





# "ON THE HILL."

## DIRECTORY.

First Baptist Church, Rev. A. P. Wells, Pastor, services every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Prayer Meetings Tuesday Evenings at 7 P. M. Sunday School every Sunday at 10 A. M.

Sheriff Wornell of Bethel, was at Paris last week.

Rev. E. W. Woodbury of Bethel was at Paris last week.

George H. Cummings of Mechanic Falls was at Paris last week.

Deputy Sheriff Josiah W. Whitten of Buckfield, was at Paris last week.

Miss Mary L. Blythe, of Buckfield, visited friends in this place last week.

Capt. H. N. Bolster of South Paris attended Probate Court here last week.

Mr. Harry G. Douglass of Canton visited his sister, Miss Maud Douglass, last week.

Ben. John P. Swasey of Canton, attended Probate and Insolvency Courts here last week.

Rev. Henry M. Bourne of Norway, and his daughter, Miss Frances Bourne, were at the Hill Tuesday.

Edward E. Hastings, Esq., of the law firm of D. E. Hastings & Son, Fryeburg, was at Paris Tuesday.

The latest for the season is a full-blowned dandelion picked by Robert John E. Trask, Esq., of Dixfield, and taken to Probate Court last week.

Occult H. Harvey, Esq., of Buckfield, attended the State for Oxford County, attended Court here Tuesday.

Hutchinson & Newell are to be commended for their untiring efforts in introducing such a meritorious article as Brunswick soap.

Attorney Charles E. Holt, Hon. Alfred S. Kimball and Capt. Seward Stearns of Norway, were at Paris during Probate and Insolvency Courts last week.

All the jaws are busy, for Reed, the gun man, was in town last week. He was here last spring, but being poorly he did not see him, even if he does come late.

L. C. Willoughby, Esq., of Dixfield, with his wife and daughter, have been visiting at Col. Albert S. Austin's in this place last week. Mrs. Willoughby is sister of Mrs. Austin.

Dressing-gowns and slippers are synonymous with man's evening comfort. But the combination is incomplete without one of those luxurious Father's chairs, with adjustable footstool, now on exhibition at the warehouses of Palmer's Furniture Co., 48 Canal Street, Boston. The back adjusts to any angle, and the whole chair is indescribably comfortable.

Judge Richard A. Frye and Addison E. Herrick, of Bethel, attended court at Paris last week. These two gentlemen now comprise the term "the Bethel lawyers," a term which but a short time ago included Hon. David Hammons and Hon. Samuel E. Gibson, whose familiar faces and genial words are now missed upon court occasions at Paris.

Hon. Everett Hammons, of Anoka, Minn., attended the Probate Court last week and made the Democrat a pleasant call. Mr. Hammons is a son of late Hon. David Hammons of Bethel, and was at Paris on business connected with the settlement of his father's estate.

Mr. H. is a member of the Oxford Bar, having been admitted at the March term, 1874. He is a member of the law firm, Hammons & Hammons of Anoka, Minn., the other member of the firm being his brother, Hon. Weston Hammons. Although, like his respected father, he is a Democrat politically, the Republican majority in Anoka have seen fit to elect him City Attorney upon several occasions. Mr. H. was once time principal of the Paris Hill Academy.

OXFORD COUNTY GOLD.

The Democrat has within the past week had the pleasure of seeing a piece of gold dug from the bank of Swift River in Byron. This piece was in the possession of A. O. Reed, the gun man, given to him by Fred's daughter, a son of the prospector, and is one of the largest pieces found, containing about twenty-five cents.

Two men, one of them an old forty-year-old man, were working the banks of the river for several weeks, and they evidently got something, as they exchanged dust for supplies. Some of the gold has been turned by the United States Assay Office, and found to be over 900 parts in a thousand fine. The prospectors asked Mr. Reed what he would take for two acres of land; he said that though it might be giving away a fortune, he would sell two acres for \$10,000. They concluded to prospect further before purchasing.

Now, dear friends, don't get excited. There isn't a fortune in it all in this; but if there is gold in paying quantities on Swift River, it will in all probability be worked, and will simply add some more to the long list of Maine's industries and resources. The past history of mining in Maine is not of an encouraging nature.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

TIDINGS FROM MANY DENS.

ANDOVER.

John Marston and wife, from Carmel, Me., are visiting friends in this vicinity. Mrs. Marston's mother, Mrs. L. L. L. of Former's Hill, will return with them.

Mrs. S. L. Whittier, now a resident of the Pacific coast, paid a flying visit to her friends in this place last week. Arthur Roberts and wife have returned from Dakota, where they have been living for several years past.

The drama, "The comrades," is to be presented, Thanksgiving night, under the auspices of the band.

Everybody is snuggling up for the cold weather that is to be.

NEWRY.

Miss Sylvia Farwell of Bethel now at her sister's, Mrs. Eli Stearns', of this town, is visiting critically ill.

Several lovers are gathering in their little preparatory to the setting in of cold weather. There has not been much money in handling cattle this fall so they are waiting.

The wedding service is to meet Thursday of this week at S. R. Wilber's.

Thanksgiving is close by. Let us hope it will be present in every heart and at every fireside.

HARTFORD.

Heavy rain Tuesday night and the pumps are full.

Neighbor Keene has got his pension—\$12.00 back pay, \$22 per month.

Ernest L. Thompson from Stoughton, Mass., is visiting his friends in Hartford.

OXFORD.

A. M. French has bought the stand of J. H. Chapman.

William Emery will move to Norway. Rev. Wm. Kruttschnitt exchanged with Rev. Mr. Springer of Mechanic Falls.

The sister supper given by the Methodist society at Welchville at Mr. James Legg's was well attended. \$45 were realized.

Mrs. Susan Brown is falling.

A. M. French had an auction Saturday.

Mrs. C. C. Chapman of Boston, is at J. H. Chapman's.

The Sons of Temperance are soon to present a drama, "The Social Glass." The division is in a prosperous state with increasing membership.

Mrs. Samuel Bumpas has been able to ride to visit his children in this place.

## CANTON.

Gideon Ellis is building a stable on Main Street.

Charles Swett who has been at Portland in a printing office has returned home.

Wm. Stanley of Brunswick is visiting relatives in town.

Fred A. Parsons has returned home from Brockton, Mass.

Capt. Fred Blythe of the Auburn Light Infantry was in town over Sunday.

School in this district commences the first Monday in December.

The whooping cough is spreading among the small children.

The circle met and will take one of the boys to school this week to have his eyes treated.

J. E. Stickney leaves for South America Sunday.

Several of our teachers attended the Institute at Fryeburg.

During the last twenty-four hours a heavy fall of rain.

This Wednesday evening an entertainment will be given at the town hall by the Happy Harry Tooty Troupe.

John McDonald has bought a yoke of very fine oxen.

Ernest Frink has returned from Boston where he has been visiting friends.

Linscott & Co. are having plenty of sale work.

WE ARE HAVING A RAIN storm after several days of nice weather.

The ground has been frozen for some days but looks like thawing out now.

Our school teacher's health has so much improved that the school has again commenced.

J. R. Beck, Esq., has been buying a few cows. There seems to be plenty for sale.

Sheep are scarce and hard to find.

Albert and O. Grover, who are running a threshing machine this fall report grain and oats very light.

Rev. I. A. Bean, of West Paris, will preach at the chapel next Sabbath.

Mr. Bean was a native of Maine and he has many friends here, who feel an honest pride in his success in his chosen calling.

The circle met with Mrs. Lewis Bartlett this week.

Mr. Oren Maxwell and wife and Mrs. O. P. Saunders took advantage of the excursion given by the M. C. R. R., and have been visiting friends in Boston.

Mrs. Thomas Chute has been quite sick, but is recovering.

She is now visited by her niece, Miss Florence Chute of North Bridport.

A large deer was seen traveling the public highway between B. W. Knight's and the post office.

Our postmaster, Mr. Charles Bennett, has been very sick with rheumatism but is improving somewhat of late.

Mr. Frank A. Nevers, son of Wm. Nevers, stage driver, while on a hunting expedition in Stoneham the other day, shot a fine deer.

Mr. Nevers is considered one of the best marksmen of this section.

GRAFTON.

There is to be a five million of spruce cut in the town of Grafton this winter.

The jobs are taken and contractors but one have commenced on their winter's work. The late heavy rains will be a great drawback to them.

We have been having the most remarkably pleasant weather we ever had at this season of the year. Nothing could be more lovely in weather than some of our beautiful days.

Alice Brooks is on the gain.

Mrs. J. P. Bennett is very sick at this writing. The doctor calls her condition very critical.

Mrs. Ruth Brown is very much better so she is able to be up about the house.

Little N. Brown is home from Berlin where she has been teaching.

GREENWOOD.

Austin Morgan has his house so nearly completed that he moved into it a few days ago.

There have been six houses built or in process of building within our range of observation during the season.

A. H. Hicks is still unable to do any hard labor.

Aunt Abbie Gurney, who died in October, was the last of a family of nine that moved from Carver, Mass., to Hartford in an ex-wagon in 1805.

There are but two people in our native town of Hartford, belonging to the advanced generation and who were born here.

Our school has been in session two weeks, taught by Charles A. Brooks and is his fourth term in this district. This is a pretty strong evidence that there is a mutual liking between teacher and pupils.

The fact is in whatever capacity Mr. Brooks is found, whether school teacher, Sabbath School superintendent, school committee, or Christian worker, he has no superior and few equals about here.

RUMFORD CENTRE.

Mr. P. Maher will haul some fifteen hundred cords of poplar upon the bank of the river near this place the coming winter.

Benjamin & Stephens have a crew cutting birch. They will put in four or five hundred cords.

Mr. Brooks is visiting Boston and New York on business, selecting Christmas goods, etc.

Sidney Vaughn will shortly go to New Hampshire to work in a shoe factory.

The young people will present the drama "Forced to the War" here shortly.

HIRAM.

Hon. James Edgcomb has been to Kentucky to purchase a horse.

Long time with gastric fever.

Mr. Stephen P. Ordway, at South Hiram, aged about 79 years. He has been a member of the Methodist church many years. His widow is in feeble health.

Miss Pauline Marston, of Brownfield, is teaching with good success in the Spring District.

Ralph L. Hubbard has a position in Massachusetts.

Alison Moulton is sick in Buxton with tonsillitis.

Mr. Daniel Gray is in poor health.

Poleg T. Washburn, our second school teacher, is repairing the bridges in South Hiram.

SOUTH BUCKFIELD.

The earth is not drying up this week as fast as some have wished.

We made a pleasant call at W. H. Gerrish's on the 30th anniversary of their marriage. They have lately received a visit from James L. Emery of Boston, visiting by Redwood and a Glenair.

A two-year-old boy, named by Black Nathan, His Knox mare is now in foal to Westland. It is almost needless to add that the above mentioned colts are all good.

George Snell has removed from the town farm to the village and Chas. Teague is to take his place for the balance of the year.

G. H. Porter has loaded a car of apples this week at Buckfield, the writer selling him his. It seems that we were a little premature in saying we had had a premature party.

Russell Pratt at the east had a severe attack of rheumatism.

Bennie Gerish drove a small drove to Penley's this week.

Tom Record has gone into the woods as a cook.

Neighbor Jason is speculating in swine.

At Hersey of Turner has a Baby Dean weanling colt that is a true son of his father.

Daniel Clark, under the mountain, is making 300 apple barrels for J. W. Shaw.

A. G. Packard has gone to Boston on a visit.

Miss Minnie B. Beale, of Turner, is teaching the school on South Hill.

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## WEST PARIS.

Charles J. Walker, of the Portland boot and shoe firm of C. J. Walker & Co., was in town Thursday.

Will Hall, of North Norway, has purchased the house that John Curtis recently sold to his father, Chandler Curtis.

Charles Ellingwood has purchased a house lot of E. Willis on Main Street, and has commenced to grade it. He intends to build in the spring.

Tucker has moved his jeweler's bench and stock into one corner of J. C. Andrews' hardware store.

Dr. F. H. Packard has sold his drugs and medicines to Mrs. A. R. Buckman. The doctor is intending to have his office in his new house.

J. F. Emerson is to have the apothecary shop to manufacture cigars in as soon as Dr. Packard moves out.

Mrs. C. H. Young is quite sick.

Twenty-four from this place and vicinity attended the Epworth League social held at James Dudley's on Stearns' Hill last Wednesday evening.

All enjoyed a very pleasant evening although the weather was bad. The next meeting will be a short literary entertainment and will be held in the chapel in about two weeks. The date has not been decided upon yet.

There was a good house at the drama presented by the West Paris Library Association Friday last.

Some over \$80. More would have been present had it been a pleasant night.

Henry Reed has returned to this place with his bride, Miss Adella H. Small of Portland.

C. C. Adams has gone to Somerville, Mass., on a visit.

Bert Willis is keeping school at Jackson's Crossing.

Nearly every family in West Paris must be using Brussels soap (no rosin) judging from the large quantity Randall & Hollis are selling.

Fryeburg.

The pulpit of the Congregational church was supplied November 17th by Rev. Mr. Dismore of Auburn, who with Rev. D. W. Hardy of Bethel, who is principal of the academy.

The Teacher's Institute is reported as being successful. A good number of teachers from the adjoining towns were present. Messrs. Leach and Partridge were as usual very satisfactory in their efforts and the whole session must be beneficial to those who were in attendance.

The fall term of the academy will close on Tuesday, the 26th, and the winter term will begin after two weeks' vacation.

Mr. Dismore is winning good opinions from those who appreciate his thorough instruction.

Mrs. Nash, of Conway Centre, has rented Dr. Gordon's house on McNeal Street to accommodate her daughter, who is at school here.

Mrs. Winslow and daughter, of Malden, Mass., are boarding at Miss A. N. C. of the academy.

The Misses Charles have left T. C. Shirley's and after visiting for a few days at the home of Mr. C. Shirley in Whitman, Mass., with their cousin, Mrs. Morrill, who is in poor health.

Mrs. Hattie Heald and daughter left Saturday, the 24th, for Massachusetts, where she will keep house for her son.

Miss Margie Mear, of Cornish, F. A. S., has been visiting Miss Hattie Howe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Spring left Saturday, the 19th, for Washington, where they will spend the winter.

Edison Warriner has gone to Washington Territory.

Howe and Fred Fife went to Boston on the last excursion and may remain for the winter.

The C. L. S. C. are having meetings of much interest and a course of lectures is being given this winter at their auspices to pay for stock taken in the grounds at Martha's Grove.

There was a large attendance at a harvest supper at the Congregational vestry Thursday evening. The evening was enlivened by reading by Miss Buzell, teacher in the academy; song by Miss Curtis of Casson, Me.; recitation by Miss Fogg of Rochester, N. H.; students of the academy.

PERU.

Wilson Stillman and wife are keeping house for H. E. Stillman while he and his wife are in Portland, and Miss Hattie Stillman is stopping with her uncle, J. E. Conant.

Miss Nellie Castle has had the mumps and exposed the whole neighborhood.

Excursions have been organized at the meeting house. The second one was held on Nov. 21st.

EAST PERU.

The board of health was called to district No. 1 to stop the school account of whooping cough, but they did not stop it.

EAST SUMMER.

Eastman, the seedman, has removed his office to his new building where he has greatly increased facilities for his business as seedman, postmaster, and town treasurer. Few country post offices are so well fitted up for the public as the one at East Summer. Through Mr. Eastman's extensive mail business, a money order department was established. His prompt and square dealings have greatly increased his business which all will rejoice at.

Mr. H. B. Cobb and wife have returned from a business and pleasure trip to Massachusetts.

J. S. Hodgdon has got into his house an abundance of a few weeks' by-product.

S. F. Stetson is laid up by a bad cut on his foot.

"Hannah," Slocum's bread and pie cook, has got a new cooking range. No rosin.

GILEAD.

The mild weather lingers along remarkably.

Bears have been quite plenty but none have been trapped yet.

J. W. Bennett is building a new barn 30x20 near his old one. The first floor will be filled up with horse stalls and the loft for hay.

Porter Swift, wife and son, of Norway, made your correspondent a pleasant call Tuesday.

Henry Wright will draw spruce from the Wright Brook valley this winter.

William Chapman has received an Oxford Down cock weighing 300 pounds.

WATERFORD.

The last best shooting match of the season came off Saturday, Nov. 16. The stake was an old fashioned baked bean supper, at Village Hall. The captains were Samuel Hicks and C. D. Morse, twenty-two men on each side. The day was very cold as had been for several days. Consequently some of the game came in in a much better condition than it would had the weather been warm. Some of the men brought in a good score while others were skunked entirely, while some could boast of only one or two squirrel tails that they had shot while shivering in the sun. The count resulted as follows. Captain Hicks' side, 6,700 points. Captain Morse's side, 6,425 points. The supper and dance was a very pleasant affair Wednesday night. About one hundred and twenty-five sat at the tables, and about twenty-five couples enjoyed the dancing. All went home in the morning well satisfied.

Clarence Kilgore has just bought a nice horse.

The price paid for cream at the creameries is nine cents per bushel, and the farmers find it more profitable than to make butter.

The Congregational Circle met last Wednesday afternoon and evening at the parsonage with Mrs. C. L. Skinner.

Mrs. Whitehouse of Sweden is teaching the school in the Temple Hill district this winter.

B. K. Kilgore has rented the old Charles Abbott house to a French family this winter.

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