









## "ON THE HILL."

## DIRECTORY.

First Baptist Church, A. P. Wodge, Supply. Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Sabbath Evening Service at 7 P. M. Prayer Meetings, Tuesday, Wednesday at 7 P. M. Universalist Church, Mr. H. E. Chapman, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M.

Newton Stanley spent the Fourth at his father's.

Miss Mary Thayer of Portland, is at O. A. Thayer's.

Miss Nellie Dyer, of Portland, spent the Fourth at Paris.

Misses Alley, Esq., of Hartford, was in town last Saturday.

Sam and Hattie Crocker returned from Brunswick Friday.

Miss Snow and Miss Robinson, of Portland, are at the Hubbard House.

Jessie L. Carter, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting at the father's, S. R. Carter's.

Mr. A. P. Wodge began his engagement at the Baptist church Sunday. He will marry the daughter of Mr. Wodge.

Miss Edith B. Hooper of Turner, and Miss Lucie E. Marshall of West Paris were at the Hill last week.

The anniversary exercises of the Universalist Sunday School will be held next Sunday afternoon at five o'clock.

Misses Grace and Gertrude Harlow went to Oxford Saturday where they expect to remain during the summer.

Mrs. Emma E. Whitney and son of Boston, were at the Hill Friday. Mrs. Whitney is spending two weeks at her summer residence at Hebron Academy.

Misses Mary and Anna Bowker, formerly of this place and for some years compositors in the Oxford Democrat office, are in the Lewiston Journal office, are visiting here.

Furniture for out-of-door use is the latest specialty at Palmer's Furniture Warehouse, 44 and 46 street, in Portland. The collection is every conceivable article for the piazza and lawn.

George M. Atwood has purchased of S. P. Stearns, Esq., of Josiah S. Bates place, adjoining his residence in this village. The buildings will be removed and the grounds graded. The house is for sale (to be moved off) to the highest bidder.

Christians did not seem to favor a noisy celebration of the glorious Fourth here. Even the midnight bonfire and bonfire did not come up to the usual standard of racket. A game of ball was arranged for the forenoon, but the time had to be spent in standing round waiting for the grass to dry, and in a little practice with a wet and slippery ball. Quite a number went to the fair grounds in the afternoon.

A quiet little celebration was held on the fourth of July, on the grounds of Mrs. Abella Carter in this place. The house now occupied by Mrs. Carter, was formerly the residence of Mr. Carter, who lived here for many years. It is supposed to be the first frame house built in town. The frame was raised in April, 1780, and the house was not nearly finished by the fourth of July. The celebration of the nation's birthday ever held in this vicinity took place there. Dr. Ebenezer Taylor, a divine settled in what is now Buckfield was the orator of the day, and spoke on a rain boghead placed on end in the rank. Mr. Jackson presided punch and dinner. Old and young from all the settlements within twenty miles, were present. It was to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the building of the house, and also of the first Fourth of July celebration in Oxford County, that the Carter families in the place united in their celebration last Thursday.

## OCCASIONAL GROWLS.

One of the most respected colored citizens of Oxford County told the following story concerning himself in a social meeting recently. I do not know if he had some questions regret for broken promise.

"Brothers and sisters! A year ago last spring I promised to lend if he would let me go to Phillips and earn some dollars. I would give part of them to him, and I went and earned the dollars, but I didn't give any to him to lend. This spring when I got ready to go to Phillips, I said, 'No, no, young man! you can't go to Phillips six year and earn some dollars, and I was led to me last year.' And I was led and had to stay to home. After that, brothers and sisters, I'll not lie to you."

A Buckfield man is responsible for this good story, and one characteristic of the man is told of Buckfield's auctioneer, which seems too good to be lost. About twenty years ago he was attacked by that dread and contagious disease, the small pox. A cousin, the idea, as he was convincing, that it would be a good time to dispose of his road tax, he took his life in one hand, and shouldered his gun, started for the scene of operations. Like the prodigal, he was seen "at the door." The men began to throw up their heads and snarl trouble. The surgeon sang out as the laborers began to work: "I swear, Jase, they are afraid of you." "Can't help it," says Jase, "I have got to work out my tax." "Yes, Jase, if you'll go back I'll cross out your tax." "All right," says Jase, "I'll go." The tax was crossed out.

The same man is also responsible for the following story:

A number of one party, as the story goes, a great temperance man, strenuously objected to the jug and bottle arrangement in the provision department, and his objections being overruled, they were entered duty free. On the arrival at camp this man volunteered to remain as cook and sentry while the rest of the party went out to win the affection of the "specially beauties." Some one of the party, as it appears, whose faith in mankind had at some time been shaken, and feeling quite sure that this man was a real firebrand, conceived the idea of blocking the nose of the jug—a strategic move as it turned out, for when the party returned, the imprint of the nose of the jug was on the lips of the cook in colors too plain to dispute.

The elective franchise is sometimes exercised, but not under all circumstances it is exercised "honorably."

A recent municipal election, while a non-partisan contest in progress between two worthy citizens of the town for the office of selectman, a representative of the Democrat joined in the crowd which was pushing by the ballot box. As he got directly in front of the ballot box of one of the candidates, he was told by him to turn around and asked:

"What have you got?"

"The Democrat man showed his ballot, and the questioner produced his, which was for the other candidate. It did not seem to suit him, for, indicating the scribble of his finger, he asked:

"Have you got another like that?"

Receiving a negative answer, he remarked, "Well, here she goes, hit or miss," and reaching up, he deposited the objectionable ballot. He was bound to vote, anyway.

A man of somewhat reckless habits of speech recently gave unconscious testimony of his belief in the Calvinistic doctrine and his appreciation of their logical results.

"I was born," said he, "down in Blackville, where we lived until I was a dozen years old. Our family had a private tomb there which was used instead of a lot in the cemetery. After we moved to Dastown, we got a lot in the cemetery, and thought it was best to bring the remains from the old tomb and bury them in the lot. I engaged to move them. It was some distance, and they were quite a lot of them, but I got every d—d one of them moved."

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

WEST PARIS. The frame to Mr. Fred Scott's new house was raised Friday.

Dr. Packard has his new house up and ready to move.

J. H. Cole, our carriage repairer, is at work for Mr. Russ near Bryant's Pond for a week or two.

J. F. Young, and family from Claremont, N. H., are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

W. S. Parker of Bethel, was in town the 4th.

Mr. Dunham is an agent for the Maine Benefit Insurance Co.

Mr. Fred Libby and lady of Auburn, Me., are visiting at Mr. S. Ray's.

Mr. Dr. Ross, wife and daughter of New York, have been spending a few days at Mr. Kimball's.

The West Paris Manufacturing Co. did not run their mills Thursday Friday and Saturday of this week.

W. S. Main, agent for W. A. Stoddard who bid off the United States mail route in this vicinity, has been in this place this week and secured the route.

The West Paris Manufacturing Co. have moved their effects from Lane's block to the new building just built for finishing purposes.

The leaves a large store vacant. It would make a nice furniture store, and a furniture store is just what this place needs.

We have had two nights and one day of noise this week.

## NEWRY.

A wet Fourth promises to dampen the ardor of a good many who intended to celebrate the day. At Hanover seems to be the only attraction near by for this vicinity.

It is very sickly on this river just now; three doctors in one day in attendance on patients is unusual for this place, but that is what happened one day this week.

Herndon Styles, a nephew of Orin Foster, is here from New York sick with consumption.

Mrs. Everett Hammonds of Anoka, Minn., daughter of Mr. Foster, is here on a visit with her child; also a sister of Mrs. F. W. from New York.

A. W. Power's little child is sick. It is thought to be suffering from a good deal of heart disease.

## PORTER.

Rather poor hay weather. Mr. Everett Wentworth is getting better.

Miss Josie Jenkins has returned from Rochester, N. H., and is very sick. Mr. J. L. French is confined to the house with a sprained ankle.

We had some very heavy showers on Friday last. The lightning struck here in the village shattering four telephone poles and prostrating four persons. Mrs. L. D. Stanley, one of them, in falling dislocated her shoulder and received a very severe shock.

Mr. Samuel French has a bible that has this inscription: "Edinburgh, printed by Robert Frowde, his Majesty's printer, MDCCCXXXV." This bible was bought by Isaac Libby April 9, 1743.

## ALBANY.

H. E. Foster, a native of this town but for several years past one of the most enterprising citizens and real estate brokers in Denver, Col., recently made a business trip through this region and made a short call on his aged mother.

Miss Snow of Guilford, Conn., who came here to spend vacation, has been obliged to return home on account of ill health. Miss Anna Cummings went with her as company as far as Wellsley, Mass.

Mr. Wentworth and his son and son's wife, of New York, are visiting his daughter, Mrs. Anna Barker, Jr.

A. G. Bean's son who is learning the carpenter's trade with S. P. Maxin, South Paris, is at home to help his father get his hay.

Carter A. Grover has sold his father's brother Charles.

D. A. Cummings is paying 25 cents per pound for nice lots of wool.

Ira Carwell is in feeble health and under the care of Dr. Twaddle of Bethel.

J. W. Jackson of Florida, contractor for carrying the mail, was here last week. He has sold the hay on his farm this year to L. Monk.

Wm. E. Ricknell of Boston, is at the Hubbard Cold Spring farm, at West Paris. The line school finished last week.

## NORWAY LAKE.

Very quiet here at the Lake on the Fourth.

Miss Sarah Newhall has come home to take care of her father, Charles Newhall, who is very sick.

A. S. Bean has sold his farm at the Lake to Mr. Bennett and son of Bethel. Mr. Bean is to move to Mason.

Orin Smith was at the Lake on business this week.

The farmers about here have commenced to cut their hay but have had poor weather so far; the heavy crop will be good if the weather is good.

Grace M. Stevens is home from Harrison where she has been teaching.

C. W. Partridge and Irving Frost have been getting out some very nice curbing for sidewalks in front of C. H. Haskell's and C. B. Cummings' residence in Norway village.

## ANDOVER.

The school at No. 4 closed July 5th after a profitable term of eight weeks in charge of Miss Jennie M. Otis from Grafton. The school picnic and festival at the village last Saturday was much enjoyed by the pupils. In the schools throughout the town whose were out in force accompanied by all the teachers as well as many parents and friends.

The M. E. Ladies circle was entertained at the home of Mrs. Ruben Barrett this week.

The hotels and boarding houses are filling with guests.

The Fourth was celebrated by racket, football, baseball, wheelbarrow and other races, also fireworks and a social dance at night. A picnic at Farmers Hill was postponed on account of the threatening appearance of the weather.

Miss Alice Gregg from Cambridge, Mass., is stopping at the Gregg House.

## MASON.

It rained this morning; heavy grass looks as though it had been struck by a cyclone.

## BUCKFIELD.

During the past week closed, the following pupils have not been absent from the intermediate school one-half day: Bessie Spaulding, Barrett Spaulding, Stanwood Whitington, Bonnie Reeder, Harry Record, Sadie Moore, Emma Ricknell, Edna Kelle, Annie Keene, Bertha Lunt, Sadie Foss.

Mrs. J. M. Tobin, of the Buckfield House has returned from a vacation of several weeks to her home in Wilton.

A reunion of the students of the high school of the terms of 1887, took place at the school house on Saturday, June 29, and was said to be an enjoyable affair.

Musical recitations, collation with several letters of regret from those unable to be present filled up the programme.

Miss Kola, of Tokio, a young Japanese lady is spending her vacation here. She is sent to this country by the Government of Japan, for a musical education, and has entered the Boston conservatory of Boston.

George R. Coyle, Jr., of Boston is home on a vacation.

George H. Chase, of Malden, Mass., is in town on an errand.

Prof. Luther Mason of Boston, is here and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Horace A. Irish.

Jessie Hutchinson and wife, have gone to Boston on a visit to their friends.

On the 4th of July, beginning on the afternoon of the 3rd, and continuing through the night was an unusually noisy affair, all the implements of modern discovery for the venting of patriotism were brought into requisition and the boys had it all their own way.

A. M. Austin of Portland, was in town last week. Mr. Austin had just returned from a successful trip in life insurance to Ansonia, Conn.

Swan the Photographer has pitched his tent on the common in front of the hotel.

The ladies of the Baptist circle dispensed ice cream, lemonade, coffee, cake &c., at Reford Hall on the 4th, the hungry were fed and the purse of the circle became pellucid.

Miss Josephine Prince has gone to Northport for a few weeks visit.

The factory has shut down for ten days while repairs are being made.

Joseph Burns of New Jersey, has been on a visit to F. M. Barrett's.

E. H. Cole, A. W. Arket, Frank Cushman and C. B. Rankin are on a fishing trip to Four Ponds.

Dances at country houses and quite badly hurt. Mrs. Hutchinson sustained serious injuries. The doctor took eight stitches in a wound received upon the face.

Mrs. F. E. Seavey is spending her annual visit at her mother's.

The Swift River bridge was found to be in a dangerous condition and is fenced up, and no persons, which will be pushed along at once.

Rev. G. F. Eaton and son, of Springfield, Mass., are visiting at J. E. Stephenson's.

Mr. Ambrose Segar will have a fine residence when completed as also will A. J. Knight.

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Haying has commenced in good earnest.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Morrison are visiting at A. C. Morrison's.

Summer visitors and boarders are arriving.

Phil Boynton is working for J. L. Frink.

## WILSON'S MILLS.

Sportmen are now coming in as Berlin Mills drive are over Azucos Falls and trout are plenty about the falls.

A party from Berlin have been camping at the falls, and the Falls, among them are Giles Holt and wife, L. P. Palmer and wife, and the Misses Ward, also Wm. Gerrish and others.

Mr. Aaron Day, of Colebrook, and children are up, also J. S. Wilson, wife and family of Dummer.

D. C. Bennett, John Olson and Adelbert Penick have gone to Upton in a boat to take a raft of lumber across Umbagog and up the river for building purposes.

Married, in Colebrook, June 24th, by Dr. C. W. Foster, David D. Bennett of Berlin and Z. M. Bennett of Wentworth's Location.

## DENMARK.

F. P. Bennett and wife are home for the fourth.

A number of couples from here attended the dance at Lovell the evening of the 4th.

Mark Willard Witham of this town and Miss Lill Sargent of Portland were married last Sunday.

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## HIRAM.

Mr. Frank Barton, of Brownfield, preached a very able sermon at the Universalist church.

Mr. Eugene Webster preached an instructive sermon at the Congregational church on the subject of "Prayer."

The rain of Tuesday and Wednesday cooled the zeal and wet the hay of scores of farmers who commenced haying Monday.

Hon. Benj. F. Pease, of Cornish, was in town July 3d.

Mr. Daniel Gray is in very poor health.

## CANTON.

Miss Georgia Towle is visiting friends at Amesbury, Mass.

F. E. Ricknell is improving slowly. There was quite a display of fireworks at Gilbertville the Fourth.

F. A. Parsons and wife are visiting at South Paris, Me.

Quite a number of our citizens went to Livermore the Fourth.

Miss Louise Staples, of Auburn, is visiting her sister, E. L. Bishop.

Rev. H. C. Lowden has permanently located at Canton.

The following were installed officers of Amosquit Lodge, I. O. O. F., last Wednesday evening by D. D. G. M., J. S. Mendall:

S. G. L. P. Allen, Secretary, H. A. Ellis, Treasurer, Robert Webb.

The lodge is prospering finely having initiated ten members the past term.

## RUMFORD POINT.

A rainy month. The hay crop will be about an average one this year.

C. A. Kimball has sold his stallion Elcar to parties in Colebrook, N. H.

Rev. Wm. E. Smith, of the fourth Orin Dike broke his thumb.

Miss Ostrander, of Brooklyn, has now joined her sister, Mrs. Jewell, at John Haskell's.

Dr. W. L. Elliot and wife of Attleboro, Mass., are spending a short time in Rumford.

Mrs. Hayes and family with the exception of the captain have arrived for the summer.

Clara Elliot is home.

## EAST BROWNFIELD.

Rainy 4th of July. A rare occurrence. What do small boys do in countries where there is no fourth?

B. Cole met with quite an accident on Saturday evening; while catching his horse he threw him breaking his right shoulder.

Mrs. V. M. Stickney has been very sick but is recovering.

School closed here on the 3d and Miss Seaton, the teacher, has returned home.

Miss Abbie Allard is having a vacation. Her school will commence again in a few weeks.

## RUMFORD CENTRE.

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## BETHEL.

The powerful rain on the Fourth did not dampen the ardor of young America at Bethel. The traditional fire cracker, the tin horn and the more pretentious instruments of noise kept a continual din from the evening of the 3rd until the Fourth was well nigh gone.

Wm. E. Killings and Hastings brothers entertained the citizens with a fine display of fire works on the common in the evening.

Abel Chandler has been feasting upon new potatoes raised in his garden in Mason Park. Friday he presented your correspondent with a basket of nice well ripened ones.

Although abundant rain fell on the "glorious Fourth" the spirit of Young America in Bethel was the least dampened but during much of the night and all the day the small boy, implacable, irresistible, announced to all that his "great day" was at hand, fire crackers of all kinds, cannons, etc., made the village resound. The several pie parties suffered most from the unfavorable weather. In the evening there were quite the display of fireworks by private individuals.

Geo. F. Rich is at home from Orono. Alpine House is undergoing a series of alterations and repairs. This one of the best of kind in the village.

T. H. Durrell is at home for a time. Summer boarders have begun to come in and soon the hotels and summer houses will be full.

G. P. Bean, Esq., recently lost a valuable colt from a hurt received in the pasture.

The Rattlers of Bethel played the Maecosa of Gorham, June 28th, and beat them 24 to 14. Our Rattlers are the boys who in the future are going to make sad havoc in the base ball clubs of Oxford County.

The commencement exercises of Bridgton Academy were attended by some from this place.</



