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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.

Written for the Oxford Democrat.

A Communication

The writer was invited to attend the meeting of an agricultural society in So Hanson, Mass., where many of the so-called eminent farmers of old Plymouth County assembled to discuss the various topics of husbandry. The language and style of the speakers indicated they were men of no ordinary talent. They exhibited no weather-beaten faces or brawny hands to show they had ever seen hard work, or experienced the rough ways of the world as many farmers in old Oxford have done. Upon inquiries I was informed two were doctors, one a clergyman, another a bank official, and two or three others whom wealth, obtained from other sources, had placed beyond the necessity of tilling the soil; also an entomologist, who exhibited various specimens of butterflies, the progenitors of worms and bugs so annoying to the farmer, but prescribed no means to avoid their ravages.

The reverend farmer, in a short digression from the subject, gave a vivid description of his travels in Egypt, up the Nile, through the Suez Canal, and journey to the Holy Land, all of which were interesting; but when he spoke of improving the social condition of farmers, his suggestions were almost entirely worthless. He thought if the farming classes would devote time to traveling, the variety of objects seen would be so impressed upon their memories that the mere recollection of them would dispel thoughts of loneliness, when removed from associates. A very few agriculturists, after meeting the necessary expenses of their families, have anything left to pay for traveling abroad, therefore advice of this character is impracticable, and no benefit to the farmer.

There was an animated discussion in relation to the utility and profit of commercial fertilizers, in which the disputants disagreed. One contended they were generally worthless and would finally exhaust the soil; the other was equally tenacious in his views, that farmers could well afford to buy them. The opinion of both, who were certainly intelligent speakers, was based upon their own knowledge of results obtained by actual experiment. It did not seem to occur to these advocates that it made a great difference whether commercial fertilizers were used on the sterile sands of Cape Cod, or applied to the rich, alluvial soil of the Saco valley. Where land is deficient in those chemical ingredients necessary to the growth of plants, and that want can be supplied by the purchase of phosphates, perhaps it may be profitable to use them. Every farmer is aware that the soil he cultivates is principally made up of minute particles, eroded from the solid rocks of the earth. These rocks are composed of different minerals, hence the fertility of the soil depends upon the source from which it is derived. The indispensable fertilizers to enrich the land and promote the growth of crops, are nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash. The other materials entering into the composition of plants are found in sufficient quantities, combined with earth and air and water. As farm manure contains a proper admixture of the essential elements in agriculture, the farmer will always find his home-made fertilizer is far more beneficial than any he can purchase in the market. It has been estimated that $300,000 are annually expended in Maine for artificial manures. It is very doubtful, where farmers use them indiscriminately, without a knowledge of what is needed in the soil, whether one-half of the money expended will ever find its way into their pockets again. The use of these fertilizers by the writer generally proved unsatisfactory, while some others claimed a favorable result. As there is a great diversity of soil and climate, farmers in different localities cannot rely upon any particular treatise on the science of agriculture. Every husbandman should learn by experiment, what crops are most profitable, and what portions of his land are adapted to their cultivation, then he can succeed in his enterprise as a farmer. Though the income be small, those engaged in this occupation, compared with other working classes, have an easier time, are better off, more virtuous and happier, which seems the paramount object of human life.

FARMER FROM OLD OXFORD.
Mass., April, 1888.

West Paris Creamery.

Agr'l Editor Democrat:—

So much is being said and written about the creamery system of making butter, that I thought a few items from the West Paris Creamery might be of interest to your readers.

When first established its business went slow, many farmers promising cows that have never furnished any cream, some hoping it would prove a failure. But since the first year the farmers have increased the number of cows and are feeding them better, so that the butter is sought after and brings a good price. The butter has sold the last year at 19 cents per pound; for one small lot up to 31 cents. Over 45,000 pounds were made for the year ending April 1st, 1888. The expenses the past winter have been very low, and with double the cream we could have paid a very handsome price for it. As it is the patrons are well pleased with the amount received. The prospect is good for a large increase of business the coming summer, more cows being added on the old routes and one new route established. Cream is received by railroad, the company paying the freight, washing and returning the cans to station. Several kinds of creameries are in use by the farmers for raising the cream, of which the Cooley is liked best. Our butter is kept on sale at South Paris by N. D. Bolster, and Norway by Brooks & Buck. A. J. ABBOTT.

The North British Agriculturist declares that "mid the wreck of fortunes and the crash of falling prices the dairy industry has still maintained its position as something that pays." This is encouraging, but not at all strange. Dairying as an industry has always paid; it has had its ups and downs, periods of depression and prosperity, like other industries, when it has paid sometimes more and sometimes less than the average, but it has always paid. Individuals have failed in it for want of adaptability of surroundings or personal habits or methods, but it has never failed that where a district has largely adopted dairying as its leading industry it has become signally prosperous.—Breeder's Gazette.

Extend the house cleaning into the cellar, and make the work more thorough where shirking would be least seen.

Grange and New England Agriculture.

In reply to the question "What will be the effect of the Grange on New England farming?" one can see at a glance that its effect so far has been to infuse new life into everything pertaining to farm life. Already we can see that to belong to the farming class does not stamp a man as ignorant and vulgar, but so far from that that through the enlivening influence of the order, many of the best men and women are proud to enroll their names with us. Although but a few years have passed since the first move was made, its growth has been all that could be expected. Especially when we remember that as a class farmers are slower to arrive at conclusions than those engaged in other pursuits. Our State (New Hampshire) can now boast of having nearly seven thousand names on our books, and it seems that the work is but just begun.

Many of our back towns still cling to their farmers' club which was good in its time, but like many other good things it is fast giving place to an organization which has all the good points of the club, and in addition it has the advantage of making its influence felt for the welfare of the whole country. There can be no doubt but the Grange will so change and improve the conditions of the average farmer that a reaction will take place, and ere many years pass we shall see the farms which have long been deserted and turned to pasture or allowed to grow up to wood, inhabited, the buildings renovated and resounding with the shouts of happy children as in the olden time. This may seem idle talk, but it is a fact that new homes are being made on many of our hillsides, and let us encourage those who are thinking of changing their homes in the cities. Many of these farms which have lain idle for many years have surprised their owners by giving returns almost equalling those of the rich soil of the west. The only advantage of which the western farmer can boast is his ability to cultivate large tracts at comparatively small cost; but as an offset to this seeming advantage is the fact that all farm products command a price so much above that obtained by the western farmer that we can well afford to content ourselves on our rough hillside farms, happy in the thought that our country is large enough so that all can find a home suited to his desires. Let us take courage, knowing that we shall reap in due time if we choose men to make and execute our laws who have the interest of the whole country at heart and that are willing while they live themselves to let a brother live.—M. F. HILL, Washington, Mass., in New England Farmer.

Harrowing and Rolling.

In the spring when farm work presses, and we are anxious to get in the seed, there is a constant temptation to sow or plant before making the ground as fine and mellow as our better judgment tells us is necessary. Patience is the greatest of all virtues; but with the farmer in the spring it must be an active energetic patience. After the crop is in he waits patiently. But before sowing we must be on our guard against the kind of impatience that results in hasty and imperfect preparation of the land.

Oats can be sown on land early in the spring without much harrowing, and we presume this is true of spring wheat. But barley requires the best of tilth, and the harrows must be kept at work till the surface is fine and mellow. Harrowing and rolling require more careful attention than is usually bestowed upon them. We do not roll to make the land firm. Harrowing will make the land firmer than it can be made, except on the surface, by a roller. We roll to break the lumps. The roller will not crush lumps that it cannot reach, and so we harrow to break some of the lumps and to pull the others to the surface, leaving it rough, and then follow with a roller.

There are fields which are of one uniform character throughout. On such you can put a boy on a roller and tell him to go round and round the whole piece till it is done, and so with harrowing. But there are many fields where we have sandy knolls with intervals of black muck or "clayey loam," or "sandy loam" or gravel, or "clay spots." To get such a field into the best tilth requires good judgment and personal supervision. We have had to go over some of these clay spots three or four times with the harrow followed by a roller, round and round after each other, before they could be brought into as good condition as the rest of the field. To treat all alike is either a waste of time or a failure to bring the clay spots into the proper tilth. Great improvements have been made in harrows and rollers. The work can be done with far less labor than formerly, but there is still need for good judgment and for promptness. A field may work well today, that to-morrow, after a rain, would be damaged rather than improved by the harrow or roller. And part of a field can be worked while other parts are still too wet. We need to have everything ready, so that not a moment may be lost when the conditions are favorable for the important work of fitting the land for the reception of the seed. And do not fail to put in the seed as soon as the land is ready for it. It is rare that a farmer sows or plants too early in the spring.—American Agriculturist.

Now for a Big Crop of Corn.

Practical farmers may well laugh at those who talk about corn being deficient in protein and phosphates. It is the grandest crop in the world. A well filled corn-crib makes the farmer and his horses, cows, sheep, pigs, and chickens happy. Throughout a large area of the United States corn is grown for home use and not for sale. John Johnston, the father of American tile-draining, and one of the best and most successful farmers of his time, said to us: "I have never sold corn but once in my life—and that I gave away to be sent to Ireland during the famine." He grew large crops of corn, but fed it all out, stalks and all, to sheep and other stock, supplemented with oil-cake when it could be purchased cheap enough. He was a firm believer in oil-cake, but would have laughed at any one who claimed that it was worth more, pound for pound, than good sound corn.

In many sections last year the corn crop suffered from drouth. This is unusual. On good land, kept clean by the frequent use of the cultivator, corn will stand drouth better than any other crop. Said an experienced farmer: "I believe I could raise a good crop of corn if not a drop of rain fell from the day it was planted until the day it was cut." He looked to the stores of water in the soil, and was careful that no weeds sucked up this moisture and robbed the corn plants. Clover and other deep-rooted plants bring up nitrogen, phosphates, potash, and other plant-food from the subsoil, and leave them near the surface in the form of vegetable matter; a severe drouth does the same thing. Capillary attraction raises the water charged with plant-food, and, as it evaporates, leaves it on the surface. The great drouth of last year has left our land in good condition. Now for a big corn crop!—American Agriculturist.

The investigation which has been going on in Congress, conducted by the committee on agriculture, has brought out the fact that the leaf lard is used almost entirely for adulterating butter, and the lard of commerce of whatever brand or by whomsoever sold, is made of the other fat of the hog combined with tallow and cotton seed oil. This is not denied by the manufacturers, and some of them have the cheek to testify that their customers prefer the counterfeit article with its questionable contents.—Maine Farmer.

The successful manufacturer feels obliged to look carefully after all the little repairs, stop the leaks, supply the breaks and keep everything in perfect order. This insures profit. Just so should it be on the farm. Careful plowing, thorough manuring, strict attention to the condition of all machinery and tools, frequent cultivation and proper rotation of crops, these little things tell the story with the farmer. They are indispensable to success. They insure satisfactory results.—Maine Farmer.

A general celebration should be made of Arbor Day by the planting of trees.

Arbitration.

BY T. J. WHITEHEAD.

So. PARIS, APR. 9th, 1888.

MR. EDITOR:—

Last fall a large delegation came to this country from England, including several members of Parliament, clergymen, and representatives of associated workingmen to ask our government to provide by treaty for the settlement in future of all international disputes by ARBITRATION instead of by WAR. They were very kindly received in Boston and other cities, where public meetings were held and their mission warmly endorsed by many speakers, some of whom had been members of a Peace Congress held in Europe, a few years ago. This English delegation went to Washington and laid the object of their mission before the President for him to present to Congress. He has done so and a committee of Congress has reported favorably. The writer has thought much on the subject, and how great the blessing to the human race if the "Nations would learn war no more," also what a vast change in the sentiment of English rulers and people since the first inception of our Revolutionary War. The following impromptu stanzas came into my mind and I hereby place them at your disposal:

Turn back the dark historic page,
And learn from ancient lore
What jealous hate and causeless rage
Old Britain's rulers bore.

'Twas their delight to us oppress
By inhuman savage war,
To make us suffer more distress
They would freemen's rights debar.

We sought our rights in manly ways
And asked for arbitration;
Scorn and contempt was all we won
By humble supplication.

'Mid throes of pain a nation was born,
A new flag was unfurled,
'Twas the guns of the minute men
That echoed around the world.

But now, how changed—these ancient foes,
A numerous delegation,
Have come to ask that war be changed
To peaceful arbitration.

Now let the people, pulpit, press,
Each emulate the other,
To consummate this blessed scheme,
That peace o'er earth may hover.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
As taught the Heavenly Teacher,
Should be the prayer of every one,
As layman, priest or preacher.

Be warring swords to ploughshares beat,
The spear a hook may be,
And men with men as brothers meet,
To plow the soil and prune the tree.

Let love and right quell hate and might,
Till men in every station
Shall firm resolve that all disputes
Shall end through arbitration.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
With joyous exultation.
So plainly bring that all can view,
Good fruits of arbitration.

With one accord then all may join,
In glad and true thanksgiving,
For prospect of millennial days—
Divinest modes of living.

A Man of Resources.

MR. MOUSER'S GREEN SAWBUCK.

Mr. Mouser and his merry little wife occupied a charming cottage in the suburbs of a large city in the "Fatherland." His business connections were of such a nature that he was usually at leisure after 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This gave him time to devote a great deal of attention to wife and home, and pursuits congenial to a man of his calibre.

Mr. Mouser prided himself on being a man of originality and brains. Mr. Mouser also liked a little joke—at other people's expense.

It was autumn. Mr. Mouser had just laid in a goodly supply of winter fuel. Wood was chiefly used for this purpose in the land of Mr. Mouser's birth.

Sitting by the window of his cosy living room, enjoying a royal smoke from a long-stemmed porcelain pipe, Mr. Mouser watched the wood sawyer plying his trade, made easy by long habit of handling wood and saw. As Mr. Mouser gazed and pondered, an idea crept into his head. It was grasped—as ideas quickly became captive there.

"Lisbeth," said he to his wife, "it is singular I never thought of it before—I generally think of such things—but it strikes me that I could saw that wood myself."

"Gracious! what an idea!"

"A bright one, isn't it? A big saving, too! Just see with what ease it is done—the man cuts through the sticks as if he were slicing bread and butter; besides, I require more exercise—my health is not what it has been."

"Why, dear, do you feel ill?"

"N-no, but a man needs to exert himself if he does not wish to run down in muscular power. My habits are too confining; a sense of this fact has been growing on me lately. But I have solved the difficulty while watching that man play on the saw-jack."

A merry twinkle of the eyes, and a laudable endeavor to maintain a serious expression, would have convinced the beholder that Lisbeth also has ideas—but like a properly respectful wife, she kept them to herself until called for.

"Do you not think, Lisbeth, that a little gentle muscular activity is what I need to stimulate appetite?"

"You might paint the house, or do some less tiresome work than wood sawing," replied Mrs. Mouser.

"Oh, you underrate my capacities, my dear. And sawing wood is not such hard work. Come and see how simply it is done, yet how every muscle is brought into play. I am enchanted with my idea, and shall carry it out. The man can finish this job but it shall be the last I ever pay for. What think you of it, wife?"

"Well," laughed the lady, demurely, "I think we shall be obliged to live on cold victuals and wear blankets to keep from freezing. But seriously, dear, you had better consider what hard labor you are planning for yourself. If I were you I would experiment on a few cord-sticks, and assure myself that it is as easy as it looks."

"That's just like a woman!" retorted Mr. Mouser, disdainfully; "she never does anything heroically; she is totally incompetent in matters of physical calculation. Now, I can see just as well as if I had stood over that man's saw-jack for an hour the amount of force required to drive a saw through a stick of cord-wood. And I declare to you, here and now, that I am going to do the next load myself. It is play—nothing but play!"

Lisbeth laughed so tantalizingly that Mr. Mouser turned upon her in a flurry of indignation, saying:

"You seem to have your doubts, madam!"

"Seeing is believing, sir!"

"Well, you shall see. You ought to know by this time that I am a man with a mind of my own, and when I say I am going to do a thing I do it. Please bear this in your shallow mentality, Mrs. Mouser, that I, your husband, am determined to nevermore pay one dollar for a wood-sawyer's hire."

"I am afraid I shall have to do a little of the wood-sawing myself, then," gravely murmured Mrs. Mouser.

Mr. Mouser meant business. He at once ordered the very best kind of a sawing-jack made. He purchased a splendid saw, with sharp teeth and a light frame. He pranced about happy as a school boy, with dabs of yellow and green paint spattered all over his person, until finally the saw frame suited him in its bright yellow coat. The saw-jack he painted a lovely light green.

Daily he promenaded impatiently around the shed where the wood was stored and grumbled because the fuel lasted so unusually long. At intervals he added another coat of green paint to the highly decorated sawing jack ("saw buck," it is called sometimes) and bade all his acquaintances and friends come and inspect his patent calisthenic toys, until every one for miles around became familiar with Mr. Mouser's green sawing jack.

At last the longed for day arrived. A big load of fine hickory had been piled up in close proximity to the tools of decimation.

Mr. Mouser was all excitement. He passed by his amused wife with important disdain, and scarcely gave himself time to devour his dinner, he was so eager to be at work.

"Nothing more, thanks," he replied, as his wife wished to replenish his cup. Rising, he hastened to handle his pets with an ardor that caused Lisbeth to smile knowingly as she watched him pick out the very smallest and most slender cord-sticks.

That was a great mistake on Mr. Mouser's part. He should have tackled the difficult ones first, on the simple but fruitful theory that custom would have sweetened his toil with the balm of greater ease.

My! how the saw ranted, and the abbreviated sticks tumbled to the ground! Still, Lisbeth, who was peeping with laughter-brimming eyes, noticed that at the third cord-stick work seemed to slacken just a little; but seven were finished, and Mr. Mouser came in, declaring he felt glorious.

The second day Mr. Mouser remained at table a trifle longer. Four cord-sticks in broken lengths licked the dust, however.

Third day—Mr. Mouser took time to glance over the daily news after dinner. Record: Three cord-sticks.

"Lisbeth," said he, I think I've been cheated in that saw-jack. It is not put together on as practical a plan as I was led to believe. It wiggles."

Fourth day—Mr. Mouser toyed over his dinner extensively. He smoked his pipe and read the paper. He glanced over his monthly magazine until dark, and then started up, exclaiming:

"Mercy! how short the days are!"

Mrs. Mouser enjoyed the situation intensely, but never said a word.

Fifth day—Mr. Mouser rose with a sense of injustice resting upon him. All day he was haunted by the outrageous fate that made him the owner of a sawing-jack.

"My dear, we require more wood than usual to-day and to-morrow, washing and ironing days, you know," said Mrs. Mouser, as soon as he got home.

"I never saw anything like the way you women manage to consume fuel!" and Mr. Mouser grabbed his hat and strode angrily toward the wood-pile. A few sticks fell before the savage manipulation of the saw, while Mr. Mouser's snarling kept excellent time to the wild motions of the sawyer.

"Confound this business!" he muttered, kicking at the harmless jack—not as hard as he wanted to kick, for fear his wife should see him, and, womanlike, cry, "I told you so," and add insult to injury by blabbing to those busybodies, his friends, who kept asking him how he was getting along sawing wood. He did wish folks would mind their own business.

With a crash he sent the saw flying over the wood-pile. This was too much. His wife was a brute to expect him to work like a slave during the few moments he could call his own, free from business drudgery. But if he gave up he would never hear the last of it. Oh, if he could only get rid of that saw-jack.

A long time he pondered; at last a smile of joy illumined his face. That night, after his wife had retired, Mr. Mouser slipped out and carried the hated green object to the front gate. Presto! in the morning the *corpus delicti* would be gone. The highway was full of robbers, who would steal anything and everything.

He would make a big fuss about the loss, but take good care not to buy a second saw-jack. And without one, how could he saw the family fuel? His wife shouldn't get the laugh on him!

He slept the sleep of the just until about 4 o'clock in the morning. It was still dark, but his anxiety to assure himself of the loss of his trouble caused him to sneak out and reconnoitre. The saw-jack was still there. Mr. Mouser whispered—not a prayer. "Oh, well, there is time enough still between this hour and daylight for a theft to be committed," he muttered. It was the voice of Mrs. Mouser that awakened him in time for breakfast. He glanced out of the window the first thing. Oh, how brightly the sun shone, and that saw-jack gleamed up at him in all its verdant beauty. No robber hand had carried it away. A fearful sigh escaped the Mouser bosom.

"You must saw some wood for me before you go, dear," said his wife.

"What, more wood!"

"Yes, dear; recollect you only sawed one stick last evening," rejoined Mrs. Mouser, meekly, but a wicked gleam of mischief played about her eyes and mouth.

Mr. Mouser ignored her reply, and hastened to toy with his pretty tools with a vigor born of awful fury. A great swear word desired to be born, but his lips were compressed, while way down in his soul a voice groaned—that sawing-jack must go!

Where? whence? how?

Mr. Mouser was a man of resources. Twelve o'clock midnight. A burglarish darkness and silence brooded around as a man stole hence from his couch, and grabbing his trousers left a cosy bedroom. A little later, the only other active creature about—a feline prima donna—might have witnessed a sorry sight; a solitary man marching townward, clutching in his strong right hand a beautifully painted green sawing-jack.

Soon he returned. The sawing-jack—where was it?

Mr. Mouser rose that morning in a most delightful frame of mind.

"Lisbeth—my dear little Lisbeth," he exclaimed, friskily, "I am going to work in earnest, to-day. I am feeling fine—much better than I have for some time. Here, feel this arm. How's that for muscle, eh? That's what sawing wood has done!"

Lisbeth blinked oddly, but looked contented. Mr. Mouser hastened out to "flip off a stick or two before breakfast," but soon came in looking quite angry and puzzled.

"What in the world has become of that jack?" It was gone. "Such infamy—to steal one's very implements of toil?" he cried in a rage, as he sent for the old wood sawyer again.

Mr. Mouser, of course grieved over his loss, but managed to conquer the regret sufficiently to display some of his old wit and mirth.

But this good feeling received a sudden check the morning after the burglary of the "jack."

He had just opened the daily paper, when his glance was arrested by a leading paragraph.

"Heavens, Lisbeth, look at this!"

Mrs. Mouser became alarmed. Her husband was as pale as death, and trembling in every limb, as he handed her the paper. She read:

"The residence of the Hon. Olive Blank was broken into night before last and a large sum of money and valuable plate and jewelry stolen. The robbers entered by the garden window, from which they had removed the iron grating, while standing on a singular looking wooden object, recognized by old-fashioned country folks as a 'saw-buck.' It is painted a light green, and will doubtless prove a valuable clue towards tracing the miscreants. A thousand dollars' reward is offered for the return of the jewelry or information leading to the arrest of the robbers."

"Why, this is splendid! You can at once notify the authorities that the 'jack' is yours—the thieves who carried it off—"

"Oh, my—oh, my!" groaned Mr. Mouser; "don't talk to me about thieves—I may be arrested any moment, when they discover—"

"Discover what? How can they arrest an innocent man because he owns an article stolen from him and used by wretches—"

"Oh, Lisbeth—I may not even be able to prove an alibi. Oh, what shall I do! I tell you, wife, I am not entirely innocent—"

"Ah! we nab you confessing, my fine bird," a rude voice here interrupted, followed by the entrance of the minions of justice.

Mrs. Mouser begged, cried, stormed and implored. Mr. Mouser was mute and totally crushed, but the bold minions of authority led him away to a dungeon, where he languished for three days before his friends could obtain a hearing for him. In the mean time the real culprits had been caught; but the law required an explanation of the language that appeared to the police like a confession of complicity—notwithstanding Mr. Mouser's unquestionable social standing and perfect respectability.

The court-room was crowded with his friends and neighbors. His wife gazed at him tearfully and lovingly; but Mr. Mouser was very much cast down. There was no escape. He had to tell how distasteful wood-sawing had proved to him—how he feared the ridicule of wife and friends, if, after all the boasting, he gave it up. But when he related his midnight elopement with his green sawing-jack, even the court joined in the broad smile, that ripened into a roar of laughter from the less dignified listeners. The crowning humiliation came, however when he left the prison for the coach to be taken home. There he saw the great abomination resting at the driver's feet on the front of the carriage. His wife has not stopped laughing yet at his midnight adventure.

OXFORD HORSE TALK.

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

Fair View Stock Farm.

In spite of the almost impassable condition of the roads we, lately, by special request, paid a visit to the extensive breeding establishment of Bassett Bros., West Sumner, Me. This farm, consisting of about three hundred acres of good land, is situated on Sumner Hill, about two miles from Jackson Village. The buildings are new and commodious, the barn being well fitted out with box stalls.

The breeding of a high class of trotting-bred horses is a new enterprise with the proprietors, the greater part of the breeding stock having been collected within the past 15 months. For some time the senior member of the firm, Mr. J. F. Bassett, of Portland, has had it in his mind to purchase and place on the farm a stallion that should possess in a high degree the essential qualities of choice breeding, fine size, color and shape, and with speed and staying qualities to match. After an extensive search, his choice finally rested on the 16-hand, bay stallion, Artemus Jr., that now heads the stock at Fair View Stock Farm. He was bred by William Furbush, West Junius, Seneca County, New York, is plump, 16 hands high, weighs 1275 pounds, and was foaled April 8, 1882. In appearance he is a typical Hambletonian of the large type, and much resembles the pictures of his grandsire, Rysdyk's Hambletonian. His head and neck are clean and fine for a horse of his size, and are well placed on strong and moderately sloping shoulders, his barrel is round, his loin is broad and strong, while his hips, like most of the Hambletonians, are smoothly turned but rather straight, with the tail set high up, but his hips do not run out peaked and musk-melon shaped as some of the Hambletonians do. His legs are broad and strong, every cord and muscle well defined, and his feet are of the right size and shape and of the best quality. This quality of size and form he inherits from ancestors on both sides, who were uniformly animals of fine size and shape. He has never been handled for speed yet disinterested horsemen pronounce him to be possessed of great natural speed and to be the making of a fast trotter if properly handled. As his stock is too young to show for itself, the only way to judge of the probability of his begetting speed in his offspring is to study his pedigree and see what the same combination of blood has produced in other members of the family to which he belongs.

The sire of Artemus Jr. was Artemus, son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian, a horse whose ability to endow his descendants with speed-producing power was so much greater than that possessed by the founder of any other trotting family as to admit of no comparison. The dam of Artemus was Dolly Mills, by Seeley's American Star, sire of the dams of Dexter, 2:17¼, Artillery, 2:22½, (Dictator, sire of Jay-Eye-See, 2:10,) and of 38 others in the 2:30 list. The union of the blood of Dolly Mills with that of Rysdyk's Hambletonian produced, besides Artemus, (who is the sire of Green Girl, 2:27¼) the fast and game mare, Orange Girl, 2:20, also Walkill Chief, sire of Dick Swiveler, 2:18, Great Eastern, 2:18, and 3 others in the '30 list, and he also is the sire of James Reese with two in the list, and of Roman Chief with one. Dolly Mills also produced, by Hambletonian Ajax, sire of Columbus Hambletonion, 2:26, Orange Girl, Walkill Chief and Ajax, all being of exactly the same blood as Artemus, sire of Artemus Jr.

Artemus is the sire of a number of others, beside Green Girl, that have shown trials in 2:30 or better, and Artemus himself trialed in 2:25½. Dolly Mills also produced several with trials close to 2:30, and was the dam of Augusta, dam of one with a record of 2:20¾, and one with a trial of 2:25½. At the great Glenview sale of trotting stock in 1886, the blood of Dolly Mills stood high in the estimation of breeders, judging by the prices paid for yearlings and two-year-olds that were tinctured with this prepotent strain. A yearling, whose 2nd dam was Delly Mills, sold for $1600, and several more whose 2nd or 3d dam was Dolly, sold at from one to three thousand. The dam of Artemus Jr. is Kenda, a fine looking and speedy bay mare, 15½ hands high, got by Independent Dick, by Edsall's Hambletonian, son of Alexander's Abdallah, (sire of Goldsmith Maid, 2:14, Almont, Belmont, etc.,) and he by Rysdyk's Hambletonian; the dam of Edsall's Hambletonian, was by a son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian. The dam of Independent Dick was by young Andrew Jackson, by Andrew Jackson, sire of Henry Clay, founder of the Clays and Patchens. The dam of Kenda was by Blooming Grape, a thoroughbred, he by Revenue and Imported Trustee. It will thus be seen that Artemus Jr. has three strains of the blood of Rysdyk's Hambletonian, one through his sire and two through his dam, and also the American Star cross through the great brood mare, Dolly Mills, and backed up by the Clay and thorough-bred crosses through his dam, Kenda. Mr. J. F. Bassett, who is now in Geneva, N. Y., informs us by letter that he has been offered $5,000 for Artemas Jr., by his former owner at West Junius, N. Y., who wants him to take back there. This is a large price, but Mr. Bassett thinks he is worth as much to keep in Oxford County as anywhere.

As our space is limited we will postpone our description of the other stallions, mares, colts, etc., at the farm until next week.

All horsemen will be pained to learn that the wonderful yearling filly, Norlane, 2:31¼, owned by Ex-Gov. Stanford, of Cal., was recently burned to death by a fire which destroyed a portion of the Governor's stables. Several other valuable horses were burned at the same time.

Theodore Thayer has traded a fast mare with Herbert Fletcher for his interest in the three-year-old colts, Albro, by Albrino, and the Taylor colt, by Norway Knox.

Mr. J. D. Williams has a three-year-old colt, by Norway Knox, out of a mare by Long Island Eclipse, that acts as though he was going to be a trotter, so they say.

Mr. D. N. True has two mares that have foals three weeks old or more. Both were got by Thomas Carlyle. We saw the one from the brown Knox mare. We should say that it was a beauty.

Mr. Frank Starbird, the celebrated colt handler, will have charge of Metalluk, Marble and Pierce's young stallion, this season. This colt is from producing strains on both sides, and is speedy himself.

The fashionably bred young stallion, Monaco Abdallah, owned by Mr. Harvey L. Whitney, of Maple Grove Farm, Hebron, will be tended during the season by Mr. Horatio Cushman, of Hebron. This fellow stands 16 hands, is stylish and good gaited, and was got by Monaco, full brother to Wedgewood, 2:19, and his dam was by Hermes, 2:27½, by Harold, sire of Maud S.

A. T. MAXIM.

Mr. Maxim's article on the Hambletonians in Maine will be concluded in the next issue.

For The Oxford Democrat.

The Birds.

I have read friend Tilton's "Plea for the Birds," and like the tone of it. He wishes to provoke discussion, and I wish to be counted one in favor of birds, and against the (cats) domesticated tigers and other enemies. Years ago we had a cat that would surprise and capture all kinds of (small) game, such as the song sparrow, the robin, the squirrel, the partridge, and the rabbit. That cat was a terror, you know.

In these modern days almost every gentlemen supports a gun and a fifty-five-cent revolver. Now, in practicing with those weapons people are very apt to shoot birds just for sport, which is very wrong, and the person who will do such a deed is nothing more than a cruel, heartless crank. But if you chance to come upon this fellow at the time of shooting, and ask him why he shoots those birds, he will be pretty sure to tell you that he is going to have them set up.

The robin, the sparrow and lots of other beautiful and familiar song birds are here, or on the way. Let us see to it that they have a chance for their lives. The wholesale slaughter of birds for the tax dermist, and to be used as ornaments on ladies' hats, is a great sin and should not be allowed by law. Shades of Venus! How can you bear to wear those little birds upon your hats, ladies?

I notice that Tom, Dick and Harry are shooting the crows at the rate of 6 or 8 at one shot. Can it be possible those boys are practising for the plains out West? No, no, I forget; because how could they shoot any game, without an old hop house to hide in? Western papers please copy.

I believe we ought to have better laws for the protection of birds, from that noble bird whose figure is emblazoned on our national standard, down even to the crow. Although the birds of the torrid zone may surpass our birds in beauty, they have been denied the charms of song.

I might write pages upon this subject, but shall stop right here, hoping to hear from others.

"Gay birds of summer! You we hail,
While coming from beyond the sea,
When flowers adorn the dewy vale,
And blossoms hang upon the tree."

C. G.

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News of the Week.

SATURDAY: Congressman Dingley exposes the falsity of the statement that three fourths of the men employed on New England fishing vessels were foreigners.——The Chicago bakers went out out on a strike Sunday morning, and at night had induced the bosses to comply with their demands.——Six men and two boys left New York in a yatch some time ago in quest of hidden treasure at Belize, Central America. They got no treasure, were shipwrecked on their return voyage, were picked up and returned home penniless.

MONDAY: In the United States Senate Mr. Chace presented petitions signed by 247 physicians, 86 pastors and 844 superintendents, officers and teachers of public schools of the District of Columbia, asking legislation to prohibit the sale of cigars, cigarettes or tobacco to boys under 16 years of age.——A very severe rain and hail storm prevailed at Mobile and vicinity doing much damage.——The French Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 377 to 173, express confidence in M. De Freycinet as Minister of War.——The Mississippi is flooding towns along its banks. Dubuque and East Dubuque have already suffered considerably.

TUESDAY: There was a lively debate in the House of Commons on one phase of the Irish question. Love T. Williams and Mrs. Orvin Steere examined at Lisbon, N. H., on the charge of murdering Orvin Steere last week, and were held for trial.——A review of the progress made by the Republican Club move went since its inception shows wonderful growth.——Fire in New York resulted in the death of one person and serious injury to three others.

WEDNESDAY: Mr. J. S. Clarkson of the Republican National Committee says that the preparations of the National Convention at Chicago are being pushed rapidly. There is an unprecedented demand for admission tickets. He prophesies a convention characterized by harmony, earnest purpose and conservative concession.——The House Ways and Means Committee has agreed to limit the general tariff debate to sixteen days after to day and two evening sessions weekly, and to an equal division of the time between Democratic and Rep. speakers.——The High School Building and Unitarian Church at Concord N. H., burned. Loss $70,000.——President Cleveland is expected to review the Grand Army of the Republic parade in Brooklyn on Memorial Day.

THURSDAY: It is announced that before sailing for home Mr. Blaine will renew positively his refusal to be a candidate for President.——Serious riot at Nancy, France.——Queen Victoria left Berlin for home.——Several persons were injured in Chicago from the results of a serious gas explosion.——Central City, Dakota, destroyed by fire. Fifty families were rendered homeless; loss about $250,000.

FRIDAY: Owing to a lack of enthusiasm among Canadian yachtsmen, the scheme to build a yatch to contest for the America's cup is likely to fall through.——The Boston Base Ball Club won the first seven games.

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ATWOOD & FORBES, PUBLISHERS.

THE Blaine boom never made more rapid strides to the front than during the past week. There is little doubt of his nomination.

CAPT. H. N. BOLSTER, of South Paris, has something to say to the readers of the Democrat through our advertising columns this week. You will find everything as advertised.

THE enthusiasm of Maine Republicans for Maine's idol son has grown with years, judging from the applause with which the name of Blaine was greeted in all the conventions last week.

THE Republicans of the Second District did themselves credit in re-nominating Congressman Dingley by acclamation. No man in Congress has worked more persistently for the best interests of his constituents.

MAINE Republicanism is still booming. When twelve hundred men have sufficient interest to attend a convention at which there is no contest and where the nominations are to places of honor only, it looks significant.

THE Republicans of Maine will be guilty of a breach of common courtesy if they do not say to Gov. Marble, "Well done, good and faithful servant." The only substantial way to say this is by nominating him.

Now that the call is out for the Gubernatorial Convention, the contest for the nomination will become more than ever interesting. The candidates are all good men and whichever is nominated will be elected without doubt.

THE CALL has been issued for the Republican State Convention, to be held in City Hall, Portland, Tuesday, June 12th, at eleven o'clock, to nominate a candidate for Governor. Now it is in order to choose delegates. The basis of representation is the same as for the Bangor convention.

AN Oxford County Republican, in a communication which appears in this issue of the Democrat, gives some decidedly sensible ideas on the Governor question. No candidate in the field has superior ability or fitness to Gov. Marble. There is every reason why he should be his own successor and none why he should not.

CONVENTIONS in the Second, Third and Fourth Congressional Districts last week re-nominated Messrs. Dingley, Milliken and Boutelle by acclamation. The First District convention, which meets Wednesday in Portland, will re-nominate Mr. Reed by acclamation. Maine's Representatives in the National House have an enviable reputation, and their constituents are wisely unanimous in continuing them in the positions in which they have done, and will continue to do, so good service.

NEWSPAPERS IN 1888.—From the edition of Geo. P. Rowell & Co.'s "American Newspaper Directory," published April 24 (its twentieth year), it appears that the Newspapers and Periodicals of all kinds issued in the United States and Canada, now number 16,310, showing a gain of 890 during the last 12 months and of 7,136 in 10 years.

RESOLUTIONS

Passed by South Paris Lodge, I. O. G. T.

Whereas, Our sister, Mrs. Susan R. Bolster, has been called from the earthly toil and suffering to the rest of the heavenly life, as a tribute to her memory we would offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in her death we lose a much valued member of our lodge, and one that joined soon after the lodge was organized.

Resolved, That we extend our heartiest sympathy to our brother who has lost a loving wife and a devoted and unselfish companion, one who was loved by all who knew her, and a friend to all.

Resolved, That while we can not understand why our sister should be cut down in the prime of life, and in the midst of her usefulness, we yet believe that a kind Providence has done this in wisdom, and we bow submissively to his will.

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days, that these resolutions be placed on our records, a copy be sent to the husband of our deceased sister, and that a copy of them be published in the Oxford Democrat.

A. G. FITZ, MRS. C. E. HOWE, MRS. A. W. JORDAN, } Committee on Resolutions.

The Governor Question.

Editor Democrat:

As the time approaches for nomination of a candidate for Governor by the Republicans of Maine and the discussion of the respective merits of candidates begins to wax warmer, it can be but a source of sincere congratulation that each of the three gentlemen prominently named for the position is of such character that the Republican voters of the State can earnestly support whichever one the convention places before them.

This fact however should by no means induce us to believe that it makes no difference who is nominated. The Convention should make that selection which seems most fitting all things being fairly considered. After a careful survey of the claims and fitness of the three leading candidates there seems to be no good reason why Governor Marble should not be nominated. He is the successor of the lamented Governor Bodwell and in being called upon to fill out his unexpired term is placed by no act of his own, in the same position before the people of Maine in which that gentleman would have stood had he lived. Mr. Bodwell would have had no claim for a second term except by reason of faithful service and if Mr. Marble renders equally faithful service there can be no reason why he should not receive the same courtesy that all concede would have been tendered to Governor Bodwell had he lived. Neither Mr Cleaves nor Mr. Burleigh would have thought for an instant for making a contest for the Governorship until 1890 had not Governor Bodwell's death suggested to them the idea of bringing their claims forward two years earlier, so that if Mr Marble is nominated it will simply cause the claims of Messrs Cleaves and Burleigh to be deferred the same length of time that both expected them to be until the death of Governor Bodwell gave to some of their friends the hope of profiting by that sad event and a campaign was begun for his seat before his body was placed in the grave.

Now the question resolves itself to this. Can the Republicans of Maine afford to ignore the long and faithful services of Mr. Marble, his intelligent administration of the affairs of state and virtually say to him: "You have done very well but we must set you aside at the end of one year's faithful service. True we should have given Governor Bodwell a second term, but you are not Governor Bodwell and are not entitled to the same usage from the party that he would have received?"

Mr. Marble is a gentleman of independent convictions and one who acts on his convictions. He is and has been a straight out manly fighter for the Republican cause and has rendered valiant service to it for many years. He has led the Republicans of Lincoln County in many contests under disadvantageous circumstances, and has shown that he has the confidence and esteem of the people who ought to know him best. He is a native of the hills of old Oxford, well and favorably known among us and as such has a claim upon us for our support. No objection has been urged against him but his age, and that loses all point when we remember that there was a slight difference between his age and that of Governor Bodwell. In point of ability and character he is equal, to say the least, to either of the other candidates and the only reason that can be advanced for not supporting him, is, shortly and simply expressed, some one else wants it.

Maine's Delegates.

Ten of the twelve Maine delegates to the Republican National Convention have been chosen. They are: C. H. Prescott, esq., of Biddeford, Hon. S. H. Allen of Thomaston, J. H. Manley, esq., of Augusta, Hon. C. A. Boutelle of Bangor, Hon. George A. Wilson of South Paris, Hon. John H. Kimball of Bath, Gen. R. B. Shepherd of Saowhegan, Capt. E. D. Haley of Gardiner, Hon. Frederic A. Powers of Houlton and B. B. Thatcher, esq., of Bangor. The alternates are Col. Sumner, Lubec, Hon. I. C. Libby, Burnham, Gen Geo. L. Beal of Norway, Mayor Chapman of Portland, Henry H. Richards, esq., of Farmington, David W. Chapman, esq., of Damariscotta, Hon. Elliott Wood of Winthrop, Hon. C. C. Burrill of Ellsworth, Dr. G. T. Townsend of Calais and Josiah B. Mayo, esq., of Foxcroft. Two more delegates and two alternates are to be chosen in the first district.

For The Oxford Democrat.

The Tariff and the Farmers.

If the bill for the reduction of the tariff, now pending in Congress, should become a law, how would it affect the interests of farmers as a class?

In the first place there is nothing that farmers produce, especially in the north, but what in that bill is put on the free list. In the second place Canada, which is situated convenient to our markets, has all of those articles in abundance to export. Thus it is proposed to allow the citizens of that country to enter our markets in freer competition with the tillers of our own soil—those we cannot tax to have the same privileges as those who pay the taxes.

The result must be a shrinkage in prices. Are farmers willing to accede to this? Have they as a class been making money too fast in the past? Are they sufficiently prosperous to justify a change for the worse? Ask the storekeepers who furnish them with their supplies. Ask the tax assessors and tax gatherer. Ask the farmers themselves, and see what will be the answer. Is it not true, that there is no class who work as long, as hard and for such small pay as farmers and their wives? But there are compensations—yes, for wool and a less duty on woolen cloth. Free sugar? No. Free rice? No.

If a farmer keeps fifty sheep, sells his wool and buys the clothing for his family, is he going to get back the loss in the price of wool in the cheapening of his purchases? Not much. I don't believe we should see coarse woolen goods much, if any, cheaper. As for fine broadcloths, they might be cheapened somewhat, but the benefit would be mostly to the rich, a class who do not need it. As for me I would rather have 15 cents per bushel added to the price of my potato crop than all the compensation I can see in the proposed tariff bill.

Do my brother farmers want a repetition in their own experience of the times forty years ago? I remember the fact that my father, then a young, smart man, worked in haying at 75 cents a day, to pay a bill of borrowed money. I remember of seeing him sell a nice two-year-old heifer for nine dollars. I remember of his cutting cord wood for the potash and hauling it two miles for one dollar per cord. I remember when my folks sold butter for 12 1 2 cents per pound and thought it an extravagant price. Molasses cost then from 25 to 35 cents per gallon; tea about the same per pound. Sugar was higher than now, cotton cloths and prints were from 3 to 6 cents per yard higher than now. How about the price of woolens? As to that I can't say with certainty, as our family wore the products of the domestic loom at that time, but I do recollect that my mother used to weave and roll large quantities of flannel every summer, and that fifty cents a yard was the price she got for all-wool, which shows that prices of woolen goods must at least have been as high as at present.

There is a good deal of blatant talk in this connection about measures seeking the best good of the greatest number. I don't believe there was ever any lasting good in robbing Peter to pay Paul. The measure that affects the prosperity of the farming interest affects the prosperity of all other industries. When you strike the trunk at the roots the whole tree will quiver, so when agriculture is smitten the whole fabric of our industries feels the shock. These things are not independent of each other. Agriculture feeds, science invents, and labor impelled by capital sets in motion the whole vast machinery of our various industries, whose interests are so inseparably interwoven that the least jar to one vibrates through the whole. A quick market makes a glad heart. When manufacturers boom, farmers prosper. When the farmers prosper, tradesmen find the ready cash in their till. Then it is that the laborers reap a rich harvest. Let us farmers not be deceived into selling our birthright for a mess of pottage. Let us not, for the sake of party, cling to any traditions of the past, which time and experience have proved to be inadequate to our needs. Let us insist, by all the weight of our influence, that in the making of laws our burdens shall be considered, and our welfare made second to no other interest.

N. S. BAKER.

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May Term.

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OSCAR H. HERSEY, *County Attorney.*
CYRUS M. WORMELL, *Sheriff.*
HENRY E. HAMMOND, *Crier.*
WILLIAM A. BARROWS, *Messenger.*

The May Term of the Supreme Judicial Court opens at Paris, this (Tuesday) morning Judge Virgin presiding. No juries will be in attendance and the term will be a short one.

We have just received from J. C. Groene & Co., their latest song called "Hungry at Somebody's Door," by Charles A. Davies. It is a beautiful song and will become as popular as his last song, "There's no one like Mother to me," which we noticed some months ago. Any one of the songs will be sent for only eleven 2-cent stamps. Address J. C. GROENE & CO., 30 and 46 Arcade, Cincinnati, O.

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BORN.

In Gilead, Apr. 14, to the wife of R. L. Bennett, a son.

In Norway, Apr. 18, to the wife of Orin Brown, a son.

In Franklin Plantation, Apr. 14, to the wife of John Hardin a son.

MARRIED.

In Norway, Mar. 24, at the Universalist parsonage, by Rev. Miss Angell, Clarence W. Merrill and Anna L. Everett.

In Lynn, Apr. 9, Burnside Long of Norway and Stella Newcomb of Bridgton.

In Boston, Mass., Apr. 16, Benj. G. Favor or Boston and Ida A. Noyes of Lewiston.

In Newry, Apr. 7, Charles Eames and Mary Eames, both of Newry.

In Woodstock, April 28, by Alden Chase, Esq. Mr. Frank D. Whitman and Miss Fidelia R. Swan, both of Woodstock.

DIED.

In Rockfield, Apr. 15, Mrs. James Roberts, aged 70 years.

In North Brookfield, Mass., Apr. 9, of consumption, Herbert L. Robertson, formerly of Brownfield, aged 27 years, 1 month and 23 days.

In Boston, Mass., Apr. 18, Benjamin G. Favor, aged 23 years, 1 months.

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HEBRON, APRIL 27, 1888.

Administrator's Sale.

PURSUANT to a license from the Hon. Judge of Probate, for the County of Oxford. I shall sell at public auction, on the 2nd day of June next at two o'clock in the afternoon, on the premises at the Columbus Oldham farm (so-called) at the head of Worthley pond in Peru, all of the right, title and interest which Roswell B. Oldham, late of Peru, in said county deceased, had to said farm, consisting of Warranty Deed of said farm dated Jan. 31st 1882, given by Herbert J. Dexhon and Alice C. Dexhon, wife of said grantor, to Columbus Oldham and Roswell B. Oldham their heirs and assigns, being one undivided half of said farm, said by the deed to contain "one hundred and eighty acres more or less," which deed is recorded in Oxford Registry, book 209, page 93. I shall sell all of the said estate of said deceased, including the reversion of the widow's dower therein, for the payment of the just debts of said deceased, charges of administration, and incidental charges, so far as the proceeds of the sale will go.

HOLLIS TURNER, Administrator.

PERU, APRIL 23rd, 1888.

Administrator's Sale.

BY virtue of a license from the Hon. Geo. A. Wilson Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, I shall sell at public auction on Thursday, May 31, 1888 at ten o'clock A. M. on the premises in Denmark village, the late homestead of John C. Hodge consisting of a two story house, ell, wood house, stable and one acre of land, also about four acres of land adjoining the said homestead.

RUFUS PRINCE, Administrator.

APRIL, 23, 1888.

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MARY E. SHAW, late of Rockfield,

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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NANCY M. HOWE, late of Rumford,

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

April 17, 1888. CATHARINE S. HOWE.

THE subscribers hereby give public notice that they have been duly appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Executors of the estate of

NANCY H. BOUGHTON, late of Waterford,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; they therefore request 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

Apr. 17, 1888. O. H. & CHAS. MASON.

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

ROSELLA HARLOW, late of Dixfield,

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

Apr. 17, 1888. FRANK S. HARLOW

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

HIRAM YOUNG, late of Bethel,

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

Apr. 17, 1888. ELMER H. YOUNG.

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

GEORGE G. CHAFFIN, late of Paris,

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

Apr. 17, 1888. JAMES B. CHAFFIN.

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CHARLES H. GOSS, late of Paris,

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

Apr. 17, 1888. JOHN P. SWASEY.

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

DAVID HAMMONS, Administrator on the estate of Gilman Chapman, late of Bethel, 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 May 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 Apr., A. D. 1888.

THOMAS R. DAY, Administrator of the estate of Alexander Day, late of Woodstock, in said County, deceased having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, that the said Admin'r give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published 3 weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said county on the third Tuesday of May 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.

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

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL, Administrator on the estate of Lydia Cotton, late of Hiram, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, That the said Admr. 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 May 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.

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

CHARLES H. PRINCE, Administrator on the estate of Silas Mitchell, late of Buckfield, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

Ordered, That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of May 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.

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

LEVI S. HAYWOOD, named Executor in a certain Instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Mary E. Haywood late of Upton, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:

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

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

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

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

HENRY G. BROWN, Guardian of Effie V., Charles H. and Minnie A. Brown, minor children and heirs of Olive A. Brown, late of Buckfield, in said county, having presented his account of guardianship of said wards for allowance:

Ordered, that the said Guardian give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of May 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.

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OXFORD, ss:—At a Probate Court holden at Paris, within and for said County, on the third Tuesday of Apr., A. D. 1888.

STEPHEN E. IRISH, Guardian of Orrington Mason, of Rockfield, in said County, having presented his account of guardianship of said ward for allowance:

Ordered, That the said Guardian give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County, on the third Tuesday of May 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.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss. Probate Court, April Term A. D. 1888.

A certain Instrument, purporting to be a copy of the last Will and Testament of Nathan M. Wilham, late of Burlington, in the State of Vermont and of the Probate thereof in said State, duly authenticated, having been presented to the Judge of Probate for our said County of Oxford, for the purpose of being allowed, filed and recorded in the Probate Court for said County:

ORDERED, That notice thereof be given to all persons interested therein, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of June next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, against the same.

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 Apr., A. D. 1888.

EVA F. CHAPMAN, widow of Timothy H. Chapman, late of Bethel, deceased, having presented her petition for an allowance out of the Person al Estate of said deceased,

Ordered, That the said petitioner give notice to all persons interested therein, by publishing a copy of this order 3 weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County on the third Tuesday of May next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, against the same.

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 Apr., A. D. 1888.

On the petition of ANNA BRYANT, guardian of Walter S. and Nellie M. Bryant, minor heirs of Winfield S. Bryant, late of Gorham, N. H., deceased; praying for license to sell and convey their interest in the home farm of the late Samuel Bryant, of Greenwood, in the County of Oxford, for a consideration named in said petition:

ORDERED, That the said petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing an abstract of her petition, with this order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Paris, on the third Tu

The Oxford Democrat.

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

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

The school house is being shingled.

The selectmen are in session this week.

Miss Mary Mellen went to Portland on a visit last week.

Newton Stanley visited Lewiston and Portland last week.

T. S. Crocker is one of the editors of the Bowdoin Bugle for '88

Hon. Henry M. Bearce, of Norway, was at the Hill last Saturday.

Capt. Chas. W. Hill, of Hill Bros., Auburn, was in town last week.

Mrs. L. D. Dame, of Roslindale, Massachusetts, is visiting at her father's, Jacob Daniels'.

James S. Wright, Herrick C. Davis, John F. Stanley, Hiram R. Hubbard and J. C. Marble attended the Second Congressional District Convention at Lewiston last week.

Miss Flora Mitchell of the Democrat office left Saturday for a week's visit to friends in Lewiston and Canton. Chas. E. Waterman takes her place in the office during her absence.

SOUTH PARIS.

Stuart Bros. report a large amount of work this spring. There would be work for several good painters and paper hangers.

Herbert Fletcher is now owner of Belle T. Herbert says she just suits him.

Miss Minnie Plummer fills the position as music teacher on the board of instruction at Hebron.

Mr Morton is the possessor of a thoroughbred Holstein calf two weeks old. He is a beauty and very valuable.

Theo. Thayer and A. C. Dyer have purchased the Dr. Bisbee colt of Herbert Fletcher, one of the most promising ones in our village.

Saturday, April 28th, was the warmest day of '88. The thermometer was eighty-eight above.

J. F. Coombs is very busy at his shop. If you have a difficult horse to shoe take him to Coombs.

E. W. Penley, Esq., of Greenwood, was at his father's Friday, returning from the convention at Lewiston. We hear Mr. Penley spoken of as the next Representative to the Legislature from his district.

Farmers should exercise care in selecting the best variety of seeds. H. F. Morton has for sale the following varieties: Burbank Seedling, Early Ohio, Early Sunrise, Snowflake, Early Rose, Beauty of Hebron, State of Maine and Victory for sale by the peck or bushel.

Robinson Dean, of Buckfield, owner of Baby Dean, was at the Paris House Saturday.

H. A. Fuller has two pastures containing about 60 acres to let. They are thoroughly fenced.

C. N. Davis has been home but is now in Boston.

J. H. Stuart visited Gorham, N. H., the past week to buy lumber for his house. The work will be done by the day.

Get your potatoes of N. D. Bolster. He advertises a carload of choice Early Rose direct from Canada.

There will be degree work at Aurora encampment, Monday evening, May 7th, and a special meeting Saturday evening May 12th. All Patriarchs will take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

G. B. Stuart has purchased a stand of H. N. Bolster on High street.

The remains of E. Sawtelle were brought here Saturday night. His funeral will be held Monday afternoon. He was a member of Paris Lodge of Masons.

Several Masons from here will attend the Grand Lodge in Portland this week.

We have visited the shoe shop. They are getting underway in good shape. They have a good line of samples for fall trade and deserve a good patronage.

Dr. J. W. Davis has a larger practice than ever since his return. He visited West Paris and Bryant's Pond last week and extracted for several sets.

C. B. Adams is intending to locate at Mechanic Falls. Mr. Adams was a popular trader here.

S. B. Locke, Esq., of West Paris, was in our village Friday. He started for Hamilton, Ontario, Saturday, to attend a sale of thoroughbred Jerseys.

The demand for the celebrated "O. K." goods at Merrill's foundry is larger than any preceding year. Already several thousand harrow blades have been shipped and the season has hardly begun.

I. D. Cummings has engaged to work for Mr. Merrill.

Mr. Hay, Grand Trunk official, stated that the new depot would be built this summer.

L. W. Jackson is at the Paris House. His shoulder is improving.

H. F. Morton, Esq., superintendent of the Paris Manf. Co., has been in Boston the past week.

The friends of the South Paris Base Ball Club will give a grand ball for its benefit Monday evening, April 30th. Music will be furnished by Norway Orchestra, J. H. Hazelton, prompter. Hall Director, Chas. Hayden. Tickets for dancing 75 cents. Committee of arrangements Chas. Hayden, F. C. Briggs, G. H. Porter. A good time is anticipated. All are invited to attend.

The death of Sullivan R. Holmes occurred Thursday, April 26th. Mr. Holmes has been in poor health for more than a year. It was thought that his death was caused at last by trouble of the heart. Mr. Holmes was an industrious, hard-working farmer, respected by all who knew him. He would have been seventy years old in June.

The members of the Commandery of the Golden Cross were entertained at the home of Past Noble Commander, Dr. J. W. Davis, Thursday evening. The time was pleasantly passed. A fine oyster supper was served by the host and hostess.

H. N. Bolster is showing a very fine line of carpets, all wool, tapestry, oilcloth etc.

Hon. Wm. A. Frothingham has been to the city the past week buying his spring goods.

Judge Wilson and Ex postmaster Wheeler attended the Republican convention at Bangor last Thursday.

A large delegation from Paris was at the Lewiston convention Friday. Judge Wilson was unanimously selected as a delegate to the Chicago convention in June. The Judge says we want Blaine if we can get him.

John Whitman is making repairs on his residence.

O. L. Stone, of High street, is making several wood piles in the village.

Paris Manf. Company have a printed list of rules which are circulated among the workmen.

Hon. John P. Swasey was at the Andrews House Wednesday.

Hon. Alva Shurtleff was at Welchville Friday and Saturday appraising the stock of goods in the King & Holmes store.

See H. N. Bolster's carpets before sending out of town, also his Lingley patent adjustable shade hanger. He has a large line of shades to match.

For the Democrat.

VALOR.

Romeo the aristocrat,
Through kindness of the Democrat
Provokes discussion in few words,
As one who truly loves the birds!

In fact he doesn't care a fig;
Tremendous bore to be a prig;
"I'm a bird-defender pigeon pie
And see them eat it on the sly."

"What is the use of what they think?"
He said it with a knowing wink,
Then make obeisance very low—
Alas! for noble Romeo!

A. E. F.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an E. ast India missionary, the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility in all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noyes, 149 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.

THE BEAR BRIGADE.

Bryant's Pond.

James Tyler, of West Bethel, has rented Edwin Brackett's farm for one year.

Pedro Gillot and Effie Wing will have charge of the village schools, commencing the first Monday in May.

The Andover stage makes the trip part of the route on wheels.

J. W. Dean, of Philadelphia, was in town Wednesday.

The Grange reports the addition of new members at almost every meeting.

Ricker and Cole have just sold a promising colt to New Hampshire parties for $200.

One dark place has been made light. Four windows have recently been added to the Chase school house. Vesta Besse is to have charge of the school in that district for the summer term.

G. W. Earle, Litchfield, A. C. Hinckley, Boston, Oscar B. Hobert, Portland, and N. Melcher, of Auburn, were at the Glen Mountain House Wednesday.

Parties from Colebrook have recently bought two promising colts in this place.

W. H. Pearson, of South Woodstock, will build a cottage this summer near the shore of North Pond.

Grafton.

William H. McAllister passed from this life April 14th. Rev. Mr. Hardy officiated at his funeral.

The 4th of April B. F. Farrar and A. L. Farrar were camping in Success. B. F. Farrar cut his ankle quite badly, while preparing wood for the stove. He has been obliged to go on crutches since his wounding. Although very badly cut he can get to the barn quite well.

They have all finished logging and the next thing in order is river driving, but not until there is more water and less snow. We have about four feet of snow now in the woods.

Hay is plenty in this town this spring.

Wilson's Mills.

The outlook is very discouraging. Snow has fallen nearly every day for a week, not very pleasant April storms.

Miss E. M. Bean has returned from Illinois. She is now stopping with her sister, Mrs. D. C. Bennett.

Thirty men came up from Berlin for the drive.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Knapp passed through here on their way to the Lake.

Hartford.

This is about the last run of sap and the last run of sleighing.

H. A. Bicknell has made 50 gallons of maple syrup this spring. He sends it to Boston.

Walter Purkis had a 2-year-old steer that broke his leg the other day and had to be killed. The steer was in good condition. He sold the meat so that it will help make up for his loss. It is a good plan to feed young stock so that in case of an accident of this kind it will not be an entire loss.

There is quite a call for working oxen in this vicinity.

Uncle Edmund Irish is about the oldest man in town. He is bright and smart this spring and likes to tell his funny stories as well as ever.

There are quite a number of farmers in this vicinity that have not got up their winter's wood. They think that in the course of a week or two the snow will settle so that they can commence operations.

Oxford.

Mrs. Edwards, wife of Bryce Edwards, of Otisfield, died on Saturday, the 21st, after a long and painful sickness.

Henry Ellis has returned to Yale College.

The Cong'l Sabbath school has recently made an addition to their library. The funds were raised by the Society of Christian Endeavor.

The new minister of the M. E. church has arrived, and will move into Nathaniel McAllister's house.

The Oxford Comedy Co. played the drama entitled "Messmates," at the school house hall on Thursday evening, for the benefit of the band. The drama was repeated on Saturday evening, for the benefit of the Base Ball Association.

Willie Blake, of Cornish, has been selling books in town.

Norway Lake.

E. A. Cox, who furnishes milk for J. A. Roberts, came down on wheels for the first time yesterday. He says it is yet good sleighing from his house to Benjamin Tucker's.

Blanche Bradbury, who hurt her knee severely last winter, is now able to get out of doors with the aid of crutches.

Mrs. Kate Frost has gone to Waterford to help her parents move, after which she will return to Auburn.

Evie Partridge has had the mumps.

George Wood and family are visiting relatives at Berlin Falls, N. H.

Byron.

F. Abbott, A. S. and C. Young, and S. Taylor followed and shot a bear yesterday, the 24th inst. She was not large, but had lost two feet, one fore and one hind one.

George Staples has a crew of some 12 to 20 men at his camps, waiting for water to start his drive. Snow is deep in the woods and if warm weather ever does come there will be water enough.

We saw two fine Easter lilies in bloom at Mrs. Houghton's the other day. They were very fragrant and beautiful. She had sent one blossom to her daughter Minnie, at the Normal School, Farmington.

Miss Thomas is teaching in Dist. No. 6.

South Buckfield.

Perhaps while introducing the matter of the advertised taxes of 1887 in the Democrat we ought, in justice to all the parties concerned, to have been more explicit. It has been too frequently the case in Buckfield, through the lack of persistency of tax collectors and other causes, that a certain per cent. of the tax has been allowed to run along almost indefinately, finally entailing a loss upon the town. To prevent a repetition of these losses it was voted, at the annual meeting in 1887, that the collector be instructed to collect the tax of that year in one year from the time the bills were committed to his hands. In order to effectually comply with such vote of the town, Mr. Bridgham felt compelled to advertise a large number of farms as previously stated. Taxpayers having snow bills against the town will be given town orders to tender on their respective taxes. It may be gratuitous to add that collector Bridgham has the "sand" to carry out any project he undertakes and takes no back water. All must admit that this is a reform imperatively demanded.

A doubter tells me that my exhibit of S. H. Keene's dairying shows but little actual profit. Mr. Keene tells me that he has milked but 11 cows and his check for one month was $54. Will Berry, of East Hebron, milked 15 cows and received a check for $108 94. Dexter Fish, of Turner, milked 22 cows and received a monthly check of $154. How is that, Mr. Doubter?

The question is often asked, "What is the blood of George D. Bisbee's stallion?" Mr. Bisbee's three-year-old stallion was got by Olympus, by Almont, by Alexander's Abdallah. First dam, Lady Burns, by Burns' Trotting Childers. Terms, $20 to warrant; $15 by the season.

J. W. Shaw's stallion, Major Boone, is getting fine colts. Terms, $20 to warrant; $15 by the season.

Jewett's stallion, Cyril, is a fine specimen of horse flesh, got by Glenarm, by Constellation. Dam by Robert Bonner. Terms, $15 to warrant.

America Benson, of Hartford, has charge of the stallion, George Logan, this season. $25 to warrant.

Jim Richards has gone to Byron as river driver.

J. W. Shaw will send his apples to Portland.

School meetings have been held and officers chosen in all the districts but one.

Ed. Maxim is to move into the village.

Wagons have come at last.

Lovell.

The Cong'l and Christian Circles met at the town house on Tuesday evening, for a union circle, the proceeds to be given to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gray, on account of the sickness of Mrs. G. The proceeds, including some money sent by those who could not attend, were about $40.

G. R. Hamblen was injured in the knee, while at work in S. H. Harriman's mill recently. He can get about the house but does not go out.

To-day, the 25th, the North Lovell team has gone on wheels, but there is much snow in the woods in places.

Mason.

To-day is the twenty-fifth of April and not one spot of bare ground in my fields and some of my fences are under the snow several feet. Forty-two years ago to-morrow the grass was more than six inches high on new land and the farmers had finished sowing, and some had commenced planting. That year I saw corn silked the 12th of July.

Mr. Witham is running J. A. Bean's saw. There is not the usual quantity of lumber to be sawed there this spring. Mr. W. is very successful with his sugar orchard. He has made 32 gallons of syrup from 75 trees. He draws on them from the full amount of their deposit.

Miss Nellie Bean seems some better. We hope with warm weather she will recruit.

The Methodist Circle met at Mrs. J. C. Bean's yesterday. The ladies went on the snow crust in the morning, but they needed snow shoes to go home on.

Arthur Morrill has sold out to his brother, George D.

Mrs. D. A. Mills, a woman 65 years old, has done her house work, been among the sick much, and woven 300 yards of carpeting since last fall.

Upton.

There was a leap year ball at the Lake House last Wednesday evening. Quite a good attendance and all had a good time.

L. S. Heywood was out this morning selling maple syrup, also Eddie Chase and James McLord. Price $1 per gallon.

From seven sheep Willie Sargent has raised 14 smart lambs this spring.

LIDA.

Hiram.

Mr. Ivory F. Goodwin, late of Co. E, 19th Maine Regiment, has been granted a pension of $48 per year.

Isaac L. Brown has given his residence a white coat.

Born, in South Hiram, a daughter, to Mrs. Edwin L. Lord.

Mr. Henry W. Sargent still lives, and is improving in health.

Mr. Lafayette Clemons is in very poor health. He is visiting his brother, Col. Aldrie M. Clemons.

Dr. C. E. Harris, of Fryeburg, was in town Saturday, the 21st.

Rev. David Pratt will continue in charge of the Methodist churches of West Baldwin and East Hiram again this year.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tuttle, late of East Hiram, died in West Baldwin April 9th, aged 71 years.

William Osgood has returned to Lynn, Mass.

Lorenzo D. French is remodeling his house.

Deputy Sheriff Stacy, of Kezar Falls, was in town Wednesday.

Thomas Goodwin is working in N. Y. with an Iron Bridge Co.

Miss Winnie Wallace is to teach on Tear Cap Hill.

Miss Rosella E. Chapman, of South Hiram, is to teach in the graded school at Hiram village.

James Clemons is painting Llewellyn A. Wadsworth's house.

East Brownfield.

May Day, but where are the mayflowers?

J. E. Stickney has returned from Boston.

Miss Cora Gatchell will teach in Baldwin this summer.

Miss Flora Gatchell is expected from Gray, where she has been stopping for some time.

Mrs. Phebe Ross, the aged aunt of Miss Jane Weeks, with whom she has made it her home for several years, fell, two weeks ago, and received serious injuries. It is doubtful if she recovers, as her age is 88, and she has been feeble for some time.

Mrs. John Miller has been hovering between life and death for two days. At last accounts there was a slight hope of her recovery.

Albert Hill has recovered so far as to be out.

Rumford Point.

Clara Elliott is teaching at Hooksett, N. H.

Channing Hoyt has returned home.

Matthew Elliott and Dollie Howard were married the 25th of April. All wish them much happiness in their home in Andover.

The sociable met with Mrs. Asa. Kimball Fast Day.

Ellsworth Howard works in the saw mill at North Rumford.

Sumner.

The new store is all raised and enclosed. A force of a dozen or fifteen men are at work upon it.

Willie Bowker and Carl Abbott are cutting cord wood for N. M. Varney, Jr., at West Sumner.

Charles Tuttle is making improvements on his buildings.

"Old Labrador" is gradually breaking up, and the snow is slowly settling away.

Sap weather is about ended.

PEG. DUZENBURY.

Dixfield.

The boats are in at both ferries.

On some of the roads it is neither wheeling nor sleighing.

P. G. Barrett has gone as a delegate to the Grand Lodge of I. O. G. T., at Bangor.

The most of the sick people in the village are on the gain.

The Harlow brothers have their law office nearly fitted up.

J. P. Johnston has a barber to assist him.

A. D. Park goes as a delegate to the Republican Convention.

Dixfield Lodge, I. O. G. T., elected officers Wednesday evening. Installation of the same next week.

The hall at the National House is being finished into rooms.

A new hall is being finished in Harlow Block.

A. D. Park got a fall from his pony into some nice soft mud.

Spool mill is shut down, except the stripping saws.

Quite a lot of horseback riding on our streets.

Hon. George D. Bisbee will deliver the memorial address before Demerritt Post, No. 147, of Peru.

J. P. Johnston is to commence building the new post office building soon.

E. C. Staples has his house newly painted.

Frank Stanley is to lay the foundation stones for his home next week.

School keeps one week longer.

Ferry boats are both in the river.

Roads very bad. Snowdrifts in places and mud in others.

Boxing gloves are on the street. Not very well handled, however.

A. D. Park has gone to Lewiston.

Katie B. the well known Dixfield mare was sold Friday to parties from R. I., for $2000.

Frank Stanley and H. O. Stanley attended the Republican convention at Lewiston Friday.

Porter.

Snow is leaving somewhat slow, and it will be May before farmers will get to work on their ground.

I fear that Arbor Day will be rather a poor day to set out trees. In view of our seasons of late they had better appoint Fast and Arbor days in June, to make a sure thing.

Mr. Frank Gilman lost a little boy by inflammation of the brain.

Mr. Robert Merrill, of North Parsonsfield, went to Illinois and bought a stallion and brood mare. Blood, Norman Percheron. The stallion weighs some 1500 pounds and the mare 1200, fine horses. The stallion will be kept for service at his stable the present season.

Mr. Isaac Bickford, who has been sick for so long a time, has got so to be out when it is pleasant.

Mr. Sewell Sawyer has taken George E. Stanley's farm to carry on and has moved on to it.

Ossipee River is getting to be quite high.

South Bethel.

It is neither wheeling or sledding, but most people are giving wheels the preference.

Frank Thayer has gone down below Portland to work on a farm.

F. E. Stevens reports good success in peddling.

E. F. Cusaman has taken a job yarding and hauling railroad ties for Col. C. S. Edwards. He yards them out on the crust in the morning.

Denmark.

Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, of Portland, will lecture on temperance at Odd Fellows Hall, Denmark, May 11th.

Mr. Ernest Gilman and Miss Maria Tibbetts were married April 21st, at Brownfield. They go to Livermore soon to take charge of the cheese factory there.

Frank C. Jewett has returned from New York.

Greenwood.

Frank and Mary A. Bennett's infant son born the 18th, lived but a day or two, and was buried the 22d. Their first one died a year ago last winter, of whooping cough, when less than four weeks old.

It is still cold and backward and but a very little bare ground in sight about here. The roads in many places are nearly impassable on account of the horse track being worn down to the ground, leaving the snow on each side deep enough for midwinter.

E. E. Moore has moved his family on to his farm in Rumford, and he has gone river driving on the Androscoggin. He sold his dog team for $5.

Ransom Cole has moved his barn from the old place on the hill, and made so much more addition to his other one at home, which he very much needed.

Mr. Cole has about 70 sheep and 50 lambs. The other day one of his sheep brought a pair of twins, one of which is alive, and perfect in every part, while the other is a—well, we will describe it to the best of our ability, and then each one can name it for himself. The body of the creature resembles somewhat that of a lamb; but while nearly one-half of it is entirely naked the remainder is thinly covered with short white hair like a young pig; the legs are less than one-half the usual size, feet cloven, but look almost exactly like the feet of a pig; and the same may be said of its tail. These limbs are more or less covered with their hair, but not a fiber of wool is seen on it anywhere. But the most singular part is the head; the upper part, or skull, is large and prominent, ears wide at the base, more than two inches long, and end in a point; there is one perfect eye, and that directly in front, or half way between where the eyes are usually placed, the skull there being smooth and solid. The under jaw is long, and turns upward, which gives the face a very hollow appearance; while the upper jaw is one inch shorter, the lips extending, however, so as to be even with the under one. There is not the least trace of a nose, or nostrils; so that if the animal ever breathed it must have been through its mouth. It is a female and weighs 4 1-4 pounds. While examining and writing up this piece of monstrosity, we have been continually reminded of the creatures described by Todd in Hafad's dream.

North-West Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jordan, from Greenwood, are at their daughter's, Mrs. Stephen Merrill's. Mrs. Jordan is in very poor health and intends to go to Mechanic Falls to visit her son.

Ava Brown has got the mumps and some others in this vicinity.

Bennie Dyer and Lillie Hasletine are sick.

The school meeting in District No. 1 was not a success as the man that they chose for agent had not, or some of them thought, had not a right to vote here, as he was a Frenchman. There will be another school meeting some time in May and another agent chosen and clerk, for their clerk has gone to Boston, Mass.

Newry.

April 25th finds us with nearly two feet of snow on the ground in the open land and about three in the woods. Hardly a bare spot to be seen large enough for a sheep to lay down on.

Sledding is quite good on Bear river and from the Grafton Notch through to the Lake region, is by report the best for the winter.

It looks as if tree planting for Arbor Day would have to be prosecuted with snow-shovels.

The snow melts so slowly that river driving hasn't amounted to much so far. There is a big lot lying in Sunday river in Riley.

Kehiler was dissatisfied with the scale of his logs, and has had sworn surveyors scale for him. It looks as if a law-suit might be brewing.

Hebron.

Syrup making is about over. Henry Stearns has made 130 gallons and sold $145 worth, which is a good spring's work

Mrs. Geo. Dunham, who has been very sick, is now comfortable and it is hoped out of danger.

Herbert Adkins, who was sick so long at Miss Pratt's, was taken home Sunday.

The students last week presented Mr. Gurney with a handsome spring rocker as a token of their appreciation of his kindness to them. Mr. Gurney is a good friend to the students and in sugar time and fruit time never forgets to invite them to his house for a treat.

Monday evening, the 23d, Rev. Mr Harden entertained the young people at his house, it being his 48th birthday. The young people surprised him by presenting him with a beautiful reclining chair. All enjoyed the evening very much, as they always do evenings spent with our pastor's family.

Mr. Five left for home Tuesday morning. Last Saturday he took a pleasant walk of about 35 miles and says he was a little tired when he got home. C.

The young people of Hebron assembled at the pastor's house on the evening of the 23d to celebrate his 48th birthday. A very pleasant evening was spent socially and a surprise was given the pastor of a very nice easy chair. "May the giver of all good enrich the givers a hundred fold in this life and the life to come with life everlasting." C. E. HARDEN.

North Fryeburg.

Rev. Mr. Alvord attended a minister's meeting in Portland last week.

Saturday, the 21st, Wesley Wiley sold at auction his farming tools and other personal property, preparatory to his departure for Portland with his family.

Albany.

Deacon P. Beckler, of Sparta, Wis., is spending a few weeks among his numerous friends in this vicinity. He went to Wisconsin five years ago. He speaks favorably of that place for farming, though they have suffered considerably from drouth for the two last years. We are glad to know that Mr. Beckler is appreciated there, in the shire town of the county. They made him an assessor last year and elected him to the same office this year.

George Clark is visiting friends in St. Johnsbury, Vt., and Guildhall.

Wilson Lawrence, who enlisted several months ago in the U. S. army has recently been discharged on account of poor health.

H. McIntire, of Norway, recently purchased a nice pair of oxen, a pair of steers and five cows of S. G. Bean, quite a sale from one farm.

Albion Holt and family have gone to live with his wife's father, Robert Ingham, who is in poor health.

Osgood Drew is building a house on his lot on Maple street, Norway village.

Our mail goes to Bethel this 26th on runners.

The snow is yet quite deep. Two years ago the 19th frogs were giving forth their melody and the sugar maple in full bloom.

Several years ago my sheep went to pasture the 20th of April. Feed was good. Several years previous to that my father sowed his rye on plowed ground in March.

Think Gov. Marble had better postpone Arbor Day for we northerners.

Carter A. Grover is building a barn.

Miss Edna Dresser is engaged to teach summer term of school in North Norway. L.

Good sleighing here but good signs of spring for the robins and bluebirds have come with their gleeful notes, also the common enemy, the black crow (cuss), but the last meet a bad reception as all are on the lookout for him. When the boys here load their guns they use the Mason items cut from the Democrat for wading signed G. H. B., which must mean give him bliz zards for the destruction is large. C. L. Johnson and H. Cummings have killed over 50 on one bait laid out for foxes while they have only killed some over a dozen foxes.

Abel Andrews has killed 12 crows, seven at one shot and others are making a good record.

Dea. Isaac Beckler, who has spent the last five years in Missouri, is spending a few days in town, his old home, visiting his brother, Geo. W. B., and and old friends. He speaks in high terms of his western home.

Dexter A. Cummings has bought the south half of the Leonard Cumming's farm. He intends to make a sheep pasture of it. He seems to think that Congress can not be so foolish as to put wool on the free list.

C. A. Grover is getting out the frame for his new barn, which will soon be built.

Mrs. John Grover had a slight attack of paralysis this week, but by a prompt application of hot water and mustard she soon rallied and Dr. Twaddle, of Bethel, who was just passing was soon brought back, and under his care she is comfortable at present.

G. H. Clark has gone to Vt. to visit friends there. SCRIBBLER.

Fryeburg.

The first appearance of wheels on the road was Friday, April 20th, but sleighs are still used.

Mrs. Dr. Lawson has gone to Portland to visit her sister.

Mrs. H. W. Stark spent Sunday here and went to Bartlett on Tuesday where she will stay a few weeks at F. A. Wiley's.

Mr. A. O. Pike's funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at the Cong'l. church. Masonic ceremonies were part of the exercises.

Mr. Isaac Emery, of Portland, was in the village over Sunday.

Mr. S. A. Page and his son George left on Wednesday for a visit to his uncle, E. McKeen in Towanda, N. Y.

Clayton Pike has returned to Boston.

Scrope Howe is at Bartlett painting.

Miss Fannie Gordon has been visiting in Portland the past week.

The stock of goods remaining in the H. W. Cousin's store was bought by F. O. Bailey & Co., of Portland, and has been sold out the past week.

B. W. McKeen and G. P. Haley attended the convention at Bangor.

The school in Dist. No 1 will begin April 30th, taught by Mr. E. E. Russell, of Lovell.

Coasting and snowballing will probably prove part of the sports of May Day.

The ordination of Mr. Livingston will take place Thursday, May 31st.

Andover.

A special town meeting has been called for May 3d to see if the highway system adopted at the annual meeting cannot be changed.

At the school meeting in Dist. No. 1, Saturday last, A. S. Jordan was re-elected agent.

Wm. Perkins is school agent in Dist. No. 3.

The drifts were "cut out" the 25th inst.

Chas. Duran reports seeing two bears, while on a recent gumming trip over Long Mt.

Mrs Melcher has returned from Brunswick where she has been visiting friends.

E. E. Bedell has sold his pasture to S. W. Richards and his intervale land to J. W. Eaton and J. W. Newton.

J. H. Bailey has 16 lambs from 13 sheep.

The selectmen have been assessing taxes this week.

Roxbury.

The river drivers are here digging the logs out of the snow and rolling them into the river so as to have them ready when the snow melts.

One of Staples men was hurt in his back by falling.

I am glad that some are awake to the danger of losing all our song birds. What a shame that the dear ladies will wear slaughtered birds on their hats. There are some noble exceptions who could not be hired or coaxed to wear them. Make war on the crows by gun, trap and poison. They destroy a great many eggs and young birds. One of the best things to bait them with is a hens egg. My hand is against them notwithstanding the rose water talk in their favor. I have seen them at their vile work.

Brownfield.

C. Martin is soon to move into his new house on Main St.

J. McDonal is filling his shop with sale work. He has also bought a fine horse of D. Chase, of Baldwin.

F. Ham has rented the G. Wakefield house.

Miss Fitch, of Sebago, is to teach the village school.

Miss Linnie Frink is visiting friends in Denmark and Bridgton.

Mrs. John Miller died April 25th. She leaves a husband and twelve children.

East Hebron.

The prospects for the observance of Arbor Day in this vicinity are not very flattering. The snow drifts are in the way of planting trees.

J. A. Witham, of New Gloucester, is visiting his friends in this place.

Baker Phillips is enlarging his barn.

The cream gatherer reports hard wheeling.

Mrs. H. C. Berry has returned home from Canton where she has been stopping a short time with her son, W. J. Berry.

Mrs. S. H. Keene is in poor health.

Willie Ramsdell is improving slowly.

There is to be a heavy acreage of sweet corn planted in this vicinity for canning purposes.

Probably there will be fertilizers used largely as there are five agents here in this place.

Dickvale.

The weather is warm and spring-like today, but the traveling is bad, it being neither sleighing nor wheeling.

J. C. Wyman is cutting out about 3,000 feet of spool strips per day.

C. N. Child sawed his foot very badly recently, at Wyman's mill. He was kicking sawdust through a hole in the floor near the saw, while it was in motion, when, getting his foot a little too near the saw teeth, caught his rubber, tearing an ugly gash nearly to the hollow of his foot.

Abbott & Putnam recently lost a valuable heifer.

East Bethel.

The roads are getting almost impassable—being a combination of snow, water and mud and to "tip over" is a common occurrence.

E. S. Bartlett has gone to Berlin, N. H. He expects to work in Vermont the coming season.

Z. C. Estes and wife from Massachusetts are now attending to their farm affairs in this place.

Miss Ada Mason has gone to Paris to work in the coat shop.

Mrs. Annie Kimball is visiting relatives at Paris.

Miss Flora Bartlett is visiting friends and relatives at Berlin, N. H.

There are a number of farms to be let in this place.

At the annual school meeting James M. Bartlett was elected agent.

Some of our young men talk of going to Montana.

F. D. Bartlett from Berlin, N. H., was in town the 26th.

Rumford Centre.

Mr. R. C. Dolloff has built a good substantial ferry boat and has it in the river ready for business.

Work has begun on the building to be used by the Dairying Association. Mr. F. A. Elliott was chosen agent for this district.

Rumford has another town meeting today, (Saturday) to elect supervisor of schools and to raise money to settle last year's road bills.

Miss Columbia Kimball had another misfortune recently breaking her wrist.

Bethel.

Saturday morning, April 28th, the thermometer registered at sunrise 35 degrees above zero, the highest at Bethel in 1888

The ice left the Androscoggin river the 26th.

About 40 men from Berlin, N. H., left Bethel Friday to drive the logs from Grafton down the Cambridge to the lake.

Some forty men are at the head waters of Sunday River waiting for water to float the logs.

The wife of Clinton Lovejoy was buried Saturday in the family lot (Roberts) at Hanover. Mr. Lovejoy is one of the proprietors of the Bethel House and had been married but about four months to Miss Emma Roberts, a most estimable lady. He has the sympathy of the whole community.

Caleb Wight lost a nice cow Monday.

Hay is plenty in Bethel and selling for $12 to $15 per ton.

Buckfield.

Schools commenced April 23d, under the instruction of Mr. Elisha Pratt and wife in the higher and intermediate department, and Miss Ardelia H. Prince in the primary.

The ladies of the Baptist circle gave a reception at Reform Hall Tuesday evening of last week, which was said to be an enjoyable time, 75 or 80 being present.

George Gregg, of Andover, J. C. Ayer & Co.'s popular traveling agent, was in town Thursday.

Saturday was very warm. Thermometer registered 75 to 80 in shade. Snow going fast and quite a freshet on the Nezinscot.

Mrs. Armstrong Gerrish is still critically ill and fears are entertained for her recovery.

The Handsomest Lady in Norway

Remarked to a friend the other day that she knew Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs was a superior remedy, as it stopped her cough instantly when other cough remedies had no effect whatever. So to prove this and convince you of its merits, any druggist will give you a sample bottle free. Large size 50c and $1.

NORWAY.

Simon G. Richardson, of this town, well known by the appellation of the presiding elder, wrote some months ago to the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., for samples of seeds. Time passed and no reply came and again the elder wrote a gentlemanly letter to the Department with no better success than before. The third epistle worded as follows: brought the desired samples: "Whose kindly business hand may open this I know not but I am a down east Maine Republican. Plant the seeds in Uncle Sam's back yard, when they come up set the Soldiers of Liberty to weeding them. I doubt not that Maine's favored son, when the crop is ready for distribution will remember the elder."

F. O. Purington, Esq., of Mechanic Falls, was in town this week.

Webb & Wakefield have a full line of G. A. R. suits. Big inducements offered at the Blue Store.

David Andrews, who has been to Virginia on business the past week, has returned.

Charles Tibbetts is making extensive improvements in and about the Tibbetts house. On the north and east of the house a wide double piazza is being built by Chas. Pike. The piazza will be a great improvement to the house.

Aaron Thurlow is quite sick.

Swan & Rowe have purchased a new horse. It is a good one.

A. F. Andrews visited Vermont and Canada the past week, where he purchased a number of valuable horses.

Rev. John Moore lectured at the Cong'l vestry Wednesday evening on "The Acadians and Sir Wm. Pepperell" and on the following evening at the same place on "Ancient America." Next week he will deliver the third and last of the course. Mr. Moore next lectures at Berlin Falls and Gorham, N. H.

Geo. W. Horne's services as a member of the choir have been secured by the Congress Square Universalist church, Portland for another year at an advanced salary.

John M. Jewett has gone to Philadelphia where he will work at his trade of cigar manufacturing.

The old fashioned school entertainment will be repeated May evening at Concert Hall. A large attendance is expected. Miss Hawkins is an able and experienced teacher and the advancement of the primer class, will, it is expected, be marked.

John McDonald, foreman of the first quality lasting room closed his engagement with the firm of B. F. Spinney & Co., shoe manufacturers of this place last week and has accepted a position in Lynn, Mass. Mr. A. J. Avery, foreman of the channeling room will fill the vacancy in connection with his present position.

Mrs. Lucella Cummings last week attended the Grand Commandery of U. O. G. C. at Portland.

Col. C. S. Edwards, of Bethel, was in town this week. He attended the funeral of his brother's wife, Mrs. Brice Edwards, Monday.

Fred Weston, formerly baggage master at the depot, has gone to Boston. Thomas Slater fills the position at the station.

Judge Chas. F. Whitman lectured Friday to the high school scholars on "School Law." The lecture was excellent and well received.

Annual meeting of the Norway Public Library Association will be held in the library room Monday evening, May 7th. Business, election of officers.

Village schools close next week. The high school will give an entertainment Friday evening, May 4th at Norway Hall.

John Cummings has had a cupola put on his stable. It is a great improvement.

The following delegates to State Convention were chosen at the Republican caucus Saturday: C. F. Whitman, C. F. Lord, J. A. Roberts, G. F. Lewis, Geo. P. Jones, Geo. A. Cole. To Congressional convention, Geo. L. Beal, H. M. Bearce, L. I. Bartlett, A. F. Andrews and Amos F. Noyes.

Joel Frost is shingling his piazza and making improvements about his house.

The old shed at the Universalist church has been taken down. The crew consisting of Cyrus Woodsum, Charles Akers, Samuel Favor, David Gurney, Harry Chase, C. H. Haskell and others did the work Saturday. The old frame will be used for furnace wood in the church. Thus ends the old shed.

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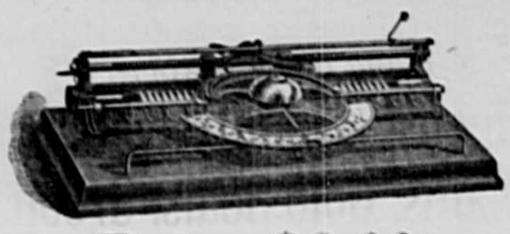

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I.—CHARADE.

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'Tis human but to do,
And doubtless very often seen
With me as well as you.

The *final* is a monstrous pit—
A lengthy excavation;
Sometimes a passage 'neath a wall,
For a consideration.

The *whole* a little animal,
Whose coat of soft fine hair
In summer ever will be brown
In winter ever fair.

S. E. D.

II.—HIDDEN WORD SQUARE.

1. Please bring the stereoscope to me.
2. I do hope Nellie will be able to come with the rest.
3. If she comes, she will spend the week with me.
4. Whether or not she comes depends upon the state of her health.

In the above find hidden words with the following definitions:

1. To contend.
2. Frank.
3. To hang
4. Conclusions.

These will form a square.

LITTLE MAY.

III.—A BIBLICAL NAME.

The *first* you'll find a brief negative;
The *second* is an exclamation;
The *whole* a man of veneration,
Who labored through a generation,
To save a few from inundation,
Regardless of their protestation,
Or any foul calumniation,
That came across their inclination.

S. E. D.

IV.—DECAPITATION.

A child forlorn
(So called in scorn)
If of its head bereft,
A creature small
Is truly all
That of it will be left.

BLANCHE

V.—ENIGMA.

In houses well presided o'er,
You'll find a 1, 2, 3, 5, 4.

When we with old companions mix,
We fast and long 1, 2, 3, 6.

To desperation ne'er be driven,
Have for your motto 6, 4, 7.

The *whole* is kind and suffers long,
Makes its possessor brave and strong;
No scandal e'er is gloated o'er
By those who have the whole in store.
'Tis surely, then, of priceless worth,
A heavenly thing let down to earth.

MARY BROWN.

VI.—JUMBLE

Come, blow, then, however, come stand it, the weather,
Or wild sleet be snow, we'll each come other.

BENNIE BEE

VII.—DIAMOND.

1. A consonant.
2. A small word meaning a small house.
3. A word Westerners use in speaking of their farms.
4. A man skilled in managing a boat.
5. Noted the time.
6. The way the young man felt when he put on his glove with a bee in it.
7. A consonant.

SYLVIA

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF LAST WEEK.

1.—Lilac.
2.—I am the vine, ye are the branches.
3.—Armstrong.
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Sham Poverty.

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"Say, old chap, lend us a quarter."

"Yes, a quarter," added the others.

"Haven't got it boys," he replied.

"Then give us a dime."

"Haven't got it."

"Oh, come now, what's the use!"

"But I'm telling you the honest truth. I hope to drop if I've got a nickel."

"You're a nice specimen, you are!" exclaimed the spokesman in great disgust.

"Am I to blame for being dead broke?" he replied with a show of indignation.

"Dead broke and got on an overcoat which he could pawn for $3! Boys, let's give him the cold cut. It's plain enough that he doesn't amount to nothing!"—Detroit Free Press.

Fort Hell.

SOLDIERING IN THAT FORTIFICATION DURING THE FALL OF 1864

Fort Sedgwick was its real title, named for the lamented General Sedgwick who fell at Spottsylvania. For obvious reasons the men rechristened it Fort Hell, and after a time its first name was nearly forgotten. The Johnnies had a work opposite, originally called Fort Mahone, which a like soldier license had changed to Fort Damnation.

June 18, 1864, I had imprudently run against an enterprising bullet coming from the direction of Petersburg. The effects of the collision consigned me to hospital life till the early part of the next October. Returning to the front I found my regiment stationed in Fort Hell. This work was a couple of miles further round to the left but as near the city as the point where we had the fighting in June, about a mile and a half from the town and three or four hundred yards from the enemy's works. The First Maine Heavy Artillery lay in this fortification forty days, losing in that time by missiles great and small twenty-five men. The regiment was then very small, so it is clear that it was not a healthy place to live in. One man who went back in the convalescent squad I did, was struck with a bullet the same day, and had to go back to hospital. The two hostile lines were within short rifle range of each other, and woe betide the man who exposed any part of his anatomy many seconds. Sharpshooters were always watching during the daylight, and the pickets kept up a fusillade day and night. Picket guards had to be stationed after dark. Those doing this duty did not like moonlight nights. We had to gather all our fire-wood after dark, and then with stray bullets striking in the timber all around us meanwhile.

Our living places had to be bomb proof, for both sides had heavy mortars and used them a good deal, too. A breast high pile of dirt, that afforded good protection from a level range gun was no shelter from mortar shells. These latter rising into the air, would drop right into places not fortified towards the sky. So we had to make a house banked thickly with earth on the side next the enemy, lay heavy logs side by side for a roof, and upon this shovel two or three feet of dirt. A ten-inch shell could not drop through this. We called these shelters "gophers."

Up the line, just above Fort Hell, our folks had a battery of six mortars. The evening I returned, they had a prolonged duel with a corresponding battery on the other side. It was a beautiful sight after dark. Its tragic features were hidden to us, and nothing came near to inspire concern, so we had the display without the accompanying peril. The burning fuse of a shell would leave a trail of fire, so we could watch its course as it described its perfect arch. Finally our side fired a volley, six shells in air at once, six huge shells to drop into Fort Mahone at once. We heard them explode as they reached their mark, and after that we heard no more from the Johnnies that night. The silence that fell seemed to say, "We won't play any more if you do like that, you play too rough."

These shells were so large we could see them in the daytime when they were coming. We would hear a report in the enemy's camp, and could tell from its peculiar sound if it was a mortar discharge. Listening, we could hear, high in the air, a rushing, whizzing sound, and looking closely could see a black ball moving on a parabolic line towards our side. A fly ball, and at the same time a hot ball, which no man was willing to take. Naturally much interest was felt as to where it would light. If a gopher was near, we would go for it. But even in that, there was some disquieting skepticism as to whether there were dirt enough on the roof. When a shell went into the earth, and then burst, it would spout the earth like a new style of geyser. Bursting in the air would give us an unpleasant rain of ragged iron. One day a man was away from his gopher, heard a shell coming, and looking up saw it. It was plainly aiming to drop near where he was standing. Whether he was too fascinated by its peril to move, or whether he could not determine which way to move, no one knows. He stood still and was completely pulverized. A step in any direction would have saved him.

Our fort stood on a low hill, and, as cold weather drew on, we began to build at its foot, on the safe side, a long strong bomb-proof for winter quarters. We were at work here one afternoon, Oct. 24th, according to my diary. We had dug a place for our casemate and begun bringing timber from the felled growth. The rebels must have seen that there was some unusual stir, for they began dropping shells into Ft. Hell and the space just back of it, where we were. When one was coming all hands would stop work and look up, but not on astronomical thoughts intent. I vividly recall trying to shrink into nothing as ugly pieces of iron from exploded shells circulated among us. After a while we of Co. F. heard one come down near our gopher and burst. We ran up, but found our shelter unhit. Three or four Co. C. men had built a small casemate just beyond ours. One man, who had been on guard the night before, was in it, lying on the bed asleep. This shell struck where the ends of the logs came over the doorway. This broke its fall so that it rolled down into the gopher upon the bed and lay there smoking. The man had just time to kick it off when it burst. He was terribly cut and bruised when we reached him, but was not dead. He died in the hospital a few days after. Our officer let us quit work then, there was too much risk of thinning down the regiment. That night two divisions of the 2d Corps, in one of which we were, were withdrawn from the front to take part in the movement that brought on the Boynton Road battle three days later.—S. C. W. in Pittsfield Advertiser.

Rothschild's Revenge.

An amusing adventure is related as having happened to the Bank of England, which had committed the unpardonable sin of refusing to discount a large bill drawn by Anselm Rothschild of London. The bank had haughtily replied that they discounted only their own bills; not those of private persons. But they had to do with one stronger than the bank. "Private persons!" exclaimed Baron Rothschild, when the fact was reported to him. "I'll make those gentlemen understand what kind of private persons we are." Three weeks later the baron—who had employed the interval in gathering all the five pound notes he could procure in England and on the continent—presented himself at the bank. He drew from his pocket-book a five-pound note, and they naturally counted out five sovereigns, at the same time looking quite astonished that the baron should have personally troubled himself for such a trifle. The great banker examined the coins one by one, and put them in a little canvas bag; then drawing out another note—a third—a tenth—a hundredth—he never put the pieces of gold into the bag without scrupulously examining them, and in some instances trying them in the balance. The first pocketbook being emptied and the first bag full, he passed them to his clerk and received a second, and thus continued till the bank closed. The baron had employed seven hours to change twenty-one thousand pounds, but as he had also nine employes of his house employed in the same manner, it resulted that the house of Rothschild had drawn two hundred and ten thousand pounds in gold from the bank, and that he had so occupied the tellers that no other person could change a single note. On the first day the bank people were somewhat amused at this exhibition of Baron Rothschild's pique; but they laughed less when they saw him return the next morning, at the opening of the bank, flanked by his nine clerks, and followed this time by vehicles to carry away the specie. And they laughed not at all when the king of bankers said, with ironic simplicity—"These gentlemen have refused to pay my bills. I have sworn not to keep theirs. Only I notify them that I have enough to employ them for two months—" "For two months!" The bank took alarm. There was something to be done. Next morning notice appeared in the journals that henceforth the bank would pay Rothschild's bills the same as their own.—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

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SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

OXFORD COUNTY.

Clerk's Office, Paris, Me., March 19, 1888.

Notice is hereby given of the intention of Mr. Geo. E. Davis, of Kezar Falls, York County, to make application at the May term, 1888, of the Supreme Judicial Court, Oxford County, for admission to the Bar, as an Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

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Notice of Petition for Discharge.

State of Maine.

OXFORD, ss:—Court of Insolvency. In the case of OCTAVIUS D. ELLINGWOOD, Insolvent debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has on this eighteenth day of April, A. D. 1888, been presented to said court for said county, by Octavius D. Ellingwood, of Paris, in the county of Oxford 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 Probate Court room in Paris in said county of Oxford, on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of May, 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 his petition.

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

Notice of Petition for Discharge.

State of Maine.

OXFORD, ss:—Court of Insolvency. In the case of CHARLES E. COUSENS, Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has, on this 18th day of April, A. D. 1888, been presented to said court for said county, by Charles E. Cousens, of Fryeburg, 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 16th day of May, 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 for Examination of Debtor.

In the case of JOHN G. WENTWORTH, Insolvent Debtor, of Norway, in the County of Oxford:

Notice is hereby given that the Probate Court Room, at Paris, in said County, and the 16th day of May, A. D. 1888, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, are the time and place appointed for a hearing and examination of the above named debtor. All persons interested will govern themselves accordingly.

Dated at Paris, the 18th day of April, A. D. 1888.

H. C. DAVIS, Register and Assignee.

THE CAMERA'S PATRONS.

THE PUBLIC APT TO MAKE NEW PHOTOGRAPHERS POPULAR.

A Business Almost Entirely Dependent on the Fluctuations of Public Favor. Progress in the Art of Photographing. The Daguerreotype.

There seems to be no business so entirely dependent on the fluctuations of popular favor as that of the photographer. A moment's reflection on the part of anybody who is acquainted with the history of photographers in New York for the past ten or fifteen years, will show that their business is evidently not subject to the same conditions as is attendant on the business of other trades and professions. Photographers do not start in a small way, build up gradually a paying business and eventually secure an established patronage, which then continues with them without any special effort in the way of advertising.

The popular photographer jumps into his popularity as a general thing inside of a single year, and replaces in public esteem older firms whose names are familiar to everybody, both in private and public life. The older men retire to the background and the artistic character of their pictures is sneered at, and comparatively new men are hailed as the apostles of modern photography and their work described as the latest and the best. The older men are almost forgotten, and their business falls away and they retire to side streets and modest shops. No photographer of fifteen years ago is known as a leading photographer today. The men who then secured the great men of the country, the leading actresses on the stage and the beauties of the drawing room for their subjects, are either out of business altogether or are doing a small trade with modest family people and charging extremely moderate prices.

FICKLENESS OF PUBLIC FAVOR.

A photographer the other day said that he did not believe it was possible for any man or any firm in the business to get to the top and stay there. He had gotten to the top himself once, and he had made it a point to keep up with the times, to use all the modern improvements in photographic materials and processes, and had employed all his spare time devising new and attractive styles of photographs. But notwithstanding all his efforts, both in a business and artistic way, he was not able to keep the leading position he had attained, and for no other reason in the world except that public favor, so far as his business is concerned, is fickle beyond anything that he could describe. He was gradually replaced by new arrivals in the field and saw his customers going to men whom he believed had none of his ability, and whom he knew had but a quarter of his experience. He explained this defection by saying that people who are in the habit of having their photographs taken at stated intervals, have the quality of human vanity in them developed to an unusual extent and are possessed of a continual desire to try new experiments and reach fresh results. They do not expect, perhaps, that the latest photographer will make them out any more beautiful than the one whom they have just left but they expect that he will give them pictures which will give a new significance to their features.

Speaking of keeping up with the times, a photographer said the other day that there was nothing in modern photography which demonstrated its progress more absolutely than the improvements directed to reducing the time necessary for the securing of the impression. Instantaneous photography is the growth of very recent times. Dozens of photographers in New York expose their plates and secure results within a second, but this is by no means instantaneous photography. How great the progress in this matter has really been may be estimated from the fact that when daguerreotypes were first taken in this country, forty odd years ago, it was necessary that the plate should be exposed for fully twenty-five minutes before the impression was deemed sufficient for the picture. Of course, in this twenty-five minutes the subject had to sit perfectly still. This was certainly as hard work as any artist's model does today. In fact, no artist's model is expected to pose for that time without rest. Six seconds is now regarded as a very long exposure.—New York Mail and Express.

An Anthropometric Laboratory.

An anthropometric laboratory is a place where a person may have any of his various faculties measured in the best possible way, and where duplicates of his measurements may be preserved as private documents for his own future use and reference. All the various faculties are to be registered. Accordingly, after the exact shape, the cubical contents and the specific gravity of the individual have been ascertained he will be tested for pace on a measured mile on land and a measured 100 yards in the water. The physical basis being thus ascertained, the capacity for self restraint will next be tried. Then will come the memory tests and the trials of originality and intellectual endurance. It would be impossible, except at great length, to explain the various processes available for these latter purposes, but a brief reference may be made to the uses of the register when completed. Evidently the register kept at the laboratory may be made use of as a reference in all cases. To persons about to marry the record will, of course, be valuable and indispensable. Very great benefits will accrue to all classes of people. It will abolish the old test of a man's faculties by the work he does and what comes out of him.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

Replating Stamped Tinware.

In the process of forming stamped tinware flat sheets of metal are placed in powerful presses and forced by means of dies into shape. This shaping process and enormous pressure on the metal completely disintegrates the tin coating, breaking the fibers and rendering the surface of the wares fractured, rough and unfinished. This defect is remedied by replating, which reincorporates and reunites the surface, correcting all fractuosity and making the ware bright and new. The ware to be replated is dipped into a caldron of boiling tallow, so hot that the original tin plating is softened up and melted from the surface of the sheet iron. Then the article so treated is dipped into a pot of fused tin, where it takes on a new coating of that metal. It is then dropped a