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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 June 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.
GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.
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Written for the Oxford Democrat.

ORCHARDING.

The question is often asked, "Shall I set out a young orchard?" and like the question, "Shall I get married?" sometimes requires serious consideration. To the latter question we would say that if you are prepared to put your shoulder to the wheel and be a man in every relation of life, yes, otherwise you had better remain a lone bachelor. As a rule the hilly portions of our State—the best soil for orchards—do not possess the rich elements of soil possessed in the early days of their settlement, and he who sets out a young orchard and expects to bring it to maturity must be prepared for one of the hardest struggles of his life.

Some think to set apple trees in the greensward as one sets posts in the ground is all that is required—the work is done. They will say that trees should not be manured, pampered, forced to grow, but left to grow and mature naturally. Misguided fool! better far burn your money before investment. New York nursery stock comes from the richest soil, and to remove it to poor, hard soil sounds its death knell.

In selecting a site for an orchard a north east is best. The soil should be old plowed land, thoroughly pulverized, and cannot be too rich. The best application the first year is liquid manure from the barn yard. Buy your trees of a reliable firm. Do not choose too many varieties. Set out fully thirty feet apart. Trees when set should be trimmed to a few branches. Trees should be pruned from year to year as they develop. Remove the lower and inner branches, making a high and open top so that the orchard can be plowed and to admit the sunshine.

Now unless your site is of the richest soil, you must be prepared to manure the soil and trees lavishly. The richer the soil the faster the growth of the trees and the better able will the trees be to resist the ravages of insect enemies. Probably not one-half of the New York trees set out in Maine ever arrive at maturity.

After setting trees it is best to keep the soil continually plowed, but it is not always practicable. After seeding there are several methods of manuring. A liberal mulch of straw, brakes or other material is, perhaps, the preferable one. Digging around young trees for a space of three or four feet and a liberal application of manure or ashes is advisable. As the trees become larger the whole site should be plowed and manured, as this encourages the growth of the roots and fibres upon which the whole tree depends for its sustenance. Manuring trees close around the trunk or a few feet around them as they become larger is like planting hills of cucumbers in the greensward.

Lack of pruning is a common fault among orchardists. They maintain a choked up, unsightly tree that produces a small amount of inferior fruit.

We read that trees should be examined for borers in the months of June and September. Borers are the worst and most insidious enemy the apple tree has to contend with, and they should be examined for them every month when the ground is bare. Mice are another enemy not to be despised. Trunks of trees can be enclosed in tarred paper or birch bark or the first snows can be trodden down around them.

This subject is by no means exhausted and we would like to hear the experience of others through this same medium.

SOUTH BUCKFIELD.
Buckfield, June 4, 1891.

HOME INVESTMENTS.

The reference in our last issue to a heavy loss in the case of a farmer on his western investments, calls up the matter of the disposition by the farmers of their surplus earnings. True, for a year or two past this surplus has not been large enough on many farms to give much trouble, yet the situation has been different in the past, and already has a marked improvement now in sight for the future. Farmers are again going to make money in their business, and some of them have been doing so all the way along. What we wish to call attention to at this time is, what shall be done with these accumulations?

A disposition for a long time in the past has been encouraged and widely cultivated to invest this surplus largely in directions entirely independent of the farm on which it was made. The savings banks of the State have been a great and convenient attraction for this surplus, and in past years have drawn a large share of it. It has been this drift of country money that has increased the deposits in these institutions to such an extent. This disposition of unused money has had much to commend it, but at the same time has not been wholly good. In the main it has been safe, but *the effect of the existence of that money has not been felt to any considerable degree in the town or on the farm where it was made.*

Later investments in the West have offered greater apparent inducements and have been making unmeasured drafts on the surplus of the farms of our State, and this attraction has been added to that of the banks. Between the two opportunities held out, farmers to a large extent have had their attention diverted from surrounding opportunities and chiefly centered on outside attractions. In the quiet and safety of the banks, and the brilliant prospects painted up for the purpose of catching their attention to western allurements, many have overlooked all other opportunities. The losses already encountered on some of the western investments, and the much more that is sure to go in the same way, may well serve to turn attention to opportunities for investing earnings nearer home.

Better if farmers who are getting a surplus would invest their money in their own business. Good buildings on the farm—elegant if you please—to the man who has the means to build them, give a return for the investment in many cases in actual money greater than the bank dividends (that are never drawn); any way greater than the money sent west to be lost. The improving of the farm in the various ways of removing rocks and fences, drainage of wet places, thus widening the field and broadening the sweep of the mower, bring a double dividend of economy and pleasure. The planting and care of orchards on an extensive scale may be carried on almost indefinitely, and return fabulous interest, if one but stop to figure it, and the extension of the general farm business, all offer opportunities at home and in sight. Such a course builds up a town, peoples a neighborhood, gives employment to labor, thus multiplying families and homes here and with us, and makes a more active, broader, fuller, more enterprising and happier man of him who thus uses his means. Farmers, think of these things. Remember that money invested in good things round and about you is not spent and gone. It is only exchanged for that which is worth more and far more than those distant and out-of-sight investments which have been so attractive in the past.—Maine Farmer.

Be sure your chickens have ample opportunity to visit the labratory of Nature's great dentist, and secure a full set of grinders. Good teeth are as necessary for chickens as for men. They may be differently constructed, and held in some receptacle besides a rubber plate, but they must be in place or there will be trouble. If your broods have a grass run, be sure they have also an abundance of gravel. Don't forget the teeth for the chickens.

GLUTEN MEAL AND ENSILAGE.

WOODEN SILOS BETTER THAN STONE.

YOU CAN AFFORD TO BUILD ONE.

Experiments at the New Hampshire experiment station thus far indicate:

1st. The gluten meal tends to produce a much softer quality of butter than corn meal or coton-seed meal and, other things being equal, tends to lessen the churnability of the butter fat.

2d. That with the same cows the hardness of butter depends much more upon the character of the food than upon the nutritive ratio.

3d. That ensilage produces a somewhat softer butter than does good hay, but it is also favorable to the flavor and texture of the butter product.

4th. That skim-milk has a very favorable effect upon the churnability and quality of the butter fat, and in a single trial apparently reversed the general rule that the volatil fatty acid decrease as the period of lotation advances.

5th. That cotton-seed meal tends to produce an unusually hard quality of butter, and that cotton-seed meal and gluten meal might be used together with excellent results.

6th. That contrary to general belief the melting point of butter fat is not a good index of the commercial hardness of butter. That while in general a soft butter melts at a lower temperature than a hard butter there is no definite relation between melting point and actual hardness.

THE SILO.

The day of costly silos is past, and it is this fact alone which enables the rapid extension of this system of storage. A wooden silo keeps its contents with less loss than a stone or cement one, chiefly because of the penetration of air through mortar and cement.

A silo built independent of the barn, having its own frame, roof, etc., can be built for one dollar per ton of capacity, if above seventy-five tons capacity. Contracts can be let for the construction of a one hundred ton silo, the contractor to furnish everything, for $100. If built in a corner of the barn the cost of material and labor will be about one-half that sum, but on most farms, where there is lumber, and where much of the work can be done by the farm help, this cost can be reduced almost, if not quite, to an actual cash outlay of $25.

A silo, 16x16x25 feet, will hold 100 tons. If built in a barn it will require:

40 pieces studding, 2x8, 25 feet long,	2000 feet
4 pieces basement sills, 8x8, 17 feet long,	500 feet
Boards for inside walls,	3500 feet

The boards should not be over seven inches wide planed on one side, and the inside course made to break joints with the outside course. Matching the boards is not only useless, but an injury. Common covering boards, free from loose knots, are good enough, and should not cost over $12 per thousand. In many cases the barn frame and studding can be partly utilized, and the above quantity of lumber be considerably reduced. A cement bottom, though not necessary, is desirable.

Don't say "you can't afford to build a silo," it is just the other way, you can't afford to be without one.

Don't conclude to wait until next year, build one this year, you can easily find time to do it before haying, and then when the early fall frost hits your corn crop you will have a place where it can be put at once and saved.

Don't plant western corn, or southern corn, but get some variety that will perfect the kernels and produce a good number of ears.

Don't waste money on a stone or cement silo—unless you want to for the fun of the thing—a wooden one is better.

Don't forget that you can soon double the supply of fodder by adopting this system; more fodder means more milk, and more milk, more cash.

Plant two or three acres more of corn as soon as possible.

Get the lumber, and at odd times put in a silo, and before the fall frosts come, or immediately after put your corn into it, have it cut into 1 1-2 inch length if you can, but if this is too much trouble pack it in whole.—G. H. Whitcher, Director N. H. Experiment Station.

A MELLOW SOIL.

Many farmers have not informed themselves on the full value of a finely pulverized soil for hoed crops, as compared with a surface of clods. It would be well worth while for them to try a few experiments. An intelligent farmer who cultivates his corn once a week from the time it is up till it is higher than the back of the horse which works the cultivator, estimates the gain at 22 per cent as the result of this work, the soil being dry enough.

It is important that the operation be repeated many times, as the results vary under changing conditions and circumstances. One of our experiment stations tried cultivating corn often, and gave an unfavorable report. It was found that the weather was unusually wet for some weeks while the cultivation was continued, and the tread of the horse and the weight of cultivator pressed the earth and made the soil more compact than before. Another used the plow, and it went so deep as to tear up a portion of the roots.

It is well for farmers to see what they are doing. The soil or the clods should be dry enough to crumble to powder, instead of being worked into plastic masses, to bake hard when dry weather comes. Much depends on the kind of implement used, especially with an adhesive soil made up largely of clods and lumps. The old square harrow with square teeth, aids somewhat in reducing the cloddy soil through which it passes, but its work in this way is imperfect. A leading object in the operation of the smoothing harrow, is to cut downwards and chop up and grind up the clods. Other harrows, like the spring-tooth, tear up the earth from a greater depth instead of cutting down, but have less action on clods. The owner should examine and decide what kind of an implement is needed and act accordingly. And if by a few limited and measured experiments, he can ascertain what tool, what treatment, and what condition of the weather he should use with the best results, the information he thus obtains from experience may many times repay his care and labor.—Cultivator.

CARE OF CARRIAGES.

There is no varnish made that will hold its brilliancy more than six months. A carriage should be revarnished every six months to keep it exactly in fine order. If revarnished once a year, it will preserve the undercoat from damage. But there are circumstances that render revarnishing necessary at more frequent intervals. If one has not a suitable carriage house separate from the stable, the ammonia from the stalls, or the manure pile, or perhaps from decaying vegetables, has united with the oil in the varnish and gradually dissolved it or burnt it. We have known it done in one night, so that the whole surface exposed to the ammonia was shriveled up in small brown, crisp rolls. We knew a case where a gentleman left his horse and buggy standing in front of a distillery for half an hour, and when he returned one side of his buggy was completely covered with what looked like rust, but which was simply the remains of the decayed varnish. The oil had been consumed, leaving only the gum crumbled up in burnt crisp flakes. Some people do not take the pains to wash mud from a carriage soon enough after using, but permit it to dry when the mud acts like a sponge and absorbs the oil from the varnish. Some people wash the carriage with soap, and we have even known hot water used. For such acts of stupidity there are no words to express disgust. Some people seem to regard varnish as a kind of high polish put on by hard rubbing, and the more rubbing it gets the brighter it ought to look. The number of people who are absolutely ignorant about varnish is something astonishing.—The Stable.

POETRY WITH A POINT.

You can lead a horse to water,
But you cannot make him drink;
You can send a fool to college,
But you cannot make him think;
You may keep your daughter strumming
From morn till afternoon,
But you can't make her a player
If she hasn't any tune.
You can never make a farmer
Of a boy that loves the sea,
Though you may make him plough and plant
And whoa and haw and gee.
It's no use to swear and bluster
Because your only son
Prefers the girl he met in the car
To your selected one;
You might as well switch off the track,
For love is lord of pelf,
And besides, it's more than likely
That you know how 'tis yourself.
You cannot make a citizen,
Let him be black or white,
Of the man who doesn't know enough
To cipher, read, and write.
You cannot change the rooster's strut,
Nor make the layers crow,
Though you may honestly believe
It would be better so.
You cannot make a parson
Of the stage-struck Romeo lad;
And if ever you do succeed,
You'll wish you never had.
There is only one thing meaner,
And that's to have to see
The name of your neighbor's numbskull
Finished with an M. D.
But all these things and more beside,
We may expect to bear,
Until the numbskull kills us,
And the Romeo says the prayer.

TWO OF OXFORD COUNTY'S DAUGHTERS.

(Boston Letter to Lewiston Journal.)

HELOISE E. HERSEY.

Miss Heloise Edwina Hersey has a wholesome dislike to newspaper "fame," yet has kindly consented to allow me the privilege of giving you an outline of her career since leaving her native State of Maine.

Miss Hersey was born in Oxford, Me., and is the daughter of A. L. Hersey, M. D. She entered Vassar College in 1872 and was graduated in 1876. She then went to Havana, N. Y., and taught for two years. While there she was called to the chair of English, at Smith College, which position she honorably filled for six years. Her health failed her at this time, so a six months' rest was taken.

In the fall of 1884 she came to Boston and assumed charge of a small private school, under the patronage of Mrs. Walter C. Cabot. In 1887 Miss Hersey opened a school of her own, which is now closing its fourth year. This school is specially intended to supply a thorough education for girls, for whom a complete collegiate course is, for one reason or another, impossible, or undesirable. The teachers are most of them connected with the Harvard University and students can be fitted for any of the colleges for women. There are at present sixty pupils, twelve of whom reside at the school. Miss Hersey is an enthusiast in her work and her personality seems to pervade everything around her. Her home and school in one, is at 25 Chestnut Street, and is a charming place to visit.

FLORA E. BARRY.

Boston is sometimes called the musical "Hub" and one of its "Maine" spokes is Flora E. Barry, our much honored singer and teacher. Mrs. Barry's musical gifts are so rare as to distinguish her in society, and with so genuine an enthusiasm for her art as to make it a bond of union between herself and very many artist friends. This gift she has freely used for others on many occasions, generously lending her wonderful voice at concerts or musicales to help along the cause, or individuals needing assistance, also in fitting many pupils gratuitously.

Flora E. Barry came to us from the good old town of Paris, Oxford County, Maine, and is justly proud of her birthplace. Her father was Isaac Harlow, formerly of Buckfield, the home of our ex-governor, John D. Long. Miss Harlow was married very early in life to Joseph S. Cary, of Wayne, a brother to the celebrated contralto, Annie Louise Cary. Mrs. Cary soon discovered that although married, she was no tmated, and her life was at this period most unhappy. Circumstances forced her to earn her own living and it was necessary to utilize her vocal ability and superior education, which she has nobly done to this day. She went to work to cultivate her rich contralto voice to its utmost capacity, studying assiduously the music of the best masters. One day she was overheard by the manager of the "Mendelssohn Quintette Club," who immediately invited her to sing at a public concert which took place in February, 1863. A most critical audience received her enthusiastically and her success was assured from that hour. Mrs. Cary here began her public career as a vocal artist and was in constant demand for concerts of every description. Her first appearance with the Handel and Haydn society was in company with the following artists; Mme. Guerrabella (Genevieve Ward,) Miss J. E. Houston, Mr. William Castle and Mr. Fred Rudolphson, all celebrated singers. She has been soloist in nearly all the Handel and Haydn oratorios. Mrs. Cary was the first soloist to attempt the difficult arias of Bach in public, in Boston, that from the "Passion Music" being exceedingly difficult, requiring the most perfect control of the breath.

In 1869 Mrs. Cary made another unfortunate marriage with Charles A. Barry, from whom she was divorced four years later.

Marriage has been indeed a failure with this worthy artist, and most unfortunately so, as no woman ever had a stronger domestic nature, or was more loyal to home interests than Flora E. Barry.

In 1870 Mrs. Barry went abroad to study with Signor Vannucini, in Florence. While there she had rare opportunities of singing in public, and under the patronage of King Humbert, with the "Royal Society." She received the medal of the society and the most flattering comments of the Italian press. She was called "the great American contralto." Before her departure from Italy, Mrs. Barry made an extended tour with Ole Bull, and here let me say that the last time this distinguished violinist performed in Boston, he played an obligato to a song rendered by Mrs. Barry. She has sung in the world-famed "Cincinnati Festivals," "Worcester County Festivals," in your "Penobscot Society's Festivals," etc., etc.

Mrs. Barry took a prominent part in the great Peace Jubilee; her magnificent voice blended with that of Madam Rudersdorff in a manner never to be forgotten. She has traveled all over the United States many times, and from the British Provinces to Mexico, singing in concert and in opera for which she had great dramatic ability. Her repertoire is a large and varied one. She has sung in church since her twelfth year; seven years in Trinity (of which church she is a devout member,) and for eleven years was one of the quartette in the "West Church" (Dr. Bartol's, that dear old man from Lisbon, Maine.) Mrs. Barry lost her mother when very young, and from that hour she and her father were inseparable, he making his home with her up to the time of his death in 1887. Since her bereavement, Mrs. Barry has appeared but seldom in public, preferring to devote her time to teaching and to her beautiful home, which is an object lesson of perfect housekeeping and exquisite taste and comfort, with flowers and dainty bits of femininity and souvenirs of her travels, to greet the visitor's eye. Mrs. Barry resides at 124 Chandler Street, Boston. She has been very ill of late, but is rapidly convalescing.

ALL IMAGINATION.

Mr. Chugwater lay groaning on his bed. Mr. Chugwater's weight is nearly 300 pounds, and the bed was groaning too.

"Where is the pain, Josiah?" inquired his wife, sympathizingly.

"In the small of my back, of course!" he snorted. "Where do you suppose a man has lumbago?"

"You must be mistaken, dear," said Mrs. Chugwater, soothingly. "You haven't any small of the back."

McCARTHY'S "THOUGHT EXCHANGE."

Senator Stanford's Private Secretary's Mode of Amusement.

"Did you ever hear about McCarthy's 'Thought Exchange?'" one of a group asked in a restaurant the other day.

"Who's McCarthy?" somebody asked.

"Why, John B. McCarthy, Senator Stanford's private secretary," said the first. "He's an odd genius, and so handy that the California millionare gives him his own salary of $5,000 a year in addition to the $5 a day allowed by the government to attend to his affairs. I'm reminded of his 'Thought Exchange' by reading the story of Clyatt, the London reporter, who had witnessed 300 executions."

The gentlemen present said they had never heard of the "Exchange."

"Well," said the first speaker, "McCarthy used to be a newspaper reporter. He has worked in New York and in San Francisco, and a good many towns between them. Before he became Stanford's secretary he was in Washington, a reporter on the old National Republican. He complained that life was so dull Sunday nights that it wasn't worth living, so he organized the 'Thought Exchange.' He printed a notice in The Republican that such an exchange had been organized, and that all people who had any views on any subject would be welcome, and invited to speak. He rented a hall on Tenth street, and the next Sunday night about fifty were present.

"There were Spiritualists who wanted to give exhibitions of their powers. There were labor agitators. There were socialists and temperance workers. Everybody was allowed to speak. The following Sunday the attendance was larger and the speakers of about the same sort. The hall rent was eight dollars an evening. A collection was taken up which usually amounted to a dollar or two more than that, and that was clear profit. The thing went along until the owner refused to rent the hall, and so the 'Exchange' was about to move out to a little hall near Twentieth street and Pennsylvania avenue; but it did not make the change."

"What has this to do with a man who had seen 300 executions?" some one asked.

"As I said, McCarthy used to be a newspaper reporter. He had seen hangings in a dozen states—about forty in all is his record, I think. He saw Guiteau executed, and had been present at lynchings in Missouri and elsewhere. On the last night the 'Exchange' was to meet in the Tenth street hall no speakers came forward. Something had to be done, and McCarthy was equal to the occasion. He went upon the platform and announced that he would give a lecture. His subject would be 'The Comparative Merits of the Long and Short Drop at Executions.' He went at it and discussed the subject as coolly as one would discuss whether Washington or Napoleon were the greater general. He talked for two hours. He cited several executions he had witnessed as showing the merits of the two systems.

"He described one or two horrible affairs where a rope, and a mob, and a bridge were the principal accessories. The ladies present got up and went away at that, and the others of his audience were either dazed or charmed with his audacity. After talking for two hours, he announced the change in place of meeting for the next week, and said he would deliver another lecture on the same subject, giving especial attention to lynchings.

"One of the long haired men present came to him after the lecture and said, 'Of course your lecture was very fine, and it certainly shows you have had some remarkable experiences, but don't you think it would be wise for the next time to take something in which we could all be interested?' Next week there was no audience, and the 'Thought Exchange' was dead. It wasn't long after that that McCarthy was appointed private secretary by Mr. Stanford."—New York Times.

Eyes of Different People.

Eyes have always been regarded as a sure tribal characteristic. Tacitus, for example, describes the Germans as "fierce, with blue eyes and red hair." The Celts are mentioned as being swarthy skinned and black eyed; the Gauls are red haired and light eyed, while the Nubians, the Turks, the Egyptians and the Italians have always been spoken of as "the dark eyed races." These peculiarities have not changed. Even today the people of the temperate zones have generally light colored eyes, while those of the torrid and the frigid zones are usually dark, or even black. Of the races in particular, the only one that can be said to be "light eyed" is the Caucasian, and even in this race the eyes are by no means uniform in point of color.

The whole period of human history goes to prove that the light haired, blue eyes races are capable of the highest degree of civilization, but it does not by any means follow that the highest degree of civilization is confined to people of blonde complexion. There was a time when a blue eyed person was rarely seen, and today seven-eighths of the world's inhabitants have dark eyes. Lavater, when discussing the eye as a feature in national physiognomy, gave the following as the results of his observations: "The Italians have small eyes; the Germans, light colored eyes surrounded by many wrinkles; the English, strong, open, steadfast eyes; and the Swiss, eyes that are very dull looking."—St. Louis Republic.

He Had a Friend at Court.

A laugh was raised in the United States district court by the testimony of John Boye, a resident of Lewiston, N.Y. Boye is old and somewhat deaf, and gave his testimony with an air of childlike innocence. The following dialogue took place on cross examination: "Did Rich ever sue you?" "Yes." "Did he beat you?" "No." "You beat him?" "Yes." "He caused you trouble and expense?" "Yes, a little." "You had to hire a lawyer?" "No." "Did he hire a lawyer?" "Yes." "You did not have one?" "No." "Are you a pettifogger and try cases yourself sometimes?" "No." What did you do when you were sued, if you did not get a lawyer?" "I got the magistrate." The laugh that followed this reply indicated that some of those present appreciated the importance of having the favor of the court.—Utica Observer.

Couldn't Stand Daylight.

The Salt Lake Herald is responsible for the following: At a quarry near Salt Lake a frog hopped out of a pocket in the center of a rock which had just been blasted. The animal was of small size and perfectly white. Its eyes were unusually large, but apparently blind. Where the mouth should have been there was only a line. The frog died next morning.

A Very Careful Man.

William Brown, of this place, has a pair of old fashioned fringed mittens. They were knit for his father, Gilman Brown, forty-six years ago. They are knit in three colors, red, white and blue. Mr. Brown also has a pocket knife that he has carried for twenty-eight years.—Cor. Dexter (Me.) Gazette.

NATURE.

Fair is the world; 'tis sweet to be alive,
To breathe and think, endure and toil and strive;
Yes, e'en of tears and grief to bear the cross,
And all the years of waiting, pain or loss,
With the sweet recompense nature gives
Him who hears her voice, and with her lives.

To lend the ear and lend the eye to all
Her varied gifts and rich, or great or small,
That through the years in more or less degree
To each life falleth, is to hold the key
To untold treasures, where the soul may glean,
Healing of heart ache and a peace serene!
—Lisa A. Fletcher in Good Housekeeping.

A TIN CUP VERDICT.

The sun was low toward the western peaks when Old Jones and his nephew halted their teams for the night. Old Jones and his relative were freighters, and the crack of their long, shot filled mule whips and the creak of their heavy wagons had been heard in half of the camps of Colorado.

The four wagons tonight were swung into the segment of a circle, and the mules were hobbled and cast loose from the straps in which, through the day, they pulled. At this relief these grateful slaves stood about and attested their joy in the loud cries peculiar to their kind, but which are so unfortunate in their lack of harmony. To stop this racket the nephew went about giving them their vesper feed. This he placed in morrels, or nose bags, which he hung to their hungry heads. Old Jones built a fire and began the compilation of an intricate but savory dish known to those happy ones who have the recipe as "freighter's stew."

Supper over, the two freighters sat about in the lurking shadows made by the fire's blink and glimmer, smoking their pipes. All at once there was a commotion in the band of mules. Those patient folk who had scrambled and pulled all day over a rough mountain trail with wagons loaded on the principle of 1,200 pounds to a mule, and who now, in the proprieties of mule life, should be at peace and rest with the world, were charging about and snorting in a very alarming way.

"Injuns!" said Old Jones, shoving back into the gloom. "Injuns, for a thousand dollars! There an't no animal on earth, bar Injuns, ever makes mules take on that a-way."

The nephew thought so too. Old Jones and the nephew did not fear an attack. There were no Indians about that were not described as friendly.

But what they did fear was that the mules might be stampeded. Stampeding stock is a great aboriginal industry. The Indian will stampede your cattle or mules and then claim one dollar a head for finding them for you. Thus do these wise sons of nature fill their coffers and exact a revenue from those who cross their lands.

Jones' nephew took a Winchester from the wagon and began to work his cautious, silent way toward the mules. Those last were still snorting and shying as if prey to wild alarm. The nephew disappeared in the darkness. Old Jones placed his hand over his pipe-bowl so its fiery eye could not be seen and peered after him into the gloom.

"Bang! Bang! Bang!" It was the Winchester speaking it told the Indian policy of the border—and a very sufficient good policy it is too. Old Jones, at the sound, heaved a sigh, but never moved. After a little the nephew came in to the fire. He seemed alert, hopeful and unrelenting as to the Winchester Indian policy.

"Did you stretch one?" said Old Jones.

"I think most likely I did," said the nephew in a sanguine way. "We can tell in the mornin', shore."

The mules were now quiet. Firearms had no terrors for them. They could stand the odor of gunpowder, but of Indians—bah! No mule of taste could stand it for a second. After another half hour Old Jones and his nephew kicked out the embers of their fire and went to sleep.

Old Jones and his nephew had visitors in the morning. The whole Ute tribe and their agent came down to the freighters' camp. The members of the Jones family at once seized their Winchesters and alacriously prepared for war. The Utes ran about, jumping and yelling and demanding vengeance. Old Jones and his nephew stood silent and grim behind their wagon and showed their iron teeth. The agent insisted on peace. "Would the Jones who had killed the Ute the night before give himself up? He would be guaranteed from harm, but the Utes insisted on his arrest. They—the Indians—would attack the wagons if the criminals did not surrender." So spoke the agent—a nervous little incompetent, as many an Indian agent is.

"Give up nothin'," said Old Jones derisively. "You tell them Utes if they want anything 'round here to waltz in and get it."

The Utes howled and danced still harder and higher at this, and the agent talked more earnestly than ever. He threatened the Joneses with the power of the government. This was too much. They would fight the whole Ute tribe, but they were afraid of Uncle Sam. After a brief parley the nephew stepped out and gave himself up to the agent. He would have displayed more sense if he had remained behind his wagon and died in the smoke of his Winchester.

The agent, the nephew and the Utes did not go a mile toward the agency before the Indians took the nephew, and tying him to a pine tree spent several blissful hours in torturing him to death. The agent was powerless to interfere.

Jones, the elder, found the truth the evening of the same day. He turned a little pale under the thirty years of tan which browned his face, but said nothing. As well as he could he hitched up his teams and went ahead. His course was slow. Where the going was easy the nephew's team—eight mules—could follow the others and got along all right. Where it was rough Old Jones halted them, and, after driving his own team over, came back for them.

Two months later the old man unloaded his freight at a camp in the Gunnison country. He told the story of his nephew's death and charged it to the agent. The populace agreed with him to a man. Old Jones insisted the agent should likewise suffer death. Public sentiment rushed to the same conclusion. Every man in the Tincup district who heard of the matter at once advised Jones to go back and kill the miserable agent, or, if that scheme did not suit, to hire some one who would. Never was public sentiment so uniform in a matter before. It was beautiful.

"Hire some one to go back. Kill the agent!" This struck Old Jones, who had strong commercial instincts, as a good thing. He inquired for some one who would undertake the enterprise. He did not think it should cost much. "It is dead easy to do," he said. "Jest ride ca'mly up to the agency and beef him, and then ride away. That oughtn't to cost no fortune," and he was willing to give a "hoss and outfit" and $500.

"I'll go you," said a bad looking gentleman called Curly Bill.

Curly Bill was certainly a very bad man, as any one might see by examining his six shooter. He had filed away the sights as superfluous to one so sure and keen, and had taken out the trigger, trusting to explode his interesting weapon by the simple process of letting the hammer fall from his thumb. These changes in the ground plan of a Colt's 44 always bespeak a bad man the wide west over, and such was Curly Bill, the personage who wanted to hire out to kill the agent.

Preliminaries were arranged and the horse and outfit were turned over, in company with $200 of the $500, and Curly Bill rode away on his long pull for the Ute agency.

Six weeks and their happenings were added to history, and so far nothing floated back from Curly Bill. One afternoon he rode again into the camp in the Gunnison country. The

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ATWOOD & FORBES.

HE'S A GAMBLER.

The American papers, and some others, are remarking that royalty in England received its severest blow when the recent sensational trial disclosed the fact that the Prince of Wales was a gambler. Doubtless that idea is correct, and that trial has hastened the coming of republican principles in England. And yet in republican America poker may almost be called the great national game, and some of our most noted statesmen and diplomats have been famous poker players.

THE HOTEL MEN'S ANNEX.

A Democratic club just organized in Waterville has for its officers Hon. S. S. Brown, Benjamin Bunker and F. L. Thayer. Ben Bunker announces in his paper that the club "will endeavor to assist the party in the state and locally see that a man is sent to the legislature who will pledge himself to such principles as will not drive every respectable hotel man and druggist out of business." It is also announced that "it is proposed to organize these clubs all over the State, and from such organized clubs it is hoped a State organization may be perfected to assist the State committee." By this means the Democratic party of Maine can be made an annex to the Maine Hotel Proprietors' Association, as it was an annex to the Greenback party during the brief life of that organization.

DIME NOVEL WORK.

Another instance of the work of the worse than worthless books which are known by the general term of "slime novels," has been furnished in York County by the arrest for burglary of three boys, who belonged to a gang of burglars. The Biddeford Journal says of them:

They are Ernest Hall, the chief of the gang, his lieutenant, Wade Hampton McCulloch, and "Joey" Thompson, evidently their tool, who by his own signed confession, made under oath, has risked his liberty for a term of years by refusing to testify against his pals in court.

Could the complete history of this gang be known it would almost equal the dime novel tales from which it evidently originated. Called by its leader, who was an ardent admirer of Jesse James, the "Jesse Hall gang," its members were admitted only one at a time by him, after he was thoroughly satisfied of their desire to lead such a life, upon the most harrowing of oaths, promising never to divulge the secrets of the order. The organization had a regular ritual written in a mysterious secret alphabet in a book, and their meetings were called by blue chalk marks, somewhat after the fashion of the Knights of Labor calls, so familiar a few years ago. A thing which shows their extreme craftiness was that one of their rules forbade members ever being seen on the streets talking together, and this rule was rigidly kept. Meetings were held at night time in an old tool house in the park, to which they each had keys, a guard being invariably stationed outside at such times. Their passwords and grips would have made any Mason or Odd Fellow turn green with envy.

They were supposed to be constantly on the lookout for a chance to make a break, and when one of them saw a place favorable for their operations, he would secretly make a peculiar mark on it with his piece of blue chalk.

VETERANS' ANNUAL MEETING.

Not the regulation rain storm this year for the meeting of the veterans last Thursday, but a hot, lifeless, depressing day, when the very air which you breathe with so much difficulty seems to make the labor of breathing more difficult. The depressing effect of the weather or something else was apparent in the attendance, which was less than was expected, though the small number who were present were active and enthusiastic.

The Oxford County Veterans' Association was called to order in the meeting room at the county fair grounds, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by Capt. H. N. Bolster, the president. After some preliminary discussion the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

President, Col. A. S. Austin, Paris.
Vice-Presidents, S. E. Conant, Buckfield, T. L. Eastman, Fryeburg.
Secretary and Treasurer, Capt. G. C. Pratt, South Paris.

Some other business was transacted, and the meeting adjourned until evening.

The veterans got supper at the booth of the South Paris Congregational Society, which was open for the occasion. The rest of the time previous to the evening meeting was spent by the "boys" in conversation, recalling the old times and scenes, and in endeavoring to find a little coolness and air, both of which substances were decidedly scarce.

At 8 o'clock a campfire was held in the hall. Brief remarks were made by Comrades Noyes, Bolster, Wood, Wardwell, Curtis, B. A. Swasey, Brown, and Austin. Hon. John P. Swasey was the speaker of the evening, and spoke with all his usual vigor and eloquence. He was enthusiastically received and applauded.

The meeting was continued as advertised through Friday.

An article that is especially interesting for this season of the year when thousands are flocking to the seaside resorts, is that on "The State of Maine" by Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., in the New England Magazine for July. Mr. Dingley knows Maine thoroughly, and his article has a peculiar value on this account. It will be lavishly illustrated.

SOUTH PARIS.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton of Mechanic Falls will preach at Public Hall next Sunday at 5:30 P. M. if pleasant. All are cordially invited.

N. D. Bolster and family spent Sunday with H. R. Morton, Auburn.

Geo. W. Ridlon and wife of West Paris spent Sunday at H. A. Fuller's.

For cool soda go to Shurtleff's drug store.

Thede Thayer takes three horses to the Canton races this week.

Workmen are scarce about the village.

Farmers say that hoeing and haying are coming together this year.

About twenty Good Templars attended the District Lodge at Hanover Wednesday. Cook took them up in the barge.

Kellogg paints are selling like fun.

Corn and feed are lower.

Mrs. O. W. Bent of Minneapolis is very sick.

Summer has commenced in earnest.

Sleeper's Eye is the best ten-cent cigar. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff.

Nicholas, the Penley colt, was sold last week to Chas. G. Kimberly of New Hampshire for $225 cash and another horse valued at $200. Sale made through Maxim's agency.

The most important deal in the horse line of late is E. M. Thayer's purchase of the following valuable horses bred by Marble & Pierce:

Zephyr M., by Norway Knox, 2:29¼. Dam Fanny Patchen, by Tom Patchen.
Queen Bess, by Eclair, by Gen. Knox, Dam Zephyr.

Rev. A. G. Fitz and family are at Bangor on account of the illness and death of Mrs. Fitz's mother. We learn that his church will be closed for three weeks.

Fletcher and Fogg have invested in a valuable Baby Dean colt.

The Seth Morse stand on Gothic street is for sale at a bargain. Read ad. and enquire of Alva Shurtleff, Esq.

The Norway Water Company have had some twelve new takers the past month.

Paris Manufacturing Co. are taking account of stock.

Paris Grange will observe children's day at their hall Saturday, June 27th. The following committee has been chosen to prepare children in their respective districts. Others besides grange children are cordially invited:

District No. 1, E. C. Hardy.
District No. 2, South Paris, Ida W. Fuller.
District No. 3, Elm Hill, Miss Abbie Swan.
Whitemore District, C. A. Briggs.
Stearns District, Kate Hammond.
High Street, Clara Swift.
King District, Mrs. Talbot.
Partridge District, Celia Ryerson.

An all day meeting and a dinner in the new banquet hall. Patrons are requested to bring plants and flowers to decorate the hall.

Mr. W. G. Swett of Boston was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Nichols at her home, June 8th, by Rev. A. G. Fitz.

During the summer term the following members of the high school were not absent one-half day: Anna Whiteside, Mertie Maxim, Bennie Fitz, Susie Rounds, Walter Jones, Alice Wheeler, Shirley Pulsifer, Clarence Reckards, Alton Wheeler and Harry Gerry. Mabel Hathaway and Allen Hutchinson were absent one-half day only.

In the primary school scholars not absent one-half day were: Della McArdle, Charlie Stuart, Wendell Rounds, Ernest Gammon, Harry Swan, Charlie Cutler, Clem Purinton, Harold Gammon, Willie Marston, Walter Pulsifer, Stanley Wheeler, Carroll Edwards, Osmond Chase. Those absent but one day were: Jessie Tolman, Ollie Swett, Arthur Shurtleff, Bertie Stevens, Frankie Pratt, Walter Chase and Howard Shaw.

List of advertised letters June 1st:

Mrs. Fred Andrews, Miss Helen S. Merrill, Mrs. Nell G. Perkins, Mr. Fred Ross.

Paris Hill Base Ball Club won a victory from our second nine Saturday. Spectators say that the Hill boys play fine ball.

Our first nine defeated the Norway club on their grounds in a closely contested game, score 6 to 5.

F. C. Merrill is enlarging and beautifying his lawn and making other improvements.

Grangers will hardly recognize their new store and banquet hall. The dining hall has had a new hard wood floor laid and several other changes, while they have enlarged and rearranged their store so it gives a neat appearance and is very convenient for business. Mr. Curtis has a good trade in feed, flour, groceries, footwear and other goods.

There were some good races at the fair grounds Thursday, but only one race was trotted Friday.

Rev. Mr. Whiteside preached a very interesting sermon to the children Sunday. The school gave a concert and the superintendent, Alfred E. Morse, was presented with an elegant Bible by the members of the school.

ST. JOHN'S DAY CELEBRATION.

Paris Lodge believe in the good old Masonic custom, "a due observance of St. John's Day." Therefore they have invited the lodges in this vicinity to unite with them Wednesday, June 24th, in a parade and dinner, followed by Masonic speeches.

The assembly will be called at 10:50 A. M. for lodges to form. The procession will be formed at 11 o'clock A. M. in Market Square, and march to the Oxford County Agricultural Society's grounds, where dinner will be served.

After dinner speeches will be made by Past Masters Drummond, King, Chase and other prominent Masons.

The committee have secured reduced rates on the railroads. Special arrangements have been made to care for the teams of brethren coming with carriages.

The committee of arrangements will be in session at Masonic Hall, South Paris, from 7 o'clock to 11 A. M. that day, and have taken special care to make this gathering a success in every way. If the brethren will only come in goodly numbers they may feel assured of a pleasant time. A true Masonic greeting awaits you all, many or few.

ALBION HERSEY,
H. N. BOLSTER,
F. L. DOBLE,
G. H. PORTER,
HORATIO WOODBURY,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, The Creator in his All-wise Providence has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved sister, Florence Emery, and

Whereas, It seems fitting that we express our sorrow for her loss, and our sympathy for her family, therefore be it

Resolved, That in her death this grange suffers a loss that will not soon be forgotten.

Resolved, That we extend our sympathy to the family of our deceased sister in this hour of their sorrow.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records, a copy sent the family of our deceased sister, and a copy sent to the Oxford Democrat and Maine Farmer for publication.

B. WALKER MCKEEN,
ANNIE S. FARRINGTON, } Com.
ALMA MCINTIRE,
James Hobbs, Secretary.

"Can the character be read from the handwriting?" Most assuredly it can. Everyone can remember being influenced favorably or unfavorably by the penmanship of some unknown person, and has been astonished to find how true the conclusions were: and some of the world's foremost thinkers have maintained that the handwriting furnishes a more exact key to the character than the head, face or form. Character-reading from handwriting is a fascinating study; and if you wish to learn all about it you must read the excellent and profusely illustrated article, "How to Read Character by Handwriting," by Prof. Nelson Thorpe, published in the July number of Demorest's Family Magazine, and you will be still more interested in the subject. In the same number is a splendid article on "Chili," which is particularly apropos at present; "Foes Afield: Plants Poisonous to the Stomach" is quite as seasonable, and everyone can recognize the plants from the accurate illustrations; in "Summer Outdoor Games: Lawn Tennis, Badminton, Colors," they are so clearly described and illustrated that the veriest novice can learn how to play them without other instruction; and the amateur china-painter may rival the professional by following the directions given in "The Use of Matt Colors." Besides, there are stories and poems, and over 200 illustrations, including a superb watercolor, a French costume study under the Empire, and the numerous departments are full to overflowing with valuable matter.

NORWAY.

The rate of taxation for the town for the past year is 14 mills on the dollar.

The plans for the addition to the Evans stand on Main Street, which C. B. Cummings will soon erect, are being drafted by John B. Hazen, formerly of this village.

We understand that the intermediate school will be divided in the fall and that Miss Nellie Andrews will take charge of one division. Miss Andrews is one of Norway's best teachers.

Mrs. O. R. Bean will give to all who desire, instruction in typewriting and shorthand. She has excellent recommendations.

Miss Hattie Wilkins of Lowell, Mass., is stopping with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ames. She will remain here through the summer months.

Frank M. Higgins, Esq., of Limerick, York County, was in town this week.

Mrs. William Turner of Waldoboro is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. V. W. Hills.

Norway Opera House is being painted. It improves the building's appearance greatly.

The Hebron base ball team visited Norway Wednesday and played a game with the Norway nine. It was a most interesting game, resulting in favor of the Norway nine, 6 to 11.

Mrs. E. E. Bennett, who sold her farm recently to Albert H. Packard, has purchased the Dudley Needham stand on Maple Street in this village.

There is some talk of putting in a brick sidewalk from Lynn Street to the tannery brook.

M. L. Kimball, Esq., has a petition for the institution of the Improved Order of Red Men. The petition bears the names of prominent citizens.

The Knights of Pythias observed their annual Memorial Day by visiting and decorating the graves of deceased brothers Thursday evening. Norway Brass Band discoursed excellent music for the occasion.

Miss Grace Huntington, who for several cease has been assistant bookkeeper in the shoe factory, has resigned her position.

O. M. Cummings' sign post, corner Main and Danforth Streets, was knocked down Wednesday night by someone running against it. No one was injured so far as known.

L. R. Semmes and wife of Cambridgeport, Mass., visited Dr. F. M. Barker this week.

The stage and curtain in Ryerson Hall has been completed and put in order for the proper presentation of dramas. This is a great improvement to the hall.

George I. Cummings and Frank Hayden visited Four Ponds trouting this week and had first class success. In about three hours they captured 200 beauties.

Mrs. Louisa M. Lord, wife of Isaac H. Lord, of this town, was moved from Bridgton to the Norway town farm Friday. Mrs. Lord has been sick for several months past.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Boynton and daughter, of Peabody, Mass., were in town this week called here by the accident to their little son who was injured last week.

H. D. Smith and F. W. Sanborn started up country Friday on a fishing expedition. It being their annual trip over excellent fishing grounds, they expect to return with an abundance of trout.

$25.00 GIVEN AWAY.

"SIGNS OF THE TIMES."

What Are They and What Do Oxford County Scholars Know About Them?

A friend of the Democrat offers a cash prize of twenty-five dollars for the best essay on "The Signs of the Times" written by an Oxford County scholar.

1. Any scholar, a member of any school or academy in Oxford County, is eligible.
2. The essay to be accompanied by a certificate from the teacher or principal that the author is a member of their school.
3. Essay to contain not less than 1500 and not more than 3000 words.
4. Write on one side of paper only.
5. Do not fold or roll the Mss. for mailing.
6. Neatness, construction and general style will be considered in awarding the prize.
7. Essays to be examined and prize awarded by a competent person in another State, who is wholly disinterested.
8. Send your name and address, and stamps for return of Mss. in a sealed envelope accompanying essay. These envelopes will be numbered in duplicate with your essay and not be opened until after prize is awarded.
9. If you write to make any inquiries enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for a reply.
10. Essays must reach the Democrat office previous to August 1st, 1891, and prize award will be announced Sept. 1st, 1891.
11. Address essays and all communications on this subject to:

SCHOLARSHIP PRIZE,
Oxford Democrat Office,
Paris, Maine.

TALK OF THE STATE.

Fifty thousand dollars has already been subscribed for a national bank in Madison.

Caribou has just completed a handsome new high school building at a cost of $13,000.

The first passenger train has gone in to Rangeley over the Phillips and Rangeley Railroad.

Waterville deputy sheriffs gathered in one hundred and fifty gallons of liquor in one seizure.

Bangor, June 10, Fred Lynch of Medway, a river driver, was drowned in the Mattawamkeag river.

Bert Moody, of Winslow, a young man employed in the Benton pulp mill, was killed by the bursting of a rapidly revolving stone.

By an explosion of a dynamite charge in the road at Montague, where a crew were blowing out a stump, a child was probably fatally injured.

Dr. Bailey of Portland found a case of glanders in the stable of Young Bros., the Saco ice dealers. Two horses were shot. They were $300 apiece.

B. F. Tarbox of Lewiston, seventy years old, committed suicide by hanging. Insanity caused by the grip is assigned as the cause for the act.

Hiram S. Maxim, the famous inventor, now of London, Eng., whose aged mother and brother reside in Wayne, with his wife, is visiting there for a few days.

The Bangor Industrial Journal last week issued a special illustrated hotel and summer resort edition. The whole paper is devoted to booming Maine, and is a credit to its publishers.

Sangerville has voted to loan its credit for $10,000 to the Sangerville Woolen Company for ten years, with interest, and to exempt the same for a term of ten years from taxation.

Rev. Dr. Asa Dalton, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church, Portland, was reported recently to be in danger of trial for heresy, but the danger is understood to be very slight.

During the centennial year of 1876 Mr. H. W. Hook, of Harrington, planted one hundred shade trees in that village. Eighty-five of them are now in a growing and thrifty condition.

There is one man in Maine, or rather one Maine man, who has faith in the future of orcharding. This is Rev. Dr. J. R. Day of Highmoor Farm, Monmouth, who has put out this spring twenty-six hundred apple trees.

The trustees of the Auburn Public Library received quite a compliment for the provisional list of books selected for the first installment. A Boston book firm that supplies over 800 libraries writes that the list is one of the finest ever sent them for pricing.

Mr. Joseph C. Stevens of Boston has made a donation of $500 for books for the Eastport Public Library, to be known as the "Stevens collection of American History." Mr. Stevens is a native of Eastport and is greatly interested in the new public library now being established in that town.

THE WEEK IN MAINE.

THE MOST IMPORTANT STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

Another shot was fired at a Maine Central train in eastern Maine. Whether it is the work of desperadoes or drunken roughs, the train men are getting tired of "sich doin's."

There is a chance that the Bath Iron Works may not build the new cruiser for which their bid has been accepted, as the time is so limited that it might be impossible to finish it.

It is said that of 101 men who left Skowhegan for the war in Company F, Third Maine Infantry, only two are left in the town to greet the old Third at its reunion in Skowhegan next August.

The Maine Press Association will make an excursion to Montreal and Quebec the second week in July. The itinerary includes a day in the White Mountains, two days at Montreal and two at Quebec.

A very large railroad meeting in Camden voted to raise $25,000 to extend the road from Rockland. The vote resulted: Yeas, 380; nays, 49. There was great enthusiasm over the result, bells ringing and whistles blowing.

Tuesday was a "yellow day" all over Maine, the smoke from forest fires in northern Maine and Canada probably being the cause. Some people were scared, and in some places it was so dark they had to put on the electric lights.

Dea. Isaac S. Jenkins of Wales, Androscoggin Co., was born in 1813 and has always lived on the same farm, and in the course of all these years he has lived in two States, three counties and two towns. This is quite a remarkable record.

The Home woolen mill at Lewiston owned by the Guy Woodman Shoe Company, has been sold to Thomas Kelly & Co. of Boston, who will start it on quilts. The mill has been shut down since the failure of the Home Manufacturing Company last fall.

The work on the Cabot mill in Brunswick is progressing finely. The foundation is almost laid and brick laying will be commenced this week. They have placed a contract for a 500 horse power horizontal water wheel to furnish the power for the new mills.

The girls of Thomaston have distinguished themselves by giving a negro minstrel show that almost equaled that of the Bowdoin students. They had four "end men" and the usual variety of local "gags." They played to a good crowd under the apt name of the "Smoked Pearls."

The Bath Times says that the 7350 ton U. S. cruiser to be built at the Bath Iron Works at a cost of $2,500,000, is a bigger institution than the whole fleet that visited the Kennebec last summer; the Baltimore, Petrel, Kearsarge and Dolphin, combined, being of less than 7350 tons displacement. She is 58 feet, 2 1-4 inches beam and 30 feet, 1 5-8 inches deep in the water and will have a guaranteed speed of 21 knots to be maintained four consecutive hours.

At the coming reunion of the Army of the Potomac at Buffalo an effort will be made to vindicate the Tenth Corps in its conduct at Chancellorsville. It has been charged that this corps did not do its duty when Stonewall Jackson's famous troops came down upon them. Dr. A. C. Hamlin of Bangor, who at one time was attached to this body of troops, has been delegated to appear in their interest. He is now preparing a circular to clear up their record at this engagement.

A stabbing affair between two boys in the town of Somerville has made considerable excitement. While the boys were fishing they got into a dispute, and one of them, being angry, threw an open knife at the other. The knife struck in the boy's thigh, severing the femoral artery, and he died in a few minutes. The name of the boys was Hisler, the victim being half-uncle to the one who did the deed. One was fifteen years of age, the other fourteen. The boy who threw the knife has been committed to jail on a charge of manslaughter.

Mr. Augustus Bray, of the firm of Bray & Son, millers, at Mechanic Falls, is missing. He is about 31 years old and lives with his wife and two children at Poland. The firm lost considerable money in business and were also robbed by a dishonest employe. Last Saturday attachments were put on the property of the firm. Mr. Bray bade his wife good-bye, loaded a rifle and left, as he said, to shoot crows. Monday the gun was found standing in a corner in a field, that led to the conclusion that suicide was attempted but failed. It is feared that Mr. Bray has drowned himself.

BORN.

In Sweden, June 6, to the wife of Samuel Ring, a daughter.
In Norway Lake, June 7, to the wife of W. S. Patridge, a son.
In North Woodstock, May 20, to the wife of Frank Millett a son.
In East Bethel, June 7, to the wife of Fred B. Howe, a son.

MARRIED.

In Portland, June 4, by Rev. A. K. P. Small, William H. Knowland, of Norway, and Jeanette P. Grant of South Freeport.
In Canton, June 9, Rev. C. T. D. Crockett and Hattie M. Ellis.
In Norway, June 10, Herbert F. Andrews of Norway, and Lena M. Jordan of Waterford.
In West Peru, June 6, by Rev. D. A. Gammon, Mr. Wm. H. Phinney and Miss Florilla L. Hall, both of Peru.
In South Paris, June 8, by Rev. A. G. Fitz, Warren G. Swett of Portland, and Miss Mabel L. Nichols of South Paris.

DIED.

In Portland, June 6, Hon. Joseph Walker, formerly of Denmark, aged 81 years.
In Brownfield, June 1, Benjamin Simpson, of Bridgton, aged 82 years.

NOTICE OF SALE.

Pursuant to a license from the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford I shall sell on Thursday, July 16, 1891, at 10 o'clock A. M., at public auction on the premises a farm situated on the east side of Ellis River formerly owned by the late Benj. Simpson, consisting of one lot 16 intervale and one lot of upland with story and half house, ell and wood shed, barn 36x50, water brought to buildings by an aqueduct, cuts 15 tons of hay, and from 30 to 50 thousand of growing pine timber, some fruit trees and in a good neighborhood and near school.

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South Paris, June 15, 1891.

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We keep **Sennour's Mixed Paints,** one of the best in the market, also the **Atlas Paints,** put up by the old and reliable house of George D. Wetherill & Co. of Philadelphia. Both of these paints have a well established reputation and are safe to use.

We also have the **Revere Metallic Paint,** a good cheap paint, which we can sell for $1.00 per gallon.—5 gallons or more in one lot at 95 cents per gallon. Call and get prices and examine quality, etc.

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We remain as ever in the past,
Yours to serve,

H. N. Bolster,

22 Market Square, South Paris.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss.
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' BILLS.

COUNTY OF OXFORD

1891. To JOHN BARKER, Dr.

Feb. 12, 1 day at Paris adjourned session, 60 miles travel from West Bethel to Paris and return,	$ 2 50 4 80
Mar. 17, 1 day at Paris adjourned session, 60 miles travel from West Bethel to Paris and return,	2 50 4 80
Mar. 31, April 1, 2 days at Paris adjourned session,	5 00
April 27, 28, 2 days at Brownfield on petition of Selectmen and others, 244 miles travel from West Bethel to Brownfield and return via of Portland,	5 00 19 32
May 12, 13, 14, 3 days at Paris regular session, 60 miles travel from West Bethel to Paris and return,	7 50 4 80
	$56 42

JOHN BARKER.

OXFORD ss. May 14, 1891.

Then personally appeared John Barker, County Commissioner and made oath that the foregoing account by him rendered and subscribed is true. Before me,

ALBERT S. AUSTIN,
Justice of the Peace.

OXFORD, ss. May 14, 1891.

Having examined and audited the foregoing account of John Barker, County Commissioner, we certify that we allow thereon the sum of fifty-six dollars and forty-two cents.

EDWARD C. WALKER, County Attorney.
ALBERT S. AUSTIN,
Clerk Sup. Jud. Court.

COUNTY OF OXFORD

1891. To WM. WOODSUM, Dr.

Feb. 11, 12, and 13, at Paris adj. session 3 days, $2 50, to travel from West Peru to Paris and return 50 miles,	$ 7 50 4 00
March 16, 17, and 18, at Paris adjourned session 3 days $2 50, to travel from West Peru to Paris and return 50 miles,	7 50 4 00
March 31, April 1 and 2, at Paris adjourned session, 3 days, $2 50,	7 50
May 12, 13 and 14, at Paris regular session 3 days, $2 50, to travel from West Peru to Paris and return, 50 miles,	7 50 4 00
	$42 00

WM. WOODSUM.

OXFORD, ss. May 14, 1891.

Then personally appeared William Woodsum, County Commissioner and made oath that the foregoing account by him rendered and subscribed is true. Before me,

ALBERT S. AUSTIN,
Justice of the Peace.

OXFORD, ss. May 14, 1891.

Having examined and audited the foregoing account of William Woodsum, County Commissioner, we certify that we allow thereon, the sum of forty-two dollars.

EDWARD C. WALKER, County Attorney,
ALBERT S. AUSTIN,
Clerk Sup. Jud. Court.

OXFORD COUNTY

1891. To W. W. WHITMARSH, Dr.

Feb. 12, 1 day C. C. Court adj. term,	$ 2 50
10 miles travel from Norway to Paris and return,	80
March 17, 1 day C. C. Court adj. term,	2 50
10 miles travel from Norway to Paris and return,	80
March 31, April 1, 2 days C. C. Court adj. term,	5 00
April 27, 28, 2 days at Brownfield on petition of Selectmen of Brownfield, 180 miles travel from Norway to Brownfield and return,	5 00 14 40
May 12, 13, 14, 3 days C. C. Court regular term,	7 50
10 miles travel from Norway to Paris and return,	80
	$39 30

W. W. WHITMARSH.

Paris, May 14, 1891.

OXFORD, ss. May 14, 1891.

Then personally appeared William W. Whitmarsh, County Commissioner, and made oath that the foregoing account by him rendered and subscribed is true. Before me,

ALBERT S. AUSTIN,
Justice of the Peace.

OXFORD, ss. May 14, 1891.

Having examined and audited the foregoing account of William W. Whitmarsh, County Commissioner, we certify that we allow thereon, the sum of thirty-nine dollars and thirty cents.

EDWARD C. WALKER, County Attorney.
ALBERT S. AUSTIN,
Clerk Sup. Jud. Court.

I certify the foregoing to be true copies.

ATTEST:—ALBERT S. AUSTIN,
Clerk Sup. Jud. Court.

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T. L. WEBB,

Norway, - - - Maine.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of May A. D. 1891.

FRANCIS B. TUELL Administrator of the estate of Charles T. Tuell deceased, former Administrator on the estate of Benjamin T. Tuell late of Sumner, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the Estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, That said Administrator 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 June 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.

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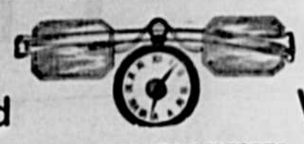
We Are  Selling

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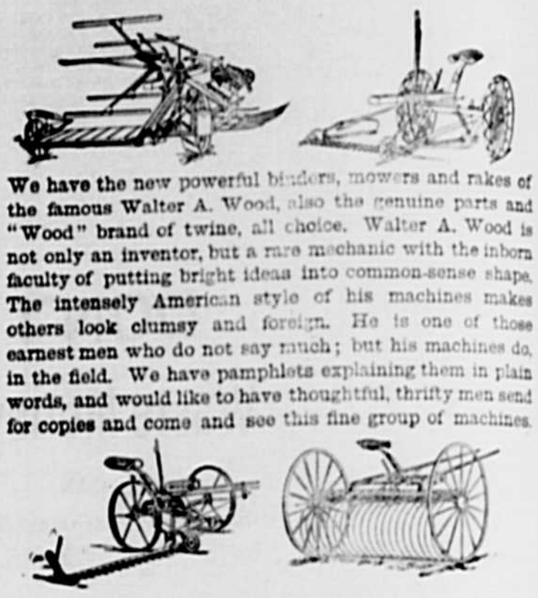

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"ON THE HILL."

DIRECTORY.

First Baptist Church: Rev. A. P. Wedge, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Sabbath Evening Service at 7 P. M. Prayer Meetings Thursday Evenings at 7:00 P. M.

Universalist Church: Rev. G. G. Hamilton, supply. Sunday School every Sunday at 2 P. M. Preaching service at 3.

Carroll Hooper, of Boston, is visiting relatives here.

Aretas Shurtleff, Esq., of Portland, is stopping at the Hubbard House.

There was a Children's Day concert at the Baptist church Sunday forenoon.

Miss Annie Eastman left Friday for the Poland Spring House, where she is engaged for the season.

Hon. John P. Swasey and daughter, Miss Belle Swasey, of Canton, and Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Swasey of Dixfield were at Paris last week.

L. B. Merrill and L. K. Stone are at work at Mount Mica, where they expect to put in a month or so. They are putting in some heavy blasts and waking up the neighborhood.

The boys came home from the ball game at the fair grounds Saturday afternoon feeling jubilant. Their game with the South Paris boys resulted in favor of the Hill nine, 21 to 12.

Wallace Everett has received a check for about one hundred and thirty dollars and Ed Thayer one for two hundred and twenty-two dollars from the Maine and New Brunswick Insurance Company through the agent, Elmer V. Walker of Oxford.

HEBRON ACADEMY.

ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMME.

Sunday, June 21, at 10:30, Sermon before the Graduating Class, by Rev. Francis W. Bakeman, D. D., of Chelsea, Mass.

Tuesday, June 23d, Dedication of Sturtevant Hall and reunion of old students; 11 A. M., Oration, by Rev. A. K. P. Small, D. D., of Portland; 2 P. M., Short Addresses by patrons and former teachers and students of the Academy. In the evening the Trustees and Teachers will receive the friends of the Institution in Sturtevant Hall. Music by Grimmer's Orchestra. During the evening pictures and statuary will be presented.

Wednesday, beginning at ten o'clock, A. M., Exercises of the Graduating Class will occur; 8 P. M., Concert by the Ariel Ladies' Quartette with other talent.

The ladies of Hebron will furnish meals in the Old Chapel, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the proceeds to be applied to repairs of the Baptist church.

JOHN'S LETTER.

Farmers about town have generally sold their wool for twenty-five cents, I believe. Hod started it at twenty-three but Jeff slipped around quietly and secured the bulk of it for twenty-five whereupon Hod rose grandly like a kite to twenty-six and as he rose he made the profane remark that farmers are dashed fools, and that they are like a flock of sheep. When one jumps all jump. Wish Hod hadn't said that. Farmers' burdens are already hard enough to bear without that added burden.

Neighbor Mason, I notice, has a nice flock of sheep, fourteen in number, from which he clipped 120 pounds of wool. Six of the flock are yearlings. He didn't jump like the rest of the sheep but stald peacefully in the pasture and got twenty-six cents for his fleece. Moral. Don't jump.

I hear a clattering over at neighbor Mason's. Think he must be moving his shed preparatory to building a new one.

Well, N. W. B., the mystery is solved and we are dished again. Why did you lift us so high and then let us drop? How could you be so cruel? Mary was telling the calf anecdote and laughing over it last evening. Let H. D. rise and explain. JOHN.

WHERE DULLNESS FLOURISHES.

[Kennebec Journal.]

The idea is advanced by some that the new temperance law makes business dull in the State. There is no doubt about it so far as the lockups are concerned. That is what it was intended to do.

HORSE TROT.

Thursday's races at the fair grounds drew a rather small crowd, which put sparasollas and sweltered under the heat of a merciless sun. If anything can make the people appreciate that new covered grand stand, such a day as Thursday ought to. The old stand is down and the new one just started, and the spectators who aren't fortunate enough to have a carriage can stand up or sit on the ground and hang their feet over.

While there were no long, hard-fought battles in the races Thursday, the trotting was good, and close enough to be interesting. The summaries follow:

2:30 CLASS.

A. F. Welch, Lewiston, ch. s. Dick Wilkes	1	1	4 1
C. H. Tuttle, Buckfield, bl. g. Capt. Lee	3	2	1 2
D. M. Foster, Canton, br. m. Maggie Franklin	2	4	2 3
T. Thayer, South Paris, br. g. Harry	4	3	3 4
E. N. Fox, Lovell, bl. s. Kozar	5	5	ds

Time, 2:43 1-4, 2:45, 2:43 1-2, 2:43 1-2.

2:30 CLASS.

W. P. Rowe, Lewiston, Volunteer, Snow Record, Buckfield, ch. g. Will Dunn	1	1	1
	3	2	2
T. Thayer, South Paris, br. m. Flossie	2	3	4
Dr. C. A. Cobb, Buckfield, ch. m. Beaconsfield	4	4	3
A. H. Swasey, Norway, br. g. Karina	5	5	ds
H. A. Hastings, Newry, gr. m. Belle Bogle			ds

Time, 2:41, 2:40, 2:39 1-2.

Friday's attendance was somewhat larger than that of Thursday. The 2:34 class was not trotted. The 2:45 resulted as follows:

2:45 CLASS.

Theodore Thayer, South Paris, br. m. Flossie S.	1	1	1
D. M. Foster, Canton, br. m. Themis	2	2	2
J. M. Kimball, Mechanic Falls, br. g. Lady Redwood	3	3	3
A. E. Rowell, Buckfield, ch. m. Nellie Pratt	4	4	4

Time—2:44 1-2, 2:46, 2:47 1-4.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

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

DENMARK.

Mrs. Susan W. Berry spends the week in Portland.

C. E. Bennett, who has been at work in Boston handling ice, has returned home.

Hon. Chas. W. McKenney, of Buxton, was in town this week looking after his lumbering interests.

Dr. Moses B. Cobb, of Biddeford, has been here the past week visiting sick relatives.

Frank C. Jewett and Mrs. Jewett have been on a visit to Minot.

SWEDEN.

Roswell B. Nevers, who went to Washington nearly three years ago, has returned home well pleased with that section of the West, and thinks of returning for a permanent stay.

Flora Maxwell has been home from Bridgton on a week's vacation.

Clarence Ring is again on the sick list. His neighbors kindly planted his corn and potatoes the other day.

Mr. Dean Andrews is yet quite feeble.

Mrs. Caroline E. Evans is gaining very slowly.

Born in Sweden, June 6, to the wife of Samuel Ring, a daughter.

LOVELL.

Mr. J. B. Kimball has been very sick with la grippe or pneumonia, but is now recovering; it is hoped past the danger point.

Mrs. Viloria Horr, who has been sick for some time, is now much improved.

S. H. Harriman and wife, J. M. Farrington and wife, C. K. Chapman and wife, Mrs. M. E. McDaniels, and Miss Edith M. Stearns attended the Union Congregational Conference at Brownfield on Thursday and Friday.

We notice that Henry Russell has improved the appearance of his house by putting on blinds.

Edward E. Russell, who was in a hotel at Hot Springs during the winter, is now at Superior, Wisconsin, with his brother, H. A. Russell, M. D.

WEST PARIS.

Simon Fickett is building a stable.

Hannibal Curtis has commenced some quite extensive repairs on his house; Peter Fickett and Benjamin Davis are doing the work.

June 28th will be observed as Children's Sunday at the Chapel with appropriate exercises.

Twenty-two members of Golden Rule Lodge attended the I. O. G. T. District Lodge in Hanover last Wednesday.

The Epworth League members were very pleasantly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Ely last Monday evening. The League meets Monday evening, June 22d, with Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Perry.

Mr. Samuel B. Willis, of J. F. Clark & Co., commission merchants, Boston, was in the place Friday to visit the butter factory.

Mrs. S. W. Dunham has returned home after an absence of several weeks visiting relatives in Boston, Mass., and Brattleboro, Vt.

A lodge of the New England Order of Protection was instituted in this place last Monday evening by L. E. Taylor, Supreme Deputy, with thirty-two charter members, nineteen of which joined the first night. The lodge is to be known as Oxford Lodge. The following is a list of officers:

Warden, F. H. Packard, M. D.
Vice Warden, Miss Lizzie Beck.
Past Warden, Miss Hattie A. Brooks.
Chaplain, Miss Abbie Young.
Secretary, F. H. Beck.
F. Sec., D. L. Day.
Treas., L. B. Andrews.
Guide, J. A. Bicknell.
Guard, E. G. Curtis.
Sentinel, A. M. Cash.
Trustees, F. H. Hill and George L. Larrabee.

J. C. Harris and wife, of Boston, are visiting at G. W. Bryant's.

Six can makers are at work in the corn shop. They came from Scarborough Beach and Casco where Burnham & Morrill have other factories.

Mrs. J. W. Willis was overcome by heat while washing, and is now dangerously sick, it having affected her like a sun stroke.

Mrs. P. C. Green, of Athol, Mass., and Mrs. George Burnham, of Gilead, Maine, are with their mother, Mrs. J. W. Willis.

ANDOVER.

We are in the midst of smoke and a pretty sharp drought.

Grass is looking finely; very few places winter killed.

There is a complaint that potatoes are not coming up well. The trouble comes from cold and wet land.

Twenty-seven of our temperance people attended the District Lodge at Hanover the 10th; all reported a grand meeting.

Children's Sunday will be observed in the Methodist church.

There is the greatest rush to the lakes known for years at this season.

Willard Newhall came out from Bemis sick with la grippe.

S. E. Clark, of Rangeley, is in town; he reports business booming there.

Elbridge Poor is slowly sinking away.

C. A. Farrington is building a new house near where the old one now stands. C. A. Andrews has contracted to do the work.

E. E. Caldwell had a valuable horse hurt by jumping on a board recently.

The road machine is making the rough places smooth and the high places low along the highways of Andover.

F. R. Merrill has in training Mr. Gilines' black pacer preparatory to taking the palm from Griffin this fall. This stallion possesses most wonderful powers for a green horse.

The family of Henry W. Poor, Esq., of New York, are expected at the Merrill house this week.

Staples' poplar lies strewn upon the sand bar where it will remain in all probability this summer.

Rev. Mr. Pease gave another of his practical sermons last Sunday evening.

A notice is posted to consider the practicability of having a celebration on the 4th. Let all interested meet us.

The band meets regularly Monday and Saturday evenings. All members are hereby notified to be present.

NORTH ALBANY.

Mrs. Matthew Good from Brookfield, N. S., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bryce Kimball. A smart old lady.

Mrs. J. Holton has gone to Boston on business.

The Kimball brothers are hauling the remainder of their oak logs to Bethel Chair Co., as sledding broke up too soon for them last spring.

Mrs. Hiram Robbins has a good horse for sale, seven years old, weighs eleven hundred.

Rev. H. A. Peare is to preach at the Town House a part of the time, but it is not decided how much he can labor here, as he has Mason and West Bethel to supply.

SOUTH BUCKFIELD.

Boldness is the beginning of victory.

Yes, Buck is in the last stages of incipient consumption and he hereby appoints John his administrator *de bonis non*. To be frank, and we admire frankness, we are using Pozoni's Extract for the complexion this spring and we recomend its use to John or he may get left down this way.

How frequently is illustrated the fact that circumstances make the man. In the early days of the war a young man in Sumner whom we will call Dobbs enlisted in one of the Maine regiments. Dobbs was ordinarily of good character, but the demoralizing influence of the service soon made him an adept thief and some of his exploits were truly laughable. Dobbs was detailed one day about regimental headquarters and he managed to steal a canteen of whiskey belonging to the Colonel. This excited the Colonel's wrath and he swore that if Dobbs was ever guilty of another theft he should be arrested and court martialed. Dobbs' interest and ambition were at once aroused by this threat. Old Father Time called in his days one by one as usual and at last Dobbs under some pretext once more gained access to the Colonel's tent; for a moment the Colonel's attention was diverted from Dobbs. That moment was sufficient for Dobbs had already sighted the coveted canteen and he promptly secured it and escaped. The laugh was on the Colonel. At another time he with others was in a sutler's tent and he managed to steal a cheese and secrete it under his overcoat. All unobserved he was passing out of the tent when, alas for human calculations! he tripped and fell flat and the cheese rolled out upon the floor, fully exposed to view.

O. H. Hersey, together with several others, have made a purchase of 100 acres of land on Swift River in the gold fields of Byron. The course of Swift River will be changed and rich deposits of gold will no doubt be found in its bed. Mr. Hersey is one of our most sagacious business men and his name alone is a sufficient guarantee of success.

Charles E. Tucker has lost a valuable brood mare.

Otis Russell has lost a $50 Jersey cow.

If our memory serves us right, Uncle Solon ran for Congress in 1878. The Republican candidate being William P. Frye, Greenback, Solon Chase, Democratic, S. Clifford Belcher, the united vote of Chase and Belcher being a majority of the votes cast. How suggestive sounds the word fusion in this connection! If Uncle Solon had received the votes cast for Belcher together with his own he would have been a full-fledged M. C. "Of all the sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, it might have been." We feel sure that Uncle Solon will forgive us for associating his name with fusion at this late day, but if not we live on South Hill.

Henry Irish at the East works at the Mills this spring. Henry has several Baby Dean colts. Henry is a man after our own heart, always full of business.

There has been another tussle with an angry bull at the Mills. This time Marcus was the hero and there was bloodshed, but it was not Marcus' blood that was shed.

EAST BETHEL.

Most of the farmers in this vicinity have sold their wool for 25 cents.

W. O. and H. B. Holt are reshingling their barns.

Mrs. Eliza Bean of Locke's Mills is stopping with Mrs. F. B. Howe a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskell of Norway visited at W. O. Holt's last week.

John Swan is at home from his work at Berlin Mills, quite sick from the effects of la grippe.

Born, June 7th, to the wife of Fred B. Howe, a son.

FRYEBURG.

The pulpit of the Congregational church was supplied on Sunday, June 7, by Rev. W. F. Livingston of North Abington, Mass., a former pastor, who came to preach the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class on Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Livingston were the guests of S. W. Fife, Esq.

Candidates for Bowdoin College were examined by Mr. G. P. Files, instructor in the college.

Mrs. E. B. Robinson of Portland was at Mrs. Randall's over Sunday, came to attend the graduation of her son.

Mrs. Carrie Reed of South Bridgton has been at her mother's, Mrs. E. G. Osgood's.

Harry Abbott, who has been in Waterville for a few months, is at home for a week.

Fred Fife also came from Augusta to be present at graduation.

Col. E. C. Farrington and wife of Augusta were here, guests of Rev. B. N. Stone.

Mr. W. H. Tarbox came home from Boston last week and remained over Tuesday, as his niece, Miss Susie Walker, graduated and had the valedictory.

Mrs. Hattie Ward Putnam, who has been visiting her relatives here will go home to Worcester, Mass., this week.

Mrs. Alice Cameron Emerson died at her sister's, Mrs. K. C. Souther's, on Monday morning. Her funeral was attended by Rev. W. F. Livingston at 5 P. M., Tuesday.

Sam Stark, who is ticket agent for the M. C. R. R. at Crawford's, and Miss Elder of Portland have been at A. C. Frye's for a few days.

Miss Florence Bigelow, instructor in the art department of Wellesley College, is visiting Miss Mary Barrows.

The residence of W. G. Spring is advertised for sale at auction on Saturday. Mr. Spring has an appointment to an office in Washington.

The graduating exercises were in every way very satisfactory. There was not a flaw in the performances of the class, which was very gratifying to the throng of friends of the scholars and the school that more than filled the large Congregational church, many standing during the afternoon. The decorations were as usual very tasteful and the whole day was all that could be desired. The concert by the Weber Quartette of Boston and the unrivalled whistler, Hensell, was very successful.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Very dry. Rain is much needed, especially for the grass.

Quite a large number from here attended the graduation exercises at Fryeburg.

Mrs. Whiting from Cambridge is at J. E. Stickney's for the summer.

Summer boarders are expected at Elm Cottage, O. D. Fessenden's. Several have already engaged board.

Conference convenes this Thursday. A full attendance is expected.

Mrs. J. S. Gray has been called to Boston on account of her mother's, Mrs. Poor's, serious illness.

Col. A. A. Gibson is in Boston to meet his brother, Parris Gibson, who is on from Montana.

Miss Jenny Perry, who has been visiting at J. Devereaux's, has returned home.

WEST BUCKFIELD.

A. M. Bonney has bought him a new wagon.

Mabel Farrar of Sumner is at H. H. Buck's.

Stephen Doe and wife of Mechanic Falls and E. E. Mayhew and Mary Farrar of Auburn spent Sunday, June 7th, at M. Farrar's.

F. M. Cooper is hauling hay to South Paris.

Augustus Mayhew and A. M. Bonney have both repaired their barns the past week.

J. Briggs has moved on to the G. H. French farm.

Frank Briggs comes around once a week with his grocery wagon.

Gracie Bicknell of Norway is stopping for a few days at her grandfather's, George Bennett's.

WEST SUMNER.

June 14th will be observed as children's day at the Baptist church.

Rev. Mr. Dunham of Canton preached at the Universalist church the 7th in the afternoon, leaving an appointment for the following Sabbath at the same hour.

The event of the coming week, June 17th, will be the proposed wedding at Woodlawn of Miss Clara Cole and Mr. L. B. Andrews of West Paris, for which extensive preparations are being made, the young lady being a general favorite.

The society sent delegates to the Y. P. S. C. E. convention at Oxford the 10th inst.

The G. T. lodge is prosperous, adding some new members at every meeting—once in two weeks—having literary entertainment at each meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bates of New Haven, Conn., are visiting a brother, Clinton Bates, in the village, calling on other friends as they are Sumner people, Mrs. B.'s native place being in North Paris, where she is kindly remembered by a large circle of friends.

Dr. C. M. Bisbee attended the Maine Medical Association which met in Portland the 9th, 10th and 11th, after which he recuperates if possible, at Old Orchard and vicinity, proposing being absent two weeks.

Mr. Smith of Boston, who used some forty years ago to come here with his family, a brother of Henry Smith, the piano manufacturer, is boarding at Hiram Howe's for a few days.

Mrs. Polly Howe returned from her son's cottage at Norway Lake a few days since, reporting a fine time.

Dick Martz's show is advertised for Tuesday evening, June 16th.

Mrs. Gen. Cushman went to Worcester to her son's a few days since.

We were pleased to read the remarks of Mr. J. C. Chilcott, editor of the Ellsworth American, who was our Memorial Day orator, regarding his pleasant sojourn in Sumner.

NEWRY.

Severe frosts in this vicinity Friday and Saturday mornings of last week. Friday morning the ground was quite perceptibly frozen around the growing plants, but strange to say hardly anything was killed. The writer kept his sweet corn, early potatoes, cucumbers and squashes buried in dirt for two days and nights and by that means circumvented the intentions of Jack Frost.

Mrs. Aldrich has gone to the lakes to work for Bardin at his summer resort.

I noticed Drs. Morton and Twaddle on this river yesterday. Have not heard who is sick.

E. B. Knapp has returned from Byron.

A show of some sort at the Corner Tuesday evening called out the young people. It appeared to be a sort of catch-penny concern.

EAST BUCKFIELD.

Aunt Susan Milliken is in town on a visit.

Strawberries are beginning to get ripe.

Walter Purkis and Joseph DeCoster have each a new wagon.

There have been quite heavy frosts in this vicinity.

We had quite a heavy thunder shower Friday. The rain was much needed.

HARTFORD.

The road machine, under the management of A. S. Purkis, is doing work through the town.

Widow Nathaniel Irish is still quite feeble.

We have not seen Frank Warren's new baby yet but Frank pronounces it a good job.

It is reported that the citizens of South Hartford, under the superintendency of America Benson, think of getting up a pork and bean festival somewhere in District No. 9, in the near future, probably on or about the 4th of July. It is understood that Albert Sampson will furnish the pork and your correspondent the vinegar. It has not been decided who will furnish the beans. There will be more or less entertainment on the grounds. Several prominent men from Buckfield are expected. Tickets one-half price.

We are pleased to learn that the man from Brownfield killed a woodchuck with a hoe handle.

They do say that Stanley Bisbee is just fooling his goods away. Come quick before they are all gone. He has secured the services of Ralph Morrill who is a polite and attentive salesman.

We are feeling better since we got over the grippe.

OXFORD.

Mr. Gardiner Spring from California visited his friends here last week.

Prof. C. F. French of Chicago lectured at the Congregational church Sunday evening on the subject of "Christian Statesmanship." A large audience listened with much appreciation to his able and very interesting lecture. Mr. French is one of our Oxford Bears of whom we may justly feel proud.

Miles French has moved into Mr. Tewksbury's house.

The East Oxford Local Union of Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor met here Tuesday, June 9th. Most of the societies in the union were represented, Norway, Paris, Bethel, Albany, West Sumner and Mechanic Falls sending delegates. There was a large attendance. The exercises were interesting. The papers on the different topics were very fine. It was a pleasant and profitable occasion and much enjoyed by the people of Oxford.

Mrs. Thomas Carr has a fine little daughter.

A celebration is talked of for the "glorious fourth."

Mrs. B. F. Beals and Mrs. C. B. Atwood of the Ladies' State Relief Corps, of Auburn, Maine, organized a Ladies' Relief Corps, auxiliary to T. A. Roberts Post, of Oxford, with twenty-six charter members. The following ladies were installed as officers:

President, Mrs. A. L. Wormwood.
Vice President, Miss Hattie E. Smith.
Chaplain, Miss Hattie Andrews.
Secretary, Miss Florence H. Farris.
Treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Holden.
Conductor, Wavie Graffam.
Guard, Miss Abbie Graffam.
Past President, Mrs. J. H. Farrington.

WILSON'S MILLS.

Our Sabbath School commenced May 31st, with S. S. Bennett superintendent and Sadie L. Bean secretary and treasurer.

Flint's team went to Berlin Tuesday after Fred Burlen, of Melrose, who is up on a sporting trip. F. A. York guide.

Dr. Edward Spaulding, of Nashua, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Estabrook, went through here Wednesday on their way to Camp Caribou, Parmacheenee Lake, R. A. Storey, guide.

Mrs. H. M. Lombard is upon a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Littlehale, at the lower town.

Road surveyor, H. G. Bennett, with a crew and road machine, is putting the road in good order for travelers.

H. I. Goss, Esq., of Berlin, and his family are at Flint's hotel.

WEST PERU.

Rev. J. M. Long, of Canton, preached in exchange with Pastor Gammon last Sabbath.

Planting is done and work on the road is the order of the day.

Your correspondent has peas in full blossom this 9th of June, and potatoes budded to blossom. I wonder if your correspondent H. S. M. has got his up stairs yet.

There was a show at Union Hall, Friday, the 5th. It was quite well attended for this place.

Mr. True Thurston and wife, Mr. Henry Thurston and wife, Mr. Granville Thurston and wife, Mr. Mont Thurston and wife and T. H. Burgess and wife, all of Rumford, spent the Sabbath with John Gagne and wife on the ridge road.

H. E. Stillman and daughter Hattie have gone to East Livermore to attend the Farmington Quarterly Meeting.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Some of the lumber has come and the foundation is being hauled for the new mills.

A. W. Folsom pays cash for eggs.

Base ball is raging at the village.

The American B. S. & S. Company are preparing more lumber for shipment to Scotland.

EAST WATERFORD.

The little son of Albert B. Bean died the 4th, when only three days old. Brief services were held, Mr. A. A. Adams making a prayer and appropriate remarks.

C. A. Pride and wife and H. E. Mixer and family of Norway spent Sunday at D. G. Pride's.

La grippe is having quite a run in Temple Hill District. We believe none are seriously ill except G. A. Miller and Mrs. M. W. Abbott.

The families of Whitney Buck and W. A. Hersey are improving somewhat.

BROWNFIELD.

The Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting at Merrill's Corner, Wednesday and Thursday.

Congregational Conference at the Congregational church Thursday and Friday of this week.

A few summer boarders have arrived at the Pequawket House.

Mrs. Wm. Rowe and Mrs. Seavey came home from Peabody Saturday. Mrs. Seavey is very feeble.

Mr. Whitney has moved on to his farm and Mr. Johnson is fairly established at the Central House.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fitch, of Sebago, are visiting their son, Dr. Fitch.

Mrs. Dr. Fitch has gone to Kezar Falls for a short visit.

ALBANY.

H. O. Wilbur and wife, Mrs. Angie Bean and Miss Anna K. Cummings were at Oxford Tuesday at the meeting of the Local Union of the Y. P. S. C. E.; also Misses Nettie Shedd and Lila Kimball.

Rev. Mr. Wood and George H. Wilbur were at Brownfield Thursday and Friday at the meeting of the Union Conference.

On the 5th, 6th and 7th inst. there was quite a frost on low ground, killing beans, etc. It was noticed in hills of cucumbers where each plant seemed equally advanced, one would be taken and the other left. What made the difference?

Rev. W. C. Wood of Boston commenced his mission of sixteen weeks with the Congregational church the 7th inst.

Rev. Mr. Pease, the Methodist minister of Mason, preached at the town house last Sunday at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Judkins and wife of North Norway were visiting relatives at the Corner.

In last week's issue in account of fire on the Cole or Hunt place instead of large black building it should have been large block of buildings.

Charles Haskell, of Norway village, was at the corner Tuesday.

Charles Frost and wife, of the firm of Frost & Bangs, of Norway village, made us a pleasant call on their way to Mason for a fishing excursion.

Newton Stearns and children of Bethel were in town last week.

Our farmers are anxious for rain.

HIRAM.

Mrs. Louisa D. Rounds, of Minneapolis, is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. W. Hubbard.

Mr. Frank W. Davis, of Bangor Theological Seminary, is on a visit to his parents.

On June 2d, Mr. Noah Rankin, one of the proprietors of Gray's Commercial College at Portland, was united in marriage with Miss Emma, daughter of N. Ripley Flint. Rev. Dr. Safford of Deering officiated, the bride for some time having been organist in his church. The bride and bridegroom were reared in our beautiful village side by side and many friends who have watched with pleasure and pride the development of their genius and talent wished them happiness on their tour to Montreal and their journey of life as they started.

STOW.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. King from South Paris have been visiting friends in this place.

Mrs. Wm. Leavitt of this place has been out of town a few days.

Mr. Isaac Walker is making a few repairs on his barn.

Mr. Perley Stevens from Portland has been visiting this way.

Mrs. Paul Chandler has returned home from Fryeburg where she has been visiting her brother, Mr. Wilber Whittaker.

UPTON.

Farmers have nearly finished planting and are now repairing the highway.

The County Commissioners were at the Abbott House Tuesday night.

Charles Chase has a new horse.

Perley Wight has moved his family to Milan, N. H.

The guides were all at home last week for a few days.

Potatoes are just breaking ground whether planted early or late.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield West were serenaded by the Upton Band Wednesday evening.

BETHEL.

A large number of our young people attended the convention of Y. P. S. C. E. at Oxford last Tuesday from Bethel. Dr. J. G. Gehring from Bethel gave a scholarly address before the convention on the mission of the flower committee. The convention requested a copy for publication in the Golden Rule.

One of the prettiest and pleasantest gatherings was witnessed on the lawn in front of the "Elms" last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Jennie Handley of Brooklyn, N. Y., invited the children in the village to attend the celebration of the 8th birthday of her daughter Helen. About sixty of the children were present tastefully dressed and engaged in various games and promenaded and listened to stories by the amiable and talented hostess and under her direction had a season of unalloyed enjoyment. To the passerby the scene was an inspiration to the artist.

Judge Foster has been at Skowhegan the past week on a reference case. He goes to Bangor Tuesday to attend the law court.

A. E. Herrick, Esq., attended court at Lancaster, N. H., Tuesday.

The mother of Dr. C. D. Hill left Friday to visit friends in Limerick. The doctor accompanied her as far as Saco.

The wife and children of Frank Bridge of Minneapolis, Minn., are visiting at his father's in Bethel. They leave Saturday for Belfast, the home of Mrs. Bridge's father.

Dea. J. U. Purington has been on the sick list the past week.

Rev. D. W. Hardy and family have gone to Waterville to attend the State Conference.

Mrs. I. W. Ames of this village is at Bangor for a few weeks' stay visiting.

Mrs. E. A. Chase, of Bluehill, arrived last week at her daughter's, Mrs. A. E. Herrick's. Mrs. Chase has spent the summer here for a number of seasons.

The annual meeting of the Bethel Savings Bank took place on Wednesday last. The old officers were re-elected. A good number of the members were present. Important business was transacted. The trustees held their meeting immediately on adjournment of the corporation meeting. A committee was chosen to see about procuring new quarters for the bank as the present place must be given up soon. The deposits of the bank now amount to some $190,000.

It is said that the Cole Brothers, of Washington, D. C., who recently purchased the Geo. H. Brown real estate, will erect a fine three-story brick block on the lot just below the hardware store of Hastings Brothers. This is one of the best lots in the village, being situated on Main Street near the upper end of the street.

The directors of the Bethel Water Company at a meeting held May 18th, 1891, voted to furnish water free to all school buildings in the village of Bethel Hill, the cost of putting in services to be borne by the district or academy respectively. The water has already been put into the academy building and is nearly or wholly in at the building on Broad Street.

W. D. Abbott, formerly of Rumford, who has been in the West for a number of years past, arrived here last week on his way home bringing with him twenty-four horses, which he at once started for Rumford where we understand he intends to offer the same for sale. The horses were all young.

Mr. O. N. Fernald, of Danvers, Mass., has recently rented the Carter stable in this village and brought here for the season two of the finest looking stallions often seen. One is the well-known stallion Owoissa, one of the handsomest horses ever seen in this vicinity; coal black, well-proportioned, graceful and stylish in every motion with a record of '29 1-4. Bethel is a horse loving town and many have visited the stable to see these horses. The other stallion is Oakland Chief.

Some boarders have already come and if warm weather continues our hotels and boarding houses will soon be filled. There is a new attraction for our boarders this season and that is our fine supply of pure water taken from mountain springs some five miles distant. The analysis of the water show that it is exceptionally pure.

Our village streets are being improved, something much needed.

MASON.

Our road commissioners are repairing the roads in town. I understand they hire the Bethel road machine for a few days.

A. G. Lovejoy has gone to Otisfield. His house is locked and Solon Hutchinson does the chores and looks after things generally.

Mrs. Cyrene J. Bean, one of the matrons at the industrial school, Lancaster, Mass., is spending her annual vacation with her son, J. H. Bean, Esq. This is her sixth year at that institution.

Mrs. Arthur F. Morrill is very feeble. She does not seem to gain in health as yet.

Rain is much needed. Should it continue dry long grass will be light.

The late frost nipped all kinds of tender vegetables here but killed nothing. Do not think that it hurt apples any.

Pears are setting well.

PERU.

The Baptist society have hired Elder Long of Canton to preach at the meeting house at 2 P. M. every Sabbath.

The Baptist society held their quarterly meeting at the Methodist meeting-house on the 10th and 11th.

H. E. Stillman and daughter attended the Free Baptist Quarterly Meeting at Moose Hill in Livermore on the 10th.

Working on the roads is the order of the day now.

Wild strawberries are beginning to ripen.

WEST BETHEL.

Such a yellow day as we had last Tuesday is seldom experienced. A splendid time to have had an eclipse of the sun as it could be looked upon at any time of day without injury to the eyes.

Thursday was the hottest day of the season and such clouds of dust as envelops A. S. Bean's four-horse teams as they pass along the road. Can but give it as my judgment that Mr. Bean has a set of first-class teamsters as their teams always look well and do good work, yet a loud word is seldom heard from any of them.

Gene Mills is working on the railroad for the summer.

Our obliging station agent, Carr, is on a vacation and Bickford from Berlin, N. H., is supplying.

Our corn fields have a blue look; worms below and crows above.

Eight new members were taken into the Good Templars' Lodge at this place last Wednesday.

BRYANT'S POND.

The corn factory is nearly completed with the exception of putting in the machinery.

The measles seem to be well distributed through the village again.

Whitman Post, No. 67, was visited Tuesday by Inspector Frank Maxim of West Sumner.

Several from Glen Mt. Lodge attended the District Lodge Wednesday at Hanover.

The District Lodge will meet here in October.

Mr. C. H. McConnell died, June 11, at the home of his sister, in this village, of quick consumption.

BYRON.

The rush for Four Ponds is still booming. All except a few afflicted with "swelled heads," caused by modesty in drinking spring water, report "a jolly good time." Doctor Morse and party and Maine Central Railroad boys from Massachusetts, caught over 1800 trout in four days.

Miss Emma S. Abbott, who has meekly endured the jeers of friends, for her gold digging enthusiasm, has "turned the tables" on them by securing about $1 of the genuine article from Smith Brook, and now is envied for her wealth.

Miss Jennie H. Farnum, of Rumford, is dressmaking at John Houghton's.

Fred A. Knapp and wife gave a very enjoyable reception Friday evening, to their friends.

I hope the county "stone church," will be in order for guests, as Ed Plummer of Lisbon expects to supply a delegation of gold pouchers.

Will Abbott is to arrive home with a car load of extra quality horses from Wyoming, next Monday, 13th.

Freeland Abbott has a present of a $15 bamboo fish rod and now neither borrows nor lends.

BUCKFIELD.

Misses Mamie Gardner, Sadie Crommett and Helen Morrill attended the commencement exercises at Maine Wesleyan Seminary, Kent's Hill, last week.

Several parties were looking for horses during the past week.

C. A. Whitten and wife of Augusta are in town for a short vacation.

Mrs. Josephine Drummond of Waterville, has been spending a couple of weeks at her father's, Capt. C. H. Prince's.

Bradbury & Co. are having a house framed here for exportation to Massachusetts.

HEBRON.

Mr. Stevens, of Norway, was down Tuesday and laid out driveways and walks through the academy grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of Livermore are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Dr. Donham.

Mrs. Donham's sister, Mrs. Judge Wing of Auburn is also visiting her.

Mrs. Lena Whitney, of Auburn, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Sturtevant.

Leonard Randall returned from Georgia last week bringing three young mocking birds.

Yesterday little Ira Bean showed us a dandelion stem which measured 32 1-2 inches in length.

Last week's item in regard to L. I. Bumpus should read walks out a little instead of works out. Mr. Bumpus is in his 83d year and very feeble. Has done no work for a year or two.

The marriage of Miss Fannie Crane to A. H. Brainard of Hallowell is announced to take place Thursday evening, June 25th. Mr. and Mrs. Crane will give an informal reception in honor of the event to their friends in Hebron at their home immediately after the ceremony, from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Mrs. C. E. Harden is expected Monday. Mr. Harden with Winnie and Harlie will be here commencement week. They will meet with a hearty welcome from their many friends here.

Mrs. Addison Pratt and her daughter Rosa are expected next week. Miss Pratt is a graduate of this school.

EAST RUMFORD.

Swift River bridge is completed and is now open for travel.

W. H. Bailey and wife of Canton were in town Tuesday.

A little work drags along at the Falls. The railroad farce is at a standstill.

A. J. Marble is agent for the Buckeye mower.

Jesse Bishop is working in Thayer's mill.

Wm. Woodsum, of West Peru, was in town Wednesday.

Fred Walker of West Peru was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Abbott is on the gain.

C. V. Knight of Turner was in town Thursday.

NORWAY LAKE.

Edmund Frost and wife from Mechanic Falls are visiting here.

S. A. Stevens has been at Hebron surveying this week.

Mrs. E. J. Noyes from Lovell is visiting at her father's, J. L. Partridge's.

W. S. Partridge and wife were presented with a fine ten pound boy last Sunday.

William Parker has gone to Biddeford to live with his sons. Mrs. Parker is with her daughter, Mrs. F. F. Green, for the present.

Amy Perry has got home from Boston where she has been spending a few weeks.

EAST SUMNER.

A delegation from this place attended the District Lodge of Good Templars at Hanover, last Wednesday. Others will attend the Congregational State Conference this week at Waterville.

C. H. Young of West Paris, gave a free show on the street corner on Tuesday evening, embracing views in the Yellowstone Park.

Many comments were made upon the singular appearance of the sky on Tuesday.

Farmers are anxiously waiting for rain as it is getting very dry for crops.

SLOCUM.

ROXBURY.

Such a rush of fishermen! When they have entirely exterminated the trout they will wish they had gone slower.

Byron was a great poet, smart little dry goods! You beat the old sorrel tops all to nothing.

Those hotel fellows on prohibition, what fools!

Clarence Mitchell is sick with the measles.

Highway repairing is now in order.

Joseph Conant goes out but is far from being well.

DICKVALE.

Farmers around here are about all kinds of work and the crows are looking after the corn.

Wool is selling here at prices ranging from twenty-two to twenty-six cents.

Grafton Gordon is up from Auburn on a vacation, business being dull in the shoe shop.

Grass wintered well but is very thin in old fields on account of the dry weather. Unless we have plenty of rain soon the hay crop will be small.

Jack Frost's visit last week has left early planted corn, beans and cucumbers in this valley looking sickly. Reseeding was generally resorted to. It will make sweet corn latish.

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Wool is selling quite well.

The farmers look cheerful despite the frost.

Some talk of drouth on light lands but this valley is all

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Sire, HARBINGER, 1899.

First dam by Von Moltke, sire of Flora, 2:25 1-2; Boston Girl, 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 38 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 3-4; 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 Dyer, dam by the **Morgan Horse**, son of Witherill, by Winthrop Messenger.

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LEELAWN.

Bay Colt; hind ankles white; foaled May 6, 1899; bred at Highland Farm, Lee, Mass.

Sire, ALCANTARA.

(By Geo. Wilkes, 519, record 2:22, sire of 20 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
ELGON, (3),	2:18 1-4

First dam, Audacity, (Sister to Fearnaught Medium 2:03,) by Happy Medium, 400, record 2:32 1-2, sire of Maxie Cobb, 2:13 1-4; Nancy Hanks (4) 2:14 1-2; 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, 2:03,) by Fearnaught, 132, record 2:23 1-4, sire of Galatea, 2:24 3-4, dam of Alcazar, 2:24 1-4.

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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PRIOR.

Black horse with one white hind foot. Foaled in 1897. Bred by L. L. Herndon, Jr., Georgetown, Ky.

Sire, Pretender, 1453.

First dam Molly, by Jim Monroe, 835.

Second dam by Mambrino Patchen, 58.

PRETENDER 1453, by Dictator 113, (sire of Jay-Eye-See, 2:10, and 20 with records from 2:10 to 2:30, and sire of the dams of Brown, 2:18 3-4, and three other 2:30 performers.)

First dam Winona, by Almont 33, (sire of thirty-four with records from 2:13 3-4 to 2:30 and sire of the dams of sixteen other 2:30 performers.)

Second dam, Dolly, (Dam of Dictator 2:17, Thorndale, 2:22 1-4, Onward, 2:25 1-4,) by Mambrino Chief.

JIM MONROE 835, by Alexander's Abdallah, dam, Lizzie Peebles, (dam of Joe Downing 710,) by Wagner, and is a sire of eight with records from 2:18 1-4 to 2:30.

Prior stands 15 hands high and weighs 975 lbs., is very handsome and good gaited. Will make the season of 1891 at Holmes Farm, South Paris, Maine.

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PARIS BOY.

Bay colt, 15 3-4 hands high and weighs 955 lbs., foaled in 1886, bred by Samuel Patterson, Paris, Ky.

Sire Bourbon Wilkes, 2545. (Sire of Graiz, 2:22 1-2, and 20 others in the 2:30 list.)

1st dam Hubia, by Expert, son of Tom Hal.

2d dam Amanda (dam of Secret, 2:20 1-4), by Waxie.

3d dam Fanny Shuff (dam of Tucker, 2:19) by Bob Henry.

4th dam Manda, by Gray Messenger.

BOURBON WILKES, 2545, (sire of 21 with records from 2:18 1-4 to 2:30) is by that greatest sire of trotters, George Wilkes, 519.

First dam Favorite, 2:34 1-2 (dam of Favorite Wilkes, 2:25), by Alexander's Abdallah, 15.

Second dam, Lizzie Peebles, by Wagner.

Paris Boy has great natural speed and a perfect disposition, and could beat 2:30 this season if trained.

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No. 121.—Anagram.

THREE WORDS.

I've read about a happy pair
Who dwelt amid surroundings fair,
Where all their wants were well supplied
And nothing to them was denied,
Save one small luxury—a food
Which probably was pretty good,
But one which they could do without,
And which they need not care about.
Yet they were tempted in some way—
Just how it was I need not say—
To eat this food which seemed most sweet,
Because 'twas a forbidden treat.
It was a naughty thing to do,
And they were punished for it too.
Compelled to leave their happy home,
They had wide space o'er which to roam,
For population was so sparse
That dwelling places were not scarce.
Expelled from WHOLE they had to toil
And get their living from the soil.
Such was the penalty decreed,
Though it was not "AN END OF GREED."

No. 122—Arithmetical Problem.

A man and a boy mow a ten acre field; how much more does the man mow than the boy, if two men work equal to five boys?

No. 123—A Letter Puzzle.

By an interpolation or addition of one letter, as required, change (1) "a reservoir of water" (a word of four letters) to a word meaning "to express gratitude;" (2) a color (three letters) to "perused;" (3) a favorite vegetable to a luscious fruit; (4) a "small, sharp, broadheaded nail" to "an impression left by the foot;" (5) "a kind of nail with a slight projection on one side instead of a head" to "a texture formed by weaving together different strands;" (6) "a garden implement" to an article of dress; (7) "wickedness" to "spoken tone;" (8) a feature of the face to a color.

The added letters name a president of the United States.

No. 124—Rebus.

VEINT

A single word you'll see,
If you study me,
To which our time in song and story,
Will owe its greatness and its glory.

No. 125—Illustrated Rebus.

No. 126.—Numerical Enigma.

I am composed of ten letters, and am a popular game.

My 1, 2, 3 is a rule for controlling others.
My 4, 6, 5 is a trap.
My 10, 9, 8 is wrong doing.
My 5, 6, 7 is a number.

No. 127.—Hidden Cities.

1. The tree is a lemon and has borne fruit several years.
2. Always remember "new brooms sweep clean."
3. I accede to your wishes, but I cannot see the force of your argument.
4. When out of danger I easily believe myself out of debt.
5. A barometer measures the weight of the atmosphere.

No. 128.—Decapitations.

1. Behead a fruit and leave a fish.
2. A fish and leave sinful.
3. A mental view and leave theft.
4. A disease and leave a memorial.
5. A plunge and leave a river.
6. A man's name and leave a bird.

Puniana.

If hops are sedative why don't frogs sleep better.

The largest room in the world—The room for improvement.

A man always in on time—A convict.

Bullets can whistle, but it takes a brave man to listen to them.

A cooper ought to be able to stave off disaster.

Always played on the square—Chess and checkers.

It takes a photographer to throw light upon a subject.

A man of flighty disposition should never be made the cashier of a bank.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 115.—A Riddle: Scissors.

No. 116.—The Sun Puzzle:

Inner Circle—C R I S I S
R O D O N A
A A L L E L

Outer Circle—B R E E Z E

The small words are Crab, Roar, Idle, Sole, Inez and Sale.

No. 117.—A Geographic Proposal: *Caroline Rochester* fed her *Canary*, while her friend *Augusta Raleigh* lazily plied the needle in her *Berlin* work. Feeling *Chilly* (Chili), the former went to close the *North* window. "Aha!" she cried; "a *Smoky* odor, a whiff from an *Havana*; he comes!" And ere she could turn, *Sydney Carson*, a *Man* of *Sterling* qualities, entered the room. Dinner was served, and the *Hungry* (Hungary) trio sat down to a table, the *Main* features of which were the rarest *Dresden China*, *Oyster* pates, *Turkey*, *Codfish* and *Orange* ice. Unfortunately, the *Cork* of the *Champagne* bottle which *Carson* was opening flew to the ceiling, and the *White* dress of *Augusta* was ruined. *Wheeling* around she flounced from the room, muttering something which sounded like "*Great Bear!*"

"My *Maine* reason for calling," said *Carson* to Miss *Rochester*, as they sipped their *Java* in the tete-a-tete, was to give you this *Pearl* ring."

"None of your *Flattery*, sir; I have no *Conception* of what you mean."

"You gave me *Good Hope*, and I thought"—

"A woman can *Alter* (Altar) her mind!" and the *Frocard* coquette left the room without saying *Farewell*, and leaving only a faint odor of *Cologne* behind her, with *Sydney Carson*, who ejaculated, "*Ot heighe!*" (Ohio.)

No. 118—Letter Rebus: Dangle.

No. 119.—Hidden Flowers: Iris, Lilac, Lotus, Orchis, Aster, Harebell.

No. 120.—Words Connected with Vowels. 1. Cat-a-mount. 2. Bar-o-scope. 3. Bay-o-net.

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HEALTH FOR OUR GIRLS.

The beautiful, practical and attractive letters of Lady Bellairs, to her young countrywomen, on health, deserve to be made a hand-book for "our girls."

She says, "Go about all your work quietly, and in *all* ways have regard to your health. When it suffers, your value in life decreases, and your means for happiness diminish."

Health means a rosy complexion, cherry lips, bright eyes, an elastic step, and erect carriage. These can only be gained and kept by the open air, and enjoyable exercise—always in moderation—in climbing hills, in gymnastics, in dancing, in rowing, in archery, in lawn tennis, in short, anything that will take you out of yourself, and give you out-door life. Vigorous play, and romping are far too little encouraged. A flat chest, narrow shoulders, denote improper development; and pale lips, slow gait, bad complexion and weak ankles, show a miserable lack of vigorous health and development of muscle and limb.

Boys grow up stronger than girls, simply because they are treated more rationally, and are allowed enjoyable health-giving games and exercises.

Girls, exert yourselves to make rowing, tennis, the gymnasia, all the out-door sports and games enjoyed by your brothers, supplement your stinted means for bodily vigor and strength.

Dancing is an advantage and gives elegance of manner, ease and self-confidence. A girl loses herself in the beautiful music and graceful steps of the dance, loses her awkwardness and diffidence in the beauty and grace of the scene; the limbs become supple and the muscles yielding. Dancing develops a sustained, quiet grace. In place of being hurried and spasmodic, the figure will fall into repose and rest, after the beautiful undulations of the body, creating an elegance of carriage which is not lost after the dancing room.

If a girl enters into the attractive exercise of her physical powers and her mental capacities with thoroughness and accuracy alike, she establishes a conscientious, healthful character, habits of steady determination to surmount all difficulties, and to accomplish study, work or play with spirit and confidence. With a clear head and a sound body, she knows she can do well; she forgets self: she owns no fear, having so well learned herself, and in singing, dancing, rowing, playing or working, she identifies herself with business or pleasure. As Milton says:

"Grace was in all her steps, heaven in her eye,
In every gesture, dignity and love."

STRAWBERRIES.

To farmers' wives who are fortunate enough to have plenty of fresh fruit I would say, can as much as possible; it is such a convenience for lunches and teas. See that your cans are all in good order and that the covers fit well. It is wise before commencing, to get ready some new covers and a good supply of rubbers which may be found at all dealers'. It does not pay to use old covers which are bent, and rubbers that are stretched out, as the risk of losing the can of fruit is great. Use a porcelain kettle, or a new tin pan if you have no kettle. Coffee A sugar, or granulated, is the best. Can your fruit as soon as possible after it is picked.

TO CAN STRAWBERRIES.—If very perfect and clean, do not wash; pick over carefully, and weigh; allow one pound of sugar to four pounds of fruit. Put half a teacup of water in a porcelain kettle and add sugar, stirring until melted. When it boils up add the berries and let cook five minutes, then dip into cans. Be sure to have the cans so full that they will not hold another drop, screw on covers tightly and turn the cans on their heads to see if they are tight. If they leak, take off the cover and see where the fault is. Perhaps the cover is an old one, if so, put on a new one. The next morning tighten the covers, wash the cans and label with the name of fruit and date. Use white of egg to paste on label. Place in a dark cupboard or closet. Some pack them in boxes of sand to exclude the light.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE.—Take two cups of sifted flour and two teaspoons baking powder. Sift and mix through the flour. Mix two tablespoons heaping full of cold butter through the flour, and mix into a soft dough with sweet milk. Roll out and cover a large pie plate, spread with butter and roll another thickness and put on; bake in a quick oven. Take off the upper crust and butter well the inside of both layers. If the strawberries are gritty, wash carefully and sprinkle with plenty of sugar and let them stand half an hour to drain the juice out before the shortcake is baked. Fill immediately and serve hot.

STRAWBERRY TAPIOCA.—Soak a cup of pearl tapioca two hours. Place in a double kettle, with a pint of water and cook slowly until perfectly clear. Stir into the tapioca a cup of ripe strawberries and a cup of white sugar. Turn into a pudding dish and let it stand until perfectly cold. Serve with cream and sugar.

STRAWBERRY BAVARIAN CREAM.—Soak for one hour half a box of gelatine in enough cold water to cover it. Heat a quart of strawberries, mash and strain through a jelly bag. When the gelatine is melted, mix with the strawberry juice and pour into a clean tin pan. Set it on ice until cold, then add a pint of whipped cream and stir well until thoroughly mixed. Pour into a mould and put in a cool place. Red raspberries can be substituted for the strawberries.

STRAWBERRY JAM.—Wash strawberries and weigh them, mash with a wooden spoon and place in a kettle. For every pound of berries, add one pound of white sugar, and boil fast for fifteen minutes. The above rule will do for all small fruits, varying the amount of sugar. Currants are better with only three-fourths of a pound of sugar to a pound of currants.

STRAWBERRY JELLY.—Wash and heat your berries, mash and put through a jelly bag. Measure your juice. Dissolve in cold water, one tablespoon of gelatine for every quart of juice; add to this the berry juice, and measure again, allowing one pound of sugar to every pint of liquid, and boil from fifteen to twenty minutes (not over that) or until the jelly falls off the skimmer in drops in two or three places.

HOME REMEDIES.

Little things requiring prompt attention, are always coming up in a sick room. The doctor cannot be there all the time—and a nurse must not only possess a grain of common sense, but know how to use it.

SCARLET FEVER.—An eminent physician says that if he were confined to one single remedy in cases of scarlet fever, he should choose lard. Rub the little sufferer with it thoroughly and often. It allays the fever and softens the parched skin. The amount thus absorbed is simply astonishing.

INFLAMMATION OF THE BOWELS.—Of course the safe way is to send for the doctor without delay. But in the country, one is often obliged to wait a long time. Anxiety makes the time seem long anywhere, and simple remedies are often very efficient helps. So, while you are waiting, make a paste of lard and salt, fold a wide pillowcase (as that is always at hand) into a large square, spread on the paste and lay the cloth smoothly, paste side down, over the bowels, stomach, sides, and as far toward the back as you can. When the inflammation is severe, the lard will be absorbed in a very short time. Be prepared to change the paste as often as needed. Never mind wasting the salt. There is no particular rule, only be sure to stir in enough. All that is not needed will remain on the cloth.

In another case all other remedies failed, and it was said that the patient must die—but she didn't die.

CROUP.—Cover the throat and chest with the lard and salt paste, adding to it a sprinkling of mustard or yellow snuff.

PNEUMONIA has yielded to the same treatment as that used for croup. In either case no time should be wasted. Act quickly.

PLEURISY. — Apply flannel cloths wrung out of hot mustard water and change often, or a mustard paste.

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Written for the Oxford Democrat.

TWO ELDERS.

Ephraim Goddard of Rumford was some years ago, I am informed, a tall, corpulent "heavy weight," but he has been so active, agile and industrious all through his life that he has actually worn himself off all around, as a gold coin grows smaller by attrition, until he to-day is a "light weight." In early life he spent much time in Boston so engaged that he learned considerable regarding the culinary art. He also kept a dining house before the Rebellion on White Cap, the far-famed blueberry mountain. Perhaps he may be out of practice now, but I surmise that with a short renewal of work with the dish pan and mixing spoon, he would soon become an expert in the preparation of palatable messes. While in the service during the late war, he learned, very soon after coming into hand-to-hand conflicts with the enemy, that his chances to gain fame by throwing rebels over his head from the point of his bayonet, alongside of such soldiers as Uncle Joe Richardson (and there were many such in the 31st and 32d Regiments) were very small. Read a partial list: Daniel White, George E. Holt, Frank Stanley, Winfield S. Howe, Henry Abbott, Benjamin A. Swasey, Dennis Brown, Stillman Whitney, Mark F. Wentworth, Henry M. Bearce, Richard Smith and John W. Thompson—all living and starving for another fight.

Just preceding the Rebellion, from 1857 forward, we had a brass band in Dixfield village. Many of its members have "joined the great majority." Edward Norcross, Crawford Marble, Dewitt Chase, Laforest and Aleck Saunders, W. S. Mitchell, Bernard White, perhaps others, all gone to the better world. Henry W. and George M. Park, John F. and Charles Stanley, William W. and "Elder" (George) Mitchell, Sheriff Wormell, O. F. Trask and no doubt a few beside still live. This band had the head of the procession when Jefferson Davis, the "arch traitor," was marched through the streets of Dixfield.

George Mitchell came to Dixfield from what is known as the "Black Kingdom" in the town of Mexico. For several years he was the main man around Uncle Sam Morrill's tavern. Pretty girls abounded in the town of Weld in those days, perhaps there may be some in Franklin County in *these* days. Almost every Sunday George was at Weld. When he was asked what he was there for, he replied that Weld was on his circuit and he was there to preach. He was named Elder Mitchell,—he is Elder Mitchell to-day. This preface—now the story:

Ephraim Goddard kept the dining house on White Cap. The Dixfield Brass Band went there and remained one night. The members of the band, with others who accompanied it to the mountain, sat at Ephraim's tables. Among the "others" was Elder (George) Bates, an eminent clergyman then occupying the pulpit of the Universalist church at Dixfield. No excursion to the mountains or elsewhere could be had by a brass band in those days without taking along a little "Old Bourbon". It would have been as much an impossibility to have done without it then as it would be now for a fishing party from Canton to go to "Four Ponds" without a few gallons of "split". In serving the courses the pie had been distributed on side plates. Elder Mitchell took the plate near his own. Elder Bates, sitting opposite, reached for his at the same time. Foss Saunders, claiming that which Mitchell reached for, exclaimed with a somewhat upward inclination of the voice, "*Damn you*, Elder, don't steal *my pie!*" Elder Bates was somewhat astonished at being addressed in that manner and with such a violent tone, but calmly reached the plate he held in his hand to Saunders, and remarked suavely and apologetically that he was not aware that he had taken another's food. Ephraim, standing near and having observed the whole thing, graciously remarked: "Brother Bates, I presume you were not aware that I have two Elders seated at my table, that one (pointing to Elder Mitchell) being the culprit."

SPARKES.

Wickars—"They tell me, Professor, that you have mastered all the modern tongues." Professor Polyglot—"All but two—my wife's and her mother's.

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NEGROES!

Who left the United States for Liberia last year have lately returned, being unable to stand the climate. Everybody going to a new climate should have a bottle of Sulphur Bitters with them as a safeguard against disease.—Hartford Courant.

We are told that some day the lion and the lamb will lie down together; but at this season it is the butcher who is doing the most lying about the lamb.

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GREASED IT ONCE.

I had been looking over the battlefields around Marietta, Ga., and was five miles from the town when a Cracker came along with an ox and cart, and offered me a lift. After riding some distance, I realized that both wheels were sadly in need of some grease, and I asked him why he didn't lubricate.

"What fur?" he asked.

"To make the cart draw more easily."

"Sho! This yere ox doan' mind. He 'un doan' know."

"But it would stop the squeaking."

"Yes, I reckon; but the squeaking doan' hurt."

"It would save your wheels," I finally said.

"Sho! This old cawt ain't wuth saving."

"Didn't you ever grease it?" I persisted.

"Once. A Yankee rode to town with me and bought me a box of stuff."

"How did it work?"

"Mighty slick; but we dun spread it on hoecake, and ate it all up in about a week."

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