the last survivor. He lived for some time at Locke's Mills, later was in the eastern part of the state for some years, and for a few years was in South Paris, going thence to the Home at Togus in 1909.

Mr. Cummings served in Co. F, 17th Maine Infantry, from July 16, 1862, to Feb. 24, 1863.

He was twice married, his first wife being Mary Hicks of Albany. After her death he was again married while residing in the eastern part of the state. He is survived by one son, Frank Cummings, who has lived at North Woodstock but is now across the water in one of the mill units raised this year, and two daughters. Another son was shot and killed a few years ago while hunting in the lake region. It was generally supposed that he was shot by mistake for a deer by some one who concealed the fact, though the mystery was never positively cleared up.

Alfred Rock.

Word was received Wednesday morning of the death in Lowell, Mass., early that morning, of Alfred Rock, a former resident of South Paris, and his son, William C. Rock, went to Lowell that afternoon and brought the remains to South Paris. The funeral was held at St. Catherine's Catholic church Saturday afternoon, and burial was in the family lot in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Rock leaves three sons, Alfred P., who is in the United States army, Arthur E., and William C. of South Paris, and one daughter, Miss Ida E., of South Paris. He was 59 years of age.

Annual Universalist Fair.

The annual fair of the Universalist parish will be held Thursday afternoon and evening, Nov. 22. A splendid array of useful articles will be on sale. The food table will be amply supplied, and promises to be one of the fair's pronounced features. Will all who have put up jars of vegetables, fruit or jelly for the fair as requested some weeks ago, kindly send in same Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning. There will be no candy table this year, but lots of molasses popcorn balls and home-made ice cream.

Marshall L. Wadsworth.

Mr. Marshall Lewis Wadsworth, a native and former selectman and prominent citizen of Hiram, where he had resided some 65 years, died in Greeley, Colorado, Oct. 27th, aged 81 years, 5 months, 1 day. After breakfast he went out upon the lawn, and his granddaughter, hearing an unusual sound, went and saw him faltering to fall. She called assistance, but he passed away immediately, probably from heart disease.

He was a son of the late Col. Charles and Sarah H. Wadsworth, and was a descendant from Gen. Peleg Wadsworth of Revolutionary fame: he also descended from Elder William Brewster, William Mullens and Capt. John Alden, Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock from the Mayflower in 1620, but his long and useful life, and pure, Christian character, could well rest upon their own merits. He was for many years a deacon in the Baptist church. He was named for his grandfather who was mortally wounded in the War of 1812. He was a practical and successful farmer, a good neighbor, and kind and faithful in all the relations of life. In times of misfortune his generous hand was prompt to render needed relief. He enlisted in the 27th Maine Regiment and was one of 330 officers and men who responded to the appeal of President Lincoln and Gen. Stanton and remained after their term of service expired to defend the National Capital, while the veteran troops were hurried to the battle of Gettysburg. For this they received medals from Congress.

He was married in 1867 to Miss Lavina A. Libby, who with her oldest son died some years ago. He was related to about one tenth of the inhabitants of Hiram, including his brother, Llewellyn A. Wadsworth of hiram, and his only son, Charles H. Wadsworth, with whom he resided, and who came with his remains to Cornish for interment in the family lot.

His funeral was held on Nov. 1st. Rev. M. Gerry Plummer spoke words of hope and consolation. A beautiful wreath of flowers was sent by the G. A. R. Post of Greeley, of which he had been Chaplain and Commander.

Hebron Students Raise $1000.

The students of Hebron Academy have strongly inculcated the tendency to heroic giving into their whole number. In a whirlwind campaign, that lasted a brief twenty-four hours, they raised the astounding sum of $914 for the Students' Friendship Fund for Y. M. C. A. war work. They still have until December 15 in which to make payment of the subscriptions, and it is the plan of the committee to make the sum an even $1000 before that date.

The campaign was organized by the local Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. jointly. Miss Helen Farquhar, national secretary of the Y. W. C. A. for colleges and secondary schools, launched the movement with the assistance of Prof. Paul Nixon and Mr. Carl McCormick of Bowdoin College. After interesting a small group of local workers, the promoters started the campaign in chapel Friday morning. At noon meetings were held in the various dormitories, pledge cards signed, and initial funds collected.

Not only is the raising of this money significant for the size of the sum; it is also a distinct honor to Hebron. Through the courtesy of David R. Porter, national secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Hebron was given the rare privilege of being the first school in Maine to contribute to this worthy cause. Hebron Academy has therefore set a mark to test the best efforts of all other Maine schools.

County Notes of Interest.

Presidential postmasters in the county commissioned, as announced last week, are Milford A. Waite, Canton; Redmond T. Flavin, West Paris.

A short strike by the girls in the mill of the Continental Paper Bag Co. at Rumford was terminated Monday, the company granting the demand of the girls for increase of pay, making it now $11.35. The same increase will be given to the girls in the envelope mill owned by the same company, though they made no demand.

Mrs. Mary E., wife of Elbert D. Hayford, died at her home in Farmingdale Sunday, the 11th. Her final illness was of about two weeks' duration, though she had not been strong for years. Mrs. Hayford was formerly of Canton, and was the daughter of Hon. Otis Hayford, who at an advanced age has made his home with her for the past few years. She is also survived by two brothers, besides her husband. The funeral was held on Wednesday, and the remains were taken to Canton for burial.

About the State.

John Foster, a member of a railroad work crew, was killed Tuesday near Houlton by going under the train in attempting to jump off a car.

William H. Littlefield, a grain merchant of Kennebunk, was fatally injured when an automobile in which he was riding was struck by an electric car near West Kennebunk Wednesday. He died in a hospital that night.

Enrollment at the University of Maine is 907, which is about 30 per cent more than was expected. Last year it was 1276. The three upper classes have been heavily affected by enlistments, but the entering class is large.

Several pupils at Ricker Classical Institute at Houlton have been suspended for two weeks on account of participating in hazing. The principal of the school, J. L. Dyer, at the beginning of the school year issued a warning against the hazing of freshmen.

A county farm bureau with a membership of 222 has been organized in Kennebec County. The objects of the bureau as stated make a little shorter list than the list of the purposes for which a corporation is formed under the Maine law. Bureaus are also to be organized in other Maine counties.

Three Bangor and two Orono boys recently had the honor of being photographed with King George of England and staff, being members of the American Foresty baseball nine which won the championship of London. They are Arthur Jones, catcher; Stewart Peckham, pitcher; L. Tait, sub., all of Bangor; P. Gilpatrick, shortstop, and F. Harding, second base, both of Orono. Each member of the winning team is to receive a gold cup, presented by Princess Louise.

A soldier, whose home is in a town adjoining Bangor, took a chance in dropping off a letter to his sister while being whizzed through Bangor by train at night recently. Knowing that he would be unable to see anybody here and desiring to send a message to his family while on the way to France, he threw a letter out of the car window addressed to his sister, hoping that whoever found it would have the common sense to mail it. A patrolman happened to discover it and dropped it into a mail box, with the result that next day the family had the welcome letter.

Suicide at Lovell.

The body of Carl Wilderburg, a North Lovell farmer, was found in about four feet of water in Kezar Lake Thursday. Dr. H. L. Bartlett, medical examiner, who was summoned, pronounced it a case of suicide. Mr. Wilderburg had been in poor health for some time, and had threatened to take his life. When he disappeared Thursday morning, a search was immediately made for him, and his body was found.

Mr. Wilderburg was a native of Switzerland, of Swiss-German parentage. He had been in this country for many years, and had lived at North Lovell for nearly twenty years. He was 66 years of age, and leaves a wife and a number of children.

Advertised letters and cards in the South Paris post office Nov. 19, 1917:

Mrs. Lyman H. Cobb.
Mrs. Arabella Estes.
Mrs. Lillian Marney.
Sarah Merrill.
Elwood Morris.
Walter Shattuck.

J. A. KENNEY, P. M.

A week of better November weather than the last week has been is rarely seen, and we need not complain if now we get something different, as we are quite likely to do.

NORWAY.

An outside chimney has been built at the new high school gymnasium, but carpenter work on the building, which has been delayed several months on account of want of one item or another of material, is held up for lack of the windows.

Shaw's Orchestra of six pieces will furnish the music for the annual Thanksgiving ball of Pennesseewassee Lodge, K. of P., this year.

Clinton S. Masseck was here from Ayer, Mass., last week. Mrs. Masseck's health continues poor.

Following are the officers of the Second Congregational church elected at the recent annual meeting:

Clerk—Arthur W. Easton.
Treas.—H. L. Horne.
Deacon to fill unexpired term of Horace Sanborn—P. F. Stone.
Deacon for four years—E. N. Swett.
Standing Com.—Mrs. Alice Stearns, Miss Lucy Hall, Ralph S. Osgood, Miss Anna M. Stone, Frank W. Cox.
Calling Com.—Mrs. Hattie Brown, Mrs. Edith Easton, Mrs. Georgia Swain, Mrs. Charles Evirs, Mrs. George W. Holmes, Mrs. Adney Keene, Mrs. Fred Stone.

The Standard Bearers of the Methodist church have elected the following officers:

Pres.—Ethel Thompson.
Vice-Pres.—Rosie Merrill.
Sec.—Elsie Kimball.
Treas.—Irene Drew.
Press Cor.—Irene Purington.
Ex. Com.—Geraldine McAllister, Ida Morse, Gladys Starbird.

The Tubbs hunting party, including Walter F. Tubbs, George Tubbs, James Wight, Fred Noble and Guy Buck, returned home from the woods Tuesday evening with ten deer. This party make it a rule to get their limit.

Porter Seavey was to leave for Florida Wednesday but has deferred his start until this week on account of the fine fall weather.

Philip Stone is enlarging the cellar under his house.

The Young People's Christian Union held a social at Mrs. S. B. Cummings' Friday evening, proceeds to go into the piano fund.

C. A. Frost has done a considerable job on the buildings of Harry E. Gibson during the season, including the rebuilding of part of the stable, a new garage, plate glass windows and piazzas, and other improvements.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. L. A. Merriam Thursday afternoon of this week.

The Browning Reading Club meets this Monday evening with Mrs. Elnora Keene. Roll call, favorite recipe from each member. "Household Economy and Labor Saving Devices" will be discussed.

Win-my-chum week services were held at the Methodist church by the Epworth League last week with speakers as follows: Sunday evening, Orin L. Stone; Tuesday evening, Rev. D. F. Faulkner; Wednesday, Rev. R. J. Bruce; Thursday, Rev. L. W. Grundy of West Paris; Friday, District Superintendent Rev. D. B. Holt.

Mrs. Elizabeth McCreery, who has been spending the winter with her daughter, Miss Elizabeth McCreery, went the first of last week to Niagara to visit relatives for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Sargent have leased George W. Devine's house on Beal Street.

Mrs. Rose Needham of Portland is the guest of friends in town.

The Veranda Club will meet with Mrs. Addie Hill Thursday evening of this week, Nov. 22. Committees of the club have been appointed as follows:

Auditing Com.—Vira Kilgore, Maggie Libby, Emma Swan.
Dish Com.—Clara I. Jordan.
Trustee—Virginia Murdock.
Press Cor.—Vira Kilgore.

A complimentary supper and entertainment will be given by a committee of the Universalist Sunday School to the officers, teachers and scholars Friday evening of this week. The meeting will be addressed by Rev. Chester G. Miller and members of the teaching force, and an entertainment following will be in charge of Miss Z. S. Prince and her class.

A very successful fair was held by Norway Grange Wednesday afternoon and evening. About 200 people partook of the chicken pie supper, and there was a good sale in all departments.

Jonathan Holmes, who has been spending some weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Swett, has gone to Hartford for a short visit before returning to his home in Cambridge, Mass.

Mrs. Inez Cummings underwent a surgical operation in St. Barnabas Hospital, Portland, Monday of last week. She is doing well and an early recovery is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foster have moved here from South Royalton, Vt., and are for the present with Mrs. Foster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elden Stevens, on Brown Street. Mr. Foster will resume shoe making.

Philip M. Everett and Albion L. Buck returned from a hunting trip to Hastings with a deer each.

Aubrey E. Pettengill has purchased a farm near Auburn and moved his family there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis I. Gilbert have recently been to South Portland to visit Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Packard, who have a position in the State School for Boys.

Sergt. John E. Shepard of the medical department of the army, now stationed in Portland, was here for a short time last week as the guest of his sister, Mrs. Elmer Packard, and went from here to Auburn to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Shepard, before returning to duty.

Mrs. J. N. Favor and son Henry are at Augusta with relatives for a few days.

The men will furnish the entertainment for the December fair of the Universalist society, the committee being W. Mayford Mann and Rev. C. G. Miller. A farce, "The Great Medical Dispensary," will be put on with an all-male star cast.

Harold T. Thayer has been in Bristol, N. H., for the past two weeks, and has been engaged as foreman of the Musgrove Printing House at that place. He will be here for about two weeks and then he and his family will go to Bristol, where he has a rent engaged. Mr. Thayer learned the printing trade in the Democrat office, and has been employed there much of the time for the past few years. For the past year he has been in the law office of Alton C. Wheeler at South Paris.

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Born.

In South Paris, Nov. 10, to the wife of John Cummings, a daughter.

In West Bethel, Nov. 7, to the wife of Guy Crouse, a son.

In Gilead, Nov. 5, to the wife of Charles Quimby, a son.

In Denmark, Nov. 8, to the wife of Eben Hilton, a daughter.

In Norway, Nov. 1, to the wife of Charles E. Hunton, a daughter, Lona Mildred.

In Norway, Nov. 9, to the wife of Peter G. Zaines, a daughter.

In Norway, Nov. 11, to the wife of Earl B. Barker, a son.

In Dixfield, Nov. 14, to the wife of Gerald Tracy, a son.

Married.

In Norway, Nov. 10, by Rev. R. J. Bruce, Mr. Evander B. Whitman of Bethel and Miss Marion E. Andrews of Norway.

In Bethel, Nov. 10, by Rev. W. C. Curtis, Mr. John W. Elliott and Miss Mary A. Glover, both of Rumford Point.

In Dixfield, Nov. 10, by Rev. R. E. Gilkey, Mr. Herbert Knox and Miss Madeline Knox, both of West Peru.

Died.

In Norway Lake, Nov. 8, Clarissa Addie Olmstead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William O. Olmstead, aged 19 years.

In Portland, Nov. 13, Mrs. Lizzie M. (Bryant), wife of Frank Lane, formerly of Bryant's Pond, aged 59 years.

In Lowell, Mass., Nov. 14, Alfred Rock, aged 59 years.

In Togus, Nov. 15, Woodbury Cummings, aged 80 years.

In Greeley, Colo., Oct. 27, Marshall L. Wadsworth, formerly of Hiram, aged 81 years.

In Hiram, Nov. 6, Mrs. Lydia Gilman, aged about 80 years.

In Lovell, Nov. 15, Carl Wilderburg, aged 66 years.

In West Sumner, Nov. 17, Gilman W. Heath, aged 89 years.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY

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LOST.

Nov. 13, somewhere between the upper end of Norway village and my home, a practically new street blanket. Please notify

P. F. CROCKETT,
47-48 R. F. D. 1, South Paris.

FOUND.

A bunch of keys. Now at the DEMOCRAT OFFICE. 47

Bank Book Lost.

Stephen H. Libby of Boston, Mass., having given notice as required by law that his book of deposit Number 9286 in the South Paris Savings Bank, has been lost and that he desires a duplicate book of deposit issued to him, notice is hereby given that unless said missing deposit book is presented to the Treasurer of said Bank within sixty days a duplicate book of deposit will be issued.

SOUTH PARIS SAVINGS BANK.
By GEORGE M. ATWOOD, Treas.
South Paris, Maine, Nov. 20, 1917. 47-49

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 November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. 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 December, A. D. 1917, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Valorus White late of Dixfield, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Ella A. White, administratrix.

Lillian M. Babb late of Dixfield, deceased; petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by S. W. Walker, administrator with the will annexed.

Valorus White late of Dixfield, deceased; petition for determination of collateral inheritance tax presented by Ella A. White, administratrix.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—attest:
47-49 ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

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

STEPHEN FRENCH, 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.

MARY E. FRENCH, Canton, Me.
November 13th, 1917. 47-49

NOTICE.

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

BENJAMIN C. KEENE, late of Hebron,
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.

ALLEN A. KEENE, East Hebron.
November 13th, 1917. 47-49

NOTICE.

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

LILLIAN M. BABB, late of Dixfield,
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.

S. W. WALKER, East Dixfield.
October 16th, 1917. 45 47

For Sale.

A seventeen acre poultry farm in Buckfield. Plen

NOTICE.

The subscribers hereby give notice that they have been duly appointed executors of the last will and testament of

SAMUEL L. STURTEVANT, late of Paris, 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.

RACHEL STURTEVANT,
ALTON C. WHEELER,
October 16th, 1917. South Paris, Me.
45-47

NOTICE.

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

In the matter of AUBREY E PETTINGILL, of Norway, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy

To the creditors of Aubrey E. Pettingill of Norway in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 3d day of November, A. D. 1917, the said Aubrey E. Pettingill 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 21st day of November, A. D. 1917, 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, Nov. 5, 1917.
WALTER L. GRAY,
45-47 Referee in Bankruptcy.

NOTICE.

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

In the matter of The partnership of Hastings & Vashaw, the individual co-partners in which are Marshall R. Hastings and T. W. Vashaw, and Marshall R. Hastings individually, of Bethel, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of the partnership of Hastings & Vashaw, the individual co-partners in which are Marshall R. Hastings and T. W. Vashaw, in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 3d day of November, A. D. 1917, the said partnership of Hastings & Vashaw, the individual co-partners in which are Marshall R. Hastings and T. W. Vashaw, and Marshall R. Hastings, individually, were duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of their creditors will be held at the office of the Referee, No. 8 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, on the 21st day of Nov., A. D. 1917, 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, November 5, 1917.
WALTER L. GRAY,
45-47 Referee in Bankruptcy.

Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of HOMER C. FROST, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

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

HOMER C. FROST of Mexico, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represents that on the 13th day of January, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of Court touching his bankruptcy.

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

Dated this 10th day of October, A. D. 1917.
HOMER C. FROST, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

On this 3d day of November, A. D. 1917 on reading the foregoing petition, it is

Ordered by the Court, That a hearing be had upon the same on the 14th day of Dec., A. D. 1917, before said Court at Portland, in said District, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in said District, and that all known creditors, and other persons in interest, may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

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

Witness the HON. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Portland, in said District, on the 3d day of November, A. D. 1917.

[L. S.] FRANK FELLOWS, Clerk.
A true copy of petition and order thereon.
45-47 Attest:—FRANK FELLOWS, Clerk

Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of ALBERT J. PLAUTE, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

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

ALBERT J. PLAUTE of Mexico, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in slad District, respectfully represents that on the 25th day of November, 1916, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of Court touching his bankruptcy.

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

Dated this 2d day of November, A. D. 1917.
ALBERT J. PLAUTE, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

On this 3d day of November, A. D. 1917, on reading the foregoing petition, it is—

Ordered by the Court, That a hearing be had upon the same on the 14th day of Dec., A. D. 1917, before said Court at Portland, in said District, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in said District, and that all known creditors, and other persons in interest, may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

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

Witness the HON. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Portland, in said District, on the 3d day of November, A. D. 1917.

[L. S.] FRANK FELLOWS, Clerk.
A true copy of petition and order thereon.
45-47 Atest:—FRANK FELLOWS, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Augusta, Me., Oct. 26, 1917.

Pursuant to Chap. 10, Sec. 44 of the Revised Statutes; I will sell and convey by deed to the highest bidder, at the Treasurer of State's Office at Augusta, on the twenty-first day of November, next, at 11 o'clock A. M., all the interest of the state in the tracts of land hereinafter described, lying in unincorporated townships, said tracts having been forfeited to the State for non-payment of State, County and Forestry District Taxes, certified to the Treasurer of State for the year 1913. The sale and conveyance of each tract will be made subject to a right in the owner or part owner whose rights have been forfeited to redeem the same at any time within one year after the sale, by paying or tendering to the purchaser his proportion of what the purchaser paid therefor at the sale with interest at the rate of twenty per cent. per annum from the time of the sale, and one dollar for release, or such owner may redeem his interest by paying as aforesaid to the Treasurer of State as provided in Chap. 10, Sec. 46 of the Revised Statutes.

No tract, however, will be sold at a price less than the full amount due thereon for such unpaid State, County and Forestry District Taxes, interest and costs, as described in the following schedule.

OXFORD COUNTY.

Andover North Surplus, part of, being lots 22 and 23 in said surplus, according to a survey and plan of said surplus made by E. McC. Macy in 1905. Said lots are reputed to be owned by S. A. Abbott and contain one hundred eighty-nine acres, more or less, (189)	Portion Unpaid. Amt. All $13.21
Andover North Surplus, part of, being lot 32 in said surplus, according to a survey and plan of said surplus made by E. McC. Macy in 1905. Said lot is reputed to be owned by the estate of H. C. Abbott and contains one hundred twenty-seven acres, more or less, (127)	All $9.39

JOS. W. SIMPSON,
45-47 Treasurer of State.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF MAINE.
COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss. November 13, 1917.

Taken this twelfth day of November, nineteen hundred and seventeen, on execution dated the twenty-third day of October nineteen hundred seventeen issued on a judgment rendered by the Supreme Judicial Court, for the County of Oxford, at the term thereof begun and held on the second Tuesday of October, A. D. nineteen hundred and seventeen, to wit, on the ninth day of October, A. D. nineteen hundred seventeen, in favor of James E. Irish of Hartford in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, against Orlando Irish of the same Hartford in said County of Oxford and State of Maine, for eight hundred thirty-nine dollars and forty cents ($839.40) debt or damage, and forty-six dollars and sixty-four cents ($46.64) for costs of suit, and will be sold at public auction at the office of James S. Wright, in Paris, in said County of Oxford and State of Maine, to the highest bidder on Thursday the 27th day of December A. D. nineteen hundred seventeen at ten o'clock in the forenoon the following described real estate and all the right, title, and interest which the said Orlando Irish has and had, in and to the same on the eighteenth day of September A. D. nineteen hundred fourteen at four o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon, the time when the same was attached on the writ in the same suit, to wit: A certain lot or parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in said Hartford, and being a part of lot numbered nine in the fifth range of lots near what is known as Hartford Center, and being the store and storehouse and other buildings with all the land therewith connected and belonging thereto, formerly owned by James Irish and Orlando Irish, of said Hartford, and conveyed by said James Irish to said Orlando Irish. Said property being situated between the main road, leading from said Hartford to Canton, and the Maine Central Railroad and extending thirty-three feet north of said store, and running from said main road, on a line parallel with said store, to the east line of the Maine Central Railroad and extending on the south to the north line of the Ephraim Bryant farm, so called.

HERBERT F. SHAW,
47-49 Deputy Sheriff.

THE STUDY HOUR

Abraham Lincoln learned to read by the fitful flare of pine knots in the log cabin fireplace. It was a gruelling trial for his eyes, and an indication of his indomitable will to succeed.

Our young folks don't have to study by a flickering fireplace light. They have the Rayo Lamp that makes hours of study into hours of comfort.

RAYO LAMPS give a soft, mellow light that does not irritate the eyes.

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WHITE LOUR

Daisy Baker's Mother Says

It Really Doesn't Take Much Time to Bake at Home

Many women hesitate about baking at home because of the time they think it will take.

The fact is that in these days it doesn't take long at all. Simply use more yeast. It won't taste in the bread if the dough is closely watched and put in the oven at the right time.

With prices the highest in years, you owe it to yourself and family to take the little time necessary to bake at home.

Do your part in saving by cutting your bread cost in two—and give them better bread.

Of course, a lot depends on the flour you use. My favorite is William Tell. It has a delicious natural flavor and wonderful baking qualities. It's made in Ohio—guaranteed under the Ohio Better Flour Label, by the Ansted and Burk Company who make it, and by the grocer who sells it.

Use WILLIAM TELL Flour

The flour of the triple guarantee that takes the ache out of bake and puts the flavor in.

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"Don't worry about the coal. The Perfection Oil Heater keeps me warm wherever I am. I can carry it to any room, so that I'm always comfortable."

With coal at present prices the Perfection Oil Heater is a greater saving than ever.

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HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

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

How To Do Without Sugar.

The United States Food Administration makes the following suggestions for desserts without sugar.

"The American northeast is confronted with a temporary sugar shortage. This is due partly to the unusual exports to France in order to maintain there the ration of one pound per month per person. The American people are still averaging over seven pounds a month. This allowance should be cut until the new crop comes in. For the next two months sugar economy is imperative.

Many housekeepers have been trying out interesting sugarless recipes. Candies can be made from sirups, honey or fruit and nuts. Many sugarless desserts are possible when sirups or dates are used. Honey cakes are delicious and keep indefinitely. Hunt up the century-old cook books for the recipes of your grandmothers who knew nothing of ordinary white sugar. The following recipes are suggested:

DATE PUDDING.

Arrange in a greased pudding dish alternate layers of flaked rice and chopped dates until the dish is three-quarters full. Fill dish with cold milk and bake in moderate oven three hours.

RICE CUSTARD.

Allow three tablespoons of rice, four tablespoons of white seedless raisins and one tablespoon of honey or maple sirup to a quart of milk. Bake very slowly for four hours. Slow baking is necessary to secure a rich creamy consistency. This pudding with raisins omitted is a simple and nourishing dessert for babies and invalids.

HONEY COOKIES.

1 cup honey
1 pint sour milk
6 tablespoons fat
1 teaspoon soda
Any flavoring desired
Flour for soft dough

If you have sour cream which cannot be used for making butter, one pint of cream may be substituted for the milk and the fat. Combine ingredients as usual, roll out and cut with cake cutter. These cakes will keep for months and improve in flavor.

BAKED APPLES.

Prepare apples as usual for baking. Fill centers with honey instead of sugar, add a few chopped nuts if desired. Place in pan and add three-fourths of a cup of water and one-fourth of a cup of honey. Bake as usual.

INDIAN PUDDING.

2 cups milk
1-2 cup corn meal
2 eggs
1-2 tablespoon fat
Sirup to taste
Jam or marmalade

Bring the milk to a boil, sprinkle in the meal very gradually, stirring all the time, and cook over the fire until the mixture thickens. Let it simmer for half an hour. Remove from the fire and stir in beaten yolks, the fat, and enough sirup to sweeten slightly. Place in greased baking dish and bake in a moderate oven twenty minutes. Spread tart jam over the top of the pudding, and cover with stiffly whipped whites of eggs slightly sweetened with sirup and flavored to taste. Place in the oven and brown lightly. Serve hot.

Recipes.

ONIONS ON TOAST WITH CREAM SAUCE.

Peel mild onions; let boil rapidly one hour, drain, add fresh water and a little salt and let cook until they are tender and the water is well reduced. Have a slice of well toasted bread for each onion. Set the onions on the toast and pour over (for six onions) sauce made of three tablespoonfuls, each, of butter and flour, the liquid left on the onions with cream to make one cup and a half of liquid. Season with salt and pepper. For a heartier dish add grated cheese—two tablespoonfuls to one cup—to the sauce before pouring it over the onions.

ONIONS STUFFED WITH PEANUT BUTTER.

Select mild onions of medium size; peel and let boil until tender. Cut out the center from each to leave a thin shell of onion. Chop the onion removed, add an equal quantity of soft fine breadcrumbs, and, for a pint of material, about half a cup of peanut butter, half a teaspoonful of salt and half a teaspoonful of paprika. A chili pepper, chopped fine, may replace the paprika. Mix and use to fill the onions. Let cook in the oven about fifteen minutes, basting with a little hot milk when setting into the oven and twice afterwards. Serve with cream sauce, using the milk in the dish as a part of the liquid.

CANNED CORN FRITTERS.

Beat the yolks of two eggs, add one cup of corn pulp (or common canned corn, chopped fine), add also half a teaspoonful of salt, one-fourth a teaspoonful of black pepper, one cup of flour (one third of this may be cornflour) and one teaspoonful and a half of baking powder sifted together. Mix together thoroughly, then beat in lightly the whites of two eggs beaten very light. Take up the mixture with a tablespoon, and with a second spoon scrape into hot fat; turn each shape as soon as it comes to the top of the fat; and often during cooking. Let cook until well colored on all sides. Drain on soft paper. These are good with any meat dish, but particularly so with fowl.

CORNMEAL-AND-BARLEY MUFFINS.

Sift together three-fourths a cup of cornmeal, one cup of wheat flour, half a cup of barley flour, three tablespoonfuls of baking powder, half a teaspoonful of salt, a scant half cup of sugar and one-fourth a teaspoonful of soda. Beat one egg and one yolk; add three-fourths a cup of thick sour milk and three tablespoonfuls of melted shortening and stir into the dry ingredients. Bake in a hot, well-buttered, iron muffin pan, or in a biscuit pan, about twenty-five minutes. These may be made with sweet milk by omitting the soda and adding another teaspoonful of baking powder.

CHOCOLATE CAKE.

Melt two squares of chocolate in the upper part of a double boiler; add the yolk of one egg, beaten a little, and half a cup, each, of sugar and milk, and stir and cook until smooth and thick. Set aside to cool. Beat half a cup of butter to a cream; gradually beat in one cup of sugar, then the beaten yolks of two eggs and the cold chocolate mixture. Add, alternately, half a cup of milk and two cups of sifted flour, sifted again with one teaspoonful of soda. Lastly, beat in two egg-whites beaten light. Bake in a sheet or in layers. Finish with a marshmallow or a chocolate frosting as is desired.

PEANUT DROP COOKIES.

Beat one-fourth a cup of sugar into one-third a cup of shortening; beat in half a cup of honey, one-third a cup of chopped peanuts, one egg beaten light and two cups of pastry flour, one-fourth a cup of barley flour with half a teaspoonful of salt and three teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Drop on a buttered sheet, a rounding teaspoonful in a place; shape into a smooth round, set half a peanut meat in the top of each, dredge with granulated sugar and bake in a quick oven.

BARLEY DROP MOLASSES COOKIES.

Cream one-fourth a cup of shortening; beat in one-fourth a cup of sugar, half a cup of molasses, one egg, beaten light, and half a cup of thick sour milk; sift together one cup of wheat flour, half a cup of barley flour, one teaspoonful of soda, half a teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of ginger and half a teaspoonful of cinnamon. Mix the liquid and dry ingredients. Drop by spoonfuls on buttered tins. Bake in a quick oven.

POTATO STUFFING.

Mix together two cups of mashed potato, one cup of sifted, soft bread crumbs, one-third a cup of melted shortening, half a teaspoonful, each, of salt, pepper and poultry seasoning, and mix thoroughly.

RASPBERRY HARD SAUCE.

Beat one-third a cup of butter to a cream; gradually beat in two-thirds a cup of sugar, then, very gradually, crushed and sifted raspberries to tint and flavor as desired. Blackberries may be used instead of raspberries.

For 15,000,000 Red Cross Members.

A nation wide Christmas membership drive has been planned by the Red Cross War Council. The building up of Red Cross membership to 15,000,000 in the United States is the goal of the campaign. This means an addition of approximately 10,000,000 names to the present muster roll. The drive is to start December 17, and continue unceasingly to Christmas Eve. The general features of this membership campaign were worked out and approved at a conference at the National Headquarters of the Red Cross in which representatives of each Red Cross Division of Continental United States participated. A national Christmas membership drive committee has been appointed by the War Council to have general charge of planning and later conducting the whole campaign.

Theodore N. Vail, President of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, has accepted the Chairmanship, and Dr. H. N. MacCracken, President of Vassar College, will be the Executive Secretary. Other members of the committee are His Eminence, James Cardinal Gibbons, Bishop William Lawrence, Boston, Dr. Henry Evan Dyke, former Minister to the Netherlands, Princeton, N. J., John W. Britton, San Francisco, Benjamin Gratz, St. Louis, Ban Johnson, Chicago, Hervey Lindley, Seattle, John Mitchel, New York City.

"Make it a Red Cross Christmas" is to be the recruiting slogan. Every one taking out a membership in the Red Cross during the drive period is to be known as a Christmas member. The effort practically will be limited to securing annual members paying annual dues of one dollar, or two dollars in case of subscribing or magazine members. During Red Cross week in June, the $100,000,000 mark set by the War Council was oversubscribed and gave assurance of a national interest in Red Cross work, which should make the Christmas membership drive fully as successful.

Division Membership Christmas Drive Committees are to be selected by Division Managers, the committee to work under the general direction of the National Committee. Each of the 3,000 or so Red Cross Chapters also will appoint a committee to co-operate under guidance of the respective division committees. Division committeemen will communicate not later than November 13 with chairmen of all chapters in order to map out the campaign on local lines. As this is the country's first Christmas in world war, it is felt that people will be thinking of service rather than festivities, and that minds generally will be turned to battlefields of Europe and especially to our own soldiers and sailors. It is believed, therefore, that the country will be in a frame of mind at Christmas time to give expression to all its anxiety and hope by showing and renewing evidences of its support of the Red Cross.

Might Have Been Better Said.

Notice on door of residence: "Please knock the bell out of order."

Sign in a Chicago drug store: "Save your coupons and get an art plague free."

Manitoba Free Press, quoting Ralph Connor: "I who have never set foot outside my native shoes."

From a New York paper: "Emily was a queer girl, and so, for that matter, was her father."

A western bank announces: "We make the interest of our depositors our interest."

Newspaper on deceased financier: "He is reputed to have made six million dollars in as many years."

Card of cleaning company: "Don't take the life out of your rugs by beating them. Let us do it in a more sanitary way."

Placard at a moving picture show: "Young children must have parents."

In a barber shop window: "During alterations, patrons will be shaved in the back."

History professor: "Why are the Middle Ages called the Dark Ages?" Freshman: "Because there were so many knights."

Things Worth While.

(From the Kansas City Star.)

The bards sing of the oriole, but who extols the bustard?
They praise ambrosia's sickish sweets, but all ignore the mustard,
They burble of the knights of old and trill of kindred brawlers,
But never give a compliment to tillers and to toilers.
And that is why I'm sore on bards, the whole long haired caboodle;
They never sing of things worth while, but always of flapdoodle.

CUT THIS OUT—IT IS WORTH MONEY

DON'T MISS THIS. Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Ave., 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. Sold everywhere.

Ardent Suitor—"Oh, Marion! How beautiful you look tonight"!

"Now please don't, Bruce; you know I don't like to be flattered."

"No nice girls do!"

(And the rest was comparatively easy.)

HAVE IT HANDY FOR CROUP

Grandmothers and mothers who have raised families of children have learned from experience that it pays to keep a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar in the house ready for emergency. It gives prompt relief from dreaded croup attacks, checks coughs and colds, and relieves whooping cough. A safe medicine—no opiates. Sold everywhere.

"What! Didn't you catch any fish at all?"

"Yes; I caught a dozen big ones, but they were stolen from me on the car."

"Well, never mind, old man; you've brought home a new story at any rate."

MAN TROUBLED FOR TWO YEARS

No one should suffer backache, rheumatic pains, stiff joints, swollen, sore muscles, when relief can be easily had. James McCrery, Berrien Center, Mich., says he was troubled with kidney and bladder trouble for two years. He used several kinds of medicine without relief, but Foley Kidney Pills cured him. Sold everywhere.

The Sporting Reporter—I suppose it's hard to get the descriptions of the women's gowns correct?

The Society Reporter—No; the hardest part is to write the descriptions so that each person will consider herself the best-dressed woman present.

COMPLAINT ALMOST GONE

"Foley's Honey and Tar is great," writes L. W. Day, 65 Campbell Ave., E. Detroit, Mich. "It relieves bronchitis quickly. My complaint has almost gone and I hope never to have it again." Time and the experience of thousands have proved that there is no better medicine for coughs, colds or croup. Get the genuine. Sold everywhere.

"Where's the tape line?"

"I don't remember exactly," responded mother. "What do you want with it?"

"I was just reading over the measurements of the Venus de Milo," explained the daughter with some embarrassment.

IN SANITARIUM THREE WEEKS

Splendid results in kidney and bladder troubles are achieved by Foley Kidney Pills. Mrs. Effie E. Kleppe, Averill, Minn., writes: "I was at Fargo sanitarium three weeks for rheumatism and kidney trouble; got no relief. I began using Foley Kidney Pills and found immediate relief. A bottle completed the cure." Sold everywhere.

"Please, mum, yer remember sendin' some brandy to the pore feller we saved from drowndin' in the river last Tooesday?"

"Yes."

"Well, 'e's fallen in again today, and we thought as you'd like to know."

LITTLE ONES AND OLD ONES

James Edwards, 208 Harriett Street, Montgomery, Ala., writes: "My whole family is using Foley's Honey and Tar Compound now—the little ones and the old ones. It has cured our coughs and broken our colds." Foley's Honey and Tar clears stopped air passages, heals raw inflamed membranes, removes phlegm and eases sore chest. Sold everywhere.

GATHERED FROM MANY SECTIONS

Happenings In New England Told In Brief Items

Frederick W. Cole, 60, inventor of many devices connected with fire alarm systems, died at his home at Newton, Mass., where he was born.

Lawyers who are selected by parties in litigation or appointed by the Massachusetts superior court to sit as master or auditor to hear the facts, will hereafter receive $25 a day for their services, instead of $15 as has been the custom since 1878.

Samuel Ralby, for nearly ten years confidential clerk and bookkeeper for J. W. Howard, a Somerville, Mass., florist, who paid him $12 a week, was arrested for the alleged larceny of $5000 from his employer.

The body of a man taken from the Spicket river at Lawrence, Mass., was identified as that of Richard W. Daly, 40, of Haverhill.

A five-ton casting swinging on a crane broke from its holdings at the Reed, Prentice Machine company plant, Worcester, Mass., and fell on the head of Oliva Tessier, killing him instantly.

At a meeting of the New Bedford, Mass., Textile Council, it was voted to request an advance of 10 percent in wages.

The clothing of Mrs. Annie Balch, 50, of Lynn, Mass., caught fire as she was lighting a fire and she was burned to death.

A petition for the appointment of a receiver for the Barre and Montpelier Traction and Power company was filed at Montepelier, Vt.

Mrs. Margaret Wyatt, 24, of Portsmouth, N. H., was killed when an automobile in which she was a passenger skidded and went over an embankment.

John Barron, an oiler employed by the American Writing Paper company at Holyoke, Mass., was caught in a shaft, whirled against the ceiling and instantly killed.

The 250 men employed by the Sylvester Iron Works, Danvers, Mass., who have been on strike, returned to work, following the announcement of 20 percent increase in wages.

Rev. Thomas F. Butler, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church, Lewiston, Me., is dead at the age of 71.

Joseph Crothers, exalted ruler of Clinton, Mass., lodge of Elks, was killed by falling from a touring car.

Judge Charles U. Bell of the Massachusetts superior court sent his resignation to Governor McCall. Bell was appointed to the bench of the superior court in 1898.

Three immigration inspectors of the Boston station returned from New Haven with five German seamen, deserters of the German steamer Vaterland. They were arrested while working in a brickyard.

Mrs. Sarah E. Bennett, 70, of Cambridge, Mass., died of injuries received when she was struck by an electric street car.

Boston showhouse proprietors have boosted the price of their tickets from 1 to 3 cents above the increase necessitated by the new war tax.

Frederick Dailey died at Somerville, Mass., with a bullet in his brain, after a disagreement with a young woman with whom he had been keeping company.

Horatio Colony, the first mayor of Keene, N. H., and one of the richest men in that city, was killed when his automobile overturned and toppled into a brook at Goshen, N. H.

The buildings on the estate which was formerly the Salisbury, Mass., poor farm were destroyed by fire, the loss being $3500. The main building has long been considered a landmark.

A handsome tablet, emblazoned in gold with the names of the fifty-four young men who have enlisted from the town of Weston, Mass., for world democracy, was unveiled on the lawn of the public library at Weston.

Six enemy aliens were removed from the New Haven plant of the Winchester Repeating Arms company because they did not have permits to go into restricted zones. They will be sent to a detention camp for the duration of the war.

Alfonse Deluci, night watchman at the Springfield, Mass., telephone central office, was held by the police as the result of the death of Bryan D. Melzer, 19, whom Deluci shot.

Abner A. Kingman, 89, designer of the plates, labels and catalogues for Harvard university and many Boston institutions, died at his home at Wakefield, Mass. He was an old-time printer.

An investigation into the increase of telephone rates from pay stations in Boston hotels is to be made by the public service commission.

Realizing, evidently, that he was being stricken with heart trouble, Dr. John Z. Currie of Cambridge, Mass., drove his auto to the house of another doctor and then expired.

Boston Marine insurance underwriters announced further reductions in marine insurance, following optimistic reports concerning the German submarine warfare.

After shooting three men, two perhaps fatally, during an altercation at Seymour, Conn., Tony Dorathes held a crowd at bay for a while, but was finally captured.

An offer from a group of osteopaths to give their services for hospital work during the war has been declined by Boston hospitals.

A steamer arriving at Boston brought 600 tons of salt, shipped to relieve a threatened famine.

A grand jury is investigating the death of 10-year-old Harry Wells, who was shot and killed and his body buried by Clyde Woodward, 17, at Enosburg, Vt. Woodward is held without bail.

Boston will receive $3,513,785.38 from the state as its share of the income tax for 1917, this sum representing $342,937.15 more than the city would have netted under the old system.

Mrs. Ray Bloom, 27, died at Boston of burns received while she was lighting a kitchen fire.

Mrs. Archie Patterson of Bangor, Me., received a letter from Los Angeles, Cal., informing her that she was one of the heirs of an estate of an uncle, estimated at nearly $2,000,000.

The body of Miss Minnie Drake, 44, of Little Boars Head, N. H., was found on the railroad tracks in that town. She had been hit by a train.

Eighty-seven postoffice employes in the Boston district are benefited by the 10 percent increase in salary announced by the department recently.

A strike which threatened government work was averted at the tannery of Creese & Cook, Danvers, Mass., when a $2 a week increase in wages was granted, just as the men were about to walk out.

Two hundred male employes of the Continental Paper Bag company, Rumford, Me., are idle as a result of a strike of 250 girl operatives for a wage increase of $1 a week.

The smallpox epidemic at Gardiner, Me., where there are more than seventy-five cases in a form so mild that until recently it was supposde to be chicken pox, is well in hand.

Four hundred employes of the Smith Paper Company, Lee, Mass., the largest makers of cigarette paper in the United States, were granted wage increases ranging from 5 to 10 percent.

Notices were posted at the Waterville repair shops of the Maine Central railroad announcing a flat rate increase of 4 cents an hour. About 350 men are affected.

A verdict for $5000 in the suit of Albert Lapointe, against the Monadnock Paper company, Nashua, N. H., on account of injuries from being run over by a roll of paper, was returned by a jury.

The Maine Public utilities commission ordered the physical connection of the steam and electric railway tracks in Portland, the work to be completed by Jan. 1, 1918.

Miss Hilda Siipola was awarded $5675 by a jury at Fitchburg, Mass., for injuries sustained while a passenger on a Fitchburg and Leominster street railway car which "ran away" from a motorman.

Harvard university officials announced the receipt of a gift of $50,000 from Mrs. S. P. Blake of Boston. The income from this sum will be used for the care of the college grounds.

Frederick Collins was scalded to death when a valve in the engine room of the Lever Brothers' soap works at Cambridge, Mass., burst.

Armand Pelletier, 3 years old, fell out of a third-story window of his home at Manchester, N. H., and, after turning three complete somersaults in his descent, landed on his feet, apparently unhurt.

The permanent members of the Somerville, Mass., fire department have petitioned the board of aldermen for an increase in salary of $75 per year.

Tony Mansueto, 45, was instantly killed at Chicopee, Mass., when a block of steel fell on him by the snapping of a derrick chain.

Mrs. William Nann of West Haven, Conn., died of injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

The body of Wheeler Markham, 81, was found on a farm at Pittsfield, Mass., where he had died of exposure.

John J. Corcoran of Boston, a soldier at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., was struck and killed by a trolley car.

Miss Leonora V. Buckley of Boston was sworn in as a deputy United States marshal, making the fourth woman deputy now attached to Marshal Mitchell's office.

The Converse Memorial library at Amherst college, erected at a cost of $250,000, was dedicated.

Charlotte Talbot of Boston brought a $25,000 suit against Otto Sharp of that city for alleged interference with an alleged contract to marry between her and the late Adolph F. Sharp.

Fifty employes of the V. H. Blackington company of Attleboro Falls, Mass., manufacturers of government metal insignia, buttons and badges, went on strike.

Geoffrey B. Lehy, 62, prominent in movements for the betterment of Boston and first president of the Boston City club, died suddenly in that city.

William Eastman, Jr., an instructor in the army aviation school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, died from injuries received in an accident in connection with his work.

Ralph D. Cutler, for twenty years president of the Hartford Trust company and one of New England's leading financiers, died at Hartford.

The number of prisoners at the Massachusetts state prison is gradually decreasing. Only 612 are confined there. It is the lowest record for many years.

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