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1,600,000 00	Railroad Bonds,	1,604,000 00
277,000 00	Railroad Stocks,	477,240 00
25,000 00	Missouri State Bonds,	26,000 00
25,000 00	Atlanta City Bonds,	25,500 00
	Cash in Banks and office,	73,343 57
	Premiums in course of collection,	170,473 46
	Interest accrued,	17,100 00
	Aggregate assets,	$5,150,682 03

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock,	$1,000,000 00
Re insurance reserve,	1,067,463 23
Losses unadjusted and unpaid,	178,819 21
Sundry liabilities,	20,350 41
Total liabilities,	$2,866,632 85
Net surplus,	2,344,223 14
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UNCAGED.

BY WM. C. RICHARDS.

The bird set free from golden cage,
Heeds not the splendor of the wire;
To the clear blue his wings aspire,
Nor the rough winds his zeal assuage.

The dainty seed each morn supplied,
The water pure in crystal vase—
He finds not in the airy space,
Unfurnished, chill, and only wide.

Ah, sweeter far the thistle seed
That floats athwart his venturous way,
And dew-drop sipped from wild-rose spray!
Who calls him back, in vain shall plead.

The golden wires were prison-bars—
They stopped his flight and scarred his wings.
'Tis a rude perch where now he sings,
But then its bounds are sky and stars!

The sky will lower, the sun will set,
The night will fall, the storm will rage;
Hang on the bars the open cage—
But lo the bird loves freedom yet!

—[American Rural Home.

THE FARMER.

Editor Agr'l Dep't:

Among the prominent men of the present age, but few are engaged in agriculture. The drudgery connected with farming, and the social discrimination made against the husbandman and family, have induced the better educated classes to study a profession, or engage in some more honorable and lucrative occupation. It was formerly believed that if all were educated there would be none to work; therefore, until quite recently, provisions for a general education have been very limited. Under the supposition that man was doomed to labor on account of transgression in the garden of Eden, no wonder those engaged therein should be regarded by religious fanatics as suffering the penalty of a violated law. Man was commanded to work for his own benefit, and the idea that a life of toil is the wages of sin, is preposterous, and does not harmonize with the fact that no people ever emerged from a state of barbarism only by the influence of mental or physical labor. The primeval curse admits of a figurative and not a literal interpretation Divinity has worked through countless cycles of time to prepare the earth for the diversified forms of animal life. He has ordered man to cultivate the soil, and whoever cheerfully obeys the mandate of our Great Creator is a benefactor to mankind; while one who spends his life in idleness, debauchery, and other kindred vices, eating in any infamy what others earn, is a pest and a curse to the human race. Everything which contributes to the further advancement, elevation or comfort of the civilized world, is the outcome of mental or physical application,—therefore any distinction in society against an honest, intelligent workingman, is a perversion of a correct public opinion and detrimental to the best interest of the community.—There appears no occupation so poorly paid as agriculture. This great drawback in the pathway of prosperity is owing to the farmers themselves. They have no reliable and efficient organizations, like the mercantile class, to protect their interest. The tradesman is allowed to make the price on every article the farmer produces and offers in the market; on the other hand he names the price of the commodity given in exchange. In the process of time, one becomes rich while the other remains poor.—It is estimated there are eight millions of agricultural laborers in the United States. Though they may be well skilled in their vocation, there are but a few who are well versed in political economy, as applied to the production and equal distribution of wealth, or in the science of a "wise and frugal government which shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it had earned." The prevalent idea that the wealthy are enjoying what is earned by the poor, has created a widespread disaffection, resulting in strikes and violence and disorder,—entailing a greater loss upon the workingmen than upon their employers. The aggregate amount of extra pay demanded by the Knights of Labor, is a small item compared to the millions taken from their pockets by a prodigal government. If the twelve millions of laborers in the United States would judiciously apply the remedy through the ballot, they would have no occasion to complain; for the spirit of oppression would be disarmed of power to do them any harm. If the toiling classes had been impartially represented in State and National legislation, not few would now languish for food, while the millionaire and bloated bond-holder count their ill-gotten treasures.—Though many farmers are poor, compelled to forego even the necessaries of life, on an average the husbandman is better off than any working class except the skilled mechanic. They generally have a house of their own, with fuel and provisions on hand for future wants, and much time for rest intervening between the hours of labor. He can hold the plow, sow the seed, reap the harvest—dependent on no one except the Bountiful Ruler who hath said, "Seedtime and harvest shall continue until the very end of all things."—Thousands of wage-workers have neither a dwelling-place or foot of land to call their own. With no capital but their hands, they are compelled to toil early and late, year in and year out, to earn a scanty sustenance for themselves and families. After knocking at the door of capital, if they fail to obtain employment, they are obliged to seek an asylum in the alms-house or live in abject poverty in a hovel of wretchedness. Who, among the farmers of Old Oxford, would exchange his farm to become the servant of an exacting employer? The introduction of labor-saving implements relieves the husbandman of much fatigue and gives him leisure for mental improvement and social recreation. He has something to learn besides planting corn, hoeing potatoes, fattening swine and cattle, making butter and cheese. Instead of spending his spare hours about the stores in trivial conversation upon matters of no importance, let him be employed in his own family in the pursuit of knowledge, which makes him a kind husband, affectionate father, a valued member of society and successful in business. Physical exercise, thought, application, culture, fit the farmer for the great drama of human life. Depending upon honest toil for a living, he travels the path of rectitude and is never tempted to commit enormous crimes which so frequently blacken the annals of history. His well-ordered home is a model school for his children, who are taught industry instead of idleness, economy instead of prodigality, religion instead of infidelity. These virtues, connected with a good literary education, enable the farmer's son or daughter to enter the arena of life with a better chance for success, than if born of opulent parents and nurtured on the lap of luxury. FARMER FROM OLD OXFORD.

Pembroke, Miss, Mar., 1887.

STRAWBERRY CULTURE.

BY J. I. R.

The small farmer, whose lands are not of that quantity and quality as to insure large and paying cereal crops, and many others having a small plat of ground, would find the cultivation of small fruits very profitable, especially that of strawberries. The cultivation of the latter, while some experience is necessary, does no require exhaustive skill and labor; any one at all familiar with common gardening can succeed with them.

Of course the amount of strawberries that can be produced on a certain amount of ground depends entirely on the strength of the soil, and the manner of cultivation; with these two requisites, in good degree, as high as 400 bushels, or even more, have been grown on a single acre. However, this is extreme; with ordinary land and cultivation, the average yield is about 25 bushels. It is important that the planter should understand this, and be governed in his operations accordingly; remembering that the amount produced depends not so much on the number of acres as it does on the strength of the soil, and proper cultivation.

The first step, then, is the preparation of the soil; this should be thoroughly prepared and made fertile. Any kind of manure will do to bring the land up with, if very poor, adding other and better manures as circumstances require. If it is sod land to be planted, better fall break, and let it winter-rot before planting to strawberries. Land that has been under cultivation the previous year, in corn for instance, is preferable. First apply a good coat of well-rotted stable manure, or barn-yard manure will do, but not so well, as it is less fertile—or, in the absence of these, apply about 700 or 800 pounds, or even a greater amount of bone dust per acre. The first named manures should be thoroughly worked in with the soil; but the bone dust should be applied after the ground has been plowed, then well harrowed in the surface. And, withal, the ground should be put in a well-pulverized condition.

When the ground is thus made ready for the plants, the setting should be done as early in the spring as practicable. Prepare the plants by stripping them of all the dead leaves, and the runners, and let the roots be straightened. Stretch a line across the ground where the rows are wanted, and with a hoe mark a furrow underneath it; then drop the plants in the furrow so made, about fifteen inches apart. The planting, or setting, is done by taking the plant by the top, with the thumb and finger of the left hand, holding it in an upright position, keeping the roots spread out cleverly; then, with the right hand, draw the earth against it, pressing it firmly over the roots, leaving only the leaves above ground. Then fill the furrow to a level about it, and the work is done. If the work is thus well done, there will scarcely a plant perish, even should it not rain for several days.

The after-cultivation should begin as soon as the plants get a start, or sooner if weeds begin to put in an appearance. Keep the ground stirred and clean, by frequent and shallow cultivation. Run the plow, or better the cultivator, between the rows, near as can be not to disturb the roots of the plants; then follow with the hoe,—scraping the surface soil between and around the plants. Cut off the first two sets of runners with the hoe; the main plants will be strengthened thereby, and the next runners much stronger; besides, by the time this last set comes on, the weeds and grass that struggle for a hold between the rows will be destroyed.

As the plants begin to set in the middle, the cultivation must be confined to a narrow space, but must, however, be continued, and grass and weeds kept subdued.

In general, it takes four or five workings during the season to give sufficient cultivation. In the fall, cover the plants about two inches deep with straw, which may remain on until after the crop is gathered, as the plants come through the straw in the spring without difficulty. When so treated, it will not be necessary to cultivate the following spring, as the straw keeps the soil moist and mellow.—*American Rural Home.*

STANDARD WEIGHT.

When the discussion came up in the House, the other day, on making 32 lbs. the standard for a bushel of oats, Mr. Billings of Brownville, said that farmers would agree with him that good oats would weigh more than that. Mr. Jones of Athens said thirty or forty years ago, when the country was new, not only oats but all kinds of grain averaged higher than they do to-day, the weight gradually lessening as the land became older and poorer. All through Canada and the West the weight averaged higher than in Maine. Mr. Pattangall of Pembroke asked what followed from a bushel of oats being heavier in New York and Massachusetts than in Maine. Why, large dealers would buy their grain in Massachusetts or New York, because they would get better weight. Down in his county, and they did not have very fine farm land there either, their oats averaged 40 lbs. to the bushel, and they would not think much of oats that did not average more than 32. Mr. Allen of Alfred, said that in Canada and many of the States 32 lbs. was the standard weight, and he thought it proper to establish the same weight here. The only objection among some farmers was that while the prices of oats among large buyers sometimes varied, it was almost universally 50 cents a bushel among farmers, and they thought that when the weight was raised the price would remain the same, and they would thereby lose. He thought, however, that the price would be governed by the weight. Mr. Libby of Burnham, said the committee had given this matter careful attention, and they considered that the weight should be in uniformity with the weight of all the States, except two others—New Jersey and North Carolina. The oats of Maine would average more than 32 lbs.—The bill received a passage establishing the standard at 32 lbs.

"FARMING DON'T PAY."

"Farming don't pay," says the old fogy, as he looks through the cracks of his crumbling house and counts the snowflakes as they dance before the wind and crowd into the crevices which are often left open because he was too thriftless to endeavor to save his structure.

"Farming don't pay" the farmer who depends on the sunny side of a straw-stack for warmth to his stock, and the corners of a rail fence to break the force of the winds.

"Farming don't pay" the farmer who breeds a hog with bristled back and long tusks to eat his corn at a loss, and return to him no income. It does not pay him to attempt to pasture a few miserable scraggy sheep on pennyroyal and sorrel, and to graze his pigmy cows on broom-sedge and dry crab-grass, and yet expect them to yield milk and butter. It does not pay to raise colts by weaning at birth in order to work the dams during the day, and feeding them on insufficient food.

"Farming don't pay," when the rich, black liquids flow off from the barn-yard, and the plough and the harrow are rusting in the fields, while the fences are rotting and the barns tumbling to pieces.

"Farming don't pay," unless rightly conducted, nor will manufacturing, nor any kind of business pay, under similar unfavorable conditions. The farmer must be on the alert. He must keep his farm in order, grade up his stock, feed for the best results, and endeavor to annually increase his products. Nothing must be wasted, and everything must be judiciously adapted to special purposes.

"Farming does not pay," but it depends on the farmer. The individual is equal to the farm in value according to the manner in which he conducts it.—EX.

PROF. I. P. ROBERTS's record of experiments show a saving of eight cents per cow daily, in the consumption of food, while the milk yield was not much affected, by warming the drinking water. He favors keeping cows in the stable most of the time in cold weather, and keeping the stable at a temperature most agreeable to its occupants. Don't turn them out to warm up the barn-yard, or use their bodies as machines for making ice cream. He does not think mature cows need much exercise in winter, and in this he was sustained by Harris Lewis and other prominent dairymen. His standard for a good cow is 8,000 pounds of milk a year. He favors a free use of cottonseed meal, both on account of its being a good milk producing food, and the fertilizing properties it leaves when fed.

—In the absence of a hot-bed, tomatoes may be started in shallow boxes in the house. Use sandy soil and sow the seed about the middle of March. When two inches high transplant in boxes two to four inches apart and keep growing until time to transplant in the open ground, giving all the sunlight they can have, watering in the morning two to four times per week, as they require. It is more of an injury to plant too early in the open ground than late, they being naturally quite tender and easily destroyed by frost.

—The pig's usefulness as a mixer, turner and finer of the manure heap need only to be alluded to. There seems to be a value given to manure worked over by pigs which neither the theory of the philosopher nor the crucible of the chemist can account for. Yet it is positively there.

—Fine hay or cut or well broken straw makes good nests for hens. As good, perhaps better, nests can be made of shavings of soft wood from the carpenter's bench.

For the OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

THE TRAVELER'S SONG.

BY F. A. G.

A traveler I roam
Many hundred miles from home,
Yet in dreams I'm ever far away
From the dear ones that I love
As the heaven that smiles above,
And I live within their prayers night and day.

From California's wealth of gold,
Beyond the States where sails unfold
Tidings from over the Atlantic main,
I count my friends by scores
And they open wide their doors,
With a hearty, "Welcome to you sir, again."

Thus, these twenty years and more,
That I've roamed from shore to shore,
I am sure of care and comfort anywhere;
For my friends expect my coming,
And I tell you there is something
In friendship that is staunch to time and wear.

Now just a few lines more,
And my happy song is o'er;
Here's a joy that's dearer all beside,
Ay! "white bird" that in shine or rain,
On wing the post-mark, MAINE,
From my cottage home where wife and children bide.

THE FINES.

MRS. BOWSER'S UNHAPPY REFLECTIONS.

It makes me tired when I sit and reflect on the courtship that made me change my name to Mrs. Bowser. I was full of trust and love and romance, and I looked upon Mr. Bowser as a god. One of his favorite pastimes was to place me where the lamplight fell upon my hair and to address me as his golden haired angel. Poor silly girl that I was, I thought it would always last! One evening after we had been married five or six weeks I took my stand under the gas and asked him if his angel was as dear to him as ever.

"Humph!" he growled as he looked me over.

"But won't you praise my golden hair?"

"Golden carrots, Mrs. Bowser! If I had such a mop of carroty hair on my head as you possess I'd go hide it away in a barrel!"

"Then you have ceased to love me!"

"Ceased nothing! I have simply got tired of all this boshy nonsense, and I propose to settle down to the realities of life."

During our courtship, Mr. Bowser delighted to read to me from a book of poems, and he insisted on holding one of my hands while he read. The second evening we were in our own house I brought out Longfellow and sat down beside him and took his hand.

"What are you pawing around me for?" he asked as he looked up.

"I want my deary to read to me."

"Well, your deary has got something else to do! I'm reading up on bread and butter instead of poetry. Please keep your paw at home."

"You used to read such lovely poetry to me."

"That was because I was a fool!"

I went over to the other side of the room and cried, and he let me weep away for a straight hour by the clock before he observed:

"Now, Mrs. Bowser, if you have got through snivelling we'll go down stairs and measure that coal bin and figure up the cubic feet!"

During our courtship we used to take long walks in the gloaming, and though I was often so tired that I could hardly drag one leg after the other, Mr. Bowser would insist on dragging me around. He was always quoting something about "glorious Luna" and "silver stars" and "Heaven's arch," and one night as we sat upon the doorstep he put his arm around me and said he could sit there forever and aye. It was hardly a month after our marriage that I put on my hat one evening and asked him if he didn't want to wander out for awhile and watch the silent night shut down.

"I'd like to see myself sloshing around with this infernal corn on my toe!" he replied.

"Mr. Bowser, there was a time when you'd have walked all night with a corn on every toe."

"That shows what an idiot a man can make of himself."

"You once said that we'd always walk hand-in-hand in life's gloaming."

"I don't believe it! I knew I was soft, but I don't believe I was as mushy as that."

"But you certainly did."

"Well, I'll take it all back now. We've got something else to do besides squeezing paws and sighing about the gloaming. Durn the gloaming, Mrs. Bowser! The whole caboodle of it wouldn't buy a peck of potatoes! It would look more sensible for you to wander out into the kitchen and see how many tramps the cook is feeding at my expense."—*Detroit Free Press.*

PIETY AND BOOKKEEPING.

The head of a firm, whose office is within six blocks of St. Paul's church, is a very good and pious man, and the head bookkeeper, who is called Sam for short, is also a church member. One day Sam and the chief were in the office alone, and Sam was wrestling with an account which persisted in not coming out as he wanted it to. Finally he became so provoked that he slapped the ledger shut, and vindictively muttered: "Damn the thing!" The chief was so shocked at first as to be speechless, and he gazed at Sam in horror. Then he spoke: "Samuel," he said, slowly and firmly, "shut the office door and lock it."

Sam obeyed and returned to his desk, wondering what was going to happen.

"Samuel," continued the chief, "let us pray."

Then the door was opened and business was resumed.—*New York Mercury.*

A SORRY JOKE.

Some of the lawyers of Milwaukee have been the victims of a diabolical joke. Recently they received circulars calling their attention to a new publication called "The Bar," a weekly journal, terms three dollars a year. Thinking the new paper would be a valuable addition to law libraries, as its editorials would no doubt touch on nice points of law, and its pages contain decisions of courts, and other matter interesting to the bar, many lawyers sent the three dollars, and waited the arrival of the periodical. Monday morning the windows of several law offices were raised to let out the blue streaks of profanity, and it was learned that "The Bar" is a paper devoted to the liquor interests, all its editorials are on the subject of whiskey and license, its advertisements are of liquor stores, distilleries, breweries, etc., and there was not a line in the paper that would interest a sober lawyer. Such is life.

Texas has a paper, The Bedbug. It has no wings—but it gets there all the same.

For the Oxford Democrat.

SAND STORMS.

GREELEY, COL., Feb. 29, 1887.

Yes a sand storm. We have just had a terrible wind, which swept the surface of the earth so hard that the air was not only filled with dust, but even small gravel stones. The storm lasted all day, rattling gravel stones against the window panes, and filling houses with the finest dust. Through the smallest crevices between sashes, around doors and throug key holes it came sifting in.

Tidy housekeers sat helplessly down and saw their choicest furniture and carpets all covered over with sand and dust. People without windows or doors on the north and west sides of their house were envied that day.

Some chimneys were blown completely off without touching the roofs of the houses. Trains of care in some parts of the State were blown from the track. Irrigating ditches were so filled with sand that it will be a great bill of expense to clear them out. Drifts of sand were found three feet deep on the prairie and fields of alfalfa were buried under sand. Out of door work had to be abandoned for the day. It was the hardest sand storm known to us since coming to the State sixteen years ago.

The next day our Ladies' Sewing Circle met. It was entertaining to hear the ladies compare notes about the sand. Our good doctor's wife chided her neighbor, who was hoarse, "Ah, you have been sweeping out your dust without protecting your throat," and continued, "I tied a large wet sponge over my mouth and nose while sweeping." "Have been at work all day." "Took down my lace curtains, they were so full of dust."

One woman said her little girl had a good time scraping up the sand in piles on the carpet. Another said, "My little girls brushed up the sand in piles on the dining room table and then let their dolls play in it, and then scolded them and whipped them for 'getting in the dirt,'" and so on. Every new comer at the circle was greeted with inquiries for sand, when she would strike an attitude of despair.

You will see by this that we are not four or five feet deep in snow, as the good Maine people are. Except for this dust storm we have had a most delightful winter. All through the month of January we had not a single stormy day—clear and sunny, and no snow. To-day the thermometer has been 75 degrees in the shade. Children play about the door as in summer. Gardeners are getting their land ready for planting.

MRS. O. H.

MATRIMONIAL REASONS.

An article has been going the rounds of the press entitled, "Reason why men marry." So I have begun to make inquiries why women marry. I began first on my landlady at dinner time, but she answered me so sourly, "Because I didn't stay single!" with a look that added "you idiot" plainly as words could have done, that tremblingly made up my mind to pay up my last month's board bill, and pursue further inquiries by post.

So, to the question, "Why did you marry?" the following answers were received:

"Because all fools weren't dead yet."

"Because I didn't want to be a hired girl. I soon found out, though, that I was working for my board and clothes."

"Because I had the chance."

"I threatened him with a breach of promise suit if he wouldn't."

"Because I wore so much store hair and bought my complexion he thought I was 24 instead of 42."

"Because I never wanted to go into any business where I couldn't be boss."

"Because I was as big a fool as most other girls are."

"Because he always said I was an angel. Now he says he wishes I was one."

"To see who was the best man. I've found out I am."

"Out of pride for my sex. He had already outlived three women. I have brought back the palm to my sex. He was my first husband, and I am looking for my sixth.

DING DONG STREET.

A man, wearing a big ulster and a raccoon fur collar and muffs around the lower part of the sleeves of the coat, walked down from a Philadelphia railroad station the other night carrying a large valise. He wore a big slouch hat, had a long, brown beard, and his hair hung down on his raccoon fur collar. He had arrived from the West and a nigh-hawk tackled him at the station and wanted to drive him to his destination.

"I want to go to the Girard house," the stranger said.

"Take you there for $1," said the night-hawk.

"I'll walk," said the long-haired man. "Where's the Girard house?"

"Ninth and Ding Dong street," said the night-hawk, and his companion laughed.

The stranger disappeared in the public buildings. The wind blew his brown beard and toyed with his black hair. He walked on, wondering where Ding Dong street could be. He watched the signs on the lamp posts until he reached Ninth street. Then he asked a policeman:

"Where is Ding Dong street?"

"Ding Dong street?" quered the policeman.

"Chestnut," said the traction transfer agent. "One block down."

"I guess Ding Dong street is the latest thing in chestnuts," remarked the policeman as he laughed and did a double suffle.

"No it isn't," said the man from Arizona.

"What is it?" asked the transfer agent.

"Worms." said the stranger, as he walked down to the Girard house.

A CLEVER HIT.—"Yes, my hands are soft," said a dudish and conceited young fellow the other night in a small company, as he admirably looked at those useless appendages that had never done a day's work. "Do you know how I do it?" he exclaimed, proudly. "I wear gloves on my hands every night to sleep in."

"Do you sleep with your hat on also?" asked a pert young woman.

And the young fellow replied in the negative and looked wonderingly because the company smiled.

—A rooster may crow as clear as a bell, and be "cock of the walk" all day, but he can't lay an egg with a hard white shell, because he ain't built that way.

NORWAY TOWN HISTORY.

Through the kindness of the publishers, Messrs. B. Thurston & Co., of Portland, the DEMOCRAT is in receipt of the "Centennial history of Norway, Maine, 1786-1886." It is a finely gotten up book, and a credit to everybody who had a hand in it. It's author is our well known Oxford County historian, Dr. Wm. B. Lapham. The book contains about seven hundred pages.

Besides the index of subjects, illustrations and prefaces, 452 pages are devoted to general history, 174 to genealogical registers, 18 appendix, and the remainder index of names.

It contains forty-five illustrations, thirty-six of which are portraits of people well-known in Norway's history, viz; John M. Adams, Mrs. John M. Adams, Ezra F. Beal, Geo. L. Beal, Henry M. Bearce, Fred E. Boothbay, Titus O. Brown, Titus O. Brown, Jr., Chas. D. Brown, Dr. Asa Danforth, William Foster, David Frost, William Frost, 2d, Stephen Greenleaf, William W. Hobbs, Mrs. Wm. W. Hobbs, E. Austin Holmes, Uriah Holt, John L. Horne, Franklin Manning, Nathan Millett, A. Oscar Noyes, Luther F. Pike, Dr. C. L. Pike, Henry Rust, Mark P. Smith, Seward S. Stearns, David H. Thurston, Charles N. Tubbs, Benjamin Tucker Jr., Henry Upton, Wm. Wirt Virgin, Charles Whitman, Thomas Witt and Loren H. Wrisley.

The illustrations of the buildings are; First house in Norway, residences of Henry M. Bearce, Nathan A. Foster, Chas. L. Hathaway, Martha H. Holmes, John L. Horne, Nathan Millett and William H. Whitcomb, and Horne & Son's Tannery.

It contains an outline of Maine history, the history of the grants and purchases, physical features, early settlers, ecclesiastical history, charitable associations, educational matters, military affairs, printers and newspapers, temperance, mail carriers and postmasters, Agricultural Society, public houses, medical and legal professions, personal notices and a thousand and one other things of interest to every resident of Norway.

There is a full account of the Centennial with odes, poems and orations printed in full. There are several anecdotes of an interesting nature, and a history of everything relating to Norway enterprise and Norway people for the past one hundred years.

There are three different grades of the book, which sell for $3 00, $4 00 and $5.50 Of course the higher priced grade is a better bound and a better book generally as far as stock goes, but the reading is the same in all.

The book will be sent by mail on receipt of price and thirty-five cents extra, to pay postage, by the publishers, B. Thurston & Co., 97 1-2 Exchange St., Portland, Maine. Only a small edition has been printed, and to be sure of a copy, orders should be sent at once.

The book is also for sale by Col. Houghton, at the Oxford Book Store, Norway.

We clip the following notice of a lecture given by Rev. H. C. Estes, D. D., formerly of this place, from the Worcester (Mass.) Daily *Spy*:

Rev. H. C. Estes, D. D., pastor of the Baptist Church at Rochdale, delivered a lecture in the church last Wednesday evening, which was very interesting, instructive and somewhat amusing. At its close the audience manifested their approval by hearty applause. It was a lecture that could not fail to interest and profit any literary society, as the following brief outline will show. His subject was, "Books and Reading." He said: The age we live in is an age of books and reading, made so by the printing press, which has wonderfully increased the number of books in the world and been the occasion of spreading them widely among the people. But it is not an age of good books or of good reading. So far from this, there are multitudes of bad books; of three classes, the weak and worthless, the sensational and immoral. Books of the first class are bad, those of the second worse, and those of the third worst. But there are good books in abundance, like the air and light. They are of three classes—good, better and best. The great mass of third rate books, that do good in their narrow sphere, and for a time, but are ephemeral as the flowers, are good; the multitude of books that hold their place and exert their good influence for generations are better; and the few great masterpieces of literature, like Homer and Plato, Lord Bacon and Shakespeare, are best. This classification shows what good books are in themselves, but for our uses they may be divided into groups of books of scientific facts,—history, biography, philosophy, poetry, fiction and criticism. Reading should be with discrimination, attention, reflection meditation, that the writer's thought may be digested and incorporated into our minds, "that we may grow thereby." One book of the higher order thus read will be better for the mind than a thousand ordinary books read carelessly and thoughtlessly. Michelet says that he "lived for whole years on a single book, Virgil, and found himself well off." All should make some of the best books their daily companions and their familiar friends.

OUR WEALTHY MEN.

Much has been said in newspapers of men who have made large fortunes in comparatively a few years in various business industries. Many of these articles are written by correspondents of prominent newspapers, and copied into others of lesser note. Correspondents generally are seldom men of business qualifications and wrongfully picture these men and their business as a thing of accident: this is not the case with those we have met. We find that where men have made large fortunes by their own business talent and industry, they chose with sagacity and forethought such businesses as would lead to success when handled with business judgment. No man has been brought before the public as an example of success, both in wealth and magnitude of his business (outside of stock and railroad men) more prominently than Dr. G. G. Green of Woodbury, N. J. He is at the head of many large business industries, and yet comparatively a young man. When the fact that August Flower, for dyspepsia and liver complaint, and Boschee's German Syrup, for coughs and lung troubles, has grown to a wonderful sale in all parts of the world, it proves that it was not an accident or spontaneous strike at wealth. His medicines are recognized as valuable and established remedies and the business has grown gradually and permanently during the last eighteen years on account not alone of Dr. Green's abilities as a business man or his "good luck," but on the actual merits of the two preparations.—*Copied from the New York Weekly Sun, of Dec 22, 1886.*

SIXTY YEARS of a busy journalist's life at Washington are epitomized in Major Ben: Perley Poore's two superb volumes. One of the admirers of the Major recently said that "at a judiciously ripe period of life the Major stopped growing old, and since then, like some of the choice Maderia of which he writes with so much feeling, he has only been accumulating bouquet and flavor." Major Poore has been one of the best known and one of the most knowing men in Washington society for half a century. His is the sunny temperament delighting in bright, social intercourse.—Yet his connection with daily journalism and his position in the U. S. Senate placed him always in the thick of political affairs and social gossip. He was ever in the Washington "Swim," breasting the waves with jovial vigor, and never failing to hear or see what was said and done.

The Major could never be very solemn, and in his ripened sketches of Washington life every phase reminds him of half a dozen amusing anecdotes. He has a rare gift in telling a story, and his anecdotes are inexhaustible.

His book will not only add lustre to his fame as a writer, but is of so unique a character and so intensely interesting in matter that it will prove a valuable contribution to the literature of the country. It has mirth for the mirthful, wit for the witty, information for all, and we doubt if it has been equaled by any subscription book since the war.

It is being issued by the well-known house of Hubbard Bros., and is sold exclusively by subscription.

OXFORD COUNTY HORSE NOTES.

SOME OXFORD HORSES.—A STALLION WITH A GOOD PEDIGREE AND SOME GOOD COLTS.—OTHER LOCAL "STEPPERS" OF GOOD BREEDING AND GOOD APPERANCE.

A horse that has quite a local reputation as a sire of speedy colts, is the seal brown stallion owned by Mr. Albert Hinds, of Oxford, Me., and known as Hinds' Hambletonian. Although his owner has always called him a Hambletonian, yet, until within a short time he has been unable to give his pedigree in full, and some have expressed the opinion that he was a "dunghill" with not a drop of Hambletonian blood in his veins. It has always been known that his sire was a horse called the Jocylin horse, of Portland, but as he was taken away to New Brunswick when young, it was not easy to prove his pedigree. Through the efforts of Mr. George H. Jones, of Oxford, however, it has been ascertained that the Jocylin horse was bred by Mr. M. F. Jocylin, then of Portland, and now of St. John, N. B., and a letter addressed to him brought out the fact that the horse is now owned by Mr. D. C. Clinch, of St. John, but is still in the care of his former owner and breeder, Mr. Jocylin, who states that he was got by Gideon, son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian, and that his dam was by Seeley's American Star. The dam of Hinds' Hambletonian was a fast and courageous mare, said to be by Morgan Selon, and so it seems that Mr. Hinds' stallion has the right to sire good colts, after all, and that those who have held him up to show that a "dunghill" stallion is just as likely to get nice stock as a good bred one, will find themselves left again. In nearly all cases where an animal of unknown breeding has proved itself to be possessed of unusual merit, it has been found, on tracing its pedigree, that the good qualities have been inherited from ancestors noted for the same good qualities.

While at Oxford, recently, we called on Mr. Hinds, and found at his stable four very promising colts, got by this horse, from three to five years old this spring, all of good style and resembleing their sire very closely in color, size and shape, and all having some speed. The five-year-old showed by the watch last year his capacity to beat 2:40, and Mr. Hinds refused six hundred dollars last spring for a three-year-old. He has a half brother to this colt, a year younger, that bids fair to make a fine mate, being exactly like him in color and shape. They are both seal brown with two white ankles, some white in face, and each one has a white eye. The oldest one stands fifteen and three-fourths hands high, and the younger one is growing to it. The old horse stands fifteen and three-fourths hands high and has a fine set of limbs. His colts, so far as we have seen, are all large and fine, regardless of the size of their dams. One of the last of this horse's get is the bay filly, Alert, foaled in 1884, owned by George Jones of Oxford, and whose dam is a small bay mare of unknown breeding, owned at Otisfield. This filly stands fifteen and one-fourth hands high and is a gamey looking mare. She showed a full mile last fall in 3:09 several times, and was started in the two-year-old race at the State Fair but was driven to a break just as she passed under the wire, and before she was got to trotting again she was so far behind that she was distanced in the first heat. It was afterwards ascertained that her driver managed this way on purpose to get her out of the race. She was entered to trot at our County Fair, but was sick and did not trot. It is to be hoped that circumstances will favor her more during the coming season.

Mr. Jones also has a nice looking six-year-old mare of Knox blood, that he would like to sell. She is sound and right, and can show 2:50.

Mr. Henry Bowker, of Otisfield, has a full sister to Jones' Alert, coming one year old, that is said to be a remarkably fine one, and as Mr. Bowker offers to sell it for a fair price, any one wanting a yearling filly should go and see it. His mare's colts have all been good thus far.

Mr. Martin, of Norway, overseer

The Oxford Democrat.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.—All legal advertisements are given three consecutive insertions for $1.50 per inch in length of column. Probate notices inserted as above for $1.50 each, except those relating to Real Estate, which are $2.00 each. Special contracts made with local, transient or yearly advertisers.

JOB PRINTING.—The Oxford Democrat Office is well stocked with new materials for doing all kinds of plain or fancy job printing. An experienced job printer is always in the office, and as our presses are run by steam, we can guarantee prompt and satisfactory work.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

SATURDAY: Runsellers or their friends set several fires during the night in the town of Howell, Mich. The sufferers are all active prohibitionists.——Second Lieutenant Seward Mott of the Tenth Cavalry, a native of New York State, was murdered in Arizona by an Apache chief.

SUNDAY: The burial of the wife of a Chicago Anarchist was a very quiet affair. Only about 3,000 persons were in the procession.——Madame Forget died in Montreal from injuries received by the bursting of a bombshell at the storming of the ice castle during the carnival.

MONDAY: A terrible accident occurred at 7:15 A. M., on the West Roxbury branch of the Boston and Providence Railroad, caused by the giving away of the iron truss bridge which spans South Street at a point about equi-distant from the Roslindale and Forest Hills stations. In consequence 24 persons lost their lives and at least 114 are suffering from injuries, of whom 18 will probably die, and the condition of a score or more is doubtful or critical. The bridge where the accident occurred was formerly a wooden one covered with tin, and from that obtained the name by which it is still generally known, "Tin Bridge." In July, 1876 the old bridge was removed and an iron structure placed in position and called the Bussey Bridge. It was 104 feet in length and 20 feet in hight and spanned the road, resting on heavy stone walls on either side. The train left Dedham at 7 o'clock, and consisted of an engine and nine cars, in charge of Conductor W. H. Alley and assistants Myron Holden, and Webster Drake. It had taken passengers at Spring Street, West Roxbury, Highland, Central and Roslindale Stations, and at the time the disaster took place about 300 persons were on board, and were pretty well distributed in the several cars, though there were more in the first three cars than in any one except the last, which was the smoking car, and was so well filled that passengers at Roslindale were unable to obtain seats. In less than two minutes the engine crossed the bridge, and a second later Mr. White the engineer found that his train had parted, and looking back was horrified to see that the bridge had gone and several of the cars had disappeared. He immediately stopped his engine and found that three cars were remaining on the embankment and the other six were in the highway below. He then sounded the whistle and attracted the attention of people in the vicinity, who ran to the spot, among them being a police officer, whose arrival was most fortunate, as he turned in a fire alarm signal and brought quickly to the scene the fire alarm apparatus of Roslindale, followed by a steamer and a hook and ladder truck from Jamaica Plain. In the overturned smoking car in which at least fifty men were imprisoned, a slight fire from the stove showed its appearance when the chemical engine arrived, and this was speedily extinguished. With this exception there was not the least indication of fire to add horror to what was already a serious matter.——Eben F. Pillsbury, ex-Collector of Internal Revenue for Boston died at his home in Allston.——The Republicans carried Bangor in the city election by a good plurality, and swept Augusta, where no Democratic candidates appeared.

TUESDAY: The Massachusetts Railroad Commissioners began their investigation into the B. & P. disaster. The engineer testified that the train was running not faster than 15 miles an hour when the bridge went down.——A movement was started in New York and Brooklyn to erect a monument to the late Henry Ward Beecher.——The Czar of Russia narrowly escaped injury or death at the hands of bomb throwers.

WEDNESDAY: Charles F. Freeman of Pocasset, Mass., who in 1875, while laboring under an hallucination that God required of him a great sacrifice, killed his little daughter and was sent to the Danvers Insane Asylum, was released by order of the Governor and Council, as he is now pronounced cured of his delusion and harmless.

THURSDAY: A large crowd, which was unable to gain admission to a Catholic church in Chicago, was congregated on the steps and platform leading to the edifice. The platform gave way, and 22 people were injured, at least one fatally.——The Illinois Supreme Court listened to arguments in favor of a new trial for the condemned Chicago Anarchists.

FRIDAY: The Richmond Hotel and St. James Hall at Buffalo were burned early in the morning. It is believed that thirty persons were unable to escape and perished in the flames, while a large number were injured. The pecuniary loss is placed at $400,000.——The ice gorge in the Missouri River at Bismarck, D. T., broke during the night and in the morning the river rose very rapidly and to a great hight, doing a good deal of damage to property.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

11 Probate Notices.
9 Insolvency Notices.
Wanted—Proposals.
Teachers' Examination.
New Goods at Kenney & Plummer's.
Full Stock of Room Papers, &c.
Bulls for Sale.
Johnston's Kalsomine.
Marvelous Memory Discovery.

GOVERNOR Bodwell has reappointed Judge Virgin Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

POSTMASTERS have been appointed for Oxford County as follows: North Fryeburg, J. S. Russell. Greenwood, Nathan M. Small.

Town Elections.

BROWNFIELD.

Moderator, T J Allard.
Selectmen, James R Hill, David B Seavey, John G Marston.
Clerk, Frank G Ham.
Treasurer, Wm. Boynton.
Collector and Constable, Broughton Bartlett.
Supervisor of Schools, Miss Grace E Weeks.

GREENWOOD.

Moderator, Wm. Richardson.
Selectmen, E E Rand, E L Tebbets, E W Penley.
Clerk, A C Libby.
Treasurer, J G Coffin.
Collector and Constable, A D Bryant.
Supervisor of Schools, J F Libby.

HEBRON.

Moderator, S P Cushman.
Selectmen, A C Tabbs, W H Allen, H B Stinchfield.
Clerk and Treasurer, Zibeon L Packard.
Collector and Constable, Hermon A Cushman.
Supervisor of Schools, C E Hacker.

NEWRY.

Moderator, L R Paine.
Selectmen, J S Brown, Oscar Littlehale, L W Kilgore.
Clerk and Treasurer, J A Thurston.
Collector and Constable, T S Littlehale.
Supervisor of Schools, S B Foster.

STATE PICK-UPS.

It has been decided to hold the Maine State Fair Sept. 6th to 9th, inclusive.

Clarence Hale of Portland, Stephen G. Train of Boston, and E. A. Gammon of Mechanic Falls have been chosen assignees of the Denison Paper Manufacturing Co.

The owner of some land at Waterville which was taken for the Maine Central repair shops, appealed from the award of the railroad commissioners to the Supreme Judicial Court. The jury increased the amount of the award about $2,000.

Hon. E. F. Pillsbury, a former resident of Maine, and well known here, died in Allston, Mass., the 14th inst. Mr. Pillsbury was about 62 years of age. He was born in Kingfield, and lived in Maine until 1880. He had been prominent in politics, always having been a Democrat, and a zealous, and some considered, an unprincipled partisan. In private life he was a genial and irreproachable gentleman.

RENEWS HER YOUTH.

Mrs. Phoebe Chesley, of Peterson, Clay County, Iowa, tells the following remarkable story, the truth of which is vouched for by the residents of the town: "I am 73 years old, have been troubled with kidney complaint and lameness for many years; could not dress myself without help. Now I am free from all pain and soreness, and am able to do all my own housework. I owe my thanks to Electric Bitters for having renewed my youth, and removed completely all disease and pain." Try a bottle, only 50 cents at Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

A CAPTAIN'S FORTUNATE DISCOVERY.

Captain Coleman, schooner Weymouth, plying between Atlantic City and New York, had been troubled with a cough so that he was unable to sleep, and was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It not only gave him instant relief, but allayed the extreme soreness in his breast. His children were similarly affected and a single dose had the same happy effect. Dr. King's New Discovery is now the standard remedy in the Coleman household and on board the schooner. Free Trial Bottles of this standard remedy at Noyes Drug Store, Norway

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents a box. For sale at Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

I recommend Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy for Gravel. It cured me.—S. J. McCormick, U. S. Dep. Mineral Surveyor, Rice Station, Idaho. My head and face was a mass of putrifaction. Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy purified my blood and I am now well.—J. A. Parker, Sunderlinville, Pa. Price $1. Send 2-cent stamp to Dr. Kennedy, Rondout, N. Y., for book on kidney, liver and blood disorders. Mention this paper.

A YANKEE "YANK."

THE FESTIVE CUD.—WHERE IT COMES FROM AND WHERE IT GOES TO.—THE CHEWER AND THE CHEWED.—AN OXFORD COUNTY INDUSTRY.

Talk about "wagging the jaw!" What do you think, dear reader, of the "wagging" required to extract the aromatic qualities from three hundred and fifty to four hundred tons of spruce gum in a single year?

Few people, even in this native land of the spruce, who buy and chew the innocent cud, have any conception of the gigantic proportions of the business which that cud and their own chewing represents. Where did it come from? Who gathered it? Who refined it? Who wrapped it in the bit of tissue paper? How much does it take to supply the gum chewers? Is it all one kind? With a view to answering these and other questions in connection with the chewing gum industry, the DEMOCRAT recently interviewed one of the largest dealers in the business, Mr. A. O. Reed, of Byron, Oxford County, Maine.

"I have been engaged in the business of gathering and selling spruce gum for twelve years," says Mr. Reed, "and when I commenced, three hundred pounds in one season was considered a big "take." This reason I shall collect fifteen tons of the raw gum, and it *won't begin to supply my customers!*" Mr. Reed is at present employing between thirty and forty men, who are tramping through the wild woods of Northern Oxford County, with bags on their backs collecting the spruce gum which his customers expect upon his coming. All around the "gum country" Mr. R. has arrangements with the country merchants to take the gum into their stores and pay for it, largely in merchandise, as is the custom with many country merchants in taking eggs from the farmers, exchanging goods for them, and then selling the eggs to some large dealer for cash, at the same price paid in goods, the merchant deriving his profit from the sale of the goods. This is a Yankee method of exchanging commodities, and a custom well established with a large percentage of the country stores of Oxford County. It has been inherited from the "good old day" when money was "few and far between" in these rural communities, and the editor and minister were expected to take their pay in dried apples, beans, and other products of the farm.

But we wander from the gum question. Mr. Reed collects the gum from these country stores, and in many cases from the gatherer direct, and sells it to his customers. Who are his customers? Well, the man who never made the acquaintance of "Gum" Reed, of "Gum Corner," Byron, Oxford County, Maine, has neglected one of the important elements which go to promote happiness in this wicked world. Many of his customers are Oxford Bears. One distinguished Oxford County jurist, (and Mr. Reed desires you to say nothing about this, lest he might hear of it,) pays about five dollars a year for chewing gum for his private consumption. But the large customers are not those who buy for their own chewing, as the manner in which they adulterate it will testify. One Portland firm buy hundreds of pounds each year for refining, adulterating and selling to dealers. "They will buy five hundred pounds of pure spruce gum, run into a barrel, cut the barrel off and melt it into a mixture containing one part pure spruce and seven parts resin, put it up in papers, pack it in boxes; and find ready sale for it in this adulterated form, making two tons of the five hundred pounds received from me," says Mr. Reed.

Probably few of the readers of the DEMOCRAT have an idea of how much gum is taken in the State of Maine alone in a given year. Mr. Reed is authority for the statement that there is gathered in this State alone, from forty-five to fifty tons of pure spruce gum a year, and a large part of this is adulterated with resin before being sold to the retail dealers.

"The amount," says Mr. R. "is greater than our trees can hold out to produce, and can only last a few years at this rate. Each winter our men are obliged to go further into the forests to get their usual quantity. This winter they are obliged to go about five miles further into the woods, and lug out heavy bags of gum on their backs, than last, in order to gather the same quantity, and they naturally want a higher price for their labor."

"How does the deep snow of the present winter affect the gum gathering industry?" we asked.

"Favorably," replied Mr. Reed, "the gatherers are obliged to go upon snow shoes anyway and this deep snow brings them up to points on the trees that cannot be reached in an ordinary winter, giving them, to a certain extent, a new field to work."

"Are the gatherers employed the year round?"

"No, through the hot weather of summer the gum melts and runs on the trees. The gathering season lasts only during the eight cool months of the year, the winter being the best time for gathering."

Mr. Reed, although formerly a gatherer of gum, and one of the best guides in the northern woods of Oxford County and the Lake region, is now employed continually making ready for market, and disposing of the gum which is gathered for him. He receives orders from everywhere, because his customers know that he gives them only the pure article. He refines some of the gum himself, that is, he melts it and pulls and cuts it into small sticks; the process being similar to that employed in making molasses candy.

"I never adulterated a pound of gum in my life," says Mr. Reed, "and I can show you that, even had I a desire to do so, it would be directly against my financial interest. I reside at "Gum Corner," Byron, some thirty miles from the railroad, and a hundred miles from Portland. Now, it would actually cost me as much to get resin from Portland as the gum itself costs in its native country where I am. So you see I can give my customers the pure article as cheap as I could give them the adulteration should I attempt it."

Mr. Reed here showed the DEMOCRAT representative some specimens of the different varieties of chewing gum in the raw stock. Exhibiting a box of handsome light colored nuggets, many of these an inch or more in diameter, he selected one saying: "I had rather have five hundred pounds of that gum than five hundred dollars in money! This I call my best 'light'." He then showed a box of handsome red pieces, smaller than the light, which he calls the "best cherry red." One of the peculiarities of the two kinds is that the gum which is light in its raw state chews to a pink color, while that which is pink, or red, chews to a light brown. "The cherry red" seems to be more in demand among the Massachusetts people," said Mr. Reed, "while our people are more apt to select the light, which chews into a pink cud."

"Many city people don't know what chewing gum is, they never heard of it. Why, I was up near Bemis Stream with five of my men on a gumming expedition once, when some New York fellows who were in there fishing, came over to our camp and said:

"What are you fellows doing here? We've seen you about here, digging at the trees for several days, and it has aroused our curiosity to that extent that we have come over to see what you're doing."

"We're digging gum," replied Mr. Reed.

"Digging gum," said one of the New Yorkers, "what's *gum?*"

Mr. Reed says: "I replied by taking them into our camp and showing them a large quantity which we had collected. I then selected some choice nuggets and handed them with the request that they chew them. They took the gum, placed it in their mouths and chewed for a moment, when of them said: 'I don't know but you may like this stuff, but I can't say that I do!' I requested them not to pronounce judgment until they had given the gum a fair trial. They chewed a few moments more in silence, when they began remarking: 'Well, now, that is right good after all.' I gave them a handful each when they departed, and before we left Bemis Stream they returned and bought twenty-five dollars' worth of 'Yankee spruce gum' to take back to New York with them!"

And so it goes. The metropolitan market for stocks and bonds may rise and fall, the great marts of exchange for western grain and beef may vary, the fashionable Paris or London bonnet of to-day may be in no demand to-morrow, but so long as the native Yankee can obtain the favorite cud in its unadulterated state, he will make a reliable and ever-ready market for *spruce gum!*

SOUTH PARIS.

All are rejoicing to see the snow begin to disappear, and spring will be hailed with more than usual delight after so long and cold a winter.

South Paris Savings Bank holds its annual meeting Thursday, March 24

Deacon William Rice lost a valuable cow last week.

Richardson & Hersey are having a new floor laid in their hardware store; carpenters A. C. T. King and Joseph Poole are doing the work.

We have heard many of our citizens express their approval of the Legislature in repealing the death penalty almost unanimously. Four years ago there was a big contest on this question in the House; Judge Wilson, then a member, took a prominent part, making an able and a logical argument for the repeal of the law.

The many readers of the DEMOCRAT are pleased to learn that A. T. Maxim is to continue his series of articles on Oxford County horses.

C. M. Daley, Esq., of Portland, a special agent for the Travellers' Accident Insurance Company, has placed a large number of risks in his company the past week.

Prof. Moody was at our place Saturday, on his return from a successful term in the Edward Little School at Auburn. He will spend his vacation at his home in North Bridgton. He still has charge of the Academy at the latter place, where he has done excellent educational work.

W. H. H. Bryant, with Harper Brothers, spent the Sabbath here.

Jeffrey Hardy has been getting the lumber together preparatory to building a house near his father's residence in Dis't No. 1.

The dramatic entertainment at Grange Hall, last Tuesday evening, received good patronage and was well received.

Herbert Morse has formed a partnership with Mr. Everett, formerly with the shoe firm of W. A. Frothingham of this place, and has gone into the grocery business in Minneapolis.

Landlord Shaw has been expending a considerable sum of money in repairing and furnishing his house. He has had a large amount of company, and is deservedly popular with the traveling public.

A. G. Dudley & Son, stone masons, have several jobs engaged for spring; among them is the raising up and putting the foundation under the Glen Mountain House at Bryant's Pond, now run by W. H. Tebbets & Co.

A. H. Andrews has won the five dollars reward offered by J. A. Kenney for the recovery of the valuable beagle dog "Flute." It was found drowned in the Granggrs' well.

We understand that most of the merchants are contemplating putting electric lights into their stores in the near future.

S. M. King is about finishing up his winter's work of drawing wood and lumber; he has done his usual amount, which means a good deal.

The Methodist Society has been holding some class meetings of late, which have had an unusually large attendance.

We are waiting impatiently for the commencing of Judge Whitman's story.

The Feast of Paris Grange last Saturday was enjoyed by about 150 members and invited guests. The forenoon was devoted to conferring the third and fourth degrees and remarks by S. R. Bradford, Esq., of Minot, Grange Deputy. Then came the banquet, which was under the supervision of Mrs. O. G. Curtis, leader of the defeated side, and was furnished in excellent style. The afternoon was given to literary exercises; among them were original poems by Harrison Farrar, S. M. King and Mrs. W. H. Cole, which showed that the writers have much ability in this direction. Unfortunately, the writer of these items was absent, but he was generously remembered by Brother S. M. King, to whom he returns thanks through the columns of the DEMOCRAT.

BORN.

In Paris, March 19, to the wife of James L. Chase, a son.

MARRIED.

In Buckfield, by Rev. J. M. Follett, Mr. Joseph C. Emerson, of Auburn, and Miss Flora E. Roberts, of Buckfield.

In Quincy, Mich., March 10th, Mr. Herman Cushman, of Chicago, Ill., formerly of Buckfield, Me., to Miss Bertha Howell, of Traverse City, Mich.

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In Bryant's Pond, March 9, Mr. Kendall Stearns, formerly of Paris.

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March 14, 1887.

Notice of Petition for Discharge. State of Maine.

OXFORD, ss.—Court of Insolvency. In the case of NATHANIEL TRASK, Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has, on this sixteenth day of Mar., A. D. 1887 been presented to said court for said county, by Nathaniel Trask, of Newry, in said County, praying that he may be decreed a full discharge from all his debts, provable under the provisions of the Statute of Maine, approved February 21, 1878, and subsequent acts and amendments thereto, and upon said petition, it is ordered by said court that a hearing be had upon the same before said court at Paris in said county of Oxford, on Wednesday the 20th day of Apr., A. D. 1887, at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, and that notice thereof be published in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published in said county of Oxford, once a week for two successive weeks, the last publication to be seven days before the day of hearing; and that all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons interested, may appear at said place and time and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted said debtor according to the prayer of his petition.

Attest: HERRICK C. DAVIS, Register of said Court for said County of Oxford.

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Attest: HERRICK C. DAVIS, Register of said Court for said County of Oxford.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that she has been duly appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Executrix of the estate of JOSEPH DAVIS, late of Woodstock, in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; she 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

March 15, 1887. JANE R. DAVIS.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1887.

OSGOOD HAM, Administrator on the estate of Lewis F. Ham, late of Denmark, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

Ordered, That the said Administrator 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 Apr. next, at 9 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 March, A. D. 1887.

HENRY E. HAMMOND, Guardian of Walter E. Twitchell, Ina L. Twitchell and Bertha M. Twitchell, minor children and heirs of B. F. Twitchell, late of Paris, in said County, having presented his account of guardianship of said wards 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 within and for said County on the third Tues. of Apr. next, at 9 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 March, A. D. 1887.

On the petition of WALTER S. CHASE, Guardian of Charles M. Chase, a person of unsound mind, of Dixfield, in said County praying for license to sell and convey certain real estate, described in his petition on file in the Probate Office, at private sale, the proceeds to be put out at interest.

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 Apr. 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 March, A. D. 1887.

S. B. WATERMAN, guardian of George L. Sawyer, minor child and heir of George Sawyer, late of Oxford, 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 April 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 Probate Court holden at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1887.

SIMEON BRIGGS, named Executor, in a certain Instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Esther Maleom, late of Buckfield, 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 3 weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County on the third Tuesday of Apr. 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 Mar., A. D. 1887.

On the petition of HENRY DAVIS, administrator of the estate of Wm. H. Hemmingway, late of Milton Pl., in said Co., deceased, praying for license to sell and convey all of the real estate of said deceased, at public or private sale for the payment of debts and other charges against said estate.

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 Apr. next, at 9 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 March, A. D. 1887.

OSGOOD HAM, Administrator with the Will annexed, of the estate of Nancy Ham, late of Denmark, in said County of Oxford, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, That said Administrator 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 April 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.

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I have one younger—want to sell each of above—March 21, '87.

DAVID B. WOODBURY.

Paris, Maine.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss.—Court of Insolvency, 31 Wednesday of Mar., A. D. 1887.

In the matter of JEREMIAH ELLSWORTH, Insolvent Debtor.

It is hereby ordered, That notice be given to all persons interested in the settlement of the final account of Elisha F. Stone, 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 31 Wednesday of April 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.

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 Executor of the estate of DANIEL WARREN, late of WATERFORD, 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

March 15, 1887. ENOCH W. WOODBURY.

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 Executor of the estate of NATHAN MORRILL, late of Buckfield, 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

March 15, 1887. GEORGE D. BISBEE.

THE subscriber hereby gives Public Notice that she has been duly appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Administratrix of the estate of CALISTA CUMMINGS, late of Paris, in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; she 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

March 15, 1887. LIZZIE A. STEELE.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss.—Court of Insolvency, 31 Wednesday of Mar., A. D. 1887.

In the matter of ALANSON M. TRULL, Insolvent Debtor.

It is hereby ordered, that notice be given to all persons interested in the settlement of the final account of Charles E. Holt, 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 April 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 16th day of Mar., A. D. 1887.

THE undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of

ALFRED A. PARKER, 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. ALBERT S. AUSTIN, Assignee.

Notice of Petition for Discharge. State of Maine.

OXFORD, ss.—Court of Insolvency.

In the case of HENRY A. MILLS, Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has, on this 16th day of Mar., A. D. 1887, been presented to said court for said county, by Henry A. Mills, of Andover, in said County of Oxford, praying that he may be decreed a full discharge from all his debts, provable under the provisions of chapter 70 of the Statutes of the State of Maine, and upon said petition, it is ordered by said court that a hearing be had upon the same before said court at Paris, in said county of Oxford, on Wednesday, the 20th day of Apr., A. D. 1887, at nine o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published in said county of Oxford, once a week for two successive weeks, the last publication to be seven days before the day of hearing; and that all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons interested, may appear at said place and time and show cause, if any they have, why a discharge should not be granted said debtor according to the prayer of his petition.

Attest: HERRICK C. DAVIS, Register of said Court for said County of Oxford

Notice of Petition for Discharge. State of Maine.

OXFORD, ss.—Court of Insolvency. In the case of CHARLES O. HOLT, Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has on this 16th day of Mar., A. D. 1887, been presented to said court for said County by Charles O. Holt, of Canton, in the County of Oxford, praying that he may be decreed a full discharge from all his debts, provable under the provisions of chapter 70 of the Statutes of Maine and upon said petition it is ordered by said court that a hearing be had upon the same before said court, at Paris, in said county of Oxford, on Wednesday the 20th day of Apr., A. D. 1887, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the OXFORD DEMOCRAT, a newspaper published in said county of Oxford, once a week for two successive weeks, the last publication to be seven days before the day of hearing; and that all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons interested, may appear at said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why a discharge should not be granted said debtor according to the prayer of his petition

Attest:—HERRICK C. DAVIS, Register of said Court for said County of Oxford.

Notice of Petition for Discharge. State of Maine.

OXFORD, ss.—Court of Insolvency. In the case of ALVAH J. MARBLE, Insolvent debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has on this sixteenth day of March, A. D. 1887, been presented to said court for said county, by Alvah J. Marble, of Dixfield, in the county of Oxford praying that he may be decreed a full discharge from all his debts, provable under the Insolvent Act of the State of Maine approved February 21, 1878, and subsequent acts and amendments thereto, and upon said petition, it is ordered by said court that a hearing be had upon the same before said court at Probate Court room in Paris in said county of Oxford, on Wednesday, the twentieth day of April, A. D. 1887, at nine o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published in said county of Oxford, once a week for two successive weeks, the last publication to be seven days before the day of hearing; and that all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons interested, may appear at said place and time and show cause if any they have why a discharge should not be granted said debtor according to the prayer of his petition.

Attest: HERRICK C. DAVIS, Register of said Court for said County of Oxford.

Notice of Second Meeting of Creditors in Insolvency.

TO the creditors of LUTHER L. HOWARD of Norway, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, Insolvent Debtor.—You are hereby notified, That with the approval of the Judge of the Court of Insolvency for said county, the second meeting of the creditors of said Insolvent is appointed to be held in the Probate Court Room in Paris in said county, on Wednesday, the 20th day of Apr., A. D. 1887, at nine o'clock in the forenoon. You will govern yourselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the order of Court, this 16th day of Mar., A. D. 1887.

HERRICK C. DAVIS, Register of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford.

Notice of Foreclosure.

WHEREAS, Hattie C. Kilgore, of Dixfield, by her mortgage deed dated the twenty first (21st) day of March, A. D. 1881, and recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds, book 192, page 398, conveyed to me, the undersigned, a certain parcel of real estate, situate in Mexico, in the County of Oxford and bounded as follows: On the east by the new traveled road leading from Dixfield Village to the Mitchell Neighborhood, (so called, in Mexico); on the north by land of John Babb; on the west by land belonging to the heirs of the late Ezekiel Trask; and on the south by land of Henry Chase. The above described land consists of two parcels, one whole lot containing one hundred (100) acres, more or less, and a triangular piece lying between said whole lot and the above mentioned road, with the widest end adjoining said John Babb's land, and containing twenty (20) acres more or less. And whereas the condition of said mortgage has been broken, now, therefore by reason of the breach of the condition thereof I claim a foreclosure of said mortgage.

Dixfield, January 29th, 1887.

WM. W. WAIT.

BY HIS ATTORNEY, JOHN E. TRASK.

The Oxford Democrat.

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VILLAGE DIRECTORY.

First Baptist Church: 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, Secretary and Treasurer. Meetings Friday Evening.

James L. Chase, Jr? was at home last week.

Ex-Sheriff Stacy of Porter, was in town last week.

N. S. Baker, of Newry, was at Paris, last Tuesday.

Hon. John P. Swasey of Canton, was in town last week.

E. C. Walker, Esq., of Lovell, was at Paris, last week.

S. E. Newell was in Portland last week, buying new goods.

Henry Farwell of Bethel, attended Probate Court, Tuesday.

Hon. George D. Bisbee, of Buckfield, was at Paris last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fuller of South Paris, were at the Hill Sunday.

E. E. Hastings, Esq., of Fryeburg, attended Probate Court, Tuesday.

John R. Trask, Esq., and William G. Harlow of Dixfield, were in town last week.

James Stearns of Cambridge, Mass., has been visiting his brother, S. P. Stearns of this town.

Hon. David Hammons, Judge Frye and Judge Woodbury of Bethel, attended court last week.

A. S. Kimball and C. E. Holt, Esqs., of Norway, were at the Hill Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

County Attorney Hersey, Robinson Dean and Josiah Hutchinson of Buckfield were at Probate Court last Tuesday.

Cyrus Doe had a surgical operation performed upon one of his eyelids in Boston, last week. Five-eighths of an inch was cut out of the lid, and it was then sewed up. If nothing happens to prevent the success of the operation, the lid which was before a "droop," will be straight like the other.

Town Collector Black desires to call the attention of tax payers to the vote of the town which requires that the Collector must settle his accounts with the Treasurer within one year of the date of commitment. In accordance with this the Collector desires to give notice that costs will be made on all taxes remaining unpaid after April 10th, 1887.

Signs of approaching spring:

A solitary blue jay has been trying to delude people into the belief that a robin had come.

Some of the boldest of our citizens, and several enterprising representatives of Young America have ventured to attack the mountains of snow and ice which bury the sidewalks, and have made a good start upon them.

The cows have begun their usual perambulations about the streets in search of pasturage.

WHITTEMORE DISTRICT.

Mrs. Charles Benson is visiting her parents in Sumner.

W. H. Cole is having his house painted. W. E. Cole is doing the job.

Mrs. Solon Royal who has been quite sick with bronchitis was able to be out Saturday.

Charles Merrill has sold his early litter of pigs to W. H. Cole, Charles and Henry like to trade.

Little Willie Daniels fell on to a sharp pointed pen-knife with which he was playing. It penetrated through the skin and running nearly the whole length of the blade between the skin and lining of the bowels. A lucky cut.

THE POSTAL CARD BRIGADE.

WEST PARIS.

Saturday afternoon, 12th, Messrs. A. D. Wing and L. M. Besse of the King neighborhood, were badly injured by being blown up by a premature discharge of powder they were attempting to drill out from a hole in a ledge that had not been exploded. Both men are severely injured about their heads and faces.

Thanks to "N. E." for his very able article on Pharosh. C.

CANTON.

The event of the past week has been the marriage of Albion P. Hutchinson, Esq., and Mrs. E. A. Smith, which took place on Thursday evening, at the residence of the bride's son-in-law, Dr. A. L. Stanwood, the Rev. Wm. J. Twort, of Lewiston, officiating. The bride and groom are receiving the hearty congratulations of their many friends here.

At the annual meeting in the village school district, held on Tuesday evening, H. A. Ellis was chosen moderator, H. H. Burbank clerk, and H. A. Ellis agent. A meeting of the district is called for March 25 to act upon the question of making an addition to the school building, that it may accommodate three departments, instead of two, as now. It is impossible with our present accommodations to properly grade the schools.

Hon. C. H. Gilbert has returned to his home,—the Legislative session having closed.

Rents are in great demand at Canton village, indicating that our population is not decreasing.

All the indications look like lively times and plenty of employment for all deserving it, during the coming season.

Can-making is now in order at the corn-canning establishment here.

Neither of the churches at Canton had preaching last Sabbath, and there will be none next Sabbath.

Rev. H. P. Knight, who has been preaching at the Baptist church, has returned to Waterville where he is a student at Colby, and Rev. Mr. Blake, who has preached for the past year at the Free Baptist church, has closed his service here and is at Orr's Island. Both are excellent men, have done good work here, and will be greatly missed by our people.

SOUTH BUCKFIELD.

Morrill & Dean sold and shipped over 300 barrels of grafted fruit to Mr. Phillips at Providence, R. I.

Frank Decoster has been discharged from the Insane Asylum and has returned home somewhat improved.

Abel Irish shipped several hundred barrels of grafted fruit this week.

Horace Morrill says he knows of several hundred barrels of grafted fruit, yet unsold.

There is not that sharp demand for first-class horses thus far that was noticeable a year ago.

I heard a gray old veteran propound a conundrum in the store the other day that none present could solve: "Did you ever know a boy who started in to use rum and tobacco that ever amounted to anything?"

In a few weeks when the earth is dissolved of its snowy mantle what a carnival of mud and desolation will be revealed to mortal eyes. April is only relieved of being the "saddest of the year" by being the prelude to spring.

Recently I heard that Moses Verrill had been granted a pension, and now I hear that after a few days' illness he is dead.—Grim death is busy among all classes and conditions of life. "In life we are in the midst of death."

Mrs. Celinda L. Farris has gone to Mechanic Falls. Wash. is soon to go to Lawrence, Mass., to work at his trade.

Your Hartford correspondent is canvassing for apple trees—being employed by Alfred Cole.

R. B. Waite has bought two cows of David Clark; "getting ready for butter factory," says Rotheus.

RUMFORD CENTRE.

Friends of Rev. Mr. French will give him a donation next Wednesday, at his home, the 23d. This is the last year that he intends to preach, as his health is failing. Let there be a good attendance.

EAST HEBRON.

The Sure Haven Lodge of Good Templars gave a dramatic entertainment at their hall on the evening of the 16th inst; the drama "Driven to the Wall" was played, followed by the laughable farce, "Sam's Courtship." They are two very excellent plays, and the actors did credit to themselves.

The new shutters for the church are completed and will soon be hung.

Henry Bonney isn't quite as well.

We still continue to have sleighing. It will be some time before the snow-drifts are entirely gone.

MEXICO.

Mrs. Helen Hatch was pleasantly surprised by her friends from East Rumford and Mexico on her fiftieth birthday. The singing by the ladies and remarks by Rev. Mr. French were appropriate for the occasion. Mrs. Hatch received quite a number of presents from her friends; also tokens of expression from those who could not be there. All appeared to enjoy the visit much.

Nathan Milton Abbott, aged about 53 years, son of Nathan Abbott, formerly of East Rumford, died in Brooklyn, New York, Feb'y 23d, of cancer in stomach. He had lived in Brooklyn nearly 30 years—a dentist. He has visited Rumford nearly every year since he went from Maine.

A son of P. W. Abbott of East Rumford turned the nails from two fingers Saturday while scuffling with Isaac Wing.

German N. Philbrick leaves to-day for Riverside, Cal.

ROXBURY POND.

On March 8th, while S. H. & J. A. Reed were after a load of birch, one of their oxen, belonging to D. A. Merrill, ran his head against a tree hurting him so that they were obliged to kill him.

"Very harmonious, everyone went home satisfied," is the latest verdict about our town meeting. The other towns in this vicinity were harmonious too.

Now "Hartford" has gone, who is our senior brigadier—either active or retired?

Miss Flora A. McInnes of Roxbury is to teach in District No. 1, Byron.

J. H. Jenne is hauling birch to Grover's mill.

Nearly every one is short of hay.

These warm days settle the snow fast; at this rate roads will soon be poor—yes, as poor as the Swift River brigadier found at Paris.

OXFORD.

F. A. Delano received a telegram informing him of the severe illness of his mother.

Mr. Lovering had a paralytic shock last week.

Mrs. Howard Farrington has been dangerously sick with pneumonia.

Arthur Wood, son of Mrs. Louise Wood and grandson of Joseph Robinson, died in Lawrence, Mass., very suddenly of convulsions on Thursday, 10th, just one week after the death of his father.

The schools in District No. 10 and No. 1 closed last week.

Miss Bertie Phillips is teaching in East Oxford.

An "Old Folks' Concert" was given by the members of the M. E. Sunday-school on Tuesday evening, followed by an ice cream and cake festival.

Seth Holbrook had a paralytic shock last week and is very feeble.

EAST PERU.

Miss Mabel Kidder closed her school in this district on the 4th, and the scholars, teacher and parents met at Mrs. Chase's and had an oyster supper the evening after school closed.

Mrs. Frank Kidder is quite sick.

HARTFORD.

Mrs. Virginia Irish has gone to Boston to visit her friends.

The Lyceum at the Line school house closed on the evening of the 8th. There was a crowded house. Our teacher, Mr Robinson, has the thanks of all the members of the district for what he has done to make the meetings interesting.

Jonah Forbes is not expected to live.

Henry Ricker lost a valuable horse a few days ago.

There seems to be quite a call for pork in Buckfield village; round hog is worth 7 cents.

The Irish Bros. have commenced sawing shingle; their new machine works to perfection.

Winsor Tinkham is quite sick.

Snow-shoes are in great demand in this neighborhood.

Robert Bates died the 14th, aged 85.

Moses Verrill, son of Moses Verrill, of Buckfield, died the 16th, aged 14.

Mrs. James Hussey was found dead in her bed the 16th. She was an old lady, and had been confined to her bed for some time.

BYRON.

We are having more snow and wind. There are huge drifts of snow in the roads and about the buildings.

Many about town are nearly sick with colds.

John Houghton collects the taxes the coming year for two cents on the dollar. Mr. Houghton has been sick with cold and bronchial trouble the past week.

L. A. Dunn has been making some very nice snow-shoe bows lately.

R. Richmond was killing beef Tuesday.

George F. Cooper is out of the woods; also Charles Rundlett.

The town voted to lay out a private way for L. S. Rundlett, up on the west side of Swift River to Coos road near the bridge.

G. Hodsdon is away selling gum.

WILSON'S MILLS.

Weather warm and pleasant.

Tote teams are very busy, getting supplies into the woods before the roads get soft.

H. Hoyt, M. C. Linnell and F. T. Pennock are done logging.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Sturtevant have returned home from Portland, where they have been to purchase furniture for their new house.

Sydney Bennett sold a deer's head, with a very handsome set of antlers, to F. L. Wilson of Berlin.

The death of L. T. Brown will be much regretted in this vicinity. He had done business here for nineteen years, always on the square; was universally respected for his honesty and uprightness, and it will be hard to find one to fill his place.

EAST WATERFORD.

O. N. Abbott has sold his colt to Loren Brown for $150.

At the recent town meeting Leroy M. Sanderson and Horace M. Skinner were set off from Temple Hill school district, the former being annexed to East Waterford district, the latter to No. 8.

Mrs. E. F. Allen, who has been in very poor health for some years, died March 11. She leaves two sons. Funeral services at the house the 13th were conducted by Rev. Mr. Skinner of Brooksville.

O. N. Abbott returned to Mass. the 15th.

WEST BETHEL.

March came bold, bleak and boisterous, and will probably leave us lamb-like and lovely.

The DEMOCRAT had something to say in last week's issue about "the backbone of winter" yielding, but on Tuesday and Wednesday there seemed to be a strong spine remaining if the bone was broken.

I have failed to see anything remarkable in the weather for the past eight months, and think it has been a fair sample of winters in Maine. We have had no freshets, nor very heavy storms.

Odd Fellows from this place make frequent visits to Nathan G. Mills of Mason, who, as has been reported in the DEMOCRAT, was kicked by a horse and badly hurt on Monday, the 7th inst.

NORWAY LAKE.

The recent thaws have made quite good crusts for one or two mornings.

Mr. Dirgin was in the place a few days since.

Mrs. Samuel Partridge has been having the erysipelas in her face quite badly.

In spite of bad traveling plenty of wood and timber is being hauled by daily.

Mrs. S. A. Stevens has a small bridal rose about a year old which has in all ten buds and blossoms.

DIXFIELD.

Our warm weather has made the traveling very hard.

Mr. Burnham was in town to-day (Wednesday) looking after the corn factory business. There have been about three hundred acres of corn subscribed. Burnham & Morrill have shipped some stock for the factory already. They are having about forty tons of ice stored, to be used in the factory this season.

Much sickness has prevailed the past two weeks outside of the village.

WEST SUMNER.

Sunday and Monday were an agreeable surprise to us all, but it was of short duration.

The singing school has changed its location to the vestry.

We have concluded not to have a railroad here—since hearing of the last accident.

Our illustrated lecture, Saturday night, was a perfect failure, on account of poor traveling.

Hiram Howe has organized a grammar class here.

Our sermon Sunday night is being commented on considerably.

DICKVALE.

Business is quite good here at present. J. C. Wyman's mill is running every day, but on account of scarcity of water it is run by a small crew.

Our weather prophet says the snow is going off by the sun this spring.

Mr. Merritt Piper of Illinois is visiting friends in this place, after an absence of 33 years.

Dr. R. S. Townsend is visiting at his son's in Franklin.

Frank Morse has got home from the logging swamps.

Born—March 15, to the wife of E. H. Lovejoy, a son.

UPTON.

J. S. Lane took his teams out of the woods Wednesday.

Charles Chase has a young Eclair-Hambletonian colt, which—well, we will not try to express it as words would fail us.

E. M. Corbett is making his semi-annual visit in town.

Born—The 8th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Heywood, a son.

ALBANY.

The Congregational Ladies' Circle held a Hard-Times Festival at their vestry on Wednesday evening. The exercises consisted of singing, accompanied by organ and bass viol of olden time, played by Jas. A. Kimball; some amusing songs by Mr. Archie Cole and his daughter, Mrs. Alice Wardwell, and J. A. Kimball and wife; recitations, declamations, tableaux, etc., by members of the Sabbath-school. They partook of a bountiful supper consisting of oysters, baked beans, pastry, etc. The net cash receipts were quite satisfactory, considering the "hard times."—The ladies act as though they meant business; having recently purchased chairs, crockery, etc. They have just received a present of quite a nice linen covering for their extension-table, about 28 feet in length.

A. T. Kelliher is hauling the last of his hay, about 10 tons, from the J. French farm to his logging camps in Newry and vicinity. Our farmers would be glad to purchase of him. The prospect is there will be a shortage here.

Miss S. Lizzie Dresser has been engaged the year past in Georgetown, Mass., teaching in a graded school—grammar department. The Committee in their report, recently published, speak in very complimentary terms of her, and hope to secure her services another year.—Her sister, Edna, who has been attending school at South Paris, is now at home.

NORTH BETHEL.

Yesterday afternoon—not being very busy—I started to go over to Hastings's steam mill, over the river about a mile to the north, to see and hear what was going on, not forgetting to take my note-book and pencil; also a good cudgel for defense against a big rabid dog that left his mark, or marks, in the calf of my leg two weeks before. That was one of the times when I really wanted a good 6-shooter; I should then made an extra button-hole in his jacket, or tried to at least. He did not put in an appearance, so the war is still deferred. The first thing worthy of note was to see a man try to get off the river with a load of ice and couldn't—at least for some time. Harvesting ice after it begins to thaw in the spring, is generally a mixture of hard and soft work.

Proceeding a half mile farther, I met a man in trouble, in consequence of losing off a part of his load just before. He had a double horse team, loaded with hay and oats; one side of the sled had gone down, and thrown off the top of his load. Quite a number of hard lifts, and a little Yankee shrewdness set matters right, and he went on his way rejoicing—bound for the lakes.

Reaching the steam mill at last, I found a pretty busy place; there were about 25 men in and about the mill, engaged in different kinds of work. They have sawed 700 cords of birch into spool strips, and still it keeps coming in.

Four men were working up white ash into shovel handles; they are now almost wholly split out, instead of being sawed, as formerly.

The mill also does a large business in sawing long lumber.

It begins to act and look like spring again, over head, at any rate; and never were people more glad to see it, I dare say. The festive crow has come again, "and heaven puts on the blue of May." Also the sun has resumed his old occupation again, which is that of a tanner.

The principal business among farmers, just now, seems to be marketing potatoes; price 40 cents. Eggs, 18; butter, 20. L. D.

FRYE.

We have had very pleasant weather for the past few days.

Mr. Alsedor Knapp and wife passed through town to-day on their way to Byron, to visit his father and brothers and other relatives.

Miss Bond from Auburn is in town.

ANDOVER.

The annual meeting of the Andover Agricultural Society was held at Union Hall, Tuesday, March 8; the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—John F. Talbot.
Vice President—Wm. Harding.
Secretary—C. T. Poor
Treasurer—Geo. W. Abbott.
Trustees—S. F. Abbott, C. A. Proctor, John Caldwell, E. E. Bedell, Frank R. Merrill.

The Society voted to hold a two days' Fair the coming autumn, the date to be decided later.

The M. E. Ladies' Circle met with Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Burgess of East Andover, Wednesday evening of this week.

The little thaw of Monday and Tuesday was a decided benefit to the roads.

The village schools close this week after a successful term, taught by E. H. Elliott and Annie K. Hodgdon of Rumford.

Coughs, colds and lung troubles generally, are prevailing to an unusual degree.

Thursday evening last, the prayer meeting at the Congregational church was disturbed by strange rumbling and thumping sounds in the direction of one of the chimnies; an investigation was instituted and the discovery made that the chimney had become "fatally defective" by the falling out of a section nearly three feet in length just above the entrance of the funnel, where the brick had by some means become softened. The upper part was sustained by the roof and flooring.

MASON.

Nothing out of the common course of events is transpiring this week.

Nathan G. Mills is gaining slowly, but yet has to have watchers by night, and is under the doctor's care.

D. E. Mills seems to gain strength slowly and hopes are entertained that he may regain his usual health.

Leon H. Tyler was kicked quite badly by a steer the other day; he seems to have a hard time this winter.

C. F. Brown is hauling birch to West Bethel; he will finish this week.

Gilbert Mills has killed his big hog. It weighed 599 lbs.

Moses L. Mason had an ox badly injured last week; he was coming down a steep hill and the bridle chain broke which caused the accident.

E. J. Mains has 53 lambs; has lost but one thus far.

Hay is scarce and high; more buyers than usual.

Spring seems loth to come; no doubt it is afraid of the cold.

LOVELL.

Cyrus Andrews is sick with lung fever, but improving.

Horace Chamberlin, the tinsmith, is at work at the village for a few days and then is to move to Conway.

Mrs. Oscar Charles has moved into a part of D. M. Andrews's house.

We hear that Mr. Horace Eastman, formerly of this town, but lately of Newfield, is dead.

Peter McAllister, Sen., and his granddaughter have gone to visit friends in Lynn.

The school in Slab City, taught by Henry Stearns, closed last week.

Born—At North Lovell, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hill, twin daughters.

DIXFIELD CENTRE.

Perley Holman had a serious drawback last week, but is reported better now.

The Good Templars Lodge at this place is prospering finely; eight new members were received at a recent meeting. It seems the meetings only held up a little to get a better hold.

For various reasons our free high school which we supposed was assured, has blown over for the present.

The Lyceum at the town hall Wednesday night was a complete success. Next Lyceum will be on Wednesday night, 23d inst.; question—Resolved, that the right of suffrage should be extended to women.

Thursday, 17th inst., Mrs. Baldwin Marble, who has been sick for about three months, died at 8 o'clock in the morning, in her 90th year. She was a sister of the late Major Barnard of Dixfield, and was one of the first settlers of Dixfield. She remembered distinctly where the first log camp was built in town, the first frame house, the first clearings, and many other things connected with our early history.

NORTH PARIS.

Seth Benson's little son is now thought to be a little better, and it is hoped he will recover.

Mrs. F. L. Barrett is quite unwell, and under the Dr.'s care.

Mr. Luther Tubbs, who has been quite unwell, is now able to be out.

Mr. J. B. Richardson is on the sick list.

Mrs. W. W. Dunham will go to Boston with her sister, Miss Bradford.

W. W. Dunham bought two cows of H. W. Dunham, for which he paid $90.

Dunham Bros. have bought a very nice Jersey cow, paying a good price, but have since been offered $75.

H. W. Dunham has bought a nice grade Hereford bull of W. W. Dunham.

John Crawford has gone to Boston with fur.

A. J. Abbott, who has been absent two weeks, is home again. He has been at work in the butter factory at Turner Centre—learning the art of making butter by the factory system.

A heavy snow and wind storm is now in progress, and we hope it is the last of the season.

Last Friday a snow storm with high wind gave us another snow blockade that took two days to clear the roads in some places.

C. Stevens has sold his grist mill to Joseph Littlehale and brother.

Frank Berry will gather the cream on the route that leads to Sumner after April 1st, and F. L. Wyman will gather the cream at South Woodstock.

It is expected that A. J. Abbott will go to work in the butter factory April 1.

I called on W. W. Dunham one day this week, and found men in the sitting-room, men in the dining-room, and men in the barn, and the talk was largely of stock,—and if Mr. Dunham was not quite a shrewd man I should think his nephews would gobble up his stock of cows and steers.—The fact is there is quite a craze here for cows just now. Mr. Dunham has fourteen cows and heifers, and wants to buy more; would like a good registered Jersey. If any one has such a cow for sale they might get a good price for her in exchange for one of Mr. Dunham's king bees—warranted not to sting.

NORTH FRYEBURG.

The recent entertainment was repeated at the chapel on Tuesday night, and the second performance was quite as satisfactory as the first. The managers of the affair are to be congratulated upon its remarkable success.

Mrs. Cyrus Bennett has been visiting with the family of Alex. Stevens and with Mrs. T. J. Haley.

The Birch Hill Circle met last week with Mrs. A. H. Jones. The attendance was small, but the enjoyment of the occasion not seriously impaired by that fact. Miss Marion Jones contributed much to the entertainment of the company by her spirited recitation.

Miss Calista Andrews, who has recently fallen heir to a large fortune, passed thro' Fryeburg last week, making some short visits while on her way to Sweden.

Mr. Amos Farrington of Stow, was buried Sunday, March 6th, from the church. The severe storm did not prevent a large attendance at the services.

FRYEBURG.

There was no train to Portland on Saturday, March 12, till evening, and Miss M. F. Bradley did not go to Boston until Monday.

Mrs. Hattie Heald went to Cornish on Monday, to her daughter's, Mrs. Seavey.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bussell, of Portland, have been in town.

Miss Calista Andrews, of River Falls, Wis., is visiting relatives here and will go to Sweden.

Fred Fife has recovered and gone back to Portland as clerk for his uncle, E. C. Farrington.

Mrs. Curtis of Freeport is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Locke.

Miss Hattie Pike has returned from Boston, and resumed her duties in the Academy.

Miss Ellen Tibbetts has also come back to begin school.

Miss Mary Weston is at home again, after extending her visit to Orange, N. J.

Lewis M. Walker spent his vacation in Boston, but has returned.

Miss Hattie Blake is visiting in East Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. Alden Walker is sick with one of his very severe turns.

School has opened well in the Academy, but many more will come in on Monday.

There are some indications that Mr. Pike intends to rebuild the Oxford House.

By omitting the names of the town officers reported last week, by the P. C. B., due credit was not given to two Republicans—Mr. McIntire, Collector, and Mr. McKeen, Supervisor—who were inadvertently omitted from that report.

DENMARK.

Mrs. Addie Worth, of Cape Elizabeth, has been visiting at Wm. A. Goodwin's.

Rufus C. Harmon was thrown from a sleigh in this village and received a good shaking up, but fortunately no bones were broken.

George Walker has gone to Haverhill, Mass., to work at carpentering.

Reuben Chadbourne, of Fryeburg, was married to Mrs. Hannah Wight, of this town, last Sunday, at West Baldwin. They have commenced housekeeping at the Tarbox stand, which Mr. Chadbourne purchased last winter.

Miss Carrie Jewett died March 13 at the home of her father, S. T. Jewett, aged 26 years. Funeral Tuesday, conducted by Rev. Mr. Cummings of Bridgton. Miss J. was a most estimable young lady, and her loss will be keenly felt in social circles.

This town sends its usual quota of scholars to Fryeburg Academy.

B. F. Smith and wife of Portland, and Mrs. Dr. Smith of Cornish, have been visiting C. B. Smith and other relatives in town.

J. C. Hodge, the veteran sale-work man, is in poor health.

PORTER.

The past week the people have been very busy shoveling the snow from the roofs of their buildings. On Moses Libby's and Fred Sargent's barns the roofs fell through from the weight of snow on them; also Dr. Chase's stable and the Davis hotel at Cornish.

Silas Stevens's store at Effingham was burned on Monday last; insurance, $800 on building and $2500 on goods.

Mrs. Ruth Towle, an aged lady, died on Thursday; she was 81 years of age, and leaves three sons and a daughter, also a brother, Major James French, who is 88 years old—the oldest man in town.

R. G. Heard has returned to Kansas again.

James M. French is intending to move to Mass.

The warm weather is settling the snow quite fast.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

L. R. Giles left on the 15th, for the West. Rumor has it that he has gone to invest in Western land. He expects to be away a month.

C. J. Cressey, who has been spending the winter here and in Georgia, left on the 17th for his home in Cal. His daughter, who has been here nearly two years, will join him in Boston next week and go home with him.

Herbert and Cora Giles, Charles and Whitman Stickney have commenced the spring term at Fryeburg Academy, but the new law regulating railroad rates may make some change in their plans.

A. F. Richardson, of Fryeburg, was in town on the 15th, calling on his old pupils.

M. Q. C. held an interesting meeting on the 16th; subject—Atmosphere. Subject for the next meeting—Insects.

BETHEL.

John Williamson of Bethel celebrated his 101st birthday the 10th inst., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elias M. Carter. Many friends called upon him to extend their congratulations, with whom he conversed freely about the olden time. He retains his faculties to a remarkable degree. A. M. & J. H. Carter, his grandchildren, live upon the old homestead, which is the most valuable farm in town. They keep a large stock of cattle and raise large quantities of sweet corn and potatoes. There is a large quantity of white pine timber on the farm, one hundred thousand of which they sold to Elias Thomas of Portland for $750, delivered at Morrill's mill, which they have hauled the past winter. There is also a large quantity of poplar and birch upon the farm.

The busiest place in Bethel is the new chair factory of J. H. Barrows. He employs fifty hands and turns out 100 chairs a day, besides sawing large quantities of long lumber for customers. His machinery is all new, of the most approved pattern, and it is wonderful to see with what rapidity and precision the work is done. Mr. Barrows is shipping chairs to various points in the United States and Canada.

S. D. & J. M. Philbrook have just received a car of cows and calves from New Hampshire.

J. S. Swan is buying large quantities of potatoes for 35c. a bushel.

Hay is scarce at Bethel, and the farmers are buying a large amount of grain and feed for their stock.

The lumber teams are fast breaking camp.

GILEAD.

A few days of mild weather this week, which is welcomed by all. Monday was the warmest day we have had since snow came—which fairly thawed out the forlorn crow.

The sleighing is excellent, with a prospect of six weeks of sledding in March.

Burnham & Wight have broke camp on account of the depth of snow; they overran their contract a few thousand.

George Leighton had an ox killed this week by running against a tree and breaking its neck, while drawing birch for J. W. Bennett.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Our town meeting was held the second Monday in March this year on account of waiting for town reports to be printed. Everything passed off quietly.

Selectmen and Assessors—E. E. Rand, E. L. Tebbets, Ed. Penley.
Clerk—A. C. Libby.
Treasurer—J. G. Coffin.
Supervisor—J. F. Libby.

It was voted to refund the town debt at 4 1-2 per cent. The question of a liquor agency was brought up again and the town voted not to license.

The South Bethel Dramatic Club play the drama, "Out in the Streets," here this week.

HEBRON.

Monday, the 14th, was a fine day for the adjourned town meeting, which passed off pleasantly.

Not much sugar making yet, but it is reported Lemuel Gurney has made 12 pounds this year. Mr. Gurney has some very early trees and usually gets the start.

Mr. Horace Pratt, who came from Boston to attend the funeral of his father last week, is staying a while with his sisters. Their brothers, George W. of Washington and Addison of New York, were unable to come.

Mellen Bearce is hauling wood to Mechanic Falls for J. A. Bucknam & Co. He reports the road still hard and good. C.

The funeral services of Edna Merrill were attended at the house by many friends. A most excellent address was delivered by Rev. C. E. Harden, and fine music rendered by the Hebron Quartette. The decorations and all the arrangements connected with the sad occasion were very elaborate and pleasant.

The most important event of this week has been the reunion of the Classes of '85 and '86. At 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon twenty-one students and the teachers met in the chapel and Mr. Pike called the meeting to order, and offered very interesting and appropriate remarks. Next in order letters were read from absent members, all of which were written in a manner highly creditable to the students and the teachers with whom they have been pursuing their studies in this Academy. The letters were read by W. L. Bonney, and written by the following students—Wilmot B. Mitchell at Bowdoin College, Fred Cushing, teacher at Turner, Helen Johnson, Smith's College, Ernest Briggs, Bowdoin, J. W. Moody, Bowdoin. The class history was read by Mrs. Young of the '85 Class, and the prophecy by Miss Merrill. Remarks were made by quite a number, but the most encouraging for the future of the Academy were made by Prof. Sargent, who has every reason to hope for the necessary facilities and buildings convenient to advance his work. At the close came the oyster supper and one of the best poems ever delivered here, given by George R. Morton of Paris, entitled "Perennial Youth."—The reception in the evening was attended by a large gathering, and much enjoyed. B.

MIDDLE INTERVALE (BETHEL)

The Middle Intervale Sewing Circle met Thursday afternoon, 17th, at Dea. Prescott Holt's. A good supper, also music, furnished by host and hostess. Vocal music by company; Mrs. C. Caswell presided at the organ. There was a good attendance and the occasion a pleasant one. Officers chosen for the ensuing year are as follows:

President, Miss Minnie Kimball; Vice President, Mrs. H. H. Bean; Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Holt; Secretary, Mrs. Gertie Cole; First Director, Mrs. C. Caswell, Second Director, Mrs. S. Reed; Third Director, Mrs. Eliza Cummings. Mrs. Lydia Bean, 80 years of age, was present. The Circle voted to buy an organ for the church.—A society meeting was held, and voted to have preaching the coming season.

Several from adjoining districts are attending school at the Hill—mindful of the truth that "Learning is better than silver or gold."

Crows are seen—spring is at hand.

EAST SUMNER.

Mr. Leroy Keen and his wife are both very low with consumption, with little prospect of recovery.

Mr. B. W. Briggs is quite feeble and evidently failing; he has been a sufferer from rheumatic trouble for several years.

Few railroads in Maine have done better in making regular trips this winter than the Rumford Falls & Buckfield. Our mails have not failed to come daily for the winter. The experience of the past eight years on this line clearly demonstrates the fact that a railroad can be successfully operated without rum. No serious accident has happened on this line under the present management. Superintendent Lincoln believes in sober, steady men and employs such. SLOCUM.

BROWNFIELD.

Many predict an early spring. It is snowing very fast, and the air is quite chilly.

This morning I asked a man of good judgment to look out of my window and tell me how deep he thought the snow was just outside of the piazza; he said, "I declare! well, I should say six feet." "Well, sir, it is just eight feet and four inches; have to climb up on a ladder to see the barn, then can't see it."

Sunday night the saw mill and planing machine belonging to Albert Linscott was burned; no insurance.

Ernie Frink and Will Boynton are attending the spring term at Fryeburg Academy.

The Salvation Army is expected here very soon.

Mrs. Dr. Sawyer, who has recently come to this village, is in feeble health.

Mrs. Charles Colby is quite sick.

HIRAM.

E. M. Noble of East Hiram has finished a school of eleven weeks in Baldwin, and commenced another in the same town.

Rev. Mr. House of Waterboro preached on Hiram Hill Sunday, 13th.

It is very sickly in Hiram.

The gale of the 11th left roads in bad condition.

The venerable William G. Burbank recently remarked that he had led a life of prayer *seventy one years*.

Mrs. Lavinia Cotton recently fell down a flight of stairs, injuring herself severely.

Joseph F. Wadsworth of Bartlett, N. H., made a flying visit this week to his sister, Mrs. William H. Douglass.

Joseph D. Lord is recovering from a long illness.

James Clemons has been to Farmington in search of employment.

George Allen of Charlton, Mass., has recently been in town visiting friends.

Richard Landon of Harrison is in town.

Vivian Fitch is recovering from a very severe attack of lung fever.

BUCKFIELD.

The weather for the past week has been full of "Byron squalls."

Mrs. Tobin, mother of John Tobin, died suddenly Saturday; cause, paralysis. She was buried Monday.

The wife of James Hussey, one of our old residents, was found dead in her bed Wednesday morning; cause, heart disease. She was buried Friday.

The entertainment given by the M. E. Circle at Tobin's Hall, Tuesday evening, was a success. They also gave a five-cent sociable at same place, Friday evening, with same good success.

Wednesday evening about 25 couples from West Sumner enjoyed a social dance and supper at the Buckfield House.

Mrs. Additon has sold out her stock of millinery and fancy goods to Mrs. Nellie Record, who will move into the Loring store.

George Cushman will occupy the store now occupied by Mrs. Additon, as a meat market; and, by the way, George has adopted the city style of taking orders at your house and delivering goods—no excuse now for late dinner.

Saturday morning Charles Record, after building his fire, went out for a short time and on returning found the wood work and clothing around the stove all in a blaze,—burning his child's entire wardrobe; he returned in time to save a serious conflagration.

Charles Forster, while on a trip to Kingfield, collided his team with the Sandy River narrow gauge railroad. The sleigh lost one shoe.

Saturday evening a social gathering at Dr. C. S. Child's was enjoyed by his many friends.

The many friends of Mr. Herman Cushman, one of Buckfield's most promising young men, who is now in the employ of a large Chicago firm, will be pleased to learn of his marriage to Miss Bertha Howell, an accomplished young lady of Traverse City, Mich. The marriage was solemnized at Quincy, Mich., March 16th.

NORWAY.

F. W. Sanborn, editor of the *Advertiser*, was in Portland this week with a view of purchasing an engine of greater power to take the place of the one now in use in that establishment.

Aaron Page, having served the time necessary to learn the trade of patching rubber boots and shoes, of a professional workman, is to be found at Millett & Fuller's boot and shoe store. Aaron is a first-class workman.

Mrs. Greenleaf, who lately had a finger amputated, is improving.

It is reported that Norway is shortly to have a butter factory. The farmers of Norway are not slow to see what is for their benefit, and having once seen it to act accordingly. We trust if undertaken it will be a success.

Rev. W. W. Hooper and wife are visiting friends in Norway for a few days.

The second evening of the "Silver Grays'" assemblies, Wednesday evening, was a success; more there than the first evening. All came away happy. The professions are well represented.

A Lyceum has been organized by the pupils of the Norway High School. The meetings are to be held on Friday evening as that will least interfere with the duties of the school. We believe this is a step well taken and should be encouraged. Let the topics be well chosen and honestly acted upon and the benefits will end only with life.

Our town fathers, good men and honest, are puzzled. The town voted to have a liquor agency—who shall the agent be? It has been about a dozen years since the system was done away with in this town.

The vote of the town to appropriate $800 for the purchase of school books, for the town's scholars, is creating some feeling. It appears that little if any thought was given the question before town meeting. Although it is a move in the right direction, it is thought the system should be carefully examined. It is proposed by some that a committee be appointed to learn the workings and the cost of the venture where the system has been adopted, that the town may act understandingly.

The author, Dr. William B. Lapham—the publishers, Brown Thurston & Co.—and the town committee, George L. Beal, Marcus F. Brooks and Henry Upton—have done themselves credit in their work on the History of Norway. The book contains 36 portraits of men and women who have held prominent positions as citizens of the town. Nine illustrations of private dwellings and business places show what now is. There are 659 pages. It is without question one of the finest town histories ever published in the State. It is commended by all. This history is on sale and for distribution to the subscribers at the Oxford Book Store.

The many friends of O. S. Pillsbury, pastor of the M. E. Church, congratulate him upon his prospect of answering a very urgent call from Saccarappa. Mr. Pillsbury at the coming Conference will have been here three years. He has been a faithful worker and the good that he has done will live after him.

The Boscobel Club having fitted up their new club-room very tastily, have changed their name to Norway Club.

Nathan Hatch has applied for a patent on a new design for a foot rest.

C. K. Smith was quite seriously injured by the explosion of a kerosene lamp a few days since.

The Salvation Army have been holding meetings at private houses in this place, and have gained several new recruits.

Dr. Thayer of Portland was in town this week and purchased a large black horse of Frank Andrews.

The scholars of the Universalist Sabbath school gave a very interesting concert and entertainment at Concert Hall, Sunday evening.

Benjamin G. Favor, a native of Norway, and nephew of William, Horace and George Cole, was injured on the B. & P. Railroad accident at Roslindale; also Miss Hattie Dudley, who met instant death at the same time and place, leaves relatives in this village.

Judge William W. Virgin, lately re-appointed Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, was formerly a practicing attorney in this village.

The stockholders of the Norway Toboggan Slide have resolved that, whereas, the slide will be of little use the coming summer, to sell it to the highest bidder at auction. Many competitors are expected to be present. To take place Tuesday, 22d, G. A. Cole, auctioneer.

Musical entertainment to be given at Concert Hall, Tuesday evening, the 22d, by the Band, assisted by the Universalist choir and others.

The drill and ball given by the Norway Light Infantry at Bridgton was a success.

John J. Hayden has purchased three lots of A. Bisbee.

In the case of Thayer et al. vs. Lafarrer in Municipal Court, judgment for plaintiff, $12 96.

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Messenger's Notice.

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

OXFORD, ss:—March 1st, A. D. 1887.

THIS is to give notice, that on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1887, a warrant in insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of William L. Goodwin, of Stoneham, in said County, adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said debtor, which petition was filed on the 21st day of Feb., A. D. 1887, to 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 the Probate court room, in Paris in said County of Oxford, on the 16th day of Mar., A. D. 1887, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

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

Grand Trunk Railway

Winter Arrangement.

On and after Nov. 1st, 1886, and until further notice, trains will run as follows:

MONTREAL TO PORTLAND.

	Pass. A. M.	Pass. A. M.	Mixed. P. M.
Gorham,	5.00	8.45	1.15
Gilead,	5.20	9.10	1.32
W. Bethel,	5.38	9.22	2.10
Bethel,	5.47	9.32	2.22
Locke's Mills,	5.57	9.43	2.37
Bryant's Pond,	6.05	9.51	2.48
West Paris,	6.18	10.05	3.07
So. Paris,	6.27	10.22	3.30
Norway, (leave)	6.30	10.15	3.25
So. Paris, (arrive)	6.55	10.30	3.50
So. Paris, (leave)	6.40	10.35	3.40
Norway, (arrive)	6.45	10.50	3.45
Oxford,	6.51	10.55	3.56
Mechanic Falls,	7.01	10.45	4.12
Lewiston Junction,	7.25	11.00	4.35
Lewiston, (arrive)	7.42	11.17	5.00
Portland,	8.25	12.00	5.15

Trains leave Lewiston for Portland at 7.12 A. M., and 1.07 and 4.32 P. M.

PORTLAND TO MONTREAL.

	Pass. A. M.	Pass. P. M.	Pass. P. M.
Portland,	7.10	1.30	5.20
Lewiston Junction,	8.20	2.47	6.25
Lewiston, (leave)	8.00	2.30	6.10
Mechanic Falls,	8.35	3.04	6.55
Oxford,	8.45	3.17	7.12
So. Paris,	9.00	3.35	7.35
Norway, (leave)	8.50	3.25	7.25
So. Paris, (arrive)	9.05	3.30	7.30
So. Paris, (leave)	9.05	3.40	7.35
Norway, (arrive)	9.10	3.45	7.40
West Paris,	9.26	4.06	8.01
Bryant's Pond,	9.34	4.16	8.22
Locke's Mills,	9.43	4.25	8.33
Bethel,	9.53	4.37	8.49
W. Bethel,	10.03	4.48	9.02
Gilead,	10.17	5.03	9.22
Gorham,	10.45	5.35	10.00

Trains leave Portland, for Lewiston at 7.30 A. M., and 1.15 and 5.20 P. M.

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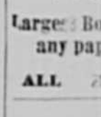

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NOTICE !

Having sold my store and goods to Hastings Brothers, I now wish to close up my business as soon as possible, and all persons indebted to me by note or account are requested to settle same immediately, as I prefer to settle with all my customers personally.

Bethel, Me., Jan. 29, '87.

S. A. BROCK.

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

GILBERT HARRETT, late of Buckfield, 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

February 15, 1887. ALBION P. BONNEY.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Executrix of the Estate of

NATHANIEL H. STOWE, late of Sumner, in said County, deceased by giving bond as the law directs; she 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

Oct. 19, 1886. EMILY A. STOWE.

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OUR PUZZLE CORNER.

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

I.—WORD PUZZLE.

I'm generally a terror,
But sometimes a delight,
The larger portion of me
Oft used in anger, spite.
The remainder heads a yeoman,
While belonging yet to me,
As a portion of my body,
Tho' a fraction, I'll agree.
Transpose one single letter,
And what a change is wrought!
From a destructive multitude,
A lady's name is brought.
Again, place me in order,
And you will surely make
A life destroying element
Much used for conscience's sake.

S. E. D.

II.—WORD SQUARE.

1. The singular of a grain which is usually spoken of in the plural.
2. An animal.
3. A number.

T. B. S.

III.—AMPUTATIONS.

1. Behead a word descriptive of the cold, barren coast on which some seafaring men were wrecked, and leave what, perhaps, caused their vessel to sink.
2. Curtail what was missing from the farmer's hat when he carried it to the field, and leave the object that he expected the hat would frighten away.
3. Behead the feeling with which the object viewed the hat, and leave what he immediately fell to eating in the farmer's field.
4. Behead what the farmer said he was n't going to do any longer, and leave what he brought from the house that caused the death of the object that had so troubled him.

FARMER JOHN.

IV.—ENIGMA.

Composed of 37 letters.

My 9, 28, 19, 33, 23, 22, 31 is a sound made by a bird.
My 34, 10, 6, 37 is to prepare the way.
My 25, 35, 12, 32, 16 is a central point.
My 17, 10, 18, 20, 5, 14 is a household article.
My 1, 15, 21, 2, 24, 27 is a rope or chain used to fasten a beast.
My 30, 26, 29, 8, 3, 4 is tarnished.
My 1, 7, 24 is to fasten.
My 36, 13, 11 has caused all the trouble in the world.

The whole is a quotation from "The Merchant of Venice." E. V. A.

V.—CHARADE.

My first is to check or to govern,
My next with great swiftness will go;
My whole is an animal useful
That's found in the regions of snow.

MABELLE BRUCE.

VI.—HOUR GLASS.

1. To make ready.
2. To step heavily.
3. A kind of tree.
4. A letter.
5. A vessel.
6. Openings.
7. Rage.

The centrals form a word meaning spiritual advisers. E. V. A.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF LAST WEEK.

1.—Head sea.

2.—1, Hose, house. 2, Spin, Spain. 3, Bare, barge. 4, Chin, Chain. 5, Mat, meat. 6, What, wheat.

3.— SAVE
AMAT
VAST
ETTA

4.—1, Atom, to, am. 2, Berate, be, rate. 3, Story, or, sty. 4, Cannot, not, can. 5, Toaster, to, aster. 6, Belabor, be, labor. 7, Thath, that, ch, (Court House). 8, Rain, is rain. 9 Theme, the, me. 10, Questioned, question, Ed. To be, or not to be, that is the question.

5.—Alexander.

—If you covet appetite, flesh, strength, color, and vigor, take Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Sold by all druggists.

Make home attractive for the young men says Rev. Dr. Talmage. Yes, paint it red.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is adapted to every age and either sex. Being very palatable, the youngest children take it readily.

A Boston barber says: "A perfect temper in a razor is a happy accident." How like women razors must be!

FITS: All Fits stopped free by Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. No fits after first day's use. Marvelous cures. Treatise and $2 trial bottle free to Fit cases. Send to Dr. Kline, 931 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

It is easier to lug a heavy shot-gun ten hours through an impenetrable swamp than to put up a clothes-line.

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.

"Good gracious," said the hen, when she discovered the porcelain egg in her nest, "I shall be a bricklayer yet."

THAT TIRED FEELING

Afflicts nearly every one in the spring. The system having become accustomed to the bracing air of winter, is weakened by the warm days of the changing season, and readily yields to attacks of disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla is just the medicine needed. It tones and builds up every part of the body, and also expels all impurities from the blood. Try it this season.

"This is a new wrinkle," sadly remarked the elderly maiden, as she surveyed herself in a hand-glass.

ALL MEDICAL AUTHORITIES

Agree that catarrh is no more or less than an inflammation of the lining membrane of the nasal air passages.

Nasal catarrh and all catarrhal affections of the head are not diseases of the blood, and it is a serious mistake to treat them as such. No conscientious physician ever attempts to do so.

It is held by eminent medical men that sooner or later a specific will be found for every disease from which humanity suffers. The facts justify us in assuming that for catarrh at least a positive cure already exists in Ely's Cream Balm.

We have a little constitutional amendment to offer when the convention meets. It will deal with the tall bonnet and the theatre.

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It is the duty of every person who has used *Boschee's German Syrup* to let its wonderful qualities be known to their friends in curing Consumption, severe Coughs, Croup, Asthma, Pneumonia, and, in fact, all Throat and Lung Diseases. No person can use it without immediate relief. Three doses will relieve any case, and we consider it the duty of all Druggists to recommend it to the poor, dying consumptive, at least to try one bottle, as 80 000 dozen bottles were sold last year, and no one case where it failed was reported. Such a a medicine as the *German Syrup* cannot be too widely known. Ask your Druggist about it. Sample bottles to try, sold at 10 cents. Regular size, 75 cents. Sold by all Druggists and Dealers, in the United States and Canada.

Too BAD.—The president of a Wisconsin agricultural works sat up all night to look over the books of his cashier, and next morning said to him:

"James, I find a deficit of $1,885 in your accounts, as closed on the 31st of last December."

"I throw myself on your mercy," responded the cashier, "but the amount is only $900. I used the money in speculating, and I'll turn over all my personal property to make good the loss."

When the president came to go over his figures again he found the supposed deficit to lie in the fact that he had added the year 1885 to the column, but it was too late for the cashier to retract. He had given himself dead away.

A couple of men have started from Winnipeg in search of the north pole. It is supposed they went to get warm.

AROOSTOOK SNOWBOUND.

A PESQUE ISLE EDITOR'S DIARY.

Monday, Feb. 28th.—We find ourselves facing the stern realities of getting up a newspaper this week with nothing to carry us through but a lively imagination and a firm trust in providence. There is a cordon of snow drifts around the town that cut off all communication with the outside world. There is nothing to speak of in town from outside but a theatrical troupe that cannot get out, and which is continuing to play out of sheer desperation. Our exchanges are all stuck in a snow bank some twelve miles distant, which, of course, is an extremely hard old bank to make any editorial drafts upon. We have our pastepot and our faithful scissors, but nothing to operate upon except back numbers of exchanges, and a big pile of Congressional Records.

Met Bro. Hall on the street, and exchanged views with him on the situation. He reported that gaunt famine threatened him, also, and said that if the blockade was continued for a week, journalistically speaking he would be reduced to the point of devouring his boot straps. He spoke hopefully, however, and said we must "round up and take such things until the Direct Line gets here." This is probably the Direct Line gale. It has certainly blown the old line out, if it has not blown the new one in.

Tuesday morning.—The train is still at what the Pioneer terms the "interior point of observation in this county," namely, Caribou. The passengers who are hung up at this point of observation, will doubtless avail themselves of the opportunity afforded, and made some few observations.

Mr. Duff skipped over to the snowbound train yesterday afternoon, and returned with the mail last night about ten, and this morning we find ourselves gorged with exchanges.

Tuesday afternoon. — The army of shovellers on the line have succeeded in raising the blockade, and the first train for four days is in. It was proceeded by four engines and a snow plow. The snow plow came into town in exuberant spirits, and made an attempt, as it neared the station, to turn a playful somersault. Conductor Burpee, Holt and others who were mounted on it, did not seem to share its enthusiasm, and got off the frisky thing at once. The snow plow being reduced to order and subjection, the belated train came in without further incident.

One thing must be admitted, that the N. B. R. R., with all its crookedness, has a very straight-forward way of dealing with the emergencies of a blockade.

The theatrical troupe made their escape this morning by private conveyance.

We have had, on the whole, quite a fine and hopeful day, and there is every apperance now of an early spring.

Wednesday. — Whew! snow and blowing again. However, we have a two bushel basket full of exchanges to read over and riddle, and the chances are now that the Star will come out just as plump as usual, and bearing no internal evidence of the five days' fast and famine that have prevailed in the office. Newspapers like other things, may be "born out of great tribulation."

Things are most hopeful, even if it is snowing and blowing, and we have succeeded in digging out quite a lot of good locals with our snow-shovel. Our irrepressible Mapleton correspondent has just sent his correspondence in by a messenger on snow shoes. If that isn't newspaper enterprise, what is it?

Thursday. — The sky all cear again, themometer settled back to the old notch, sun out bright and renewed indications of an early spring.

We acknowedge liberal donations of news items from Blaine, South Presque Isle, and Monticello. They all make references, more or less remote, to the weather.

Have received another avalanche of exchanges, and are busy butchering them —getting a streak of fat out of the Whig and a streak of lean out of the Commercial; cutting a small tenderloin out of the Journal, and a piece of steak out of the Herald. After all it isn't much bother to edit a paper when your exchanges come in all right, and your scissors don't get mislaid.—*North Star.*

THE OTHER MAN WENT UNDER.

The other evening a passenger train ran into a horse and a cutter at a crossing near Winooski, and made short work of them, killing the horse and splitting the cutter up fine. The train was stopped, and a search was begun for the occupants of the sleigh who, it was expected, would be found either dead or badly hurt. For some time the search proved unavailing, and the trainmen had about concluded that the unfortunates had been tossed so high that they never would come down again, when lo! one fellow, pretty drunk, was found at the bottom of a steep bank, sitting up against the fence apparently untroubled by anything. The tender inquiry was made of him: "Are you hurt?" "N-no—I ain't (hic) hurt 'tall!" "Was there any one with you in the sleigh?" "Yesh—there (hic) wazh." "Well, where is he? Did he get hurt?" "O, he'sh (hic) dead; he went under?

As this man was not in need of immediate medical care the party continued their search for the other chap, and found him on the other side of the embankment similarly situated. The same inquiry was made of him. "Are you hurt any?" "Hurt? N-no, course I (hic) ain't hurt." "Well, where's the other fellow that was with you in the sleigh?" "He? O, he'sh dead; he (hic) went under." It is supposed that these two chaps, seeing their team in a dangerous spot, rolled out of the sleigh and down either side of the hill in season to escape being killed, but each was so drunk that he thought the other fellow had gone under the train and been demolished.—*St. Albans (Vt.) Messenger.*

Bride's Little Brother to Bridgegroom —"Did it hurt you much when she did it?"

Bridegrooom—"What hurt me?"

B. L. B.—The hook. Did it go in your lip?"

Bridegroom—"I don't know what you mean Johnnie."

Bride's Mother—"Leave the table this instant, Johnnie."

B. L. B.—What for? I only wanted to know if it hurt him. You said Sis had fished for him a long time, but she hooked him at last, and I wanted to know if—"

B. L. B. is yanked out of his chair and becomes meditative.—*Boston Cousier.*

—"Do you know what kind of a light that was referred to the question, 'Where was Moses when the light went out?'" asked the snake editor. "No," replied the horse editor; "what kind was it?" "An Israel-light."

"I do love dress," exclaimed a young society belle. "Then I should think you would wear more of it," retorted a cynical bachelor.

RULED BY PREJUDICE.

Few persons realize how thoroughly they are controlled by prejudice even to their own disadvantage. For many years the treatment of rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica and headache has been by some outward application, and, therefore, without stopping to think that the origin of these troubles must, from necessity, be internal, the weary sufferer continues to rub, rub and find no relief. Athlophoros is taken internally, and as a proof that this is the correct principle, it cures surely and quickly. The statement of those who have been *cured* ought to convince the incredulous.

Skowhegan, Me., April 19, 1886.

I have suffered a great deal with rheumatism and neuralgia, and Athlophoros is the only remedy that would afford relief.

I have had rheumatism in my hip so that I could hardly walk, and three or four doses of Athlophoros would entirely cure me.

I recommend it to all who are suffering from these diseases.

CHAS. H. ATKINSON, Asst. Postmaster.

Waterville, Me., April 17, 1886.

I used two bottles of Athlophoros, in those two single bottles I found more merit and got more relief than I ever got from all the medicines I ever took for my rheumatism, with which disease I was afflicted for ten years, suffering most intensely. Athlophoros soon drove away both pain and rheumatism, and I recommend it as a valuable remedy. CHAS. F. MILLER.

Manchester, N. H., March 15, 1886.

Having suffered for some time from rheumatic difficulty I was induced to try a bottle of Athlophoros, and am happy to recommend the same as a sure relief for rheumatism. ARTHUR B. SMITH.

Every druggist should keep Athlophoros and Athlophoros Pills, but where they cannot be bought of the druggist the Athlophoros Co., 112 Wall St., New York, will send either (carriage paid) on receipt of regular price, which is $1.00 per bottle for Athlophoros and 25c. for Pills.

For liver and kidney diseases, dyspepsia, indigestion, weakness, nervous debility, disorders of women, constipation, headache, pure blood, etc., Athlophoros Pills are unequaled.

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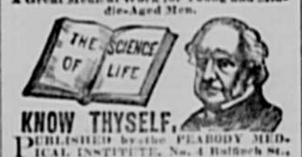

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