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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.

Agriculture at Washington.

[Maine Farmer.]

With however much of propriety it heretofore may have been charged that agricultural interests did not receive a due share of attention from law makers, it certainly is not likely to be true of the present Congress. Aside from the proposed elevation of the Commissioner of Agriculture to a position in the Cabinet, referred to elsewhere, the needed legislation for perfecting the experiment station bill has been promptly attended to, and the appropriation is now available. A bill, more horticultural than agricultural, perhaps, yet closely related to the common interests of all, has been introduced asking for a reduction of postage on seeds, plants, bulbs, and scions from sixteen to four cents a pound. It is doubtful, however, whether this finds favor in the present Congress.

Legislation for the extirpation of contagious pluro-pneumonia from the country is again asked for, and is warming up into a hard fight. This conflict is not so much for the legislation as it is what that legislation shall be. The Consolidated Cattle Growers' Association ask for a special commission to take the matter in charge, with an appropriation of a million dollars to expend on the job. The Bureau of Animal Industry, with Dr. Salmon as its chief veterinarian, has by law had the matter in hand the past year, and with the expenditure of about a quarter of a million—the appropriation was five hundred thousand dollars—have done all that any commission could have done in the same time in the way of wiping out the disease. Consequently there are those who believe the present order of things should be continued. Meanwhile between the two contending forces the matter is not likely to be overlooked.

While the oleomargarine question may be said to be before Congress, yet so far it has got no farther than the presentation of a bill for the repeal of the tax and its reference to the committee on agriculture. In this the farmers are only called upon to act on the defensive, as they do not call for legislation, but only desire the present law to stand. The hand of the oleo manufacturers was shown in an effort to have the bill referred to the ways and means committee, where it was well understood a report favorable to repeal would be secured. The friends of honest butter, however, moved its reference to the agricultural committee where it properly belonged, and gained the decided victory of a vote of 190 in favor to 36 against it. Thus it is easily seen that agricultural interests are receiving their full share of attention, and, what is still better, the demands of the farmers are being respected.

Corn for Canning Factories

It is the custom where factories are established for the canning of sweet corn, to send a man around among the farmers and get them to sign an agreement to plant a certain number of acres, with the assurance that the factory will be built if they can have the corn from a stated area. This plan in many cases leads to poor farming and loss to farmers. To be sure the company meant to be sure of business enough to be profitable before putting in the machinery, but there ought to be some other way to come at it. This is inducing farmers to do just what they should not do, and what they have done too long, viz., plant more than they can properly manure and cultivate. When a man has only manure enough for an acre, it is folly for him to spread it on three acres and attempt to give his sweet corn a full supply of nutriment by adding high-priced phosphates. Another point on which farmers should take some united action is the seed that they plant. The managers of most canning establishments claim the privilege of furnishing seed to farmers (at their own price, of course,) on the plea that they want to be sure that it will be the right kind, when in reality the object is to mix several kinds, early and late, so the corn would not all come to the shop at once, thereby obliging the farmer to pick his field over several times to get his crop. Four distinct varieties of sweet corn have been seen in one field from seed sent out by the concern as pure Early Crosby. And last year the canning men, in their attempts to lengthen out the season, furnished the farmers in some sections with a variety that grew fourteen feet high and did not fill at all; and in such cases the stalks were all the farmer had to show for his land, labor, time and manure. Farmers should demand a warrant to insure them against such loss, or the privilege of getting seed where they please.—Mirror and Farmer.

Spreading Manure in Winter.

Five years ago I set my hired man at work getting out manure. The land was level, and he put on about twenty-five loads to the acre, and spread it even and nice. There was about six inches of snow. It was in the month of December. This was where I plowed for potatoes and corn in the spring following. He manured about an acre and then drew the rest of the manure on to the mowing and spread it as he went. The mowing was improved the first year, and shows it yet. The corn and potato lot was about two acres in extent, and in the spring we finished manuring and spread as we drew, and as soon as we had finished, plowed the lot. The same quantity of manure of the same kind and quality was put on. The corn on this land showed exactly where we put on the manure in the winter; it was earlier by ten days and heavier in yield by over a third. This was on good nice land. Fifteen years ago my neighbor got out over one hundred loads of manure; in the winter he put it on a sloping lot across the road from me. The land was bare and frozen. My meadow lay opposite his lot with the highway between us. A brook ran at the foot of his lot and crossed the road, and spread out on my meadow. It was an open winter, the fore part of the season, and the rain washed the strength out of my neighbor's manure and I manured my meadow of over two acres so that it doubled the yield of hay for three years. Now here are two samples of winter manuring. It is good on level land, and is the true way to manure meadows by top dressing. There are exceptions to almost everything, but get out and spread all the manure you can in the winter and not waste it.—W. I. S., Canaan Valley, Conn., in Mirror and Farmer.

DEEP PLOWING.—Western papers are urging farmers to plow deeper, but before our Eastern farmers think this advice is meant for them, we hope they will consider a few points of difference. Our soil is thin and has been brought into a useful condition by cultivation and manuring, and the underlying earth is crude and worthless until it is subjected to the same treatment; their soil is rich and all ready to feed plants, in some instances to a depth of many feet, and the surface has been exhausted by cropping without manure; therefore in their fields, plowing deeper puts more fertility in reach of the plants, while in our fields deeper plowing calls for more manure to keep the soil up to the standard. Again, their soil being nearly all alluvial matter, the surface is in danger of being washed off if there is much slope, and the ground has not been plowed and loosened to a depth sufficient to absorb the rainfall.—Mirror and Farmer.

Look out for fruit trees where the snow has drifted over them. If the snow settles by thawing at the bottom first, it will break the limbs down. Scatter ashes or some dark substance on the surface and the sun will melt the snow faster.

Every farmer should bear in mind the fact that superiority of crops depends in a great degree on the good quality of seeds, and he should, therefore, try to get the very best, even if the cost be considerably greater.—Mirror and Farmer.

Save the old bones and old boots and shoes for the compost heap.

Good Crops in Unfavorable Seasons.

We are now a nation of sixty millions of people, and our population is increasing at a far greater rate than that of any other country in the world. By the end of the century we shall have one hundred millions of people in the United States—and such a people for enterprise, intelligence and wealth as no previous age has ever seen. But rapidly as our population increases, we have still more land than people; in most of the large nations of the world there are more people than land. This fact greatly influences our cultivation. Vast as are our aggregate products, our yields are comparatively small, and our profits are not unfrequently still smaller. We are a hopeful people. We occasionally get a large crop and a high price, and this encourages us to keep on sowing and planting, hoping for similar results in the future. But these hopes are quite likely to be disappointed. If cabbage, or potatoes, or onions, are high this year, outsiders rush in, and in a favorable season overstock the market. There is nothing to prevent this. The only thing for the regular gardeners to do, is to keep right along, and above all, guided by their experience, aim to get fair crops in unfavorable seasons. This can be done. And it is here where large profits are often made. With a soil otherwise favorable, the great secret of raising large crops in unfavorable seasons is plenty of manure. The quantity of manure which successful gardeners are in the habit of using astonishes an ordinary farmer. There are gardeners who use on the average more than fifty tons of stable manure per acre every year. According to all the deductions of science this is far more than is necessary, but the practical experience of the best gardeners proves conclusively that if they stop using manure, or if they use a much less quantity, the yield of their crops soon falls below a paying basis.—American Agriculturist for March.

Winter Time Misspent.

Now is the time when the stove of the village store is kept heated to redness, and the loungers of the neighborhood lured to gather around it and gossip through the passing hours over the events of the day. Many a farmer living convenient to this resort contracts a fondness for listening to and contributing to the daily renewed fund of the gossip. Enjoying the glowing warmth and entertained by the lively *obits* and stories while the wintry winds are blowing fiercely outside, time passes along all unnoted and unheeded by him.

Meanwhile, more or less needed work at home remains undone, or poorly done, and must wait until his late return from the store. The stock, perhaps, has not had proper mid-day attention. Necessary feeding and watering have been neglected, and so, little by little, the losses by this habitual neglect of home duties in the course of a winter come to aggregate more than every farmer can afford to suffer. They swallow up a long list of small profits and are in many instances the country over the beginnings of a train of adverse circumstances which ultimately bring disaster, and so induce the false belief that farming will not pay. Farming *does pay*—that is, the good, careful, industrious, economical kind of farming, where the pennies are looked after diligently as well as the dollars; but not the kind which is carried on by the stove of the village store, nor, worse yet, by that of the tavern bar-room.—American Farmer.

WINTER WORK.—Yes, there is a good deal of work that can be done on the farm in the winter season, but we must not work every minute and strain every muscle to its utmost tension as we often do in the summer time. We need to take some rest and recreation; visit our friends, neighbors, and the Grange or Farmers' Club, and read a number of good agricultural papers and a few good books and magazines. It does not take a very large stock of cattle to require the larger part of one man's attention during the winter season, so that if much team work is done, or many improvements made in the winter, it needs the services of a hired man, or a son or two. On most farms it will pay to keep a hired man in the winter. He should be hired by the year, and if both parties are suited, continue to hire him year after year, as long as you can; because he is worth more to you than a green hand; he understands how you require work to be done and he also understands the team, stock and farm; and by all means select a man of good morals. Sufficient wood should be got up and fitted for the stove to last a year or more, so as to be sure of dry wood all the time, if you burn wood. If it is coal you burn, this hint don't apply to you; but in this neighborhood we poor souls burn wood and but few have any ahead. It is mostly green, and what a nuisance! I try to provide dry wood for my household, but occasionally run short. Dry wood is cheaper by half, I know from experience.—F. H. D., Corning, N. Y., in Mirror and Farmer.

Warm Water for Cows.

A hearty cow, fresh in milk, and eating dry food, will frequently drink five or more ordinary pailfuls of water in a day. If this be taken into the system near the freezing point it must be warmed by the heat of the body, which heat costs the farmer money, just as the heat from the wood or coal we burn in our stoves costs money. It was long ago discovered that heat saved by tight walls and roofs is cheaper than the heat produced from hay and grain. It is now being learned that wood, coal, and kerosene oil is a cheaper fuel for warming water for animals than hay and grain. One feeder estimates that during the present winter five cents' worth of fuel used for warming the drinking water of his cows has returned him $1 50 worth of butter. It is not necessary to warm up to the blood heat point. Cattle usually like it better at a refreshing temperature. Some think 55° to 65° is about warm enough. It should never be cold enough to cause a cow to tremble after drinking.—New England Farmer.

Seed Potatoes.

There was a short crop last year, and the price has ruled higher than usual through the winter, but not as high as many expected, as large quantities have been brought across the Atlantic in addition to the usual importations from the Provinces. Whether or not the price of potatoes be excessive, it will pay to take good care of what we may have on hand. It will be a good year to try small, whole seed for planting, a method which some believe is the best. We have no hesitation about planting potatoes, the size of English walnuts, if they are kept from starting till time to plant. This size is too small for market, and worth comparatively little for feeding to stock. Some may be tempted to plant the foreign potatoes, but those who have experimented with European seed in years past, report very unfavorably of the result.—New England Farmer.

There is a vast difference in the comfort and labor of the farmer who sells his milk or cream at a creamery, and the farmer who has a local milk route, or who sends his milk to the city. In the former case the farmer does his milking at seasonable hours and leisurely takes his milk to the creamery. If he is a few minutes ahead or behind it makes no material difference. In the latter case he usually has to get up long before daylight and hurry and worry to get his milk to the depot in time, or his customers served promptly. A cynical old farmer says that creameries are only another device to make farmers lazy. There is, however, little danger of farmers being made lazy by lessening the hardship and severity of their labor. The lot of the average dairyman is hard enough anyway.—Rural New Yorker.

A farmer who has some valuable fact to communicate to his neighbor cannot do better than to send it through his paper, where it will be sure to have place, and reach many more farmers than if reported by word of mouth.

Do not depend upon any one crop. Have something to keep you reasonably busy the year round, and make everything pay at least a small profit.

Save the wood ashes for the garden.

LIFE'S A DANCE.

Fools may pine, and cots may swill,
Cynics jibe and prophets rail,
Moralists may scourge and drill,
Preachers prose, and faint hearts quail.
Let them whine, or threat, or wail!
Till the touch of Circumstance
Down to darkness sink the scale—
Fate's a fiddler, Life's a dance.

What if skies be wan and chill?
What if winds be harsh and stale?
Presently the East will thrill,
And the sad and shrunken sail,
Reliving with a kindly gale,
Bear you sunwards, while your chance
Sends you back the hopeful hail—
"Fate's a fiddler, Life's a dance."

Idle shot or coming bill,
Hapless love or broken bail,
Gulp it (never show your pill!)
And if Burgundy should fail,
Try a humble pot of ale!
Over all is heaven's expanse.
Gold exists among the shale.
Fate's a fiddler, Life's a dance.

Dull Sir Joskin sleeps his fill,
Good Sir Galahad seeks the Grail,
Proud Sir Pertinax flaunts his frill,
Hard Sir Asger dints his mail;
And the while, by hill and dale,
Tristam's braveries gleam and glance,
And his blithe horn tells its tale.....
Fate's a fiddler, Life's a dance.

Araminta's grand and shrill,
Delia's passionate and frail,
Doris drives an earnest quill,
Athanasia takes the veil;
Wiser Phyllis o'er her pail,
At the hearts of all remance
Reading, sings to Strephon's flail—
Fate's a Fiddler, Life's a dance.

Every Jack must have his Jill,
(Even Johnson had his Thrale!)
Forward, couples—with a will!
This, the world, is not a jail.
Hear the music, sprat and whale!
Hands across, retire, advance!
Though the doomsman's on your trail,
Fate's a Fiddler, Life's a dance.

ENVOY.

Boys and girls, at sing and snail
And their compeers look askance.
Pay your footing on the nail!
Fate's a fiddler, Life's a dance.

—HENLEY.

The Strike at Groton Gorge.

Arethusa Allen was only eighteen when she came to Groton Gorge to take charge of the district school—a slight, dark-eyed slip of a thing, with a low voice, and such a shy, timid way, that the big girls and rebellious boys at once jumped at the conclusion that she would be conquered at once in her capacity as "school-ma'am."

They discovered their mistake, however, in a very brief period of time. Miss Allen might be quiet, but she had the spirit of a Joan of Arc. She reduced her little flock to order, and she kept them there, too.

Mrs. Binns, who presided over the Gorge House, also bore testimony in behalf of Arethusa Allen.

"I didn't s'pose when I first see her, that she would amount to a row of pins," said Mrs. Binns, who weighed three hundred pounds, and stood five feet, eight inches in her stockings. "A slim, school girl-lookin' creetur like that! And I hadn't a room to spare, and I didn't see how I could possibly accomodate her. But she spoke up so pretty-like, that she hadn't no friends and didn't know where to go, so says I: 'If you don't mind a room over the laundry, I can clear out some of the stores and put you up a cot-bed till the season is over. It's a noisy place daytimes,' says I, 'with those Chinese cackling and screechin', but it's still and peaceable nights. And if you help me make out the bills and keep the accounts, Miss Allen,' says I, 'I'll consider it in your board, for I ain't no scholar and never was.'"

Mrs. Binns was an ungainly creature to look at, but she was as beautiful at heart as the Venus di Medici's self, and Arethusa soon felt herself at home in the little room over the laundry, whose windows looked out at the thread-like fall of a silver cascade and the unfathomable gloom of the fir glens beyond. For Groton Gorge was as lovely a place as ever leaned from mountain plateau over the misty valley below; and the Groton House was full of city boarders.

Nor was the domestic staff contemptible. Mrs. Binns had all her servants from the city during the summer season, and to all appearances, everything went on velvet.

Until one foggy August morning, when Mrs. Binns awakened to find herself racked in every joint by acute rheumatism, and utterly incapable of moving.

She sent for Mrs. Mackenzie, the cook, to give the day's orders; but Mrs. Mackenzie did not wait about roasting chickens and joints of spring lamb, before she began on her own account.

"Sorry to inconvenience you, ma'am," said Mrs. Mackenzie, with her arms akimbo; "but we ladies and gentlemen down stairs have concluded to ask for an increase of salary. And until you have conceded to our demands, we shall be impelled to resist from work."

Mrs. Binns opened her eyes wide.

"Ain't I payin' you good wages already?" said she. "And I can't afford to pay no more—not a cent!"

Mrs. Mackenzie took a roll of paper out of her apron-pocket and opened it.

"I have here, ma'am," said she, pursing up her thin lips, "the signatures of all of the ladies and gents at present assistin' in the mediterranean registe down stairs, including the four waiters of the colored gender and the two Chinese washer-laundries; and we won't none of us stay another hour without you'll agree in acumentary writin', ma'am, to raise our salaries."

And Mrs. Mackenzie tossed her head in spiteful satisfaction.

Mrs. Binns sank back on her pillows.

"I can't give no answer," she said—"not with this pain in my bones. Send Miss Arethusa Allen to me, please."

"Oh, certainly, ma'am—certainly!" said the cook rising. "Sorry you feel so poorly. But you'll bear in mind, ma'am, that we shall expect an answer immediate."

And Mrs. Mackenzie withdrew.

Presently Arethusa Allen came in—for, as it chanced, the district school had closed a week previously, for the summer vacation—and found Mrs. Binns dissolved in tears.

"What is it, dear Mrs. Binns?" said Arethusa.

"The help have all struck for higher wages!" cried Mrs. Binns. "And I'm payin' 'em more than I can afford now. And all the prices of provisions have riz, and I may as well close the place at once. Oh, Arethusa, my head aches so I can't think! What shall I do? Tell me—there's a dear?"

"Nothing," said Arethusa, quietly. "Just lie down again and let me send for the doctor."

"But the boarders and the dinner?"

"I'll see to that," said Arethusa "Trust me and all shall be right. Thos. people down stairs have been growing idler, and more domineering and inefficient every day; and now they want you to pay them more money really for doing less work. There must be an end to this. You will empower me with full authority!"

Mrs. Binns sent for the cook.

"Mrs. Mackenzie," said she, "I am too sick to parley with you, but Miss Allen will represent me fully. What she says, I say!"

And she lay down and turned her face to the wall, with shut eyes, as if she washed her hands of the whole concern; while Mrs. Mackenzie bridled and turned to the slim school teacher, who, in her heart she secretly despised "as no better than a servant herself, with all them airs and graces of hern."

"Well, Miss Allen," said she, "what's your mind on the subject? The sooner the question is settled the better for all parties. We ain't goin' to stand her imposition!"

Whatever idea Arethusa might have entertained as to the compromise was thoroughly banished by the cool insolence of this last remark.

"You may go," she said.

"Hey?" said Mrs Mackenzie, bristling up like a setting hen.

"I decline to entertain your proposal," said Arethusa, calmly. "Pack up your things, all of you, and leave the house at once. If you are expeditious, you may succeed in taking the noon train, that stops at the Gorge."

And she paid their wages, out of Mrs. Binn's cherry-wood secretary, and discharged them, as the good old lady remarked, "horse, foot and dragoons."

Then she called a convention of the boarders and told the tale.

"If you won't mind a dinner of cold lamb and lettuce to-day," said she, "with a dessert of snow pudding that I can make myself, I'll promise you something more elaborate to-morrow."

And they all cheerfully consented.

John, the stable-boy, was the only adherent left, and he harnessed up the horses and drove Miss Allen down the mountain side to a farmhouse, where lived Mrs. Beasley, the mother of the big boy who had been the school-ma'am's worst enemy at first and her most faithful ally ever afterward.

"Mrs. Beasley," said Arethusa, "I want to borrow your two daughters."

"Bless me, Miss Arethusa!" said the good woman, "what for?"

"To help at the Gorge House!" and Arethusa told her story. "Joanna and Fannie are quick, smart girls. "I'll pay them a dollar and a half a week to act as waitresses."

"They'd oblige you, Miss Arethusa, cheerfully, without a cent," said Mrs. Beasley.

"They will oblige me more by accepting a suitable remuneration," said Arethusa. "At this stage of the world, everything is worth its money value, you know. What say you girls, Will you go?"

"And welcome," said Fanny.

"If we can learn the business," said Joanna, who was shyer, and more distrustful of herself.

"I'll make it my business to instruct you," said Arethusa, brightly. "Pack up your things. Be ready to jump into the wagon when I come back."

"Can't I do nothing, Miss Allen?" said big Junius, wistfully.

"I am going to get Susan Rich to do the washing," said Arethusa. "If you would turn the handle for her sometimes—"

"I'll turn it from now to doomsday, if it'll help you, Miss Allen," said Junius. "Susan ain't half a bad girl, neither, if she didn't chaff a fellow so."

"Thank you, Junius," said Miss Allen. "You will oblige me very much, indeed."

Mrs. Ridley, who had once been housekeeper in a grand Poughkeepsie family, and now lived on her interest money, volunteered as cook, with the assistance of Marian Sevier, the rector's daughter, who had spent a winter in New York and taken lessons of Miss Parloa.

"It will be such fun," said pretty Marian, dancing up and down. "And Mark is to be Miss Allen's caterer, and send in supplies to her."

"Yes," said Mark Sevier—a college professor—who has just come home to the parsonage to spend his vacation—"The Gorge House shall be liberally supplied, even if I have to turn highway robber for Miss Allen's benefit. But I hope, Miss Allen, there need be no danger of our coming to that extremity. I know farmers who raise lambs, and calves and tender young 'broilers.' I can put my finger on brooks where trout do congregate, and boys who would like nothing better than to catch them. I know where the berry pickers live, and there isn't a melon-patch or plum orchard that I can't press into service. You shall live like epicures at the Gorge House!"

"Oh, Mr. Sevier, how can I ever thank you?" said Arethusa, who had scarcely known how to manage this portion of her duties.

"Do not try," said Mark gaily.

Miss Euprasia Boggs, the dressmaker, and Kitty Plume, who wove rag-carpets, swelled the ranks of waitresses, as soon as they learned that Miss Sevier was going into the kitchen, and Arethusa herself was to give out the linen and help with the desserts; old Mrs. Jenkins came as dishwasher.

"Anything to earn an honest penny," said she.

And the waitresses, when off meal duty were to act as chambermaids, under Arethusa's own direction, so that by nightfall the new staff of attendants were all on service.

"Well," cried Arethusa, gaily, to Mrs. Binns, "what do you think now?"

"I dunno what to think," said the landlady, with a sigh of intense relief. "It does seem as if you had witches' blood in your veins, Miss Allen."

The little band of industry worked well under its enthusiastic young leader. Of course there were some "hitches," some awkwardnesses, a few blunders. What housekeeping machinery was ever entirely devoid thereof? But on the whole it was a distinguished success. Gorge House had never known a better season. Mrs. Binn's treasury had never presented a more satisfactory balance. And when the boarders, driven by keen October frosts, went away, many of them had engaged rooms for the ensuing season.

Mrs. Binns hugged and kissed Arethusa, with the heartiest good will.

"My dear," said she, "if ever a fat old woman as don't deserve it had a guardian angel you're mine. And you'll be here next season to help me? Promise now!"

"Oh, I couldn't promise!" faltered Arethusa. "I am going to Europe next summer, with—with Mr. Sevier."

For one second Mrs. Binns was struck dumb.

"I might have known it," said she, recovering herself at last. "There wasn't never anything going on, but Mark somehow always got mixed up with it. He's the handsomest fellow hereabouts, as you are the prettiest girl. I hate to lose you; but I can't find it in my heart to grudge your good luck; but I must try and get along without you as best I can next summer, but I do hope to gracious that I shan't have no more strikes.—Saturday Night.

OXFORD HORSE TALK.

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Mr. Nelson's Theory Discussed.—More "Bear" County Horses.

In the last issue of the Lewiston Journal the noted horseman, C. H. Nelson, of Waterville, gives his ideas on breeding the trotter. The often quoted expression that horse-breeding is a lottery has no place in Mr. Nelson's theory. He says that breeding trotters is not a matter of luck, but is easy enough if one knows how and has the right goods to begin with. We have always noticed that when a man meets with a large measure of success in a certain business he is apt to ascribe his success to his shrewd and sagacious management, while the man who meets with failures attributes it all to luck.

Mr. Nelson has certainly been very successful in producing noted performers, and his ideas as to the best way of producing them are of the best and are entitled to consideration, but when in reply to the question, what percentage of 2:30 performers do you expect to produce, he answers, barring accidents, I can produce 99 per cent., he seems to us to be a little too sanguine, for none of the great breeders of the country have yet been able to produce even 20 per cent. of 2:30 trotters, and they have had no lack of the best material to do it with.

Mr. Nelson counsels the intending breeder to obtain young fillies sired by the best speed producing stallions and out of well bred mares that have been speedy but are now played out, but at the same time he would prefer a mare not fashionably bred that had produced speed, to one of a more fashionable breed that is untried. He also advises the young breeder to be sure and breed to stallions that are possessed of size, style and soundness, together with their speed and high breeding.

We think that one of the reasons of the large percentage of trotters produced by Mr. Nelson lies in the fact of his being a first-class handler of horses himself and possessed of good judgment in regard to how and when to trot them, and not being obliged to depend upon dishonest jockeys to train them.

Apropos to the subject of breeding we clip from the American Cultivator some sensible remarks:

The question uppermost in the minds of the average of young Northern breeders at this season is the selection of stallions with which they can mate their brood mares with the surest prospect of profitable returns. To the novice this may appear a very simple problem, but all who have studied the subject carefully, will agree that the number of points to be considered renders the question a very complex one. To the breeder, whose only object is to obtain a record breaker regardless of expense, it is very different, however.

The most valuable attribute that a horse can possess, or the one at least which will command the most money, is speed, combined with sufficient courage and endurance to get to the wire a little in advance of all competitors. The young breeder who has carefully studied the question, however, has doubtless been surprised at the small percentage of fast trotters got by the average standard bred trotting stallion; and still more astonished to learn that only a small proportion of the fast ones possess all the requisites of race horses or great campaigners. This is one of the first lessons that the average farmer who has decided to breed horses for profit should master. He will learn from it that if he succeeds in producing three fast trotters from every 100 foals he will fare better than most breeders have yet done.

From this it is plain that the profits will depend largely upon the character of the ninety-seven animals that are not up to the standard as turf performers. If these are sound and kind, not objectionable in color and markings, stand from 15 2 to 16 hands, with good style, lofty carriage, and are spirited drivers, they will sell from $150 to $600 each. Probably $300 or $400 will be a fair average when five years old. Estimating the average value of these at $300 each, and of the three fast ones at $1500 apiece, the aggregate value of the 100 animals will be $33,600.

Should the ninety-seven prove to be curby hocked, knock-kneed, dull-mettled animals, lacking in style, deficient in road dualities, and standing only from 14 2 to 15 1 hands in height, it will be hard finding cash customers at any price, and they will probably not average the breeder more than $100 or $125 per head at most. Now, admitting that the three fast ones in this lot are worth $3000 each, estimating the ninety-seven at $125 apiece, it will bring the aggregate price at $12,125 plus $9000 equals $21,125, which is about $12,000 less than the estimate of the lot in which size, style and road qualities are the leading characteristics.

While speed and quality are the most valuable attributes that a horse can possess, size, style, docility and excellent road qualities, combined with soundness, must not be lost sight of by Northern breeders. These are all hereditary qualities, and in order to secure them it will be necessary to obtain mares from such families as have produced them with the greatest uniformity, and mate them with stallions from families in which these qualities were fixed characteristics.

This seems simple enough, but in order to increase the chances of success, it is necessary to go a step farther and get such mares as are by stallions that have shown a capacity to produce speed, or if not old enough for that, they (the stallions) should be by sires that have either shown their ability to trot fast, or produce speed, or both. The chances will be still further increased if the animals are from dams which have produced winners, or are from mares whose produce have trotted fast. Get as many of the great producing brood mares, like Green Mountain Maid, Miss Russell, Emeline, Waterwitch, Alma Mater, Dolly, Woodbine, Meg Ferguson and others of that class in the pedigree, that it is possible to obtain.

In breeding for size it should be borne in mind that this quality is determined by the family rather than the individual. It is always safer to breed to a small stallion whose ancestors were from families noted for size, rather than to a large horse whose ancesters were small. George Wilkes was rather below the average for size. His sire, Rysdyk's Hambletonian, stood about 15 3. Abdallah, sire of Rysdyk's Hambletonian, was also about 15 3. Both sire and dam of Abdallah were good-sized animals. A glance at George Wilkes's 2:30 performers, as given in the Cultivator table last summer, will show that his get which have made records of 2:30 or better average fully 15 2 hands in height.

It appears by this that mares from families whose members are good sized animals will produce large offspring when bred to small stallions, provided the latter are from families in which size is one of the distinguishing characteristics. None of the valuable qualities of trotting stock is more easily controlled to a certain limit than size. Liberal feeding and judicious exercise during the first two years of the animal's existence are the factors by which this is accomplished.

Capt. Cyrus Ripley, living just north of Paris Hill, has a speedy gaited three-year-old colt got by the popular stallion, Baby Dean, out of a mare that has been fast. He also has a nice yearling colt from the same mare, got by Auda Tuell's Patchen horse, Detective Jr., by Detective Patchen, 2:36.

One of the handsomest horses in Paris is owned by George Elder, of the Shaw neighborhood. He stands sixteen hands, is a bright bay and is very clean cut and stylish. He is five years old and was got by a son of Smuggler, 2:15 1-2.

We have made arrangements which will enable us to get out some extra nice stallion posters and cards for those who wish to advertise their stallions. We will also, when desired, arrange the pedigree in the proper form for printing for those who dislike to bother with such matters. Send your orders early

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Public Towels.

The public towel is also never safe to use, that is, the towel that the public wipes on. It not only removes the moisture that is its purpose to do, but it rubs off scales, pieces of dead skin, lymph from cuts and abrasions, perspiration from the pores, mucus from the nostrils, pus from sores and ulcers and any liquid that is excreted from the surface of the body. These impurities and disease germs are retained in the meshes of the towel and are ready to attach themselves upon subsequent users of the towel. A hundred or more persons use one of the towels in a day, and those who are among the last, especially, run unpleasant chances of catching some ill or other.—Good Housekeeping.

Cigarettes for Parisians.

When Parisian ladies smoke, they use deliciously scented cigarettes tinctured with roses, carnations or heliotrope. A French journalist has recently visited the great establishments where cigarettes are manufactured for fashionable women exclusively. The most expensive kind made unites the fragrance of delicate flowers with a soupcon of opium. The journalist being evidently a woman scolds the Parisian belles for debasing themselves to the level of the brute creation—man—and warns them that they are ruining their teeth and contracting the bondage of the opium habit. The soupcon of the Chinese drug should be left out, of course; but it might not be a bad idea to encourage effeminate youth of the masculine sort to smoke these ladies' cigarettes. Heliotrope, carnation or rose perfume might do something toward fumigating the smell of burnt paper which now pervades the atmosphere of streets and parlors.—New York Tribune.

Dueling in Italy.

They evidently don't believe in duels in Italy. The recently promulgated penal code decidedly sets its face against that fashionable French amusement.

According to its provisions, the sending of a challenge renders the person sending it liable to imprisonment for from three to six months. The principals in a duel, even if they do not succeed in wounding each other, may be kept in durance vile for the latter period, while the seconds, if the meeting takes place, are liable to a similar penalty. Nor is punishment avoided because the "event" has taken place outside of Italian territory. In addition, any one insulting a non-combatant because he refuses to fight may be kept behind prison bars for a month or a year, according to the gravity of the offense.—Paris Cor. New York Star.

ALMOST A PANIC

An examination of the weekly report of deaths for the past month in Boston and other towns and cities in the country, reveals an alarming condition, owing to the great increase of deaths from Pneumonia as compared with previous years.

If this increase continues as it has for the last few weeks, a panic will certainly result. For example, the weeks ending Jan. 14th and 21st, one fifth of the deaths in Boston from all causes were the result of pneumonia. More than one hundred people died of this dreadful disease in that short time, and the mortality all over the country seems rather to be increasing than abating. Is it possible that medical skill and science can find no means to baffle and cure this terrible plague? Physicians seem powerless, and all theories regarding the disease, and the persons most liable to an attack, are broken down by its universal ravages. Neither old, middle aged, or young persons are exempt. Tendency to lung trouble used to be considered a predisposing cause for pneumonia. But this season the strongest and most healthy lungs in men and women seem to be no safeguard. We believe, however, that it is possible to prevent the disease, if not cure it, and that, too, by a simple remedy within the reach of all. We read lately in a pamphlet published by Dr. I. S. Johnson & Co., Boston, Mass., a method of treating pneumon

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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.

News of the Week.

THURSDAY. Sixteen passengers were injured by an accident on the Canadian Pacific at Sudbury Junction, east of Winnipeg.

SATURDAY. There is much wrangling among the New York Democrats relative to the calling of the conventions for the selection of delegates to the National Convention, Cleveland's and Hill's friends opposing one another's plans.——Mr. T. C. Crawford, a well-known journalist, interviews Mr. Blaine in Florence. He reiterates his former statements.——Remarkable progress of the Republican Club movement throughout the United states.

MONDAY. The fishery treaty severely criticised by Gen. Butler.——The Dependent Pensions bill debated and amended in the Senate, but not disposed of.——The Nicaragua Canal bill was passed.——Between thirty and forty lives lost by the explosion of a ferry steamer plying between South Vallejo and Vallejo Station, California.——The strike on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway begins and the business on the immense railway line practically at a standstill.

TUESDAY. The Union Square Theatre in New York was burned last night; loss $220,000. Seven firemen were injured. The Morton House, adjoining, was damaged, and the Star Theatre, where Henry Irving is playing, narrowly escaped destruction.——Albert Spencer's collection of paintings was sold in New York yesterday. Sixty-eight pictures brought $136,350.

WEDNESDAY. Three robbers stopped a train in Arkansas and robbed the express safe of a large sum of money.——The largest saddlery in this country burned at New Britain, Connecticut.——Terrific snow storms and avalanches in Northern Italy have caused loss of life and considerable damage.——The Senate Tariff bill, increasing the free list by adding to it many important articles, such as lumber, salt, wool, marble, etc., is made public. It will do to go with the Fishery Treaty. Neither of the measures can pass Congress however.

FRIDAY. Chief Arthur says he will resign if the strike against the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy is a failure, and recommend the order to disband.——Both sides remain confident.——Another terrible blizzard in Northern Minnesota and Michigan. Railways are blocked in both states.

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ATWOOD & FORBES, PUBLISHERS.

MUNICIPAL officers will oblige by sending to this office a copy of the annual report of their respective towns.

BY vote of the executive council, it was decided to have printed a biographical sketch of the late Governor Bodwell, with an account of his sickness and death, and the public funeral, with such tributes from the press, and resolutions of respect, passed upon the occasion, as might be deemed suitable. The work of preparing the memorial volume was entrusted to Dr. W. B. Lapham, whose name was sufficient guarantee that the work would be well done. The book has as a frontispiece a good portrait of Governor Bodwell. It contains a brief record of the life and death of an industrious, conscientious, successful man, and one of the best chief magistrates the state of Maine ever had.

Town Reports.

BETHEL.—Valuation, $711,377; assessments, 11,765.65; No. polls, 546; Net debt, 10,472.55.

BUCKFIELD.—Valuation, $354,672; assessments, 8,385.44; No. of polls, 504; debt above resources, 5,038.40.

CANTON.—Valuation, $383,425; assessments, $9,340.10; No. of polls, 329; debt above resources, 39,685.20.

HARTFORD.—Valuation, $273,135; No. of polls, 186; assessments, $4,193.77; debt above resources, $2,511.71.

HIRAM.—Valuation, $295,335; assessments, 5,100.09; No. of polls, 307, debt above resources, 2,150.68.

NORWAY.—Valuation, $1,035,510; assessments, 17,539.35; No. of polls, 809.

PARIS.—Valuation, $1,014,022; assessments, 14,156.11; No. of polls, 819; Net debt, 8,725.31.

PERU.—Valuation, $202,313; No. of polls, 170; assessments, $3,883.02; debt above resources, $8,467.71.

ROXBURY.—Valuation, $20,880; No. of polls, 43; assessments, $875.20; resources above liabilities, 108.90.

RUMFORD.—Valuation, $282,847; assessments, $6,116.94; resources above liabilities, $53.06.

SUMNER.—Valuation, $221,951; No. of polls, 221; assessments, $4,226.22; debt above resources, $2,873.09.

WATERFORD.—Valuation, $262,292; assessments, 6,648.91; No. of pols, 270; Net debt, 342.58.

WOODSTOCK.—Valuation, $186,745; assessments, 6,464.04; No. of polls, 225; debt above resources, 5,045.92; decrease of debt since last report, 1,241.69.

MEXICO.—Valuation, $93,671; No. of polls, 92; assessments, $2,395.80; debt above resources, 924.63.

Oxford Real Estate Transfers.

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ALBANY.	
M. F. Russell to C. Russell,	$ 50
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D. Hammons to E. L. Tebbets,	100
BETHEL.	
M. P. Methune to C. L. Abbott,	275
CANTON.	
A. L. Lodden to J. F. Jennings,	500
N. S. Stowell to M. E. Johnston,	100
DIXFIELD.	
J. J. Towle to Geo. H. Towle,	100
FRANKLIN PLANTATION.	
F. Andrews to G. W. Austin,	100
GREENWOOD.	
G. W. Farr to R. Cole,	200
W. D. Brown to C. Butterfield,	400
MEXICO.	
L. H. Harlow to E. L. Oldham,	600
J. C. Kibbler to J. H. Flagg,	375
MILTON PLANTATION.	
H. Davis to J. A. Hemingway,	10
W. F. Stevens to H. R. Godwin,	800
NORWAY.	
J. Whitehouse to E. G. Gammon,	150
R. Frost to E. G. Gammon,	150
A. K. Towne to L. M. Towne,	125
D. R. Holden to B. Truman,	12
B. Truman to C. B. Cummings,	12
Same to same,	150
C. A. Foster to same,	75
OXFORD.	
E. R. Stone to C. Hayes,	50
R. E. Wardwell to E. E. Stone,	200
PARIS.	
E. D. Andrews to J. C. Andrews,	25
G. H. Porter to W. A. Porter,	1900
F. Porter to E. Willis,	400
H. G. Brown to E. H. Brown,	1000
C. S. Dudley to J. S. Dudley,	1
PERU.	
C. Bisbee to B. F. Walton,	800
WATERFORD.	
J. C. Gerry to R. Gerry,	1
WOODSTOCK.	
C. A. Brooks to L. Shedd,	400
J. M. Day to E. Besse,	1

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

THE NORWAY FORGERY AND PARIS TOWN CASES TRIED.

The two cases which were tried last week attracted considerable attention and filled the court room with quite an audience. Many came from Norway as witnesses and spectators during the trial of Charles G. Brown in answer to an indictment for forging an endorsement on a check. The paper in question was a dividend check issued by the Norway National Bank, signed by H. D. Smith, Cashier, and payable to Weston Frost. The amount of the check was twelve dollars. It had been mailed by the Bank to Mr. Frost. The respondent, Brown, called for Frost's mail at the Norway post-office and it was delivered to him, including the envelope containing this check, sealed and addressed to Weston Frost. The evidence showed the respondent opened and took it to P. W. Judkins, the Clothier, to be cashed, at the same time endorsing Frost's name and his own on the back of it. The jury found him guilty of forgery and Judge Foster sentenced him to a term of two years in the State Prison. The sentence was criticised by some as too severe a penalty for the crime committed, but it is the least the Statute provides in the case of forgery and was compulsory upon the Judge. It is thought that an effort will be made to have Brown pardoned at the end of three or six months. County Attorney Hersey appeared for the State in this trial and Hon. John P. Swasey and S. S. Stearns Esq., for the respondent.

Paris people are all interested in the case of Addison S. Parsons vs. Inhabitants of Paris. This was an action brought for injuries caused the plaintiff by alleged defected highway at the junction of High and Paris Streets in South Paris village in December 1885.

The Democrat of Dec. 15, 1885 contains the following account of the accident which led to this suit:

"Perkins's team in coming on the Hill, Saturday night, met with a serious accident. In making the turn at junction of High and Paris Streets the horses either did not obey the rein, or could not on account of the ice in the road, and the whole team, in spite of all the efforts of the driver, were precipitated over the embankment into J. D. Williams's garden. Most of the men jumped, and strange to say only two were injured. Stephen Rawson was bruised about the face, and a Mr. Parsons, putting his feet onto the forward wheel in jumping, was thrown violently onto the frozen ground and it is feared badly hurt internally."

The defendant denied the defect, and claimed that the Plaintiff was not in the exercise of ordinary care.

Verdict for plaintiff $213.02.

Motion to set aside the verdict and for a new trial filed.

Swasey. Davis, Wright.

Court adjourned finally Thursday afternoon.

Dedication at South Paris

The Methodist church having been thoroughly repaired, improved and refurnished was formally reopened on Friday, Feb. 29th. Large audiences including a good number of preachers were present both afternoon and evening.

The services were in charge of Presiding Elder E.T. Adams, who was assisted by the different visiting and resident pastors. Not having a choir at present music was kindly furnished by the Congregationalist choir. Rev. N. T. Whitaker, D. D., pastor of Chestnut street church, Portland preached in the afternoon. A grand and inspiring sermon from 2 Tim., 3, 15, 16, 17.

At the close of the sermon a financial statement was made by the pastor, showing that the total cost of repairs had been about $1857. Of this amount over $1300 had been secured leaving an unprovided balance of about $530. Rev. A. S. Ladd then called for pledges, and $360 were secured.

At the conclusion of the service supper was served in the vestry for the preachers and others from a distance, and a pleasant social time enjoyed.

In the evening Rev. A. S. Ladd, of Auburn preached an excellent sermon from Ps. 17, 15. Cash and pledges then received left the indebtedness $100.

The repairs include outside painting and shingling, front porch and window, new jet upon the roof with modern finish, new windows of cathedral glass in the upper part, a partition at the head of the stairs, giving a convenient hallway and adding to the attractiveness and comfort of the main room. The upper part of the house has been newly plastered and beautifully tinted and decorated. Pulpit platform, altar rail and communion table are new; the latter the gift of four ladies connected with the church. The old pews have been replaced by assembly chairs from A. H. Andrews & Co. These are beautifully finished in color a little darker than cherry. The seats are firmly fastened to each other and to the floor. For attractiveness and comfort we think they are to be commended above the ordinary pew. The beautiful carpet from John H. Pray, Sons & Co., Boston, was the gift of the ladies' circle. Beside contributing thirty dollars toward other furnishings the circle also assumed $100 of the indebtedness. The vestries have also been painted, the small vestry carpeted, and the vestry chairs finished so as to correspond with the seats of the audience room.

Along with these improvements a plan to make the church hereafter free has been carried forward, the property being deeded by individual owners to the M. E. church according to discipline of said church. F.

Our Daily Bread.

Heavy and sour bread or biscuit has a vast influence through the digestive organs upon the measure of health we enjoy. How important to our present happiness and future usefulness the blessing of good health and a sound constitution are, we can only realize when we have lost them, and when it is too late to repair the damage. Notwithstanding these facts, thousands of persons daily jeopardize not only their health, but their lives, and the healths and lives of others, by using articles in the preparation of their food the purity and healthfulness of which they know nothing. Perhaps a few cents may have been saved, or it may have been more convenient to obtain the articles used, and the housekeeper takes the responsibility and possibly will never know the mischief that has been wrought. Paterfamilias may have spells of headache, the children may have lost their appetites, or look pale; if so, the true cause is rarely suspected. The weather, the lack of out-door air, or some other cause, is given, and the unwholesome, poisonous system of adulterated food goes on. Next to the flour, which should be made of good, sound wheat and not ground too fine, the yeast or baking powder, which furnishes the rising properties, is of the greatest importance, and of the two we prefer baking powder, and always use the Royal, as we thereby retain the original properties of the wheat, no fermentation taking place. The action of the Royal Baking Powder upon the dough is simply to swell it and form little cells through every part. These cells are filled with carbonic acid gas, which passes off during the process of baking.

The Royal is made from pure grape acid, and it is the action of this acid upon highly carbonized bicarbonate of soda that generates the gas alluded to; and these ingredients are so pure and so perfectly filted, tested and adapted to each other, that the action is mild and permanent, and is continued during the whole time of baking, and no residue of poisonous ingredients remains to undermine the health, no heavy biscuits, no sour bread, but if directions are followed, every article will be found sweet and wholesome.

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GUILTY OF MURDER.

The Jury Find Stain and Cromwell Guilty of the Murder of Cashier Barron.

BANGOR, MARCH 3.—At 11,10 o'clock to night the jury in the Stain-Cromwell case which had been out exactly 11 hours and 50 minutes, announced that it was ready to report. The court house bell was rung, and in a moment the court was awaiting the entrance of the jury. The prisoners were brought in, and for the first time Stain showed traces of agitation. Cromwell could not keep back his tears. The jury found both men guilty of murder in the second degree. After the verdict was announced, Stain braced himself bravely, making an exhibition of great nerve, and did not break down. Cromwell wept as he was being taken from the court room. A great crowd was present to hear the statement of the findings of the jury, the court room having been crowded all the evening.

TOWN ELECTIONS.

PARIS.

Moderator, H. G. Brown. Clerk, S. E. Newell. Selectmen, G. C. Pratt, Charles W. Chase, George W. Cole, Jr.

Treasurer, N. D. Bolster. S. S. Committee, S. L. Curtis. Collector and Constable, John Black.

Road Commissioners, Roscoe Tuell, A. S. Thayer, W. E. Cushman.

Appropriations: Schools, $1.00 per inhabitant; support of poor and other town charges, $2,500; highways (money) $4,000; town debt and interest, $2,300; snow bills of present winter, $1,500—compensation 15 cents per hour.

Dr. Weed, a Newport physician, heretofore regarded as eminently respectable, has been arrested for complicity in the Bennett robbery. It is thought that Whitney and Foster have implicated him in the affair.

The report of the town of Eden, in which Bar Harbor is situated, shows that the present valuation of the town is $3,436,-325. Almost exactly double what it was last year.

A number of boys, while coasting on a hill in Edmunds Village, lost control of their double-runner and ran into the guard-rail of a bridge. One of them is probably fatally injured, the others seriously.

The first number of the Biddeford Daily Standard appeared Feb. 27th. It is an evening paper of undoubted democracy.

Send postal note for 30 cents to the Norway Medicine Co., Norway, Me., and receive by mail, postage paid anywhere in the U. S., a bottle of Brown's Instant Relief for Pain.

On our 3d page to-day will be found a striking and instructive illustration of the comparative worth of the various kinds of baking powders now in the market.

BORN.

In Waterford, Feb. 21, to the wife of F. H. Morse, a daughter.
In South Paris, Feb. 24, to the wife of Rev. W. F. Holmes, a daughter.
In Auburn, Feb. 14, to the wife of Edgar L. Allen, a son.
In East Hebron, Feb. 22, to the wife of Addison Monk, a son.

MARRIED.

In Fryeburg, Feb. 26, by Rev. B. N. Stone, Mr. Dean H. Wiley of Lovell and Miss Elizabeth W. Chandler of Fryeburg.
In Waterford, Feb. 18, by Rev. Mr. Robinson, Charles E. Packard and Ida M. Parker.

DIED.

In Denmark, Feb. 20, Mrs. Freeland Wing, aged 79 years.
In Old Orchard, Feb. 16, Mrs. H. W. Lombard, formerly of Wilson's Mills.
In Chelsea, Mass., Feb. 22, Mrs. Alvin M. Rice, formerly of Norway, aged 47, years and 3 months.

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The annual meeting of the Corporation of the South Paris Savings Bank will be held at the Banking Rooms of said Bank in South Paris on Thursday, March 15th, 1888, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the election of officers and transaction of business.

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STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, SS:—Court of Insolvency, 4th Wednesday of Feb., A. D. 1888.

In the matter of OWEN P. SMITH, Insolvent Debtor.

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

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

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

Notice of Second Meeting of Creditors in Insolvency.

TO THE creditors of OCTAVIUS D. ELLINGWOOD of Paris, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine insolvent debtor:—You are hereby notified,

That with the approval of the Judge of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, the second meeting of the creditors of said insolvent is appointed to be held at the Probate Court room in Paris, in said County of Oxford, on Wednesday the 21st day of Mar., A. D. 1888, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon. You will govern yourselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the order of Court this 21st day of Feb., A. D. 1888.

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

Notice of Petition for Discharge. State of Maine.

OXFORD, SS:—Court of Insolvency. In the case of WILLIAM S. FROST, Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has, on this 21st day of Feb., A. D. 1888, been presented to said court for said county, by William S. Frost, of Hanover, in said County, praying that he may be decreed a full discharge from all his debts, provable under the provisions of Chapter seventy of the Statutes of Maine, and upon said petition, it is ordered by said court that a hearing be had upon the same before said court at Paris in said county of Oxford, on Wednesday the 21st day of Mar., A. D. 1888, at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published in said county of Oxford, once a week for two successive weeks, the last publication to be seven days before the day of hearing; and that all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons interested, may appear at said place and time and show cause if any they have, why a discharge should not be granted said debtor according to the prayer of his petition.

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

Notice of Petition for Discharge. State of Maine.

OXFORD, SS.—Court of Insolvency. In the case of DAVID MORSE, Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has, on this 22d day of Feb., A. D. 1888, been presented to said court for said county, by David Morse, of Gorham, in said County of Oxford, praying that he may be decreed a full discharge from all his debts, provable under the provisions of chapter 70 of the Statutes of Maine, and upon said petition, it is ordered by said court that a hearing be had upon the same before said court at Paris, in said county of Oxford, on Wednesday, the 21st day of Mar., A. D. 1888, at nine o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published in said county of Oxford, once a week for two successive weeks, the last publication to be seven days before the day of hearing; and that all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons interested, may appear at said place and time and show cause if any they have, why a discharge should not be granted said debtor, according to the prayer of her petition.

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

Notice of Assignee of his Appointment.

At Paris, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine the 22d day of Feb., A. D. 1888.

The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of

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

EUGENE F. SMITH, Assignee.

Notice of Assignee of his Appointment.

At Paris, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, the 22d day of Feb., A. D. 1888.

The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of

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

JONATHAN BLAKE, Assignee.

Notice of Assignee of his Appointment.

At Paris, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, the 22d day of Feb., A. D. 1888.

The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of

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

E. F. STONE, Assignee.

Messenger's Notice.

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

OXFORD, ss.—Bethel, Feb. 23d, A. D. 1888.

THIS is to give notice, that on the 23d day of Feb., A. D. 1888, a warrant in insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of Tristram H. Durell, of Bethel, in said County, adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said debtor, which petition was filed on the 1st day of Mar., A. D. 1888, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; that the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of said debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency to be holden at the Probate court room, in Paris in said County of Oxford, on the 21st day of Mar., A. D. 1888, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

ALVAN B. GODWIN, Deputy Sheriff,
as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

Messenger's Notice.

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

OXFORD, ss.—Canton, Feb., A. D. 1888.

THIS is to give notice, that on the 23d day of Feb., A. D. 1888, a warrant in insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of Stephen M. Attwood and Preston S. Lowe, co-partners, under the firm name of Attwood & Lowe as co-partners and individuals, adjudged to be insolvent debtors, on petition of said Debtors, which petition was filed the 17th day of Feb., A. D. 1888, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; That the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtors, to them or for their use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by them are forbidden by law; That a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtors, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of their estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris in said County, on the 21st day of Mar., A. D. 1888, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

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STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, SS:—Court of Insolvency, 4th Wednesday of Feb., A. D. 1888.

In the matter of WILLIAM S. FROST, Insolvent Debtor.

It is hereby ordered, That notice be given to all persons interested in the settlement of the account of Alvan B. Godwin, Assignee of the above-named Insolvent Debtor, by causing a copy of this order to be published two weeks, successively, in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in Paris in said County, that they may appear at a Court of Insolvency to be held at the Probate Court Room on the 3d Wednesday of Mar. next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon, and object if they see cause.

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

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

Notice of Second Meeting of Creditors in Insolvency.

TO THE creditors of THOMAS S. BENSON, of Buckfield, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, Insolvent Debtor—You are hereby notified, that with the approval of the Judge of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, the Second Meeting of the Creditors of said Insolvent, is appointed to be held at the Probate Court Room, in Paris, in said County of Oxford, on Wednesday the 21st day of Mar., A. D. 1888, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon. You will govern yourselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the order of Court this 21st day of Feb., A. D. 1888.

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

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

GEORGE B. WATSON, late of Brownfield 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. 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.

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

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

Feb. 21, 1888. VIRGIL P. DECOSTER.

OXFORD, SS:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Feb., A. D. 1888.

WILLIAM WOODSUM, Executor on the estate of Levi J. Atkins, late of Peru, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

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

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

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

OXFORD, SS:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of Feb., A. D. 1888.

WILLIAM WOODSUM, Executor on the estate of David G. Turner, late of Peru, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

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

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

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

OXFORD, SS:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Feb., A. D. 1888.

ADELBERT DELANO Administrator with the will annexed on the estate of Hosea Benson, late of Canton, in said County of Oxford, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

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

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

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

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

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

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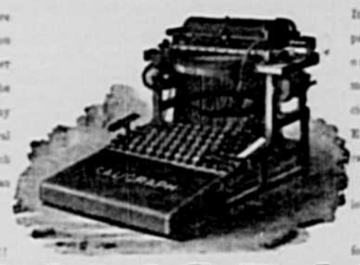

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Paris Hill Brass Band.—Emery Mason, Leader; meetings Friday evenings, at the School House.

"It's a ——— outrage."

"Well, the town is bled again."

Court adjourned last Thursday afternoon.

"Guess they must think the town is made of money."

The Court reporter remains in town during her vacation.

Miss Jeannie Hubbard left Saturday for a visit to Boston.

Frank Stanley, Esq., of Dixfield, was at Paris two days last week.

Mr. Horace Cleveland, of the Telephone office, Canton, was in town Saturday.

Miss Gertrude Jones, of Freeport, is visiting at J. S. Wright's for a few weeks.

"If that piece of road is defective, there isn't ten rods anywhere in the State that isn't indictable."

Until further notice the band will meet for practice Tuesday and Saturday evenings of each week.

S. A. Lowell, Esq., Secretary of the Maine Benefit Association, of Auburn, attended Court at Paris last week.

John S. Harlow, Esq., of Dixfield, who was recently admitted to the Bar in Minneapolis, will read law in the office of James S. Wright, Esq., in this village until the May term of S. J. Court.

The Temperance Record for March contains a good portrait of Hon. Sidney Perham, and a brief sketch of his life. Mr. Perham was at one time Grand Chief Templar, and has served in various other positions in the Grand Lodge of Good Templars.

Prof. Button, magician and ventriloquist, gave two entertainments at Academy Hall Friday and Saturday evenings. He was not so well patronized as his entertainment warranted. He is remarkably skillful in sleight of hand, and his tricks excite the admiration of old as well as young.

The thermometer for the week past has indicated the following at 7 o'clock in the morning:

Tuesday, Feb. 28,	4 above.
Wednesday, Feb. 29,	2 "
Thursday, Mar. 1,	12 "
Friday, Mar. 2,	12 "
Saturday, Mar. 3,	20 "
Sunday, Mar. 4,	20 "
Monday, Mar. 5,	12 "

SOUTH PARIS.

Oliver P. Cummings has been suffering severely the past two weeks from injuries received in the railroad accident several years ago. His lungs were so affected that it is almost impossible for him to breathe at times.

A. G. Dudley has visited Kelliher's camp, where so many teams from this place and Norway are engaged in logging. He found the boys all well, doing a good business, and enjoying life in the manner peculiar to the logging camps of Maine.

Many attended the town case which was on trial at the Hill last week. The jury gave Mr. Parsons a verdict of some over two hundred dollars.

Hill's new variety store is attracting many of the shoppers. If you have not called, don't fail to do so.

Sewall Millett, who has been at work for F. L. Millett the past year, has moved his family back to his farm in Greenwood.

About forty legal voters attended school meeting Saturday evening. F. A. Thayer was elected moderator, A. C. T. King clerk, Dr. Horatio Woodbury, Rev. A. G. Fitz and Mrs. W. J. Wheeler, grading committee. Voted to raise three hundred dollars for a high school. Voted to raise fourteen hundred dollars to pay the indebtedness of the district incurred in erecting the school building. Dr. Horatio Woodbury, J. W. Cursley and A. C. T. King were appointed a committee to ascertain what extra school room was needed by the district and report the best way to obtain the same. The grading committee has by much patient labor succeeded in getting the system in good working order and soon classes will graduate yearly. Dr. Horatio Woodbury was chosen agent. Adjourned to Saturday, March 31st.

George P. Tucker has been very successful in the poultry line. Brown and White Leghorns are his favorite and of these he makes a specialty. He sells eggs of these varieties 26 for $1 50, or 13 for $1.00.

Kenney & Plummer have just received a new stock of spring hats. If you are a farmer, laborer or mechanic, buy the "Yeoman." If you are dressy and aristocratic, the "Cromwell" is the one you want. These are the spring styles.

J. W. Bennett, of Gilead, was here Saturday. Mr. Bennett is one of the most successful lumber dealers in Oxford County. He also has a large general store.

J. H. Winslow can furnish you with good cows or some fancy steers.

South Paris Assembly, K. of L., give notice that Hon. A. C. Carlton, of Somerville, Mass., will give a free lecture on the subject of labor at New Hall Wednesday evening, March 7th. All who are interested in labor are cordially invited to be present.

Notice of the annual corporation meeting to be holden next Tuesday evening has been posted by the clerk, A. C. T. King. Lighting the streets, street sewers, and various other subjects of interest will come before the meeting.

S. P. Stearns is in Boston.

The Ladies' Circle at the Baptist church entertained their friends at their sale and supper last Wednesday evening. About seventy five took supper, and the Circle cleared eighteen dollars.

Supt. Morton is fast regaining his former health.

A. E. Shortliff made an exhibit at the Bangor Poultry Show at Bangor, of his favorite species, the Light Brahma, securing first premium on pullet and second on cockerel. This exhibition was open to the world.

The ladies of South Paris will give an entertainment and supper at the hall in Odd Fellows Block on Friday evening, March 9th, for the benefit of William K. Kimball Post, G. A. R. Admission, free. Supper 20 cents. All are invited.

W. A. Frothingham holds the agency for the Cumberland Superphosphate, which has been on the market, giving entire satisfaction, for more than a score of years. It is manufactured at Boothbay, Me., and its analysis is among the highest.

The Grange is to have a leap year entertainment in the near future. The committee are Mrs. H. A. Fuller, Mrs. A. S. Thayer, Mrs. Hiram Cummings, Mrs. O. G. Curtis, Mrs. Leonard Whitman, and Mrs. Joseph Briggs.

The Literary Club, having outgrown their hall, have procured the one over the Savings Bank, which has been tastily furnished. They dedicated it with a sociable last Friday evening.

F. R. Maxim is at home.

"Among the Breakers," was a success, notwithstanding Tuesday night was well taken up by the services at the church and Masonic Hall. The young men's entertainment was well attended. David Murray was well personified by C. A. Clifford, by whose efforts mainly the drama was undertaken. W. G. Swett, with his local hits, made a fine "Paragraph." Miss Carrie Briggs made a capital Mother Carey, which was a difficult part. Miss Shaw sustained her reputation as an actress. All parts were excellent.

District Deputy Frank Stanley, of Dixfield, visited Paris Lodge officially last Tuesday evening.

Charles Pratt is home from Auburn.

Rev. W. F. Holmes little boy was severely hurt sliding Saturday.

The ladies of the Methodist Circle want work.

News was received Thursday afternoon of the sudden death of Mrs. Mellen Rice, of Chelsea, Mass. Mr. Rice, of the firm of Rice & Holway, in Boston, is a son of Alvin Rice of this village.

Horace Edgerly, wife and daughter are spending a few weeks in Portland with their son, Will Edgerly.

Ernest Morse, of Marlboro, Mass., is visiting at his grandparents, L. P. Winslow's, in the Biscoe District.

Charlie Cooper is progressing finely on his new house. Intends to have it ready for the masons in April.

THE BEAR BRIGADE.

Wilson's Mills.

Dr. Cobb was up again Sunday to see Henry Bennett.

James W. Parker, of Berlin, is in town looking over the timber.

Will Durkee, of Magalloway Plantation, has sold his farm to the Berlin Mills Co., and moved his family to Bethel.

Walter West has gone to the lake.

Hartford.

Mrs. Lizzie Thayer has returned from Kansas, where she has been spending the last three years. She says the farmers out there are plowing.

B. Y. Benson drove his oxen to Auburn and had them butchered. Good beef is worth 6 cents per pound; the best 6 1-2 cents.

Charles Merrill has two teams hauling birch from Bear Mountain to North Turner for G. T. Piper.

The Line School closed one week sooner than was expected, on account of sickness in the teacher's family.

There is quite a revival of religion in East Buckfield, and is slowly working towards Hartford.

Norway Lake.

Quite a number of young people from the Lake are attending school at Norway.

Our sick people are gaining slowly.

Mrs. B. G. Barrows is staying at Samuel Partridge's. She has been taking care of Mr. P., who has been very sick with pneumonia.

Capt. William Green, of the Centre, father of F. T. Green of this place, is very sick. The doctor has pronounced it blood poisoning.

Mrs. Otis Stevens has been spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Stevens.

Rumford.

Another cold wave struck us endways yesterday.

They are getting the lumber from the Pettengill lot very fast.

A young man by the name of Bennett lost a part of two fingers on a circular saw last week. Drs. Stuart and Abbott dressed the wounds.

The Jolly Club came to life last week, and had a good turn-out. There is danger of a freeze-out at the next, unless the weather changes.

Roxbury Pond.

Walter Easter and Isaac Harper have caught a barrel of pickerel, which they intend to send to Boston.

Miss Mamie Reed is staying at P. M. Edmund's for a short time.

John Ladd has gone into the woods to work for Foster & Marble.

Roxbury.

The Philbricks are nearly done with their spruce job. They have a good pile of logs on the river bank below N. Taylor's

Bartlett has moved his crew up to Birch Brook Pond, and added another team. He is determined that the pine shall come out to the river as per contract.

Frank Reed and family are at his boyhood home. He will do some carpenter work on his mother's house.

The poplar crew on the Brad. Knapp farm will finish this week and move from town. They will put about 1000 cords on the river bank.

North Fryeburg.

The Ladies' Aid, with some invited guests, met with Miss Olive Charles Feb. 24th. The occasion was one of much social enjoyment.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Shaw are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Rev. Mr. Alvord was in Denmark a day or two of last week.

Mason.

Our roads are fair for the time of year. The few warm days of last week helped them much.

As Woodsum Scribner was driving a pair of steers with a load of hay for A. G. Lovejoy, he fell in the road and was drawn under the roll of the sled. Mr. Elbridge Pike was driving another team forward of him, and, hearing the boys cry for help, went to him, but he was so drawn in between the role and beam, or bar, that he could not get him out, and had to leave him there and go to the neighbors for help. When taken out, though bruised and scratched some, was not seriously injured. He is somewhat lame and sore, but otherwise all right now.

Mrs. Hutchinson is much better.

J. H. Bean is hauling birch to West Bethel. He goes three turns a day.

Tell that generous correspondent of yours to send along his crows. Will acknowledge the gift with thanks.

Newry.

Thurston, of the Branch mill, is now engaged in setting up his engine and boiler, which came last Saturday.

There is an epidemic of colds prevailing in this vicinity at present. Two or three are on the sick list in a number of families.

A blind man, a student of Bates College, is lecturing in these parts on "Popular Education." At the festival at North Newry last week he delivered a poem, entitled the "Newry Reid," which was a very meritorious composition. It was read by the hand from a manuscript written in a peculiar style.

Bryant's Pond.

Isaac Lapham and wife, of Litchfield, are in town.

Edwin Brackett proposes to let his farm for two years, to some reliable party.

Town election comes Monday. There don't seem to be so many slates as usual made up this year.

Lizzie F. Jacobs and Flora Stevens are soon to open a millinery store in our village. They will occupy the Crawford store.

Miss Lena Houghton has secured a position in the South Paris shoe shop.

Grafton.

Fordyce E. Brooks has finished his logging job. Has got to the river about four hundred thousand spruce.

E. I. Brown has put into the woods this week six oxen. His men and oxen stop at the camps that Henry Lombard vacated. He now has six oxen and one pair of horses parading timber, and eight horses hauling to the river. The eight horses haul about two hundred and fifty logs per day. He has one span hauling supplies for men and teams. It is not often that you see twelve as good horses owned by one man in the country.

Hiram.

Mr. George Gould, of Bridgton, has been visiting in Hiram the past week.

George W. Sawyer, a clerk with Rines Bros., in Portland, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Edwin Herriman.

R. G. Green has been in Portland a week with an aunt, who is dangerously ill.

Mrs. Daniel Hutchins is sick with neuralgia.

Mr. John Clark has recovered and resumed work.

Mrs. Addie, widow of William Small, of East Hiram, died Feb. 2nd, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Eben Morrill, in Baldwin.

John W. Hubbard has retired from the store of A. & P. B. Young, and is in the store of Eli B. Bean, in Brownfield. Mr. Andrew Reed, of Sebago, is a clerk for the Youngs.

Dr. Wilson is recovering.

Fred C. Allen, a graduate of Gorham Normal School, has gone to Orono to enter the State College.

Edwin Herriman has been visiting at Boston and Haverhill.

Miss Hattie Eastman, of South Bridgton, is visiting at Reuben S. Moulton's.

The Prohibition Party will run a ticket at March election. An effort will be made to sell the town farm, also to change from school district system to the town system.

Charlie Wales and family, of Porter, recently visited his father-in-law, James H. Ridlon.

Mrs. Sarah Clemons is very ill at Llewellyn A. Wadsworth's house.

28th 3° above zero.

Denmark.

Rufus Bennett has finished his job of logging at Fryeburg and returned home.

Augustine Ingalls has finished making shook and sent the last to market. The staves were sawed some years ago but not shooked before for want of a good market.

Measles are quite prevalent. Dr. Brown has twenty cases on hand at the present time. The disease is of a light type. No serious cases yet.

Peru.

Henry Robinson sold a yoke of 3 year-old steers that girted seven feet, to a man in Paris for $125.

Daniel W. Walker is attending school at Dixfield Academy this spring.

Fannie Newton has gone to Dixfield to work in the tooth-pick factory.

East Peru.

W. H. Conant is buying potatoes in this place. He is paying 70 cents per bushel.

The butter factory at Buckfield have established a cream route from Canton up the river road as far as A. B. Walker's, and down on the other side of the river, and send the cream on the cars to Buckfield.

Andover.

Fred C. Akers and J. O. Newton, who have been teaching in Kennebec County, are home for a few weeks.

The M. E. society held their sociable at the hall Wednesday evening of this week.

There is to be a spring term of school at the village, taught by A. K. Bryant, with Miss Helen Berry in charge of the primary department.

Mrs. Lincoln Dresser and Miss Gertie Dresser are visiting friends in Portland.

Miss Lulu L. Abbott, a successful teacher in the New Hampshire schools, is visiting her father, H. H. Abbott, of South Andover.

Miss Minnie Keyes, from North Jay, is visiting friends at East Andover.

Some of our leading farmers purpose to furnish cream for the Rumford butter factory the coming season.

The roads are the best they have been for the winter.

Meserve has a new trade—logging.

A lyceum was organized at the village Tuesday, Feb. 28th, with D. W. Barnes, Pres., and Owen Lovejoy, Sec.

Fryeburg.

School closed on Tuesday. The entertainment of the evening was a reading by Miss Ida Brown, the elocutionist, followed by a sociable.

Miss H. C. Osgood went to Portland Wednesday morning.

George Randall made a trip to Boston for Mr. Mark—absent a few days.

Mrs. Frank Wiley, of Bartlett, has been visiting friends here.

There was a stereopticon show at Mark's Hall on Wednesday evening—scenes of the war.

Miss Fannie Hubbard, of Hiram, is visiting Mrs. Parsons and other friends.

Miss Hattie Abbott is at home, having closed her school in Denmark.

Mr. Richardson has joined his family in Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Heald are improving the vacation by visiting friends and relatives.

The absence of the scholars makes a perceptible difference, not only on the street but at the evening meetings at the vestry.

Edward Weston is at home.

The Union Association of Cong'l ministers meets here with Mr. Livingston on Tuesday, March 6th.

East Waterford.

Mrs. Susie Cummings is quite ill at J. K. McIntire's.

Mrs. Albert Holt is also sick.

Estella A. Pierce, of Malden, Mass., is visiting at her uncle's, S. S. Hall's.

P. N. Haskell has bought a horse for his daughter, Clementine.

Lovell.

G. A. Kimball lost a fine, young horse lately, by jumping on a stake in the snow and being injured so badly that it became necessary to kill him.

We have had two caucuses in town and probably somebody will be elected Monday.

Recently at S. H. Harriman's mill Virgil McAllister turned 6800 dowels in a day.

The stock of hardware has been moved into the store recently occupied by G. H. Moore, and Moore & Brown are ready for business.

Mrs. O. E. Andrews still remains quite sick.

Oxford.

The adventists are holding extra meetings at Engine Hall.

L. C. Stone has bought Robert Wardwell's building near the Oxford House and removed his goods there. The shop formerly occupied by him is to be used for the post office.

At the Republican caucus on Tuesday evening the following committee were chosen:

Julius Fuller, M. W. Brackett, Roscoe Staples, E. V. Walker and Nathaniel Frost, town committee; Dr. A. L. Hersey, W. H. Farris and Henry Coy, delegates to State Convention; L. N. Edwards, S. H. Faunce and C. T. Wardwell, to District Convention; George C. Poor, John Chalbourne and A. E. Rosinson, to County Convention.

Judkins & Noyes, of Norway have been selling clothing at the factory store.

West Sumner.

Very good traveling at present writing.

The sick people in this vicinity are on the gain, thanks to Dr. C. M. Bisbee.

Town meeting is near at hand, and now who are to be the officers.

Hattie Young, the girl who was so severely burned, is on the gain.

The "Stain trial" is read with much interest in this village. What the verdict will be is yet to be learned.

Locke's Mills.

Died, in Brunswick, Feb. 29th, Mrs. Eliza H. Harmon, widow of James A. Harmon, formerly of Bird Hill, Bethel.

Town meeting Monday, March 12th.

Our town reports make a good showing for the town and also shows the work the collectors have done the past year at little less than $1000 of taxes uncollected to March 1st. W.

South Bethel.

Quite a large number of friends and acquaintances of Clara Ripley met with her last Monday evening, and before they left they presented her with a purse of twenty-one dollars, as a token of their esteem. Nearly all of the party were from Locke's Mills.

I. A. Cushman has nearly completed his job of hauling poplar.

The Lyceum Club debated the question, "Resolved, That the present administration should be supported." The discussion was interesting and exciting.

East Hebron.

We are enjoying fine weather for a variety.

The ordination of J. F. Keith occurred with the East Hebron F. B. church Tuesday, the 28th. The services were conducted as follows: Ordination sermon, by Rev. F. W. Towne, of Otisfield, (former pastor of this church) text—Acts 5:20. A very interesting and instructive sermon, followed by the ordination prayer, by Rev. C. T. Keene, of East Hebron. It was a very feeling and impressive prayer. The charge, by Rev. C. T. Keene. Right hand of fellowship by Rev. F. W. Towne, and benediction by the candidate.

A. M. Fogg is on the sick list this week. Suffering from an abscess on the face and a kick from a colt.

H. R. Keene has hired Arthur L. Bonney to drive the cream team for a while.

East Bethel.

The lyceum on the evening of Feb. 24th was very interesting. The question, "Resolved, That town system of schools is preferable to the district system," was decided in favor of the negative. The paper, read by Flora E. Bartlett, was much enjoyed by all.

The selectmen have been visiting all the school houses in town for the purpose of appraising them.

Charles C. Kimball, George K. Hastings, E. S. Bartlett, George Swan and others recently visited Wild River, on a hunting expedition. Deer are now plenty in this vicinity.

Eugene Bean and wife visited friends in Grafton.

Fred B. Howe is visiting relatives in Waltham, Mass.

Miss Flora E. Bartlett is visiting friends in West Bethel, Bethel, etc.

East Bethel Sewing Society will meet March 8th with Mrs. Susie Perkins at her father's, S. J. Howard.

Dickvale.

Sore throats and bad colds are the order of the day.

G. L. Child is improving.

Mrs. Leonard Canwell was improving at last accounts.

Little Edith Townsend is still failing.

The Rowe brothers have finished hauling birch. They have made daily trips with one or two exceptions.

Miss Berths Hammond, of Paris, is visiting relatives in this place the past week.

The funeral services of Mrs. Freeland Wing, of Dixfield, took place at No. 4 school house, Peru, the 22d, Rev. A. A. Abbott officiating.

Hebron.

The South Oxford Sunday School Association met at the Baptist church here on Wednesday, Feb. 29th, afternoon and evening. The exercises were interesting and quite well attended.

Miss Nellie Glover and Miss Winnie Harden arrived home Tuesday, one from Massachusetts and the other from Bar Harbor. All are glad to welcome them back.

F. R. Glover was out with his new sleigh this week to deliver goods. It is a very handsome and convenient carriage and looks as if Mr. G. meant business. He tells us he is having wheels made for it so as to be ready for bare ground. It takes in four seats and will be a great convenience in carrying passengers on special occasions. We are glad to see things progressing. C.

Albany.

The Methodist society held a box festival Tuesday evening at J. W. Cummings's, for the benefit of their minister, Rev. A. H. Witham. Quite well attended.

George Brown, of West Peabody, Mass., who was here the first of the winter sending spruce logs to Boston, Mass., for a spars, is here again with his son intending to send a few car loads of the same kind.

The snow has settled considerably in the woods, but is yet quite deep.

Sledding very good.

George and Alice Wilbur are attending the spring term of Gould's Academy at Bethel.

George Grover, who has been driving a tote team at Gorham, N. H., has returned.

Jones McAllister is improving in health. His steam mill is in operation.

Mrs. Wentworth is yet very low and not likely to recover.

Stephen Libby is setting in his mill a new Turbine wheel manufactured at Bridgton by Perry.

H. A. Cross has returned from Gorham, N. H., where he has been driving a team. L.

Old February takes his leave of us today and his parting breath is a cold one.

Sledding good and many are improving it.

Theron Z. Cummings has just completed hauling pulp wood to the river.

S. W. Libby's new water wheel greatly increases his power which was much needed as he has the most timber at his mill that he has ever had.

Wallace B. Cummings has bought a nice horse of his brother George. Price unknown to the public.

The sick folks are all gaining.

All are anxious about town meeting and we hope none will have a relapse after the fever is over, as many office seekers must get disappointed. SCRIBBLER.

Mexico.

Daniel Oldham is confined to his bed and under a doctor's care, but is improving.

Hosea B. Whitman is confined to the house, is under a doctor's care and fears are entertained that he is to have a lung fever.

A daughter of Carle Barnes knocked an elbow out of joint while sliding. She is comfortable however now.

Mrs. Polly Day is sick, but on the up grade.

The Roberts are on the last half of the 100 cords of birch they were to land here.

Wm. Coffrain has moved into the Wm. M. Hall tenement.

Ernest Oldham has returned from Iowa and purchased the Thomas Harlow farm.

Mrs. C. K. Virgin has been sick for some weeks but is supposed to be improving.

Harry Gleason returned from Chicago some days ago.

Mrs. Lucius Glover is poorly.

Mrs. Fred Worthley has returned from Lewiston to aid in the care of her mother, Mrs. Day.

Mrs. Dr. Abbott is still at Sandwich, N. H., with her daughter, Mrs. Binford.

Sewing circle met at I. G. Whitman's Tuesday.

Albion Goff lost a valuable three-year-old colt recently, injured by getting its leg over the halter in a stall.

Lumberman are all busy and doing well. SPARKES.

Greenwood.

Another snow storm last Saturday afternoon and evening of about six inches, ending with a slight crust of hail, but enough so that old Boreas refused the job of blowing it into drifts, in consequence of which the weather has been quite moderate since. There is an overproduction of snow but a scarcity of water.

Not long since as Newel Hicks was steadying his ox team down the mountain with a load of wood he fell in the road spraining his wrist, and came very near being run over by the team.

Two weeks ago Charles Gorman was walking along beside his steer team when he lost his footing, and after being dragged about three rods by hanging on to the bow, he was obliged to let go, and there being no way to clear the road the near runner of the sled passed completely over him lengthwise, from feet to head, with a small load of wood on the sled. Charles says that if the road had been hard instead of soft, and a full load of wood on the sled, it would have killed him on the spot. As it was his face was somewhat scarred, although he was not badly hurt.

Charles owned a large dog, partly spaniel, which was a general favorite in the family. A few days ago the dog followed him to the Pond, and came to grief by being run over by a train while playing with another dog on the track. His master carried his mangled body home, and gave it as good a burial as the circumstances would admit.

Dr. Rankin went over to see Mrs. Wesley Cole again last Saturday and found her in a very critical condition.

Charles Lapham has finally obtained a pension amounting to the enormous sum of two dollars per month. What liberality considering that Mr. Lapham was in the army only 38 months, was in only 40 or 58 battles, and seriously injured only for this short life.

Mrs. Charles Brooks gets the same amount of State pension, on account of a brother who died in the army. "O consistency, thou art a jewel!"

A crow was seen the other day, supposed to be right from Mason, reminding one of the raven sent out some years ago on a somewhat different occasion.

Wednesday morning, Feb. 29th just at zero. L. D.

Canton.

Rev. Geo. W. Hinkley closed a series of meetings of three weeks last Sunday. For the most part they were quite well attended and a good degree of interest manifested.

The ladies connected with the Universalist denomination and their friends are about forming a social circle. May success attend them.

Report says a new syndicate or trust is being formed in this village. Developments to follow.

Town meeting next Monday, when somebody will be disappointed.

Wednesday morning engine No. 2, L. F. Allen, engineer, broke an axle on the hind truck of the tender one mile from Mechanic Falls. No one hurt and no damage to train except the breaking of the axle. Passengers went on foot to Falls and made connections with G. T. trains all right. A new pair of wheels were put under in about two hours and the train was ready for business. NASHUA.

Dixfield.

We are having nice sleighing now.

Mr. Howe, of Canton, gave a temperance lecture at the church Sunday evening.

The I. O. G. T. is flourishing. Four new members Wednesday evening.

Born, Feb. 28th, to the wife of Charles Eaton, a daughter.

John and Frank Harlow are at home again from the West.

Academy or high school (?) commenced this week.

More measles at George Holman's.

There will be a box festival at the Good Templar's hall next Wednesday evening, March 7th. All are cordially invited.

Shingles and building lumber are being hauled into the village in large quantities for next season's building.

School has opened with about forty scholars. More next week.

Best sleighing that we have had this winter.

T. H. Thornton was in town this week driving his promising Eclair colt, Zircon Boy.

The drama, "A Social Glass," was played here Thursday night by East Dixfield talent.

Spool company are getting ready to saw birch of which they have a large lot.

Some tin is being hauled for cans.

If you want to go down the road some take a ride after Fred Chase's Mustang. 6 miles in 21 minutes.

East Brownfield.

We still live though we failed for some cause to appear in last week's issue.

March appears clear, cold and bright.

The circle held a very pleasant meeting at Mrs. E. A. Stickney's Feb. 29. Mrs. Dr. Brown and Mrs. Jones, of Denmark, were present.

Miss Emma Lord, of Denmark was thrown from a sleigh at the station on Wednesday and received quite a shaking up. Some part of the harness gave way which caused the horse to run.

Mrs. Ordway, an old lady living here, fell in the floor on Sunday and broke her leg.

Mrs. V. R. Stickney now in her 80th year and usually very well is poorly at present.

Miss Addie Allard has been at C. C. Colby's but is now at home.

Feb. 23d.—Our Jan. thaw predicted by Robert B. has come a month late.

The logging teams grow more and more numerous.

Thoms is employing all he can find and with all the prospect is he will not get all his timber in this season.

The youngest child of L. A. Cole, a little girl one year old, fell from her crib Wednesday, and broke her arm. Set by Dr. Gatchell.

Miss Flora Getchell goes to Gray for a while.

Mrs. Isaac Kenliston, 84 years of age, is in feeble health.

Mrs. Phebe Ross, nearly 88 years old, retains her mental faculties remarkably, but her health is not good, though able to be about and do some work.

Col. A. A. Gibson is passing a quiet winter at the Weeks' homestead.

Byron.

The selectmen and town treasurer have been preparing the town report for two days past.

Miss Addie Peck, of Dixfield, is teaching in Dist. No. 1.

J. S. Mitchell and son James are doing quite a large business hauling birch to the steam mill at Andover and poplar to Black Brook. A team of four horses haule the former, and four to eight oxen the latter.

Bennie Mitchell has a new Winchester rifle. Bear and other game will fall.

G. L. Hall is pressing hay at S. Taylor's barn, for George Staples.

Mrs. Houghton and her son William, from the West, visited her daughter Minnie at the Normal School, Farmington, last week. He is expecting to return to Wyoming in a few weeks.

Miss Esther Rundlett is home from Lewiston on a visit.

Buckfield.

Miss Ardella H. Prince has commenced a six weeks term of private school.

The rain storm of Monday night, Feb. 20th, crushed the bath house at the corn factory. Damage six to eight hundred dollars.

Buckfield has always been famous for the longevity of her citizens. In 1855 Jonathan Record died at the remarkable age of 105 years. The next oldest died in town in '78 or '80, at the residence of Eleazer Chase, at the age of 99 years. She was a somewhat noted character, whose maiden name was Dorcas Akers. She married Lazarus Lucas, and had a little dog, whose name was "Tantra bogus." There are now, it is said, five or six persons in town over 91 years.

The authorities have hired Sumner Knox, of Peru, as overseer of the town farm the ensuing year.

The annual meeting of the Oxford County Dairying Association was held at Reform Hall, Buckfield, Saturday afternoon, Feb. 25th. Though stormy there was a good attendance. Hon. Rufus Prince, of Turner, and Wallace Cary, superintendant of Turner Butter Factory, addressed the meeting in the interest of associated dairying. The treasurer, C. H. Prince, reported the financial condition and prospects of the association. It has now been in operation about a month and a half, and has received for its products $826.00. Has disbursed for cream $568, and for help about $200. The last sale of butter was at 28 cents per pound.

Pres., Henry D. Irish; Directors, H. D. Irish, Frank L. Warren, H. A. Conant, E. B. Austin, Homer N. Chase, F. W. Bonney, Wm. R. Cary; Clerk, Alfred Cole; Treas., C. H. Prince.

Voted to raise the capital stock from $1,500 to $2,000.

The Grand Army Post held a very successful musical treat and festival at their hall Saturday evening, Feb. 25th.

The Quarterly meeting of the Oxford Baptist Association will occur Wednesday, March 7th, at 2 o'clock, P. M., with the Baptist church at Buckfield.

Miss Mamie Gardner is home for a two weeks vacation from Maine Wesleyin Seminary.

The people's liberties have been in jeopardy again by the enforcement of the prohibitory law. Sheriff Warren with the assistance of Pres. Holland made a search and seizure process, Monday, Feb. 27th, at the residence of A. E. Russell in the south part of the town, and found secreted in a closet 8 or 10 gallons of liquors, which was confiscated. Wednesday brought a crowd at Reform Hall, but on account of absence of witnesses trial was postponed to Friday, March 2d, at which time the court came in at 10 o'clock, but adjourned to 2 P. M. O. H. Hersey for State. N. T. Shaw for Resp. This case will go to the Grand Jury involving several cases of perjury at the last court.

A movement is on foot to establish a liquor agency in this town on Monday next. As a counter movement the ladies of Buckfield are circulating a petition among themselves to the selectmen praying that in case a vote of that nature should occur, that they will not appoint an agent.

North Paris.

Lumbermen are now coming out of the woods.

Adelbert Littlehale drove home a yoke of oxen.

Henry Lawrence is failing and it is feared that he may not fully recover.

The recent rains have brought up the streams so the mills can do quite a business.

W. H. Childs has his lumber nearly all on the spot for his house, and will put it up as soon as the weather gets a little warmer.

Mr. Cushman has got out lumber for a stable for Mr. Dennen, of West Paris, also some lumber for Bert Willis, who is to build a house at West Paris.

Hiram Chase is in very feeble health, and is not able to sit up all of the time.

South Buckfield.

Two warrents have been issued against Alfred E. Russell as a common seller. Deputy Sheriff, A. F. Warren made a search of the premises Monday, the 27th, seizing two kegs, containing 8 1-2 gallons of liquor. Mr. Russell was arrested but having the fleetest horse succeeded in escaping from the officer. Star Gazer had won another race. Jason was hastily summoned from Boston by telegraph. Alfred was arraigned before Trial Justice Prince on Wednesday, the 29th, at 1 o'clock, P. M., but as one of the most important witnesses for the prosecution had been secreted by the defence it necessitated an adjournment until Friday at 10 o'clock. At the adjourned hearing Friday the respondent plead *nolo contendre* and furnished bonds for his appearance to the S. J. Court.

Geo. Dunham has engaged with Mr. True at South Paris to carry on his farm for the coming year.

Jabe Davis brood sow had eleven pigs four of which were killed by the sow lying upon them.

Frank Roberts is at home from Mass.

Rob Dean has bought 7 cows at North Turner for Jason Russell.

We notice "Babe" Dean riding out unattended with a weanling colt, also with Will's broncho.

Ammi Decoster has a white faced Hereford bull calf, 7 weeks old, which girths 3 1 2 feet for which he would like to find a mate.

Lewis Record has been on a visit to his sisters at Poland.

A. E. Robinson's stallion Franklin Prince, is in fine condition, weighing 1100 lbs. His get will be awaited with great interest.

R. B. Waite has a colt coming two years old, a sister to Kitty Wait, sired by Record's Black Hawk which shows a very fine gait.

A great deal of teaming is being done this week and some are harvesting their ice.

Farmers are asking $14 per ton for their best hay.

We saw an apple buyer to-day who said he bought 700 bbls. in a single day last week.

Baldwins are much sought after now.

R. B. Waite and wife will take charge of the town farm until the 10th.

Bethel.

Gould's Academy, Bethel, opened Tuesday with seventy five scholars, in charge of Prof. Howard.

Chas. Judkins was arrested last Wednesday for selling liquor by Dept. Sheriff Godwin and Justice Gibson adjudged him guilty. Being unable to pay his fine or get bail he was placed in charge of a keeper for the night and made his escape.

C. C. Bryant, our butcher, killed a year-old steer Wednesday, raised by Ossian R. Stanley, of Bethel, that dressed 710 lbs.

The sledding at Bethel is excellent and the lumbermen are improving it hauling wood, bark and pulp wood to the rail road and long lumber and spool stock to the mills.

Tuesday evening, Feb. 28th, the ladies' circle of the M. E. society, held a fair and have a supper in Ideal Hall. Following tge fair was an entertainment consisting of tableaux, etc. A large company was present.

Loranger's National Theatre Company are to be here for a short season beginning Monday evening, March 5th, at Ideal Hall.

Rev. C. A. Hayden, of Auburn, lectured in the Universalist church on Friday evening, March 2d. Subject, "Wanted." Mr. Hayden is well known as an able, earnest and interesting lecturer. He held the closest attention of a large audience for more than an hour, and all who heard him could but pronounce words of commendation and praise.

School at the Academy opened Feb 28th with a fair attendance.

MIDDLE INTERVALE.

As good weather as we have had during the winter for logging business.

A. M. and J. H. Carter cut a second growth pine that the first log, twelve feet long, scaled 600 feet, the whole tree scaling 1600 feet.

As Harry Carter was turning near J. H. Carter's the sleigh upset, tipping the contents out. The horse ran nearly 3 miles, when he was stopped by O. R. Stanley, who was returning from the Hill. No damage done.

Circle met with Minnie Kimball. A nice supper furnished and a goodly number present.

Spring seems to be dawning upon us.

Porter.

We had some two inches of rain the past week making the traveling bad.

Republican caucus Saturday. Town meeting Monday. Porter is out of debt with some $1000 to their credit and in 1865 the town debt was $29,547. Pretty good for a small town.

Mr. David M. Fox and Isaac Bickford cannot live but a short time.

They meet at Kezar Falls on Tuesday next to organize a Grange.

Samuel G. Perry is going to build, as soon as the snow leaves the ground, a house and shop in this place.

Brownfield.

The C. L. S. C. meets with Mrs. L. R. Giles Feb. 34.

Dr. Sawyer was in town this week Monday.

Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at L. R. Giles. There is quite an interest felt in the meetings.

Misses Cora Giles and Gertrude Blake are home from Fryeburg on a vacation, where they have been attending school. Also Ernest Frink.

John Seavy and wife are visiting friends in this town.

Mrs. D. Seavey is very sick, but little hopes of her recovery.

There are several cases of measles in town.

Mrs. Charles Bean died Thursday morning. She leaves an infant four weeks old.

There is a great deal of sickness in the village.

A little girl of Mr. G. Poor's broke her leg while sliding.

NORWAY.

Rate of taxation in Norway is 14 2 5 mills.

Daniel Dickerson was arraigned before the Judge of the Municipal Court Tuesday charged with larceny. He was found guilty, fined $10 and costs and in default of payment was sent to the county jail for 30 days.

Thomas J. Everett, of Otisfield, has two silver gray fox skins valued at $140. Inasmuch as this particular species of fox are rare the fur commands a high price.

Mr. Francis H. Whitman was in this village recently. Mr. Whitman has sold his valuable farm in Harrison for a large sum to Boston parties. The Summit Springs and the beautiful country surrounding are of course the attractions.

Geo. W. Russell is in the village. He has been at Wilton of late.

Miss Jessie Couthoul's entertainment will be given in Norway at the Opera House Tuesday, March 13th. It is highly spoken of.

C. A. Kimball, of Rumford, was in town this week.

Mrs. Lucy Frost, of this town, received $1050 back pension recently. Her husband, Wm. Frost, was a soldier in the war of 1812.

F. T. Judkins has received the appointment of post master at the North Norway post office.

John M. Cummings has been dangerously sick. He is now much improved in health.

Webb & Wakefield's is the place to buy first class goods at the lowest prices.

Henry Weston, of Otisfield, is at work for Swan and Rowe.

At the regular meeting of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M., Monday evening District Deputy Grand Master, Frank Stanley of Dixfield, was present and did some work on the 3d degree.

The Good Templars, of Norway, recently visited the Good Templars of Bolsters Mills.

Mrs. Wm. S. Pingree, of this village, will visit Mrs. M. M. Phinney, of Lewiston, during Mr. Phinney's absence in California.

We understand Mr. W. H. Whitcomb and Mr. S. D. Andrews intend to go to Lincoln, Nebraska, next month.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Roberts, of Hanover, have been visiting at Mr. C. B. Cummings's the past week. Mr. R. was drawn as jaror and was in attendance at the Sup

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United States Bonds, (Market value),	$1,478,947.50
Cash in Bank and in office,	54,728.93
Premiums in course of collection,	108,418.48
	$1,642,394.91

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Losses,	$171,251.84
Unearned Premiums,	790,000.04
Other Liabilities,	10,000.00
	$970,251.88
Net Surplus,	$671,942.89
1887 Income,	$1,299,081.31
Expenditure,	1,227,320.42

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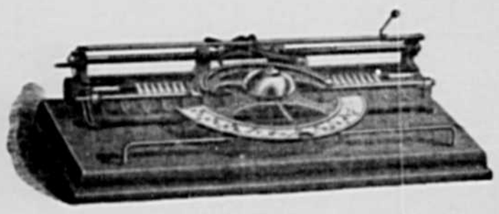

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I.—A CHANGEABLE WORD

It is a word of four letters, and means thin, change its head, and have a receptacle; again, and have strong; again, and have a place of deposit; again, and have to pull suddenly; again, and have an amount of thread; again, and have lowered; again, have close and damp. Behead this word and supply two letters, you will have an expression of gratitude; remove these two letters, and supply two more, you have to strike with the open hand; again, have a fanatic; again, have a void; again, have swallowed.

J. O. H. N.

II.—DIAMOND.

1.
A letter that suggests a source,
With plump and aldermanic form.

2.
In summertime you'll hear this sound
In pastures where the sheep abound.

3.
Full many a merry group, I ween,
This carriage long and wide has seen,

4.
Tottering limbs and snow-white hair,
That this has come will plain declare.

5
A letter this, one, plainly sees,
That's reared in affluence and ease.

BELLE G.

III.—ENIGMA.

Composed of 19 letters.

My 13, 4, 17, 5 is a tress of hair.
My 1, 7, 16, 11, 15 is to talk foolishly.
My 19, 2, 6, 3 is esteemed by housekeepers as a necessity.
My 8, 12, 14, 10 is a tube.
My 18, 9, 2, 8 is a bow.
The whole is the title of a book of poetic selections.

MARY BROWN.

IV.—HIDDEN FLOWERS.

After washing the pans you may put them in the sun. Flo Wernter had to peep in, keen as a hawk, till I, lying on the lounge, arose and asked her what she wanted.

LITTLE MAY.

V.—ANAGRAMS.

While traveling in the Southern States
A city large and fair I saw;
Which was disfigured by a scourge
More terrible, by far, than war.

My cicerone then I asked
To name the city where we were;
He answered with obsequious bow,
"This city is thro' losses, sir."

"What dire calamity," I asked,
"Has scourged this city which you name?"
"It was oh, queer lot!" he said,
"In eighteen eighty-six it came."

BENNIE

VI.—CHARADE.

Bill Jones and his first, one dark, dark night,
Sneaked out thro' the kitchen door;
They were firmly resolved that they would next
To rob Mr. Pendleton's store.

The way of transgressors is very hard,
And they truly found it so,
They stole the whole sum of fifteen cents,
And to prison they had to go.

J. G. G.

VII.—WORD SQUARE.

1. A native of one of the foreign countries.
2. To aid.
3. Tidy.
4. A girl's name.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF LAST WEEK.

1.—Quartermaster.

2.—

MACE
ACID
CITE
EDEN

3.—Constitution.

4.—

H
HAS
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5.—Dolman.

6.—I, Air. 2, Ire. 3, Red. 4, Eda. 5, Day. 6, Aye. 7, Yew. 8, Ewe. 9, Wee. 10, E'er. 11, Era. 12, Rat. 13, Ate. 14, Ten. 15, End.

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Teacher.—"Suppose you have two sticks of candy, and your big brother gives you two more; how many have you got then?"

Little Boy—(shaking his head) "You don't know him. He ain't that kind of a boy."

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."

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A Buffalo milkman wears a five cent nickel piece as a watch charm, and gives this reason: "Over a year ago I took this nickel, which was then beautifully gold plated, as a five dollar gold piece in payment of a bill. As soon as I detected the fraud I took it back to the woman who passed it on me, but she refused to make it good. So I fastened it on my watch chain and kept on supplying her with milk. But now every day I make her quart one-fourth water, and once a week I credit her with one-fourth the amount of her milk bill. When the sum total standing to her credit is $4.95 she shall have pure milk once more, and not until then. She knows the milk is watered, but whenever she shows any inclination to complain I handle the nickel and say that my milk is 'pure as gold.' That settles it."

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.

Useful Hints.

The red spider may be banished from plants by the simple process of cutting off the infected leaf. A leaf once attacked soon decays and falls off; but then the animals remove to another. By carefully pursuing this amputation, plants will become remarkably healthy.

The white of an egg, into which a piece of alum about the size of a walnut has been stewed until it forms a jelly, is a capital remedy for sprains. It should be laid over the sprain upon a piece of lint and be changed as often as it becomes dry.

Gold lace may be cleansed by rubbing it with a soft brush dipped in roche-alum, burnt and sifted to a very fine powder.

White furs or ermine may be cleansed as follows: Lay the furs on a table and rub them well with bran made moist with warm water; rub until quite dry, and afterwards with dry bran. The wet bran should be put on with flannel, and the dry with a piece of book muslin. The light furs, in addition to the above, should be well rubbed with magnesia or a piece of book muslin after the bran process. Dry flour may be used instead of wet bran. They should be rubbed against the way of the fur.

Cold boiled potatoes used as soap will clean the hands and keep the skin soft and healthy. Those not over boiled are the best.

The earthy mould should never be washed from potatoes, carrots or other roots until immediately before they are to be cooked.

To curl plumes, put some coals of fire on a shovel, sprinkle brown sugar on the coals and hold the plumes in the smoke. One application will be sufficient to make them as nice as new. Another way: Take a little salt and sprinkle it upon the hot stove and hold the plume over the smoke a few minutes.

A tablespoonful of black pepper will prevent gray or buff linens from spotting, if stirred into the first water in which they are washed. It will also prevent the colors running in washing black or colored cambrics or muslins, and the water is not injured by it, but is just as soft as before the pepper was put in.

A fine paste for scrap books can be made from alum water and flour—a teaspoonful and a half of powdered alum dissolved in enough cold water to make a pint of paste. Pour the water, when the alum is all dissolved, on to flour enough to thicken it as stiff as common paste, bring it to a boil, stirring all the time, and when it is done add a few drops of oil of cloves. The alum prevents fermentation, and the oil of cloves will prevent or destroy all vegetable mould.

Our Attic.

Our attic is an almost inexhaustible treasure house in these days of appreciation of "old truck," as the scoffers call it. At various times the dusty treasures produced from its dark corners have proved useful as well as ornamental. As when the furnace took it upon itself to break down in the dead of winter, the brass warming-pan was removed from its place as a wall decoration, and actually fulfilled its old-time function, and warmed the beds of the same ungrateful scoffers. And once when a county musical was in rehearsal, and a violin was absolutely indispensable at short notice, there hung one with the dust of ages on it in an attic, and an admiring friend remarked as it was brought forth, "Is there anything that can't be found in your garret?" The latest importations from that vaunted region was a set of rush-seated chairs, more or less rickety, generally more. These were taken in hand by a reformed scoffer and thoroughly repaired, with the intention of using them for piazza chairs. The frames were painted black and were to be varnished, when a happy idea struck the ex-scoffer. "What do you say to decorating them, H? Just rough painting for effect?" The suggestion was accepted, and the reformed one and H attacked the whole set with paint and brushes; the result was a very pretty set of flower chairs. One had daisies, still another clover blossoms, one blue bachelor buttons, and one pansies. Another pretty idea was painting an old-fashioned rush-seated chair white, and decorating it profusely with large pink roses. White furniture is quite the rage, and one sees many pieces of it in the elegant homes in Newport. Bookcases with red leather on the edges of the white shelves. Bric-a-brac racks, chairs, cabinets, and tables, all of white are the caprice of the hour; of course the more antique the shape the more valuable the article. Even old fashioned fire-buckets, family relics, are hung in pretty halls and filled with cuttings and grasses.

BAY RUM.—1 pint of alcohol, 1 drachm of oil of bay, 1 2 teaspoonful of liquid ammonia put into the alcohol. Then add a pint of soft water, and you will have a quart of nice bay rum at about half the expense of that bought at the druggists.

PEACH FRITTERS.—One quart of flour, one cupful of milk, one half cake of yeast, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, four eggs, two tablespoonfuls of butter, a little salt. Half a dozen fine ripe peaches, pared and stoned, or you may use canned peaches wiped dry from the syrup. Sift the flour into a bowl, work in the yeast and milk, and set in a tolerably warm place to rise. This will take five or six hours. Then beat the eggs with the sugar, butter and salt. Mix this with the dough and beat with a stout wooden spoon until all the ingredients are thoroughly incorporated. Knead vigorously with your hands. Pull off bits about the size of an egg, flatten each and put in the center of each a peach from which the stone has been taken through a slit in the side. Close the dough upon it, make into a round roll, and set in order upon a floured pan for the second rising. The balls must not touch one another. They should be light in an hour. Have ready a large Scotch kettle or saucepan, with plenty of lard—boiling hot. Drop in your peach pellets, and fry more slowly than you would fritters made in the usual way. Drain on hot paper, sift powdered sugar over them, and eat with "Creamy Sauce."

RUSKS.—One pint of milk, one-half cake compressed yeast, flour for a thick batter. Set a sponge with these ingredients, and when it is very light—in about three hours—add half a cupful of butter rubbed to a cream with one cupful of powdered sugar and one well-beaten egg. Add flour to make a soft dough, knead briskly and set to rise for four hours. Then make into rolls and let them stand an hour longer, or until light and puffy, before baking. The oven should be hotter than for bread, but not as hot as for gems. Just before taking from the oven, glaze with a little milk and sugar.

DUTCH CAKE.—Beat two cups of butter to a cream, add two cups of sugar till firm, four eggs well beaten, two cups of molasses, six cups of flour, two tablespoonfuls of ginger, two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon, beat all together for half an hour and bake in a Turk's head or pound cake dish.

POTATO EDGING.—Mold mashed potatoes that are almost cold into a wet egg-cup, and turn out each form upon the mutton dish, arranging the little cones side by side until you have a barricade about the meat. Set in the oven and brown, glazing with butter just before you take the dish out. Serve a cone with each slice of mutton.

BROWN POTATOES.—Boil large potatoes in their skins. Peel them, and when you uncover the beef to brown lay the potatoes in the dripping-pan about the meat. Dredge and baste them as well as the beef, and if not brown enough when you take out the beef, let them stay a few minutes longer. Drain in a hot colander, and lay neatly around the beef.

PICNIC ROLLS.—Sponge: Six cups of flour, four cups of milk, one cup of yeast, one egg, two tablespoonfuls of butter, one teaspoonful of salt, half a teaspoonful of soda, one tablespoonful of white sugar, flour for soft dough.

Set the sponge late at night, in a comparatively cool place, that it may not rise too fast. In the morning, when it is light, work in the egg, well beaten, and the butter, melted. Dissolve the soda in a little boiling water, stir in the sugar, salt, and flour. After this has stood four hours, shape into rolls, let them rise one hour in the baking-pan, and bake half an hour in a steady oven.

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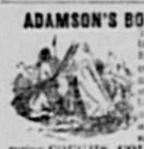

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ASSETS.

United States Bonds,	$732,397.50
Corporation Bonds and Stocks,	355,627.50
Loans on Bond and Mortgage,	45,500.00
Loans on Collateral,	40,150.00
Real Estate, unincumbered,	506,701.24
Other admitted Assets,	199,920.55
Interest due & accrued, and Rents,	14,681.02
Cash in Bank and Office,	157,663.99
	$2,052,491.50

LIABILITIES.

Cash Capital,	$500,000.00
Re-Insurance Reserve,	1,192,467.28
Reserve for all other Liabilities,	218,746.03
Net Surplus,	335,824.19
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WHEREAS, Thomas Reynolds, of Canton, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, by his mortgage deed, dated the nineteenth day of May, A. D. 1877, and recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds, book 177, page 323, conveyed to John M. Deshon of Canton aforesaid, the following described Real Estate, situated in the town of Canton, in the County of Oxford aforesaid, to wit: The homestead farm of said Thomas Reynolds, upon which he now resides, and all the out lands by him owned or possessed, and for a particular description of the whole of said premises, reference being had to the following deeds of conveyance to said Thomas Reynolds, viz.: One deed from Daniel Reynolds, dated July 15th, A. D. 1867, and recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds, in book 144, pages 552 and 553; also one other deed from Daniel Reynolds, dated February 23d, A. D. 1866, and recorded in said Registry, in book 145, page 9; also one deed from Ira Reynolds, dated March 7th, A. D. 1866, and recorded in same registry, book 145, page 18; also one deed from Deborah Reynolds, dated Feb. 10th, A. D. 1866, and recorded in same registry, in book 145, page 447; also one deed from Orren Reynolds, dated July 6th, A. D. 1861, and recorded in said registry, in book 133, page 339; also one deed from Otis Hayford, dated Dec. 15, A. D. 1859, and recorded in said registry, in book 119, page 473; also one deed from Thomas C. Gurney, dated August 23d, A. D. 1866, and recorded in said Registry, in book 153, page 398. The whole containing three hundred acres, more or less. Whereas, the condition of said mortgage has been broken, now, therefore, by reason of the breach of the condition thereof, I, the subscriber, in the capacity as Administratrix of the estate of said John M. Deshon, claim a foreclosure of said mortgage.

February 16th, A. D. 1888.

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

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