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A STARTLING TEST OF FAITH!

Mind Cure and Faith Cure—The Strange
Attempt to Raise a Young Lady to
Life by Faith and Prayer Who Had
Been Two Months Dead—Was it
Death, Trance, or Miracle?

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The readers of THE COURIER-GAZETTE, like
the rest of the world, have of course had their
attention more or less arrested of late by the
claims of the advocates of the supremacy of
mind or spirit over matter combatting the
various physical ills to which our flesh is heir.
This general system of cure is known, under
its various phases, as "mind cure," "mental
healing," "Christian science," "faith cure" and
"Divine healing." The facts and truths on
which it is based are of course as old as man,
but as a method of treating disease it may be
regarded as "new" in the sense, that it has
lately acquired the dignity of pretension of a
"school" of healing, with its teachers and
practitioners in a great number of communities.
In Minneapolis there are several such teachers
and practitioners of "Christian science"—all
women, I believe—some of whom have regular
offices, and in one or two instances I know
them to be crowded with patients.

Of the differences between "faith cure," as a
direct interposition of Divine Power in answer
to prayer, and the system of "Christian science"
as taught by Mrs. Eddy and others, or other
phases of "mental healing," I will not attempt
to speak. As to results, I may mention the
case of a prominent citizen of the east side,
well known in business and religious circles.
He was broken down physically and in a condi-
tion which incapacitated him from any pro-
tracted attention to business. He also had a
son who had received a very serious injury
from a fall from a bicycle and who it was ex-
pected would be a cripple for life. While this
gentleman's family were at the south last win-
ter they received the "faith cure" treatment
from a lady, and both father and son were com-
pletely restored to health. On their return
last spring, the lady referred to accompanied
them and great interest in the subject was de-
veloped, and is still maintained. I have my-
self a friend who was apparently in the last
stages of a constitutional disease which the
medical profession generally consider incurable.
Recently he commenced treatment with a
"Christian scientist," and although the cure is
not accomplished, a very remarkable improve-
ment in various respects seems to have been
effected and the patient is confident of complete
restoration to health.

But this introduction is not preliminary to a
discussion of the merits of these methods of
combatting disease, but merely as a preface to
the putting on record in your columns of a
most remarkable case—one that is startling and
sensational in its features, and which probably
has not had its parallel in this age or country.
This strange case was nothing less than the
deliberate attempt to bring back to life, by the
gift of God in answer to faith and prayer, a
young woman who had been dead and entombed
for two full calendar months.

The chief actor in this most singular and
pathetic drama—this startling test of faith—is
a woman reputed on all sides to be a most
worthy and intelligent lady, a widow, and a
teacher in one of the public schools. To say
nothing of the great trial to her maternal feel-
ings which must have been involved in her
affection and its strange sequel, the publicity
which has been given to the case has, of course,
been very painful to her, and it is with no dis-
position to trifle with a sacred grief or to treat in
a light and careless manner proceedings which
in her case were doubtless inspired by the most
sincere convictions, that I place the facts of
this extraordinary case before your readers. I
present these facts; first, as an illustration of
the extent to which the doctrine that God will
bestow blessings, in answer to the prayer of
faith even to the working of miracles, can be
carried in these days, and to suggest whether
or not rational Christian thought must find a
limit to the literal interpretation of this doc-
trine; and, secondly, in their relation to the
physical phenomena presented and to the ques-
tion as to when the death of the young lady
actually took place—whether on the 30th of
November, or the 17th of February. Mem-
bers of the medical profession, who read these
statements, will doubtless generally regret that
there was no formal and thorough examination
by a council of physicians, of the condition of
the body during the three weeks that it lay at
the mother's residence before the final entomb-
ment.

Miss Cora V. Stickney, a young lady about
nineteen years of age, who had been employed
as book-keeper in a dry goods house, died on
the 30th of November at her mother's residence,
420 N. E. 5th street, of a disease which has
been reported as "consumption of the blood." Its
progress was marked by hemorrhages from the
nose and also, it is said, by bleeding from
some portions of the surface of the body. During
her illness this bleeding at one time ceased,
it is claimed by the "faith cure," but the fatal
symptoms reappeared and the girl died. The body
was to have been buried, but as the grave had
not been prepared, it was placed in a receiving
vault. There it became frozen hard, the weather
being subsequently very cold. A circle of the "faith
ladies" were accustomed to meet at the house
of one of their number on the east side, and
some time after her daughter's death, Mrs.
Stickney (who had not previously been a firm
believer in the cures by faith) became im-
pressed that her daughter might be raised in
response to perfect faith and prayer, and enlisted
the co-operation of these ladies to pray for
this object. Finally, on the first of February,
after the body had been in the vault two
months, Mrs. Stickney had it brought back to
her house, and five days later, on Sunday even-
ing, Feb. 6th, while prayer was being made
that she might be raised, it is claimed that un-
mistakable signs of life were observed by the
mother and two other ladies but these evi-

dences of animation ceased and the body re-
sumed a lifeless appearance. For eleven days
thereafter the body remained without showing
any signs of decomposition. The flesh pre-
sented a natural appearance and there was an
entire absence of odor or other unpleasant evi-
dence of decay. It is said that at intervals dur-
ing this time sounds were heard proceeding
from the girl's throat. The body remained in
this state until Wednesday night, or Thurs-
day morning, when a marked change took place
and decomposition had plainly commenced.
The body was, however, retained until Mon-
day, the 21st, when it was returned to the cem-
etery vault.

Meantime, however, Dr. S. R. Palmer, a
young physician of this city, who had once
seen the girl during her illness—having been
called in consultation—had his attention at-
tracted to the case, and on Monday, Feb. 14th,
(8 days after the alleged partial resuscitation)
he visited the house and examined the body.
Dr. Palmer doubtless went to the house under
the impression that a fanatical, imprudent and
indefensible act was being committed by Mrs.
Stickney and her friends, in keeping in a dwell-
ing house a body which ought long before to
have been interred, but he came away under
the startling conviction that the young lady
was not dead when she was placed in the vault
and that, although the body had been frozen
hard, latent life still remained, though doubt-
less incapable of effectual resuscitation. I
give below the principal portion of a statement
made by Dr. Palmer, to a reporter, after a final
visit to the house on the 17th, on which date he
thinks the last spark of life was finally extin-
guished. With regard to the contemplated at-
tempt at resuscitation by the medical men, it
does not appear whether the mother would
have permitted it, or whether she would have
regarded it (like her own efforts at the time of
the alleged partial resuscitation on the 6th) as
an interference with what could be given, if at
all, only as the direct gift of God in a miracle.
Dr. Palmer said:

Except that I once saw the young woman
during her sickness as consulting physician, I
had nothing to do with the case until last Mon-
day. Notwithstanding that the body had been
kept there in that warm room for two weeks,
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TIPPED OVER.

The Republicans Elect Every Man Nominated.

Dr. Williams Makes a Very Clean Sweep.

Rockland's thirty-fourth municipal election occurred yesterday. The republicans in caucus Wednesday evening renominated Mayor Williams on the first ballot, Dr. S. H. Boynton having a strong following. On motion of Dr. Boynton the nomination of Mayor Williams was made unanimous. Dr. Williams was notified and appeared before the caucus, presiding in a neat and well-worded speech the victory of Monday. The democratic caucus was held Thursday evening, and B. K. Kallach, esq., was nominated for mayor on the second ballot. Dr. F. E. Hitchcock's friends polled a large vote for him on both ballots, against the expressed wish of the doctor. Ward caucuses were held Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Monday morning dawned clear with plenty of snow on the ground. The usual number of teams were busy during the day. At noon it was evident that the republicans had things all their own way. Ward 1, which elected a full democratic ticket last year, sends a full republican board to the city government. In Ward 2 was the fight of the day. The democrats and republicans united on a union ticket, nominating H. O. Gurdy, a prominent, educated and popular young democrat for alderman, with C. L. Gahan, democrat, and O. F. Perry and A. S. Rankin, republicans, for councilmen. The straight democratic ward ticket was headed by L. W. Benner for alderman, with H. J. Hewett, R. L. Meserve and Benj. Eastman for councilmen. The Gurdy ticket was triumphantly returned, the ward giving Kallach, democratic nominee for mayor, four majority.

In Ward 3 the democrats nominated Dr. F. E. Hitchcock for alderman, but that gentleman declined to run, notwithstanding which he received the party vote. In this ward L. R. Campbell, republican nominee for councilman, made a handsome run, leading the head of the ticket by eight votes. Ward 4, which last year went overwhelmingly democratic, came back into the fold, and returns an exceptionally fine ticket. J. E. Doherty, the democratic nominee for alderman, made a good fight, running far ahead of his ticket.

Ward 5, which last year sent only one republican to the city government, this year returns a full republican ticket, with G. H. Clifford, the lone republican who succeeded in pulling through last year, as alderman. Ward 6, which had a two days fight last year over the alderman, and then elected a democratic one, sends in a full republican representation. Ward 7 keeps up her reputation as a republican ward, and reports a republican ticket entire. The republicans, in truth, elected every man they nominated. The organized laboring men of the city exerted their influence almost to a man for Kallach and the other democratic nominees, and the result is an overwhelming defeat for them. Many of the regular straight voting democrats did not vote at all.

The big majority polled by Mayor Williams surprised all. When we take into account that last year he was elected by 63 majority, 322 votes very big. With Dr. Williams for mayor, supported by so excellent a city government, we look forward to a well-managed and prosperous municipal year. B. K. Kallach, esq., the democratic nominee, is a man respected for his many good qualities. He is an educated man, a practicing lawyer, and was for some years the county's efficient register of probate. If he had been elected he would doubtless have made us an excellent mayor.

SOMETHING AS BELOW.

The standing of the next city government compared with the past year is as follows:

	1886	1887
Republicans.....	12	26
Democrats.....	16	2

The regular meeting for organization will be held next Monday, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

We append the full vote by wards for mayor, aldermen and councilmen, together with a list of wardens and ward clerks elected. Officers elected are indicated by a (*). Those of the past year's city government who are re-elected are indicated by italics.

Vote for Mayor.

	1886	1887
	Benj. Williams (R)	Benj. Williams (R)
	C. Doherty (D)	B. K. Kallach (D)
Ward 1.....	100	115
2.....	44	85
3.....	147	103
4.....	137	161
5.....	131	121
6.....	125	79
7.....	94	51
Total.....	778	715

There was one vote for G. M. Brainerd in Ward 2.

Total vote in 1886, 1494. Williams' majority 63.

Total vote in 1887, 1407. Williams' majority 322.

Vote for Aldermen.

	1886	1887
	Benj. Williams (R)	Benj. Williams (R)
	C. Doherty (D)	B. K. Kallach (D)
Ward 1.....	100	115
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Vote for Common Councilmen.

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	Benj. Williams (R)	Benj. Williams (R)
	C. Doherty (D)	B. K. Kallach (D)
Ward 1.....	100	115
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WARD 4.—*F. R. Spear, R., 159	
*C. F. Wood, R., 146	
*S. A. Burpee, R., 133	
O. S. Truesdell, D., 100	
H. S. Hobbs, D., 79	
P. J. Burns, D., 104	
WARD 5.—*Edgar Crockett, R., 146	
*A. W. Sewall, R., 140	
*John Simpson, R., 150	
Alford Gay, D., 110	
H. H. Flint, D., 109	
W. T. Prescott, D., 123	
WARD 6.—*W. A. Barker, R., 137	
*F. S. Kallach, R., 143	
*A. B. Butler, R., 144	
J. T. Robbins, D., 58	
W. E. Brewer, D., 43	
Theo. Rossen, D., 33	
WARD 7.—*S. A. Adams, R., 101	
*W. N. Benner, R., 106	
*E. H. Bartlett, R., 104	
F. A. Packard, D., 56	
J. H. McNamara, D., 60	
A. J. Tolman, D., 55	

Wardens Elected.

WARD 1.—R. Y. Young, R., 100	
2.—W. A. Moody, D., 80	
3.—E. L. Lovejoy, R., 100	
4.—D. M. Mitchell, R., 100	
5.—A. M. Pitcher, R., 100	
6.—J. A. Jones, R., 100	
7.—J. W. Turner, R., 100	

Ward Clerks Elected.

WARD 1.—J. P. Tyler, R., 100	
2.—Robert Anderson, R., 100	
3.—E. R. Bowler, R., 100	
4.—N. A. Packard, R., 100	
5.—J. McDoval, R., 100	
6.—J. N. Ingraham, R., 100	
7.—F. W. Smith, R., 100	

OVER THE STATE.

The noon papers report the election of McGillivuddy, democrat, in Lewiston by a majority of 30. The republicans have both branches of the city government, Ellsworth elects H. B. Mason, democrat, by 100 majority. City government is democratic. Wakefield is re-elected republican mayor of Bath by 319 majority, city government republican. Auburn, Old Orchard, Saco, and Bridgton are republican. Chapman, republican, is re-elected mayor of Portland by 1000 majority.

BRASSY BUSINESS.

An Enterprising Rockland Firm That Has Taken a Big Contract.

A reporter of THE COURIER-GAZETTE dropped into the Camden & Rockland Water Co.'s office the other day, and found every niche and corner filled with little brassy articles which answer to various names and some very important purposes in a water company's business. But the most interesting part of the discovery was that J. G. Torrey & Son, our well-known brass founders, have contracted to furnish all the brass fittings, in endless variety, used for water service by the Camden & Rockland Water Co. The contract is a big one, comprising many thousands of pieces, and involving no insignificant amount of money. It is gratifying to learn that a local business concern can fill so extensive an order.

The firm which now does business under the style of J. G. Torrey & Son commenced operations in this city in December, 1853, in the building now occupied, which was built for them. The building was erected in the fall of '53 and the first casting was made in December of the same year. The work of this firm has a well-earned reputation for excellence all over New England.

SPREADING.

How Much Do You Think You Want a Shoe Factory?

The statement in THE COURIER-GAZETTE of last week that J. R. Richardson would give \$100 toward a shoe factory building sort of stirred people up on the subject, and several others have volunteered \$100 each toward the erection of a suitable building for the manufacture of boots and shoes. It seems as though there must be fifty business men in this city who can see ahead far enough to realize what a good investment such a factory would make for a spare \$100. A shoe-factory which would accommodate 200 or 300 men could be erected for \$5000.

The labor troubles in the larger cities are driving manufacturers into places where American labor and comparative security from labor troubles can be obtained. A prominent Spencer, Mass., shoe-manufacturer was in this city last week engaging workmen to take the place of strikers. He said that in the larger places the force employed is largely composed of foreigners, who in nine cases out of ten are the instigators of labor troubles. Places like Rockland, remote from big cities, where American employes can be secured, must be the final resort of big manufacturing concerns.

Rockland with its unequalled shipping facilities, healthful climate, cheap living, can offer irresistible inducements to manufacturers to locate here. Think of the Rockland boys, and some of our best employed in Marlboro, Lynn, Spencer, Boston and other places, who would return home in a body if proper employment could be furnished them. Some half-dozen of our citizens have volunteered \$100 each for the building of a \$5000 shoe-factory. Where are the lacking 54?

RECEPTION.

A most cordial invitation is extended to you to attend the reception and exhibition of decorative art, consisting of "Home" draperies, embroidered curtains, lambrequins, table scarfs and covers, banners, screens, toilet sets, and a great variety of fancy articles for "Home" decoration. This work is executed on plush, velvet, lace, silk, satin, felt, canvas, etc., with chenille, embroidery silk, arrasene, crewel, braid, tinsel, etc. The above articles of "Home" production embrace work heretofore done only by hand. They range from the costliest plush draperies to the most inexpensive ones. Pronounced by critics the finest, most complete and most perfectly executed line of "Home" made decorative art, draperies, etc., ever exhibited.

THIS EXHIBIT will be in charge of representatives who thoroughly understand this line of work, and will take pleasure in showing and explaining how easily it is done on the "New Home" Sewing Machine. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14, 15, and 16, at store 353 Main Street, opposite St. Nicholas Hotel.

D. H. MANSFIELD, Agent.

SEVEN PER CENT. INTEREST.

Parties living in Rockland and vicinity who have money to invest in small or large amounts are invited to correspond with W. O. Fuller, Jr., cashier of the Linn County Bank, of La Crosse, Kansas. The bank is constantly making loans upon valuable improved farms in its immediate neighborhood, taking security to the value of three or four times the sum loaned. These loans the bank guarantees, principal and interest, turning them over to eastern parties and paying interest semi-annually at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum. Persons having money that they wish to invest with perfect safety in amounts from \$200 upwards, are invited to write to above address for full particulars. W. O. FULLER, JR., Cashier Linn County Bank.

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Our Lowest Prices!

Tapestry Brussels.....	50c
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Hemp.....	15c
Straw Matting.....	12c
Oil Carpets.....	20c
Job Lot 40 Pieces Fancy-Matting worth 30c. Our Price.....	20c
Dundee Rugs (6 x 3 ft.).....	40c

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58 CENTS.

The regular price of this special lot of 58c. Dress Goods has been 75c.; 87 1-2c. and \$1.00; and as most of the Short Lengths contain yards enough for Combination Suits and Children's Dresses, economical buyers will appreciate these Bargains. Also

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3 SMALL SIZE PLUSH CLOAKS

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25 CHILDREN'S CLOAKS,

Ages 4 to 6 Years,

WORTH \$5 to \$6 EACH.

We shall sell any Cloak in this lot at

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A Choice Article in a nice Sounce Glass Stoppered Bottle.

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Antique Oak Sets, Mahogany Sets, Birch Sets and all kinds of Chamber Sets, from \$1

FOLKS AND THINGS.

Court begins its March session today.

Railroad men have been thick the past week. Pomona Grange meets in Thomaston today. Two lively runaways added to yesterday's excitement.

Stickers were fashionable yesterday, and maulage was in great demand.

Business over the Knox & Lincoln is excellent for this season of the year.

The coopers in Perry Bros. shop are looking for the man that put cayenne pepper on the stove.

The C. L. S. circle will hold its meeting Saturday evening with the Misses Wood, Masonic street.

Conductor Rideout is suffering from the effects of catching some heavy freight on one of his feet.

The Central Club elected officers last night as follows: W. T. Cobb, president; N. T. Farwell, vice president; A. L. Torrey, secretary.

The High School Comet was issued Tuesday, and is a very interesting number. Some of the features were exceptionally good.

The Salvation Band has commenced house-keeping over the store of A. L. Richardson, corner of Main and Willow streets. The Band gave a parade Saturday evening.

A Rockland young man helped himself to cider the other day, and got into the vinegar barrel instead of the cider barrel. He didn't discover the mistake until he had taken a good big swallow.

HEAD-OF-THE-BAY.—Tumecum Debating Club continues its sessions with unabated interest....Our school-house is now in excellent condition....A rag bee was recently held at L. L. Henderson's and a very jolly time is reported.

Knox & Lincoln passenger car No. 4 is being renovated and upholstered for the summer travel. Outside it is painted in a dark Nile green and decorated in gilt. It will compare with the best cars of other roads when finished.

A fast driving sleigh ran into a sleigh occupied by two persons, on Main street, Tuesday evening. The occupants of the second sleigh were thrown out, and one of them, Miss Hattie Wallace, was run over receiving a fracture of one of the bones of her leg. The sleigh was badly wrecked.

Finally good time was the Harmony Friday evening. Good music and many made things particularly jolly. Charles T. Spear thoughtfully surrounded with nice ham sandwiches neatly in tissue wrappers, and some fragrant from his patent leather, the enjoyment of which reached its climax. Those Harmonical times are great institutions.

Members of the "O Club," which does business in the vicinity of Rankin street, surrounded F. S. Sweetland and his worthy wife, Saturday evening last, attacking the house, and staying six strong. It was Mr. Sweetland's birthday, and they found it out, somehow or other, and looked to it that it was properly served. After a very pleasant evening, they departed leaving a handsome volume of Tension's poems as a gift to Mr. Sweetland.

On our first page today will be found a very interesting article from the pen of Z. Pope, formerly editor of this paper, a plea for athletics as a summer resort, something about Rockland's sewer brooks, and a pretty letter from Rockland's streets. Page 4 has other local news, some of it of great importance, and a batch of county news. On our last page is Harle's exciting serial comes to a happy factory conclusion.

Looking favorable for the building of a standard guage road to Camden. We are for the benefit of our neighbors that the road will be built at an early day. But, by the way, suppose a party of rusticators happen to pass through this city on a sort of prospecting tour, when Rockland's mud carnival is in full swing, or when our penetrating dust is in its work, will they stop here or go on to Camden? They'll go to Camden if they are idiots. Moral—"Our streets are improved."

Steamer City of Richmond, Capt. Wm. E. Denison, leaves Portland Tuesdays and Fridays, beginning today, after the arrival of the Express train from Boston, for Rockland, Camden, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Southwest Harbor, Bar Harbor, Millbridge, Jonesport and Machiasport. On the return trip the Richmond leaves Machiasport every Monday and Thursday. The time for leaving Rockland going east, is 6 a. m., west, 5.30 p. m. The Richmond has been put in fine condition for the summer campaign, and with such a popular officer as Capt. Denison will continue to be a favorite with the travelling public.

A Chautauqua Teachers' Reading Union has recently been organized in Maine under the direction of the state counselor, W. W. Stetson, of Auburn. President Hyde of Bowdoin College has been elected president of the organization, other important offices being held by Hon. N. A. Luce and Superintendent Tash of Portland. Several of our city teachers have joined the Union and it is hoped that others may follow, as the course cannot fail to be interesting and profitable. A local branch has been formed by our teachers, with J. P. Marston president and treasurer; Miss May Wood, vice president; Miss Emma Shields, secretary; Misses North, Walker, Burbank and Hooper, executive committee. The Union meets fortnightly, Wednesday evenings, and is now reading Herbert Spencer's *Educator*.

Y. M. C. A.—At the meeting of the active members of the association next Thursday evening the following papers will be presented: "How Can We Make our Young Men's Meeting more Efficient?" "How Can We Attract more Young Men to the Rooms?" "Can the Association Carry on any Religious Work outside the Rooms?"...Characters from the bible will be taken as topics of the men's meeting for a few following Sundays: "Daniel—the uncompromising young man"—will be the topic for next Sunday, and "Lot—the Selfish"—for the following Sunday....Monday March 21st a concert will be given by the Fopas Quartet, assisted by James McNamara, an other talent....The third conference of the Y. M. C. A. of New England Young Men's Christian Associations will meet in session Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week at Cambridge, Mass. A number of prominent men in association work will be present.

Thirty-nine barrels of lobsters went out over the K. & L. yesterday.

Hamilton Lodge, I. O. G. T., is having a pleasant series of sociables.

C. C. Chandler served as warden pro tem in Ward 3 yesterday, in the absence of Warden E. L. Lovejoy.

Rev. Mr. Hemenway will preach next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the Cedar Street church.

A meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary, connected with the Y. M. C. A., will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

L. S. Robinson and others contemplates opening a boot and shoe store in the southern store in Rankin block.

The social circle connected with the Cedar Street society will meet tomorrow afternoon and evening with Miss Addie Thomas, Camden street.

A Main street dealer reports that one afternoon three persons named White were in his store trading, and they were all strangers to each other. Looks like a White lie.

There was some nice sliding on Snow's hill, Saturday. Some grown up folks from up-town chartered a bob and had great sport. Two of the party were Californians to whom sliding was something of a novelty.

The need of a receiving tomb for our city is illustrated every little while in a very unpleasant manner. Perhaps the newly elected city government will be considerate enough to give us one.

The branch store of B. A. Atkinson & Co., the big house furnisher, has been moved to the store formerly occupied by John Ackerman. W. A. Kimball, who is in charge, reports a big trade.

F. C. Knight & Co. have had their store improved by a very handsome paper ceiling of bright design, which lightens up their place of business considerably. New paint adds to the good effect. Clifton & Karl.

The first spring edition of Kimball's *Mt. Desert Rusticator* has been issued, and is now being circulated everywhere. It is packed full of reading, important information and attractive advertising. Kimball's *Rusticator* is known everywhere.

F. A. Rice, a prominent Spencer shoe manufacturer, was at the Thorndike last week. He was in quest of American operatives, to whom he offered steady employment. Several of our young men are contemplating accepting the offer made.

The owners of the building on the corner of School and Main streets, occupied by E. W. Berry & Co., C. A. Haskell, Mrs. Hanrahan, Mrs. Gay and others, are contemplating the erection of a new block there at an early day. Plans not fully made as yet.

HORSE HATS.—A. B. Crockett and Ephraim Gay are in the Provinces, horse buying.... A pair of horses covered with frost, unprotected by blanket or other covering, and shivering in the sharp air of one of the coldest mornings of last week excited the commiseration of passers by. A man who will let his horse suffer when a little care will prevent it is no better than he should be.

Rockland's wheelmen to the number of fourteen met in the store of Robinson & Edgerton, Thursday evening, and formed a Wheelmen's Club with 14 charter members. An informal election of officers was held resulting as follows: L. C. Cobb, president; H. M. Brown, Jr., captain; E. W. Berry, lieutenant; A. L. Torrey, secretary and treasurer; H. W. Thorndike, bugler; G. H. Blethen, color bearer. The club has not yet selected a name. A second meeting to take more formal action will be held in the office of F. Cobb & Co. this evening at eight o'clock, which all bicyclers are invited to attend. It is proposed to have a club house, uniforms, etc. All our wheelmen should take hold of this thing.

Our people do not seem to understand the whys and wherefores of the display of the weather signals here, and seem to think that Uncle Sam is at the bottom of it, whereas he has nothing to do with it. When the signal station was changed from this city to White Head, some of our ship masters and owners were somewhat reluctant to have the service discontinued. At their request A. M. Wood, the former efficient displayman here, manufactured a set of signals and had a staff made, private subscription paying the bills. Mr. Wood takes the dispatches for the White Head signal station and displays the proper signals from the custom house staff, posting the cautionary signals in the postoffice where those interested can study them. To pay him for his trouble Mr. Wood depends upon private subscription. No one will question the great benefit of the work he is doing and it should be seen to that he is not compelled to give the thing up as a thankless task for want of a little financial encouragement. It would be only the proper thing if he received as much as the government pays—a matter of about \$100 annually. It wouldn't be a very heavy individual tax to furnish that much money. Subscriptions can be handed Mr. Wood or C. E. Weeks. After you read this item, put your hand into your vest and lay by your part to pay for a needed thing here.

THE MEADOWS.—On account of the drifting storm, Sunday, no meeting was held at Washington Hall....Thursday evening at the Grange meeting seven candidates received the third and fourth degrees, and all the members partook of the harvest feast. A pleasant episode occurred just before the meeting closed. Chas. A. Sylvester, in behalf of the Grange, stepped up to the secretary, F. W. Smith, and in a remarkably neat, appropriate and highly eulogistic speech, presented him with a valuable gold pen and pen-holder. The speech elicited rounds of applause. The secretary was taken completely by surprise, but in a brief speech expressed his gratitude and appreciation of the regard manifested by the seventy brothers and sisters assembled, in presenting him with this valuable gift, and more than all in the unanimous and friendly feelings which accompanied the gift....Pleasant Valley Grange has now ninety-five members....A reception and calico ball will be held in the near future, to raise a fund with which to start a library. Invitations will be extended to such friends as the members are pleased to invite....An old folks' dance was held at Washington lower hall Wednesday evening....Pleasant social and singing parties met last week with Mrs. Cora Gardner and with Miss Eva N. Farrand....A kiln of lime has just been burned at the Sherer kiln....Roscoe Carter from West Camden is framing A. H. Blackington's barn.

AMUSEMENTS.

Lizzie Evans March 29. The cast of "Rosedale" is complete—in every sense of the word—and rehearsals are now under way.

The Young Ladies' Mission Band will hold a corn festival in the parlors of the First Baptist church, Thursday evening, March 10. Corn supper served after 5.30 until 7. Corn-cert at 7.30. Admission to corn-cert 10 cents. Supper 15.

The ladies of Edwin Libby Relief Corps, No. 20 will serve a hot dinner to the public, in the Grand Army Hall, Thursday, March 10th, if pleasant. If not pleasant, they will serve it on the next day (Friday). All are invited to come and get a good dinner for only 25cts.

Next Monday night W. W. Thomas, ex-minister to Sweden, will deliver his famous lecture on "Sweden and the Swedes" in the Congregational church. Mr. Thomas is a talented speaker, and has for years made a study of this people and their habits. He was instrumental in forming the Swedish colony in the northern part of our state. His lecture, which has been presented in the larger cities, is one of exceptional excellence and interest, and we hope a crowded house will meet him. One of our exchanges speaks as follows of the lecture, as recently delivered at Augusta:

"The closest attention was paid by the intelligent audience, the splendid passages and noble sentiments being frequently greeted with loud applause. Swedish life, character, and history, have, in Mr. Thomas, a most able and well informed delineator and friend; one who loves and understands well his subject. We have rarely listened to a more entertaining and instructive lecture than that of Ex-Minister Thomas on 'Sweden and the Swedes.'"

MEN AND WOMEN.

Personal Paragraphs of More or Less Interest to Our Readers.

Miss May Kallach is in Boston. Wm. Wiley is visiting in Bath. Benj. Studley is at home from Belfast.

Col. E. R. Spear leaves today for Boston. Miss Helen Pierce is home from New York. Cyrus Clark and wife of Boston are in town. John Haines and wife went to Boston yesterday.

J. D. Lazell was home from Orono last week. Miss Adelia W. Bird is visiting friends in Boston.

J. P. Cilley, Jr., has returned from his sea voyage. Mrs. T. W. Hix, Jr., is in Belfast visiting friends.

Miss Rose Pearson is the guest of Miss Clara Borstelle. Miss Jennie Weeks has returned from a visit in Bangor.

Miss Bertha Mank is visiting friends in Woolwich. Mrs. John Colson is visiting her parents at Indian Island.

Miss Emma Barrett is in this city for a few weeks sojourn. Mrs. S. K. Macomber is visiting her daughter Nellie in Boston.

L. H. C. Wiggin has returned to work in the Warren shoe factory. Mrs. Susan Dean has returned from an extended visit in Bath.

Louis Barker of New Bedford is looking up old friends in this city. Cornelius Hanrahan leaves Thursday for Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Miss Mattie Johnston went to West Appleton Saturday to visit relatives.

H. L. Churchill has gone to Damariscotta to work at carriage trimming.

Mrs. Cobb and son of Bath are visiting at Conductor Rufus Rideout's.

Ada J. Simonton is in New York where she will visit for several months.

Miss Lottie Lawry returned Thursday from a three weeks visit in Boston.

Mrs. Ellen M. Johnston returned last week from a visit to West Appleton.

O. L. Beverage, Colby St., was in this city last week en route for Waterville.

Mrs. H. A. Foster and Mrs. Addie Keating leave Thursday for Kenosha, Wis.

Attwell S. Heath of Spencer, Mass., visited his old home in this city last week.

E. S. Kent a prominent tile dealer of Boston was in the city last week on business.

Dr. John Temple of Charlestown, Mass., is visiting friends at Blackington's Corner.

Capt. Harlow Arey is in the city. His vessel, the Minnie Smith, is in New York.

Capt. Will Holbrook and son John are in Boston where John will go into business.

J. P. Armstrong of Vinalhaven was in this city yesterday, bound out over the K. of L.

Engineer Parks of the new Belfast Water Co. has been visiting at Rufus Ingraham's.

Miss Allie Crocker has returned from her trip to New York, and is now employed in the Hurricane Granite Co.'s office.

C. E. Rising has retired from the store of W. B. Hix & Co. Fred Mills is now clerking there. Mr. Rising went to Boston this morning.

Rockland's Californian party arrived in San Francisco yesterday from Los Angeles. They are all well.

Cashier N. T. Farwell of the North National Bank and wife left this noon for a trip to New Orleans.

Miss Grace B. Sprague went to Boston Monday where she will continue her musical studies with Miss Smart.

Robert Ashworth and family and Fred Waterman and family left yesterday morning for St. Paul, Minn., where they will locate.

Ralph Ayers of Boston, formerly of this city, was in town last week. Mr. Ayers has a very fine position as collector of the National Supply Co., 45 Temple Place, Boston.

Mrs. Hannah Ayers leaves the last of this week for Montpelier, Vt., where she will make her home, her son, Frank B. Wilson, having secured an excellent position there.

H. F. Roberts, city editor of the Waterville *Sentinel*, made a flying trip to this city last week. Mr. Roberts is giving the *Sentinel* one of the best local pages of any paper in the state.

M. M. Parker arrived at his home in this city Friday evening after an absence of four years in the west where he has been engaged in bridge building. Mr. Parker made the journey from Denver to Rockland in four days.

E. S. Snow, son of George L. Snow, who for the past few years has been connected with Snow Bros., Boston, is now located in Chicago, where he has an excellent situation. He is an exceptionally smart business man, and we expect to hear good reports from him in the north-western metropolises.

Sarah R., widow of Albert D. Lawry, died at her home in this city Thursday last. Mrs. Lawry was the daughter of the late Simon Blood of this city. She has been an invalid for years, the kindest ministrations of friends and family sustaining her in her sufferings. She leaves two daughters and a large circle of family friends to mourn her death. The funeral was held Monday.

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Births.

Hix—Rockland, March 2, to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hix, a daughter.

NICHOLS—Thomaston, Feb. 27, to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Nichols, a son.

OXTON—West Camden, Feb. 28, to Mr. and Mrs. Almon Oxtion, a daughter.

JONES—Tilton, February 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Miles L. Jones, of Cambridgeport, Mass., a son.

PAYSON—South Hope, Feb. 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Payson, a daughter.

WILLIAMSON—Camden, Feb. 28, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williamson, a daughter.

HANLY—Thomaston, Feb. 28, to Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hanly, a daughter.

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Marriages.

ARMSTRONG—COPELAND—Rockland, February 20, at St. David's church, by Rev. Father Peterson, Luke Armstrong, of Thomaston, and Maud M. Copeland, of Round Pond.

Deaths.

LAWRY—Rockland, March 3, Sarah R., wife of the late A. D. Lawry, aged 42 years, 5 months, 6 days.

BURNS—Rockland, March 5, Ralph A., son of Fred L. and Jennie Burns, aged 1 month.

WALL—Trenton's Harbor, St. George, March 1, Emily Wall, aged 41 years, 2 days.

ROBINSON—Thomaston, Feb. 27, James P. Robinson, aged 67 years, 2 months, 11 days.

LEIGH—North Washington, Feb. 25, Hattie, daughter of Franklin Leigh, aged 17 years.

BLACK—Vinalhaven, Feb. 11, infant son of William and Mary Black.

HOWE—Camden, Feb. 23, Bessie M., wife of William Howe, aged 25 years, 4 months, 14 days.

WEEKS—Castine, March 1, James Weeks, aged 92 years.

STRAW—Castine, March 1, Robert Straw, aged 81 years.

NASHUA—Nashua, N. H., Feb. 27, Mrs. Catherine, wife of Merrill Payson, former of Hope, aged about 66 years.

EMERSON—Boothbay, Feb. 23, Capt. John B. Emerson, aged 61 years, 6 months. His remains were brought to Thomaston, for interment beside his wife in the family burial lot of Capt. Samuel Watts, whose second daughter, Sarah, was the wife of Capt. Emerson, and died in Oakland in 1868.

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Very desirable tenement and offices to let. Inquire of C. M. WALKER, Pillsbury Block, opposite Thorndike Hotel, Rockland.

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By R. M. PILLSBURY, 56 Broadway, Rockland. 1 cutting table, 3 x 7 feet, price \$2.50; 1 doz. small and large snow shovels, 25c. and 50c. Chairs to mend. To mend.

VESSEL FOR SALE.

The fishing schooner Samuel Ober of Provincetown, 64.35 tons burden; well found in sail and rigging; recanvassed last year; always been fishing and kept in good repair. Sale, because of failure of the fishing business. For further particulars inquire of E. N. PAINE, Provincetown, Mass.

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In connection with any of the three excursions, time will be had for a trip to the Yosemite Valley and Big Trees. Supplementary trip to Alaska if desired.

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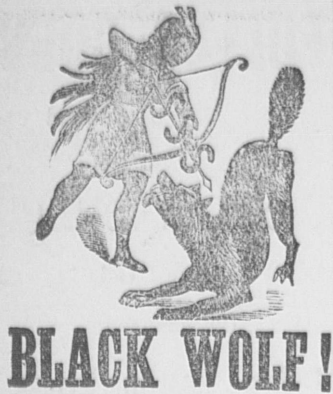
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MORE PARTICULARS

Concerning Warren's Recent Powder Mill Explosion.

When the explosion occurred Mr. Jones, the operator, was in the building. He had just put on a cleaned suit of clothes, which saved him from being very badly burned, as he would have been had his clothes been fully saturated with powder dust. How he got out of the mill is a mystery, though he said he walked out as soon as he saw the flash. Finding himself on fire he rolled in the snow and was disrobing himself of his burning clothes when his fellow-workmen got to him. When found he was about forty feet from where he was at work. Then he started for the wash-up on foot, remarking that he would be ready to go back as soon as they got the mill repaired. He was turned about the hands, arms and face and somewhat inwardly. His eyes were not injured. Though both men suffered a great deal of pain they are doing nicely.

A telegram was sent to the proprietor at Boston and the next day his agent came ordering every care and attention to be rendered to the men.

The mill will be repaired as soon as it can be done in order to resume work. They were making soda powder at the time of the explosion and the report was not so loud as it would have been were it sporting powder, yet it was enough to startle many, while in some directions it was not noticed. One incident is reported by one of the workmen, who lives about half a mile from the works. His wife and son did not hear the report. One of the neighbors not seeing any of them sent his son into the house, but as they were apparently ignorant of the disaster, he decided it wise not to speak of it, and they did not know it until the husband came in at half-past one and told them the story.

IN RETROSPECT.

Winters of Ye Olden Times—Early Steamboating.

George H. Haynes, our Camden correspondent, drops into a reminiscent vein, and relates the following interesting facts: One day during this month (Feb.) the steamer *Libby* from Camden harbor on her way to Belfast harbor being frozen over, a very rare occurrence. The first time we find in history that it happened, was in 1780 when Camden harbor also froze over. Lieut. Benjamin Burton then stationed here went to Castine on the ice with a flag of truce to obtain the release of a young man named Libby of Warren, who had been taken from an American schooner as a prisoner; he and Libby returned in the same manner. The next time the Camden harbor was sealed by ice was in 1872, when the Boston steamer *Libby* from Warren, who had been taken from an American schooner as a prisoner; he and Libby returned in the same manner. The next time the Camden harbor was sealed by ice was in 1872, when the Boston steamer *Libby* from Warren, who had been taken from an American schooner as a prisoner; he and Libby returned in the same manner.

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In the following year, 1824, the *Patent* ran from Bath to Camden. Her master, St. John, Capt. Lunt, master. In 1825, the steamer *New York* was put on in opposition to the *Patent*. Capt. Thomas Rogers was master of the *New York*. So great was the rivalry between the two boats, that intentional collision not infrequently took place between them.

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FIRST ONE.

A Decision in a Lobster Case of Interest to Our Readers.

The following law court decision is one of importance, being the first case of the kind ever decided by court in this state under the new law. The case was tried at the April (1886) term of the court at Wiscasset and the motion were argued at the July law term in Portland. True P. Pierce, esq., of this city represented the plaintiff; Hilton & Huston of Damariscotta the defendant.

John L. Thompson vs. Frank Smith. Exceptions and motion by defendant. *Rescript*.—An action to recover penalties for an infraction of the lobster laws is not barred by previous criminal proceedings for the same offense before a magistrate, who bound the defendant over instead of trying the complaint himself, the law giving him no jurisdiction to send the case up. The first proceedings were a nullity.

Where the writ of indictment alleges in one count the illegal possession of a definite number of lobsters, the verdict may be for any number less than the whole number alleged; and the penalties be proportionate with the finding. The complaint was not under obligation to prove that the lobsters under nine inches long were young lobsters; the word young is used in the act in a presumptive sense; the law assumes those under nine inches long are young lobsters, and is unlawful to have in one's possession dead lobsters less than nine inches long, if the same lobsters were nine inches or more long when taken alive. Motion and exceptions overruled.

OUR WEALTHY MEN.

Much has been said in the newspapers of men who have made large fortunes in comparatively a few years in various business industries. Many of these articles are written by correspondents of prominent newspapers, and copied into columns of lesser note. Correspondents generally are seldom men of business qualifications and wrongfully picture these men and their business as a thing of accident; this is not the case with those we have met. We find that where men have made large fortunes by their own business talent and industry they have done so with sagacity and forthrightness such businesses as would lead to success when handled with business judgment. No man has been brought before the public as an example of success, both in wealth and magnitude of his business (outside of stock and railroad men) more prominently than Dr. G. G. Green of Woodbury, N. J. He is at the head of many large business industries, and yet a comparatively young man. When the fact that August Flower for dyspepsia and liver complaint and Boschee's German Syrup, for coughs and lung troubles, has grown to a wonderful sale in all parts of the world, it proves that it was not an accident or spontaneous strike at wealth. His medicines are recognized as valuable and established remedies and the business has grown gradually and permanently during the last eighteen years on account not alone of Dr. Green's abilities as a business man or his good luck, but on the actual merits of the two preparations.—Copied from the N. Y. Weekly Sun of Dec. 29, 1886.

APPLETON.—Edgar B. Connce was arrested on three warrants and tried on two of them in Grange Hall before the new trial justice, T. S. Bowden of West Washington, recently. The offense charged was being drunk, making threats of violence, and disturbing a public assembly. On the first drunkenness, and on the last, disturbing a public assembly, his honor fined the prisoner \$5 and costs each. A motion being made by the counsel for the defense, Mr. Staples, to quash the warrant, Squire Bowden adjourned the court till Saturday in order to satisfy himself of the legality of the warrant. Saturday afternoon the case was tried, the court finding the warrant strong enough to warrant him in putting the respondent under \$200 bonds to keep the peace. His mother and brother were bondsmen. The respondent appealed from the decision of the two former cases and gave bonds in the sum of \$250 to prosecute his appeal. M. F. Hanly, esq., was counsel for the state. These were Judge Bowden's first cases and those present spoke in high praise of the able manner in which he discharged the responsible duties of his office and predicted for him a brilliant career as a trial justice. The Rising gent's goat team reminds me of the outfit of Master Walter Newbert, son of our representative, who is a traveling commission merchant, (young Walter I allude to now.) The motive power is a medium sized dog, white with black points, sleek as an otter, and about as intelligent as they make 'em. The harness was made expressly for him. The sleigh was manufactured at the mills, is painted in good style, and is a daisy, skin lined with fancy stuff, and just too cunning for anything. Master Walter sells on commission, and has his team so well trained that he can send him to a house far in advance of the driver. He has quite a trade.

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LINCOLNVILLE.—Misses Alice Parker, Bessie Farrar and Julia Martin have gone to Vassalboro to attend the spring term of Oak Grove Seminary.... Miss Nettie L. Adams is home from Vinalhaven where she has been teaching.... King David's Lodge, F. & A. M., had a social in their hall Friday week which was a very enjoyable affair. They intend having another Thursday evening of the present week.... Miss Nellie Farrar has gone to Wellesley, Mass., on a short visit.... Saufoard Assembly, K. of L., had a dance and clam chowder in their hall Friday evening of last week.

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Sch. Billow, Emery, is loading lime from F. Cobb & Co. and Joseph Abbott & Son for New York.

Sch. Helen Montague is in Salem, where she has discharged coal from Baltimore, making the run from Boston to Baltimore, loading, and back to Salem in 17 days. Capt. Cookson came home Friday, returning to Salem yesterday.

Perry Bros. are loading schooner Mary Brewer for New York.

Sch. Relief, Blake, arrived Saturday from Boston. She is loading lime from F. Cobb & Co. for Jacksonville.

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Sch. Grace Bradley, McIntire, is at Glenfuegos loading sugar for North of Hatteras.

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New York.—From the weekly freight circular of Snow & Burgess, under date of March 5, we take the following. To the River Platte some interest is displayed in general cargo tonnage hence, but rates are unchanged, say basis 13 cents per cubic foot. There are also inquiries for lumber tonnage to load at Boston and Portland at \$9.50 per \$10, and at the south, but the latter orders do not appear urgent, hence little business results. The Brazil trade at the moment is rather tame. There is nothing in the position of sugar here to encourage much business in the Cuba trade, therefore a dull market is yet the report. In molasses freights there is a moderate business at \$2 from N. S. ports to N. of Hatteras. Outward freights are scarce, and rates unsatisfactory. In other West India trades there is less doing. Coastwise lumber freights are better. There is more demand, and vessels being scarce, higher rates have been paid. At the close, from Jacksonville to New York, \$7.50 was the quotation, and from Grand Island \$5 and wharfage. The coal trade is yet quiet; \$1.00 per \$1.10 and discharge was out the rate to Boston and Portland at the close. Ship Isaac Reed, 30,000 cases Refined Japan, 25 cents; Bark Unity, from Cardenas a port north of Hatteras, sugar in hds., \$12 1-2, and in bags 13 cents; Sch. Mattie J. Lee, from Portland to New York, lumber, \$1.50; Sch. Speedwell, New York to Portland, \$1.50; Sch. Gen. A. Ames, from New York to New York, coal, \$1 and charge; Sch. Fleetwing, from Perth Amboy to Boston, coal, \$1.25 and discharge.

OUR BEACONS.

Use Starry Glimmer Guide] Mariners From Danger.

The annual report of the Lighthouse Board of the Maine Lighthouses to be in excellent condition. At Matinicus Rock some hundred feet of the boat slip were renewed, a boat was supplied, and minor repairs were made.

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If citizens voluntarily tender the use of their horses and men for such a purpose, how much might be done by a little urgent solicitation. At certain seasons of the year all of our lime-rock teams are idle. Doesn't it seem probable that these teams could be secured at little trouble and expense to work upon our streets?

If men owning draft horses could thus be induced to contribute their services, wouldn't business men without teams, and yet with a vital interest in the improvement of our streets, be ready and eager to furnish by private subscription the money needed to keep the volunteer teams properly employed—to pay what incidental expenses might arise. In this way a great deal could be accomplished with little or no expense to the city proper.

Volunteer work of this sort, to be of any great value, should be applied according to some system. Desultory, scattered work would result in little appreciable good. How shall this work be directed? Here again we see the need of a committee on street improvements.

Let our newly elected city government see to it that a permanent committee on street improvements be appointed, and then whatever work is done, let it be under the personal direction of this committee. If we cannot have a permanent city committee let our business men's association, as soon as organized, appoint such a committee to visit our citizens asking contributions of teams and money for improvements, and then see to it that both are rightly applied. Let the committee, whether appointed by the city government or by the business association, be composed of representative business men who can command the respect and confidence of all. Let the committee be selected regardless of politics. Rockland mud is just as deep for democrats as republicans. Politics are all right enough, but the good of our city is a question of common interest. There never was such unanimity of sentiment among our people in favor of reclaiming our thoroughfares from their filthy and disgraceful condition. In a few weeks mud, knee deep, will be upon us. If Rockland's populace today could be collected in one body, and asked for a year and may vote on the question of improving our streets one might "yca" would sound the death knell of our filthy mud and blinding dust. Now is the time to formulate plans for remedying the crying evil. Have all the plans made, and when spring opens our annual mud deluge will render further argument needless.

Our streets must be improved.

HOPEFUL

Is the Annual Report of One of Our Neighboring Towns.

The annual report of the town of Hope has just been issued from this office. From it we learn that the town's valuation is \$180,831, of which amount \$144,306 is in real estate and \$36,525 in personal estate. The rate of tax is \$2 per thousand; number of polls 183; tax per poll \$2. Bridge repairs cost the town \$175.47; miscellaneous, \$45.20; poor, \$47.83; schools, \$1,022.46; snow, \$313.63; town officers, \$164.85; roads, \$102.42; statements, \$31.60; total disbursements, \$2,306.44. The amount of funds for 1886 was \$2,967.26. After deducting disbursements and accounting for other items, for and against, a net balance of \$556.45 is left in favor of the town.

The supervisor of schools also reports in his session cash and school books to the amount of \$600. Marcellus Metcalf, the undertaker, received interments for the year, as follows:

R. Wright died May 14th, 1886; Mrs. M. Heald died May 25th, 1886; Daniel Bartlett died June 1st, 1886; Samuel Wentworth died June 10, 1886; Mrs. Edward True died 6th, 1886. Town Clerk H. M. Cole received seven intentions of marriage. The roads were kept clear of snow, and in excellent condition. Bridges have been repaired and repaired in fine shape, the poor have been repaired, the schools have been well provided for. The year has been a prosperous one for the town, and its officers have been economically, yet wisely managed.

The selectmen, M. Cole, M. Metcalf and L. S. Cole being also town clerk, D. H. Cole, supervisor of schools and S. C. Cole, town clerk.

HE WAS MAD.

Blame Her for Her Indignation.

"How can you live here?" was the interrogatory of a house of modest pretensions one day last week. The house was from Gale's sick horse with which he had driven to the city, and still alive?" continued the doctor's medicine chest.

"Yes," was the somewhat indignant answer.

"Blank?" interrogated the doctor.

Your husband called me here and informed me of his death."

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THAT ROAD.

What a Practical Engineer Thought of the Georges Valley Scheme.

In our last issue we gave a description of the engineer's survey for a railroad up Georges Valley—made in 1869 by John Read, C. E. Mr. Read closes his survey report with a statement of the probable business which such a road would have, basing his statements, of course, upon the proposition, as then advanced, of having the road connect with the Knox & Lincoln at Warren and the Belfast & Moosehead road at Belfast. What he says, however, concerning the country passed through will show that the articles in THE COURIER-GAZETTE have not been too highly colored on the subject of the fertility of Georges Valley.

I have prepared no estimate of the probable business this road would do, but knowing as we do that it would traverse one of the richest portions of our state in point of agricultural resources—a district of the state where are located some of the very best of the water privileges for which our state is so justly celebrated; a district rich in mineral deposits of lime and slate—knowing this, and in view of the business other roads in the state, no more favorably situated than this, are doing, we have reason to expect, that, at the time of completion, its way business would be large, and as it developed, as it soon would do, new resources, and those now dormant, awaiting but a railroad to awake them into life and action, that business would largely increase, and where now "the wild waters run to waste" there would spring up a host of industries of different kinds, and the busy hum of thrift and industry would be heard throughout the valley of Georges as never before. And all this may be brought about by an expenditure so small that it can but remunerate largely in interest and pecuniary profit all towns and citizens that invest therein.

Of the through business, emanating from connections at the termini, I need not speak other than point you to the map of our state, by which you will readily discover that when the roads now in contemplation and projected are put in operation, as they soon may be, your road, from its very location and directness, would form an important link in that great chain of roads that will soon connect our extreme eastern and western borders. In fact a link in the most direct and shortest line leading from our great Atlantic cities (even beyond! from the Pacific itself!) to the harbor of Halifax, and thence by steamship to Europe! In view of this great advantage, and the fact that it requires no prophet to foretell for your enterprise a glorious future if you but improve present opportunities and hasten it to an early completion.

It seems somewhat strange that as far back as '69 Mr. Read should have foreseen the probability of the Canadian-Pacific cutting through our state to the sea coast.

Mr. Read in his report of the approximate cost of the Georges road estimated it at \$818,312, making an average cost per mile, complete, of \$26,785. But it must be taken into account that the cost of materials at the time of the survey was a great deal more than at present. Mr. Read also makes an allowance of \$12,250 for land and damages which we think would be reduced to nothing. Volunteer individual labor would also materially decrease other estimated expenses. The Georges Valley road can be built if the people of the towns interested want it.

NO DROWN OUTS.

A Great Scheme for Pumping Out Our Quarries.

S. W. McLoon is making extensive improvements and changes at his quarry. One of the improvements, which promises to be a most important one, is an idea of Mr. McLoon's. One of the formidable objects in the way of quarrying, at certain seasons of the year, is the accumulation of water, to contend with which powerful and costly pumps are kept constantly at work. These pumps are located on the floor of the quarry, and the rock is dug away on each side of them, so that it is necessary every few years to take the pumps apart and remove the machinery and the buildings covering it to other positions nearer the quarry floor. This course necessitates considerable expense and trouble.

Then again, as has frequently happened, in times of freshet the breaking of some important portion of the machinery has so crippled the pumps that the machinery has been "drowned out" by the incoming water, and the quarry filled. In the Doherty quarry, so called, a very serious "drown out" occurred a few years ago. A portion of the pumping machinery broke. It was impossible to get repairs made here, and the pumps were so crippled that the water filled the quarry, flooded the house, and the engineer was forced to make his escape through the roof. The pumps were under water some days, until other pumps could be procured and put in position to remove the intruding waters. The total cost and damage by this watery invasion must have been something above \$1000.

Now Mr. McLoon's device, with other recommendations in its favor, is warranted to put an effectual extinguisher upon all future "drown outs." He has a scow 16x17, timbered out new and housed over on which he has placed a new and powerful Blake pump, No. 8, with a five-inch suction and capable of throwing 5000 hogsheads of water in 24 hours. The scow with its pump-house and pump will float on the water in the quarry—good chance to float in Mr. McLoon's quarry now, there being 40 feet of water there—and with three feet of suction pipe out will throw the water out of the quarry through flange discharge pipes. The discharge pipes will be connected to the pump by four-ply rubber hose which will give the necessary scope for the rise and fall of the water. The scow of course can be moved to any part of the quarry. If, in time of freshet, the machinery breaks, the scow and its load will be on top of the water, no matter how high it may rise, and when the machinery is repaired, then the pumping will go on as usual. As all machinists know it wears and tears a pump more to lift water than to throw it. By pumping from a scow the lift will be reduced to three or four feet. Mr. McLoon expects to have the scow and pump ready for business this week.

Mr. McLoon has also erected at his quarry a derrick with a 54-foot mast and 53-foot boom, to be operated by a steam hoister. The derrick is supported by six new wire guys, and the hoisting is done with a steel fall running over a 10-inch pulley. Coal tubs will be used in taking chips out of the quarry, and the rock will be taken out on drags. Some \$2500 worth of new machinery has been put in there.

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Is Rockland to Be Outdone by the Smart Little Waldo Town?

Liberty is talking up a loan and building association, the main object of the organization to be the purchase of the William Ayer dwelling, and its conversion into a first-class hotel for the accommodation of summer visitors and the traveling public.

The prophecy made in one of our news letters that Liberty will eventually be a large and thriving city may not be so far out of the way, after all. Liberty has the true spirit of enterprise which is the parent of true prosperity.

A Successful Marine Insurance Company.

A recent issue of the Boston Advertiser says that, "Probably the most pronounced and uninterrupted record of success in the insurance business is that of the Boston Marine Insurance Company."

The company is now thirteen years old, and has made in net profits during that time the large sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars, which is fifty per cent. more than its entire capital—of this profit eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars has been divided among its stockholders, and six hundred and fifty thousand dollars added to its surplus. This is a record of which any company may well be proud, and reflects great credit upon its able and efficient management.

Messrs. Raymond & Whitcomb's Spring Excursions to California.

The well-known excursion managers, Messrs. Raymond & Whitcomb, announce their seventh annual series of spring transcontinental excursions in another column. The spring trips differ from the winter excursions, inasmuch as they are sight-seeing expeditions, being planned with a view to visiting the various points of interest on the Pacific Coast, and on the way to and from there, at a season when they may be seen to the best possible advantage. There will be three trips the coming season. Parties will leave Boston April 21 and 28 for a tour of fifty-eight days through Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Southern and Central California, Nevada, Utah, etc., with numerous stops and several side-trips. The Yosemite Valley and Big Trees can readily be visited in connection with these excursions. A third party will leave Boston May 5, for a tour of seventy-two days. The route will be the same as in the other trips as far as San Francisco and Monterey, and time is afforded for a side-trip to the Yosemite Valley. From San Francisco the trip will be extended through Oregon, Washington Territory, the Puget Sound country, etc., with a return over the entire length of the Northern Pacific Railroad and an eight-days' visit to the Yellowstone National Park, making altogether a comprehensive excursion. Descriptive circulars may be obtained of W. Raymond, 295 Washington street, opposite School street, Boston.

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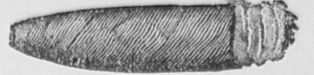
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me I say an 'uncertain' game. I've told him so; it's the only point on which we ever differed."

"Then you know him?" said Mrs. Hale, lifting her soft eyes to the colonel.

"I have that honor."

"Did his appearance, Josephine," broke in Hale, somewhat ostentatiously, "appear to—er—er—correspond with these qualities? You know what I mean."

"He certainly seemed very simple and natural," said Mrs. Hale, slightly drawing her pretty lips together. "He did not wear his trousers rolled up over his boots in the company of ladies, as you're doing now, nor did he make his first appearance in this house with such a hat as you wore this morning, or I should not have admitted him."

There were a few moments of embarrassing silence.

"Do you intend to give that package to Mr. Falkner yourself, colonel?" asked Mrs. Scott.

"I shall hand it over to the Excelsior company," said the colonel, "but I shall inform Ned of what I have done."

"Then," said Mrs. Scott, "will you kindly take a message from us to him?"

"If you wish it."

"You will be doing me a great favor, colonel," said Hale, politely.

Whatever the message was, six months later it brought Edward Falkner, the re-established superintendent of the Excelsior Ditch, to Eagle's Court. As he and Kate stood again on the plateau, looking toward the distant slopes once more green with verdure, Falkner said:

"Everything here looks as it did the first day I saw it, except your sister."

"The pace does not agree with her," said Kate hurriedly. "That is why my brother thinks of leaving it before the winter sets in."

"It seems so sad," said Falkner, "for the last words poor George said to me, as he left to join his cousin's corps at Richmond, were: 'If I'm not killed, Ned, I hope some day to stand again beside Mrs. Hale at the window in Eagle's Court, and watch you and Kate coming home!'"

THE END.

LITERARY NOTES.

The frontispiece of the forthcoming March Harper's is one of Abbey's naive pictures illustrating a Sunday phase of the good old days of our grandmothers. It is called "The Day of Rest."

In one corner of a high pew a young woman and her small boy are peacefully slumbering, while the worthy pastor stretches out his discourse. The spirit and aspect of life in the 18th century, as admirably represented in this drawing, is pleasantly described in "The Editor's Chair" by George William Curtis.

THE MARCH "OUTING."

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Stevens, though he finished his trip only a few weeks ago, has barely got through the Capital of Persia in the number before us. A variety of articles on outdoor life and sport make up the remainder of the number. Outing, 149 Nassau St., New York. \$3.00 a year.

DON'T MAKE A FUSS.

A great many people when annoyed by small difficulties of life, add to their troubles by a continuous fret and worry over them. This climate nearly everybody has now, then a cold or cough, or is troubled with sore throat. In such a case one should make a great fuss over it, but quietly take Lactart and Honey, one of the best preparations for the cure of coughs and colds that ever been introduced to the American public.

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The Boycot as an Adv.

Some days ago a local theater of Boston ordered a boycott to be enforced. A number of "scabs" were members of the orchestra of the theatre institution. The "scabs" caused it that a boycott had been put on it and published the consequence has been the great extent of the theatre has been a great extent other boycotts and times, and the theatre are said may continue.

ADVICE.

Are you distressed by your rest by a pain of the back, and get a bottle of Syrup for Children. It is a valuable remedy for all kinds of ailments, and is a great help to the mother.

There is no medicine that cures with such rapidity as this. It is a great help to the mother, and is a valuable remedy for all kinds of ailments, and is a great help to the mother.

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But their triumph was short lived. At the end of the meal they were startled by the tramping of hoofs without, followed by loud knocking. In another moment the door was opened and Mr. Stanner strode into the room. Hale rose with a look of indignation.

"I thought, as Mr. Stanner understood that I had no desire for his company elsewhere, he would hardly venture to intrude upon me in my house, and certainly not after—"

"If you're alluding to the Vigilantes shakin' you and Zeenie up at Hennicker's, you can't make me responsible for that. I'm here now on business—you understand—regular business. If you want to see the papers yer ken. I suppose you know what a warrant is?"

"I know what you are," said Hale hotly, "and if you don't leave my house!"

"Steady, boys," interrupted Stanner, as his five henchmen filed into the hall. "There's no backin' down here, Col. Clinch, unless you and Hale kalkilate to back down the state of California! The matter stands like this: There's a halfbreed Mexican, called Manuel, arrested over at the Summit, who swears he saw George Lee and Edward Falkner in this house the night after the robbery. He says that they were makin' themselves at home here, as if they were among friends, and considerin' the kind of help we've had from Mr. John Hale, it looks ez if it might be true."

"It's an infamous lie!" said Hale.

"It may be true, John," said Mrs. Scott, suddenly stepping in front of her pale-cheeked daughters. "A wounded man was brought here out of the storm by his friend, who claimed the shelter of your roof. As your mother I should have been unworthy to stay beneath it and have denied that shelter or withheld it until I knew his name and what he was. He stayed here until he could be removed. He left a letter for you. It will probably tell you if he was the man this person is seeking."

"Thank you, mother," said Hale, lifting her hand to his lips quietly; "and perhaps you will kindly tell these gentlemen that, as your son does not care to know who or what the stranger was, there is no necessity for opening the letter or keeping Mr. Stanner a moment longer."

"But you will oblige me, John, by opening it before these gentlemen," said Mrs. Hale, recovering her voice and color. "Please to follow me," she said, preceding them to the staircase.

They entered Mr. Hale's room, now restored to its original condition. On the table lay a letter and a small package. The eyes of Mr. Stanner, a little abashed by the attitude of the two women, fastened upon it and glistened.

Josephine handed her husband the letter. He opened it in breathless silence and read:

"John Hale: We owe you no return for voluntarily making yourself a champion of justice and pursuing us, except it was to offer you a fair field and no favor. We didn't get that much from you, but accident brought us into your house and into your family, where we did get it and were fairly vanquished. To the victors belong the spoils. We leave the package of greenbacks which we took from Col. Clinch in the Sierra coach, but which was first stolen by Harkins from forty-four shareholders of the Excelsior Ditch. We have no right to say what you should do with it, but if you aren't tired of following the same line of justice that induced you to run after us you will try to restore it to its rightful owners."

"We leave you another trifle as an evidence that our intrusion into your affairs was not without some service to you, even if the service was as accidental as the intrusion. You will find a pair of boots in the corner of your closet. They were taken from the burglars' feet of Manuel, your poon, who, believing the three ladies were alone and at his mercy, entered your house with an accomplice at 2 o'clock on the morning of the 21st, and was kicked out by

"Your obedient servants,
"GEORGE LEE & EDWARD FALKNER."

Hale's voice and color changed on reading this last paragraph. He turned quickly toward his wife; Kate flew to the closet, where the muffled boots of Manuel confronted them. "We never knew it," always suspected something that night," said Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Scott in the same breath.

"That's all very well and like George Lee's high falutin'," said Stanner, approaching the table, "but as long ez the greenbacks are here he can make what capital he likes over Manuel. I'll trouble you to pass over this package."

"Excuse me," said Hale, "but I believe this is the package taken from Col. Clinch. Is it not?" he added, appealing to the colonel.

"It is," said Clinch.

"Then take it," said Hale, handing him the package. "The first restitution is to you, but I believe you will fulfill Lee's instructions as well as myself."

"But," said Stanner, furiously interposing, "I've a warrant to seize that whenever found, and I dare you to disobey the law."

"Mr. Stanner," said Clinch, slowly, "there are ladies present. If you insist upon having that package I must ask them to withdraw, and I'm afraid you'll find me better prepared to resist a second robbery than I was the first. Your warrant, which was taken out by the express company, is supplanted by civil proceedings taken the day before yesterday against the property of the fugitive swindler Harkins! You should have consulted the sheriff before you came here."

Stanner saw his mistake. But in the faces of his grinning followers he was obliged to keep up his bluster. "You shall hear from me again, sir," he said, turning on his heel.

"I beg your pardon," said Clinch, grimly, "but do I understand that at last I am to have the honor?"

"You shall hear from the company's lawyers, sir," said Stanner, turning red, and noisily leaving the room.

"And so, my dear ladies," said Col. Clinch, "you have spent a week with a highwayman. I say a highwayman, for it would be hard to call my young friend Falkner by that name for his first offense, committed under great provocation, and undoubtedly instigated by Lee, who was an old friend of his, and to whom he came, no doubt, in desperation."

Kate stole a triumphant glance at her sister, who dropped her lids over her glistening eyes. "And this Mr. Lee," she continued more gently, "is he really a highwayman?"

"George Lee," said Clinch, settling himself back oratorically in his chair, "my dear young lady, is a highwayman, but not of the common sort. He is a gentleman born, madam, comes from one of the oldest families of the eastern shore of Maryland. He never mixes himself up with anything but some of the biggest s'rikes, and he's an educated man. He is very popular with ladies and children; he was never known to do or say anything that could bring a blush to the cheek of a beauty or a tear to the eye of innocence. I think I may say I'm sure you found him so."

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It was noon the next day when the little household beheld the last shred of their illusion vanish like the melting snow in the strong sunlight of John Hale's return. He was accompanied by Col. Clinch and Rawlins, two strangers to the women. Was it fancy or the avenging spirit of their absent companions? But he, too, looked a stranger, and as the little cavalcade wound its way up the slope he appeared to sit his horse and wear his hat with a certain slouch and absence of his usual restraint that strangely shocked them. Even the old half-condescending, half-punctilious gallantry of his greeting of his wife and family was changed, as he introduced his companions with a mingling of familiarity and shyness that was new to him. Did Mrs. Hale regret it, or feel a sense of relief in the absence of his usual seigniorial formality? She only knew that she was grateful for the presence of the strangers, which for the moment postponed a matrimonial confidence from which she shrunk.

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