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AMONG THE FARMERS.

Correspondence on practical agricultural topics is solicited. Address all communications intended for this department to AGRICULTURAL EDITOR, OXFORD DEMOCRAT, PARIS, ME.

We received this week a copy of the Western World, illustrated, published quarterly at Chicago, Ill.; terms 25 cents per year. It is fully illustrated and filled with interesting and valuable reading. Any one contemplating a visit, or who is interested in western affairs, will do well to subscribe for it.

For The Oxford Democrat.

A Few Farm Hints.

At this season of the year all farm stock needs very observant care. Their feed should not be each day altogether of the same kind. If it is, indigestion will be apt to follow, and then animals will weaken, sicken, and in many cases die. A few roots, of some kind, are good for stock of all kinds, especially during the months of March and April. Pure, clean water should be provided for them, and as much as they will take during the day, and I think that exercise in the open air, on warm, sunny days, is very essential to the good health of all domestic animals.

All animals should often be examined to see if they are not literally covered with lice, which if found should be exterminated at once.

Stop the holes through the barn to keep out the cold winds.

Soon our snow will be crusted over and then will be the time to look over the fruit trees in search of the eggs of the caterpillar, which may be found on the small twigs, and may be taken off by hand and destroyed. The egg clusters will shine like lumps of silver on a bright, sunny morning.

Every one who owns and cultivates at least a garden, however small, should plant a few strawberry, raspberry and blackberry plants the coming spring. Two dozen strawberry and a half-dozen each of raspberry and blackberry plants will, if rightly taken care of, give a good supply of delicious fruit the second year. How nice to raise such fruit instead of buying or tramping miles to pick it on land belonging to other people. And how much better the quality, especially that of the raspberry and blackberry.

All farmers should cultivate a vegetable garden, if but small. True, it costs time and some money, but it can be cared for in spare moments, with but little inconvenience, and how pleasing, especially to the palate, to have its products cooked and spread on our tables on these cold, winter days. All garden sauce, raised and not needed in the family, can be sold at remunerative prices at almost any country store or fed with profit to stock.

The time is near at hand when stone fruit trees, such as the plum or cherry, can be grafted with good results. They can be grafted the same as the apple tree, but the grafting must be performed early in the spring, before the ground thaws or before the least flow of sap, in order to have the scions grow. In this lies the great secret of grafting stone fruit trees. If all who have worthless plum or cherry trees growing about on their premises should graft them to some choice varieties, without doubt they would, in a few years, feel well pleased with the result of all the pains they have taken. The plum will grow and flourish on the pomegranate, Canada plum, or many kinds of the cherry. More anon. A. H. M.

KEZAR FALLS, Feb. 20, 1888.

Water Supply for the Farm.

BY EDMUND HERSEY.

(Mirror and Farmer.)

The farmer who at the present time lifts by hand labor the water from a common well to supply fifty, or even a dozen, head of cattle is behind the times so much, that if he is no further advanced in other lines of work his profits must be very small indeed. An abundance of good water in the barn is so important, that before the farmer locates his barn he should carefully investigate and survey the surroundings, to make sure that he can easily obtain and distribute the water required for all farm purposes at all seasons of the year. If the barn can be located where there is a never-failing spring of good water within 300 feet of it, and high enough so the water will run into the second story of the farm buildings by its own weight, the expense of furnishing a large stock of cattle with water will be very trifling indeed, in fact really nothing, except the first cost of laying the pipes, if the work be properly done. When no spring of water can be found above where it is desired to locate the farm buildings, a stream of water below the buildings may be utilized, if the stream can be so dammed as to get a fall of a few feet so as to put in a hydraulic ram; with this, water can be forced to a reservoir elevated high enough so water can be drawn from it to any part of the farm buildings. The expense of getting water in this way is very light, though a trifle more than it is from an elevated spring where no lifting is required. But in many localities there are neither elevated springs nor running streams of water, and water is only found by digging from 15 to 25 feet; when this is the case some provision must be made to lift the water to a higher level where the cattle can reach it. A very large, and far too large, portion of the farmers do this work by hand labor, some by the aid of the "old oaken bucket," but by far the larger portion by a common hand pump. The pump is an improvement, especially if it be a force pump; but when a farmer has a herd of cattle to water every day during the winter, if it be not more than 25 head he should be energetic enough to purchase a windmill and put in water-works, not only for his barn but also for his dwelling house and other buildings on his farm where water is desired, not forgetting to make provision for watering his flower garden and kitchen garden. The expense is not large, and if the work be properly done the running expenses for a generation will be very trifling, in fact not worth considering.

In the selection of a windmill care should be taken to get one that is self governing, like the Eclipse; there are several of this kind that are very nearly alike. In purchasing a pump be sure to get one with a brass or copper cylinder, that it may not wear out the valves too rapidly; and also purchase one that can be set down below where there is danger of frost in cold weather. If the well is not directly under where the windmill is to stand, a dry well should be dug in which to set the pump, and so cover it that there will be no possible danger of freezing. If no packing is to be used to keep the cold out, at least three tight coverings of wood should be made, leaving an air-space between each covering. As the pump will have to be looked after occasionally to screw down the packing or to repack it, whatever means are used to keep the cold out should be so arranged as to be easily removed when necessary to examine the pump. After trying many kinds of pipe the writer has settled down to common iron steam pipe lined with the best Portland cement, and when laid covered on the outside with cement to the thickness of half an inch; this makes a perfectly clean indestructible pipe. The cost of lining the inside is from one to two cents per foot in length, according to size. For ordinary use, when not more than 5,000 gallons of water per day is to be used, a pipe with an inside diameter of 1 3-4 inches before lined is large enough for the suction and the leading pipes, and one inch for the distributing pipes. The cement lining will reduce the size about one-fourth of an inch.

If there be a hill near the farm buildings that is as high as the upper story of the highest farm building in which water is needed, a reservoir can be easily built in which to store the water, to be drawn when needed. Stone or brick laid in cement, and faced with cement, will hold the water provided the bottom is firm enough not to settle. When there is no elevation in the vicinity of the farm buildings, then a wooden tank can be built and set on posts at one end of the barn: cover the sides so as to leave an air space of a few inches, and put over it a tight roof; there will be no danger of freezing if it holds 2,000 gallons, or even 1,000, if the windmill be kept running two or three hours every day. The pipes that convey the water into the tank and draw it out should be inclosed in a box 14 inches square and filled with fine, dry sawdust, but before boxing the pipes should be covered with several thicknesses of paper. Care must be taken to have the sawdust perfectly dry, and it must be kept so, or it will be but little protection from the cold. Wet sawdust is a good conductor, and will freeze almost as deep as common soil; it is therefore important before covering to test the pipes to make sure that they are perfectly tight. Wood ashes or fine plaster is quite as good as sawdust, but must be kept dry. In an ordinary building pipes need not be covered with more than two or three inches of sawdust to keep the frost out. In cold buildings where the faucets are liable to freeze, a cut-off should be placed in the cellar so as to shut the water off in cold weather when the water is not running; but the cut-off should have a drip to it so as to draw off all the water above it. A little care in building water-works will save a world of trouble, as well as large expense. To be out of water in midwinter because of a frozen pipe is not very pleasant.

A small windmill and pump can be purchased at a cost of $50, but it is, as a rule better to buy a good-sized mill, say 10 feet diameter, and also to buy a good pump; the two will cost from $90 to $100. A tank will cost, put in place, about $30; the expense of pipe will depend on distance to water and tank, also the length of distributing pipes. The cost of pipe per running foot will be from 8 to 16 cents according to size. On most farms $200 will cover the expense of well-built water-works if the farmer will dig the trenches, and much less than that if the farmer be mechanic enough to lay the pipe, build and put up the tank, and also put up the windmill. There are many farmers equal to this work with a little direction. But if a farmer intends to do his own work he should, before commencing, carefully examine the water-works on some neighboring farm, or employ some one to visit his farm and lay out the work, that no serious mistakes may be made. The time has come when no large farmer can afford to do without elevated water.

Western Cattle News.

Stock-raisers just from the Montana ranges state that although the recent blizzards caused a good deal of suffering to stock, the losses were not worth mentioning in comparison with the awful mortality of last winter. The cold was more severe last winter, but stock of all kinds were fatter and more vigorous. Besides the stock on the northern ranges this season were raised there and inured to northern winters, whereas last winter great numbers of cattle were driven in from the southwestern States in the autumn to feed. These cattle, born in Texas, are called "pilgrim cattle" in the cowboy vernacular, and it is always among such herds that the mortality is greatest.

Farther south the losses from the effects of the blizzards were large. Cattle died by thousands in Texas, where the thermometer fell to 10 degrees below zero for the first time since 1864, and the sheep losses were even greater. It is estimated that fully twenty thousand sheep perished in Texas, and Col. Chas. Covington lost eight hundred.

Of late years stock-raising on the ranges has ceased to return the former big profits. Powder River company was among the first to get into trouble. The Franklyn company followed, and then came the failure of the Swan Brothers, and a short time ago the great Union cattle company went under. Nelson Morris, the president of the Union cattle company, is also president of the American cattle trust, which has made such a stir throughout the country.

Not only have the stock-raisers overdone the business, but farmers have raised cattle to such an extent that the markets of the west have been glutted for many months. Last year's Chicago receipts beat all former years by hundreds of thousands of cattle, the drought forcing great numbers to market, but the receipts for the present month will beat those for last January by a large number. The great bulk of the cattle that come to town are thin in flesh, being sold to save buying feed, which is scarce and high.

The biggest hog shipper in the United States is John P. Squire, the famous Boston packer. His purchases are chiefly made in the Chicago market, and they are a very important feature. To the heavy purchases of Mr. Squire and a few other large eastern shippers more than to any other cause must be attributed the good prices that western farmers often get for their hogs and pigs. At the present time hogs are advancing on the strength of a short "crop." The western packing from November 1st to date is nearly 600,000 hogs less than the number packed in the corresponding period a year ago.—W. W. F., Chicago, in New England Farmer.

Farmers are being told that city horsemen prefer Eastern raised horses because their feet are better than those raised in the West. At present it appears that 80 per cent. of the heavy horses used in this city come from the West. There seems to be a settled idea that slow, heavy horses are the legitimate product of the corn country, and that lighter and more active horses go with wheat and oats. The feet of Western horses give out soonest, mainly because of the great weight of the animals, and because they are put to the hardest work. It is true that the hoofs of the animals raised on hard, hilly land are generally firmer than those of animals raised on soft and level pastures, but the difference is not so great as might be supposed. As a matter of profit, heavy draught horses will generally come from the sections where beef cattle are most profitable. The lighter driving or express horses will generally come from a dairying or mixed farming section. Eastern farmers will be wise to let draught-horse raising go to the West. There is a good market in this city for first-class driving, express and coach horses, that Eastern farmers might profitably enter.—Rural New Yorker.

Intelligent farmers are not humbugged by false claims of value in fertilizing material in these days of experiment stations and fertilizer analyses. A circular has just been received from a firm dealing in Canada ashes in which the contents of a sample is given as containing nearly twice as much valuable material as any wood ashes however pure; and further claiming chemical changes in consequence of their having been stored in bulk, which give them much greater value as a fertilizer. Men trying to deceive in that way are frauds, and better be let alone. Good articles can be sold on their merits.—Maine Farmer.

To kill lice on colts and stock I use strong snuff in this way, which has never failed to entirely destroy the pest within twenty-four hours without injury to the animal: I take a warm drizzly day. I sift snuff on to the line of the animal's back to the tail and up to between the ears. Card it in gently against the hair and turn him out for a couple of hours. The snuff should be put on well up. The rain washes the extract from the snuff evenly over the whole body, thus killing them at once. I have never known it to fail, and it is the easiest way I ever heard of.—J. E. BENNOCH, in Mirror and Farmer.

Kerosene oil will soften boots and shoes that have been hardened by water and render them as pliable as new.

Written for the Oxford Democrat.

One Summer.

BY ALICE.

There was nothing at all in the spring to indicate that the coming summer would, in any way, differ from the ones that had preceded it. There were warm days when the sun melted the snow on the roofs, laid bare the stone walls, and even made visible the tops of some of the knolls; cold days and stormy days, when it seemed as though winter had come back to stay; but still, though very slowly, winter's grip on nature was relaxing, and almost before one knew it, the ground was bare, and yes, the grass was actually looking green in the sheltered door-yards, and on the sunny, southern slopes, a cheering sight to eyes that had gazed so long on a wide expanse of snow, relieved only by the lifeless-looking trees. A little later, and down among the pines, where, to all appearances, there was nothing to be found but russet-colored pine needles and dead leaves, you might scrape away the rubbish and you would soon come to the dingy, unattractive leaves of the trailing arbutas (or may-flowers, as the children called them) and lo! almost hidden from sight, you came upon the lovely blossoms, some white as new-fallen snow, others blushing a vivid rose color, with innumerable shades between; yet, lovely as they were, with a fragrance fully equal to their beauty; teaching us, if we would but heed the lesson, that lives, which, to outward view are barren and unattractive, may contain hidden germs which shall blossom into beauty and fragrance.

Soon the leaves, coaxed by the warm sun, were bursting their bonds, and the wild cherry and plum trees were huge bouquets dropping their snowy petals to the ground at the rustle of every breeze. Yet this new-born loveliness was only a part of the usual order of things, just as were the hot, languorous days which often come in the early part of May and depress the strength and energy to an unusual degree.

"Yes, things were just as they always had been, and just as they always would be, she would be glad of anything for a change," said Ellen Green as she placed the last of a pile of milk pans which she had been washing, at the kitchen stove to dry.

"There might be a change for the worse, daughter," said a low voice from the depths of an easy chair in the sitting room.

"Oh, mother, with father over head and ears in debt, with you an invalid and likely to be, with the boys wearing and tearing out their clothes, faster than I can make new ones, I don't see how things could be much worse. If I only had money enough, we would see different times here. I don't see why some have everything to make them happy, while others have nothing."

"You make a great mistake if you think money and happiness synonomous terms, my dear. But I know you have a hard time, too hard for a girl of your age. I wish I could make it easier for you," said Mrs. Green, with a sigh.

"Now, mother, you know I do not mean that. You have done everything for me that you could, and more than you ought, and I know it is a great deal harder for you than me, but this has been such a hard, hard day. For one thing it has been so sultry, and then it seems as though everything had 'come wrong end to,' as grandmother says."

"Which all shows that you are thoroughly tired out; do lie down on the lounge and rest, and let Frank strain the milk when they bring it in."

"And spill half of it on the buttery floor, to say nothing of spattering it on half a dozen shelves. No, thank you, mother, I have learned to my cost what Frank's help amounts to; but I feel some better already. I guess talking over my troubles has done me some good, though I still wish we were rich, and I *should* like a change."

One night, a week later, Ellen was partially wakened from a long and troubled sleep. She had a confused sense of heat and oppression, yet could not arouse herself enough to open her eyes. She thought she must be having a nightmare, but a snapping, crackling sound in the open chamber roused her to the full possession of her faculties and she jumped up to find the open chamber full of smoke. Without stopping to dress, she gathered her clothes in her arms, flung open the door of the boys' room and roused them, and in less time than it takes to write it, the frightened family were together. The fire was under such headway that only some clothing and bedding stored down stairs were saved. No one knew how the fire originated. It was probably caused by a defective chimney.

Mr. Green had bought his farm largely on credit, and had found it so difficult to meet his payments that, on the plea of economy, he had neglected to insure his property, so now he found himself without resources. His friends volunteered to give him some help about lumber and work if he rebuilt; but he said to his wife, "It is no use. I have not paid a cent on the debts for two or three years, it is only by the utmost self-denial that we have paid the interest and taxes. I cannot take this burden of added debt upon me. If I were younger I might do it. As it is, I feel as if it would crush me. Our neighbor's have offered to take us in for a little while; you and I are to stay here at Mr. Brown's. The children are invited to stop at Mr. Morton's and Mr. Joy's until we have time to plan for the future. As yet there is only one thing decided in my mind; I will advertise the farm for sale and sell it to the first man who will give me two-thirds of its value. It is a good farm and might be made profitable; but I have been crippled all the time for want of means, and have not been able to give it half a chance."

Ellen came every day to see her mother and do what she could for her comfort. Eddie went to school, while Frank and his father hoed their crops.

They all felt that they could not trespass very long on the hospitality of their kind friends, yet what could they do? Which way turn? The first solution of the problem came from Mrs. Green's sister. She wrote: "We were very, very sorry to hear of your great loss. From the few lines Ellen wrote I conclude that you lost all your furniture, as well as most everything else. I have delayed writing a couple of days to think what was the best thing for you to do. John and I have talked it over and we want you to come to us for three or four months at least. We have plenty of room and you can be as quiet and retired as you wish, though will try to keep you from being lonely. Bring Eddie with you. I know the journey will be fatiguing for you, but take it in short stages, you can be two or even three days coming if you choose, and when you get here you will have nothing to do but lie still till you are rested. I believe the entire freedom from household care, the change of air and diet will do more towards curing you than anything else can. John sends with this a registered letter, containing enough to pay your traveling expenses, etc., so rest as long on the journey as you wish to. He says you are not to hesitate about using the money. It is his thank-offering. Come just as soon as you are able, and don't worry about the rest. They will get along."

As soon as Mrs. Green's friends found that she was going to her sister's, they contributed money and time and got her up a neat traveling outfit.

So one door was opened.

"Mother," said Ellen, as they were having their last quiet talk, "I want to tell you, before you go, how sorry I am for those thoughtless words I said about wanting a change. I can tell you I have repented in sackcloth and ashes, literally as well as metaphorically. I have got all the *change* I want. I still want the money, indeed I must have it. Just as soon as you are started I shall make ready for my flitting. You know Mrs. Prentice has often asked me to visit her. I am going, and once in the city I believe I can find something to do—work in a shoe shop, tend in a store, or at least turn housemaid. Father and Frank can board here until the crops are in, and Mrs. Brown will wait for her pay until the crops are sold, so, mother, you are not to have an anxious thought for one of us, but just imagine yourself a fine lady who has gone to the mountains for her health, and to recuperate for the winter gayities when we all come together in our city home. I know Aunt Carrie will take the very best care of you; but oh, what shall I do without you and father and those blessed, tearing boys," and Ellen's fortitude gave way at last, and she laid her head on her mother's knee and sobbed. A few minutes passed without a word, then she got up and said whimsically, "I have said my say and cried my cry, now that is over with. Now you must undress at once and go to bed. Mrs. Brown says I may stay here to-night, so as to be all ready to help you in the morning. What a good woman she is. When I come to my fortune (with a droll look at her mother) I shall remember her kindness.

Just as the inmates of the farm house were about retiring, a wagon was heard to drive up to the door. This was such an unusual event after dark that farmer Brown went out to see what was wanted. A voice from the darkness hailed him.

"Hello, neighbor, then you ala't abed, be you? Wife said you would be, but I told her I couldn't afford time to ride round in daylight this weather, teacher or no teacher. Is the Green girl here? Then just ask her to step to the door a minnit. No, I can't stop to come in."

"You see," said Mr. Barker, the new comer, to Ellen, "our school-ma'am was taken sick a week ago, and the doctor, he says she won't be able to come back for more'n a month, and we want the school finished so's the children can be at home in berry time, (it takes a sight of berries for summer boarders) so I se'ed the committee riding by to-day and I hailed him and I asked him who I should get to finish out the school, and he says, 'There's Ellen Green, she's a smart girl and a good scholar, and I think you can get her,' so I just hurried up the milking and here I be waiting for you to decide."

"If Mr. Perkins thinks I am competent, I shall be glad of the chance."

"Oh, no trouble about your getting a certifikit, and you can board to our house if you don't mind sleeping in the attic. The city boarders come next week and all our rooms are engaged. Be on hand Monday morning. Get up Ned." And the man was already on his homeward way.

But another door had opened.

When Ellen reached the little white school house, she found fifteen girls, large and small, and ten boys, mostly small, waiting her, and as school had been in session four or five weeks, she wisely determined to take up things where her predecessor had left them, so everything was soon in running order.

Ellen gave her whole attention to her school, but when four o'clock set them all at liberty how quickly her thoughts flew to her absent mother. Where was she? What was she doing? "I am glad Eddie is with her. She will not feel so lonely, then he can wait upon her, he is so gentle, not much like ——."

"Please, Miss Green, that's our house on the ridge there, the two story, white one. Are you very tired?" said little Amy Barker.

"Oh, no," was the quick response, "but I am afraid you will think I am not very sociable. But to tell you the truth, I was so busy thinking about my sick mother that I forgot where I was."

"If we could walk a little faster, I should like to, for we expect the Sprouls on the stage. They are only going to stay a little while, but I guess they will bring heaps of baggage and it's fun to see 'em unload. They was here last summer, all but Miss Arabella. They say she has the beautifullest things, for they're awful rich. Be you rich, teacher?" looking up innocently in Ellen's face.

"No, far from it."

"Glad of it" was the laconic response.

Ellen was surprised to find how easily she adapted herself to her new surroundings. Of Mr. Barker she saw very little for he worked in the field early and late.

Mrs. Barker attracted her very much. She was an intelligent, lovable woman, but evidently overtasked. She kept six or eight boarders through the summer months, having a woman to work for her Saturdays and Mondays, but doing the rest of the work herself. The Sprouls she did not get much acquainted with. They considered a country school mistress beneath their notice, and did not hesitate to let her see it.

Being the first wealthy people she had ever seen they were a study to her. At first she admired their rich dresses and splendid jewelry, though even her untrained eye pronounced them over dressed. She had imagined that rich people as a matter of course, were educated, refined, and agreeable. All these qualities were lacking in the Sprouls. They were not even happy. Mrs. Sproul's chief aim seem to be to display her fine clothes and get her "money's worth." "No you cannot help Amy pick currants," Ellen heard her say to Clytie one evening. "We pay a big price for our land and I intend to get our money's worth." "But mamma, Miss Green was going to read us a nice story if Amy got through in time." "I guess we are not dependent on that girl for entertainment, and I wish you would not run after all the low trash you can find." Mamma, where did Clytie get her vulgar tastes from? For my part I am glad that we start for the mountains in a week. I don't see what you came to such a poky hole for!" remarked the elegant Miss Arabella.

"Because," answered Mrs. Sproul, I have never found such fruit and vegetables, milk and cream, butter and cheese as I do here, and the charge is very reasonable, then, too, I am in hopes to leave John here for the rest of the summer; but when I asked Mrs. Barker about it to-day she refused to keep him at any price, and reminded me that our rooms must be vacated by a week from Saturday as the Palmers engaged them for that date three months ago. The impudence of some people is surprising."

"What are you going to do with John? I don't see what boys are made for anyway," was her daughter's response.

"How can you be so patient when they are so provoking?" asked Ellen the next evening. She had strolled down into the fields where Mrs. Barker was picking up the weekly wash and folding the clothes ready for next day's ironing.

"I have to. You see my husband had an idea there was lots of money in 'taking summer boarders,' and built this large house and then we had to furnish it, (it was not my plan I assure you) we got in debt a good deal, so I feel really obliged to take boarders, though I get heartily sick of it sometimes. But we have some very fine people here, Mrs. Kirkham, who has occupied the parlor the past three years, and who will be here this week, is one. She is a real lady, these are only shoddy. Then the Palmers who will come when the Sprouls leave, are pleasant intelligent people. But of course we get all kinds.

"Ellen," said Mrs. Barker the evening after school closed, "what are you going to do next?"

"I suppose I must take up my original plan of going to the city to find work. I ought to have written to Mrs. Prentice this week, but have put it off, because I dread the idea of being shut up in a shop or store this hot weather, but I must delay no longer."

"Mrs. Kirkham was inquiring about your plans to-day. She wants some under clothing made for a friend of hers—a whole outfit.—I told her I thought you would like the job. You can stay here and set tables and wash dishes for your board. She expects the goods by express on Monday."

"Nothing could suit me better. Isn't it fortunate she wanted them made just at this time?"

"Very," said Mrs. Barker quietly, but with a twinkle in her eye which Ellen did not see in the gathering twilight. There were linen, muslin, embroideries and laces, with patterns to cut the garments by. "Though as my friend is just about your size Ellen," said Mrs. Kirkham, "in the matter of bindings, bands, etc., you had better measure by your own. I think they will be right."

Ellen really enjoyed her work. She often went to Mrs Kirkman's room for directions, and they had many quiet talks together. Unconsciously to herself Ellen opened her heart more freely than she had ever done to any one before. "Yes," said Mrs. Kirkham one day in answer to a remark of Ellen, "riches are a great blessing if properly used, but I would gladly give up every dollar I possess if my husband and children were with me again."

Change, rest and a mind at ease, were causing Ellen to bloom out wonderfully. Father had a prospect of selling to good advantage, mother was gaining strength among the Berkshire hills, and the physician thought would be strong and well by winter. "So if father goes into a shop next winter as he talks of doing, I don't see as they will need me at home very much," said Ellen as she told the good news to Mrs. Barker. "Although things looked so dark for us at one time, they are brightening wonderfully."

"The last garment is finished, Mrs. Kirkham," said Ellen laying it in the bureau with the others. I wish I could find another such job, for in November I hope to have a home of my own once more."

"How should you like to go to Europe?" asked Mrs. Kirkham changing the subject abruptly as Ellen thought. "I have always wanted to go, indeed that has been one of my dream plans."

"When Prof. Stanwood was here last week, I told you his wife was a partial invalid and that her physician had ordered her to spend the winter in the south of Europe. The college authorities have given him leave of absence and the only difficulty in the way seems to be their two little girls, eight and ten years of age. I would take charge of them, but their mother will not go and leave them behind, and yet she is not able to have the care of them. A short time ago I wrote to my brother about you, and asked him to come here and see you, so his visit last week was really to see you instead of me. I have received a letter from him to-day offering you the situation. Your duties will be to care for the children and their clothes, and to assist the girls with their lessons, when they are fairly settled for the winter. In return, they will treat you as one of the family, pay all your expenses and a small salary. My sister-in-law is a lovely accomplished woman, and it will be a great advantage to you to spend the winter with them,—a real education,—will you go?"

"I shall be only too glad to go, if father and mother consent, and I think they will, but," a shade coming over her face, "you know, some of my clothes were burnt, and I am afraid the money I have earned since I came here will not clothe me in such a way as Mr. and Mrs. Stanwood would expect."

"Leave all that to me," was Mrs. Kirkham's rejoinder. "I think there is a pretty good supply of under clothing here, don't you?" smilingly pointing to the bureau in which each garment had been laid as fast as completed.

"How can I thank you enough, and to think I was sewing for myself all the time and never had the slightest idea of it. How many good things this 'one summer' has brought me, and one of the very best of all, is you my good kind friend."

"You are from Boston. Boston, I believe, is the capital of Toronto," said an Englishman to the editor of the Christian Leader. It is this geographical exactness that makes Englishmen at home the world over.

OXFORD HORSE TALK.

Communications for this department should be addressed to A. T. MAXIM, South Paris, Me.

Suggestions to Breeders, Etc.

There are many fast, well-bred stallions that uniformly get good gaited and speedy colts, yet fail to produce any possessed with the extreme speed necessary to enable them to win distinction on the race course; while there are other stallions whose produce are of all sorts as regards action and speed, many of them showing no more gait than a cow, but who have endowed a small number of their get from certain mares with their whole stock of speed-producing power as it were, enabling these few to acquire low records, with the result of giving their sire a great reputation as a stock horse, and causing breeders to patronize him at large prices, while the first named stallion, who distributed his speed elements more evenly among his produce, is pronounced a failure by the knowing ones, and has to go begging for patronage. A case in hand is that of the Almont stallion, Gen. Withers, owned by J. G. Shaw, of Hartland, Me. Gen. Withers was got by the great Almont, and his dam was Bloom, by Ashland, son of Mambrino Chief. He was individually a very fast horse himself, and from the speed shown by his early foals, it was expected by horsemen that he would soon number among his get several in the 2:30 list. Although his get possesses a high average of speed, and of fine size, form, and color and readily commands the highest prices for gentleman's drivers, yet, because none of them have entered the 2:30 list, he is dubbed a failure as a stock horse by many prominent horsemen; while those same ones are loud in the praises of some little upstart of a stud, that, by chance, has got one or two in the 2:30 list, but whose get, as a whole, are not fit to be mentioned in the same week with the get of Gen. Withers. Another case, only in a lesser degree, is found in the stallion, Robert Bonner, Jr., who stood for several years in Buckfield and vicinity. His colts nearly all showed good trotting action, and many of them would show from a 3 minute to a 2:40 gait, and were held in good demand by buyers, who paid remunerative prices for numbers of them, but because he failed to meet the expectations of horsemen as a sire of winners of races, he lost nearly all his friends, and such is the prejudice existing against him that many breeders would prefer breeding their mares to a mongrel bull than to this really good horse. Of course there are stallions that not only produce a goodly number of great performers, but also endow the majority of their get with a good amount of speed, and in the long run the number of fast performers begotten by a trotting stallion or a trotting family will be the test of their value as sires. Those who breed wholly for speed and develop their colts, or sell them young, should, of course, when possible, breed to those stallions that have proved themselves sires of winners, but many times circumstances alter cases, and those who will not develop their colts under any circumstances, but who aim to produce gentlemen's drivers, will find it to their interest, while breeding to the most speed producing strains, to select stallions from those strains that have demonstrated their ability to produce a high average rate of speed with good action, rather than pay too much attention to those that have produced a few sensational performers, like Maud S., whose sire, Harold, would never have made a remarkable great showing had he never been bred to Miss Russell, the dam of the peerless Maud S.

Again, the verdict of popular opinion as regards the merits of young stallions as speed producers, is generally rendered far too soon, and hence is of but little value to the general breeder, whose only way is to read, study and observe and decide for himself. The history of the turf has shown that not every stallion that gets a reputation in early life by happening to sire one or two fast colts, proves in the end to be as good a stock horse as some others who have lived to be ten or fifteen years old before their get appeared in the "charmed circle." This is not theory, but is a matter of record.

Another matter of importance to the general breeder of roadsters is that of color, form and soundness. A stallion whose get are uniformly of solid color, fine finish, and well shaped limbs and feet, is much to be preferred to one of equal breeding in speed lines, whose get have no similarity in form, size or color. Breeders are often so blinded by the popular craze upon some horse as to lose sight of all those things. The descendants of Almont and Geo. Wilkes are especially noted for transmitting to their offspring superb limbs, solid colors, and fine finish, with average speed second to none. This applies in general terms to the two families, but no one, two or three families contains all the goodness, to the exclusion of all others.

Emery Record & Son, breeders of trotting stock, at South Paris, lately had the misfortune to have a weanling colt of great promise (got by Norway Knox, 2:29¼) break one of the bones of his forward leg below the knee. The celebrated Dr. Brackett, of Lewiston, was at once sent for, who immediately set the broken bone in a skillfull manner, and pronounces the colt in a fair way to fully recover.

We have lately noticed a fine looking, grey, five-year-old gelding, owned by the popular clothier, Plummer, of South Paris. This colt was sired by Wanderer, son of Gen. Knox. He weighs over ten hundred pounds and shows a promising and speedy gait.

Thayer Bros. have lately added two or three speedy ones to their stable. The noted groom, Uncle Ike Bartlett, is taking charge of them this winter.

A. L. Dyer, with H. N. Bolster, has lately traded his black mare for a half interest in a fast bay mare.

A. T. MAXIM.

THEIR BUSINESS BOOMING

Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at Noyes' Drug Store as their giving away to their customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable article from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, and all throat and lung diseases quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial bottle free, large size $1. Every bottle warranted.

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White Swelling.

Mr M S Hamlin, one of the best known insurance men in North Carolina, writes from Winston, as follows: "Ever since I was seven years of age I have had what the doctors call hip disease, and which I call white swelling. My hip was drawn out of place. There was a swelling at the knee-joint, where there is a profuse running, which has been there for years. Of course this has greatly depleted my system, together with surgical operation on the leg bone. I tried every known blood purifier to build up my system, but none did me good until I took S. S. S. I use it every spring. It always builds me up, giving me appetite and digestion, and enables me to stand the long, trying, enervating, hot summer days. To me there is

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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.

A REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

will be held in

NOROMBEGA HALL, BANGOR,

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1888,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

For the purpose of selecting two candidates for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and four delegates at large, and four alternates to attend the National Convention, to be held at Chicago, Illinois, on Tuesday, June, 19th, 1888, and transacting any other business that may properly come before it.

The basis of representation will be as follows: Each city, town, and plantation will be entitled to one delegate, and for each seventy-five votes cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in 1884, an additional delegate, and for a fraction of forty votes in excess of seventy-five votes, an additional delegate.

The State Committee will be in session in the reception room of the Hall at nine o'clock on the morning of the Convention, for the purpose of receiving the credentials of delegates.

All electors of Maine, without regard to past political differences, who are in sympathy with the sentiments expressed in the call of the Republican National Committee for the Republican National Convention, are cordially invited to unite with the Republicans of the State in selecting delegates to this Convention.

Per order Republican State Committee.

JOSEPH H. MANLEY, Chairman.
WILLIS H. WING, Secretary.

AUGUSTA, MAINE, February, 11, 1888.

News of the Week.

SATURDAY. Gen. Sheridan says that people who are talking about him as a possible Presidential candidate are wasting their breath. He has not the slightest idea that he ever will be nominated, but if such an unexpected event should happen he would not accept the nomination.——The German Emperor is in a very feeble condition. He is almost continually in tears, owing to the news regarding the Crown Prince. The Empress is also deeply affected.——A New Orleans clerk robbed his employer of $25,000, which he squandered on lottery tickets.——The Rothschilds are said to be backing the European copper syndicate.

SUNDAY. Providence again suffers heavy loss from fire.——The town of Mt. Vernon, Ill., was struck by a cyclone, and the consequences are terrible.——Nearly 400 residences and places of business destroyed, and from 1200 to 1500 people unhoused. 35 were killed about 300 injured, 8 or 10 seriously.

MONDAY. Heavy snow storms prevailed throughout England, France and Spain blocking railway traffic.——Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes has been obliged to give up his habit of answering personally all letters addressed to him.

TUESDAY. The full text of the fishery treaty and of President Cleveland's message accompanying it is made public.——Ordinary commercial privileges given to our fishermen, and in exchange for this Canada demands free fish.——The Presidential party left Washington for Florida, and will return on Saturday.

WEDNESDAY. Two masked highwaymen in Arizona were able to rob an express train securing valuables from Wells, Fargo & Co's car.

THURSDAY. An attempt was made by incendiaries to start another fire in Providence.——An ice gorge on the Susquehanna at Port Deposit, Md., did a good deal of damage.——A case of small-pox discovered in Charlestown.——The fishery treaty will probably not be ratified.——The Democratic National Convention will be held at St. Louis June 5.

FRIDAY. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, will fix up that road to enforce a demand for the same pay for all men doing the same work, without respect to the length of time they have been in service.——It is reported that a Boston syndicate has purchased five miles of land near Port Mulgrave, Straits of Canso, for the purpose of building up a summer resort.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

12 Probate Notices.
Spring Prices Reduced.
Bargains in Wool Goods.
Fryeburg Academy, Spring Term Opens March 13.
Statement Lancashire Insurance Co.
Cord Wood Wanted.
Notice.

PRIZE OFFER.

A Type Writer Free!

To the person sending us the largest number of new advance paying subscribers to the Oxford Democrat previous to July 1st, 1888, we will give a new World Type Writer, besides a liberal commission on each new subscriber.

Offer open to everybody.

ATWOOD & FORBES, PUBLISHERS.

SPECIAL attention is called to the original story, "One Summer," on the first page of this issue of the Democrat, as it was written by an Oxford County author, and one now residing in the County.

WE LEARN that the Republicans of Eastern Oxford are talking of presenting the name of William Woodsum, Esq., of Peru, as candidate for County Commissioner to succeed Commissioner Bradley, whose term expires the present year. The board as now constituted all live in the Western Senatorial District, and Eastern Oxford claim that they have not been represented on the board since Mr. Tuell, of Sumner, and Mr. Ellis, of Canton, were Commissioners. While the Democrat does not intend to now indicate any choice, it feels free to say that Mr. Woodsum possesses the qualifications to make a valuable Commissioner, and Peru is an extreme Eastern town.

DURING the past week a correspondent of the Portland Press spoke in the highest terms of Judge Geo. A. Wilson of South Paris as a candidate for Governor. In doing this he has simply given expression to the general sentiment of this part of the State, for during the past two years it has been generally conceded that when Oxford County again presented a man for Governor the choice would fall upon Judge Wilson.

Irreproachable in character, strong and able in his grasp of public affairs, with a brilliant record as a brave soldier and as a wise and fearless legislator he would make the Republican Party a strong candidate and the State of Maine a model Governor. We learn however, that although Judge Wilson has received many letters from different parts of the State offering warm and hearty support, he does not propose at the present time to enter the list of candidates for Governor, still his many friends propose to keep watch of the situation and with the event of a dead-lock among the leading candidates to present his name to the convention.

If this is done, we think he will at once receive the support of the delegates from Oxford County.

As apart from his candidacy they would probably be divided in their preference, and Oxford County is no close borough to be carried in the pocket of any man. The goods may be bargained but the people will have something to say about the delivery.

The New York Herald repeats that Mr. Blaine's letter "was wise and magnanimous," and speaks of him as "a statesman who has performed an act of high statesmanship." Viewing the situation before this letter came, the Herald shows that everything pointed toward Mr. Blaine's nomination this year; and then says: "To have arrested such a movement by his own act, and in full view of success as a nominee and of possible success before the people as a candidate, must be regarded, when looked at calmly and as politics go in the United States, as the courageous act of a great statesman and a great man." This sounds as though the Herald had dropped its recent role as a thick-and-thin party organ and returned to the former independence which characterized it when, as a newspaper, it had no rival the world over.—Belfast Journal.

About twenty Republican clubs were represented at the convention in Portland Tuesday. A State League was formed, with Col. F. N. Dow as President.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

ANOTHER WEEK IN WHICH THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE TURN SLOWLY.

OFFICERS OF THE COURT.

Judge, ... Hon. Enoch Foster.
Clerk, ... Albert S. Austin.
County Attorney, ... Oscar H. Hersey.
Sheriff, ... Cyrus M. Wormell.
Crier, ... Henry E. Hammond.
Stenographer, ... Minta S. Powers.
Librarian, ... Samuel R. Carter.
Messenger, ... William A. Barrows.
Jailer, ... James L. Parker.

THE JURORS.

FIRST TRAVERSE JURY.

Abbott, William G., Sumner.
Allen, Charles E., Rockfield.
Andrews, Alpheus D., Paris.
Andrews, Cyrus, Lovell.
Andrews, Isaac W., Woodstock.
Bennett, Joseph C., Canton.
Chapman, James W., Porter.
Douglass, Charles L., Upton, Foreman.
Elliott, Edward F., Rumford.
Farrington, Seymour A., Fryeburg.
Foster, T. J., Bethel.
Haley, W. S., Brownfield.

SECOND TRAVERSE JURY.

Hayes, Cyrus S., Oxford.
Herrick, W. H., Norway.
Holman, Albion, Dixfield.
Kilbourne, William W., Waterford.
Knox, Edwin C., Peru.
Mabry, Royal A., Hiram.
Mason, Charles, Bethel, Foreman.
McAllister, Levi, Stoneham.
Newton, John D., Andover.
Parsons, Emery, Hartford.
Perry, Horace, Norway.
Richards, Henry H., Byron.

SUPERNUMERARIES.

Roberts, Joshua B., Hanover.
Sturtevant, Bradford F., Hebron.
Willis, Frank L., Paris.

The line case of Fuller vs. Gerrish which was on trial as we went to press last week, after a trial of nearly two days resulted in a verdict for the defendant.

No. 226. Jeremiah Richardson vs. Albion K. P. Berry.

This was an action on a promissory note, consideration one bay colt three years old.

Defense that the Plaintiff warranted the colt sound and kind, and that it had never been harnessed, when in fact it had been harnessed and was balky and contrary so that it was entirely worthless, and Plaintiff agreed and did rescind the trade but did not give the note to the Defendant.

Verdict for Defendant.

L. H. Ludden for Piff. H. A. Randall for Deft.

Byron M. Small, Esq., of West Sumner, passed a very excellent examination and was admitted to the Oxford Bar last Wednesday. Mr. Small has read law in the office of Hon. John P. Swasey, of Canton.

THE BROKEN BONDS OF MATRIMONY.

The following divorces have been decreed at this term of Court, showing that the time of the Court has been more fully occupied than would appear from the list of cases reported above:

Mary J. Flanders, libelant, vs. Charles C. Flanders.
Divorce decreed nisi for the cause of desertion.
Kimball.

Alfonzo D. Haselton, libelant, vs. Edith Haselton.
Decree nisi for cruel and abusive treatment.
Kimball.

Abbie J. Tubbs, libelant, vs. C. N. Tubbs.
Decree nisi for cruel and abusive treatment.
Wilson-Swasey. Kimball-Holt, Bearce & Stearns.

Newell W. Foster, libelant, vs. Ella S. Foster.
Decree nisi for utter desertion.
Hazen.

Araminta D. Churchill, libelant, vs. Nathaniel Churchill.
Decree nisi for grossly neglecting to provide suitable maintenance.
Hazen.

Henry N. Cummings, libelant, vs. Ella E. Cummings.
Decree nisi for desertion.
Holt.

Charles D. Evans, libelant, vs. Abagail F. Evans.
Decree nisi for desertion.
Wright.

Mary L. Whittemore, libelant, vs. Charles F. Wittemore.
Decree nisi for desertion.
Wright.

Emma L. Straw, libelant, vs. William W. Straw.
Decree nisi for gross and confirmed habits of intoxication.
Hastings & Son.

Jennie Irving, libelant, vs. James E. Irving.
Decree nisi for desertion.
Hastings & Son.

Maria W. Smith, libelant, vs. Andrew Smith.
Decree nisi for gross and confirmed habits of intoxication, cruel and abusive treatment and desertion.
Hastings & Son.

Thomas S. Benson, libelant, vs. Ann E. Benson.
Decree nisi for adultery.
Hersey.

Ernest D. Coburn, libelant, vs. Nellie Coburn.
Decree nisi for utter desertion.
Frye.

In the case of Columbus Marsh, libelant, vs. Etta Marsh, which was on trial before the Court for some time, the divorce was denied.

Ludden. Randall.

The Chaplain of a Worldly Crowd.

[Washington Dispatch to N. Y. Sun.]

The office of chaplain of the Senate is pleasant as well as lucrative. The duties are not onerous, and the salary is $900. At present Dr. J. G. Butler, pastor of the Memorial Lutheran Church, draws the salary and makes the opening prayer in the Senate each morning. Some people labor under the misapprehension that politics never enter in the question of the selection of a chaplain. The fact is that the chaplain is always a member of the political party that happens to be in the majority in the Senate, just as much as the Chief Clerk or the Sergeant-at-Arms is. Dr. Butler was chaplain of the Senate once before, several years ago. He went out with other officials when parties changed, and he secured the place a second time through the then Senator Conger of Michigan. Mr. Conger has been for many years a regular attendant at Dr. Butler's church. He sits in the same pew each Sunday and puts $1 in the plate. Happening to hear one day about two years ago that the Senate chaplain was about to resign, Conger went to each Republican Senator and got him to pledge himself to Dr. Butler. He had a list in his hand, and as each Senator said "Yes" Conger checked him off. When the caucus met, Butler was nominated at once, greatly to the surprise of several other clerical gentlemen who had, up to that time, regarded themselves as candidates. The entire duties of the Senate chaplain consist of the little prayer which he makes each morning when the Senate convenes. After descending from the pulpit Dr. Butler generally strolls about the chamber, shakes hands with the Senators, asks after the health of their wives and children, and goes away, his duties performed for the day. There is a sort of tradition that the chaplain is also expected to call at the Senators' residences occasionally and make inquiries as to their spiritual welfare. Dr. Butler does this sometimes, but does not go often, as he knows that, as a rule, Senators are fully engaged with temporal things. On arriving at the Capitol in the morning the chaplain goes to the room of the Vice President, where he awaits the notice from Assistant Doorkeeper Bassett that the hour of 12 o'clock has arrived. Then Mr. Ingalls and Mr. Butler walk into the chamber. The former raps with the gavel, the latter makes his little prayer, and the Senate is ready for business. It is said that Dr. Butler is much annoyed at the slim attendance of Senators at prayer lately, and that he contemplates making a personal appeal to each of them to be more prompt and regular.

Belfast has a "Personal Liberty League," the object of which, as near as we can find out, is to repeal the prohibitory law. They ought to go in for repealing all the criminal laws also, for they interfere with "personal liberty" as well as the prohibitory law. They evidently have confounded the meaning of liberty and license.—Gardiner Home Journal.

SOUTH PARIS.

VILLAGE DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.

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

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

Baptist Church. On Sunday, preaching service 2.30 P. M.; Sabbath school 3.30 P. M.; prayer meeting 6.30 P. M.; Friday evening prayer meeting, 7 P. M.

"Among the Breakers" Tuesday evening will draw a good house. Already many of the reserved seats are engaged. Cast of characters:

Hon. Bruce Hunter, Howard Pember.
Clarence Hunter, his ward, E. M. Dunham.
David Murray, keeper of Fair Point light, C. A. Clifford.
Larry Divine, his assistant, H. J. R. Clark.
Peter Paragraph, a newspaper reporter, W. G. Swett.
Scud, colored servant, W. B. Cummings.
Miss Minnie Dare, Hunter's niece, Miss Mabel Nichols.
Bess Starbright, cast up by the waves, Miss Hattie Shaw.
Mother Carey, a reputed fortune teller, Miss Carrie Briggs.
Biddy Bean, an Irish girl, Miss Kate Cullinan.

Miss Shaw played a part in East Lynne with the National Theater Company and received a very complimentary notice from Manager Loranger.

Hill's variety store opened Thursday evening. This is the finest store of the kind outside of the city.

Mumps are having their run now.

Large quantities of sawdust are being moved from Billings' mill. Many farmers and others are using it for bedding.

Dr. F. H. Packard, of West Paris, member of school board of Paris, was here Friday.

H. N. Bolster, who has been at his post as a trader and dealer in general merchandise for nearly twenty-five years, has sold one-half interest in his business to Horace A. Hall, of East Otisfield. Mr. Hall has had a large experience in store work. We congratulate Mr. Bolster and the town in general, in gaining a business man like Mr. Hall.

School meeting will be holden next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock P. M.

The Methodist church will be rededicated Tuesday, Feb. 29 h. Rev. Dr. Whittaker, of Chestnut Street, Portland, will preach at half-past two, and A. S. Ladd, of Auburn, will preach in the evening at half-past seven. Refreshments will be furnished at the vestry between services.

Charlie Howard is home from Hebron, being unwell.

Those wishing to pay subscriptions for the Democrat or the Portland Transcript can receive receipts of H. A. Fuller.

Charlie Brett wants a girl to do housework.

Rev. W. F. Holmes and wife were made glad Friday evening by the advent of a little daughter.

E. J. Records has closed his school at North Paris.

The band has reorganized as follows: R. N. Hall, Director and President; C. W. Cooper, V. P.; Hannibal Howe, Leader; W. C. Meardle, Sec. and Treasurer; C. W. Cooper, D. M. Wise, W. C. McArdle, Executive Com.

Rev. W. F. Holmes's subject before the Ministerial Association at Lewiston was China.

Quite a number of our citizens have been summoned to appear as witnesses in case Parsons vs. Paris.

Ernest Morse, of Marlboro, Mass., is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Winslow.

The Good Templars are prospering. The officers at present are as follows: R. F. Dunham, C. T.; Florence Maxim, V. T.; Ida Shurtleff, Sec.; A. G. Pitt, Chap.; Mrs. R. F. Dunham, F. Sec.

The lodge numbers 101 members.

The scholars in this district have increased about sixty within the past two years. At the last count there were 298. Supt. Woodbury says a new primary school room must soon be provided as the rooms are crowded with nearly double as many as can be accommodated at an advantage.

The farce, "Vice Versa", will be played Tuesday evening. Young's Orchestra will furnish music. Tickets for sale at F. A. Shurtleff's Drug Store.

The drama and sociable at Grange Hall was well attended.

F. C. Merrill is shipping an unusual number of harrow blades for this season of the year. This alone is quite an industry. Mr. Merrill will have four men traveling this year and they will take in the best farming sections of New England.

D. H. Colby, of Lewiston, was here Friday.

Mrs. Wm. Woodbury has a calla lily, which is thirty nine years old. She moved it from Sweden to Dixfield afterwards to this place. It has had more and finer blossoms this winter than ever. It lives principally on water and the earth was not changed in the plant pot for twenty-seven years.

Davis Bros., dentists, will return from the Dental College in Washington and open their office about March 8th. They will make a specialty of saving natural teeth and of crown and bridge work, and their recent education added to their long experience as dentists should merit them a large patronage.

The South Paris correspondent of the Lewiston Journal sends to that paper the following: The South Paris Beagle Club have just added to their kennel of beagles the fine imported English beagle Blue Boy, bred by Edwin Carew Gibson, Sussex, England; imported by W. H. Ashburner, of Philadelphia, Pa. His breeding is unsurpassed, being of the noted Crane strain, spoken of by Stonehenge in his "Dogs of Great Britain and America," as being the finest he has ever seen. This addition to their already fine kennel of beagles, gives them the largest and best pack of beagles in the State for hunting and breeding purposes. At the late Oxford County Poultry and Bench Show, their little Snyder scored 98 1-2, being the highest record ever made by a beagle. Their fine looks and breeding is not all. The best part is their fine hunting qualities in the field, which is most appreciated by the sportsmen, every one being thoroughly broken and tested for field qualities before they are bred. This rule being followed by the club, has produced a dog of untiring energy in the field and one it is a delight to follow. Brother sportsmen, who have heretofore laid aside your guns at the end of the bird hunting season for a long wait until it comes again, procure one or a pair of the little hounds. Then, some pleasant winter afternoon, take them to some cover where the rabbit abounds and listen to their flute-like notes as they follow him through all his winding, doubling and turning until stopped by a lucky shot, and my word for it, you will never regret it.

MARRIED.

In Norway, Feb. 18, at the home of the bride, by Rev. Miss Angell, Frank E. Bell and Estelle A. Crooker.

In West Paris, Feb. 18, by Rev. J. C. Andrews, Frank E. Gowell and Lizzie E. Field.

In Oxford, Feb. 8, by Rev. Geo. F. Tewksbury, Mr. Charles F. Dunscom and Mrs. Libbie J. Joy.

DIED.

In Norway, Feb. 16, Mrs. Elizabeth I., wife of Robert Noyes, aged 72 years.

In Lynn, Mass., Feb. 18, Mrs. Sarah M., wife of Geo. F. Lewis of Norway, and daughter of Major Merrill, of Auburn, aged 56 years, 5 months.

In South Andover, February, 14, Mrs. Adeline Bragg, aged 73 years.

In South Waterford, Feb. 20, Mrs. Mary Hale, widow of the late Luther Houghton, aged 86 years 9 months.

In Dixfield Center, Feb. 14, Perley S. Holman, aged 22 years 7 months.

In Bethel, Feb. 22, Mrs. Adams Twitchell, aged 85 years.

In Bethel, Feb. 15, Timothy Hannibal Chapman, aged about 24 years.

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Cash in Bank and in office,	54,728.93
Premiums in course of collection,	109,418.48
	$1,642,194.31

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Losses,	$171,211.89
Unearned Premiums,	799,039.24
Other Liabilities,	10,000.00
	$970,251.22
Net Surplus,	$671,943.09
1887 Income,	$1,299,061.32
Expenditure,	1,323,320.52

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Feb. 21, 1888. SOLOMON F. STETSON.

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Feb. 21, 1888. WILLIAM C. COLE.

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Feb. 21, 1888. HANNAH B. BISHOP.

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Feb. 21, 1888. JOHN Q. McDONALD.

THE Subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Administrator of the Estate of ALBION K. KNAPP, late of Hanover, 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
Feb. 21, 1888. WINFIELD S. HOWE.

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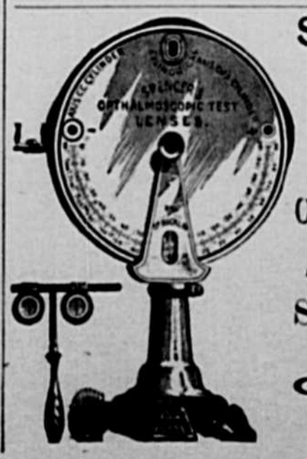

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Universalist Church, Rev. Caroline Angell, Pastor. Preaching Service every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sabbath School at 12 M.

Paris Hill Brass Band.—Emery Mason, Leader; meetings Friday evenings, at the School House.

Hon. James Irish, of Hartford, was in town Tuesday.

Hon. A. P. Bonney, of Buckfield, was in town last week.

Mrs. Hannibal Hamlin, of Bangor, was at Paris last week.

A. F. Mason, Esq., of Buckfield, was at Paris last Tuesday.

L. B. Heald, Esq., of Sumner, was in town last Tuesday.

A. J. Dudley, Esq., of South Paris, was at the Hill Tuesday.

Miss Sarah Barrett, of Buckfield, is visiting at Dr. Morse's.

Postmaster A. J. Rowe, of Norway, was at the Hill Saturday.

Hon. Eben E. Rand, of Locke's Mills, was in town last week.

Ex-Commissioner Gordan, of Fryeburg, was at Court last week.

William Woodsum, Esq., of West Peru, was at Paris last Friday.

Hon. George C. Wing, of Auburn, attended Court here Wednesday.

Cashier H. D. Smith, of the Norway National Bank, was at the Hill Saturday.

Solomon F. Stetson, Esq., of East Sumner, attended Probate Court Tuesday.

George H. Watkins, Esq., formerly of the Democrat, was in town last week.

Misses Louise and Aggie Doe started on Monday for a visit to friends in Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Atwood, of Buckfield, visited friends in this village Thursday.

Band meeting Tuesday night, this week. Let all be present, as there is some business to attend to.

John S. and Frank S. Harlow, who have just returned from Minneapolis to Dixfield, are visiting in town.

Prof. W. W. Andrews, of the Portland public schools, was in town last Wednesday. Prof. Andrews is a native of this town and a very successful teacher.

At the annual dinner of the Bowdoin Alumni Association, of Boston, held Feb. 14th, Mr. W. S. Hutchinson responded for the legal profession. He was also chosen a member of the executive committee of the Association.

The weather report of the week is as follows:

Tuesday, Feb. 21,	34 above.
Wednesday, Feb. 22,	27 "
Thursday, Feb. 23,	24 "
Friday, Feb. 24,	30 "
Saturday, Feb. 25,	21 "
Sunday, Feb. 26,	32 "
Monday, Feb. 27,	20 "

One article in the warrant for town meeting is "To see what action, if any, the town will take in regard to the supposed claim against Horatio and James K. P. Bradford, for cost and damage paid by the town in the Slattery case." The rest of the warrant is about after the usual pattern. The ever-present snow bill question appears—and there are going to be a lot of the bills this winter.

The town report has been printed and distributed. It shows a valuation of $1,014,022 00, a slight increase over last year. The number of polls is 819, an increase of 36 over last year. The amount committed for collection was $14,156.11, and the rate 17 mills on a dollar. The cost of the town farm has been $247 39, including the decrease in valuation of stock, furniture, etc., and the expense of other poor $789.90. The net debt of the town is $8,725.31, not including snow bills for the present winter.

The Local Seed Business.

The raising of seeds, bulbs and plants for market is getting to be quite an industry in Oxford County, as is sufficiently shown by the number of catalogues received from local growers.

W. H. Eastman, the well-known East Sumner seedsman, issues a larger catalogue of seeds than ever, and shows that his business is increasing.

From the Telephone press is issued a catalogue of window and bedding plants, for sale by O. M. Richardson, of Canton. Richardson's green-houses are on the shore of Lake Anasagunticook.

For the Oxford Democrat.

A Question of Legality.

Will the readers of the Democrat, or such of them as wield the pen of the contributor, please give the public the benefit of their opinions on the legal bearings of the following: A small country school district was obliged to suspend their winter term a while on account of whooping cough. The vacation lasted a month. There were nine voters in the district. Seven of the nine voters requested the reopening of the school. All the voters were aware that the school was to go on. The school was started, whereupon one of the nine voters called upon the supervisor to close the school. Claimed that his two scholars were not in a fit condition to attend school, on account of their cough. There were 17 or 18 registered scholars. The supervisor came to the school, gave the teacher a written dismissal and notified the agent that the school was closed. Notwithstanding the dismissal, the school was continued to the end of the term and the selectmen ordered the payment of the teacher's bill after it was forbidden by the supervisor. Was the course of the selectmen legal? QUERIST.

Andover, Me.

STATE NEWS.

Eastport is to have water works.

Augusta is to erect a new mill of forty-thousand-spindle capacity.

Judge Peters is the presiding justice in the trial of the alleged Dexter Bank robbers.

The President has sent a Fishery Treaty to the Senate with his approval. The Maine delegation bitterly oppose it.

The coroner's jury on the death by poisoning of C. C. Beal, of Clinton, report that he was poisoned by his son, who maliciously put strychnine into his whiskey.

Foster, charged with the Bennett robbery, caused some surprise by pleading guilty when arraigned in court. Whitney soon after followed Foster's example and plead guilty too.

The woolen mills at Mallison Falls, South Windham, were destroyed by fire last week. Loss $100,000; insured for 35,000. The bridge over the Presumpscott was also destroyed. The mills were owned by F. L. Robinson, of South Windham.

The trial of Stain and Cromwell has been in progress at Bangor during the past week. The government rested on Thursday, having made out what they consider a good case, and the case was opened for the defence. Defendants' counsel promise to prove an alibi, and also introduce the suicide theory to account for Barron's death. The case is exciting a great deal of interest in Penobscot County particularly, as well as all over the State.

HOW MEN DIE.

If we know all the methods of approach adopted by an enemy we are the better enabled to ward off the danger and postpone the moment when surrender becomes inevitable. In many instances the inherent strength of the body suffices to enable it to oppose the tendency toward death. Many however have lost these forces to such an extent that there is little or no help. In other cases a little aid to the weakened Lungs will make all the difference between sudden death and many years of useful life. Upon the first symptoms of a Cough, Cold or any trouble of the Throat or Lungs, give that old and well-known remedy—Boschee's German Syrup, a careful trial. It will prove what thousands say of it to be, the "benefactor of any home."

THE BEAR BRIGADE.

Bryant's Pond.

Harry Crockett has opened a barber shop here.

Prof. Button, of Philadelphia, is giving a sleight of hand show here this week.

Earl G. Felt has gone to Norway to work in the shoe shop.

The selectmen have been settling up the accounts of the town the past week and making up their annual report.

H. A. Estes is going to work in F. M. Bartlett's store.

William H. Hunter, of Boston, was in town Monday.

North Fryeburg.

A temperance service was held at the chapel on Sunday afternoon, the 19th, Rev. Mr. Stone, Rev. Mr. Livingstone and Rev. Mr. Roberts, all of Fryeburg, addressed the meeting. A few recitations were given by members of the Sunday school.

Seth Charles is still in a critical condition.

An unusually severe epidemic of colds has visited us. Many persons have been quite seriously ill.

Byron.

William Abbott is visiting his mother, Mrs. Houghton. He has been stopping in Wyoming for 3 or 4 years past.

Miss Minnie Abbott is at the Normal School, Farmington.

George Staples is in town looking after his lumber operations.

Isaac Bradeen was in town last week, acting as agent for Albert Colby, real estate broker.

A. O. Reed has been very busy the past week, preparing gum to fill orders. He has received quite a large lot of goods recently.

G. Hodsdon has also received a lot of new goods, and trade is quite brisk at Gum Corner. It has quite a "citified" appearance since A. O. Reed and L. A. Dunn have put on new door bells.

Roxbury.

Mr. Camerant has given up his pine job, and Mr. Bartlett is pushing it himself, with W. H. Jenne as boss.

Charles Penley is at work for Robert Reed drawing poplar with his big oxen.

We miss the genial face of Mr. Marble, he being obliged to stay at Paris through court.

Business is rushing all along the line—of Swift River.

Mrs. Frank Reed, of Auburn, was at her sister's, Mrs. John Reed's, yesterday.

West Peru.

The little four year old son of T. H. Burgess met with what came near being a serious accident Saturday last. While coasting he slid against the school house, knocking out his front teeth, bruising and cutting his face in a shocking manner. The little fellow is doing nicely and is already anxious to get out sliding again. Good grit there.

We are sorry to learn that T. H. Burgess is very sick with inflammation of the bowels. His friends are very anxious concerning him.

Mrs. Freeland Wing, of Dixfield, aged about 27 years, died Feb. 20th, of lung fever. The funeral services were held at this place Wednesday afternoon, Rev. A. A. Abbott, of Franklin Plantation, officiating.

Seventy-eight inches of snow has fallen in this place since Nov. 10.

Rev. Nickson, of Litchfield, held a meeting at No. 4 last Tuesday evening.

The East Rumford Double Quartette will give an entertainment at Rumford Town House Tuesday evening, Feb. 28th, under the management of J. N. Irish and Mrs. Cora G. Clifford. BOB.

Norway Lake.

The report of the death of Darius Pike, formerly of Norway, is now reported untrue, as the vessel in which he sailed has safely reached port.

Lung trouble seems to be raging in this vicinity at this time. Samuel Partridge, Mrs. Mary A. Green and Alton Tucker are all sick with it, and a number of others are just recovering.

Miss Blanche Bradbury is slowly recovering, although still unable to walk.

John Wyman recently lost one of his horses, which dropped dead in the road and was supposed to have broken something inwardly.

Dickvale.

The roof of Frank Libby's barn fell in recently, also the roof of McIntire brothers' barn, caused by too much snow and too near a flat roof.

Frank Perkins has closed the winter term of school in this district and returned to his home in Andover.

Edgar Townsend's little girl is failing.

Our other sick ones seem to be improving.

L. C. and Joseph A. Putnam have finished their schools and are now at home.

Some tell us that winter has broke. We think it made a bad break.

Hiram.

Mr. Joshua Sargent had a severe attack of bleeding at the lungs Sunday, the 12th.

Miss Vinie Morrill, of East Hiram, came home from Westbrook Seminary Saturday, the 11th, sick with erysipelas in the face. Her schoolmate, Miss Ara Hubbard, of Hiram, came with her.

Born, Feb. 12th, to the wife of Marshall Spring, a daughter.

Mr. William G. Burbank is recovering from a severe illness. This venerable man has lived a life of prayer 71 years.

Dr. Wilson has been quite ill during the past week. He is attended by Dr. Swasey, of Cornish.

Mr. Stephen Ridlon, aged 82, is very feeble.

Mrs. Llewellyn A. Wadsworth has been seriously ill, but is improving.

Joseph Spring is recovering.

There is to be an effort made at the coming election to abolish the school district system.

The can makers are busy at the corn shop.

Mr. John Clark, of East Hiram, is in poor health.

James D. Wilder has enlisted in the U. S. cavalry. He goes to Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis.

Mason.

Nothing out of the usual course of events is transpiring up in this corner of the county.

The talk about the weather is getting stale.

Some of the teams are coming out of the woods.

E. J. Maines is home from Parmacheenee. He says trout were plenty up there. He helped cut one that weighed three pounds.

E. T. Maine, that veteran fisherman, brought your invalid correspondent a nice mess of trout yesterday. There is an old saying that the lame and lazy are often in luck, and it proved true this time.

N. H. Tyler is better. He goes out some.

Benjamin Skillings was in town yesterday, looking after sheep and small beef.

A. E. Tyler has a litter of nice pigs, three weeks old.

Mrs. Horace Hutchinson is in poor health.

Irvin Hutchinson dropped a birch bolt on to his foot, so that he is quite lame.

C. F. Brown has 90 cords of birch from E. B. Shaw's lot.

Wilson's Mills.

Henry Bennett, at work for F. A. Flint, had his leg broken in two places, and his back badly hurt last Monday. It was nearly thirty-six hours before a doctor could get here and the leg was so badly swollen it could not be set. Mr. Bennett has been very unfortunate. He was hurt by a falling tree the first of the winter, and had but recently gone to work when hurt the second time. He was carried to F. A. Flints, and Dr. Cobb, of Milan, is attending him.

N. McKay, of Frederickton, N. B., at work for Weymouth, was carried out with a broken shoulder and collarbone.

Dennis Grogam was carried out from Weymouth's camp Saturday with a foot badly cut.

A number of men came up from Thurston's camp Saturday, to find work in the various camps above here.

Simon Sahl with a friend have gone up the river with watches and jewelry.

Arthur Deniston and chum have gone up to Camp Caribou.

We hear of the death of Mrs. H. W. Lombard, wife of the late Joshua Lombard at Old Orchard, Feb. 16th. She was for a number of years a resident of this place.

Fryeburg.

Mr. C. T. Ladd returned from his hunting trip to North Carolina last week. He has a pair of deer's horns as one proof of his success.

Mr. Richardson took his family to Harrison last Saturday, the 18th, returning on Monday. Mrs. R and children will remain during the vacation, which Mr. R. will spend with them there.

Allan Shirley went to Brunswick on Saturday.

Messrs. B. F. Buzzell, of Portland, and F. E. Seavey, of Cornish, were in town last week.

The meeting of the temperance association at the Universalist chapel took place on Sunday, the 19th.

Miss A. N. Page came back from Malden, and Miss Susie Randall from Portland, on Monday.

Rev. R. H. Davis, late missionary in Japan, now stopping in Hiram at Mrs. D.'s ancestral home, the Wadsworth mansion, spent Monday at G. B. Barrows'.

N. W. Russell's school, in Dist. No. 1, closed last week.

Miss Eva Walker is teaching in her home district.

The Leap Year Ball, for the benefit of the Odd Fellows Hall at the Centre, took place Tuesday evening at Mark's Hall.

The Village Corporation have voted to raise, by assessment, the $2800 expended for the fire department.

John Hatch is clerking in C. H. Tibbett's store, as Horace Quincy will soon leave.

A very successful Antiquarian Party "came off" at the Cong'l vestry Thursday eve, the 23d.

The funeral of Mrs. Walter Hill, of Easton, Mass., was attended by Mr. Livingston, at her father's house, Mr. John Heath at Grover Hill, on Wednesday, the 22d.

Mr. B. T. Newman, the artist, who is now one of our residents, has a picture on exhibition at Stubb's gallery, in Portland, which is highly commended,—one painted while Mr. N. was in France.

The Academy Bell will soon be issued rrom Mr. Wormwood's office. He has an unusual pressure of work at the present time, with town reports, etc.

Miss Ida Brown, the elocutionist, of Bridgton, will read at the Academy Hall on Tuesday evening, Feb. 28th, for the benefit of the piano, on which there is still a small debt.

Greenwood.

As I seat myself to sketch the news of this locality, the thought comes home that the day is particularly interesting to every true American, from the fact that it is the birthday of one of the greatest and best men that ever raised their voices to Heaven in prayer, or unsheathed their swords in defence of right and liberty. 156 years. What a volume of history has been made during that century and a half! But the day is of special interest to me on another account. Forty years ago this morning my father was taken sick, and died before noon. Dr. Swasey, of Canton, our family physician, was sent for, but the sick man was stricken with death before he arrived at the house. John Quincy Adams died on the same day.

Calvin Cole did not like his situation on the Hill, and has come home. The authorities were about to take Hiram Bisbee there for the same purpose, when he died. Carrying sick men and cripples to jail because they are poor and cannot pay their taxes within a specified time, looks, from our standpoint, to be a little heathenish.

Edward E. Moore has sold his place back to Charles A. Brooks, and is now looking after another. He was here a few days ago with his dog team, and if he was a boy, 8 or 10 years old, it would look like quite an enterprise. L. D.

East Peru.

Married, on the 11th inst, Mellen DeShon, of East Peru, and Miss Mabel Kidder, of Canton.

Wilson Stillman has gone to work logging for John Wyman, of Dickvale. Stillman has had one of his horses die this winter. The one that he had of Stephen Buzzel.

Peru.

J. M. Gammon has returned home from Waltham, Mass., where he has been spending the winter.

We had a very interesting lyceum on the 17th inst, at the meeting house. The question, Resolved, That the right of suffrage should be extended to the Indian, as well as to the negro. Disputants, E. P. Gibbs, affirmative, W. H. S. Ventres, negative. The question was decided in favor of the affirmative. Declamations and singing filled up the programme.

Dixfield Centre.

Miss Etta Holman is very sick with the measles.

Willis Walt has commenced hauling his shovel handles to the Wilton factory.

Dixfield is in want of a good man and wife for their town farm the coming year. Mr. E. T. Gould, the efficient manager for the past two years, intends to move on to his farm at this place as soon as his time expires (March 10th.)

The town report is in the hands of the printer. We understand that the town debt has been reduced, and that the liquor agency has paid nearly $500 profit. There will be some opposition to its continuance.

South Bethel.

Our Dramatic Club played the farce, "A Joke on Squinim," in Hotel Hall, Locke's Mills, last Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Locke's Mills Sewing Circle.

Mr. Spiller, with family, has arrived, and he is now prepared to do work in blacksmithing.

R. J. Virgin has sold his spool lumber to Mr. Tebbets, of Locke's Mills, and is having it hauled as fast as he saws it.

Mexico.

Forty-three children frozen to death in Aroostook Co.! awful!

An ex Judge of a Dakota Court was snowbound 16 hours on a railroad in Pa., so he writes.

A Judge of Probate in Fargo sends me a paper with the account of the awful depth of snow and terrible cold in Aroostook County. They both should return to Maine. Good men are scarce and we should mourn deeply to hear that those two old school teachers in Oxford County woke up some morning and found themselves stark stiff in a Dakota snow drift. Shake a red flag to a Jersey bull, say blizzard to a Dakotian, and observe the anger aroused. If they cannot sell Dakota lands without lying about the old State of Maine let them freeze.

Ernest L. Oldham, recently returned from Iowa, has bought the Thomas Harlow farm in Mexico.

Some person with ill-founded prejudices no knowledge of, or because of mistaken ideas, seems to be "butting" against that ancient brotherhood, F. & A. Masons. Perhaps the "order" will send a missionary to Roxbury to enlighten and convert him. A few facts given him by the widow and orphans of some worthy master Mason by many such widows and orphans might possibly convince him, that the dark kind of Masonry that takes both a man's money and liberty *does* give him (or his) something in return. It will take quite a cyclone to uproot the aged and well-grounded Masonic tree.

Albion Goff is liable to lose a valuable colt. It got its foot over a rope halter, when in the stall, between fetlock and hoof and so badly injured itself that it is feared it will die. SPARKES.

Denmark.

David P. Lord has sold a part of his pine timber to Augustine Ingalls. Walter B. Blake is drawing it to Moose Pond. It is to be used in the manufacture of corn boxes.

L. A. Ingalls spent last Sunday in Portland.

The boys are bringing in some excellent strings of pickerel. Leon Ingalls caught one yesterday that weighed 4 pounds and 15 ounces.

Fred Bacon, of Jefferson, N. H., is visiting friends in town.

Arthur Jack returns to Boston next Monday.

George Wentworth is visiting friends in Portland.

Oxford.

There was a quarterly meeting on Sunday, the 19th, Rev. Mr. Adams, the presiding elder, being present.

Mr. Ambrose, of Florida, was at Seth Francis' on Sunday last.

Harry Noyes has returned to Orono to Agricultural College.

A sociable was held at Central Hall by the Society of Christian Endeavor. Eight dollars were taken.

Prof. Alden, of Auburn, is teaching a dancing school, with good attendance.

Married, on Saturday, by Rev. George F. Tewksbury, Charles Hanscom and Mrs. Cybella Joy, both of Oxford.

Bethel.

The past has been a perfect week of delightful weather and excellent sledding at Bethel. The streets have been alive with teams hauling wood, spool stock, pulp wood, railroad ties and long lumber.

Friday we buried Mrs. J Adams Twitchell, aged 88 years. She died in a green old age, loved by everybody. The children gathered around her casket and dropped flowers in token of their love. Everything that love and affection could do, has been done by the living children.

Saturday Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Mauch Chunk, Pa., brought the remains of his oldest son, Harold Denison, to Norway for burial. The family were accompanied by Wesley N. Woodbury, of Pottsville, Pa., a brother, and were met in Portland by their father, E. W. Woodbury, of Bethel. Harold was 18 years old and a very promising young man, beloved by all who knew him.

Davis G. Lovejoy has returned to Bethel, and is at work for W. E. & J. P. Skillings in their store at the Mills.

W. E Skillings started on his second trip to Florida Thursday morning last.

Dancing school closed last Tuesday evening.

The Circle met with Mrs. Merrill on the evening of the 23d. The usual large company was present, and a good time enjoyed.

The spring term at Gould's Academy will open the 28th. A large attendance is promised. Many are expected from out of town. Prof. Howard spent a part of his vacation at his home in Belfast.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 22d, Rev. D. W. Hardy gave an interesting and instructive lecture on the "Capture of Fort Fisher," in the Cong'l church. This lecture was given for the benefit of Brown Post, No. 84, G. A. R. A large audience was present.

Arthur Elmer Hatch, the blind student of Bates College, gave his lecture on "Popular Education" in the Cong'l church Friday evening, Feb. 24th. Mr. Hatch is now on his third year in college He is totally blind, and has been so since the age of six weeks. He is working his way in college, an undertaking from which many young men would shrink, who labor only under financial difficulty.

Mrs. E. C. Rowe is in Boston.

Mrs. Adams Twitchell passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 22d, at the ripe age of 85 years. She was buried on Friday. Mrs. Twitchell was the mother of John Twitchell, of the firm of Twitchell, Champlin & Co., of Portland, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tuell made a visit to their relatives in Sumner, last week.

The general verdict is, "splendid weather." Let us have more.

MIDDLE INTERVALE.

Ladies' Aid Society met last as appointed with Mrs. L. B. Packard and son. A good supper and pleasant time is reported. The next gathering will be with Miss Minnie Kimball, March 1st.

The Baptist society and friends have recently surprised Mrs. Simeon Sanborn with a nice sofa, a present for her faithfulness to the church. She has in many ways showed her willingness to aid, especially as organist.

There was a pastry and oyster supper at C. Caswell's, Wednesday evening, Feb. 22 Proceeds to assist church services.

Mrs. L. B. Packard spent her 70th birthday, Feb. 8th, with the writer.

Frances Carter receives constant visits from a little flock of bluejays. E. P. K.

Grafton.

Mr. Henry Lombard broke camp last Saturday.

A. F. Brooks has taken a large job to haul paraded timber, of Peter Russell, to be delivered at Cedar Brook.

There came near being a serious accident in the woods where Richmond Davis was hauling lumber, on the north side of the mountain, in Grafton, called Eyebrow. Mr. George Bryant, of Bethel, was driving his four ox team down the mountain with about fourteen hundred feet of spruce logs. Mr. Bryant drove to the place where he usually put his bridles on to his sled, but the rain and soft weather of the day before and the cold of to-day made the load move so easily that, with its great weight, it forced the cattle past the place and on down the road. The oxen had no power to stop the load, which soon gained a tremendous momentum. The forward oxen were, from some unknown cause, unable to keep out of the way of the hind cattle, and were run over by them, and thrown out of the road by the sled or oxen or both, which caused the sled to leave the road, and the sled, oxen, and all lodged in a lot of spruce tops that had been previously cut. One ox had his horn broken off near his head and received some bruises beside. The other three cattle had some, what seemed to be, slight bruises, but must have been tremendously shaken up. Two of the logs passed over Mr. Bryant's legs, but he says they did not hurt him any. It seems very remarkable that the cattle and Mr. Bryant were hurt so little. We will call it a very lucky day for them all.

Albany.

Jones McAllister is quite sick under the care of Dr. Wilson, of Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bean and Mrs. J. A. Kimball are convalescent.

Mrs. James F. Bird is quite ill.

Mrs. Wentworth remains quite sick.

The widow of the late Austin Grover, of Waterford, is spending a few days with her father-in-law, John Grover.

Henry Cummings has shot six foxes.

Mr. Knapp, of Newry later of North Waterford, was in town this week on business.

Wm. Henry Brown and wife, of Bethel, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Grover.

A. G. Lovejoy, of Mason, was in town this week.

Amos G. Bean is hauling his spool strfps to Skillings' mill in Bethel.

Some of our people went to Bethel the 22d inst. to the lecture of Rev. D. W. Hardy on "The Capture of Fort Fisher."

John Wheeler drove his fine horse to the post office and went in leaving his horse unhitched. Soon the horse started for home on the run and continued so a distance of 2 miles. Though turning sharp corners the sleigh kept right side up and no damage was done.

South Buckfield.

Ike Fuller has leased Florian Jordan's farm for a year.

Rob Dean feeds his weanling colts a gallon of factory butter milk daily.

A form of horse distemper is prevailing to some extent.

We read of Houlton "Hebrons" retailing at the city for $1 25 per bushel. We also read that there is a large southern demand for Aroostook and Canada potatoes for seed. Probably potatoes at planting time will be $1.50 per bushel.

The town system of schools having been in operation in this town for three years an effort will be made at the annual meeting to return to the district system. It will be remembered that towns adopting the town system are debarred from returning to the district system for a period of three years. While it is unquestioned that the town system has meritorious features, experience has shown that it is unfitted to our sparsely inhabited country towns. The expense is much larger without promoting the length or efficiency of the schools. As for instance Buckfield at the time of adopting the town system had a surplus of unexpended school money of $475, and now at the end of its three years experiment there is reported to be a deficiency of $300. Figures will not lie.

Our school districts are miniature republics, the primal germs of Republican institutions. At the moment the district system is abolished the voter and tax-payer practically loses all control of the schools. The time at which the public schools shall commence, is a matter of vital importance to parent and scholar, is left wholly to the dictation of the supervisor. Let the sentiment of the town be tested on this question.

The selectmen have employed Sumner Knox, of Peru, to take charge of the town farm for the ensuing year.

The recent death of Mr. Beals, of Clinton, from the effects of drinking adulterated liquor shows one of the dangers lurking in the social glass. "Shun it young man as you would a viper."

Abel Irish announces that he shall load his last car of apples next week paying $2 50 per bbl.

Hebron.

Prof. Moody, of Auburn, and little J. F. Jr., spent Sunday with Mrs. Moody.

Daniel Bumpus is very feeble. Mr. Bumpus is one of the oldest men in town, being 88 last fall.

The first lyceum of the term was Wednesday evening, the 22d.

H. M. Bearce is hauling timber to South Paris.

The fine weather for the past few days has settled the snow very much.

Mrs. Robert Glover, who has been quite sick for a week or more is a little better.

Newry.

Tuesday evening North Newry sewing circle held their festival at Poplar Hotel. The affair proved to be a success. Over one hundred partook of supper, which consisted of oysters and pastry. I have not yet learned how much was realized but it must have been a goodly sum.

Mrs. Lucretia Bean is lying critically ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Littlehale.

Mort Thurston has purchased a boiler and engine for his mill. The old one on examination proved to be past repair.

E. B. Knapp and wife are on a visit to their old home.

There is a singing school now in progress at Newry in charge of J. R. Howard.

Hartford.

Feb. 21st the pleasantest day of winter.

The line school finishes next week. The school has been a profitable one.

Mr. John Parlin has returned from Grafton where he has been teaching school.

The case between Thomas Burdin and the town of Hartford has been settled. the town pay him $250.

Stillman Gurney has gone to Stoneham, Mass., to work at his trade.

A cream route is to be established in north and center Hartford for the Buckfield butter factory.

Andover.

The Cong'l ladies' circle met with Mrs. J. H. Dailey Wednesday evening.

The scholars in District No. 4 gave an exhibition Tuesday night. About 200 people were present.

A. B. Haley treated the Andoverites to "a night in wonderland" Saturday evening. Monday night the exhibition was repeated on a new plan, the proprietor manipulated the slides while a trio of local humorists named and explained the results.

Geo. W. Abbott has the contract to build the exhibition hall for the Andover Ag'l. Society.

A consignment of brick for Camp Whitney is being hauled to the Lake via of Andover.

Public interest this week has been divided between the butter factory question and the Gould and Bedell case that took several of our citizens to court.

Brownfield.

Saturday P. M. the C. L S. C at Mr. William Springs.

Mr. Milliken, of Hiram, is in town making arrangements for commencing work in the corn shop making cans.

C. C. Whitney has gone to Paris to attend court.

On account of ill health J. L. Frink was obliged to remain at home.

Saturday afternoon E B. Bean had a bad spell. It is thought it was caused by an overtaxed brain.

C. Colby, E. Whitney are quite sick of measles.

F. Barton who has been home from New York on his vacation, has returned to resume his theological studies.

S. Meserve and wife are boarding at the Central House.

Dixfield.

Our warm weather causes hard traveling.

Mr. Swan, of Norwry, is here this week, and is being well patronized by those wishing a good cabinet or photograph.

The drama Tuesday evening drew a good crowd.

Mrs. Freeland Wing died Sunday.

Birch and pine are being hauled in good quantities to the spool and box factory.

Mr. William Walt has gone to Biddeford, where Frank Davis is very low with typhoid fever.

Mr. W. Tainter has put a new pair of horses on to the Canton stage line.

Mr. W. W. Walt, who has been to Biddeford, reports Frank Davis as better, though not out of danger.

The drama, "Turn of the Tide," was played at Grange Hall Tuesday night. All were well pleased.

Farmer White is moving into the Grange building till his new house is built.

Mrs. A. D. Park is at Sumner.

Mrs. Freeland Wing died Monday and was buried in Peru Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Mrs. Anna Hall, daughter of Wentworth Ricker, died at her home in Winthrop last week.

Mrs. Scott Chase has returned from Auburn.

Measles are visiting at George Holman's. Hope they won't call on anybody else.

East Hebron.

The S. B. of G. N. C. gave an entertainment to a fair house, considering the traveling.

There is to be an ordination with the F. B. church Tuesday, the 28th inst.

School in Dist. No. 4 closed Tuesday, the 21st, after twelve weeks of hard work by both scholars and teacher.

L. E Bradbury and wife are visiting at Mr. B.'s father's, E. F. Bradbury's.

W. N. Hodgdon has gone to work at Mechanic Falls in the paper mill.

Porter.

We have had quite a heavy rain storm the past week making the roads quite bad.

Spring is coming and those that plowed their ground last fall can get their grain in early which should be done if they would get a good crop of grain and catch of grass. Much better than ground plowed in the spring.

Hay is plenty and cheap.

Potatoes scarce and high. The cold has frozen them in many cellars.

Politics begin to bubble for they are thinking of the fall campaign, which is going to be red hot. The Republicans have four candidates in the field and but one lucky man and that man is the one that gets the nomination, as they are all men that the people can unite on.

Sumner.

Quite a little shower since the last writing.

Three-year-old steers seem to be largely in demand just now.

Sumner Kox, of Peru, passes through this region frequently, satisfying the appetite of those hankering after fresh fish, oysters, clams, etc.

The soft going seems to have checked birch hauling somewhat for the time being.

Asia Keene recently sold a horse to Mr. Jiles, of Whitman, Mass., for $225.

The ladies' circle met with Miss Addie Parlin last Tuesday. A very enjoyable time was reported.

Miss Mabel Bowker went to Auburn last Wednesday, where she will work for her aunt.

Albion Abbott and George Newell contemplate attending high school at East Sumner during the spring term.

PEG DUZENBURY.

West Paris.

The J. Wayland Kimball chair factory at this place, after a few weeks of business embarrassment has come out all right and commenced business again with a greater energy than ever before since it started here. Arrangements are being made here to fit up a suitable place for Mr. Kimball's leather business, which is expected to be moved here from New York next week. The work formerly done in New York such as setting up and finishing, etc., the chairs will now be done here. The business prospects for West Paris never looked so promising for a permanent business as now.

H. G. Brown & Son have sold to Mr. Kimball their machinery and interest in the steam mill and gone to work for him on salery. The large factory is being rapidly filled up with help and soon every department will be running to its full capacity. Mr. Kimball will pay his help as usual every Saturday night.

P. C. Fickett, Esq., has been called home from W. U. A. to visit his sick and aged mother, who is not expected to live. Mr. Fickett's health has much improved since his residence in the sunny south.

Prof. Button and his wife gave the people of this place, last Friday evening at Dunham's Hall one of their popular and highly interesting entertainments. It was unqualifidely one of the best entertainments we have ever witnessed here. Their performances are truly wonderful and worth seeing.

BRACE UP.

You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with Headache, you are fidgetty, nervous, and generally out of sorts, and want to *brace* up. Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines, or bitters, which have for their basis very cheap, bad whiskey, and which stimulate you for an hour, and then leave you in worse condition than before. What you want is an alterative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of Liver and Kidneys, restore your vitality, and give renewed health and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents a bottle at Noyes' Drug Store at Norway.

NORWAY.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Union R. A. C. No. 36, assembles Wednesday Evening, on or before full moon, at Masonic Hall. Irving Frost, H. P. Regular meeting of Oxford Lodge, No 18, in Masonic Hall, Monday Evening, on or before full moon. H. D. Smith, Sec.

I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, every Tuesday Evening. A. L. F. Pike, Sec. Widley Encampment, No. 21, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, second and fourth Friday Evenings of each month. T. L. Webb, Scribe.—Graded Mutual Relief Association of Maine—I. O. O. F. Annual meeting, third Monday in January. A. S. Kimball, President.

K. of P.—Regular meeting in Hathaway Block, every Wednesday Evening. A. J. Rowe, C. C.; G. E. Lassells, K. of R. and S.

I. O. G. T.—In Grange Hall, every Saturday evening. Eugene Andrews, W. C.

G. A. R.—Harry Rust Post, No. 54, meets the first Friday Evening in each month, in Grange Hall. D. A. Edwards, Commander.

U. O. G. C.—Meets the first and third Friday evenings of each month. Geo. A. Cleaves, N. C. Lucilla Cummings, H. of R.

S. of V.—Meets in Grange Hall first and third Monday evenings of each month. J. Bumpus, Capt.

Regular meetings of the Norway Light Infantry, the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month

The Norway Town Report is out. It comes in a new dress and is attractive to the eye and furnishes food for the thoughtful. It is more extensive this year than formerly and is one of the Advertiser's best jobs. We take the following from the report: taxable polls, whole number 809; real estate, $783,344.00; personal $252,166 00; total valuation of the town, $1,035,510 00; scholars in town, 887; poor on farm, 6; the oldest 91 years; youngest 9 years of age; State pensions paid, $264; total amt. committed for collection, $17,539.35, rate 14 per cent.; 5 mills; poll tax $3.00; total school fund for town, $3,989.73.

Mrs. Joseph Long and son returned from Lynn, Mass., Thursday. It will be remembered that Mrs. Long some weeks ago was called to the bedside of her sick son. All are much pleased to learn that Burnie is getting along finely.

Tuesday the 28th the village schools begin.

Loranger's Theatre Company made a most favorable impression on our people. The best company of any which have played here for a long time.

A new sign has been placed over the meat market near by the Opera House, bearing the name of D. M. Needham.

The Grangers indulged in a Leap Year Ball and basket supper this week. Between fifty and sixty couples were on the floor. The music was furnished by Young's Orchestra. The dancing was kept up until a late hour when all went home highly pleased with the evenings entertainment.

Nate Denison, of Boston, Mass., spent Sunday and Monday in town visiting friends and relatives.

Of the many horses which have been owned by Frank Andrews but one has died on his hands. The past week Mr. Andrews lost a horse valued at four hundred dollars.

There is an article in the town warrant to see if the town will vote to abolish the district school system and establish the town system. Another to see if the town will instruct the selectmen to establish a liquor agency.

George H. Watkins, of the firm of B. Thurston Co., of Portland, was in town Thursday. Mr. Watkins was formerly editor of the Democrat.

Much pride is taken in the fact that of the many cases carried to the Supreme Judicial Court on appeal from the Municipal Court, of Norway, few if any are overruled. Noticeable of these were the following, Fisher vs Waterman et al in which the plaintiff got judgment to the Manicipal Court for $71.75 and costs. Full amt. of judgment above.

Holt. Herrick.

Also the three cases brought by the publishers of the Norway history against the subscribers. B. Thurston & Co., vs. D. S. Sanborn same vs. Aldrich, same vs. Libby. In the Municipal Court judgment for plaintiffs same above. E. F. Smith, C. E. Holt.

S. R Knowland was called to Marblehead, Mass., this week to attend his mother's funeral.

Thursday evening, March 1st, the Norway Light Infantry will give a drill and ball at the Norway Opera House.

E. E Millett has sold his wood business to Geo. P. Downing.

We recently saw logs cut from a large pumpkin pine tree by Steve Pottle, at the Paris sled factory, which scaled 410d. It was about five feet at the big end.

Geo. D. Swift is visiting in this village. He has been at Salem, Mass., the past year.

Mr. Ernest Cook, who has been attending medical lectures at Atlanta, Georgia, is in this village.

G. M. Packard, Norway, Me., has taken the agency for Butterick's patterns of ladies and children's garments. She also has all the fashion catalogues for spring.

A large quantity of ice and snow left the roof of the new Grange block Friday afternoon, between 5 and 6 o'clock, landing on the stairs leading to the Municipal Court room. Three or four windows in the court room were broken. Fortunately no one was on the stairs at the time.

The funeral services of Mrs. Robert Noyes who died Friday, occurred on Sunday afternoon. Sermon by B. S. Rideout. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Noyes. Mr. Noyes is one of our oldest and most highly esteemed townsmen.

The caucus called for Saturday afternoon by the citizens, 2

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Liabilities,	798,232.19
Net Surplus in U. S.	$660,789.48

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Cash Assets,	$17,383,632.85
Liabilities including Capital,	13,875,000.00
Net Surplus,	$3,508,632.85
Paid-up Capital,	1,500,000.00
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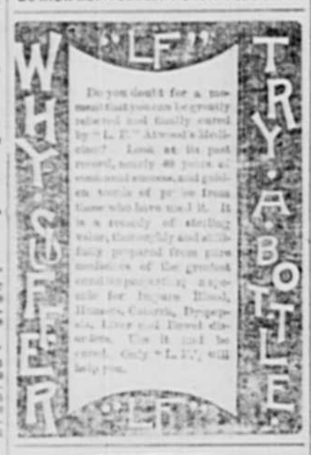

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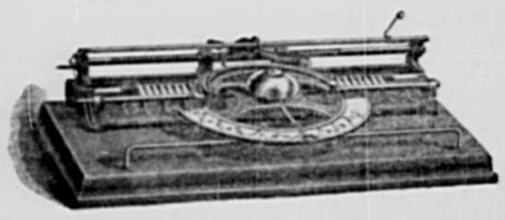

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I.—PHONETIC CHARADE.

A measure my *first* may be called,
Sometimes manufactured of wood,
Sometimes, too, they make it of tin,
In each of these cases 'tis good.

We all do my *next* I am sure,
Not one of us lives without sin;
Perfection we reach not on earth,
Though here the good work should begin.

The vessels that cross the wide sea
With *third* should be ever supplied;
Without them, as sailors well know,
Disaster and danger betide.

My *fourth* part is just like my second,
A short word that signifies wrong;
We see it so common I'm certain
You'll not have to study it long.

The whole in the army holds office,
And gives out the soldiers' supplies;
On shipboard you also will find him,
Who it is you will surely surmise.

EDITH.

II.—WORD SQUARE.

1. A king's sceptre.
2. Sour.
3. To call attention.
4. A piece mentioned in the Scriptures.

JENNIE J.

III.—ENIGMA.

'Tis by the whole, as I am told,
Our land's affairs must be controlled.

4, 8, 6, 7 will bring to sight,
What is the lawyers' chief delight.

Now add together 1, 11, 10, 3
A piece of money you will see.

A preposition greets your view
By simply joining 7 and 2.

A weight that's heavy in extreme
5, 2, 12 to you will seem.

The whole long years ago was made
By men whose honor ne'er can fade.

BENNIE BEE.

IV.—DIAMOND.

1. A consonant.
2. Owns.
3. Hurry.
4. What the school boy does when he finds he is late.
5. A horse.
6. Object.
7. A consonant.

LITTLE MAY.

V.—SOMETHING TO WEAR.

My *first* is a plaything for children;
My *next* is a child of full growth;
The whole is a garment for ladies,
That dressmakers cut out of cloth.

BELLE.

VI.—A CHAIN.

(The links are composed of words of three letters each. The two last letters of each word form the two first letters of the word following.)

1. Something always with us.
2. Anger.
3. A bright color.
4. A girl's name.
5. A period of time.
6. An affirmation.
7. A tree.
8. A sheep.
9. Small.
10. Ever.
11. An epoch.
12. An animal.
13. Devoured.
14. A number.
15. The last.

J. O. H. N.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF LAST WEEK.

1.—A brook.

2.—
LATIN
ALONE
TONES
INERT
NESTS

3.—Pansy—1, say, 2, span, 3, pan, 4, spy, 5, pay, 6, nay, 7, sap, 8, nap, 9, asap.

4.—Hannah Jane, David Ross Locke.

5.—Import, (eye, em, pea, oh, ah, tea.)

6.—Skating.

Upon a modest gravestone in Vincennes cemetery appears the plaintive legend—"His neighbor played the cornet."

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The reader is hereby solicited to make one word out of these four, viz., Red nute and gin. Do you give it up? Yes; here it is, "understanding."

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A bevy of children were telling what they got at school. The eldest got reading, spelling and definitions. "And what did you get, little one?" asked the father to a rosy cheeked little fellow, who at the same time was driving a tenpenny nail into the door-panel. "Me? I gets readin', spellin' and spankin'."

WHO IS YOUR BEST FRIEND?

Your stomach of course. Why? Because if it is out of order you are one of the most miserable creatures living. Give it a fair, honorable chance and see if it is not the best friend you have in the end. Don't smoke in the morning. Don't drink in the morning. If you must smoke and drink wait until your stomach is through with breakfast. You can drink more and smoke more in the evening and it will tell on you less. If your food ferments and does not digest right,—if you are troubled with Heartburn, Dizziness of the head, coming up of the food after eating, Biliousness, Indigestion, or any other trouble of the stomach, you had best use Green's August Flower, as no person can use it without immediate relief.

An Enraged Fruit Dealer.

Hostetter McGinnis went into a fruit store on Austin avenue, and after examining some fruit asked the major-General in command if he believed in the Bible.

"I do," was the reply; "I have been a member of the Baptist Church for twenty-five years."

"If you believe in the Bible then I suppose you admit that men are judged by their fruits, and that by their fruits ye shall know them?" and picking up an orange Hostetter McGinnis showed him on the other side, which was hidden from view, there was a decayed spot as big as a half dollar.

The kick that good man discharged at McGinnis knocked a hole in the awning five feet above his head, and the language he used would not do to reproduce in these columns.—Texas Siftings.

HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

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

Cooking Meats.

If the steamer were used in the preparation of meat for the table we should have less that is poorly cooked, or half cooked. During the past summer we have used a great deal of mutton, which was raised and fatted on our own farm. As we eschew pork in our family, and can buy very little beef that we can chew at all, we consider mutton our dependence for food in the meat line. Several times the preparation of it has been commended by persons at our table, prefaced by the remark, "I never did relish mutton before."

Place a large steamer upon the stove with plenty of boiling water in it, and also a deep tin or earthen dish to hold the meat and receive the juices. We cook half a quarter at once. Rub each piece with salt and pepper; place it in the dish and cover tightly. From two to three hours will be required to cook it thoroughly. Keep a steady fire and try the meat with a fork after an hour or more; the time must depend on the quality of the meat and all sorts require more time than beef to be well done.

When quite tender, remove the steamer from the stove. Have ready a dripping-pan with a little boiling water and flour to dredge the meat. Place in this the leg and other parts suitable for roasting; put into a quick oven for a half hour, basting it. Meantime the steamer should be placed where the cold will harden the tallow, which must be carefully taken off. Every particle of fat must be thus removed, leaving a clear jelly, similar to that obtained from beef, and with properties particularly adapted to the weak digestion of invalids and aged people. One cup of this stock should be added to the gravy served with the roast, also butter and flour to thicken. The remainder make an excellent soup with a variety of vegetables, or simply the addition of peas, meal, flour or corn-starch. The fat may be utilized for shortening, put with beef dripping; but do not allow it to wander about in the soup.

Portions of the meat not suitable for roasting can be used—sliced up cold for breakfast and tea, with any condiment preferred, and will be found very delicate. We think with nice breakfast rolls and cooked celery it furnishes an excellent morning meal. We cook celery as we do asparagus; cut fine, boil in water till soft, then add one cup of cream and milk with a spoonful of flour, pepper and salt. We prefer it to that so highly seasoned.—Rural New Yorker.

Some Rules for Mixing.

Often the young beginner in housework will try certain recipes with the greatest care, and yet fail again and again; in which case she is very apt to condemn the recipe, or lose faith in herself.

But, wait a moment, my daughter, till I ask you, How did you put the ingredients together? How did you mix them? For in this combining lies the secret of success, quite as much as in using the exact amounts given.

And here let me give a general rule of two, which may help some young cook out of her difficulty.

In making anything of the cake kind (including cookies, fried cakes, etc.) always begin with the shortening and sugar, creaming them into smoothness in a deep earthen bowl or new tin pan—never in one which is worn—and using a large spoon with a rather broad bowl. For wetting, water answers as well as milk in most recipes where baking powder is used, but should be neither very cold nor hot. If the former, it may make the cake heavy; if the latter, it will scald the flour and toughen the dough; a bloodheat is best.

Add this to the creamed butter and sugar stirring thoroughly; then put your baking powder (and salt, if required) into the flour, and sift it—several times, if for nice cake—into some *dry* dish, and let it stand while you beat your eggs *stiff*.

Then add of each (flour and eggs) a little at a time, till you have a smooth, creamy batter, when it is ready for the oven. If you use flavoring, add last of all, stirring in thoroughly—if fruit or nuts, do the same, first dusting them with flour, to prevent their sinking to the bottom in baking—but spices should be stirred in with the shortening and sugar.

Some good housekeepers scout at the idea that it hurts a cake to stir it in opposite directions, but I don't agree with them. My experience shows that you secure a closer, firmer and more delicate grain by stirring constantly one way. *Beat* all you choose—the harder the better—but *stir* only from left to right.

So much for cake. Now, in biscuit dough, pastry, etc., work from the other end. You here begin with your flour, sifting it with baking powder, if used, then mixing in the shortening until the two substances become one; then add the wetting (as little as will do) and, handling lightly, with no kneading, roll out and place on the tins as quickly as possible.

How to Make Good Coffee.

Few housekeepers know how to make a good cup of coffee, and repeated inquiries are made of the editor as to what method to pursue to be always certain of success. In a nutshell, the following is our advice. Have a good clean coffee pot, and use only the best coffee obtainable. Poor, cheap coffee will never make a palatable drink. One pound Java and one pound Mocha mixed when whole in the berry will give the best results. If the best grocer in your town does not keep a good article, send to Chase & Sanborn, 87 Broad St., Boston, Mass., for one of their two pound cans, and when preparing your morning meal use a tablespoonful of ground coffee for each member of the family, allowing one extra for the pot, as the old saying runs. Cover with as many cups of boiling water as there are people to drink it, and let it come to a quick boil of two or three minutes; then set back on the stove and throw in about a half a pint of cold cream, and let it stand a few minutes before serving. The cream will settle the coffee and you will enjoy your morning meal the better for using a pure article.

BEST SPONGE CAKE.—Six fresh eggs, three teacups granulated sugar, four of sifted flour, one of cold water, two teaspoons baking powder, fourth teaspoon of salt, juice and half rind of one lemon, or one teaspoon lemon extract. Beat the eggs very light, add the sugar and beat more until white and foamy; then add two cups sifted flour and mix well; stir in the cold water and the other two cups of flour in which the baking powder and salt are sifted. Add the flavoring last and mix thoroughly. Can't be beaten.

RECIPE FOR HULLING CORN.—Take one quart of good corn and put into a dinner pot full of water, with one quart of hard wood ashes sewed up in a good sized bag, and boil it till the hulls will slip off, and then take it out of the pot and put it in cold water, and wash it and rub it between the hands till all the hulls have come off, putting it into many different waters, then put it back into the kettle with clean water and boil until it is soft enough to eat. Serve in milk.

LEMON PIE.—Let two cups of water come to a boil, put in two tablespoonfuls of corn starch dissolved, when it has boiled enough, take it from the stove, add the juice and rind of two lemons, two cups of sugar, a piece of butter the size of a walnut, and the yolks of two eggs with pulverized sugar, and put on the tops of the pies when done. Put into the oven to brown.

GOOD CUP CAKE.—Half cup of butter, one cup milk, two cups sugar, three cups flour, four eggs, three small teaspoons baking powder, vanilla to taste. Save out two whites for frosting. Beat sugar and butter to a cream. Beat eggs, and pour in mixing well. Then add flavoring, milk, and lastly flour, with a scant teaspoon baking powder to each cup of flour.

CONFECTIONERY FROSTING.—Take the white of one egg (don't beat it) and stir powdered sugar into it until it is as thick as cold cream, or as thick as it can be spread on the cake. Flavor if desired. Delicious.

EGG TOAST.—For six or eight slices of bread (may be stale), beat one egg, add half a pint milk or water and a pinch of salt. Dip the slices of bread in this and fry a nice brown. Serve with butter. Delicious.

SUGAR GINGERBREAD.—Two cups sugar, one cup butter, one cup sour milk, one teaspoon ginger, one teaspoon soda, one egg.

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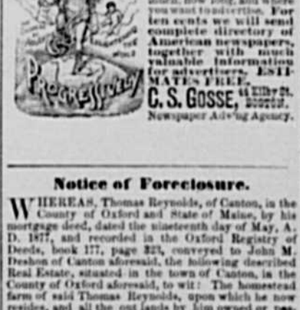

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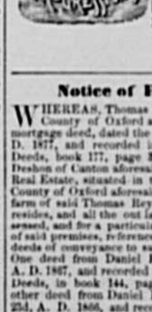

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SARAH K. DESHON, Administratrix of estate of John M. Deshon, by H. A. RANDALL, her Attorney.

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FEATURES OF HOSPITAL PRACTICE IN THE ENGLISH METROPOLIS.

Reasons for the Superiority of American Practitioners—Sir Morell Mackenzie. Private Medical Practice in London. Works on Medical Science.

Dr. William Campbell, one of the most prominent physicians in Kansas, has been in London studying features of London hospital practice. Some of the observations made by him concerning the results of his visit are very interesting. He said, in conversation the other night, that the practice of medicine in London was essentially different from the practice in the United States. In our country physicians had much better opportunities, and he was certain that they were all better practitioners as a class. He has been in the hospitals of Philadelphia and New York, and now is of the opinion that a student can gain more practical knowledge in the hospitals of those cities than in London, although study in a London hospital gives a man a better name. The American surgeons are much more skillful operators than the English. They are more delicate and gentle. It is to the discoveries of American surgeons that much of the mitigation of pain in operations has been reached. Dr. Campbell says that in nearly all of the London hospitals American manufactured instruments are used. Cocaine, an American discovery, has only recently been employed.

Dr. Campbell gave some of the reasons for the superiority of the American practitioners. He said that when an American physician had secured a proper amount of knowledge he could, with care and attention, gain a general practice. He became engaged at once in studying practical questions from actual experience. While he is not as much of a book man as the English physician, he has a much better practical knowledge. In England no physician can hope to obtain a practice of any value unless he has or has had some official connection with some of the great hospitals. He cannot have a first class practice unless he has reached a connection with a well known hospital, a membership in the Royal College of Surgeons, or through some piece of special good fortune, a title.

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