









## "ON THE HILL."

## DECEMBER.

First Baptist Church. Rev. G. Mayo, Pastor. Sunday school at 11 A. M. Sabbath School at 10 A. M. Prayer Meeting. Tuesday Evening at 7 P. M. Universalist Church. Sunday School every Sunday at 11 A. M.

George H. Watkins, of Portland, was in town over Memorial Day.

Hon. Hannibal Hamlin was at Paris from Tuesday until Friday.

Dr. W. B. Lapham of Augusta was at Paris a day or two last week.

George M. Atwood and wife are on a visit to Oxford and Wad Pond.

It is reported that a deer was seen in the woods near S. P. Stearns's, recently.

George Fletcher and son of Portland were at the Hubbard House over Sunday.

Loren B. Merrill and L. K. Stone are mining upon their ledge near Mount Mis.

Mr. York has bought the barn on the Downing place. He is now taking it down, and will set it up on his lot.

J. L. Parker and E. S. Bartlett were in town last week. Mr. Bartlett delivered the Memorial Day address at Stoneham.

Mr. H. E. Cushman, of Tufts Divinity School, has been engaged to preach in the Universalist church at Paris Hill and West, summer through the summer months. His engagement begins a week from next Sunday—June 16th.

In the Paris exposition exhibit of gems and ornamental stones by Tiffany & Co. of New York, are a number from Maine, several of which come from Paris.

The larger portion of the Maine gems exhibited by them are from Oxford County.

Willow and rattan furniture are the correct thing for the next three months. Intending purchasers should visit these

halls now open to the public at the warehouses of Paine's Furniture Co., 48 Canal Street, Boston. They have a wonderful assortment of these goods, and their prices are lower than other leading

Rev. Gibson Mayo has resigned his pastorate of the Baptist churches at Paris Hill and South Paris. This action is taken on account of an alleged scandal which has troubled him for some years. There is general regret that Mr. Mayo is obliged to leave, not only among the members of the parish which he has served for two years, but as well among those who have known him mainly or entirely as a neighbor and a citizen.

## MEMORIAL DAY AT PARIS.

The day when we do honor to the memory of the loyal dead was observed in Paris according to the published program. The members of Wm. K. Kimball Post, G. A. R., left South Paris in the early morning, and went to West Paris. The procession marched to the cemetery, where, after prayer and the reading of the G. A. R. cemetery service, the graves of comrades were decorated.

The post then proceeded to Paris Hill, where the exercises were held at a little after ten. The procession formed at Court Square, and marched to the old cemetery, where the ranks were drawn up beside the grave of Gen. W. K. Kimball, for whom the day is named.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Mayo, and the cemetery service was read, and the graves decorated. Commander Bol-

ton then introduced Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, who made a few remarks, speaking mainly of the good done by the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Hamlin assured the people that he did not, as had been announced, to make a speech; nevertheless his audience was very glad to see and hear him.

The procession then returned to the square and the graves of the South Paris, where they were lunched at G. A. R. Hall.

At two o'clock the procession, consisting of the South Paris Band, Wm. K. Kimball Post, members of Harry Rust Post of Norway, and school children, formed at Market Square and marched to the old cemetery.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. V. Fitt, the cemetery service was again read, and the graves were decorated. Appropriate music was furnished both here and at the hall by the members of the South Paris Congregational choir.

From the cemetery the procession passed to Moore Park, by the soldiers' monument, and thence to the hall. The hall was quickly filled, and all the standing room being utilized. On account of the number present it was thought best to omit the G. A. R. parade service, which it had been intended to use. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Holmes, and the speaker of the day, Hon. H. M. Heath of Augusta, was introduced.

Mr. Heath in opening explained his "intrusion," as he termed it, upon an occasion sacred to the memory of those who fought for the Union, by a feeling of devotion to his father and his own recollections of the days of the war.

The true history of the war is yet to be written. Though a generation has come and gone, and great conflicts yet remain much of its bitterness and heat, and hardly a writer or speaker can mention it without partisan prejudice and bigotry. Perhaps another generation must pass before we shall see the end of this, and be able to regard the events of the war without prejudice or passion.

We can forgive every thing, but we cannot forget anything. And, said the speaker, when we teach our youth what this day commemorates, one thing should not be allowed. The justice of the war, waged by those who defended the Union, should never be debated or questioned.

The speaker followed with an analysis of the two types of civilization, northern and southern, the irrepressible conflict between them brought on the war, a war which was not carried on to exterminate slavery, however necessary it might be, but to preserve the rights of the white race.

Of these two types of civilization, one tended to government by the people, the other to the establishment of an autocracy and government by the few. The death struggle between them must finally have come, and perhaps it is well that it came when it did.

In closing, Mr. Heath made an earnest protest against the degradation of the sacred Memorial Day by public sports and ball games.

Mr. Heath's manner was pleasing, though subdued by the occasion more than his wont.

Hon. Hannibal Hamlin was then introduced, and spoke briefly. His references to the home of his nativity and his early years drew tears from many eyes.

Commander Bolster thanked the comrades of Harry Rust Post for their presence and aid, and the meeting closed with a benediction.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

JOHN F. STANLEY, REGISTER.

BETHLE. C. A. Walker to J. B. Blaine, \$200

J. S. Harlow to G. D. Murphy, 50

M. E. Thomas to J. D. Blaine, 100

L. Long to J. A. Wood, 100

CANTON. O. Childs et al to N. S. Stowell, 200

N. S. Stowell to J. N. Stowell, 100

J. B. Blaine to N. S. Stowell, 100

C. F. French to N. S. Stowell, 100

M. A. King to N. S. Stowell, 100

GRAFTON. L. A. W. Abbott to J. W. Farley, 400

GREENWOOD. E. A. Morgan to E. Blaisdell, 150

L. Blaisdell to R. C. Cole, 150

PARIS. E. D. Yates to R. C. Clark, 100

F. H. Skilling to S. P. Clark, 100

RELAY PLANTATION. J. B. Chapman to N. L. Blaisdell, 100

S. B. Ladd to L. D. Newell, 100

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WATERFORD. R. H. Nichols to E. S. Cox, 200

J. Chase to L. E. Chase, 200

## THE OXFORD BEARS.

## A LOT OF LIVELY REPORTERS LOOK THEM OVER AND TELL WHAT THEY SEE.

## CANTON.

Hon. John P. Swansey and wife visited Brook Pond last week. Mrs. Swansey, Mrs. Reynolds, Dr. Hayford, H. T. Turrell, and A. S. Shaw visited Four Ponds last week and report plenty of trout.

Miss Lena Bennett is at work in the Telephone office.

Last Sunday Rev. C. A. Hayden preached a very able memorial sermon to a large congregation. Hodge Post, G. A. R., was in attendance. The address Thursday by Col. A. S. Stearns of Paris, who is well known in this community as an able and interesting speaker.

The congratulatory Hodge Post on being able to secure such an address to them. The church both days was beautifully decorated with flowers.

There have been several sad accidents here this past week. Last Saturday, Willis Burbank, while taking away boards from the circular saw at Gilbertville was severely injured by being struck by a board in the leg, breaking it, so the bone protruded about eight inches through the clothing. At last accounts he was doing well. Drs. Stanwood and Caldwell attended him. Monday, Charles Deane of Hartford, while coupling cars in the yard at Gilbertville had his hand severely injured. Monday morning while going to school Ida little daughter of W. J. Thompson was run over by G. M. Parker's team and badly hurt. There was a large cut in the back of the head which at first was considered dangerous but at last report was doing nicely.

LOCKE'S MILLS. Walter Rand has gone to the lakes.

Oscar Brown has bought Ira C. Jordan's house and lot for \$800.

L. C. Locke has bought the blacksmith shop.

Daniel Cummings has moved to Woodstock. He has sold his house now occupied by Mrs. Kimball.

B. A. Woodman has returned from Portland Business College.

ROXBURY. Staples has gone up with a load of men to turn Bemis Stream so that it shall turn down Swift River instead of into the lake as it now does.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Taylor, formerly of Byron, now of Harrison, have gone up to Byron for a short visit. Mr. Taylor is doing well in dentistry.

Hon. John P. Swansey, Ben. Swaney and quite a company of friends have been trying the trout at Birch Pond.

John Reed is home from his drive for a day on business.

S. M. Richards has been visiting friends and capturing trout.

Mrs. Locke is in very poor health.

NORTH BUCKFIELD. Daniel Fletcher and wife of West Paris are visiting in this city.

Freel Hendrick, Fred Heald and James Ricknell are at work for James A. Warren on his house.

Our school is progressing finely under the instruction of Miss Theron.

The frost has done considerable damage in our section.

Horace Farrar from Sumner is running a meat cart through our place again this summer.

V. D. Ricknell is buying veal calves again this season.

C. B. Keen has gone to Stoneham, Massachusetts, visiting his daughter.

H. J. Carey has gone to Salem, Massachusetts.

Abel Spaulding who has been spending this winter in Paris for the last six weeks has gone back to Ohio.

EAST BETHEL. The dedication of the new springboard Tuesday evening, May 28th, was a success.

About thirty-five couples joined in the grand march and a nice first-class time was enjoyed.

The church has been cleaned and twenty-five yards of new carpeting put down, which was furnished by the circle.

Mrs. Eli Swan has gone to Durham, Maine, to spend a few weeks with her son, M. K. Hamlin.

Mrs. Robert Southard from Massachusetts is now stopping with her mother, Mrs. Ben. Hendrick.

Eugene Bean has gone to Berlin, New Hampshire, surveying land and timber.

Regular meeting of P. of H. at Granger Hall, Saturday, June 1st, there will be degree work and a harvest feast.

Born, May 24, to the wife of George Mason, a son.

RUMFORD POINT. Jerry and F. B. Martin are erecting a new barn on the site of the old one.

With various other master workmen, anything but model building would be impossible.

Mrs. A. B. Elliott and daughter, Miss Belle, who have been spending some time in California, arrived in town last week.

We warmly welcome them again to their old home.

Mrs. G. H. Perry, now a resident of California, is visiting at her father's, G. R. Hodgdon's.

The congregation in this place will be supplied for the present by a student from Yale, Mr. Danahy.

The church is sadly in need of repair, but we will wait for the energy that surely will come.

PERU. H. E. Stillman has bought him another horse of Otto Wyman and has planted 40 acres of corn in one week with his new corn planter, the King of the Corn Field.

Mrs. Sally Roberts still remains very low.

J. E. Conant has three-quarters of a ton of potatoes that he has hoed and they stand six inches at this writing.

We had a slight frost the 27th, but it did no damage.

Bearce's drive passed here on the 24th.

EAST PERU. Dwight Hall has moved on to the Fred Newton farm and he is at work for his brother, M. Hall.

School commenced in District No. 1 on the 27th. Miss Verda Ludden of Dixfield, teacher.

NEWRY. Two frosty mornings within a week, but little damage however as yet to the crops.

North Newry sewing society met at S. R. White's on Tuesday of this week.

I hear that Irving Stearns, principal of the high school at Berlin Falls, is to come with his family to town for the summer vacation soon.

Edmund Taylor, who is teaching in Dakota, is expected home on a visit.

W. B. Wright has dug a cellar and is stoning it. S. R. Wilder is doing the work.

S. P. Davis is running a meat cart from Grafton to Newry Court.

Otis Baker has had quite an ill turn. Rufus Stearns has had a relapse, but was better at last accounts.

O. E. Baker saw a bear in the road near Orlin Foster's the other day.

PORTER. The weather is cold for the last of May, frost on the low land killing the crops in some localities.

Thursday in this place at ten o'clock, A. M., and at Kezar Falls at 2:30, P. M. C. T. Fox and E. J. Gentlemen church ladies addresses at New Hampshire.

Freedom Band of New Hampshire will be in attendance. The town meeting is at the annual meeting in March. The people will all express an interest in the matter and devote time and money to help pay the taxes on the one day in the year to pay their respects to the fallen dead.

S. F. Pike of Cornish has contracted to furnish 1000 cords of poplar timber and hands are busy in this vicinity cutting and peeling for the same.

The potato here is out again in full force and pleasing the farmers and keep them busy.

WEST FRYEBURG. Mrs. Abbott is able to be out as usual, after her illness.

Mrs. John Shaw does not rally from her shock as well as could be wished. She is still very feeble.

S. A. Stevens is doing mason work for Thomas D. Knightly.

WEST PARIS. J. F. Emerson has moved his cigar manufactory from Dunham's Block on Main Street to rooms under Dunham's Hall.

W. R. Bradbury is treating his building to a coat of paint.

J. C. Blinn has bought a house lot of E. D. Andrews on the southeast side of Prospect Street.

West Paris Base Ball Club won both games played Memorial Day. Forenoon: West Paris, 12; Gorham, 3; afternoon: West Paris, 9; South Paris, 6. They also won the game played with the Oxford Saturday, score 13 to 2.

May 25th one of our citizens picked about one-half pint of ripe wild strawberries. Pretty good for old Maine.

Some citizens were disappointed that Hon. H. M. Heath did not come up to address us Memorial Day morning, as we were informed that he would. As it was, exercises were held only at the cemetery. Kimball Post was present, but the band did not come. The stores were closed most of the day.

Parties of scholars visited Kezarville and the Legions on Saturday, the 25th.

Mr. Hersey of Bowdoin College, executive secretary of the F. M. Volunteer Association of Maine, who has been a part of foreign missions at the Congregational church on Sunday. In the evening the meeting was a memorial service.

Mrs. Hattie Pease and Mr. Barker attended the graduating exercises of the Institute of Technology at Boston. Mr. Clayton W. Pike has now finished his course, in which he has made a specialty of electricity.

Mrs. H. W. Stark is quite sick with lung trouble.

Miss Susie Randall is hoped to be on the way to recovery.

Decorations were suitably observed by the G. A. R. Post, by decorating the graves in the forenoon, in which ceremony the children assisted. In the afternoon the address was given at the Methodist church by Rev. H. H. Davis of North Conway, in which he fully sustained his reputation as a most interesting speaker. In the evening an appropriate entertainment was given by the C. L. S. C., assisted by other talent, which was prepared especially with reference to the day, and was in every respect highly successful.

A new photographer, Mr. C. E. Smith, has opened a new studio on Oxford Street.

Prof. T. E. Woodruff of Bowdoin College will deliver a series of lectures on dates for admission to college on Saturday, the 28th, and preach the baccalaureate sermon the next day at the Congregational church.

Rev. Wallace Nutting, who supplied the Congregational pulpit two years ago, has accepted a call to St. Paul, Minn.

GRAFTON. We had a frost Sunday night, but a heavy fog Monday morning seemed to prevent its doing much damage this way.

E. I. Brown got his last boom of logs across the lake and he and his men got home Saturday. He was obliged to leave two hundred and fifty thousand on the lake before he could get them.

David Vale and family moved from Aroostook to Grafton last week.

The farmers this way have their crops all in the ground, but it is very cold at this writing.

Fishermen were never so plenty as this year. They seem to come and besiege the trout in all the streams.

BROWNFIELD. Memorial services were held at the Congregational church Sunday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Clough giving the address.

Funeral services of Mrs. Belinda Chapman, an old resident of Brownfield, late of Boston, were held at her old home, Mrs. R. Johnson's.

The R. L. S. C. meets with Mrs. Dr. Fitch Tuesday evening.

Mrs. F. E. Colby and wife are away visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison have returned from quite a protracted visit at Bridgton.

GREENWOOD. We called at Mr. Goodman's a few days ago and found the old lady very feeble, and every indication that her life's work is practically finished. Her son Charles is now on the gain, so she begins to do some labor.

Deacon S. B. Cummings is somewhat better than he was last winter although not free from rheumatism now.

Our better half gave us a number of strawberries last Saturday so nearly ripe that they were red and sour.

The interview we had with Dr. Lapham the other day at the Pond was a very pleasant one. He wears spectacles and we thought while looking at him that he could say with much truthfulness as did Washington, "I am old, but I am not old."

With various other master workmen, anything but model building would be impossible.

I have grown blind, as well as gray in your service. We think all are in our service much of the time for quite a number of years, writing those town histories. He is now engaged on the history of the town of Rumford.

Grass is looking fairly well although badly killed out in places.

Apple trees do not blossom quite so plentifully as last year, so we are glad they don't like to see so much wantfulness. Honey apples will be scarce enough next winter so that buyers will be willing to pay one dollar a barrel for them.

MASON. Have had two frosty mornings this week. Hear of beans and potatoes being killed.

E. T. Maine has gone to Oxford and Deering.

John Kenneron has bought the Lewis Wheeler place in North Albany and Mr. Wheeler has moved on to the Moore place.

There is much sickness in town especially among the children. The doctor was called yesterday and again today.

Sewell J. Walker has hired out with Mr. Hibbard, of Shelburne, N. H., to drive team.

G. A. Lovejoy has gone to Milton, N. H.

C. F. and S. M. Brown went fishing last week and caught 197 trout. A great many of them would weigh a pound.

The mosquitoes had a good time.

Part of our people are doing planting and some have just begun.

Early sown grain is looking finely.

Apples are setting sparingly and small fruit abundantly.

Caterpillars are far more plentiful than for many years. They will bear watching. I see in the eastern part of the State they stop railroad trains.

MILTON PLANTATION. May seems to give us much variable weather.

There was a nice stereopticon exhibition at the school house Saturday evening. The views in art works cultured some very interesting places to judge from the bill which is before me. We are indebted to James G. Davis for the Sunday morning sermon as he entered the gentleman over Sunday.

The biblical views given Sunday evening were very interesting and instructive.

J. C. Swift left home Monday morning expecting to work in Augusta on the academy building.

D. C. Swift has been spending a few days in Milton.

Ed Andrews is on the sick list.

Trout are plenty in some of the brooks to judge from the large platter full served at Sunday dinner of the writer.

Field strawberries are beginning to get their red, full appearance and will soon decorate our tables with their luscious sweetness.

NORWAY LAKE. Freehold Norway, Esq., has bought two more lots on the north side of the lake of Ekanham Tubbs.

S. I. Millett is building a road from the country road to the lake near his lots on the shore of the lake.

Wm. O. Perry is building an addition to his barn. F. T. Green is doing the work.

Herbert Kilgore has gone to Boston on a visit to his brother Henry.

Mrs. Samuel Hale, Mrs. E. Kilgore's mother, has returned home from Pawtucket, R. I., where she has been spending the winter with her sister.

S. A. Stevens is doing mason work for Thomas D. Knightly.

BETHLE. The spring term of the Academy, Bethel, closed with an exhibition at Ideal Hall Wednesday evening. Music, recitations, declamations and dialogues made a very pleasant entertainment. Professors Dresser and Lincoln, and Miss Wingate close their year with the close of the term, and it is much to be regretted that they sever their connection with the school.

Brown Post G. A. R. decorated the graves of their dead comrades Thursday afternoon and in the evening listened to an address by Prof. A. M. Edwards of the Congregational church, music by the church choir, led by Dea. E. P. Grover. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Trask of the Methodist church, and a few well-chosen words by Rev. D. W. Hardy introduced the speaker, who is a native of Bethel. He held the large audience in rapt attention as he reviewed the causes of the war and its results. He paid the tribute to the patriotism of the soldiers from Bethel and the devotion and sacrifice of her noble women. The audience joined in singing "My country 'tis of thee," to the tune of America, and Rev. Mr. Benton of the Universalist church pronounced the benediction and closed a most enjoyable celebration.

Mrs. F. S. Hanson, of Bethel, who has been a part of the Maine General Hospital, Portland, the past four months, has returned to her home much improved in health.

Mrs. Annie Chase, widow of Joshua Chase, late of Bethel, died Thursday morning. She had been a member of the Congregational church fifty-nine years. She has been a great sufferer for several months. She died Saturday, Rev. D. W. Hardy conducting the services.

The cold weather of the past week has retarded vegetation. A heavy frost killed the leaves and some pieces of corn and beans.

S. D. Philbrook has planted one hundred bushels of potatoes.

Much complaint is made that the sweet corn is not coming well.

Large quantities of pulp wood are being shipped from Bethel station.

George Rich, who is attending the School of Agriculture at Orono, spent Sunday last at home.

Judge Post went to Lewiston on Thursday, where he delivered the memorial address in the evening.

H. W. Johnson, a former principal of Gould Academy, visited this place last week.

A. C. Farwell is making improvements upon his grounds, by taking out rocks and grading. Mr. Farwell's residence, which was built last season, is located upon the line of the projected new street, and will connect Broad Street with Chapel Street.

A game of ball between the merchants and clerks was announced for Memorial Day. The clerks were victorious.

There was a school dance at Bethel House Hall on Friday evening.

R. E. L. Farwell has bought the business of A. C. Farwell, and is to continue at the old place.

Bethel boasts of her fast horses. Each Friday night there is a trial of speed on the flat in Mayville, and if report is true many trotters are being developed.

Ladies' Aid met May 29th with Mrs. Wallace Farwell. Next one appointed to meet with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Packard on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Stearns, from Newry, have been here on a visit.

Mrs. Joseph Oliver is on the sick list. Her mother from Bird Hill is taking care of her.

Rev. W. W. Wakeman is now here as pastor.

The church has been treated to a coat of paint and varnish and the carpet put down.

Quite a party recently collected and hung the mantle a fine May basket. There was a nice one also hung for A. H. Packard and wife.



