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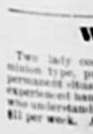
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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1891.
NELLIE M. ROWE, named Executrix in a certain Instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Benjamin Foster, late of Bethel in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:
ORDERED, That the said Executrix give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the said Instrument should not proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.
GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1891.
Susie E. Hackett, widow of Jonathan C. Hackett, late of Oxford, deceased, having presented her petition for an allowance out of the Personal Estate of said deceased:
ORDERED, That said petitioner give notice of the same to all persons interested therein, by publishing a copy of this order three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Paris, within and for said County, on the third Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, against the same.
GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1891.
James S. Morse, Admr. on the estate of Timothy D. Colby, late of Rumford, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:
ORDERED, That said Admr. give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Court of Probate to be held at Paris in said County, on the third Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.
GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held a Paris, within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1891.
On the petition of F. B. Andrews, Administrator of the estate of James F. Hayes, late of Oxford, in said County, deceased, praying for license to sell and convey so much of the real estate of said Hayes as may be necessary for the payment of debts and incidental charges, estimated at three hundred dollars.
ORDERED, That the said petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing an abstract of his petition, with this order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the same should not be granted.
GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Executor of the estate of
PERSIS S. BLACK, late of Paris,
in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to
April 21, 1891. JAMES S. WRIGHT.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that she has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Administratrix of the estate of
JOHN H. SCRIBNER, late of Hiram,
in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; she therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to
April 21, 1891. MARY A. SCRIBNER.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1891.
LYDIA S. FRENCH, presents a certain Instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John P. French, late of Porter, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate and prays that Moses S. Moulton be appointed Administrator with the will annexed.
ORDERED, That the said Petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon and show cause if any they have, why the said Instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.
GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1891.
LIVONIA BANGS, named Executrix in a certain Instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Henry Bangs, late of Buckfield in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:
ORDERED, That the said Executor give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.
GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1891.
MOSES S. MOULTON, named Executor in a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Dorothy Nutter, late of Fryeburg, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:
ORDERED, That the said Executor give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of May next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the said instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.
GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1891.
JENNETT L. DESHON, named Executrix in a certain Instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Charles F. Deshon, late of Peru in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:
ORDERED, That the said Executrix give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of May next, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the said Instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.
GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
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STATE OF MAINE.
OXFORD, ss.
Probate Court, April Term, A. D. 1891.
A certain Instrument purporting to be a copy of the last William Tolman of Elijah M. Elliott, late of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, and of the Probate thereof in said State, duly authenticated, having been presented to the Judge of Probate for our said County of Oxford, for the purpose of being allowed, filed and recorded in the Probate Court for said County:
ORDERED, That notice thereof be given to all persons interested therein, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of June next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, against the same.
GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1891.
Addison E. Herrick, Administrator on the estate of Aretha G. Douglass, late of Upton, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:
ORDERED, That the said Admr. give notice of the same to all persons interested therein, by publishing a copy of this order three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.
GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1891.
Nellie L. Robbins, named Executrix in a certain Instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Hiram Robbins, late of Albany in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:
ORDERED, That the said Executrix give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County, on the third Tuesday of May next, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the said Instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.
GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

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AMONG THE FARMERS.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF LADDERS.

During the high wind last Monday afternoon our chimney burned out with much force and the sparks falling on the roof took fire in three places, in one place making quite a blaze. If we had not been well supplied with ladders and acted with promptness our buildings must have been burned. As it was the damage was very slight. Now we wish to call the attention of every owner of buildings to the importance of having suitable ladders and keeping them in a handy place so they can get them at a moment's warning. They should have one long enough to reach on to their highest building and a light roof ladder provided with hooks to hook on to the ridge pole, long enough to reach down to the eaves of any roof on the premises.

This is a very important matter, particularly so to farmers, who usually live at some distance from neighbors.

AGRICULTURAL EDITOR.

Paris, May 6, 1891.

NOTES FROM WEST OXFORD.

The abundance of fodder cut and stored in good condition in this section the past season, gave farmers an opportunity to winter more stock than usual, and, generally, this opportunity has been well taken advantage of, in that more and better stock has been wintered than for many years past. The two new silos built in this town the past season, were filled with sweet corn fodder and second crop clover, and the owners report that they are well pleased with the result. When from thirty to forty dollars can be obtained as a net cash crop from each acre planted to sweet corn, and still retain as much fodder for home consumption as can be grown on any acre devoted to forage crops alone, farmers can certainly make no mistake in planting all they possibly can to this crop. The present high prices of grain will stimulate many farmers in this vicinity to plant all they can for home use, in addition to that which is planted for factories.

The potato crop has been one of great value in this place the past season, and the prospects now are that the acreage will be increased the coming season. Our farmers generally agree that they can well afford to raise potatoes for fifty cents per bushel, and when they bring from sixty to eighty-five cents, as they have this year, there is quite a margin of profit. There has been no year since my remembrance but that potatoes have brought fifty cents some time during the season.

The growing of cucumbers for market is a new industry for us. A sufficient acreage has been obtained to enable the packers to keep a man at our station for the purpose of sorting and packing, so that growers are only required to pack and carry to the station. The cucumbers are grown for pickles, and are sold to Pettengill & Co., Portland.

Baxter Bros. are building two corn shops here, one at North Fryeburg and the other at Lovell. We understand they have secured a full acreage, although farmers were asked to plant for a less price than usual, for one year, to secure the shops in their localities. Some farmers have signed ten acres each.

There has been a good demand for hay, to supply a local market, the past season, and most of the surplus has been removed. The extra acreage of sweet corn will still further increase the feeding capacity of our farms, and enable us to take still more advantage of markets for hay, or increase our stock as may seem to us best.

Making milk and cream is becoming quite a business here, and all who are engaged in it express themselves as being well pleased with it. We understand there is a cream route established, and the carrier is expected to begin his trips the first of May, with about one hundred and forty cows. The cream goes to the Forest City Creamery. Those who have furnished cream the past year, got an average of ten cents per inch, delivered at Fryeburg station. This seems a pretty good showing, when compared with the prevailing prices for dairy butter.

Farmers here are rapidly realizing that the outlook for increased efforts was never better than now, and there is a general awakening all along the line. Those who have carried through a full stock of young cattle are in good spirits over the increase in prices for beef and working oxen. Those who are working in the line of dairying are looking for relief, from the fact that many who have been driven into dairying by the low prices which have prevailed for years past, for young stock, will not be slow to take advantage of the first break in the clouds that opens up to them advantages in the line of stock raising, and thereby cause a falling off in the production of dairy products. This boom in beef and pork is but another illustration of the truth of the old adage, "shoemaker, stick to your last."

Everything now points to an early spring, and we are on the alert to take advantage of this, and put in an abundance of early maturing vegetables and forage crops for use in the house and barn. The farmers here are now availing themselves of the advantages which can be derived from a liberal feeding of succulent plants and grass in connection with pasturage, so that instead of an occasional patch of fodder corn, which was usually fed too green to be of much value, we have larger areas devoted to a succession of crops for this purpose.

Sugar orchards have been very productive here. The large maples on the Chautauqua grounds have yielded over one hundred gallons of syrup, and other orchards have done equally well. The price remains about as formerly, one dollar per gallon. As the business of sugaring comes in a season when we need not be busy on our farms, it is productive of considerable revenue.—B. Walker McKeen in Maine Farmer.

MAKE A GOOD GARDEN.

No man should spend his labor and time over so large an acreage as to fail in making a first class garden. In this much of the satisfaction and often no little part of the profit of country and farm life consists. It is rather disheartening for the city resident who goes into the country during the summer for fresh air and fresh, home-grown small fruits and garden vegetables to look into back yards and find tin cans carelessly thrown away, which show that even for such common table luxuries as tomatoes, green corn, and often green peas, the farmer and his family have nothing better for him than he could himself buy at the retail grocery. If farmers wish to attract other men to their business, as it is clearly their interest to do, they must in every way make farm life as pleasant and enjoyable as possible. Labor-saving machinery enables the farmer to take life easier if he will. He complains that low prices for staple crops take off all his profit. Grow less of these crops then, and devote a larger share of time to fruit, especially the small fruits, and to garden vegetables. So soon as the farmer grows enough of all kinds of vegetables for table use in their season, he has produced luxuries that only wealthy men can afford. As he thinks over what he would have been obliged to pay for such table delicacies, the harder lines of his life fade away. It seems worth while to live on a farm, and when he gets to feeling this way it is ten to one that he falls into the habit of marketing surplus he does not need, and thus after a few years develops into market gardening the natural way. First make a garden that will supply your own table with all garden delicacies, and if there is a surplus it will be sure of a profitable market.—Cultivator.

THE DIFFERENCE IN FARMERS.

Any one who takes the pleasure or the trouble, as it may be, to himself, to go through the rural districts will soon be made aware that there are "farmers and farmers." It is easy to distinguish the one from the other and yet this ought not to be so. The difference between the farmers may be to some extent the result of the length in their respected persons, but this does not account for all the disparity between them.

The great difference arises because the men are differently constituted—the one may have good taste and the other may have the misfortune to have none at all. The former believes in farm conveniences and will have them, while the other gets along without them, and may even think he does not stand in need of them.

See the difference in the places of the man who believes in farm conveniences and has them, and that other man who scorns them and does not have them. The farm of the former is neat as a pin. There is a place for everything and everything is in its place. Work on it is easy to perform and can be made profitable, because it can be applied with an intelligent purpose. It is pleasant for this farmer to look upon his possessions. There are gates and doors and lofts everywhere, that they may secure the convenience of the farmer. The tools necessary for the business of the place have been provided and they are kept in order, not occasionally but all the time. He is the embodiment of system and finds pleasure and profit in it.

But now turn around and look upon the other place—the farm of the sluggard, of the man who has no system, and knows nothing of convenience. He either has no tools or if he has any they are never in good working order. Possibly he has no gates, but if he does have them, the chances are that they have no latches, and a man would rather let down the fence than attempt to go through the place where the gate is allowed to swing free and easy. The roof leaks, the stable door is off, the granary leaks, the hay mow has no floor in it, the plow stands in the furrow where he left it last fall, rusted and weather beaten. The stock looks poor and neglected. Nothing thrives because nothing is cared for. He does not seem to know the simple fact which is ever before him, that things of themselves tend to go to pieces unless protected from the tendency to decay.

The farmer, or any man, who fails to recognize that there is economy as well as right living in having all the conveniences around him, makes a mistake. He may not be aware of it but others will be. There is no place on earth where improvidence is so little desirable as on the farm, and yet some people seem to think it is the proper field for slothfulness.

Fix up. Consult your own good, and have all the farm conveniences.—American Farm News.

The farmers of New England are beginning spring work this season under more favorable auspices than for some time. All kinds of produce have cleared up very well and the market, generally speaking, is in good condition. Prices are such as to encourage the raising of as large crops as possible and the practicing of intensive methods. It is also becoming more and more certain that competition with the West has seen its sharpest days, as a growing population increases consumption and limits the undeveloped agricultural area. Some statisticians claim that within five years the United States will have to import breadstuffs to supply domestic consumption.

The outlook now is that the sharp advances in the price of beef during the past two months will not only be maintained but materially increased in the future. In view of this fact farmers should be cautious about selling store cattle. They will be needed to supply the beef market before the close of the year and at remunerative prices. We would also advise farmers to raise more calves than has been their practice for the past few years. Don't let the high prices of veal tempt you to send all your nice steer calves to market.

Corn will be well used up by the time the new crop is ready for market, and corn will be high for another year, even if we have a heavy crop. In view of this fact New England farmers should be prepared to plant a larger area than ever before, so as to reap all the advantages possible from existing conditions. The outlook for pork is fully as good as that for beef. High prices may not be maintained as long, but there is money in hogs for the next twelve months. The German embargo on American pork will be removed, the West is cleaned out as never before and eastern farmers will be sure of good prices the present season at least. Stock up with pigs, plant a good supply of corn and turn it into money before the first of March, 1892.—New England Farmer.

With the election of Gen. De Fonceseca to the presidency of the republic of Brazil on the 25th of February, the reciprocity treaty made by him as provisional president with the government at Washington, is assured permanency. Upon the success of the De Fonceseca party at the polls depended the question whether the new treaty would stand. The majority for the De Fonceseca party was large and the treaty now goes into effect. By it the Brazilian government abolishes all import taxation upon most of the articles coming into that country from the United States, and reduces the tariff twenty-five per cent on all others. Following is a list of the articles admitted free of duty from the United States:

Wheat, wheat flour, corn or maize and the manufactures thereof, including corn meal and starch; rye, rye flour, buckwheat, buckwheat flour, and barley; potatoes, beans and peas; hay and oats; pork salted, including pickled pork and bacon, except hams; fish, salted, dried or pickled; cottonseed oil; coal, anthracite and bituminous; resin, tar, pitch, and turpentine; agricultural tools, implements and machinery; mining and mechanical tools, implements and machinery, including stationary and portable engines, and all machinery for manufacturing and industrial purposes, except sewing machines; instruments and books for the arts and sciences; railway construction material and equipment.

The fact continues, and it is one that our stockmen should note carefully, that notwithstanding the rise in the price of cattle, the supply flowing into Chicago market does not increase in consequence. This is the best possible evidence that the great pressure of over supply, that for years has loaded the markets, at last is relieved, and that we have finally arrived at permanently better prices for beef. The situation gives great encouragement to this long depressed industry, and those who have kept on growing and breeding the model white-faces again find themselves all right. Meanwhile all the good calves should be raised to meet the demand that the decimated numbers now in the hands of growers are sure to find.—Maine Farmer.

How the "Big Four" handle the cattle of the country is shown by the fact that just before the rise in cattle took on, Nelson Morris, one of the Chicago operators, slipped up into Canada and bought up all the thousands of head being fed at the distilleries in Her Majesty's dominion, while at about the same time Armour and a partner quietly gobbled up 80,000 head down on the Texas ranges. This last transaction called for an outlay of over $2,500,000 at the single transaction.—Farmer.

Ruminants do not need to take meal into the first stomach.

The most successful statesmen of '76 were successful farmers.

To run a farm is one thing, to run it successfully is another.

TAX REFORM.

Editor Democrat:

All through the past summer and fall the agitation for tax reform seemed to be the one engrossing topic of public interest. It seemed to be generally conceded by all parties, so far as the expression of opinion publicly goes, that small property owners, farmers especially, were paying more than their just proportion of the taxes. Belonging to the latter class, the writer has watched with interest the course of events at the State capital for the past winter to see what would be the final outcome. Well, the Legislature has met and performed its functions and come back to the people, and what has been done? A board of State Assessors has been created and a law passed to tax dogs.

As the duties assigned to the State Assessors are such as have heretofore been performed by officials who will still continue to exist, the inference seems to be that the said officials were either overworked or that the work was not well done. Of course the Legislature would not wish to deplete the State treasury to the tune of five or six thousand dollars a year for the purpose of giving three gentlemen, citizens of the State, offices with fat salaries attached. But what the farmers would like to know is, how our burdens are to be lightened thereby?

The dog tax is something after the nature of the law fixing a bounty on crows; it may be in the interests of farmers, but there are lots who will refuse to see it so. If it had been left optional with towns to enforce the law, the measure would be less objectionable. If cities wish to rid their streets of a superfluity of worthless curs, let them have the legal power by all means; but there are hundreds of farmers in this State who have dogs valued, so to speak, as members of their families, which are real helpers and pay their keep many times over in faithful services rendered. It may be all right, and perhaps the farmers won't kick when they have to pay this tax, or have their faithful dog, companion, servant, friend, butchered before their eyes. It only remains to give the screw another turn by fixing a tax on cats and hens, then the farmer can rest in the full consciousness of duty sublimely done, all his belongings, pets and property paying their full quota of taxes.

If the farmers have not been fairly dealt with, who is to blame? The Legislature just adjourned was supposed to be eminently favorable to the farming interests. Representative men of this class occupied seats in both House and Senate in sufficient numbers to look well after the interests of their own people, and it is the writer's firm belief that like many preceding Legislatures, they have failed to correct existing evils, not so much from lack of disposition as from inability to unite on practicable methods of doing so.

What the people have got to do is to enter into the spirit of the matter themselves. When they shall have become assured that their demands are just, they can press their claims in a manner admitting of no denial. But farmers must not make the mistake of banding together to compel class legislation, that course can only end in disaster. What we should demand, as fitting qualifications, are intelligence and purity of character. I would rather have an honest intelligent lawyer to legislate for me than an honest ignorant farmer.

It is easy enough to note where the burden of taxation now falls unjustly, but to devise a better scheme, that is the puzzle. The farmer who is heavily mortgaged pays his full quota of taxes in addition to the yearly interest. If he runs in debt for cattle or stock of any kind, if in his possession on April 1st, he must pay taxes on them although he must soon sell them to pay the debt. Real estate and stock are belongings that cannot be concealed, and as these in a great measure constitute the farmer's wealth, so he is more fully reached by the tax collector.

Many people are disposed to shirk as much as possible the burdens of taxation and it is with them considered a venial offence to outwit the tax assessor. In this class are undoubtedly to be found many well-to-do farmers, for I am sorry to say the most successful shirks are usually possessed of abundant means. An old fellow I knew of years ago, a man of property and a member of the church, used to take refuge in the cellar when the assessors made their yearly visit.

The matter can never be bettered by crimination or recrimination, by arraying class against class. The first step toward reform must be to raise the general standard of morality among all property holders. The Legislature that can devise and unite to carry such a plan into effect will have touched the very heart of the offending evil.

N. S. BAKER.

ABOUT DOGS.

Editor Democrat:

If my observation is correct, more dogs are kept by the rich and the *very poor* than by the rest of mankind—the great conservative middle, or moderately well-to-do class.

Dogs and children are very apt to be found co-existent under the same roof—the more children, the more dogs. Why? I don't know, but evidently it is a fair representation of human onesidedness—of that sort of development that favors extremes and makes cranks. I suppose it is on the principle that if a *little* is good *more* is better. One of my neighbors acted on this principle to his sorrow one day when he had an invalid pig. He cut off a fraction of his tail in accordance with a venerated farm custom, and the creature got better. Seeing this, he cut off another piece with continued improvement. This process he continued, watching indications until the last remnant of tail disappeared, when to his great astonishment, in the language of the Dutchman, the pig "go die."

But to return to the subject in hand, there are *few valuable dogs*. A very large per cent of those owned by poor people are worthless, many of them not even being tractable pets. Some of those owned by the wealthy are worthless as far as any usefulness is concerned, and worthless dogs are often worse than worthless because they are a positive injury in the way of thieving and infringing on the rights of others besides their keepers.

Even of good dogs we might have too many, and when it comes to worthless and injurious dogs, of which we find such an abundance, the question, what shall we do with this superfluity of dogs, becomes a serious one.

It is supposed that under the new regulation of State taxation, not many will escape taxation, but past experience with taxing does not justify us in supposing that such a remedy will sufficiently rid us of this nuisance of too much dog, while it is a question if the revenue thus secured compensates in full for the annoyance of this dog surplus. Dogs in my region are on the increase, with but little promise in any of them.

I believe dogs should either be taxed heavier, or else legally exist only under *known conditions of usefulness*. I may be a little hard on the dog, but I would rather be hard on the dog than on the people. A. P. REED.

South Bridgton.

How rapidly our Maine towns grow when once permanent manufactures get located in them is shown by the example of the town of Montague, in Penobscot County. Three years ago the little village was unknown, not a tree had been taken from its home in the forest, until the present mill company came seeking a site for a pulp mill. At that time the lower part of the district was known as West Enfield, and it had six scholars. There are now one hundred and seventy-one, according to the school census just taken. The town has six stores, one church, two barber shops, three large boarding houses and a large number of dwelling houses.

OBITUARY.

MRS. CLARENCE O. SMITH.

On Sunday, April 19, in the city of Lawrence, Mass., which had been her home for the past eight years, passed away Mrs. Phoebe W., wife of Clarence O. Smith, aged about 28 years. The announcement of her death has brought sadness to the many by whom she was known and beloved.

Mrs. Smith was a woman whose nobility of character, and fine qualities of mind and heart, gave expression to an influence that was for good in the community that welcomed her. Her final sickness was brief but accompanied with much suffering. All that kindness, all that gentleness and love could do was done to relieve and if possible save her life; but it was so willed that from the brightness and joy of her womanly grace and beauty she was to be called from earthly hopes to the heavenly home.

Amid all her pain and suffering she was thoughtful of her family and dear friends. She desired to live, to help more, to do more good—to be with them all again. Her life was for them, so generous, so unselfish—for them her steps never faltered.

In Lawrence there were many kind friends, who valued her friendship for the lovable qualities that crowned her life among them. With deep, heart-felt sorrow they will miss her—the one whom they loved and esteemed as a kind neighbor and sincere friend. In the years to follow, remembrance of her among them will be as the sweetness of a genial, pure hearted woman.

To her it was a pleasure to speak of home, with a kind and loving husband and dear little child to whom she was so fondly attached. Work to her seemed a pleasure as well as a duty, and being naturally frail, her ambition carried her beyond the limit of her strength. With the happiness and joy of her own, her thoughts came back to an earlier home in another State, of dear friends, a father, brothers and sisters there; of the mother who to her was so precious, and to whom she clung with the heart's best affections. To her in these last days as life went slowly out, was the privilege of having this mother by her side, to soothe and watch over as none but a mother can. Mother!—no name so sweet to her, no face so bright in her presence, and in the silent beating of that mother's heart who can deny the *sacredness* of a mother's love?

To-day, though the shadow of death has again brought gloom to your home, dear mother, thank God that she was with you so long, as a true, lovable daughter; and may you think of her as she was in sweet childhood and womanhood, happier yet than in this troublous world, with those your loved ones gone before. She is yours still and forever to love and cherish; her gentle spirit will always bless and comfort you. May the presence of her precious child be a joy and may the kindness of loved ones who are with you serve to cheer and make light the burdens that beset you in the journey of life.

Quiet and unassuming, hers was a grand life. To live as true, to be as faithful, can but change us all to be a source of help to those with whom we associate. "Though the sentiments of beauty, the principles of right, the emotions of love and hope, of joy and sorrow, may seem transient, yet they touch the eternal." May we follow the example of her upright life, and as the years go on may we hold sacred in memory her good name.

To her brothers and sisters to whom she was ever a loving sister, sweet remembrance of her whom they loved so tenderly will come as the fragrance of a lovely flower. In the heart of this bereaved husband who has been so faithful and devoted to her, may there be trust in her who in life's pathway will be a constant guiding star, and in the love that was hers may little Laura grow up in the form and loveliness of her dear mother.

Her burial was at Bryant's Pond, Me., her former home. Rev. Charles A. Hayden of Auburn spoke words of hope and consolation in an admirable sermon, and referred appropriately to her character and worth. Many were the beautiful tokens of love and esteem sent by friends and relatives in Lawrence in the shape of floral tributes. The lovely casket was nearly surrounded by flowers from loving hands. From the bereaved husband was a costly pillow, inscribed "Dear wife"; from her little child, a sickle with the word "Mamma"; twenty-eight white roses designating her age, from mother. Among other floral offerings were: basket, Belden Smith; broken wreath, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Willis; basket, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Parsons; basket, George Kane and family; star, James Dolan; a beautiful wreath supported by base, from an unknown friend, and among these were placed several bunches of trailing arbutus, sweet mementoes from some friend who had known her. From the fragrance of these and among many who mourned for her, she was borne to the quiet churchyard, there to rest near the little brother and sister who went but a few brief years before to their heavenly home. The following poem was read on the occasion by Rev. C. A. Hayden:

"When falls the night upon the earth,
And all in shadow lies,
The sun's not dead; his radiance still
Beams bright o'er other skies.

"Some other world is glad to see
Our star that's gone away;
The light whose going makes our night,
Makes somewhere else a day.

"The feet that cease their walking here,
Tired of the way they've trod,
With strength renewed go traveling
The pathway up to God.

"The hand whose patient fingers now
Have laid earth's labor by,
With loving skill has taken up
Some higher ministry.

"The eyes that give no longer back
The tender look of love,
Now with a deathless gleam, drink in
God's beauteous world above.

"The lips whose sweet tones made us ask
If angels sweeter sang,
Though silent here, make heaven glad
With their melodious tongue.

"And though her body lies asleep,
Our favorite is not dead;
She rises through dark death's bright birth
With joy upon her head.

"And she is just your loved one still,
And loves

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ATWOOD & FORBES.

DOG EAT DOG.

There are two kinds of opinions regarding dogs, as may be seen by reading two communications which appear on the first page of this issue.

ISN'T SOMEBODY MISTAKEN?

The Portland papers have reported what they call "the first case under the new liquor law," in which they say the penalty imposed was the same it would be under the old law. This penalty was a fine of $50 and 30 days in jail. But the new law nowhere provides for any such penalty. Who is "off," the judge or the newspapers?

THE RUMFORD FALLS EXTENSION.

It has been reported as authoritative that Mr. Chisholm said the extension of the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad to Rumford Falls would not be built this year, and also that Mr. Chisholm said that, notwithstanding all reports to the contrary, the road would go through this season. The arrival of forty-five Italians from Boston to go to work on the road looks as if it was going to start.

HOW DRY IT OUGHT TO BE.

The teeth in the new liquor law, which has been in force about a week, ought to put a stop to the sale of liquor in Maine, and will if faithfully enforced. Under the old law the penalty for illegal sale was a fine of $100 or thirty days in jail, or both. This left the matter of the penalty in the discretion of the judge, and the violators of the law took their chances of getting into jail. Under the amended law the penalty is $100 fine and sixty days in jail, with sixty days more in default of payment of fine. The discretion of the court is taken away, and a convicted seller must take both fine and imprisonment. The destruction or pouring out of liquors on the premises is made evidence of unlawful intent, with the penalties the same as if the liquor had been seized. Illegal transportation is punishable by a fine of $500 and a year's imprisonment. This law, enforced, means disaster to the rum business; and the sentiment of the people in regard to enforcement has had a stirring up within the last year. The rumsellers had better shut up their shops.

A BROKEN PRECEDENT.

The electoral vote of the State of Michigan will in all probability be divided at the next Presidential election. The Democratic Legislature which has secured temporary control of the State, has gerrymandered the Congressional districts to make seven out of twelve Democratic, and has passed a bill providing for the election of Presidential electors by districts instead of on a general ticket. So we shall probably see that State, with a good Republican majority on the general vote, choose seven Republican and seven Democratic electors. No legal exception can be taken to such a course, as the constitution of the United States leaves it to the Legislature of each State to determine the manner in which the electors for that State shall be chosen. Formerly the electors were chosen by districts in some of the States, but since 1840 they have uniformly been elected on a general ticket in every State. The present move is simply a piece of sharp practice which may be of temporary advantage to the party engineering the scheme, but is pretty sure to react so that it will be of no permanent benefit.

THIS PAPER FREE.

You will find a purchase coupon in this paper which we believe you will like when you get acquainted with it. It will appear in each issue of the Democrat and it practically amounts to giving you the Democrat absolutely free of cost. Under the conditions it appears to us that you can well afford to pay up in advance for your paper and get your friends and neighbors to subscribe.

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You have got to have the merchandise anyway, then by the use of these coupons you can save a little more than the yearly price of subscription to the Democrat.

Undoubtedly names of other merchants will appear on the coupon. We have not the time to call on all and solicit but we wish it plainly understood that we make no arrangements to exclude any one conducting a mercantile business and all are invited to apply to the publishers for terms if they want their names upon the coupon.

SOUTH PARIS.

Miss Hattie Clifford has returned from Worcester where she has been at work the past winter. She is now teaching school in the King district.

The Golden Cross have special meetings to-night and Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Barnes are made proud by the advent of a daughter.

Mr. Whitman has a vacast rent on Oxford Street.

The Epworth League have an entertainment at the Methodist church Thursday evening, admission 10 cents.

Read John Whitman's advertisement of a stray cow.

The Gorham Base Ball Club are to play here Memorial Day.

Garden seeds at the lowest prices at H. N. Bolster's.

F. C. Merrill expects to be able to be at his office this week.

Mr. Arba Thayer passed to the higher life Saturday, May 9th. Mr. Thayer was eighty-two years and four months of age, and was well known as a good, industrious and upright man. His funeral will be held at his late home Tuesday at 10 A. M. Rev. Mr. Hamilton of Mechanic Falls will attend.

The lovers of the national game will be pleased to learn that the Gorham Base Ball Club will play here Decoration Day, May 30th, with the South Paris team. Both teams are practicing hard and a fine game may be expected as both teams have been strengthened by new players.

Paris Manufacturing Co. closed Friday afternoon, it being the burial of Charles Cushing of Freeport, a director and heavy owner of the company. Mr. Maxim and Mr. Crockett attended the funeral.

Dr. Davis, Commander of the Golden Cross Commandery here, has been doing some missionary work for the order at West Paris. The order here is very prosperous, and ranks high as a social and moral society.

Hose Co. No. 2 was out Saturday night.

Arbor Day, Friday, was observed by our village schools. They united and went to Hooper's Ledge, near E. M. Thayer's, where they spent the day. Ball and other games furnished amusement.

S. Richards, the veteran watch repairer, is having an unusually large run of work this spring. Mr. Richards has just received two cases of clocks bought at a bargain at the factory. They are eight-day clocks with half-hour strikes in oak and walnut frames. They are beauties. Come and buy an eight-day clock for $5.

Geo. A. Wilson, Jr., rode up from Hebron on his bicycle in one hour and a half.

SOUTH PARIS, May 4, 1891.

The members of the Y. W. C. T. U. desire to express their thanks through the columns of the Democrat to the temperance committee of South Paris who have been so persevering in bringing violators of the law to justice.

Y. W. C. T. U.

Paris Grange have decided to hold their meeting once in two weeks during the busy season. The past winter has added several new members. Next Saturday members of the grange and their friends are invited to hold a basket picnic at the home of Past Master O. G. Curtis, at which time his new barn will be dedicated. Speaking, games, etc., will be the order. Let us turn out and give Brother Curtis a grand barn warning. If stormy, postponed until due notice is given.

E. M. Thayer starts Monday for a week's trip through Androscoggin and Franklin Counties after horses.

True & Billings have repaired their dam which was injured by the ice.

New goods at Bowker's.

If your watch is not keeping time you will do well to leave it with Mr. Richards.

Oxford County convention of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the Congregational church, South Paris, Friday, May 15th, commencing at 10 A. M. Each meeting will have its interest. Business transacted at the morning session, with reports of neighboring unions, and sketches of the good work in various places in the afternoon. In the evening the community is to be especially favored in the lecture by Miss Minnie Phelps of St. Catherine's, Ont., honor graduate of National School of Elocution and Oratory, Philadelphia. Miss Phelps carries the highest credentials as a temperance leader and lecturer. The Union is fortunate in securing her. All are most cordially invited to this convention. Strangers and delegates from other Unions will be hospitably received and entertained.

It has been the practice of parties in various parts of Paris and even from other towns to call on the liquor agent and by misrepresentation secure or try to secure liquors. They are very ingenious at times and will build up quite a derrick in order to hoist up the coveted grog. So much of this sort of business has been done that our town officers were instructed at an annual meeting by a resolution passed to investigate all such cases where they have the least suspicion of imposition upon the part of the party buying. There is a punishment provided for these cases, and the authorities are to see that they are inforced hereafter. It is said that not more than one-half the liquors called for, are for legitimate purposes.

The Democrat wants all your news for next week's edition.

It is rumored that there is to be a store at East Paris.

The students of the high school will soon publish a school paper containing from sixteen to twenty pages. It is to be issued in May and December. Subscriptions per year twenty-five cents. Single copies fifteen cents. In the first number will appear a communication from Hon. Hannibal Hamlin.

LETTER FROM COLBY.

COLBY UNIVERSITY,
WATERVILLE, May 6, '91.

Doubtless there are many readers of the Democrat who take an interest in Colby University, from the fact that they are acquainted with some of the students here, and such readers may enjoy hearing, semi-occasionally, how they are prospering. At the present time there are about twenty students in college who represent old Oxford County, including those who are graduates of Hebron Academy, and these well represent her in the different college organizations.

Athletic sports are booming here this spring. The interest in tennis is especially on the increase, and at the present time there are eleven courts on the campus. Active preparations are being made for the annual spring tournament for the college championship, which commences the first of June. The championship is now held by E. C. Mcguier, '91, of Poland, who graduated from Hebron Academy in the class of '86.

The base ball prospect for this year is not so bright as might be desired, yet it is not wholly dark. The class of '90 graduated three good men, pitcher, catcher and fielder, whose places are hard to fill. The pitcher's box has been filled very well, however, by Verner Whitman of Norway, who graduated from the high school last year. This is Whitman's first year as a pitcher, but he promises to become a good one after he has had experience. His ability should not be judged from the Portland games, as they were both played on cold days, and Whitman was also suffering from a severe cold and ought not to have played. He has pitched two fine games this year, one against the Presumpscots and the other against the Maine Central Institutes. The positions of first base and short stop are well played by Bonney and Lombard, Hebron '87 and '89. The league session opens on Saturday, May 9th, on our grounds, with the Bowdoins.

On the list of appointments for the freshmen reading, which occurs the first of June, are the names of Freeland Howe, Jr., of Norway, and H. L. Whitman, South Paris.

The Colby Glee Club is getting into good working trim, and proposes to make a tour of the State some time during the term, at which time they will be accompanied by Prof. Battis. They sang at Kent's Hill last Wednesday, May 6th. V. M. Whitman is a member of the organization.

Mark H. Dunnell, who will be remembered by many Hebron students as a former principal of that institution, has been secured to deliver the oration here next commencement. TOM.

NORWAY.

All hands have been in attendance at the May term of court this week.

The Trull stand is being painted.

Mrs. S. D. Andrews will soon join her husband at Aconta, Wis.

At the regular meeting of Rustfield Lodge, No. 53, I. O. G. T., Saturday evening, Deputy G. J. Brown installed the following officers:

C. T., John F. Devine.
V. T., Laura Washow.
S., E. E. Andrews.
A. S., Myrtle Jordan.
F. S., D. C. Clark.
T., C. A. Pride.
C., J. H. Huntress.
M., H. D. Cole.
D. M., Gertie Jordan.
G., C. E. Cragin.
Sen., F. G. Proctor.
P. C. T., H. F. Andrews.

The Norway Electric Light Co. have drawn off the water from the meadow between Greenleaf Avenue and the lower falls, and are making arrangements to put their plant into operation at the foot of the falls. This will be advantageous from two points. First it will greatly improve the sanitary condition of the village by leaving the low lands free from water, and secondly the proposed new location of the plant will afford the company abundant water power.

Otis S. Dudley of Woodstock was in town Friday.

May 3d, Sunday, Captain Ames made the first trip up the lake with his beautiful steamer Pennesseewassee.

We understand that Mrs. Newell A. Trafton has caused the Odd Fellows' insurance money, payable to her, to be divided equally among the three children. It amounts to $1500.

Rev. Charles Tenney of Boston is visiting his sister, Mrs. F. A. Danforth.

Wednesday afternoon fire was discovered in the ell of T. P. Richardson's house. The fire department promptly responded to the call made and the house was saved. The buildings are badly damaged. Insured.

The following is a list of the officers of the Congregational Sabbath School:

Supt., Horace Sanborn.
Asst., E. N. Swett.
Sec. and Treas., Geo. A. Wilkins.
Librarian, Joseph Smiley.

Mrs. G. J. Brown is visiting in Auburn this week.

H. K. Allard, who for about a year has been engaged in custom tailoring, has gone to Rhode Island.

John A. Bolster has purchased the Marcellus Whitcomb stand on Beal Street.

P. E. Whalon injured his hand at the shoe factory this week and is obliged to carry it in a sling.

E. E. Andrews went to Canada Saturday. He will return the last of the week with a carload of Canada horses. At the same time will be offered for sale a carload of western horses. A grand opportunity to purchase.

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union held Monday evening the following were elected officers:

President, Mrs. Addie Danforth.
Vice Presidents, Mrs. C. A. Hemmingway, Mrs. Nellie Jewett and Mrs. A. F. Andrews.
Sec., Mrs. Minnie Robinson.
Treas., Mrs. Everett Bicknell.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. W. Smith.

A large number of Masons from this place attended the Grand Lodge this week in Portland. H. D. Smith received the appointment of Grand Steward. Seward S. Stearns was elected Grand Scribe.

Charles L. Hathaway and wife are in Boston this week.

Seth Fife of Fryeburg and County Attorney Walker of Lovell were in town this week.

Surveyor Benson upon examination of the upper bridge discovered that it was in an unsafe condition and is now engaged in rebuilding it.

The Norway Granite Company have loaded and shipped several cars of curbing from the Norway station this week. The company have about twenty hands at work.

Revival meetings have been held at the Methodist church this week under the leadership of Mrs. Susie Berry Sessions of Iowa.

H. F. Andrews has purchased the Newell Trafton place on Paris Street.

Friday evening the drama entitled "Between Two Fires" was presented at the Opera House by local talent before a crowded house. The several parts were well taken and the entertainment was a success.

DEATH OF HIRAM ROBBINS.

Mr. Hiram Robbins died at his home in Albany, April 13th, aged 61 years, 11 months, after an illness of about three months of a tumor or cancer in the stomach.

Mr. Robbins was born in Milan, N. H., April 18th, 1829. The greater part of his life has been spent in farming and lumbering in his native town, but for several years past he has been engaged as traveling salesman for chair manufacturing companies, and was generally known as "the chair man." We notice that the editor of the Gorham Mountaineer gives him the name of "an honest man" which cannot be said of all agents and salesmen. He has filled such positions of trust for several years in the West as well as East.

About three years ago Mr. Robbins returned from the West and bought a farm also a large pasture and timber lot, in Albany, and settled down as he termed it, for a quiet life, as his health was not very good. Yet his strong, ambitious nature, gave him the courage to work as long as strength would permit; but as disease preyed upon him, in spite of all the skill of four physicians, he often repeated

"If this is death I soon shall be,
From all my pain and sorrow free,
The King of Glory I shall see,
All is well, all is well."

And as death drew near he said "I know in Whom I have believed for more than forty years, and I am fully trusting in Jesus and expect to sweetly rest in Him."

He leaves a devoted wife and two sisters who deeply mourn his loss, but they find consolation in believing that their loss is his gain, and they wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to their many friends for their kindness during his sickness. C.

The 5th Annual Catalogue of the Oxford County Horse Breeders' Association is at hand. It contains the breeding of 69 different horses besides the Constitution and By-laws and the report of the annual trotting meeting of the Association. This year's trotting meeting is August 18th and 19th. A purse of $500 is offered for a 2:21 class. The aggregate amount of purses for the August meeting is about $1100. The catalogue will be sent on receipt of ten cents in postage stamps. Address, F. W. Sanborn, Norway, Maine.

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(Patent applied for.)

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

MAY TERM, 1891.

Hon. C. W. Walton,	Justice Presiding.
Albert S. Austin,	Clerk.
Edward C. Walker,	County Attorney.
James L. Parker,	Sheriff.
H. E. Hammond,	Deputy as Crier.
Albert H. Small,	Stenographer.
W. A. Barrows,	Messenger.
S. R. Carter,	Librarian.

Court opened with the usual formalities Tuesday morning. Prayer was offered by Rev. Thomas Whiteside of South Paris. The jury was empaneled as follows:

Henry M. Colby, Rumford, Foreman.
Enoch Abbott, Upton.
Fletcher I. Bean, Mason.
Woodman Charles, Fryeburg.
Otis S. Dudley, Woodstock.
Ozro L. Knight, Peru.
Milton Penley, Bethel.
Albah S. Sampson, Hartford.
John Shaw, Waterford.
Charles F. Stanton, Oxford.
Jonathan A. Starbird, Paris.
I. F. Titcomb, Norway.
Zebina G. Whitney, Denmark, Supernumerary.

The docket was then called and a short trial list made up. The work for the jury began Tuesday afternoon.

Melvina D. Pingree vs. Daniel Clark. This was an action of trespass. The plaintiff claimed that the defendant entered upon her land and cut and carried away thirty cords of poplar pulp wood. The defendant denied that the wood cut was on the plaintiff's land. The real contention was in relation to the dividing line between lots 11 and 12, range 14, in the northeast corner of the town of Waterford. If the line was where the plaintiff claimed it to be, the defendant conceded that he was guilty. If the line was where the defendant contended that it was, then the cutting was wholly on the defendant's land and he was not guilty of the trespass. This was conceded by the plaintiff. The whole contention, therefore, was in relation to the true and original lot line, that being the dividing line between the parties. The distance between the line claimed by the plaintiff and the line claimed by the defendant was about forty rods. The case was ably argued for the plaintiff by Judge Wilson; but the jury came to the conclusion that the evidence predominated in favor of the defendant, and returned a verdict of not guilty. Holt and Wilson for plaintiff. John P. Swasey for defendant.

Florence H. King, appelant from decree of Judge of Probate vs. George F. Holmes and Walter E. Holmes.

The contention, in this case, was over the will of Ebenezer R. Holmes, of Oxford, who died in February, 1890, leaving a widow, three sons and two daughters. The provisions of the will are as follows: The estate is to be divided into two equal parts. One-half is to be given to trustees for his wife. The other half is to be divided into six equal parts, two parts to be paid to trustees for the use of his oldest daughter Louise, one part to trustees for the use of Lyman R., his oldest son, two parts to his son Walter E., one part to his son, George F. After the death of Louise and of Lyman, such as may remain of their property in the hands of trustees, is to be equally divided among the other children, including the youngest daughter, Florence, wife of Silas E. King. At the decease of the widow, whatever may remain in the hands of trustees invested for her benefit is to be distributed in the same manner as the other half of the estate. The trustees named in the will are the two sons, George F. and Walter E.

The will was admitted to probate by Judge Wilson, from whose decree the youngest child, Florence, appealed for the following reasons: First, that the instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said Ebenezer R. Holmes, is not his will, but at the time of the excution thereof he was not in a condition of mind understandingly and intelligently to dispose of his estate. Second, that the execution of said instrument, by the said alleged testator was procured by undue and improper influence, so that the provisions therein, are not the fair and free and long and often expressed intentions of the said Ebenezer R. Holmes.

The case was opened to the jury, for the proponents, by Richard Webb, of Portland. Three attesting witnesses to the will, Henry St. John Smith, Augustus F. Moulton and Richard Webb, all of Portland, were called, and testified that, in their opinion, the testator, at the time of executing what purports to be the last will and testament, was of sound mind and in good health.

Mr. Wright opened the case for the contestant. He claimed that the will was full of inconsistences; that it practically gave to George and Walter the handling of the whole estate; that the will was contrary to the previously expressed intentions of the old gentleman regarding the disposition of his property; that the old gentleman had expressly stated many times that he intended to divide his property equally among all his children; that undue and improper influences were used by George and Walter to procure the execution of the will; and that the inconsistences of the will harmonized with these improper influences which they intended to prove. He claimed that the cause of these improper influences on the part of George and Walter, was the bitter feeling which they had against Florence and her husband, arising out of business difficulties. Florence King, the contestant, Silas E. King, her husband, C. M. Wormell, and Lyman R. Holmes, were the principal witnesses called. The court excluded all testimony in relation to the business difficulties between Walter and Mr. King, also all testimony in relation to threats made by George against Florence and her husband.

At the conclusion of the evidence, the court expressed the opinion that the jury would not be justified in finding that the testator was of unsound mind at the time of the execution of the will, or that the execution thereof was procured by undue influence; and thereupon instructed the jury that it would be their duty to find that, at the time of the execution of the will, the testator was of sound mind, and that the execution thereof was not procured by undue influence; and the jury, without leaving their seats, returned such a verdict. The case now goes forward to the law court on exceptions to the ruling of the presiding judge excluding evidence, and his instructions to the jury.

Richard Webb and George D. Bisbee for proponents.

James S. Wright and John P. Swasey for contestant.

Divorces were granted in the following cases:

Diantha H. Ablrich, libelant, vs. Benjamin Ablrich.
Frye. Swasey.
James M. Holden, libelant, vs. Etta M. Holden.
Wright. Swasey.
John Axon, libelant, vs. Mary Axon.
Kimball & Son.
Lizzie G. Packard, libelant, vs. Frank S. Packard.
Kimball & Son.
Emma L. Little, libelant, vs. Martin M. Little.
Clifford.
Sarah A. Lovejoy, libelant, vs. Samuel Lovejoy.
Randall.
Charles D. Herrick, libelant, vs. Annie Hannaford. Marriage annulled.
Wright.
Mary M. Nutting, libelant, vs. Clarence Nutting.
Wright.
Eliza Dean, libelant, vs. Alonzo M. Dean.
Kimball & Son.
Lottie P. Black, libelant, vs. Moses Black.
Frye.
Oscar W. Cutting, libelant, vs. Ellen F. Cutting.
Wright.

Court adjourned finally Friday afternoon.

The Passamaquoddy Indians think they are not bound by the State game laws, but have the right to hunt and fish without restriction. They base their claim upon old treaties running back to the time of Queen Anne, which they say are still binding.

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There came into my enclosure, May 7, a young cow, apparently four years old. Colored red and white, somewhat speckled, one horn turned backward. The owner is requested to pay charges and take her away.

JOHN WHITMAN,
Cross Street, South Paris, Me.

BORN.

In South Paris, May 7, to the wife of T. S. Barnes, a daughter.

In South Paris, May 8, to the wife of Frank Perkins, a son.

In Canton, May 5, to the wife of John E. Swasey, a son.

In Locke's Mills, April 30, to the wife of O. I. Seely, a son.

In Gilead, April 22, to the wife of N. B. Bean, a daughter.

In Hiram, April 28, to the wife of Chas. Osgood, a son.

In Norway, May 7, to the wife of Henry J. Bangs, a daughter.

In Bethel, May 2, to the wife of Lewis Glidden, a daughter.

MARRIED.

In Hartford, May 4, by W. H. Eastman, Esq., Mr. Dexter C. Gurney and Miss Ella Austin, both of Hartford.

In Bethel, May 3, by Rev. B. V. Davis, Herbert M. Whitman and Miss Viola L. Bennett, both of Bethel.

In South Bethel, May 3, by Rev. S. T. Record, Edgar Cummings and Edith Chase, both of Bethel.

In Roxbury, May 6, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. A. W. Taylor of Bridgton, Rev. D. A. Gammon and Miss Carrie A. Locke.

DIED.

In South Paris, May 9, Arba Thayer, aged 82 years, 4 months and 3 days.

In Lawrence, Mass., April 19, Mrs. Phebe W., wife of C. O. Smith, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Stephens of Bryant's Pond, aged 28 years, 7 months, and 18 days.

In Bangor, May 8, James F. Rawson, aged 69 years.

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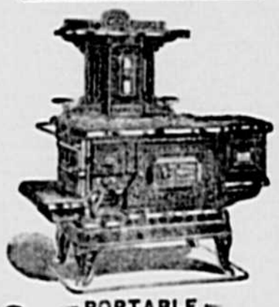

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BAY HARBINGER.

Standard.

Bay stallion; 15 hands 2 3-4 inches high; weighs 1025 lbs.; bred by Florence Thompson, Pittsfield, Me.; owned by Wheeler & Bumpus, South Paris, Me.; foaled July 3, 1885.

Sire, HARBINGER, 1899.

First dam by Von Moltke, sire of Flora, 2:25 1-2; Boston Gir', 2:25 1-4; Cunard, 2:30.

Second dam by Monte Christo, son of General Knox.

HARBINGER, by Almont, (33) sire of 34 in 2:30 list.

First dam, Omega, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian.

Second dam, Dairy Maid, by Seeley's American Star, sire of the dam of Dexter, and the dams of 28 others in 2:30 list.

ALMONT, by Alexander's Abdallah, sire of Goldsmith Maid, 2:14.

First dam Sally Anderson, by Mambrino Chief, sire of Lady Thorne, 2:18.

Second dam, Kate, by Pilot, Jr., sire of the dams of Maud S., 2:08 1-4; Jay Eye See, 2:10; Nutwood, 2:18 1-4.

ALEXANDER'S ABDALLAH, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam, Katy Darling, said to be by son of Andrew Jackson.

VON MOLTKE, 4195, by Morrill Colt, son of Old Drew, dam by the Merrow Horse, son of Witherill, by Winthrop Messenger.

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Bay Colt; hind ankles white; foaled May 6, 1889; bred at Highland Farm, Lee, Mass.

Sire, ALCANTARA.

(By Geo. Wilkes, 519, record 2:22, sire of 70 in 2:30 or better. Dam Alma Mater, dam of 6 in 2:30 or better.)

SIRE OF

AUTOGRAPH,	2:18 1-2
EMPRESS EUGENIE, (P.)	2:19 1-4
GOLDBEATER, (P.)	2:20 1-2
MINK,	2:22 1-2
NIGHTINGALE,	2:18 3-4
MISS ALICE,	2:19 3-4
WHITE SOCKS,	2:20 1-2

And 26 others in 2:30, of which 21 entered the list in 1890.

GRANDSIRE OF

PRINCE REGENT, (3),	2:16 1-2
WHITE WINGS, (3),	2:29 1-4
ÆGON, (3),	2:18 1-4

First dam, Audacity, (Sister to Fearnaught Medium 2:33,) by Happy Medium, 400, record 2:32 1-2, sire of Maxie Cobb, 2:13 1-4; Nancy Hanks (4) 2:04 1-4; and 30 others in 2:30; grandsire of Jack, 2:12 1-4; Lady Bullion, 2:16 3-4.

Second dam, Annie Steel, (Dam of Kentucky Russell, 2:26; Fearnaught Medium, 2:33,) by Fearnaught, 132, record 2:23 1-4, sire of Galatea, 2:24 3-4, dam of Alcazar, 2:24 1-2.

Third dam, Jenny, record, 2:35, by Volunteer, 55, sire of St. Julien, 2:11 1-4, and 32 others in 2:30, and of the dams of Homestake, 2:14 1-2, and 25 others in 2:30.

Fourth dam, by Seeley's American Star, 14, sire of the dams of Guy, 2:10 3-4, and 43 others in 2:30.

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Miss P. N. Andrews, who has been visiting in Belfast and Freedom, has returned to Paris.

Misses Mattie and Daisy Austin returned Saturday from a visit of some weeks in Boston.

T. M. Crocker and family, who have spent the winter in Florida, are expected at Paris this week.

Mrs. C. E. Parris and Miss Helen D. Parris, who have been away during the winter, have returned to Paris.

William G. Hammond, Esq., has been doing a very tasty job of grading around his fine new residence on Lincoln Street.

Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Wedge returned from their vacation Saturday. Mr. Wedge's sister, Miss Lena G. Wedge, accompanied them.

M. M. Houghton, M. D., has returned from her vacation in good health, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding, and is ready to attend to patients as usual.

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Charles Cushing, Esq., of Freeport, one of the leading business men and prominent citizens of that place, died at his home in Freeport last week. Mr. Cushing was one of the directors and a heavy stockholder in the Paris Manufacturing Co.

Charles N. Thomas, of Boston, gave his lecture on the civil war at Academy Hall Saturday evening. It was illustrated by about 100 stereopticon views. There was a fair audience, and those present were well pleased with the entertainment given them.

WHITTEMORE DISTRICT.

Everybody seems to be flourishing.

Mrs. S. Whittemore, who has been sick since last summer, rode out Sunday for the first time.

Four families have moved into the neighborhood this spring. Charles Colby has moved to the old Ripley place. Geo. Rock to the S. P. Maxim place. Will Record has moved in with his brother Herbert on the Merrill place. W. E. Cole has moved home.

OBITUARY.

JAMES F. RAWSON.

James F. Rawson of Bangor a native of Paris, died early Friday morning from injuries resulting from being run down by a four-horse team several weeks ago. Mr. Rawson was a member of the Penobscot bar and was sixty-nine years old. He has always been a central figure in the history of Maine democracy and several times has been a delegate to national conventions of that party, the last one being to Chicago when Cleveland was nominated. He has been deputy collector of the port of Bangor and was much sought after as an executor of estates and guardian of minor children. He leaves one married and one unmarried daughter. He was a man of wealth and possessed of considerable timber land.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

adopted at the last regular meeting of Androscoggin River Grange, No. 145, P. of H., held on Saturday, April 18th, 1891.

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our fraternity our beloved brother, Rufus Prince, Master of the Maine State Grange, one in whose presence we always liked to be, and who was always cheerful and smiling, ready to receive and impart knowledge, not only as a Patron but in all official duties, therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply mourn the loss of our beloved brother, and deeply sympathize with the family of the deceased brother, knowing that what is our loss is his gain.

Resolved, That as a tribute to his memory we drape our hall in mourning for sixty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our record book, a copy sent to the family of the deceased, and a copy sent to the Oxford Democrat for publication.

DENNIS COLE,
CHARLES H. KIMBALL,
ANNIE H. BROWN,
E. G. YOUNG,
Committee on Resolutions.

TALK OF THE STATE.

During the past winter the driver of the Houlton and Patten stage made his trips for five full months on runners.

It is reported that even in Bangor "the sidewalkers have pickets out, and a stranger is regarded with suspicion."

The burglars have begun their annual excursion through Maine. They have been operating mostly in York County so far.

Thomas Cousens of Mechanic Falls, aged 80, committed suicide by hanging. Grief at the death of his wife is supposed to be the cause.

A seven-year-old son of Elise Beaulieu, a resident of Lincoln Street, Lewiston, was drowned in the canal. The body was recovered.

The Portland city government has instructed the city liquor agent not to sell liquor to any person who is not a resident of the city. Drier and drier.

The Bath Times announces that the police of that town have started the prosecution of the liquor saloons and they will give the liquor sellers no rest.

The official figures furnished by the county commissioners of Aroostook County, make the total vote in the county upon the railroad question 5706; majority, 406.

The jury in the case of Augustus S. Libby, against the Maine Central Railroad Company, for damages sustained in the Oakland disaster, returned a verdict for the plaintiff for $5525.

In the Androscoggin Supreme Court a verdict of $2000 was returned against the city of Auburn in the suit for damages for the killing of Eben Horr, whose death was due to an accident caused by a defect in the highway.

Augustus Kneeland, a middle-aged, respected citizen of Harrison, hanged himself Saturday from a tree in his pasture. Ill health and despondency were the cause of the act. He leaves a widow and two children.

Bank Examiner Parker reports the deficit in the Shoe and Leather National Bank of Auburn to be $160,000. This, he thinks, will be made up by the bondsmen of the late cashier, the property turned over to the bank and the surplus, without impairing the capital of the bank, which will continue business as usual.

The first filly by Warrener this season, owned by R. O. Conant of Portland, has been matched against the first filly by Nelson in Maine, this season, owned by Dr. George H. Bailey. The colts are to trot as two-year-olds, mile heats, and repeat, to harness, for $500. Mr. Conant's filly is from a Nelson dam, and Dr. Bailey's is by Nelson, from Jersey Lily, 2:34.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

THE DOINGS OF THE WEEK IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY.

BETHEL.

The wife of Frank W. Barker of Bethel died very suddenly Wednesday morning of heart failure. She leaves an infant son three weeks old.

Ira Clarke lies in a critical condition with a carbuncle upon the back of the neck extending to the base of the brain.

Dea. J. U. Purington has moved into his new house.

N. S. Bean has moved into E. W. Woodbury's house.

Charles Roberts occupies the house vacated by Mr. Bean.

I. G. Kimball has charge of the road machine in the village and the south part of the town.

ANDOVER.

The continued cold wave has been a set back to farming on wet land.

Summer company and lake travel are anxiously waiting for the ice to leave the Lake which will be probably before this is read.

I noticed several familiar faces on the street to-day: Hon. H. V. Poor and daughter, Miss Agnes, H. W. Sutor, Esq., S. Cabot, personages of wealth and influence.

Many are sick with la grippe or a severe cold almost identical with it.

I hear that Mrs. Fickett and Charles Stevens are confined to the house.

Your correspondent has kept the house for two days with a fair prospect of more to follow.

Bartlett, the jeweler, is advertised to be in town Tuesday to remain one week. Boys, get out your old watches and let him make them as good as new.

Nellie Dresser goes to the Lake this summer for S. Betton.

At the regular meeting of Lone Mountain Lodge the following officers were installed by E. M. Bailey, L. D.:

C. T., Owen Lovejoy.
V. T., Mrs. J. E. Akers.
Sec., Miss Nellie Dresser.
Asst., Miss Alice Poor.
F. S., D. F. Pickett.
T., S. F. Abbott.
M., C. H. Stevens.
D. M., Mrs. Cora Hewey.
C., Rev. F. V. Norcross.
P. C. T., A. S. Jordan.
G., Mrs. Flora Robbins.
S., Lewis Ripley.

Mrs. Folsom, the milliner, is at Mr. Milton's for a few days.

NORTH PARIS.

Mrs. Lucinda Benson has been very sick the last week.

Leroy Abbott, while at play near the school house, was accidentally run over and quite badly bruised.

The summer term of school is taught by Miss Robbins.

Quite an amount of grafting and setting out of fruit trees is being done by the farmers here this spring.

David Hayes is at work for George Abbott.

Twenty-five or thirty acres of sweet corn is to be planted in this district for the new factory at West Paris.

Ida Abbott commenced her school in the Dunham District, South Woodstock, Monday.

WILSON'S MILLS.

A general time of sickness among the neighbors. J. C. Bean is on the sick list. Mrs. Walter Buckman and Guy Brooks have been very sick. A number of river drivers are sick in camp with the prevailing severe form of influenza.

T. J. Bennett is cooking for W. Lufkin's crew at the head of Aziscoos Falls.

R. A. Storey is night watchman at the dam.

The drives make slow progress.

Bearce & Wilson's logs in the Magalloway are nearly all sluiced.

For want of water but little has been done on Abbott Brook.

WEST BUCKFIELD.

A. H. Ellwood came home last week from South Paris, where he has been at work for the last five years. He will stop at home this summer.

W. S. Austin was at home last week.

C. Taylor's mare has got a colt. So has E. L. Damon's mare.

Carl Heald is at work for F. Bennett.

S. E. Austin is teaching the school in the Prince District.

Ellis Whitman is digging a cellar for his barn.

Tot Mason of Berlin Falls, N. H., is at her sister's, Mrs. Fred Bennett's.

George Bennett is at his father's.

HARTFORD.

Cold, dry weather.

The prospect for grass is rather slim.

It is reported that Dexter Gurney was married to Miss Ella Austin, Sunday, May 3d, by Moses Alley, Esq.

Henry Young has gone to work for Dr. Caldwell.

Lucius Alley is quite sick with la grippe.

Lot E. Keene's mare took the oats last Saturday at the race on Bisbee's track.

SOUTH BUCKFIELD.

The earth is mantled with a carpet of green.

Speaking in the third person, South Buckfield has now two hundred acres in his home farms, besides some outlying land, is full of business this spring and ought to be happy.

Mrs. D. A. Tuttle teaches the summer term of school on South Hill. She has the reputation of a first class teacher.

Mrs. Augusta Tucker has been on a visit to Boston.

Five George Logan colts were exhibited on the Bisbee track after the trot on Saturday, including Clarence Benson's stallion. Clarence is now a neighbor to us in plain sight. We will try and get time to visit his fine stock farm and report to the Democrat.

One of the most beautiful villages in southwestern Virginia is Farmville, situated, if we mistake not, on the line of the Southside Railroad, on the Appomattox River. One day the First Maine Cavalry charged through that village like a whirlwind in hot pursuit of the Johnnies. What would the inhabitants of one of the large villages of Oxford County think to have a regiment of cavalry charge through it with drawn sabres, horses at the top of their speed?

I never think of that day save with feelings tinged with sadness, for there one of the best loved members of my company, John Johnson of Minot, was killed. Comrade John was buried in a beautiful grove just above the village. Peace to his ashes!

South Buckfield's double at the Mills wears the same size of clothing but is rather fleshier in the face and although a much sharper man can't talk half as fast and would wilt before an audience.

Grover is straddling on the silver question. Didn't we tell you, Mr. Editor, that that silver letter was a blunder?

Lon Record says he is going to take life easy this summer.

The stallion Baby Dean is in prime condition.

We sold that thoroughbred cow to Charles H. Record at the Mills and Stanley's "In darkest Africa" to Gaius Morrill. Gaius has aspirations now to be a literary man.

Let us proceed patiently in the performance of life's duties, unmindful of the malignity of others, undismayed by disaster and not over elated by success, knowing that "There is a Divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them as we will."

Chester Stanley Buckham is sick with congestion of the liver, and that Volunteer colt misses his master.

Miss Annie M. Tuttle is teaching the present term of school in the Chase District. From our own observation we believe that Miss Tuttle has the natural talent, capacity and education to conduct larger and more advanced schools than the small district schools of Buckfield.

ROXBURY.

May 6th, married at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. A. W. Taylor of Bridgton, Rev. D. A. Gammon of West Peru and Carrie A. Locke.

The cold weather has dried up the water so that the log drivers can do but very little. The chance for getting the logs out looks very slim unless we have rain. The Oxford Land Co. have put out a pile of money and all are anxious to see the logs go out.

Tommy Oldham lamed his ankle badly a few days ago on the drive, and is laid up.

Gold seekers are rushing to Byron.

Soon the fishermen will be rushing by. The beautiful trout will only get a taste of spring, then to the horrid frying pan.

FRYEBURG.

J. S. Barrows was at home over Sunday. He came from Boston with his mother and sister Mary. Mr. G. B. Barrows will remain in Boston a few weeks longer.

Will G. Morgan has returned from medical lectures in Philadelphia.

The district schools in the village began on Monday. No. 1 is taught by Miss Alice Gilnes; No. 2, by Miss Margie Marr of Cornish.

Miss Kate Abbott is teaching at Green Hill.

Mrs. S. W. Heald is recovering from her recent illness. Miss Carrie Eastman who has been with her this winter goes back to North Conway soon.

Mrs. Alice Emerson is quite sick at her sister's, Mrs. Souther's.

The last meeting of the C. L. S. C. was held on Thursday evening, closing a very successful season.

The Swedenborgian society gave a dramatic entertainment Tuesday evening.

NORTH BUCKFIELD.

Quite a number of our schools commenced Monday, the 4th.

Sadie Austin is teaching in district No. 12; Maud Heald in the Dennit; Elva Heald in our district.

James Bicknell and his father have been at work at the lower village some this spring.

While returning from the race at the G. D. Bisbee track Saturday, the 2d, Francis Bicknell and Gideon Fletcher were run into by another team and thrown from their carriage, and although none were badly hurt, the carriage and harness were quite badly damaged.

Heald Brothers are having all the brush block orders they can fill.

Elias Monk has had another pull back lately.

Winchester Spaulding is quite feeble.

William Bisbee and Guy Turner are shingling Mrs. Bisbee's buildings.

SWEDEN.

The many Sweden friends of Miss Lillian F. Kneeland would offer congratulations on her marriage, and wish her and her husband many years of happiness and prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Edwards arrived home the 6th.

Mr. Joseph A. Young of Lynn, Mass., called on some of his old neighbors this week. He has let his farm to M. E. Perry.

Arthur J. Plummer and family of Norway visited relatives in this section recently. They are soon to have the remains of their little child removed to Fryeburg, where they have purchased a lot in the new cemetery.

Beryl A. Wilson, who has been stopping with her cousin, Mrs. Ernest Burnham of Bridgton, has returned home.

Oscar Brackett of Auburn is stopping with his brother Seth a few days.

UPTON.

A special town meeting was held Wednesday to fill the vacancies caused by the death of C. L. Abbott. Asa F. Abbott was elected town clerk and supervisor of schools.

The rear of Ryerson's drive is at Andover dam. The cold weather has caused low water, consequently most of the work is suspended for the present. It will only take a small rise of water to make a clean drive.

Mrs. Raymond is still very sick.

J. S. Lane is suffering with rheumatism.

There is a great deal of sickness in town.

Lillian Brown has been visiting her grandfather J. I. Bragg. It is hoped that as the ground becomes dry so he can get out he will improve in health.

FRYEBURG CENTRE.

E. G. Adams is at home for a few days.

W. W. Bisbee of Portland was at Fryeburg one day last week.

Hannah Walker has let her farm for the season to Charles Chandler.

Mrs. Walker goes to Bartlett, N. H., this summer.

Frank Smith has bought and moved on to the S. O. Wiley place.

Mrs. F. W. Barker is very slim.

T. S. McIntire took $150 at the Grange store Saturday.

EAST WATERFORD.

Mrs. C. O. Godwin of Lewiston visited in the place last week.

Miss Lillian Johnson, who has been in New Jersey the past winter, returned home May 1st.

Melrose Adams of Stoneham is working for James Chadbourne; John Whitney of Harrison for S. S. Hall.

George Keen has traded his bronco for a nice three-year-old colt.

Will Chadbourne is home from New York.

HIRAM.

On May 6th the estate of the late Daniel Pierce was disposed of at auction and private sale. The farm and timber land, valued at $5,000, were bought by A. & P. B. Young.

Mark R. Coolbroth of Standish was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. William A. Storer is improving in health.

Mr. Henry C. Pike has returned from his winter sojourn in Tennessee.

Willis Burnell has removed to Madison, Me.

Members of the Spring family are investigating their title to the French spoliation claim of Capt. Seth Spring of Saco, whose claim, if he has no descendants living, will fall to the descendants of his brothers, Thomas of Hiram and Josiah of Brownfield. The claim was some $20,000 when assumed by the government.

WEST SUMNER.

Pleasant Lake Lodge, I. O. G. T., is steadily increasing, now numbering about 60 members. The following officers were installed at the last meeting, May 2:

George West, C. T.
May Chandler, V. T.
George A. Chandler, Sec.
Minnie Bisbee, Asst. Sec.
Adna West, F. Sec.
Lewella Farrar, Treas.
J. E. Bisbee, Chap.
A. T. Hollis, Mar.
Emma Ryerson, Deputy Mar.
Laura Dunn, Guard.
Augustus Farrar, Sent.

H. M. Bisbee was re-elected lodge deputy.

Mrs. I. A. Fletcher is at South Paris with her daughter, Mrs. Almon Churchill, who has a little daughter.

Report says that V. A. Dunn of Bethel has bought the farm of the late B. Y. Tuell.

K. P. Bowker has moved into the rent of Mrs. Polly Howe, necessitating the removal of Miss Emma Ryerson, who had dressmaking rooms there, to her home.

Our free high school closes the present week.

Mrs. Mary Freeman, an aged lady, mother of Mrs. M. J. Pulsifer, is very sick, it is feared dangerously so, with the prevailing epidemic.

L. C. Bates of New Haven, Conn., has visited at his brother's during the week.

Miss Minnie Bisbee is to teach the school on Sumner Hill, which Miss Georgie Lawrence was obliged to leave on account of poor health.

Mrs. Lizzie Chandler and son returned to Lynn recently.

Herbert T. Heath and wife have returned from Locke's Mills.

Mrs. Columbus Heald, living near Labrador Pond, is in poor health.

Farming is getting well under way, though these days seem like fall days.

PORTER.

Very cold for May. Hoping for a change soon.

Mrs. Lucy Moulton, wife of John S. Moulton, formerly of this place but now living in New Hampshire, died and was brought home for interment on Thursday last.

Our summer term of school commenced here on Monday last, Miss Althea F. Cook of Parsonsfield teacher. Miss Cook is a fine scholar and an able and successful teacher.

Farmers are busy getting in their seed, although it is rather cold.

Grass is looking fine, not winter-killed any.

Mr. I. L. French's grain and peas are up and looking fine, if it is cold.

Mr. Fred Wentworth is very sick in Boston, and his mother has gone to take care of him until he can be moved.

Mr. George Young lost a valuable colt and has another that is sick and has gone blind.

Potatoes are scarce and high, and so is grain. Corn 98 cents per bushel, oats 80 cents, potatoes 80 cents.

WEST PARIS.

Cool weather the past week.

A number of our citizens united in observing Arbor Day by setting out trees around the cemetery.

Company B. furnished treat for Company A. at I. O. G. T. Lodge last Thursday evening.

Dr. J. W. Davis of South Paris has been in this place a number of days talking up the order of the Golden Cross.

Mr. L. C. Bates has had a crew of men at work the past week grading his lots and building fences and walks.

Benjamin Davis is painting his stand.

H. S. Coburn has had carpenters at work building a shed and repairing the back side of his buildings.

The Pioneer building on Main Street has been much improved in looks by a new coat of paint.

The Manufacturing Co. did not run their mills Friday and Saturday.

The Pioneer Co. received an order last week for three thousand chair frames, to be shipped a thousand a month for the next three months.

The highway bridge at this place is rather old and not in very good repair; a new bridge (say of iron) wouldn't be a very bad idea, and perhaps would prove a good investment.

C. H. Young has been painting Simeon Curtis' house, and Mr. Kittredge has been painting Will Willis' house.

Work on the corn factory is progressing finely. The foundation is in, and E. Willis with a crew of men is now at work framing.

The Universalist Circle meets next Wednesday evening in Centennial Hall.

F. H. Hill and W. H. Barker represented Granite Lodge, F. & A. M., at May session of the Grand Lodge, held in Portland last Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Epworth League meets Monday evening in the chapel.

Charles N. Thomas of Boston is to deliver an illustrated lecture on the Civil War in Centennial Hall next Monday evening. Admission 25 cents.

The Manufacturing Co. have hired Dunham's Hall to store chairs in this summer.

Miss Nellie Bicknell goes to Rumford next week to work for Mr. George Tuttle.

Hezekiah Farrar is at work for S. B. Locke in the grist mill.

PERU.

Wilson Stillman is at work for L. M. Brown for the season.

Leroy Pike of Fayette is at work for H. R. Robinson.

H. R. Robinson has bought him a new spading harrow.

EAST PERU.

As E. M. Howard was coming home from Canton one day last week his horse was taken suddenly sick so he could not get him home and had to leave him at Ambrose Eastman's.

We have been having some very cold weather for the past week.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Carsie F. Rand returned from Portland May 7th.

The Good Templers held their box supper in the hall Thursday evening, after the box supper the remainder of the evening was devoted to games. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Harry Jordan of Bethel was in town this week.

NEWRY.

Snow squalls on the mountains every day this week.

The ground is dry and the farmers are sowing their grain, but are rather shy of planting while it continues to be so cold.

J. S. Allen has gone to Lovell to assist George Stearns in moving to Rumford where they are going into the meat business.

The drive of pulp wood on Little River is hung up for want of water.

A good warm rain followed by sunny weather would set the grass to booming.

A. W. Powers has been laid up for a week with a rheumatic trouble.

Mrs. N. S. Baker and Mrs. N. W. Frost have been summoned to Paris as witnesses.

MASON.

The weather is cold; snow squalls most every day and the ground freezes during the night.

I have sold pigs were plenty, but they now sell rapidly at two dollars and fifty cents apiece.

The farmers are raising many more calves than for two years past. Veals are scarce and sell for a good price.

Your West Bethel correspondent showed me a photograph of his cosy place on Bethel Flat, taken by the artist York of Bethel after the big snow storm of last March. It presents a picture of himself, family and buildings after he had tunneled through the huge snow drifts so that he could get from the house to the road. His children will preserve it as a valuable memento of that Maine blizzard.

The ground is dry and good weather for farming.

STOW.

School commenced in District No. 2, taught by Miss Mabel Stearns of Lovell.

Mr. John Smith moved out of town, May 5th.

Mr. Elbridge Evans and family have returned home from Massachusetts.

Mrs. Paul Chandler has gone to Fryeburg to visit her brother, Mr. Wilbur Whitaker.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Miss Addie Allard has gone to Eaton Centre to teach.

There has been quite a jam of logs at the covered bridge across the Saco.

Stillman Swan and his mother, Mrs. Greeley Swan, left for California on the 6th. Mrs. Swan has leased her place for three years and goes to be with her children in California, all three residing there.

The weather is much colder now than some we had in April. Spits of snow have fallen several times.

EAST SUMNER.

Still cold but fine weather for the working of teams.

An animal supposed to be a caribou passed near Cyrus B. Heald's recently. The family gave chase but at last accounts had not captured him. He evidently was somewhat breachy as he could easily jump the fences and swim the river.

"John" passed here on Wednesday bound for the new farm in Buckfield. He had a fine Baby Dean colt in tow.

Wallace Cary was in the place Monday delivering trees.

Rev. Mr. Hibbard has had quite a job on hand moving his stable. He is making quite extensive improvements on his premises.

Alonzo Pomeroy is putting up a new barn.

On account of cold weather but little planting has yet been done.

SLOCUM.

ALBANY.

Rev. C. T. D. Crockett, of Steep Falls, Maine, is in town this week having a very nice granite and marble monument erected in our cemetery where his wife was buried last autumn. The monument cost about $275.

Miss Alice I. Wilbur is teaching in Andover, Maine. She obtained the situation by recommendation of Prof. Purington, of Farmington Normal School.

Herbert I. Bean and Lucian Andrews have found employment in Andover, Mass., with Brainard Cummings, carpenter and builder.

Levi McAllister, of Stoneham, is in town surveying.

Mrs. Phebe Atkinson, of San Francisco, Cal., a native of Albany, is here kindly caring for her step-mother, aged 88 years old, and other relatives. She has recently been called to pay $250 as her part of the expense of having the street by her dwellings. She has erected a marble monument, manufactured in Italy, at the grave of her husband, at a cost of $1300.

Miss Mattie Cole has gone to Lynn, Mass., to work for her aunt, Mrs. Archie Cole, in a large boarding house.

Stephen Libby is sawing birch, etc.

Weather cool and yet grass seems to start pretty well. Mice have injured it in some fields.

Mrs. Uriah Foster is much better.

Theron Cummings is under the care of a physician.

Miss Edna Dresser, of the State Normal School, Providence, R. I., is at home for a few weeks making her many friends glad.

RUMFORD CENTRE.

Thirty-three members of Mineral Spring Lodge, I. O. of G. T., paid the lodge here a pleasant visit May 2d. Ice cream and cake were served and the visitors seemed to have a good time. This lodge returned the visit last Tuesday evening. We were much pleased with their lodge room, their installation, entertainment, refreshments, etc. We shall certainly go again. They have 109 members, and this lodge nearly 70.

Mr. V. G. Wood has returned from Lynn where he has been attending his brother Herbert who has been very sick.

Miss Jennie Blodgett will teach in Mexico.

Mr. E. E. Jackson has sold his place to J. E. Stephens and will move to Bethel.

The latest freak of the tramps is to stop at the town farms along the way telling the manager they are seeking a passage to Rumford Falls, but when beyond our city they acknowledge Livermore Falls as their destination.

Mrs. J. W. Kimball and Mrs. Charles H. Abbott are on the sick list.

Dr. Hiram Abbott was taken suddenly sick while at C. H. Abbott's and at this writing, (Friday) is unable to go home.

At Rumford Point there are a great many sick.

Dr. Abbott's wife was sick and not able to attend her husband, but he will have good care there.

The boys had great sport the other night catching suckers even though there was a snow squall thrown in.

Dr. Hiram Abbott's condition this morning (Saturday) is very bad although Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Martin who sat up with him last night think if nothing new sets in he may possibly recover. Erysipelas in the head is the trouble.

LOVELL.

On Monday evening the following officers of Good Will Lodge, No. 135, I. O. G. T., were installed:

C. K. Chapman, C. T.
Bessie Heald, V. T.
E. P. Woodbury, R. S.
Mary W. Bell, A. S.
E. N. Fox, F. S.
Alice Walker, Treas.
H. H. Wiley, Chaplain.
F. B. Morrison, Marshal.
Jessie Noyes, Deputy Marshal.
Isaac Hobin, Guard.
Ambrose McAllister, Sentinel.

The lodge is in good condition and the meetings well attended.

A. P. Bassett is in town attending to the placing and finishing of a building on his lot in the village.

Oscar Eastman and wife have moved into their house at the Centre.

Daniel McAllister has sold his black stallion "Rocket" to C. N. Eastman and brought the four-year-old stallion, Perley Wilkes, of P. C. Hartford.

DICKVALE.

Cold.

The grass seems well set and but little killed hereabouts.

Farmers on early land are putting in their grain. Others are repairing fences, and painting their buildings and farming tools, while the ground dries and warms somewhat.

Some changes in real estate in this vicinity.

The grip has some of our aged citizens in its clutches. We hope warmer weather may help them pull through.

We have been ordered before the board of examiners at South Paris, but lack courage to make a start. Twasn't so when we enlisted thirty years ago.

OXFORD.

Rev. A. C. Herrick, for several years principal of Hebron Academy, has resigned his pastorate of the Calvary Baptist church in Sacramento, Cal., where he has been settled for six years and will come east in June.

An invitation has been extended to the Union of Societies of Christian Endeavor to meet with the societies in this place probably in June.

Mrs. Kennison is visiting friends in Augusta.

Henry Eaton has moved to Malden, Mass.

Charles Andrews, Ida Hawkes and Jennie Hayes have returned to Hebron for the summer term.

Repairs are being made on the reservoirs.

BROWNFIELD.

J. B. Webb, of Portland, is in town looking after the sweet corn prospect.

A. S. Milliken, of Mechanic Falls, was in town this week, also Mrs. A. Hanscom of Peabody, Mass.

Mrs. Samuel Warren is treating her house to a coat of paint.

The wives and daughters of the members of Pequawket Lodge, I. O. O. F., have organized a circle to be called Pequawket Ladies' Circle, for the purpose of mutual pleasure and aid to the Lodge.

Mrs. E. Spring, who has been living with Miss G. McDonnal, has moved to South Hiram where she has formerly resided.

E. B. Bean is attending court at Paris.

Miss Gertie Blake is visiting friends at Bridgton.

Mrs. E. B. Bean is visiting friends in Portland.

EAST BETHEL.

Eugene Bean and Madison Bartlett are having a marble monument erected on their lot in the cemetery, from Whitney Brothers, Bethel, Maine.

Elbridge Crooker and wife have broken up housekeeping and are boarding at Fred C. Bean's.

Mrs. E. S. Bartlett has returned home from Berlin, N. H.

N. W. Ethridge and wife have moved to Andover, and James Mayconnell and wife now have charge of Z. C. Estes' farm.

N. Annis and wife have charge of A. M. Bean's farm and E. Estes and wife of M. S. Kimball's.

Charlie Swan has gone to Berlin Falls to work.

Working men who visited Rumford Falls expecting plenty of work are returning daily. Seventeen passed this way one day.

Born, May 2d, to the wife of Lewis Glidden, a daughter.

WEST BETHEL.

Rev. B. V. Davis moved to Naples last Tuesday and Rev. Mr. Peary takes his place here on the Mason charge.

The Good Templars installed their officers for the next quarter last Wednesday evening, after which they partook of cake and ice cream. Refreshments were furnished by brothers A. S. Bean and W. H. Merrow. The occasion passed pleasantly. Decorations of Mayflowers were abundantly supplied by the sisters.

Ed S. Smith has 250 chickens to feed and keep the hawks from, not always being successful in the latter effort.

The new road machine has started on the road under the supervision of I. G. Kimball, drawn by four of A. S. Bean's best horses, average weight 1450 pounds, driven by Frank Kendall.

Asa Prescott moved into his new purchase, the Francis Barker homestead, last Thursday.

The pickerel and suckers in Pleasant River have been pursued several nights by the spear, before it was fairly understood that our State law makers last winter, placed a penalty upon that mode of catching fish.

RUMFORD.

Weather cold and backward.

Too cold for items.

The scribe has had a vacation of two days. Attended the meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge at Portland.

It is quite sickly.

Dr. Abbott is sick at East Rumford and is unable to be moved home.

This would be a good location to enforce the tramp law. Roads are full of them.

The school commenced this week. Miss Grace Smith, of Dixfield, teacher. Miss Smith comes well recommended.

V. I. S. met with Mrs. Dr. Stuart this week.

S. R. Hutchins is attending court this week.

BRYANT'S POND.

Mr. C. B. Ryerson has received his commission as constable.

William Edwards was called away Thursday by the death of a daughter in Boston.

Many sons of Italy are passing through here for Rumford Falls.

Miss Vesta Bessey is teaching in Mason.

George Perham of Pittsfield is on a visit to this place.

The Glen Mountain Lodge of Good Templars is prospering well, and new members are being added at each meeting.

BUCKFIELD.

At the Saturday trot at East Branch park May 2d, Lot E. Keen's colt won the oats.

O. R. Hall, M. D., and wife returned from Massachusetts on the 24 inst.

The village schools are well under way. Teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Pike and Miss Prince.

Miss Mary L. Bisbee attends the summer term at Hebron Academy.

R. S. Dorman, undertaker, has opened rooms at Lisbon Falls. Augustus Cloutier is his successor in this village.

Mrs. Freeland Dunham left for Chicago and vicinity Tuesday 5th.

K. N. Prince and wife returned from a month's visit to New York, Thursday last.

Chas. K. Buck, wife and children of Traverse City, Mich., are visiting their Buckfield friends.

Miss Grace Harlow of Paris, is in town, the guest of Miss M. L. Bisbee.

H. C. Ellis has gone to Massachusetts to take on the colt recently sold by him.

The recent cold weather checks the unfolding leaves.

HEBRON.

The old academy is now all down and the summer term has been in session a week in the new building.

Sunday morning, May 3d, Dr. Crane preached a very eloquent sermon from John 4:38. The opening exercises of the school in the new academy called up a train of thought which was carried out in the sermon. The vivid picture he drew of the old pioneers and the work they did both for church and school which have always gone hand in hand, work done amid poverty and privation, which the present generation know nothing of. The contrast between then and now and the lesson taught, all were listened to by an appreciative audience.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was Wednesday. Rev. S. D. Richardson was here among others.

Miss Abbie Hibbs arrived home from California last week. She brought many curiosities and among them a horned toad. He seems quite contented in his new home and as may be expected has many callers.

Mr. Hibbs has made great improvements in his house the past winter.

Dr. J. S. Sturtevant, of Dixfield, was in town this week.

J. D. Sturtevant has gone to Booth-bay. He is canvassing for Homer N. Chase.

Mrs. Mary Whitman had a birthday party Monday. She was 80 years old Sunday. C.

NORWAY LAKE.

J. L. Partridge is gaining quite fast of late.

Irving Frost has his building up and partly finished at Hill Top Farm and he will be in readiness for summer boarders in June or first of July.

Dr. Hazelton has his barn nearly done and will soon begin on his house.

Ed Green has his cellar done and has commenced on his house.

C. R. Cumming's boom of logs broke Sunday night and the logs were scattered all over the Lake.

S. A. Stevens has been surveying lots in Norway village this week.

WEST PERU.

Trafton Hammond bought the George Howe team and is hauling lumber from Dickvale to Dixfield.

Lewis Burgess has moved into the widow White rent.

Henry Floyd has been to Portland to replenish his stock of goods.

Cold and backward is the general complaint.

EAST RUMFORD.

Stearns & Allen of Lovell have arrived in town. They will butcher and drive a meat cart from the Simpson place.

George Marsh and Emerson Ames of Dixfield were in town Friday on sweet corn business.

Mrs. Philmore Putnam is just alive.

Jesse Bishop is still in the boot and shoe business.

Henry Thayer of Canton has started his steam mill at the Falls.

Mrs. Charles Abbott has been quite sick for a number of days.

Irving Dean of Dixfield is at work for Frank Putnam.

J. K. Welch has five boarders.

Miss Dora Bishop is at work for Albert Virgin.

DENMARK.

Elwood L. Pendexter and Freeman H. Sanborn attend the spring term of Bridgton Academy.

Hon. Tobias Lord of Steep Falls is in town looking after his lumber interests here.

A. P. Gordon and William Walker of Fryeburg are also here on the same business.

Stillman Swan has leased the farm of the late Joseph G. Swan to Mr. Flanders for three years and with his mother returns to California this week.

Miss Carrie Gilman teaches in district No. 1.

William Gilman, who has been away for eight years, is visiting relatives here.

The Moose Pond drive has come into the boom here, where it will be surveyed and then driven into the Saco.

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