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A Republican State Convention

WILL BE HELD IN

City Hall, Lewiston, Wednesday, June 9.

At 10 o'clock, A. M.

For the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor to be supported at the September election, and transacting such other business as may properly come before it.

The basis of representation will be as follows: Each city, town and precinct will be entitled to one delegate, and for each seventy-five votes in the Republican vote at the last State election an additional delegate, and for a fraction of forty votes in excess of seventy-five additional delegate.

The State Committee will be in session in the afternoon of the 8th inst. for the purpose of receiving the credentials of delegates.

Members of Maine who are favor of maintaining a Protective Tariff, will join in maintaining the same, and will vote for the House of Representatives to which the tariff is attached.

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As Memorial Day falls on Sunday this year, Monday, the 31st day of May, will be observed as Memorial Day by the Grand Army of the Republic.

The May Term of the Supreme Judicial Court for this County opens this (Tuesday) morning—Judge Virgin will preside. There will be no jury in attendance and the session will not extend beyond the present week.

Hon. EDWARD L. PARKES, of New York, son of the late Hon. Virgil D. Parkes, of this County, and one of Old Oxford's most successful boys, has recently sent in his resignation as Assistant District Attorney for the City and County of New York. The office of District Attorney in New York corresponds to our office of County Attorney, from which it will readily be seen that in a great metropolitan city the criminal jurisdiction of this branch of the Government is enormous, making the office of great importance. Some two years ago Mr. Parkes went to the head of this department, and the appointment of a friend; greatly to his surprise, he was appointed to the office which he sought for his friend. Mr. P. stands high in the legal profession in New York and had a large and growing practice which he did not wish to leave, but he was strongly urged that he consented to accept the appointment for a limited time. Finding that it was leading him almost wholly into criminal law, a branch of which he does not make a specialty, and the duties leading to the necessary neglect of his already lucrative civil practice, Mr. Parkes, some time since, decided to remain until a suitable successor could be found. In this way he has been kept in the office until a few weeks since, when he put in a formal resignation positively refusing to serve longer. His successor has not yet been elected. Mr. Parkes has associated with him in his law practice, his brother, Percival J. Parkes, Esq., a former editor of the Oxford Register. Both these gentlemen have many friends in Oxford County who will be pleased to learn of their success at the metropolis.

OXFORD COUNTY AS A SUMMER RESORT.

Some way has said that "the principal productions of Maine are ice and summer boarders." This saying may contain enough of truth to be worthy our consideration.

If our situation offers any natural resource which may be turned to account and made profitable, it is our duty to cultivate those resources and turn them to account. Within the past few years Maine has developed very rapidly as a summer resort, until it has already become famous in this respect.

If grandness and sublimity of scenery, a clear bracing atmosphere, free from all taint of malarial disease, and absolute rest from the wear and tear of city life, is desired, no place can be found better than among the hills of Maine, and in no part of Maine can the summer vacationist find more delightful and comforting rest and recreation than among the hills of Old Oxford. Many of our beautiful villages in our County are most acceptable places for the comfort and convenience of the summer tourist. Many of them are already well patronized and would be much more so, were the charms of our County more widely known.

Handreds make long tireless journeys to the White Mountains each year; they yet no finer view of those famous heights can be obtained from any spot on the face of the earth, than can be had from many parts of Oxford County. Our streams abound in fish and our woods in game. Our people are the most genial and the pleasure seeker who is so fortunate as to spend his vacation among us, goes away a wiser and a happier man, and invariably carries with him a recommendation to return the following season to the hills of Old Oxford.

THE EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.

In connection with the movement to abolish the secret sessions of the Senate, General Logan is reported to have said in private conversation:

"I do not expect to see the doors thrown open now, but just as sure as the sun will shine they will be forced open by public sentiment. There is a genuine popular demand for this change. It is an entirely just and reasonable demand. It is a great mistake to suppose that the people of this State are not in favor of this change. The Republican majority in the Senate cannot afford to take the responsibility of clinging to the aristocratic privilege of secrecy. I wish my hands of any part in the responsibility for such a blunder. I have done and will continue to do all I can to bring about such a change in the rules as will let the people know everything that is done in the Senate chamber."

The opponents of the resolution are said to have reached the conclusion that some concession to the public opinion must be made and that this can be done best by giving out for publication the official journal of the secret sessions, which does not contain the speeches—H.W.

"The author of 'Lorna Doone' has been another charming story of country life in the England of Lord Nelson's time. The second instalment, in the May Heralds, gives promise of a powerful novel. Frederick Barnard and Alfred Parsons illustrate the story."

Peter Edin, Greenville, New York, July 1st, writes: "I have read Dr. McARTHUR'S book on the history of the County of Oxford, and it is the only medicine that relieves my cough."

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himself being one of the number—that have engaged to teach at the Oxford Academy, come up every week and give them instruction. Miss Ripley is a lady of fine musical abilities and one of the most successful teachers of instrumental music, and the people of the village may constantly be heard enjoying on having so excellent an opportunity to give their daughters a thorough course in instrumental music.

Quite a party of Knights of Labor from this place visited Norway Assembly last Wednesday evening and a pleasant time was reported.

G. J. Hill, Past Department Commander G. A. R., has been engaged by the Paris Veterans to deliver the Memorial Day Address this year. A very general observation of the exercises of the veterans. An extended programme of the exercises of the day will be published later.

Wm. H. Richardson, of Boston, until a year or two since a resident of this village, paid a visit here the past week.

The South Paris C. L. S. held very interesting literary exercises at the Congregational vestry last Thursday evening.

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