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MAINE STATE FAIR.

THE BEST EXHIBITION YET GIVEN,
THOUGH THE WEATHER WAS UNFAVORABLE FOR LARGE CROWDS.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Maine State Fair is now a thing of the past, but perhaps some of its salient features, as seen by our own and others' eyes, may interest our readers, both those who attended and those who did not. On the whole, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather that prevailed a large share of the time, this has been the most successful of all the State Fairs, though perhaps not so much so from a financial standpoint. The immense crowds on Wednesday promised the most flattering show on the score of receipts, and had the weather been propitious on the two following days the promise would have been amply realized.

We are prepared to agree with the editor of the *Home Farm* when he says there is not in all New England a State Park or Fair Ground so well located or so elaborately equipped for holding a great State Exposition, as is that owned by the Maine State Agricultural Society in Lewiston. Indeed, there are few better grounds in any State in the Union. A gentleman, whose business calls him to exhibit in the implement class at all the great State Fairs of the country, and who was in Maine on the same business, having made the circuit of the Southern, Western and Middle States, said that the State Fair Park at Lewiston excels all the similar parks he has ever visited on his circuit, with the exception of those parks and buildings in some of the great Western cities owned by large Inter-State Exposition Companies. The extent and excellent condition of the park, track and grounds, the permanent character of all the buildings, and the first-class fixtures and accessories, render the grounds and buildings the best of their class. These have become so well known to most of our Oxford County people—and who in Oxford County has not visited the State Fair at some time?—that it is quite unnecessary to make additional remarks concerning them. We may add, however, that one new building has been erected this season, and that is intended and was used for the display of poultry on the ground floor, and as a vegetable hall on the second floor. This building is located south of the main exhibition hall, and is about 35 by 90 feet. Just south of this, is a most artistic pavilion, erected for the Walter A. Wood Company, in which to exhibit their mowers and reapers. The pavilion is an attractive addition to the State Fair buildings, blooming, as it does, with fancy eaves, red roof and artistic colors.

The Fair may be said to have really commenced Saturday, though not officially opened until Tuesday by President Prince. There were two hundred horses in the stalls Saturday, the elevator in the hall was running all day, campers for the week were busy in setting up housekeeping, the sound of carpenters' tools was heard on every hand, and at night the electric lights shed their lustre over the yet busy scene.

It is said that one thousand people inhabited the grounds Monday night.

During Monday and the early hours of Tuesday morning the contents of about two hundred cars were unloaded upon the grounds. The Maine Central Railroad runs through a corner of the grounds, and the unloading of stock made things lively in this section.

The first car-load of stock that reached the State Fair was that of Hon. Jos. R. Bodwell, Maine's next Governor. He was prompt in this as he always is in all other things. Twelve car-loads belonging to him and his agricultural partner, Mr. Burleigh, reached the grounds during the day.

Concerning the interesting process of unloading stock and goods from the cars, the *Lewiston Journal* relates the following among numerous other funny

INCIDENTS.

The proudest man in the vicinity is an old gentleman who marshals a splendid team of five yokes of ox in out of the train. The bows are stuck into the yokes, there is a hunt for bow-pins, the cattle are mated—and away they are driven with a harmless flourish of the goad, chewing their cuds and looking as mild-eyed and as gentle as the famous young gazelle of poetry.

One man has brought his bed clothes, his provender, his bale of hay, his bundle of straw and his round bucket of doughnuts and cheese in the car with his oxen. The last time very made in his car is a battered old drag. So he loads his hay, his straw, his grain, his bedding and his doughnuts and cheese on the drag, hitches the honest old oxen on to it by a chain and the quaint team then moves to quarters.

A pal of stage, yoked up, were the liveliest fellows who came out of the train. They soon had the whole platform to themselves. They flourished their tails and wickedly winked their eyes as if they proposed to do the town after the joyous and frisky style of all old stags when they leave their homes and their wives and go to the horse trot or some other celebration where stag parties are wont to flourish.

The most helpless animal and the noisiest in the State Fair ark is the pig. He is shipped in a crate. Men take him up and lug him out of the car, as if he were a barrel of salt pork, rather than a live, squealing, grunting pig.—The crates of pigs were loaded on trucks and rolled off to the pens, where they at once knocked over and abused the troughs because they were empty.

At about 7 o'clock, Tuesday morning, President Prince formally opened the Fair, his proclamation to that effect being very brief and in substance about as follows—"Gentlemen, I declare the Twenty-sixth Maine State Fair duly opened, with the wind in the southwest."

The *Journal* says the first man to buy a ticket was a farmer in a fur hat, who inquired: "Say, boss, how's 'lection?"

During the forenoon, a few rain drops came down, but not enough to interfere with the progress of the great show. The attendance was somewhat larger than usual for the forenoon of the first day.

The Fair opened larger than ever. The entries in all departments were more numerous than at any previous Fair. There were sixty more horse entries than last year. The cattle show overflowed the stalls and the Trustees had to stop taking entries.

There were 800 entries of horned cattle of all kinds.

There were 350 entries in the horse department.

There were 225 entries of sheep and swine.

There were 325 entries of poultry.

There were over 3,000 entries of fruit and vegetables.

There were 2,500 entries of manufactured and miscellaneous articles.

We noted the following

OXFORD CO. ENTRIES.

Herefords—E. R. Holmes, Welchville, 1 bull five years, 1 cow, 2 heifers three years, 1 two years, 1 one year, 1 calf; Homer N. Chase, Buckfield, 1 bull two years.

American C. C. Jerseys—Samuel P. Locke, West Paris, 1 bull one year, 1 cow, 3 heifers, 1 herd; S. M. King, South Paris, 2 bull calves, 1 yearling heifer.

Devons—Luther H. Maxim, West Sumner, 1 bull nine years, 1 one year, 2 cows, 2 heifers, 2 heifer calves, 1 herd.

Working Steers—Albert Virgin, E. Rumford, 2 pair two years.

Geldings and Fillies 5 years or over—L. G. Perry, East Hebron.

Four year Filly—G. M. Park, Canton Point.

Two year old Fillies—A. H. Irish, Buckfield, 2; J. W. Thompson, Canton.

Two Year Stallions—H. W. Record, Buckfield, blk s.

One Year Stallions—G. M. Park, Canton Pt., s.; G. W. Brown, Norway, b s.

Matched Driving Horses—Albert Virgin, East Rumford, pair bay.

Leicester Sheep—H. S. Hastings, Newry, 1 buck three years, 1 two do., 1 one do., 3 buck lambs, 3 ewes two years, 3 one do., 3 ewe lambs.

Fat Sheep—H. S. Hastings, Newry, 9 sheep, two years, 1 one do., 3 ewe lambs.

Asiatic Poultry—A. E. Shurtleff, South Paris, 1 pair Dark Brahma fowl, 1 do. chicks, 1 pair Partridge Cochin fowl, do. chicks.

English Poultry—B. Bacon Jr., Norway, 1 pr White Leghorn S. C. fowl, 1 do., chicks, 2 pair Brown do., 2 do. chicks; Geo. P. Tucker, South Paris, 1 pr Brown Leghorn fowl, 5 do. chicks; A. E. Shurtleff, South Paris, 1 pair White Leghorn S. C. fowl, 6 do. chicks, 1 do. Brown fowl, 3 do. chicks.

American Poultry—A. E. Shurtleff, So. Paris, 4 pair Plymouth Rock chicks, 4 do. Wyandottes.

Turkeys—A. E. Shurtleff, South Paris, 1 pair Bronze old, 1 pr. young.

Geese—A. E. Shurtleff, 1 pair Toulouse old, 2 pr young.

Ducks—B. Bacon, Jr., 1 pair Pekin old, 1 pair young; A. E. Shurtleff, 1 pair Pekin.

Miscellaneous—F. M. Thomas, Hebron, one pleasure boat; I. W. Ames, Bethel, spring bed.

Bees, Honey, etc.—J. A. Norton, Bethel, three colonies bees.

Pomological Entries—C. H. George, Hebron, 22 varieties apples, pears and plums; S. M. King, South Paris, 31 varieties apples; J. A. Morton, Bethel, cranberries.

There may have been others which escaped our notice.

Tuesday afternoon there were some 5,000 or 6,000 people on the grounds.

Wednesday proved the great day of the Fair, there being 20,000 people in attendance. It was Oxford County Day—7 or 8 car-loads going over the Grand Trunk.

Thursday it rained very, yes, intensely, hard all day, yet some 4,000 or 5,000 disheartened people stood around and tried to keep comfortable.

Friday was threatening, but it did not rain, and perhaps 8,000 or 10,000 people visited the Fair. We noticed a large number of Oxford County people in attendance this day.

Saturday was cool and pleasant, but as many did not know that the Fair was to hold over, the number of visitors was a smaller one.

AROUND THE STALLS.

The entire exhibit of neat cattle present was rather in excess of that of last year. The stalls were all occupied and a few head were quartered in the swine shed. The pure-breds of the leading breeds, such as Herefords, Shorthorns, and Jerseys, were all shown in larger numbers, and several new exhibits were present and new herds represented.

The display of heavy oxen was not so noticeable as it was a year ago, but the show of matched and fat steers was fully up both in size and quality.

One of the best herds of Herefords at the park was of Mr Holmes of Oxford. His bull, "Careful, 21," is a lusty fellow. He is four years old, girths 8 feet and weighs 2200 lbs. Mr. H. showed 9 animals and all good ones.

Samuel B. Locke, of West Paris, had the choicest stock of the A. J. C. C. registry. "Favorite's Pride," a yearling St. Lambert bull, is finely bred and boasts an ancestry of near kin to the best butter-producing stock in the world. Three handsome yearling heifers in Mr. Locke's exhibit were beauties and probably could not be beat in choicer breeding. Mr. L.'s stock has been noticed in our columns heretofore.

The Devons were represented by only one herd entry, and that by Mr. Luther H. Maxim. This herd, as shown at the Fair, comprised eight animals, led by a large bull, "Duke of Chenango," a prize taker at several New York Fairs. Two cows were in the herd,—a two-year-old heifer and yearling, a yearling bull, and two heifer calves. It is handsome stock, solid dark red color—a peculiarity of the Devons. This herd, we understand, will be on exhibition at our Oxford County Fair, this week, where it will as last year be admired by hundreds.

Samuel M. King, of South Paris, made a fine show of young Jersey stock, produced by careful selection and breeding. His exhibit consisted of a 21 months' old heifer, "Effie Pedro," bred by Blanchard Bros., of Cumberland, with her three months' old calf, both about perfect in the points which designate the high-bred Jersey. Two other calves, one four months M. S. registry, and one three months, an inbred Don Pedro, bred by Henry L. Pierce, of Mass. Whether in raising stock, or fruit, as well as in other farming operations, Mr. King will be found at the front.

SHEEP.

One of the heaviest sheep upon the grounds was the three-year old Leicester buck of H. S. Hastings, of our northern Oxford County town of Newry. The exhibit comprised fifteen animals and gave a good idea of the qualifications of this mutton breed of sheep. We hope Mr. Hastings will have the herd on exhibition at the County Fair.

SWINE

There were no exhibitors in this department from this county; yet Oxford County pork is not to be sneezed at.

Ex-Governor Garcelon's White Chester sow was the chief attraction. Her weight is 660 pounds; as one remarked, she was the biggest hog in the crowd. The Dr., though running behind in the Congressional race election day, was unquestionably ahead in the swine exhibit Fair week by a large majority.

POULTRY.

As anticipated, the show of poultry was very large and complete. The new building erected for this display is not so large by one third as it ought to have been constructed; consequently there was a crowded condition that very much marred the beauty of the exhibit. A change in the rules will hereafter be quite necessary, to prevent so many coops of a single variety being shown by one person. The tent that has done duty in former years was again spread over the ducks and turkeys and geese and small fowl, yet there was not room, and they were piled three tiers in height, besides being crowded into all parts of the building and tent.

"Its extent, its variety, the gay feathers and brilliant combinations of the golden, the red, the brown, the black, the bronze and the speckled birds, made the poultry show exceedingly attractive. The poultry men never were out in such force. There certainly is no sign of the least decline in the hen fever in Maine. The number of rare and fine specimens shown by some individual breeders is astonishing."

One curiosity in this show was Mr. Haskell's (Auburn) coop of "Frizzles"—they are fowls whose feathers, as one remarks, grow wrong side out.

Oxford County's contribution to this department was generous.

Mr. A. E. Shurtleff, of South Paris, the well-known fancier, was on hand with numerous specimens from his extensive flocks. One of his best pairs was a coop of Royal Bronze turkeys. His Toulouse geese were the delight of many a matron. The dandy of the exhibit was a Partridge Cochin cock in green and gold—the envy of every dude within crowing distance. There were also Wyandottes, Leghorns, and other desirable kinds.

Mr. Benjamin Bacon, Jr., of Norway, displayed several coops of fine Brown and White Leghorns, Pekin ducks, etc.

Mr. George P. Tucker, of South Paris, contented himself with bringing eight coops of Brown Leghorn chicks, and the reporters for the city papers say they did not see in the show any lot of one variety that went ahead of these—in size and in marking, they are wonders. Good for Tucker's chicks!

Dr. G. M. Twitchell, of Readfield, formerly of this county, was there with his usual grand lot of birds. He is probably the best authority on poultry in our good State of Maine.

THE SOCIETY'S EXHIBITION HALL.

The most interesting (to us) of the many excellent features of the Fair, was the Main Exhibition Building—or, rather, its contents. Within, the walls and three floors were completely lined and covered with articles of use and beauty. To attempt even the briefest description would require a large part of the DEMOCRAT'S 32 columns for six weeks to come.

The fruit display on the third floor was magnificent.

The south wing was filled to overflowing with butter and cheese and dairy products and accessories and implements in general, and so many good things for the table riveted our gaze for a long time. The New Gloucester Creamery exhibit was truly wonderful, as well as extra-original in design and arrangement for display. Never did the golden product of the churn or creamery look fairer or more tempting. Small wonder—as one remarked—that the sights and odors in this corner brought back recollections of childhood's days, of the well and the dairy-house nigh it!

What sights of rugs, quilts and carpets; pictures, paintings and photographs; furs, flowers and furniture; stoves, sofas and stone-ware; and so on—not forgetting one Turner lady's "crazy" quilt that contained *ten thousand three hundred and sixty four pieces!* One could not do justice to all in one nor two days' sight-seeing.

The Poland Shakeresses occupied one corner on the second floor with their unique but well-made goods.

On the second floor also, we noticed the Turner Grange exhibit of grain and vegetables—enough to last our family about 12 months.

The rattan and willow furniture made by the North Turner Rattan Co., attracted a great deal of attention.

Also a facsimile railroad locomotive, made by hand.

Also the Lewiston aged lady's log-cabin quilt trimmed with crocheted lace of her own making.

THE POMOLOGICAL SHOW.

The third floor was almost entirely given up to fruit of different kinds in various forms. The three leading fruits—apples, pears, and grapes—were grouped by counties. Oxford County's display would have presented a lonesome appearance, if the Messrs. George of Hebron and King of Paris had not thrown themselves into the vacancy with a profusion of best samples from their orchards; as it was, our table was only partially filled. Of course at the County Fair we shall make a showing nearly, perhaps quite, one-half equal to that of the State Fair, but it does seem as if our county ought to have been represented by more exhibitors.

Concerning the pomological display, Secretary Boardman of the State Pomological Society, remarks: "We have more entries than ever before. I should put it at fully one-third more, and to meet it we have secured one-third more space. Our entries will be marked by special features of interest and lovers of fine displays of fruit will be satisfied. Our exhibition space occupies three wings of the third story of the exhibition building. We would have liked the whole floor. We could easily fill it." Mr. Boardman personally superintended this branch of the Fair.

The *Lewiston Journal* publishes the following interview with

AN OXFORD CO. ORCHARDIST.

One of the best orchardists in Oxford County is C. H. George of Hebron. There is something in Oxford Co. soil that fosters anything to perfection from apples to men. Look over the pomological display and you find Oxford Co. apples among the best. To prove this, look over Mr. George's exhibition of some thirty or forty varieties of apples and some half dozen of pears.

Speaking of pears, the Journal asked Mr. G. his idea of a pear for his locality.

"Clapp's favorite," was the reply, "does first rate with me, and when you eat one you know you have got something. The worst fault with this variety is that it must be used up pretty quickly after it ripens. The Barre d'Anjou comes round later and is a good pear, but not near as large as the Favorite."

"What three varieties of apples should you name as best to cultivate for profit in your locality?" was asked Mr. George.

"For a summer and early fall fruit, I would name the Sweet Bough; for later fall, the Benoni. The Benoni has two things in its favor—it is good looking, and of good quality."

"How of its bearing qualifications?"

"With me," says Mr. George, "it proves a good bearer, and as a market fruit the retailer likes it because besides its good looks to recommend it, it is of good size and shape."

"And what variety do you find the most profitable as a winter variety?"

"I raise both the Baldwin and Rhode Island Greening, and I give the preference to the latter. With me the Greening is a constant bearer and gives me good crops every year. As a market fruit, it sells even better than the Baldwin.—About half of my winter fruit is grafted to Greenings and the other to Baldwins."

"Another good fall apple is the Pomme Royal. This apple has the merit of holding its flavor and texture for five or six weeks."

The Pomme Royal is a medium sized apple, dark green in color, and juicy and pleasant-acid to eat.

A red apple surmounting a high pyramid of fruit on one table attracted considerable attention because of a band of light about its circumference in which the initials of the grower appeared in bright red. Naturally he was asked how it was done. He put a piece of lead about it, cutting his initials in it; the sun did the coloring.

THE RACES,

Of course, interested many people, if they did not the writer, who witnessed none during his visit to the Fair. The track was in poor condition a great part of the time. In the grand closing free-for-all race "Jack Spratt" won first money, and A. E. Russell's (Canton) "Star Gazer" second.

PREMIUMS.

Our space will not allow us to give these in full. Suffice to say about every Oxford County entry secured a premium, and most of them were first premiums.

Mr. L. H. Maxim was paid $111.00 for driving his Devons over.

Mr. Hastings's sheep won for him the sum of $74.00.

We haven't figured on C. H. George's receipts, but his exhibit was a good financial investment.

Our poultry men also have no reason to complain.

ETC., ETC.

At the Society's election of officers all the old ones were re-elected with the exception of Col. H. S. Osgood for Treasurer—the second ballot elected B. F. Briggs of Auburn.

The order on the grounds was excellent; the twenty or thirty policemen had little work to do.

We didn't see an agent of the S. P. C. A. but a great many people did see a four-horse team tugging one hundred passengers up the hills.

A hay tedder, made in Springfield, Ohio, was on exhibition.

Also a hay unloading apparatus, and a grappling hay fork.

Also a horse hoe for marking, covering, hoeing and ridging.

Also a rubber-teated calf feeder.

The Maine State College at Orono made a special and interesting exhibit of 26 varieties of grain—6 of barley, 4 of wheat, and 16 of oats. It was artistically arranged.

Glover's Band of Auburn furnished the best of music. This Band—possibly with the exception of Chandler's—is the best in the State, and it was not afraid of playing too much.

One of the features in the swine pens was a pair of red Jersey pigs.

The Gorham Indurated Fibre Company's work was an especial feature. Pails, tubs, pan, basins, etc.—made from wood pulp. They will not shrink or swell, are of a bright reddish color though not painted or varnished, and will stand almost any test.

The grand cavalcade, on Saturday, was a big thing. It was just a half mile in length. It was headed by the Band. The prize ribbons fluttered in the breeze, the horses stepped high, and the crowds of spectators looked on with wonder and admiration.

The *Lewiston Journal* occupied a building of its own—its weather vane being a big gilded quill. An efficient staff, aided by a corps of omnipresent reporters, furnished each day full, accurate and entertaining reports. With a copy of each issue during Fair week before him, the unscrupulous country editor (outside of Oxford County) with a pair of shears can make up an excellent report of the great exhibition in lengths to suit.

The Fair closed Monday P. M., Sept. 20. The receipts were $13,794.94—better than was expected Friday evening. We judge, however, that of this amount there will be little left after paying premiums and all other expenses.

—Bro. J. W. Thompson is hard at work on the second volume of "Maine Bred Horses," and already has about one hundred pages in type, the entire work when completed making between three and four hundred pages. It has been twelve years since the first volume was issued.—Bro Thompson intends to make the list of 2:30 horses very full and complete and solicits correspondence and facts to this end. We hope our horse breeders and trainers will render him all the assistance possible.—*Home Farm.*

FATTENING POULTRY.—Poultry of all kinds will fatten sufficiently with three weeks' feeding. The whitest flesh and fat are made by feeding milk warmed and mixed to a thick paste with oat-meal, boiled potatoes and corn-meal. This feed should be given four times a day as plentiful as it will be eaten. It is best given in feed-boxes or troughs, which should be taken away as soon as the fowls have eaten. The fowls should be confined in coops, which should be kept clean and deeply sanded.

—The design for the oleomargarine stamp-tax is that of a bull trampling a serpent under foot, for the centre-piece—surrounded by the words "Oleomargarine," "Internal Revenue."

—Souring cream too much before churning, causes a separation of the butter fats and does not add to the quality of the butter.

—Bran cools the blood of the cow.

For the DEMOCRAT.

TWILIGHT.

Pearly cloud-banks go drifting by,
And break and float away,
And the great patches of azure sky
Fade softly into gray.

The last goblet of purple wine
The sunset has spilled o'er the hills,
And rolling his fiery urn behind,
Leaves a golden light of rills.

Now shadows creep from the dim old woods,
And silently lie around,
And as gently comes twilight moods
Of the heart, by memories bound.

Shut in from the busy, noisy world,
Where glooming hours are dearest,
By the musical brook where pines unfold
Their fragrance, and bird-notes are clearest,

I turn the pages that time has pressed,
And read again the story,
Blissful hours, heavenly blessed!
Thrilled with the sunset glory.

As fresh and sweet as the breath of the breeze,
Glad as the songs of the birds;
Like a glimpse of the laughing brook through the trees,
Floats the music of kind words.

Oh, happy! oh, cruel! the hour and place,
That in visions bring so near
Her very words—the form and face
Of one who is not here.

F. A. G.

A STORY OF ARTEMUS WARD.

RELATED BY HOWARD PAUL.

I remember the late Albert Smith, who was one of the staff of the London *Punch*, once telling a group of men, who were standing with him at the Garrick club, that before he gave his first entertainment, The Overland Mail, in London, and risking the fiat of a metropolitan audience, he determined a trial-trip in the provinces to note the effect of his quips upon a less cultivated and exigeat public. He settled upon the market town in Surrey, and his bold, bright announcements, full of promise and pictorially embellished, populated the reserved seats and respectably filled the hall. Thus far all was well. He began his lecture, and kept his vigilant eye on a respectable old gentleman, who was accompanied by three young ladies, all of whom sat near the platform.

The lecturer was received in cold and solemn silence; and, without unnecessary preliminaries, he at once plunged easily into his subject, rattling it off as only Albert Smith in his fresh fleent young days could have done. Some of the audience now and then tittered, one or two got as far as to laugh, but the stately old country gentleman, with the three daughters, reserved a quiet dignity and heard the entertainment from end to end without the semblance of a smile.

The genial, effervescent Albert feared that his "Overland Mail" was not the roystering success he fondly hoped it would prove, and as the people were groping their way out of the ill-lighted little hall into the gloom and rain of a winter's night he approached the old gentleman and said: "I beg your pardon, sir, but how did you like my entertainment? I am most anxious to know your opinion."

"Sir," replied the old gentleman, buttoning up his great-coat and drawing himself up with an imperative air of importance, "it was a very pleasant lecture, indeed, and had it been less serious, and treated in a different spirit, I have no doubt my family would have enjoyed it very much. Good night, sir."

Albert was appalled. His jokes had all missed fire and had been unquestionably misunderstood. It was clear that his style of fun was not adapted to the provincial mind. It was obvious that he must revise his entertainment, or bombard the Londoners with his jests. He chose the latter alternative, and for very many years his "show," as he delighted to call his representations, was one of the fashionable attractions of the great metropolis.

I was relating this incident one day to Artemus Ward, and insisting on the theory that what suits the town will not always hit the mark in the country. He protested that he was quite of my opinion—"only more so"—and then he proceeded to illustrate his conviction by this little anecdote:

"Before I ventured to storm the big cities," said he, "I thought I'd take a modest turn in some of the towns and villages up through New York State, and I settled to begin at an outside place called Goshen, a great cheese and butter depot. My agent was an adroit advertising fiend, named John P. Smith, who stuck at nothing as far as printer's ink was concerned, and was a bit of a wag in his way. He promised to do his level best to make the lecture a success. We put up at the principal inn and distributed a hat full of free tickets, so as to be sure of a decent crowd in the hall. Well, everything was in readiness; and, at the last moment, I sent for Smith, who was to 'tend door. I said, "John, I feel shaky and nervous, and I wish, after the people get well in, you'd give me a hand now and then to start 'em on."

"Leave it to me," said Smith encouragingly. "I've fixed all that."

"I followed my agent's advice," continued Artemus, "and presented myself to the expectant public. I was rigged out in a white vest and tie, and looked as insipid as a boiled fowl. I didn't get a hand. Smith was too busy collecting the tickets to look after my entrance, so my send-off was not stimulating. I began my lecture in a slow, measured tone of voice, and you might have heard a cannon drop, or the stealing of a pocket handkerchief. At any rate they were attentive, I thought; so I let off in due course what I considered a joke. They didn't take it. I paused; then went on. By-and-by I let off another—same result; then another; and Smith, who had got through his ticket collecting and inserted himself among the people, began to applaud lustily.

"My experience of sympathetic city audiences had previously suggested that when some one boldly and bravely leads off the applause, others usually follow, but at Goshen this habit does not obtain. A man well up in front cried, 'silence! Hish!'

"Again I proceeded, and told them a story that many a time and oft I had related with screaming success in private circles. Smith this time set up a terrific guffaw, stamped and clapped his hands and rocked backward and forward, as though he was utterly overcome by my humor. The audience were not to to be allured into following his example.

"'Silence!' shouted one.

"'Don't interrupt the speaker!' howled another.

"'Turn him out!' roared a third.

"And half the audience rose to see who had caused what they thought an unseemly and riotous interruption to the evening's proceedings. A farmer-looking man near Smith had a thick stick in his hand and a menacing look in his eye. I thought he meant business, and would go for him. I had come to a dead standstill, and my agent saw his opportunity. He leaped on one of the empty forms and proceeded to address the audience.

"'Ladies and gentlemen,' shrieked he, 'I am a free and enlightened citizen of this glorious republic, and I claim the proud privilege of enjoying Mr. Artemus Ward's anecdotes. When I enjoy anything I laugh out loud, and when I laugh I make a noise. I cast no reflection on you, my fellow-citizens, but it's clear to me your heads are too thick for Mr. Ward's stories to penetrate. I—' The rest of the sentence was lost in the confusion that followed.

"'Out with him!'

"'Who is he?'

"'Hi! Hi! Pitch him into the pond!'

"'Dry up!'

"And hundreds of similar observations rent the air. I pantomimed to Smith to withdraw. He obeyed; and, peace being restored, I proceeded. This episode rather amused me, and I fell into my best vein. I told them anecdote after anecdote, story after story, and fired off a fusillade of crisp and biting jests. It was no use, I could not for the soul of me rouse them to any outward expressions of appreciation or enjoyment. Then I felt vexed; at last I grew whimsically vicious in my despair. In for a penny, in for a pound, thought I; when I suddenly stopped, and, glaring at a certain man in the audience, I pointed at him with my index finger, and, looking at my watch, said:

"'Ladies and gentlemen, for three quarters of an hour I have been trying my hardest to dig a laugh out of you. Up to now I haven't succeeded. I don't wish to be personal, but if that man with the red hair and the long nose doesn't laugh soon, I shall stop this solemnity and go and hang myself."

"The audience, who had passed over some mighty fine wheezes and a few well crusted Joe Millers, regarded this allusion to the red haired man with the long nose as a tremendous local joke which they thoroughly understood, and they simply set up a howl. It turned out that the victim of my daringly impertinent observation was a political tailor on the unpopular side of the house, who was in the habit of being violently chaffed at town meetings. I had made a flake—a hit—a grand and unexpected coup; and I wound up my lecture as quickly as possible, having secured, at any rate, one resonant, ringing outburst. It is true I had not calculated on this combined result of audacity and accident; but I felt the audience had had something for their money, and had not left their names entirely in vain. As they prepared to disperse I said:

"'On, ladies and gentlemen, I forgot to mention that there is a key to this lecture, an explanatory second part which I shall deliver this day three weeks in Washington. Any person who feels that he has not mastered my subject in its various details will be given a free ticket to Washington, in case he would like to attend. I may also say that I will be at the Black hotel to-morrow up to 7:30 A. M., and anyone who wishes to confer with me in regard to the jokes I have perpetrated, I shall have great pleasure in explaining them and shedding any light on 'em in my power. And bear in mind, I make no extra charge for this.

"The audience rolled out, chattering away, and my faithful J. P. Smith stood at the door to collect opinions.

"'What did they seem to say?' I asked, when we got to the hotel and were totting up the receipts.

"'Say,' replied Smith, "Well, I wouldn't like to repeat all I heard; but one man said he guessed you were laughing at them in your sleeve, and that you were a fraud, anyhow, and gently insinuated that the next time you visited Goshen you'd better have your life insured. Another man said you might be smart enough for some towns, but you wasn't up to the mark for Goshen,'

"Here the landlord of the Buck joined us and asked us to participate in a cigar. He seemed a good-natured man, and I ventured to ask him what he thought of my lecture.

"'Wal,' said he, with crushing urbanity, and a frank expression danced into his honest blue eyes, "I didn't quite get a grip of what you were preachin' about. You see, I'm not much of a hand for shows and sich like; but, by the great United States, when you p'inted out that ar red-har'd rooster with the long beak—wal I must say I thowt it were the best thing I ever heerd in my life."—*New York Mirror.*

A CUTE GEORGIAN.

The prominent part Gen. J. B. Gordon has lately played in the festivities at Montgomery, Ala., brings to mind that his father became a millionaire solely through his love for good spring water.

The elder Gordon, father of General and Walker Gordon, formerly resided in what is now Marion County, Tenn. About forty years ago he bought a strip of barren mountain land for $50. The land was too poor to be farmed, had no timber of value on it, and Gordon bought it more to help its owner than because he wanted the property. Soon after he moved to Georgia, and almost forgot he owned the tract.

One day an old Tennessee neighbor rode up to his door and was received with great cordiality. The Tennessean said he was in Georgia on business, and thought he would see his old neighbor before returning home.

After conversing on different subjects, the Tennessean brought the conversation around to real estate.

"By the way, Gordon," said the Tennessean, casually, "you have a piece of land next mine, would you like to sell it? It is not worth much," he continued, "but it will do for me to let the beeves run on."

"Well," replied Gordon, "I had almost forgotten that strip; what'll you give for it?"

"I don't think it's worth more than $10," said the Tennessean carelessly.

"Oh! I reckon it's worth more than that. I paid $50 for it, but then I just lief get shet of it, for it's no use to me now."

"I'll give you $20 for it."

Gordon thought there was a slight eagerness in the Tennessean's voice, and so stood out for more.

The Tennessean raised to $50, and being refused, continued to raise until he reached $100. By this time Gordon was aroused, and informed the Tennessean that he reckoned he'd take a trip to Tennessee and look at the land.

His neighbor now saw he had made a mistake, so tried to dissuade Gordon from the trip, saying the roads were not only bad but dangerous to riders. Gordon said he reckoned he had as good a horse, pistol and rifle as anybody, and was not afraid of a few hundred miles in the saddle, if it was through a wild mountain country.

After some further talk the pair made arrangements and started out.

The ride was through a wild though beautiful country, and was accomplished in safety. After a rest at the house of the Tennessean the two started out to investigate the land.

It is a dreary looking place, a short distance south of the present Memphis & Charleston railroad, and not far from the Georgia line. The land lies on the mountain side, and is about as miserable a looking piece of land as can be found. Old Gordon gazed at it a few minutes and said:

"I reckon you were right, neighbor; the land is not worth $5."

They proceeded a short distance further, and Gordon was congratulating himself on the idea of getting $100 for land that was of no earthly use to him, when he spied a trail winding to the right towards a cove.

"Where does the trail lead to?" he asked.

"Oh, that leads to a spring," said the Tennessean hastily; "but come over this way," he continued.

"Oh, if there is one thing above all others that I am fond of," said Gordon, "it's a drink of Tennessee spring water. I have not had a good drink since I have been in Georgia. It makes my mouth water to think of it."

"I'll take you to a better spring than that," said the Tennessean nervously. "Come on."

"This one will suit me," persisted Gordon, starting down the trail. Finding that Gordon was determined to follow the trail, the Tennessean reluctantly followed.

Gordon had scarcely gone 100 yards before he saw where the blacksmiths had been digging coal from the mountain side. The Tennessean's object in wanting the land immediately flashed across his mind. Turning to his companion with a meaning smile he said:

"Well, neighbor, I reckon I'll not sell."

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

SATURDAY: William E. Gould, Cashier of the First National Bank of Portland, Me., was discovered to be a defaulter. It is supposed that the actual loss to the bank will be about $137,000, but it is believed that its efficiency is in no way impaired. Mr. Gould is of a good Maine family, and has always been highly respected in the city of Portland.

MONDAY: The annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows was opened in Boston. A very enjoyable banquet was given in Odd Fellows' Hall to the Sovereign Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Massachusetts. Governor Robinson, Mayor O'Brien and other prominent gentlemen were present.——The City Council of Philadelphia voted 40 to 38, to impeach Mayor Smith, a proposition to merely censure him on the ground that his fault was negligence and not dishonesty having previously been defeated.——An fifty constructed storehouse in Chicago, containing $100,000 worth of goods, crumbled to pieces.

TUESDAY: There was a smart snow storm in Belknap county, N. H.——More earthquake shocks in Charleston.

WEDNESDAY: The Odd Fellows' parade in Boston was a big thing—12,500 took part.——President Cleveland and party returned to Washington.——There was considerable rioting in Peabody, Mass., by the striking tanners, and the officers fired shots into the mob.

THURSDAY: 2,000 cattle were found at Chicago, affected with pleuro-pneumonia.——Seven oil tanks at Lima, Ohio, were struck by lightning and made a furious blaze.——The Peabody strikers were on the war-path again, and undertook to burn a boarding-house in which 40 non-union men were sleeping.

FRIDAY: Much more money is needed in Charleston to make the houses of the poor habitable during cold and rainy weather. It is estimated that $2,000,000 will be required to repair the damage done to 600 out of 700 in the city.——S. G. Whittaker of Chicago has beaten the best bicycle time on record. At Crawfordsville, Ind., he rode 100 miles in 6 hours 41 minutes and 59 seconds.——Four officials of Cincinnati were arrested charged with embezzling from the City Treasury about $100,000 in various sums by means of false vouchers.——An explosion of fire damp in a German coal mine killed 45 men and injured 16 others.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Stoves, I. W. Shaw, Buckfield.
Grand Opening, S. B. & Z. S. Prince.
18 Probate Notices.
5 Insolvency Notices.
Notice of Foreclosure, by John T. Glover, Adm'r.
Boarding House to Sale.
Mitchell's Belladonna Plasters.
Administrator's Sale.
Castoria.

THE Androscoggin Valley Cattle Show and Fair will be held at the driving park in Canton, Tuesday to Thursday, Oct 5-7. $580 are offered in trotting premiums. Entries close Sept. 30, and must be made to M. Peabody, Secretary, Canton.

A $2,000 fire occurred at Franklin Plantation on the morning of Sept. 16th. The house, ell, carriage house and barn of Charles Bisbee were destroyed together with one cow, hay, grain, furniture etc. The fire is supposed to have been incendiary. Partially insured.

THE Denison Pulp Mill, at Gilbertville, caught fire on Sunday night, the 19 th inst., but the fire was promptly extinguished. The building was damaged to the extent of about $1000, and liquor in the vats was damaged by cinders. The loss is fully covered by insurance. Origin unknown.

FRANK E. GIBBS, Esq., of Canton, died at the residence of his father, in Peru, on Tuesday night, September 21st. Mr. Gibbs was thirty-three years of age. He read law with Hon. John P. Swasey and was admitted to the Oxford Bar at the March term of S. J. Court 1880, since which time he has practiced his profession in Canton. Typhoid fever, followed by a relapse, was the cause of death. Mr. Gibbs leaves a wife and three small children. He held a $2000 policy in the Maine Benefit Association of Auburn.

THE annual meeting of the West Oxford Educational Association will be held at Brownfield, Friday and Saturday, Oct 1 and 2, 1886. Free entertainment for ladies. The programme is as follows:

FRIDAY.

10:00 A. M. Address of Welcome. Z. O. Wentworth, Brownfield; 10 30 A. M. Question Box; 11:00 A. M. "Moral Training," Miss Minnie J. Pingree, Denmark; 2:00 P. M. Address, W. J. Cortbell, Gorham; 2:00 P. M. "Mathematics," Miss Addie L. Allard, Hiram; 3:45 P. M. "Temperance in public schools," discussion opened by A. F. Richardson, Fryeburg; 7:00 P. M. Address, Hon. N. A. Luce, State Superintendent.

SATURDAY.

9:00 A. M. Election of Officers and other business; 10:00 A. M. "The Recitation," Miss Jennie Bean, Denmark; 11:30 A. M. "Mistakes in teaching," Miss Cynthia E. Pingree, Denmark; 11:30 A. M. Question Box. Discussion follows all papers.

THIS is fair week. That means that everybody will go to cattle show and take his family. At least everybody always does go, and there is nothing to change the usual order of things this year, unless that earthquake which the prophets tell us is coming Wednesday, should break up the last day's exhibition. The indications are that the show this year will be fully as large and successful as usual. In another place we give a complete list of the entries in trotting. It is the biggest field of horses ever entered, and includes nearly all the good horses in the county. The fair grounds have been put in good shape, and a number of additional stalls made. All that is needed to make the fair a grand success is three days of good weather.

THE PORTLAND DEFALCATION.

Like a clap of thunder from a clear sky came the news last week that cashier Wm. E. Gould of the First National Bank of Portland was a defaulter. Mr. Gould was one of the most trusted and respected of the business men of the State. He is Vice-President of the National Bankers' Association, and has read papers before their meetings. He has been cashier of the bank since 1863, and was a recognized authority in banking matters. He has also been prominent in church and reform work, and has done considerable service as a lay preacher.

As at first reported, the amount of Mr. Gould's defalcation was $137,000. He at once made over to the bank property worth $50,000. This, with $20,000 which is all that is sure on his bond, would make the loss to the bank about $67,000. The further investigation proceeds, however, the greater seems to be the extent of the stealing.

Mr. Gould makes no attempt to deny or excuse his conduct, nor did he attempt to escape, though before he was placed under arrest he was given an opportunity to do so.

The money is supposed to have been lost in speculation. Mr. Gould has been a bold and extensive speculator, using the money of the bank, and making and losing large sums. National Bank Examiner Wiswell is at present engaged in investigating the affairs of the bank. When he has finished, it is understood that criminal proceedings will be instituted by the Comptroller of the Currency.

Theories of a partner or partners in the crime, and rumors of defalcations from other parties besides the bank, have been set afloat in plentiful numbers, but no reliable foundation seems to have been discovered for any of them as yet.

CUMMINGTON, MASS.; CUMMINGTON HILL; WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT: AND THE BRYANT LIBRARY.

BY REV. H. C. ESTES, D. D.

In the reading-books of my boyhood, "The American First Class Book," and others, there were some poems ascribed to William Cullen Bryant,—the lines "To a Waterfowl," "March," "Green River," "A Forest Hymn," "Monument Mountain," and "Thanatopsis," for instance;—and they had for me a wondrous charm. From the time when I used to read them at school and by myself at home, I had an indistinct, unexpressed, but strong desire to visit that poet's native place, see with my own eyes what he saw when he first looked upon the face of nature, and so get a better view than mere fancy or imagination could give of the landscape that had its influence on the growth of his fine poetic mind.

Recently this wish was gratified by a visit to the town of Cummington, in the western part of Massachusetts. It is one of the smaller, and one of the most beautiful of New England towns. It contains about twenty-one and three-sevenths square miles, (13,711 acres,) and eight hundred and twelve (812) inhabitants. It is located in the hill country of this State—west of the Connecticut River, midway between Northampton and North Adams, and about fifteen miles from each of those places. Its scenery is singularly diversified, picturesque, and charming. The West Branch of the Westfield River flows, in a southeasterly direction through the town, with a winding and rapid current, pressed closely for the most part by hills on either side, that leave only a roadway between their feet and the river,—sometimes not even that. At one point near the centre of the town, the hills fall back half a mile or so from the river, leaving a plain, in which stands the principal village, with its hotel, high school building, two churches, and sixty or more unusually neat and attractive dwelling-houses,—built on a single street a mile in length, between the bridges that cross the river at the upper and lower ends of the village. From this village-plain the land rises quite rapidly to a hill called Cummington Hill,—three miles distant by the road that winds up to it from the upper end of the village, and about as much higher than the village, as Paris Hill is higher than South Paris. At the summit of this hill one finds, not a little, narrow space, with only room for a house or two,—but a broad, undulating plateau, many hundred acres in extent, where once was the centre of business, the church, stores, shops and offices,—though years ago all this was transferred to the village that grew up by the river, and left on the hill only its goodly farms and farm-houses—and now some elegant country residences. On the other side of the river, and near the little village of West Cummington, is a beautifully rounded out wooded hill called Deer Hill,—whose picture is firmly fixed in mind, to show how

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

And how much of beauty meets the eye as it looks off from the hills five or ten miles away in the surrounding towns of Plainfield, Ashfield, Goshen, Chesterfield, Worthington and Chester!

It was about one hundred and twenty-five years ago—in 1762,—that the township was purchased by Col. John Cummings; and it was largely settled in the next ten or twelve years. One of the early settlers was Dr. Peter Bryant,—a physician of more than ordinary skill, and a man of much literary culture. He settled on the hill, which the "History of the Connecticut Valley" calls "the far famed Cummington Hill." His farm there is well known as "the Bryant place." There his seven children were born, of whom the second was named William Cullen—for a Dr. William Cullen of Edinburgh, whose medical lectures were much admired by Dr. Bryant. There the child that was to attain so much eminence and fame as a poet and a man, grew up to youth, looked wonderingly upon the hills and valleys and over-arching sky, listened to the sweet voices of birds and streams—and drank in their quickening, inspiring influence, as in his little poem, "The Rivulet," he says:

"This little rill, that from the springs
Of yonder grove its current brings,
Plays on the slope a while, and then
Goes prattling into groves again
Oft to its warbling waters drew
My little feet, when life was new.....
And when the days of boyhood came,
And I had grown in love with fame,
Duly I sought thy banks, and tried
My first rude numbers by thy side."

There he wrote his first poems;—(of which one was published in a county paper when he was only ten years old;) there he wrote his "Thanatopsis" and from there he went forth to do the work of life—as at least four other eminent men have gone forth from that same place—namely: Hon. Luther Bradish, Rev. Thomas Swett, D. D., Rev. Theophilus Packard, D. D., and Hon. Henry L. Dawes, one of the present United States Senators from Massachusetts—all of whom (with the exception of Dr. Packard, who was five years old when his father moved there,) were born and bred in the same school district, and within a mile of each other on Cummington Hill. And there, till the close of life, our poet used often to return and find rest and refreshment in its familiar, endeared, and charming scenes.

From the Bryant place on the Hill, there are two roads built by Mr. Bryant, (the town engaging to maintain them when built,)—one leading to the East and the other to the West village—both admirable works of their kind, and memorials of his interest in his native place.

"The Cummington Library" is also a striking, enduring, and beneficent monument of Mr. Bryant's regard for the intellectual welfare of his native town. It is about half a mile west of the principal village—at the junction of the roads that lead to the West village and the Hill. There, in 1872, he bought eleven acres of land, built a good dwelling-house for the use of the Librarian and his family, and a fire-proof building of good size and architectural design, which he partly filled with upwards of five thousand volumes of choice books, many of which he employed Mr. G. P. Putnam to select and purchase for him in Europe. In this work he expended about twenty thousand dollars;—of which sum half was devoted to the grounds and buildings, and half to the books;—the town being required to make a small appropriation for the benefit of the library annually. The collection of books is particularly rich in History and Biography; Voyages and Travels; the Natural Sciences; Political and Social Sciences; English Literature; the Fine Arts; and Works of Reference. This "Bryant Library" is a rich legacy left by him to his native town;—but his personal character, his life, and his writings are a far richer legacy, left for the use and benefit, not of his townsmen alone, but of all men.

Leicester, Mass., Sept. 17, 1886.

HEBRON ACADEMY.

CHAPEL EXERCISES, SEPT. 15th.

One of the pleasant and profitable places to spend time is at the academy. If one desired to see teachers and students together, a call at half-past eight A. M. five mornings of each week presents an assembly of over one hundred cheerful and earnest workers seated front of the stage toward which they look with admiring eyes at the well known instructors. On Wednesday morning the institution was honored by a new visitor, and Prof. Sargent introduced Rev. Mr. Hanson of Damariscotta. The exercises commenced with music by the choir, then Prof. Sargent read a Psalm after which Rev. Mr. Hanson offered prayer at close of which all joined in repeating the Lord's prayer. Then came music by the choir and a motto for the school by Prof. Sargent from Pope.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast,
Man never is, but always to be blest."

Then by invitation Mr. Hanson in his pleasant and easy manner addressed the school words profitable and inspiring which we in trust may never be forgotten. He said he had visited every institution of the kind in the state before coming here, and lastly took this the oldest and most historic of all, for which he had long been working. Then he admonished the students to remember that they were not only members of Hebron Academy but also of a system of education of which this was only a part. He when gave particulars concerning Colby University, Coburn Classical Institute and Houlton Academy and remarked that he wished he could say that Hebron would at once be furnished with just such a building as its delightful location and ambitious students merited, but he felt that in the near future the prospect was certain. Then the speaker called attention to the plus and minus signs, and remarked that when he attended school, the students were writing out the lives of their classmates, and that some had become more than was expected, and others less, that the plus sign in life was due to industry and integrity. He gave the name of Eugene Hale as an example of industry and perseverance, which was noticeable even during his stay in Judge White's office in Portland. In closing his very interesting remarks he said "God bless this Academy, and let each one choose what shall be written against his name when life's work is done, the plus or minus sign, remembering ever that true greatness must combine industry and integrity." B.

MOTHERS.—There are upon the skin of every human being child and adult alike, 2,300,000 pores. Through these pores in the form of insensible perspiration, is expelled more than one-quarter of the nourishment taken into the system. The importance of keeping open these perspiration valves upon a child's body, is second only to that of promptly digesting the food eaten. It was to open the pores of the skin and to assimilate the food that Dr. Pitcher formulated Castoria. Loose bowels, constipation, fevers and eruptions which are so constant among infants and children, and which kill one-third of all children before they are five years old, arise principally from these two causes. It is from the wonderful results attendant upon the use of Castoria in regulating the stomachs and bowels and keeping open the pores of the skin, that Castoria acquired its wide reputation. With plenty of water for the body, pure air for the lungs and Castoria to assimilate the food, there need be no unaccounted for sickness among children. Castoria is a vegetable prescription without morphine or other narcotic property. Thirty years extensive use has given it a history never attained by another medicine.

THE Oxford Universalist Association will meet with the society at West Paris on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 5 and 6. All are invited to attend. Entertainment will be provided by the West Paris Society.

DIED.

In Waterford Sept. 19, Oliver Porter, aged 84 yrs., 6 months and 16 days.

Administrator's Sale.

PURSUANT to a license from the Hon. Judge of Probate, for the County of Oxford, I shall sell at public auction, on the sixth day of Nov A. D. 1886 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on the premises, the right, title and interest which Benjamin C. Briggs, late of Paris, in said County, deceased, had, in and to the following described real estate, viz.: The right in equity to the homestead in said Paris, on road leading from Paris Hill to Buckfield, subject to three mortgages on which there is now about $200. Also the right to redeem another lot, being a part of pasture land conveyed to said Briggs by Wm. N. Double, et al. Dated this 27th day of Sept., A. D. 1886.

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Notice of Foreclosure

WHEREAS, Frank E. Buck, then of Hartford, now of Paris, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, by his mortgage deed, dated the twenty-second day of December, A. D. 1874, and recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds, book 171, page 561, conveyed to one Sewell S. Glover, in his lifetime, the homestead farm on which Ezekiel T. Ludden then resided, comprising Lot No. One in the Eleventh Range of Lots, in said town of Hartford, and in that part of said town known as Thompson's tirant, containing ninety-five acres, more or less, with the buildings thereon; and whereas the condition of said mortgage has been broken, now, therefore, by reason of the breach of the condition thereof, I, John T. Glover, Administrator of the Estate of said Sewell S. Glover, claim a foreclosure of said mortgage.

Sept. 22, 1886.

JOHN T. GLOVER,
Admr. on the Estate of Sewell S. Glover.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Sept., A. D. 1886.

On the petition of WILLIAM WOODSUM Executor of the last Will and Testament of Levi J. Atkins, late of Peru, in said County, deceased, praying for license to sell and convey certain real estate, described in his petition on file in the Probate Office, at an advantageous offer of six hundred and fifty dollars.

Ordered, That the said petitioner give notice to all persons interested by causing an abstract of his petition with this order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County on the third Tuesday of Oct. next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

A true copy—attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

THE Subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Administrator of the Estate of

HANNIBAL LORD, late of Denmark,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs: he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

Sept. 21, 1886. CARLTON H. WALKER.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of Sept., 1886.

HENRY M. COLBY, Guardian of Willie E. Dolly, minor child and heir of John Dolly, late of Milton Pl., in said County, having presented his account of guardianship of said ward for allowance:

ORDERED, That said Guardian give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the OXFORD DEMOCRAT, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Court of Probate, to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of October next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

A true copy—ATTEST: H. C. Davis, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Sept., A. D. 1886.

MARY ESTES named Executrix in a certain Instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Benjamin Estes, late of Bethel, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:

ORDERED, That the said Executrix give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County on the third Tuesday of Oct. next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and show cause if any they have, why the said Instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

A true copy—attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Sept., A. D. 1886.

On the petition of WILLIAM WOODSUM, Executor of the last Will and Testament of Daniel G. Turner, late of Peru, in said County, deceased, praying for license to sell and convey certain real estate described in his petition, on file in the Probate Office, at an advantageous offer of six hundred and thirty dollars.

Ordered, That the said petitioner give notice to all persons interested by causing an abstract of his petition with this order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County on the third Tuesday of Oct. next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

A true copy—attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Sept., A. D. 1886.

ANNA HARLOW, Guardian of Inez Harlow, minor child and heir of Elbridge G. Harlow, late of Dixfield, in said County, having presented her account of guardianship of said ward for allowance:

Ordered, That the said Guardian give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Court of Probate to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of Oct. next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.

A true copy—Attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Sept., A. D. 1886.

HANNAH F. FARNUM, widow of George J. Farnum, late of Rumford, deceased, having presented her petition for an allowance out of the personal estate of said deceased:

Ordered, That the said Petitioner give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County, on the third Tuesday of Oct. next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

A true copy—attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Sept., A. D. 1886.

E. S. RIDLON, Attorney for Portland Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, presents a certain Instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Cybella A. Faunce, late of Oxford, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate, and asked that George Hixon be appointed Administrator with the Will annexed:

Ordered, That the said Petitioner give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County on the third Tuesday of Oct. next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon and show cause if any they have, why the same should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

A true copy, attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Sept., A. D. 1886.

HANNIBAL G. BROWN, Guardian of Frank H. Judkins, minor child and heir of Alvin Judkins, late of Paris, in said County, having presented his account of Guardianship of said ward for allowance:

Ordered, That the said Guardian give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Paris on the third Tuesday of Oct. next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEO. A WILSON, Judge.

A true copy—Attest: H. C. DAVIS Register.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Sept., A. D. 1886.

On the petition of ORIN J. LOVEJOY, Guardian of Frank H. and Ada F. Lovejoy, minor heirs of Florinda Lovejoy, late of Andover, in said County deceased, praying for license to sell and convey certain real estate described in his petition on file in the Probate Office, at an advantageous offer of two hundred and fifty dollars.

ORDERED, that the said Petitioner give notice to all persons interested by causing an abstract of his petition, with this order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County, on the third Tuesday of Oct., next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

A true copy—attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Sept., A. D. 1886.

ISAAC E. HEATH, named Executor in a certain Instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Betsy A. Heath, late of Bethel, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:

Ordered, That the said Executor give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County, on the third Tuesday of Oct. next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and show cause if any they have why the said Instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Sept., A. D. 1886.

A. M. BOKR, Executor on the estate of William Horr, late of Waterford, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the Estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, that the said Executor give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published 3 weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County on the third Tuesday of Oct. next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and show cause if any they have, why the said account should not be allowed.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

A true Copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Sept., A. D. 1886.

HANNIBAL G. BROWN Guardian of Alice G. Judkins, minor heir of Alvin Judkins late of Paris, in said County, having presented his account of guardianship of said ward for allowance:

Ordered, that the said Guardian give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Paris on the third Tuesday of Oct. next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEO. A WILSON, Judge.

A true copy—Attest: H. C. DAVIS Register.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Sept., A. D. 1886.

LUPIRA BROWN, widow of Benjamin Brown, late of Byron, deceased, having presented her petition for an allowance out of the Personal Estate of said deceased:

Ordered, That notice thereof be given to all persons interested therein by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County, on the third Tuesday of Oct. next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

A true copy—Attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

THE Subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Administrator of the Estate of

WILLIAM A. HUNTRESS, late of Hiram,

in said County deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon, to exhibit the same to

Sept. 21st, 1886. GEORGE A. COLE.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, SS:—Court of Insolvency, 4th Wednesday of Sept., A. D 1886.

In the matter of DANIEL B. LEBROKE, Insolvent Debtor.

It is hereby ordered, that notice be given to all persons interested in the settlement of the first account of James S. Wright, Assignee of the above named Insolvent Debtor, by causing a copy of this order to be published two weeks successively, in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Court of Insolvency to be held at the Probate Court Room on the third Wednesday of Oct. next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon, and object if they see cause.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge
of Insolvency Court, Oxford County.

A true copy—Attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

Notice of Assignee of his Appointment.

At Paris, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, the 22d day of Sept., A. D 1886.

THE undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of

THOMAS A. JOHNSON, of Paris,

in the County of Oxford, insolvent debtor, who has been declared an insolvent upon his petition, by the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford. A. P. STEARNS, Assignee.

Notice of Assignee of his Appointment.

At Bethel, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine the 22d day of Sept., A. D. 1886.

The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of the Insolvent Estate of

NATHANIEL TRASK, of Newry,

in the County of Oxford, Insolvent Debtor, who has been declared an Insolvent upon his petition by the Court of Insolvency for the said County of Oxford. CALVIN BISHEP, Assignee.

Notice of Assignee of his Appointment.

At Paris, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, the 22d day of Sept., A. D 1886.

The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of

ISAAC P. MCALLISTER, of Paris,

in the County of Oxford, Insolvent Debtor, who has been declared an Insolvent upon his petition by the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford.

JAMES S. WRIGHT, Assignee

Messenger's Notice.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF OXFORD COUNTY, STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss.—Sept. 22d, A. D. 1886.

THIS is to give notice, that on the twenty-second day of Sept., A. D. 1886, a warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of Payson Rich, of Norway, in said County adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said Debtor, which petition was filed on the 22d day of Sept., A. D. 1886 in which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; That the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; That a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris in said County, on the 25th day of Oct., A. D. 1886, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written. CYRUS M. WORMELL, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

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The undersigned, having procured the Oxford County Agency for these Bicycles, would call attention to the numerous merits of this make of machines. Since coming into use the "Star" has won nearly all the American Road Races and all Hill Climbing Contests and now holds the best records for long distance rides.

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STATEMENT

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SO. PARIS, SEPT. 2, 1886.

Alva Shurtleff, Pres. Geo. A. Wilson, Treas

LIABILITIES.

Deposits,	$285 887 29
Reserve Fund,	7 000 00
Profits,	5 410 66
	$298,300 95

RESOURCES.

United States Bonds,	$2 200 00
City and Town Bonds of Maine,	2,150 00
County Bonds of other States,	5 000 00
City Bonds of other States,	11 000 00
Railroad Bonds,	21,000 00
Bank Stock,	29,900 00
Corporation Bonds,	3,000 00
Loans on Mortgages of Real Estate,	152,369 70
Other Loans,	55 909 49
Real Estate,	2 924 47
Cash on hand and on Deposit,	4 851 64
Expense Account,—Taxes and Insurance,	1,400 78
Premium Account,	6,451 50
Safe,	600 00
	$298,300 95

Deposits draw interest from the first of each month.

Dividends are paid in May and Nov.

Rate of the last two dividends, 4½ per cent. per annum

Securities are kept in the Safe Deposit Vault, Portland.

FRED E. RICHARDS,
Bank Examiner.

Commissioners' Notice.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of August, A. D., 1886, commissioners to receive and examine the claims of creditors against the estate of Rufus Brackett, late of Lovell in said County, deceased, represented insolvent, hereby give notice that six months from the date of said appointment are allowed to said creditors in which to present and prove their claims, and that they will be in session at the law office of E. C. Walker in said Lovell on Saturday, November 27th next, and on Saturday, February 12th at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated this sixth day of September, A. D., 1886.

JAMES E. FARRINGTON,
GEORGE H. MOORE.

Notice of Foreclosure.

Bangor Savings Bank, of Bangor, in the County of Penobscot, hereby gives notice that Isaac Bowman, of Lancaster, in the State of New Hampshire, and William E. Mann of said Bangor, by their deed bearing date the twenty-fourth day of June, A. D. 1886, and recorded in Oxford Registry of Deeds, book 208, page 308, 309 and 310, conveyed in mortgage to said Bangor Savings Bank three undivided fourths part of the following described tracts or parcels of land, situated in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, viz: 1. Township Number Four, in Range five, west of Bingham's Kennebec Purchase, containing—exclusive of the lots reserved for public uses—twenty-one thousand two hundred and twenty-seven acres, more or less. 2. Also a certain other tract of land, North of township number four, in range six, west of Bingham's Kennebec Purchase, and adjacent to said township number four, in range six, containing—exclusive of the lots reserved for public uses—fourteen hundred twenty-one acres, more or less. Said tracts containing in all, twenty-two thousand six hundred and forty-eight acres, more or less, according to the survey and plan of said township, made and returned to the Land Office in 1796, by Ephraim Ballard and Philip Bullen, surveyors; reference to said survey to be had. Excepting from said premises the soil of the lots reserved for public uses, being nine hundred and sixty three acres in said township and sixty four acres in said gore or last described tract. The right to cut and carry away the grass and timber upon said reserved lots to the extent of such three undivided fourths being thereby conveyed; reference to said deed to be had. The said Bank hereby gives notice that the condition of said mortgage is broken, and that by reason thereof is claims a foreclosure. Dated this fourteenth day of September, A. D. 1886.

BANGOR SAVINGS BANK.
By S. D. THURSTON, Treasurer.

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VILLAGE DIRECTORY.

First Baptist Church, Rev. J. E. Cochrane, Pastor: Preaching Service every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Sabbath Evening Service at 7 P. M. Prayer Meetings, Thursday Evenings.

Universalist Church, Rev. Caroline Angell, Pastor. Preaching Service every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sabbath School at 12 M.

Paris Hill Brass Band, Emery W Mason, Leader; Newton Stanley, Secy. and Treas; G. M. Atwood, Business Manager. Meetings Tuesday and Saturday Evenings.

Everybody will attend the County Fair this week.

H. E. Chase of South Paris was at the Hill Monday.

William G. Harlow of Dixfield was in town last week.

Hannibal G Brown, Esq. of West Paris was at the Hill Tuesday.

Dr. A. C. Hamlin of Bangor was in town several days last week.

Addilson E Herrick, Esq., of Bethel called on the DEMOCRAT Wednesday.

Ex-Governor Perham and family made a trip through the northern part of the County last week.

Miss Jeannie Hubbard has been on a trip to Portland, Fryeburg and the White Mountains the past week.

Loads of fancy farm products for exhibition at the County Fair commenced to pass through this village Monday morning.

Alvan B. Godwin, C Bisbee, F. F Hastings, Ceylon Rowe and J W. Sanborn, of Bethel, were at the Union House last week.

B. W. Dean, of Worcester, Mass., was at Paris, Friday. Mr Dean is a brother of Robinson Dean of Buckfield. He is a native of this town and was born on the place now owned by W. H. Cole, in the Whittemore District.

Saturday evening the band braved the coming storm, and marching to the residence of John F. Stanley, Esq., gave him a serenade. Mr. Stanley thanked them, and inviting them in, set before them an excellent oyster supper, which put the boys in good spirits. Those who went out to "hear the band play," stood outside and longingly looked on.

The members of the Universalist society and pew-owners in the meeting house who were not present at their annual meeting last Tuesday are notified, and those who were present are reminded that said meeting stands adjourned to next Saturday at half past seven; and also that a full attendance is important as the question of raising money is to be brought forward. CLERK.

Arrivals at the Hubbard House for the week ending Sept. 25th:

George D. Bisbee, Buckfield; Henry M. Colby and wife, Rumford; John R. Trask, Dixfield; George A. Wilson, South Paris; J. ha P. Swasey, Canton; George Bearce, Lewiston; John Walker, Harrison; E. W. Thayer, South Paris; J. G. Young, Jr., Boston; Mrs. A. T. Perley, Mrs. M. P. Perley, Miss Willie and A. T. Fitch, Naples; Cyrus M. Wormell, Bethel; H. A. Mills, Andover; Addison E. Herrick, Bethel; George E. Shaw and wife, Portland; F. W. Judkins, J. H. Hamlin, F. L. Merrill and F. E. Bell, Norway.

Rev. J. E Cochrane closed his three years' pastorate of the Baptist church in this place last Sunday, saying a few parting words to the members, and making a brief review of the present condition and the past progress of the church. Mr Cochrane and family sail from Boston the 14th of October. Seventeen missionaries, men and women, go on the same steamer They expect to spend a week in London, whence they go, through the Mediterranean sea and the Suez Canal, via Calcutta and Rangoon to the missionary station in Tavoy.

The fine two-year-old colt, Mattalluck, belonging to County Treasurer Marble and John Pierce of this place, won the first money, in the two-year-old race at the Meeting of the Oxford County Trotting Horse Breeder's Association, at the Fair Grounds last Tuesday. The time made (half mile and repeat) was 1:33, 1:32 1-4, 1:35 1-2, which, according to the Horse Breeders' *Monthly* is faster than that made in any two-year-old race in Maine this year. Mattalluck's dam is the famous brood mare, Fannie Patchen; sire, Eclair.

WHITTEMORE DISTRICT.

A family by the name of Chaplin have moved into the old Ripley house.

Hosea Bonney has bought the Spragueottage at So. Paris and now offers his farm for sale.

W. H Cole with Scott Briggs went into the pasture to get a calf that one of the neighbors was pasturing for him, when they were attacked by a vicious heifer, and luckily narrowly escaped without injuries.

The Mt. Mica Company have struck quite a bonanza; a few days ago they blasted into a rich pocket. One tourmaline Mr. Carter appraised at one hundred dollars. They have opened and are now investigating another pocket.

Bowker and Crocker have put a cemented stone wall around the Mt. Mica spring. This spring is well known in this vicinity and in all probability will be as popular as the famous Poland Spring. There is now a little cottage near the spring and we expect in the near future to see the Mt. Mica House standing on the breezy hill where invalids may find a pleasant home for the summer and drink of the healing fountain and inhale the pure mountain air.

ESCAPED.—Charles R. Davis, of Oxford who was commited to Paris jail some weeks ago for stealing money, has escaped in a mysterious manner. Thursday morning Jailer Stearns locked Davis in as usual. On visiting the jail again he found the outer door locked and the cell door bolted as he had left it, but the prisoner was not there. No trace of him has yet been found. It is supposed that he was let out by friends.

THE R. F. & B. R. R. will sell excursion tickets to South Paris and return during the three days of the fair, at the following rates: Canton $1 25, Hartford $1.15, East Sumner $1 10, Buckfield $1.00, East Hebron 90 cents, West Minot 85 cents. Passengers taking the regular train leaving Canton at 9:10 A. M. will arrive at South Paris at 11:00 A. M. Special trains Wednesday and Thursday leave South Paris at 5:35 P. M., arriving at Buckfield at 6:45 and at Canton at 7:20.

—S. B. A. Z. S. Prince, 116 Main St., Norway, will give the visitors at their store Wednesday the 29th inst. a rare treat. They have made arrangements with Mr. Asher, agent for one of the largest cloak manufacturing Co.'s in this country, to be with them with a magnificent line of ladies' and children's garments These in addition to their already large stock will make probably the fullest line ever shown in this vicinity. They extend to all a cordial invitation to call and see these goods whether they wish to purchase or not.

STATE PICK-UPS.

The freshman class of Bates College numbers 38, at Colby 31.

The total receipts of the State Fair, although large, are not sufficient to cover expenses.

Charles A. Rolfe's store at Princeton was entered Monday night, the safe blown open, and $200 in cash and a number of checks taken.

A school-boy named Stillman, at Rockland, stabbed a playmate, Wilson Sherman with a pocket knife, inflicting wounds which may prove serious.

William Leaky was last week arrested in Portland for being concerned in the murder of George Freeman, a colored man whose body was found in Back Cove on June 20th.

Four ladies and one child were poisoned by eating soup, at the house of John Grant in Augusta. By prompt treatment they are out of danger. The origin of the poisoning is not known.

SOUTH PARIS.

VILLAGE DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church, Rev. A. G. Fitz, Pastor: On Sunday, preaching service, 10.45 A. M. Sabbath-school, 12 M.; young people's meeting, 5.30 P. M.; prayer meeting, 6.30 P. M. Wednesday prayer meeting, 7.30.

Methodist Church, Rev. S. Hooper, Pastor: On Sunday, preaching service, 10.45 A. M.; Sabbath-school, 12 M.; morning prayer meeting, 9.30 A. M.; evening prayer meeting, 6.30 P. M. Tuesday prayer meeting, 7.45 P. M. Class meeting, Friday, 7.45 P. M.

Baptist Church, Rev. J. E. Cochrane, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching service 2.30 P. M.; Sabbath School 3.30 P. M.; prayer meeting 6.30 P. M.; Friday evening prayer meeting, 7 P. M.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Regular meeting Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

I. O. O. F.—Mount Mica Lodge, regular meetings, Thursday evening of each week.—Aurora Encampment, first and third Monday evenings of each month.

P. of H.—Paris Grange, second Saturday of each month.

Golden Cross.—First and third Thursdays.

I. O. G. T.—So. Paris Lodge, No. 311, meets every Monday evening in the Methodist Vestry.

Knights of Labor.—South Paris Assembly, No. 4,966 meets every Saturday evening in Lincoln Hall, at 7:30.

G. A. R.—W. K. Kimball Post, No. 148, meets first Monday in every month, in Grange Hall at 7:30 P. M.

Single copies of the OXFORD DEMOCRAT are for sale at Gerry's Drug Store, Odd Fellows' Block, So Paris

Mr. Adkins our popular baggag master has been enjoying a vacation, and his place has been filled by Mr. Cleasby. Mr. Adkins has served the company many years in this capacity, and a more gentlemanly and obliging official cannot be found.

W. M. Shaw is doing the express business in our village which was previously delivered by the Norway office.

J. A. Kenney made his first visit to the Maine State Fair last Monday.

Most of the rooms at the Andrews House have been engaged during the Fair. Many of our former citizens will embrace this opportunity of visiting their native county.

We hope soon to see a gate at the railroad crossing near the depot; there is a large amount of passing here and some serious accidents are liable to occur which might be avoided by proper protection.

Several of our young men take a live interest in the ball games of the New England League. Portland is their favorite club, and they receive the result of each game at night by telegraph.

The work of laying the pipe by the Norway Water Company is progressing rapidly; the places of locating the hydrants have been marked out by the engineers.

Wednesday being the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Morton's wedding, a few neighbors and friends came in the evening, unheralded, to assist in celebrating the occasion. Remarks were made by Rev. Messrs Cochrane and Ventres, and a poem, "Silver Bells," was read by Mrs. E. O. Jewell. Mr. Morton feelingly responded. The visitors left behind them substantial and appropriate mementoes of their visit.

The past week has been an unusually busy one: the corn shop has been run to its full capacity, the bridge has been completed and good advancement has been made on the water-works.

D. F. Bowker, passenger brakeman on the Lewiston and Portland train, came home Saturday night to spend a week's vacation with his mother, Mrs. N Mason.

There are several cases reported where persons have lost quite a quantity of grapes, pears and other fruit; one man has lost his entire crop of pears—from three to four bushels. We hope the perpetrators of these thefts will be detected and a stop put to this sort of pilfering

F B Maxim, traveling salesman, was at home over Sunday, having been absent for four weeks

The Oxford County Poultry Association held a meeting last Saturday evening. There was a good attendance The officers are A. E. Shurtleff, President; G P Young, Vice President; Dr. Horatio Woodbury, Secretary; A. E. Shurtleff, Dr. G. W. Brown, G. P. Tucker, W. L. Black, Benj Tucker, Jr., and Silas Wright, Directors. Voted to hold the next exhibition at South Paris on Dec 29, 30 and 31. Voted to offer additional premiums for the best exhibition of dogs;—as there are many fanciers of the canine species here, we predict this will be an interesting feature of the exhibition. The premiums will be awarded by a competent judge.

Dr. Rounds is having a foundation put in on his lot below the Andrews House, preparatory to building.

W. J. Wheeler lost a valuable mare and colt; they were pastured about three miles north of the village near the railroad—getting upon the track they were struck by the engine on the Thursday night express. This is quite a loss for Mr. Wheeler, as he had just refused $100 for the colt and the mare was valued at about $300

There was no service at the Congregational house last Sunday. Rev. C. S. Cummings of Bridgton preached at the Methodist church; although quite young, his sermon was exceedingly able and eloquent. Rev. J. E Cochrane closed his labors with the Baptist Church here last Sabbath. He has preached here only a short time, but by his earnest devotion to his profession he has won for himself many friends who regret to have him leave.

A. E. Shurtleff, proprietor of the Stony Brook Poultry Yards, has at present about four hundred fowls. He was fortunate enough to win several of the first premiums at the State Fair.

H. F. Morton has just completed a large silo. He has put in five or six acres of corn fodder.

Mrs. Ray's house, on High Street, is up and the work will be rapidly pushed ahead by G. W. Cook.

H. N. Bolster calls the attention of the readers of this paper to some rare bargains that they can obtain at his store.—He means what he says.

Mr. Hiram Richardson of Somerville, Mass., formerly of this place, is here for a few weeks.

The Oxford Baptist Quarterly Meeting was held at this place Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. It was a very interesting, successful meeting.

ENTRIES IN TROTTING

AT THE OXFORD COUNTY FAIR, TO BE HELD SEPT. 28 30.

FIRST DAY, 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

2.34 CLASS.

H L Horne, Norway, g m Georgia.
Albert Richardson Norway, b m Topsy.
A C Scribner, Lewiston, bl m Maine Central Girl.
M C Delano, Canton, g m Echo.
Alvarado Russell, Buckfield, b g Robert D.
E N Fox, Lovell, b g Frank A.

FOUR-YEAR OLD CLASS.

Andrews & Thayer, Norway, b m Lady Watchmaker
J A Brooks, West Paris, br m Kittie.
S E Kimball, South Paris, b m Fatinitza.
D A Tuttle, Buckfield, ch m Ida May.
Andrews & Thayer, Norway, bl m Stella M.
A M Curtis, West Peru, sr m Cassie.
Frank P Cole, Bryant's Pond, bl s Dan C.
W J Wheeler and D N True, South Paris, b s Thomas Carlyle.

OND DAY, 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

STALLION RACE.

C S Page, Canton, bl s C. S. P.
R G Dunn, Canton, ch s Gold Bird.
Burnham & Morrill, Norway, bl s Norway Knox.
S R Hutchins, Rumford, ch s Spirit of '76.

2.20 CLASS.

Andrews & Thayer, Norway, bl m Mabel W.
Thayer Brothers, South Paris, bl m Patience.
H C Ellis, Canton, gr m Ma Me.
O C Houghton, Bryant's Pond, r m Rosa Bonner.
J P Edmunds, Dixfield, b m Katie B.

THREE-YEAR OLD CLASS.

T P Richardson, Norway, bl s Captain Wedgewood.
D A Tuttle, Buckfield, ch m Prescia.
John W Thompson, Canton, bl m Lewricka.
John B Robinson, Oxford, r g Jefferson G.

THIRD DAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

GENTS' DRIVING HORSES.

Entries close at 10 o'clock, Sept. 29th.

2.50 CLASS.

Charles E Thayer, South Paris, bl m Patience.
C S Page, Canton, bl s C. S. P.
Orlando C Houghton, Bryant's Pond, rn m Rosa Bonner.
R G Dunn, Canton, ch s Gold Bird.
S R Hutchins, Rumford, ch s Spirit of '76.
L W Jackson, South Paris, bl m Lady Ames.
Theodore Thayer, South Paris, bl g Ned.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

2.40 CLASS.

Albert Richardson, Norway, b m Topsy.
Wm Bailey, Canton, r m Nettie B.
O C Houghton, Bryant's Pond, r m Rosa Bonner.
E N Fox, Lovell, b g Frank A.
J P Edmunds, Dixfield, b m Kittie B.

TWO-YEAR OLD CLASS.

C W and H L Horne, Norway, b s Redmont.
Brown and Witt, Norway, b m Maggie Almont.
George H Jones, Oxford, b m Alert.
H H Freeman, Norway, ch m Queen Bee.
Marble & Pierce, Paris, bl s Metallak.
Frank P Cole, Bryant's Pond, br m Lady Duroc.
Charles A Coffin, Bryant's Pond, br m Mabel.
Horace M Fiske, North Waterford, rn s Prince Bismarck.

FREE-FOR-ALL.

H L Horne, Norway, g m Georgia.
Wm Bailey, Canton, rn m Nettie B.
M C Delano, Canton, b m Maggie Miller.
Alvarado Russell, Buckfield, b g Robert D.
A E Russell, Buckfield, b g Star Gazer.
C P Drake, Lewiston, b s Gienarra.

Edward W. Spencer of Baldwin, the switchman who left open the switch which caused the accident of Sept. 3d at Steep Falls, has been arrested, charged with manslaughter. The verdict of the coroner's jury finds the P. & O R R Co. also guilty of carelessness and negligence in not providing suitable switch lights.

THE POSTAL CARD BRIGADE.

MASON.

The killing frosts have come and the late corn and beans are dead.

Wednesday and Thursday mornings were extremely cold, ice was formed in many places and the ground was frozen; squashes that were not covered were spoiled and much sweet corn is entirely ruined.

L. D. Ward of Gorham N. H. made me a call yesterday, he has been gone from here seventeen years. He seems young in mind but he bears the marks of years and hard work.

Miss Rosa M Tyler has gone to Boston to stop awhile with her brother Frank P. Tyler.

Mr. Z. Cates and wife are visiting at I. Scribner's.

A. S. Bean's teams have finished hauling strips and wood from Mason.

The late wind shook off the apples quite badly.

OXFORD.

On Saturday evening, September 18th, the Knights of Labor and the Oxford Brass Band gave an entertainment at Central Hall, of instrumental and vocal music, with a chicken supper, cakes, pies, etc., the proceeds to be used to shingle Engine Hall, which is much in need of repair. The attendance was good and nearly $30 were raised.

Swan & Cobb, photographers, have been here from Welchville for a few days.

Mrs. Lizzie Kennison, of Stoneham, has been visiting friends here.

The Oxford Second Nine went to Mechanic Falls on Saturday, 18th, to play against the Mechanic Falls Nine. Result of the game, 13 to 6 in favor of the Oxfords. In six contested games played by this Nine since its organization in the last of July five have been won by them. The losing game was played against the Oxford First Nine—score 6 to 4.

The pipe to the new reservoir has been taken up for some hundred feet at the upper part to be laid three feet deeper.

Several of the citizens here one moonlight night not long since shot a fat coon, and a coon supper was served at the house of W. R. Farris to those who participated in the hunt.

Some heavy frosts have fallen, but as a general thing the crops are so far matured that not much injury was done.

A lot of Gypsies are passing through the town, and tramps are numerous.

E. BROWNFIELD.

The arrangements for the W. Oxford Educational Institute, which is to be held at the village on Friday and Saturday of this week, are nearly made. It will be held in the Congregational church, and picnic dinner in the town hall probably. Z. O. Wentworth and Grace Weeks have taken the charge of the work of preparation.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight of Macomb, Ill., have been visiting Mrs. Knight's brother, Col. A. A. Gibson, at Miss Jane Weeks's. Mrs. K has not been in her native town for nearly forty years and "Oh! how changed!" is her expression.

The Congregational Circle met on the 22nd inst, at the parsonage, where it will probably be held for the present or until a pastor is found to occupy it.

The temperance Association held its regular meeting at the Baptist church on the 19th. The next will be Oct. 5th, at the Durgin school house.

WEST BETHEL.

Jack Frost gave vegetation a severe nipping on Tuesday night. Water was frozen over.

Apples are quite plenty here, and must be sold for low prices.

Mrs. Hattie A. Grover has been sick for two weeks, but is now improving.

There seems to be but little change in the condition of Charles D. Smith and Caleb E. Walker. Both are very feeble.

The summer boarders have all left Maple Lane Cottage for their city homes.

Rev. Mr York is again in town.

J. H. Briggs, Jr. of Albany was here on Wednesday

Elihu B. Lowell, of Rockland, Mass., is visiting his brother, Grinfill B. Lowell, of this village.

Many from this place will attend the County Fair.

WATERFORD.

Oliver Porter, an aged and respected citizen of this town, died Sunday night, September 19, after a short illness. Mr. Porter was Postmaster for many years, and was also engaged in trade a large part of his life. He leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his loss.

Josiah Monroe is slowly recovering from his illness. Though nearly 81, he is a prominent business man, and we hope to see him out again soon.

Charles and Cyrus Green have gone to Lakewood, N. J., where they are employed in a hotel.

James O. Longley's store appears in a new coat of fancy paint.

Freeman Herr has recently purchased the James S. Grant estate.

E. W. Ayer, Esq., has just made a flying visit to his old home.

The cattle market is dull and buyers are scarce.

NORWAY LAKE.

The farmers are rushing their sweet corn to the factory. Although there have been several frosts of late, we have heard of no injury being done to corn.

Sammie Kilgore has a bushel of the largest and smoothest Early Rose potatoes, we have ever seen, all of which were raised from two tubers planted last spring.

S. H. Stevens is in Boston

James Smith went to Portland Tuesday to purchase goods in his line of boots and shoes and rubbers.

Ward Shedd and son, who have been visiting in this place for a few days, have returned home.

WILSON'S MILLS.

The weather has been somewhat cloudy the past week.

Mrs. S. S. Bennett has gone to Portland to visit friends. She will be gone about three weeks.

A party from Gorham consisting of three couples stopped at Mr. Flint's the other day.

The Mansfield party consisting of Mr. Dryden and Mr. Bates with their families, arrived in town in town the 18th inst. They are stopping at F. A. Flint's.

We had a very good Lyceum Wednesday evening. President Bennett was absent, but Vice President York very acceptably filled his place. The discussion was very good. The report by Miss Flossie Flint was excellent; so was also the paper by Miss Tina Brooks.

PORTER.

Cold and frosty nights the past week.

Apples are plenty but the hot, dry weather has caused them to drop off bad.

Potatoes are rather a light crop

Amos Blazo's little girl and John French's are both very sick.

Mrs. Isaac Libby and son Horace are here on a visit from Charlestown, Mass.

George Milliken of South Hiram is building a mill 90x28.

Monroe Durgin of Freedom, N. H., one of the parties in the shooting affray in that town is dead. The authorities are investigating the matter.

Rev. Alphonzo Davis has sold his farm to N. T. Holmes.

Joseph A. Holmes is repairing his house. Samuel G. Perry is doing the work.

Joseph Holmes lost his only cow by its getting choked with an apple. The heaviest thunder shower for the season passed over this place on Friday last.

NEWRY.

A dog belonging to John Littlehale made a raid on Orin Foster's sheep one day last week; he killed and wounded several before being discovered and driven off. Such curs are a greater drawback to sheep-raising than wild animals.

E. B. Knapp and wife have gone on the excursion to Boston; they will visit friends in Portland a few days before returning.

I understand H. S. Hastings and J. M. Philbrook have bought a nice Hereford bull at the State Fair. It will be a good thing for stock-raisers in this place.

Yesterday morning, the 22d, the first killing frost of the season.

E. WATERFORD.

The town will hold a Cattle Show and Fair at Waterford Flat, Oct. 8. An interesting time is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins of Hartland, with their daughters, Hattie and Mrs. Philbrook with husband and child, have been spending a week with their daughter, Mrs. George A. Miller.

A. J. Haskell was kicked by a horse on the chin, cutting quite a gash.

MEXICO.

James W. Richards has reached home from a long visit to Minnesota.

James Burgess of Haverhill, Mass., has been visiting his parents.

H. O. Gleason has received a position at Lowell, on the Boston & Lowell Railroad.

Azro Durgin, known here as Doc. Durgin, died recently at Haverhill, Mass.

Daniel Oldham is quite sick.

Lawyer Wilson of Providence, R. I., is making his accustomed summer stay here.

Not quite so "cold" a time for Republicans as the Democrats surmised. One of your correspondents must be on the losing side, I think;—he seemed to dislike to see anything political in the Postal Card Department. I do not not—"*pile 'er on.*"

FRYE.

It has been very cold here for the past few days; the frost killed everything.

D. M Mitchell is failing very fast; he cannot help himself any now.

BRYANT'S POND.

Mrs. N. D. Woodbury and family have returned to Winchester, Mass, for the winter.

H. F. Houghton at the furniture and variety store is making additions to his stock for his fall trade.

Mrs. Ansel Dudley has gone to Portland for medical treatment.

F. M. Bartlett has just received quite a stock of ready-made clothing from Boston.

O. F. Bowker has bought the Dr. Lapham stand and moved in last week. We learn that he intends to thoroughly repair the buildings soon.

A. L. Ross has bought the B. B. Wyman farm and moved from the Chase place there. He paid $600.

Frank D. Small is attening school at Kent's Hill, and Minnie F. Coffin at Bethel Academy.

Miss Stella M. Bowker is teaching school in Greenwood

The "Spool-makers" will take part in the base ball tournament at Rumford Corner, Saturday, Oct. 8.

MIDDLE INTERVALE (BETHEL).

A hard frost on the night of the 21st

Mrs. Augustus Philbrook, who has been visiting at her father's, I. G. Kimball's, has returned to her home in Shelburne, N. H.

Minnie Kimball has gone in company with others to visit the White Mountains.

Several young ladies in this vicinity are taking music lessons of Mrs. Carrie Sanborn.

Miss F Kendall from the Hill is teaching the fall term of school here.

The leaves are falling again, reminding us of the brevity of human life.

It has been sickly for several months, and many loved ones have passed over to the other side and await our coming.

There was an error in the obituary of Elvira B. Dunham, which was published in the DEMOCRAT of Sept 14. The date of birth should have been 1865 instead of 1845

ROXBURY.

B. A. Knapp had 30 3-4 bushels of wheat on about an acre of land. Also from two loads of India wheat 40, and from three loads of oats, 90 bushels.

Mrs. Knapp is recovering from her sickness.

A. O Reed of Gum Corner passed thro' here this week with two barrels of manufactured chewing gum, which was made from sixteen hundred pounds of rough gum.

ROXBURY POND.

W. H. Jenne raised the following lots of potatoes from seed procured of O Gammon, Canton: Clark's No 1, 66 lbs.; Chicago Market, 65 lbs.; White Elephant, 74 lbs.; Pearl of Savoy, 59 1-2 lbs.; New York Belle, 76 lbs. Twenty single eyes of each, one foot apart in drill, common stable manure in drill. Also 633 lbs. New York Belle on 928 square feet of ground, or about 500 bushels to the acre.

An unqualified success, was everybody's verdict on the Andover Fair. I am sorry to say, though we practically form a part of Andover, that our number of entries was not what it should have been. Still we took two first, besides several minor premiums. Roxbury town team failed to get first by reason of the stay-at-homes—and only two or three of them at that.

HEBRON.

Mrs. French, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs C. E. Harden, left for her home in Melrose, Saturday, 18th inst.

Rev. Mr. Harden went to Swan's Island to attend the Association there last week.

Mr. Porter and wife of Lawrence, Mass., Mrs. Freeland Stanley and Miss Stanley were at Dea. Moody's, Saturday, the 18th.

Quite a number of strangers were at church Sunday, 19th inst.—Judge Bonney among them.

Rev. C. V. Hanson preached to the young people here on Sunday evening, the 19th. C

September 19th a very interesting discourse was delivered by Rev. C. E. Harden from Heb ix-24. The choir furnished good music, but on the previous Sabbath rendered their best voluntary of the season.

Miss Lila Harden exhibits fine taste in the arrangement of bouquets for the church.

At the Maine Baptist Convention to be held at Rockland, October 4-7, Rev. C. E. Harden is to read one of the papers, and Prof. Sargent is to furnish one bearing on educational work.

The whole community deeply regret the loss of one of the most prominent citizens, George Cobb, Esq., and the bereavement to his family is very great.

Within the week Prof. Sargent has been greatly encouraged by visits from Rev. C V. Hanson of Damsriscotta, Judge Bonney of Portland, and Rev. Mr. Crane of Winthrop; all give full assurances of the erection of a fine school building soon.

Pipes will soon be received to conduct water to nearly all the houses in the village.

The students gave their first lyceum on Wednesday evening. The programme throughout was a success and the attendance about 200. B.

EAST PERU.

Fred Newton has bought the farm called the Bemis farm for $400, crops and all.

The sweet corn is about all hauled off and the factory will close next Tuesday; the farmers got a good crop.

PERU.

Willson Stillman has bought the Fred Newton stand for $250.

Frank Gibbs is very low, but they think he is gaining a little. [We have since learned of his death.—ED.]

School will commence next Monday in Dis't No. 2; Miss Knight, teacher.

DENMARK.

The clothing firms have closed for the season. Have had a good share of business.

W. H. Merrill has moved to Bridgton; is at work in the carriage and paint shop of A. B. Pratt.

The sweet corn will all be put up at the shop here by next Saturday noon. The patent can-filler has worked to perfection. It filled 23400 cans last Tuesday with ease and was not speeded to its utmost capacity by 12 cans per minute, and did its work in a good manner.

ANDOVER.

The Second Annual Fair of the Andover Agricultural Society, held Wednesday and Thursday of this week, was a complete success. There was a good attendance both days, a large number of entries in all the departments, spirited trotting and drawing matches;—an exhibit that as a whole far surpassed the anticipation of the most sanguine. Details we are unable to give this week, but must reserve for future notice.

Ex-Governor Perham was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Wilbur Smith, from New Mexico, formerly Miss Evis Moorhead, of this place, is visiting friends here.

E. S. Poor, H. M. Hodgman, M. F Corson and the Congregational Ladies' Circle furnished hot meals at the grounds during the Fair.

Dr. and Mrs. Kendrick of Litchfield, were in town Thursday; Mrs. K. is well known here as Miss Susie Howe.

Ice formed to the thickness of 1-4 inch the 23d.

Seventy-five couples "tripped the light fantastic" at the A. A. A. Ball Wednesday night.

Miss Emma F. Newton has gone to Texas to teach in one of the schools of the A. H. M. for the freedmen.

ALBANY.

Miss Adria Dresser has closed her school at Norway and is now at home.

Miss Lizzie Dresser has returned to Georgetown, Mass., to spend the winter teaching.

Dr. R. F. Cross and family of Boston, are visiting his parents and sister at Hunt's Corner.

Our farmers are rushing their sweet corn and lima beans to the canning shop at Bethel.

The frost of Wednesday morning was a killer on all crops not matured. Some fields of sweet corn are quite good and escaped frost, some are a failure. Potato crop rather light.

Feed in pastures good and cattle in condition for market.

Mrs. Henry Briggs is spending a week at her father's, G. G. Dow of Woodstock.

F Stanley has sold his farm to Ellery F. Wheeler.

Tyler I. Cole is selling hay to Bethel parties.

P. P. Dresser has a pair of twin bull calves, after his Durham bull.

SO. BUCKFIELD.

I saw not long since in a State paper a paragraph to the effect that the season's labor for the farmer would soon be over and that they would have nothing to do but "guzzle hard cider." Evidently the highest conception of millenium of that editor was to guzze hard cider. My experience is that that the constant indulgence in cider furnishes in itself "a primary school for drunkards."

I suppose election stories are becoming stale, but I cannot refrain from reporting the remark made by an old lady of this town upon hearing the news of Bodwell's election—she exclaimed: "Oh, Lord! and now the Government bonds won't be taxed!"

The crop of apples is simply prodigious. There seems to be no outlet for dried apples. Some, and perhaps all, of our local dealers have not disposed of those purchased last year.

Potatoes are rotting badly with some.

Uncle James Hussey has been on a visit to Buxton since election. Although Mr. Hussey is 87 years old he appears hale and vigorous.

Morrill and Dean forwarded a drove of cows to Brighton this week. Horace Morrill, who has dealt in stock for more than thirty years, says that at no time since 1856 has the price of beef been lower than at present. It was higher in 1857. What can we raise with the greatest profit? is the all important question with the farmer. Although the price of horses has been high this season, still the demand has been limited. Are we raising too many horses?

Your published portrait of General Beaver recalls to mind the battle of Ream's Station. Ream's Station, situated a few miles south of Petersburg on the Petersburg and Weldon Railroad.—familiarly known among soldiers as "The Weldon Railroad,"—was the scene of one of the most obstinate and hotly contested battles of the war. It was mainly fought on a large Southern plantation, the Union lines being formed along the line of the disputed railroad. I doubt if greater valor was ever displayed in battle than that displayed by the rebel army in its repeated and fruitless charges upon the Union lines. But it was equalled by the firmness of the Union lines and the rebels so decisively defeated that they never after contested the possession of "Weldon Railroad." I remember the remark of a member of my Co. at the time, that the rebels were drunk—that men could be capable of making such reckless charges only under the influence of liquor.

James Allen of Turner died Wednesday the 22d inst., of disease of the stomach and bowels.

DIXFIELD.

The past week has been a very quiet one in Dixfield.

A number of our people are camping at Weld pond. The fishing there is reported to be very good, twenty-six trout being taken in two days weighing from one to three and one-half pounds.

Mrs. Stowell and her daughter, Mrs. Dexter, have gone to Lewiston for a few days.

BETHEL.

A large number of the citizens of Bethel attended the State Fair at Lewiston.—Much interest was awakened, by viewing the stock, and J. M. Philbrook and H S Hastings bought a yearling Hereford bull for improvement of the stock in the north part of the town, and G P. Bean bought a Hereford calf to put upon his farm at West Bethel.

S. D. & J. M. Philbrook will drive three hundred yearlings and two-year-olds to Bethel the last of September, from Vermont, that the farmers may further improve their stock. The large amount of fodder from the sweet corn, has given quite an impetus to stock-raising, and created a strong desire for improved breeds

Abiel Chandler, jr., your correspondent "C." of Bethel, has laid out Mason Park into house lots, and is fast disposing of them at reasonable prices. The lots contain one acre each, and are the most desirable lots to be obtained in the village Mr. Chandler deserves much credit for the liberal size of the lots, and is having a ready sale. A. C. has purchased one, and is putting in the foundation for an elegant house. Jabez Benson has purchased another and will immediately commence on the foundation. Your correspondent from Gilead, Judson Blake, takes another lot, and will build in the spring. Also James Hodsdon takes another, and will build next season.

Last week our citizens were startled by a telegram that Wilson Chandler, son of John Chandler, Esq., of Stow, was instantly killed in the accident on the P. & O Railroad, near Steep Falls. Wilson Chandler was born in the town of Stow, and was the son of John Chandler, who now resides on the old farm. Wilson lived on the farm with his father till fourteen years ago, when he went as fireman on the train. In a short time, being a remarkably good boy for his employers, he was put in charge of an engine, which he retained until the accident. Wilson was forty years old. He received his education at the common school. As a scholar he was studious and accurate, fully understanding what he investigated and always maintaining an honorable rank in his class. Socially, he was amiable, modest and prepossessing, and morally he seemed to be without a fault. No young man in Oxford County has been held in higher estimation or given greater promise of a useful life. His body was taken in charge by the Free Masons of Portland, of which Order he was a member, and properly cared for and arrangements made for burial. After embalming the body, it was sent to Fryeburg on the train where it arrived about noon; it was then conveyed in a carriage to Stow, where the funeral services were held in the M. E. church. Rev. Mr. Alamond of Fryeburg conducted the services, assisted by Rev. Mr. Farrar. After the services, his body was taken in charge by the Masons of Fryeburg and Lovell and buried in accordance with the rites of their Order. The floral offerings from friends and fellow craftsmen were very beautiful and suggestive of the highest respect and regard in which he was held by those who knew him. A large and beautiful pillow of flowers from the P. & O. R. R., a triangle from the Royal Arch Chapter, and cross and anchor from the Portland Commandery and others were some of the gifts.—The deceased leaves a father, brother and sister at Stow, a brother at Washington, D. C., and a brother and sister, Mrs. Grover, at Bethel to mourn his loss. G.

FRYEBURG.

Miss Lizzie Shirley has returned to Portland where she is connected with Mrs. Caswell's school as music teacher. Miss Shirley intends to resume her lessons of Baerman going to Boston each week for the purpose.

Mrs. J. W. Frye left on Wednesday for Washington making a short visit at Pembroke Mass. on her way.

Mrs. Whiting of Topeka, who was detained by business, has joined her daughters.

Mrs. Dorcas Hopkins Barker of Portland has been visiting Mrs. John Ward.

Mrs. Susan Wiley is at her daughter's, Mrs. S. Heald's.

The funeral of Mr. John Ela was held at the Methodist church.

The business meeting of the C. L. S. C. was at A F. Richardson's Friday evening. The officers chosen were: Miss Hattie Abbott, Pres.; Miss H. C. Osgood, V. P.; N. O. McIntire, Treas.; J. S. Barrows, Sec'y.

The first lyceum of the term took place Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight of Illinois have been visiting their friends in this vicinity. Mrs Knight is a sister of Col. A. A. Gibson.

NO. FRYEBURG.

Mr. Geo. E. Smith and Miss Ada D. Barrows, both of Lovell, were united in marriage Sept. 22, at North Fryeburg, by Rev. O. F. Alvord.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Murkland of Lynn, Mass., with their twin daughters, have been visiting Mrs. G. P. Haley.

Mrs. Eugene Charles is ill in Lewiston, where she went to attend the State Fair.

We regret to learn that Mrs. John Walker is in very poor health.

The buildings of Hazen Walker of East Fryeburg were burned last Tuesday night.

The Birch Hill Circle met last week at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Chandler. Mr. Chandler at seventy-seven reads and writes without glasses more easily than many a younger person.

LOVELL.

John McDaniels and wife have left for their home in Iowa.

Dr. Stearns and family have returned to Washington.

Fred Kimball is building a cellar wal under his barn.

Quite a number of people have gone to the Christian Conference which is held in York.

On Sunday last nine persons were baptized at the Congregational church at the Centre by Rev. Mr. Sanbrook and 12 were received into the Church.

GREENWOOD.

The sick folks mentioned in my last were all on the gain at the latest report. I met Florence Ayer at the Conference, Saturday, on Howe Hill, and should judge that she had a pretty severe sickness. She has learned that the Christian's hope is a great comfort in health, and a still greater one on the sick bed.

"Sun enters Libra. Autumn begins." So said the almanac on the 22d, and it seems to have been correct. On that morning there was the hardest frost of the season; water froze in vessels, and plowed ground was crusted.

Frank S. Finn is back to Mr Bryant's, his old boarding place, again, wholly engaged in literary work.

Our neighbors are having rather hard luck with their turkeys this season; one of them wintered 4, and hatched out 86 in the spring, only 7 of which are living. Another has 15 out of a flock of 47; and a few weeks ago a skunk got amongst a flock and killed 11 in one night.

UPTON.

Cold, frosty mornings, but pleasant days.

R. G. Lane and family left here Tuesday. He has bought a small farm in Bethel.

Ex-Governor Perham with two daughters were in town Wednesday. He met one of his scholars here of 45 years ago.

There was quite a delegation went from here to the Fair at Andover.

The Presiding Elder, Adams, with the Brothers Sylvester of Bethel, Bean of Newry, and Witham of Mason, had a very interesting meeting Monday evening at the Union church.

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MONTREAL TO PORTLAND.

	Mixed. A. M.	Pass. A. M.	Mixed. P. M.	Pass. P. M.
Gorham,	3:45	8:40	12:30	2:56
Gilead,	4:22	9:06	1:07	
W. Bethel,	4:41	9:17	1:27	3:28
Bethel,	4:53	9:27	1:40	3:51
Locke's Mills,	5:08	9:37	1:55	
Bryant's Pond,	5:20	9:48	2:07	4:14
West Paris,	5:29	10:00	2:27	4:35
So. Paris,	6:00	10:17	2:55	4:57
Norway, (leave)	6:00	10:10	2:45	4:00
So. Paris, (arrive)	6:05	10:15	2:50	4:05
So. Paris, (leave)	6:10	10:20	3:00	4:15
Norway, (arrive)	6:15	10:25	3:05	4:10
Oxford,	6:23	10:30	3:17	
Mechanic Falls,	6:36	10:40	3:42	4:23
Lewiston Junction,	6:55	10:57	4:20	4:33
Portland,	8:25	12:05	7:30	5:18

Trains leave Lewiston for Portland at 7:15 and 10:10 A. M., and 2:00 and 4:20 P. M.

PORTLAND TO MONTREAL.

	Pass. A. M.	Pass. P. M.	Mixed.* P. M.
Portland,	9:30	1:30	3:00
Lewiston Junction,	10:28	2:47	4:35
Mechanic Falls,	10:40	3:04	4:54
Oxford,	10:48	3:17	5:13
So. Paris,	11:00	3:33	5:35
Norway, (leave)	10:40	3:25	5:20
So. Paris, (arrive)	10:55	3:30	5:30
So. Paris, (leave)	11:05	3:35	5:35
Norway, (arrive)	11:10	3:40	5:40
West Paris,	11:15	3:54	6:02
Bryant's Pond,	11:27	4:13	6:23
Locke's Mills,	11:33	4:23	6:33
Bethel,	11:44	4:35	6:48
W. Bethel,	11:51	4:46	6:02
Gilead,	12:01	5:04	6:22
Gorham,	12:22	5:35	10:00

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OUR PUZZLE CORNER.

[Communications for this Department should be sent the editor, W. H. EASTMAN, East Sumner, Me.]

I.—RIDDLE.

I'm a queer little figure
The scholars all say,
And only the scholars
Know me anyway.
Yet I'm with every body,
Yes, indeed, I'm with you.
And I'm in every thing,
I thought that you knew.
I'm with the gay butterfly,
In fact every fly;
In reading you cannot
Lose me if you try.
Though queer in my form
I'm useful indeed.
You'll see me quite often
If this riddle you read.

JOSIE RYAN.

II.—DIAMOND.

1 A consonant.
2 An auxiliary verb.
3 Mingled with.
4 A surgical instrument.
5 To decree.
6 The consonants in the name of a certain insect.
7 A consonant. TEXAS TANGLER.

III.—DECAPITATION.

Behead flight and leave a part of a flower, which beheaded leaves a neckpiece, which, also, beheaded leaves an animal.

SHORTFELLOW.

IV.—HIDDEN NICKNAMES FOR BOYS.

1. My dog Dan almost caught a Jack rabbit.
2. We should be thankful for many blessings.
3. The bell sounded and off ran Katie to school.
4. I once saw a tempest in a teapot.
5. So let us make merry and kill the fatted calf.
6. I like to ponder over the puzzle corner.
7. Your bonnet would be more becoming if red was the color.
8. I wish you could come to my birthday party next week. FRED

V.—ENIGMA.

Composed of 14 letters.

My 2, 3, 4 is a tree.
My 8, 9, 10 is a unit of avoirdupois weight.
My 13, 9, 1, 6 is a collection of houses.
My 5, 6, 10 is a place of entertainment.
My 7, 10, 2, 8 is a small insect.
My 11, 12, 13, 14 is a town.
My whole is a capital city.

SAM BEAN.

VI.—TRANSPOSITIONS.

1. Transpose an article of food, and have the name of an animal.
2. Transpose to go away and have separated.
3. Transpose a sacred song, and have trees common in the Eastern countries.
4. Transpose to make whole, and have a scriptural feminine name.
5. Transpose an Eastern city, and have a greater quantity.
6. Transpose one whose business is to guard and defend, and have to cause to move toward one by the exertion of force.

S. F. L.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF LAST WEEK

I.—Glass.

2.—Lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

3.— gran D duke
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4.—Pennsseewassee.

Important to horse owners.—See advertisement in another column.

The world moves. It probably finds it cheaper to move than to pay rent.

After a sea diet, to prevent boils and eruptions, and assist acclimation, use Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

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A Milwaukee man is taking Turkish baths to cure hydrophobia. That sort of treatment won't hurt a Milwaukee man anyway.

I had spells of Neuralgia and suffered so that many times I have wished that death would end my agony. I employed doctors but could get no benefit from them. Since taking Athlophoros I have had only two spells in over a year.—Mrs. C. N. Paige, Boltonville, Vt.

Little girl, looking at a picture of Eve—"Ma, did Eve live at the seaside?"

"Why, no, Bessie; what makes you think so?"

"She always has a bathing suit on."

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Book-agent—"I have here the 'Life and Glorious Triumphs of Parnell,' which I should like to—"

Cook—"'Tis of Frinch extraction I am; but ye're shure to sell wan of thim to the Oirish servints nixt door."

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EFFECT OF PROHIBITION.

"To my knowledge," said a gentleman last night, "I know that prohibition killed a dog in this town."

"Oh, come down," put in a listener."

"It's a fact, gentlemen—a dead square deal."

"Well, tell us about it."

"You know old man ——, who lives away out by the cemetery? Yes? Well, he works out here on Marietta Street. He is a good workman, but he likes his toddy. When the old man would start to work in the morning he would stop at nearly every bar on his line. His little dog followed him to and from his work, and when the old man would go into a bar to take a drink, the dog would stretch himself out and take a nap. This the dog would repeat at every place, and the dog got so lazy he could scarcely walk. Well, gentlemen, when prohibition went into effect the old man bought two jugs of the darkest. He kept one at home and one at the shop. Before leaving home every morning he would take a nip and then skip out for the shop. There being no bars to stop at the poor little dog couldn't stand the trip, and in less than a week he died. I say prohibition killed that dog. Let's all go in and get a quart." And they went.

THE HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

Correspondence on practical topics, coming properly under the head of this column, is solicited. Address all communications intended for this department to Editor of Homemaker's Column, OXFORD DEMOCRAT, Paris, Me.

Perhaps some of the homemakers have invalids in their families — certainly all may have — and may find a few plain directions for preparing foods and beverages, poultices and counter irritants of use in their daily lives.

Chicken Broth. — Skin and chop fine a small chicken, or half a large one and boil it, bones and all, one hour in a quart of water, adding a little salt and a dry crust of bread and skimming from time to time. Strain through a coarse cullender and warm as wanted.

Mutton Broth.—One pound mutton free from bone placed in three pints of water with a little salt and boiled very gently until perfectly tender. Pour into an earthen dish and when cool skim off all the fat. Warm as required by the patient, a little more pepper can be added.

Beef tea.—Put a pound of lean beef free from all tendons, fat and bones, in a pint of cold water and let it digest for two hours, then let it simmer three hours, supplying the water lost by evaporation so that a pint of beef tea is made from the pound of beef. Strain the tea, carefully expressing the beef. This broth possesses rich nutritive properties while that which gelatinizes when cooled has little value as an aliment.

Egg nogg.—A very grateful drink for the sick one is egg nogg made as follow: Pour some new milk into a glass jar and set into a kettle of water to scald, not boil. Beat to a light froth one egg and a tablespoonful of sugar and fill up the gobblet with the cold scalded milk. Brandy, whiskey or sherry may be added to this as the physician may direct.

Flax seed Tea.—Pour one quart of boiling water on one ounce of whole flax seed, one ounce of white sugar, four tablespoonfuls of lemon juice and one half ounce of liquorice root. Let it stand on the back of the stove five hours and then strain.

COUNTER IRRITANTS.

The "pressure across the chest" caused by a severe cold is oftentimes alleviated by a mustard plaster which the family doctor orders made as follow: equal parts of mustard and flour are mixed with water until the proper consistency is made, which is then spread upon one end of a quadrangular piece of thin muslin, leaving one end to spread over the mass. The domestic spice bag is frequently of use. It is simply equal parts of cloves, cinnamon, allspice, ginger and pepper, sewed into a flat bag which can be dipped into warm vinegar and laid upon the affected part. Sometimes a turpentine stupe will relieve pain, but it is very active and needs watching or it may produce blisters. It is made by folding several pieces of flannel together, wringing them out of hot water and sprinkling over it ten or fifteen drops turpentine.

POULTICES.

Indian meal, slippery elm bark, flax-seed meal, and now and then wheat bread and milk are used. The meal is slowly stirred into hot water and then placed between layers of muslin as directed for the mustard plaster. Appiy as hot as can be endured and renew often. Foul smelling wounds are best treated with yeast or charcoal poultices, which consist of yeast and flax seed stirred to the proper consistency or an ordinary poultice of water and meal thin enough to take up a quantity of powered charcoal.

Perhaps some time will I give a few domestic remedies for common diseases and hints of what to do till the doctor comes, in the emergencies that rise up in the home and face the woman of the house.

BETSEY TROTWOOD.

—Flour and meal of all kinds should be kept in a dry place.

— Never put salt into soup when cooking till it has been thoroughly skimmed as salt prevents the scum from rising.

— To prevent the juice of pies from soaking into the under crust, beat the white of an egg and brush the crust with it. To give a rich brown to the upper crust brush that with it also.

—If one has not cold boiled potatoes, a good plan is to peel and slice some raw potatoes, put them in the skillet, pour enough boiling water over them to cover them, as soon as they are parbolled drain the water off of them, and add to them a spoonful of butter and a sprinkle of pepper and salt, and fry until done, and serve steaming hot.

Boiled Leg of Mutton.—Slice into a pot of boiling water, one good sized onion, and a tomato, add one scant salt-spoonfull of red pepper, salt enough to taste, and the meat. Boil briskly for about one hour. Then place in the oven with enough of the liquid to make gravy, which should be thickened with flour after the meat is a nice brown. Add to the liquid which is left in the pot one good handful of rice, let it boil twenty minutes and you have an excellent soup.

Creamed Apples. — Pare your fruit, and either scald or bake it until sufficiently soft to pulp it through a colander, sweeten it agreeably to taste, and fill your glasses three-fourths full with it, then plentifully sprinkle in some powered cinnamon, put a good layer of rich whipped cream, and sift white sugar upon the top.

TIN AND BRITANNIA WARE.

No dishes fare harder at the hands of the inexperienced housekeeper, or careless help, then tin dishes. Though sooner tarnished than china by cold, greasy, dish-water, they are usually left the last on the list to be washed, are but partially dried, and, as a consequence, soon become dull and rusty. Then when the "clearing-up time" comes, they are scoured with ashes or sand, taking off in the process the outer coat of tin, and very soon look worse than before. Let me give a better way. Rub the dishes thoroughly with soft soap, wash in hot, clean suds, and rinse with boiling water, dry with a clean towel, and there will be no occasion for scouring. This is equally good treatment for articles of white metal or Britannia ware.

TO SERVE CARROTS

1. Scrape carefully, boil until tender, cut in half-inch slices, cover with hot cream, season with pepper and salt, and a small quantity of butter.
2. Boil tender, slice length-wise, brown on a griddle in butter, sprinkle with sufficient salt and pepper, and season.
3. Boil tender, cut in small pieces, serve in melted butter, very hot.
4. Slice and pickle as for beet.
5. Cook and sift them, prepare as for pumpkin pie, bake in one crust.

FANCY WORK

A cradle afghan is made of alternate stripes of three inch wide blue satin ribbon and guipure insertion, marguerites are applied on the satin stripes. Wide guipure lace corresponding to the insertion edges the dainty cover.

To make a pretty whisk-broom holder cover the pasteboard case smoothly with silesia and edge top and bottom with cord. Drape a bright scarf edged with sequins gracefully on the outside, so that none of the case shall be visible, and suspend by cord or ribbon.

BAG FOR A GOSSAMER.

A bag for holding a gossamer is much more convenient than a case as it can be carried on the arm and not in the way when shopping or traveling. Black satin makes a very pretty and durable bag as it sheds the dust and rain; dark flannel and ladies' cloth is also used. To make the bag you will need a piece of the material measuring double thirteen inches wide and ten deep to allow for seams and ruffle at the top. Embroider the initials on one side in subdued shades of crewels that will look well on the satin or cloth. Put a double shir string of silk braid in the top.

Pretty little charm bags are made of silk handkerchiefs, suspended by ribbon and adorned by plush balls.

— Egg stains can be removed by rubbing with common table salt.

—To polish furniture, the best way is to rub it with a mixture of lye and bees wax; will clean at same time.

—Never put pickles in a jar that has had lard in it.

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THE GREEN APPLE TERROR.

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Non-Resident Taxes.

In the town of Greenwood, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1885.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non resident owners in the town of Greenwood, for the year 1885, in bills committed to Richard L. Cole Collector of said town, on the 28th day of July, 1885, has been returned by him to me as remaining unpaid on the 7th day of July, 1886, by his certificate of that date, and now remain unpaid and notice is hereby given that if said taxes, interest and charges are not paid into the Treasury of said Town, within eighteen months from the date of the commitment of said bills, so much of the real estate taxed as will be sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will without further notice be sold at public auction at the store of E. E. Read, & CO., in said town, on the 3d day of February, 1887, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Lands lying in the South part of the town of Greenwood, formerly known by the name of Mosier and Haskell's Grant.

Owners or Agents.	Description.	Lot.	Range.	Acres.	Value.	Tax on Real Est.	Additional Highway Tax for '84.	Total Tax.
S. Foster, So. part of	4	12	270	50 42				50 42
Lands lying in the South part of the town of Greenwood, formerly known by the name of Philips Academy Grant								
Henry J. Hamblin, middle pt. of	12	1	49	50	1 05		50 50	1 55
Elmer O. K. Waterhouse,	8	5	100	300	6 30		5 00	11 30
Elmer O. K. Waterhouse, W. end of	8	6	25	50	1 05			1 05
Elmer O. K. Waterhouse, E. end of	9	5	75	100	2 10			2 10
Almira C. Lowe, S. E. part of	11	2	100	400			6 00	6 00

J. G. COFFIN,
Treas. of the town of Greenwood.

A WYOMING BEAR STORY.

At the nearest ranch on the western side of the mountains, there lives a German who was the first pioneer to bring cattle in among these valleys. Not long ago, this old fellow built a new cabin for himself at the foot of a mountain. Before his house was finished, he went out one day and killed a fine fat deer. Bringing the carcass home at night, he hung it up against the back of his house, and then hanging a blanket over the doorway which was still without a door, he went to bed. He slept soundly, but there dimly seemed to him to be some disturbance about the house during the night; and when he went out in the morning, every bit of his fine deer was gone, and the bear tracks up and down the mountain-side showed what had become of it. But game was plentiful, and it was not long before his deer was replaced by a big horned sheep, which is the most tender and juicy meat that ever was eaten. This time he was more careful, and lay awake half the night, fearing that he should lose his stock of fresh meat. When it was very late and he was about to give up watching, he at last heard a sound at the back of the house. Something was at work on his wild mutton. There was a noise of scratching and tearing. It seemed as if several bears were making short work with his meat. He seized his loaded rifle and jumped out of bed with very scanty clothing on. Going to the doorway and drawing aside the blanket, he saw that the night was cloudy and as dark as Egypt. He stopped and thought for a moment that it would be impossible to kill a bear in such darkness, even if he should be able to hit it, for these beasts are so tough that they will carry a dozen bullets about in their bodies without much incovenience, if they are not wounded in the heart or brain. So our friend laid down his rifle and took instead a loaded shot gun. "This is the thing for them," he said to himself; "it will pepper them all over and scare them so they never will come again." Then, with gun in hand, he silently climbed the projecting logs at the nearest corner of the cabin, and, creeping across the roof, peeped over the edge above the place where the sheep was hung. Something appeared to be moving below in the darkness. Taking a random aim, he blazed away. The shot evidently took effect; for there arose a chorus of howls and yells that would have made the bravest man's hair stand on end; there was a scampering and shuffling of many feet up and down, and around the cabin; even in the thick darkness he could see many great fat creatures running and sniffing angrily about to find who had attacked them. He saw that he was besieged on his own roof by at least a dozen furious, hungry bears. "They didn't scare worth a cent," he said. It was not long before they discovered whence the shot had come, and knowing very well that there is strength in numbers, they determined to have that man for supper, even if they had to put off their supper till breakfast-time. So while some sat down here and there, the others walked about, grunting and growling over their injuries. Bears can climb as well as men, and old Frank stood with fear and trembling in the middle of the roof, ready to receive with the butt of his gun the first nose that should rise above the edge. If two had happened to mount the roof on opposite sides, there would have been a small chance of life for the poor man. But the bears thought that solid ground was the safer place for them, so there they staid; and up above sat old Frank shivering, how long he never knew. It seemed centuries. It was a sharp, frosty autumn night, and, as he had on very little clothing, Frank was soon chilled almost to his bones. But the bears' coats were warm enough. They were more hungry than they were cold, so there they sat and growled and waited for their prey to come down and be eaten. Soon a bitterly cold wind began to blow. Every joint in the poor man's body stiffened; but it seemed pleasanter to freeze to death than to be eaten up by those ugly beasts, so he bore his discomfort as best he could. The hours of the night seemed to be endless, and the chill grew terrible; but at last a dull gray streak appeared in the East. No man was ever more glad to see the first sign of dawn than was that chilly watcher. Bears are very shy by daylight, and as the twilight little by little grew into broad day, Frank's visitors trotted away disappointed and sulky up to their dens on the mountain. Their victim, more dead than alive, was able at last to climb down and kindle a fire to warm himself. He still lives to tell the story in the same log-cabin; but it has a good stout door now, and he will never again go bear-hunting with a shot-gun.—*Alfred Terry Bacon, in St. Nicholas for August.*

A TRICK OF THE TRADE.—"Didn't you sell any peanuts?" inquired the experienced train boy of the new recruit.

"No," was the reply.

"Go through the car an' give each passenger a peanut."

The new recruit did so.

"Now try 'em again," said the train boy of experience.

Presently the new recruit came after more peanuts.

"You want to keep your eyes open in this business, young feller," admonished the expert, refilling the basket. "Anybody'll eat a peanut what don't cost him nothin' an' when he once gits the flavor he's gone. You've got to study human nature."

SOLOMON'S SYSTEM.—"Do you think it would be wrong for me to learn the noble art of self-defence?" a religiously inclined Somerville youth inquired of his pastor.

"Certainly not," answered the minister. "I learned it in youth myself, and I have found it of great value during my life."

"Indeed, sir? Did you learn the old English system or Sullivan's system?"

"Neither. I learned Solomon's system."

"Solomon's system?"

"Yes. You will find it laid down in the first verse of the fifteenth chapter of Proverbs: 'A soft answer turneth away wrath.' It is the best system of self-defence of which I have any knowledge."

A CLOSE CALL.—The *Boston Record* tells an odd story about a party of dry goods men who went out to the Pines the other day in a two-seated-carriage, and dealt so largely in goods that were not dry while they were there that they were unable to keep the road when they came back, and drifted off upon the railroad track at the first crossing. While they were bumping along home over the ties they caught sight of a train coming at full speed. Their terror at the sight so bered them all up in a minute, and the driver attempted to turn out of the track, but the wheels of the carriage were caught nicely between the rails. The horses plunged and leaped, the pole was broken straight off; the dry goods men yelled with terror.

The train came rushing down upon them—and whizzed by on the other track.

ABOUT WOMEN.

Mrs. Scott-Siddons will make a professional tour in this country during the coming season.

Mme. Patti knows forty-seven operas by heart, she says, and is still studying.

Miss Dolores Lleonhart y Casanovas has just received the degree of M. D. Barcelona. "She began," says The Pall Mall Gazette, "her university studies at the age of 8; when 13 she became a B. A., and now, at the ripe age of 19, after coming out first in all her examinations and after taking numerous prizes, she is a fully qualified physician and surgeon. Fancy a female B. A. of 13 discoursing on hideous diseases with six-syllabled names, and correctly diagnosing and prescribing for her brothers and sisters! But it is what we have got to expect, and the fair Spaniard is to be congratulated on being the first of her sex to show what can be done in the way of rapid advancement."

The Stars and Stripes are always kept floating over Minnie Hauk's castle in Switzerland.

Mrs. Cleveland is said to write on an average about twenty letters a day, most of them in reply to communications from entire strangers.

Ida Lewis, famous for her efforts in rescuing the drowning at Newport, is the only woman in the world who holds the position of government lighthouse keeper. She is now past middle age.

Santa Cruz, Cal., is rather proud of Miss Alice Boston, who swam to a revenue cutter a mile from shore, swam around it while a male companion did some high diving from various parts of the cutter, and then swam back to shore without resting.

Miss Cleveland's novel furnishes this admirable addition to the number of mixed metaphors: "He felt the magnetism of his conjectural passion at his side, and many wavelets of emotion played upon him as they walked."

Mrs. Langtry's novel is expected to be the book of the season. It contains portraits of living celebrities. Mrs. Langtry supplies the characters and incidents, and is assisted in the construction of the plot and in the dialogue by a literary friend.

The Misses Shannon, of West Newton, Mass., who have a handsome residence at Bar Harbor, have roofed in a spring on their grounds from which a boy serves glasses of the pure and delightful water to every one that passes.

It is said that Mrs. Victoria Morosini-Schilling is getting very tired of singing and supporting her coachman husband, and that she is contemplating appealing to her father for forgiveness. A gossip says that he has offered to take her abroad if she will give up her spouse.

Miss Celeste Stauffer, who is a beneficiary to the extent of $100,000 by the will of our late uncrowned president, Samuel J. Tilden, is a native of New Orleans and a descendant of one of the oldest and finest families of that aristocratic and exclusive old city. She is a connection of Mrs. James Brown Potter, and is now abroad with her mother. She was one of the bridesmaids at the beautiful, still-talked-about wedding of Miss Matthews and Mr. Pierre Barlow last May in Paris, and she will this winter be the guest of Mrs. Barlow in New York.—New York Graphic.

THE STAGE.

Bartley Campbell's play, "Siberia," has been purchased by Mr. T. B. McDonough, who will place it on the road the coming season.

Billy Birch has left San Francisco for Chicago, where he is engaged with a new minstrel organization.

Lawrence Barrett's first stand as a star was in Buffalo, at the Metropolitan theatre, in August, 1864, the play being "Rosedale."

Rosina Vokes will bring "The Schoolmistress" back to America with her, and it is not improbable that Miss Victoria Vokes will come over to play Mrs. John Wood's part.

George C. Brotherton sends out the "Little Tycoon" the coming season with the following people in the cast: R. E. Graham, Louise Paulin, Will S. Rising and R. N. Dunbar. The original scenery and costumes will be carried.

Miss Margaret Mather has entered upon an extremely prosperous engagement in San Francisco, where she has appeared in "Romeo and Ju