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EXCHANGE PLACES.

In a recent issue of the Farmer, that veteran patron and farmer, D. H. Thing, in view of present prevailing low prices of farm products, calls upon the editor of the Farmer to tell the average farmer what can be done "to keep the pot boiling." In the next issue of the Farmer we have the reply. It presents a very pleasant pen picture of the happy condition of the prosperous farmer. Very pleasant and inspiring is the picture painted, and in a measure, truthful. Would that this utopian view of Maine farming could be universally true. This view of the prosperity of all our farmers in the eastern borders, in the western borders, and in the interior of the State, "will bring faith in our State as a home for an intelligent and prosperous people, confidence in our business as a means of surrounding those engaged in it with more of the comforts and pleasures of life, and a richer measure of happiness and of prosperity than is the share of those engaged in other occupations around us."

Brother Thing is charged with being "stricken with a sudden attack of the blues." The perusal of farm literature indicates a general epidemic of blues. Even the Farmer of same date containing the charming picture of the prosperity of Maine farmers, contains the report of a lecture by Prof. Sanborn, given at a farmer's institute in New York, that has the appearance that the lecturer had a most serious fit of "blues." Prof. Sanborn is reported as follows:

"The success and preservation of this American system of land ownership is of great moment to our republic and to the world. But it is now facing relatively the most depressing period known to its history. Its returns are more unremunerative than the same capital and brains invested in any other important occupation in our country. Farm revenues are so low that unrest is common to our farmers, and so meagre that if continued permanently, either fewer owners and more hired workers will result, or the entire character of farm life must sink to a lower level and approximate to that of European peasantry."

If the condition of farming is as represented by Prof. Sanborn, it behooves every one who has an interest in the continued prosperity of our agriculture and our tenure of land ownership, to earnestly ask the question and seek its solution—"What shall we do to be saved?"

Undoubtedly, Brother Thing had one class of farmers, not few in number, in mind, when asking his questions. That class whose capital is limited, who often do not fully own the farm they till, but are embarrassed by debt and the burden of interest and taxation, frequently being taxed on property owned by others in the form of capital secured by mortgage.

The editor, in his reply, presents the surroundings of the well-to-do farmer, who had his farm well equipped with improved tools and machines, and who has sufficient capital to meet all his expenses as they may accrue. These farmers are thus prosperous, not always from superior diligence or merit on their part, but often through the fortune of inheriting a good farm completely equipped, from their fathers. Neither are those less prosperous always in fault that they have not reached success. The only explanation to be given why different persons, equally intelligent, view our agricultural situation in so wide and divergent aspects, must arise from the standpoint assumed by each as being correct, and a failure to comprehend the whole field.

There is an old Arabian legend which is often quoted to explain differences of opinion:

"Two devout followers of the Prophet performed a pilgrimage to the sacred city of Mecca. Abouk journeyed on foot; Selim was mounted on a camel. At nightfall both the pilgrims reached a spring of water, and prepared to spend the night together.

"'It is a long and tedious journey,' said Abouk.

"'On the contrary, it is a short and pleasant one,' answered Selim. 'I was cheered by a mirage on the horizon, wherein I saw the spires and temples of the holy city.'

"'There was no mirage on the horizon, no holy city to be seen,' angrily declared Abouk. 'There were instead, legions of venomous ants in the sand, that bit and poisoned my flesh.'

"'Not a single ant was on the desert,' rejoined Selim.

"Thus the two pilgrims quarreled fiercely, when a good priest, journeying toward Mecca, came up. He listened to them patiently.

"'Peace, my brothers,' he said at last. 'Let us leave these questions until tomorrow night to decide. In the meantime, let Selim go on foot and Abouk ride the camel.'

"They consented to this exchange of places. On the next night it was Abouk who had seen the glorious visions and found the journey pleasant, and it was Selim who had been bitten by the ants.

"'My brothers,' said the priest, 'we are all going to Mecca, whether we walk or ride; but Selim cannot see what Abouk sees, unless he stands where Abouk stands.'"

The farmer who owns his well stocked and well equipped farm, and who is surrounded with all the conveniences of a well appointed homestead, and quite likely holds mortgages on the farms of less successful neighbors, does not understand nor appreciate the difficulties and embarrassments of those struggling to lift a mortgage and procure the means of subsistence from the farm, during the present period of depression in farm products.

It is the large numbers struggling with these adverse conditions, to whom the helpful words of hope and encouragement should be given, and in whose interests just laws should be enacted, to relieve the unequal and excessive burdens of taxation now resting upon them.

"Oh wad some power the giftie gie us,
To see ourselves as others see us."

—H. L. LELAND, in Maine Farmer.

FAVORABLE FOR FARM WORK.

Fine weather, but rather unseasonable for this latitude. Never was a better fall for plowing, hauling manure and fencing, and many have improved it. This gives a fine start for next season's operations. Last year it was so wet, but very little of this work was done in the fall.

For two weeks past has been a fine time for clearing the pastures of bushes. There may be a favored few who have none of this work to do, but on the old lands in this section of the State I think there are not many but could profitably spend a short time at this season of the year in this manner. They cut much easier and faster when the ground is frozen if it be free of rocks and if cut smooth and close to the ground, so that the cattle can browse the tender shoots if any should start. I think but little trouble will be had with them on that score. Give close attention to the stock. Feed enough but not wastefully. If hay be plenty and cheap this year, it may not another. In getting up the year's supply of wood don't cut the most valuable trees you have, but clear up that broken down by ice, wind and snow's feet.—ECONOMIST in Maine Farmer.

We heard an old farmer say: "Always put your labor where you do your manures." He made money at farming. But he believed in a few well manured acres instead of many half-manured.

THE SHEEP FOLD.

The national meeting of wool-growers recently held in Washington declared that the production of wool is practicable everywhere in the United States, and paid the New England States, the compliment of saying that they were among the first to encourage the production of fine-wool sheep. If our sheep should be increased to 100,000,000, it declared these States will find a new demand for all the breeding sheep they can produce, adding vastly to their wealth and resources. Wool, it said, is only one of the considerations which support sheep husbandry in Vermont and other States, and the superior stud flocks of those States have supplied the wants of breeders everywhere west of the Hudson River, and have enabled growers to produce that superior quality of wool quoted as X and XX Ohio and Pennsylvania. Her breeding sheep have been sent abroad purely for breeding purposes. But everywhere west of New England sheep husbandry is desirable, and almost everywhere its utility is not restricted to raising breeding sheep, for it rests upon several other important considerations.

We have been quite interested in the discussion of our correspondents about foot-rot, its origin and contagious character. There does not appear to be any doubt that wet, marshy ground is favorable to the development of the disease, as it is to some others, nor that when it once gets into a flock it spreads by contact, whatever may be the direct cause of it, ingrowing hoofs or some other irritation. But Simeon Smith of Harrison County, Ohio, says: "I want to say to the fellow who says he does not believe foot-rot contagious, stick to it. I've been there over a score of years." However that may be, Mr. Salmon Williams, of Roxbury, Vt., writes us that he is sure the disease is contagious and cites instances to prove it. But what is better, he says it is easily cured, and gives a remedy. One of his neighbors always had foot-rot in his flock. Mr. Williams once bought him out. Some of the sheep were so old that they had lost their front teeth, and they had suffered with foot-rot ever since they were lambs. He prepared some saturated vitriol water—that is, powdered the vitriol and let the water dissolve all it would—put it in a bottle with a hole in the cork through which to squirt the water, took a sharp knife and went through the flock, carefully paring the hoofs so as not to make them bleed, and drenching them with vitriol water. He did this three times in seven days and removed all symptoms of the disease. The cure was complete; and he says if he cannot in this way cure the foot-rot in any flock, he will work for nothing and find himself.—Mirror and Farmer.

A CHEERY OUTLOOK.

THE REVERSE SIDE OF FARM LIFE VIGOROUSLY PRESENTED.

I have before me the article headed the "Dark Side," published in your paper of December 14th, and I think the picture is very much over-drawn. Because once in a while a farmer is related to the porcine family, what is the use in trying to make out that the majority of the farmers are the same? I would like to invite your correspondent to come and visit among the farmers of this locality and see if all the eggs, chickens and cream are sold. In nearly all the farmers' homes in this vicinity will be found pianos or organs, good furniture, carpets, books and good reading matter, with the leading papers of the day. Not one weekly paper, but weekly, daily and agricultural papers, with others for the children. Their wives are as well-dressed as other men's wives, and their tables are not stinted by any means. I have intimate lady friends who reside in the city who say, when visiting us, "How nice to have all the eggs and cream you want to use." I do not believe there are any more farmers' wives who are afraid to ask their husbands for money, than are those of other vocations. I know of more close-fisted women than men among the farmers. If the farmers live so poorly, why do so many city people beg the privilege of boarding with them during the summer months? Last summer a number of the farmers about here were urged to take city people to board, but refused. The farmers' wives are not obliged to take boarders to support their families, while their poor city sisters are keeping boarders and anxiously seeking to let their front rooms. Come and see us. You may not find as much style about our tables, but you will find good, nourishing food and enough of it; and we will bring to the front farmers' wives who defy competition in the culinary department. I ask the farmers' wives to come forward and defend their husbands and themselves.—MRS. K. S. TOWERS, in New England Farmer.

STOCK MARKET NOTES.

This, the closing week of the year, is a representative one at this market. It is going to the close with full and overstocked numbers of all classes of live stock, too many for a healthy trade; yet some classes hold up and go out with a good record. In looking back over this whole year's transactions, we deduce the following facts. Beef in all of its various grades and qualities has averaged to sell two cents per pound lower than for the preceding year. Sheep and lambs, strange to note, have brought at least an average cent per pound higher price live weight, than the previous year. Veal calves, on account of the disposition of the New England farmer to go out of cattle raising, consequently selling all the calves, have been very plenty and sold for one cent per pound less than last year. Pork started in well but the great western product has leveled the price down to last year's range. Milch cows have been forwarded in abundance for the supply, yet prices particularly on the better goods, have been fully sustained, and the whole shipment has sold at as much per head this year as last. Working oxen and store cattle will look back to the past season as one where their importance has not been appreciated as they have marched in a channel of prices never heretofore heard of, so low as to make their production a losing affair, and to drive Maine farmers out of the business. The folly of this epoch of fancy prices on store cattle is most certainly apparent when we consider the fact that surplus hay and straw remains unsold in nearly every barn in Maine, which if shipped away would not pay for pressing and freight. This low priced feed and the low priced store cattle almost given away, would enable us to produce some beef at a profit now if sold at the present low price. Lessons should be learned from the past by which we are to shape our future, and this year's cattle traffic is a strong lesson of itself.—I. C. LIBBY, in Maine Farmer.

The following trial between gluten meal and cotton seed meal is reported by Prof. Whitcher of the New Hampshire Station in the N. E. Homestead:

Four Jersey cows owned by C. H. Hazen, of Hartford, Vt., have been fed on a ration in which gluten and cotton seed meals were compared pound for pound. The average daily yield on cotton seed was 14.76 pounds of milk, and on gluten, 14.40 pounds. The average fat in milk from cotton seed was 5.36 per cent; from gluten 5.31 per cent. The difference was so slight as to be of no account, and not greater than might have been the case if the food had been identical.—Maine Farmer.

"There is no reason why a farmer should be a slouch, or have hay seed in his hair," is the way W. H. Bowker expressed himself at an alumni dinner and reunion of the graduates of the Massachusetts Agricultural College held in Boston. "There is no reason why farmers should not be educated gentlemen."

THE BOSTON HORSE AND THE ELECTRIC CAR.

I'm the happiest horse in town to-night!
I go with flying feet!
For I have seen the saddest sight,
Way down on Boylston street.
And what it means I know full well,
And when I've said my say,
Down where I dwell at the Horse Hotel,
There will never a horse say "neigh."

I know I'm right; and now for the sight
On Boylston street I saw—
A horse-car with a brilliant light,
But never a horse to draw.
It rolled along, now fast, now slow,
Steady and straight on the track;
But what made it go, I'm sure I don't know—
There was no horse front or back.

It looked like the other cars in town,
Yet there's something strange, I feel;
To-night I saw on looking down,
The lightning under the wheel.
I heard things out of the common rule—
Strange words I never knew;
Yet I'm not a fool; I have been to school
To Mister Bartholomew.

I am simply a slave; but my freedom is won!
The thought thrills through my soul!
If without a horse one car can run,
Why cannot a thousand roll?
I am tied to the track; one day from my back
The harness will drop at my feet,
I shall be free; no work then for me
On the track of the stony street.

With a sniff and a snort, and a toss of my head,
And a flirt of my flying feet,
I will take my bones from the pavement stones
To the prairie soft and sweet!
And day and night I shall owe my flight,
And the jags I there shall meet,
And my freedom bright to the strange, strange sight
That I saw on Boylston street.

—L. J. Gregg in Wide Awake.

A SEARCHING AND UNSATISFACTORY EXAMINATION.

"So you want to marry my daughter, eh?" asked the old gentleman of the cowering object which stood just in front of him.

"Yes, sir," responded our hero, for it was he and no other.

"Young man, do you drink intoxicating liquor?"

"No, sir."

"Do you smoke?"

"No, sir."

"Not even cigarettes?"

"No, indeed."

"Probably you chew tobacco."

"No, sir, I do not."

"Stay out late o' nights?"

"Never."

"Ever get mashed on actresses?"

"Never, sir, never."

The old man bowed his head on his hand in thought several yards deep. Then he looked up at his victim and inquired in a tone of mild curiosity:

"Young man, how long have you been dead?"

Some of the herbs in Hall's Hair Renewer, that wonderful preparation for restoring the color and thickening the growth of the hair, grow plentifully in New England.

1889 came pretty near being a year without a cold day—except in the summer months.

Children are continually bringing things home with them from school and what they will most frequently bring at this season of the year are coughs and colds. Parents will be glad to learn that Adamson's Botanic Balsam is an infallible remedy for all such and tastes pleasant.

Cora—"What induced you to tell Mr. Merritt I went to the party last night with George?" Little Johnny—"A quarter."

DO YOU WISH
To regain your health if you are all broken down and suffering from nervous prostration? I will tell you what cured me after suffering for months. I used two bottles of Sulphur Bitters, and now I am a well man.—C. STILES, Bookkeeper, Canton.

It is strange that in speaking of the evils of gambling, nine persons out of ten never mention the greatest evil of all—the danger of losing.

THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH must not be neglected. Colds in the head and snuffles bring on catarrh and lung affections. Ely's Cream Balm cures at once. It is perfectly safe and is easily applied into the nostrils. It also cures catarrh, the worst cases yielding to it.

Ugly-Looking Wayfarer—"Where is the man o' the house?" Farmer's Wife (with rare presence of mind)—"He's back of the woodshed burying a tramp."

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George (in the cars)—"We are coming to the tunnel. Don't you see they are lighting the lamps?" Minnie—"How ridiculous."

SUDDEN DEATH
Can be prevented by removing those causes which produce it. Symptoms which indicate Apoplexy or Heart Disease are Dizziness or Pressure in Head, Spots before Eyes, Pain around or Palpitation of Heart, Pain in region of the Heart with feeling of Suffocation, Ringing sound in Ears, Numbness or Prickly sensation of the Limbs. The *only* remedy that permanently relieves these symptoms and prevents Sudden Death is Anti-Apoplectine. Send for circulars to Dr. F. S. Hutchinson & Co., Enosburg Falls, Vt.

The girl who has rejected a man never reads his marriage notice two years afterwards without saying to herself: "Poor fellow! I really hope he will be happy."

WILL WONDERS EVER CEASE?
It has been discovered that by means of the circulating blood any organ of an animal can be paralyzed or stimulated into renewed activity if the proper material is administered. Cocaine, which has revolutionized delicate surgical operations, is only one of the results of this discovery. The use of Atropine by oculists is a remarkable example: For it matters not how administered, [even if injected into the big toe] the first effect seen is the enlarging of the pupil of the eye. Another application of this discovery, as parctical as any, was the idea that the great loss suffered by poultry raisers, owing to the fact that hens stop laying during cold weather, when eggs are worth fifty cents per dozen, could be overcome, if the ovaries of the hen could be reached and stimulated to egg-producing activity. The experiment was crowned with success, and the chemical compounds deficient in the ovaries of the hens at this season are now very important components of Sheridan's Condition Powder to make hens lay. And with its aid some of our most successful egg-raisers believe it as easy to obtain plenty of eggs in mid-winter as to raise early vegetables. Last December the poultry Editor of the *N. E. Farmer* said to a subscriber, "the office of Sheridan's Condition Powder is to animate the ovaries. A hen to lay profitably must be in *condition*. I use Sheridan's Powder because I believe that hens can be *made* to lay even in winter by using it, and fully twice as much profit can be made in a year from a flock of fowls where it is used." Is not that good evidence? Then force your hens to laying now, or latter you will reflect.

"How wise we are when the chance is gone,
And a glance we backward cast!
We know just the thing we should have done,
When the time for doing it's past."

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GRADY'S ELOQUENCE.

We give some extracts from the recent speeches in Boston, of Mr. Henry W. Grady, of Atlanta, Georgia:

IN THE HOMES OF THE PEOPLE.

I went to Washington the other day and I stood on the Capitol hill, and my heart beat quick as I looked at the towering marble of my country's capitol, and a mist gathered in my eyes as I thought of its tremendous significance, of the armies and the treasure, and the Judges and the President, and the Congress, and the courts, and all that was gathered there; and I felt that the sun in all its course could not look down on a better sight than that majestic home of a republic that had taught the world its best lessons of liberty. And I felt that if honor and wisdom and justice abided therein the world would at last owe that great house in which the ark of the convenant of my country is lodged its final uplifting and its regeneration. (Applause.)

But a few days afterwards I went to visit a friend in the country, a modest man, with a quiet country home. It was just a simple, unpretentious house, set about with great trees, and encircled in meadow and field rich with the promise of harvest; the fragrance of the pink and the hollyhock in the front yard was mingled, with the aroma of the orchard and the garden, and the resonant clucking of poultry and the hum of bees. Inside was quiet, cleanliness, thrift and comfort.

Outside there stood my friend the master,—a simple, independent, upright man, with no mortgage on his roof, no lien on his growing crops,—master of his land and master of himself. There was his old father, an aged and trembling man, but happy in the heart and home of his son. And as he started to enter his home, the hand of the old man went down on the young man's shoulder, laying there the unspeakable blessing of an honored and honorable father and ennobling it with the knighthood of the fifth commandment. And as we approached the door the mother came, a happy smile lighting up her face, while with the rich music of her heart she bade her husband and son welcome to their home. Beyond was the housewife busy with her domestic affairs, the loving helpmate of her husband. Down the lane came the children after the cows, singing sweetly, as like birds they sought the quiet of their nest.

So the night came down on that house, falling gently as the wing from an unseen dove. And the old man, while a startled bird called from the forest and the trees thrilled with the cricket's cry and the stars were falling from the sky, called the family around him and took the Bible from the table and called them to their knees. The little baby hid in the folds of its mother's dress while he closed the record of that day by calling down God's blessing on that simple home. While I gazed the vision of the marble capitol faded; forgotten were its treasures and its majesty; and I said; "Surely here in the homes of the people lodge at last the strength and the responsibility of this government, the hope and the promise of this Republic." (Tremendous applause.)

A DEMOCRAT WITHOUT BREECHES.

Now, gentlemen, I have some mighty good Democrats here. There is one of the fattest and best in the world sitting right over there (pointing to his partner, Mr. Howell.)

You want to know about the South. My friends, we representative men will tell you about it. I just want to say that we have had a hard time down there.

When my partner came out of the war he didn't have any breeches. (Laughter.) That is an actual truth. Well, his wife, one of the best women that ever lived, reared in the lap of luxury, took her old woolen dress that she had worn all during the war—and it had been a garment of sorrow and of consecration and of heroism—and cut it up and made a good pair of breeches. He started with that pair of breeches and with $5 in gold as his capital, and he scraped up boards from amid the ashes of his home, and built him a shanty of which love made him a home and which courtesy made hospitable. And now I believe he has with him three pairs of breeches (laughter), and several pairs at home. We have prospered down there.

A PICKENS COUNTY FUNERAL.

I attended a funeral once in Pickens country in my State. A funeral is not usually a cheerful object to me unless I could select the subject. I think I could, perhaps, without going a hundred miles from here, find the material for one or two cheerful funerals. (Laughter.) Still, this funeral was peculiarly sad. It was a poor, "one gallus" fellow whose breeches struck him under the armpits, and hit him at the other end about the knee—he didn't believe in decollete clothes. They buried him in the midst of a marble quarry; they cut through solid marble to make his grave; and yet the little tombstone they put up above him was from Vermont. They buried him in the heart of a pine forest, and yet the pine coffin was imported from Cincinnati. They buried him within touch of an iron mine, and yet the nails in his coffin and the iron in the shovel that dug his grave, were imported from Pittsburg. They buried him by the side of the best sheep-grazing country on the earth, and yet the wool in the coffin bands and the coffin bands themselves were brought from the North. The South didn't furnish a thing on earth for that funeral but the corpes and the hole in the ground. (Laughter.) There they put him away and the clods rattled down on his coffin, and they buried him in a New York coat and a Boston pair of shoes and a pair of breeches from Chicago and a shirt from Cincinnati, leaving him nothing to carry into the next world with him to remind him of the county in which he lived and for which he fought for four years, but the chilled blood in his veins and the marrow in his bones.

Now we have improved on that. We have got the biggest marble cutting establishment oh earth within a hundred yards of that grave. We have got a half dozen woolen mills right around it, and iron mines and iron furnaces and iron factories. We are coming to meet you. We are going to take a noble revenge, as my friend Mr. Carnegie said last night, by invading every inch of your territory with iron, as you invaded ours 29 years ago.

EDUCATION.

A Detroit father has undertaken a little educational venture with his own children and he is trying to make them give up slang, the use of ambiguous terms of speech and other peculiarities affected by the youth of the day. Yesterday he asked his fourteen-year-old daughter where a certain book was.

"I haven't an idea, papa!" answered the young lady.

"I didn't ask you for ideas," said the father sternly, "just answer my questions. Where is that book?"

"On the top shelf in the bookcase," recited the girl, like a parrot.

"Can you reach it?"

"Yes, sir."

There was a long silence, the father waiting impatiently for the book. At last he asked:

"Nell, why don't you bring it?"

"Bring what, sir?"

"The book I wanted."

"You did not say you wanted me to get it," said the daughter in a demure voice, "you asked me if I could reach it."

"Nellie," said the father, as a smile made his moustache tremble, "get that book like a good girl and bring it here to me!"

"Now you're talking sense, pop; I'll have the book in a jiffy," and she whisked off after it, while the father sighed over the degeneracy of the times.—Detroit Free Press.

Wife (looking in stationer's window)—"What is this?—reproduction of Egyptian hieroglyphics?" Husband—"No; that is a specimen of work done by the writer in a high speed type-writing contest."

JACQUES BONHOMME.

By MAX O'RELL, Author of "Jonathan and His Continent," "John Bull and His Island," "John Bull's Daughters," Etc.

VIII—THE FRENCH IN ENGLAND.

Frenchmen Do Not Emigrate Extensively, but There Are Some Thirty Thousand of Them in Great Britain—Read What They Are Like.

A Frenchman out of France is very much like a fish out of water.

Of all the European people, the French are those who emigrate the least. Their country is large and rich enough to feed them and give them employment, the family ties are very close, the ambition for great wealth seldom exists, and they prefer living on a snug little income in France to acquiring a large fortune abroad. Not one boy is brought up with a view to being sent abroad when he is grown up. Most Frenchmen whom you meet settled out of France are men whose career was blighted by the political events of the last thirty or forty years.

Since England gave hospitable shelter to the crowd of poor Huguenots who, hounded out of their own country after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in 1685, came and settled in Spitalfields, and created the silk weaving industry of England, the country has seen many an inrush of French fugitives into her borders. The chief were those that took place after the coup d'etat of 1851, and after the overthrow of the Commune in 1871. At the present time there is no country where so many Frenchmen are to be found as England. Indeed, you find now over thirty thousand Frenchmen settled there, and the number is increasing every day. This colony is not only important by its number, but it is laborious and well united; and the English need not begrudge them the hospitality they receive, for they are most useful members of the community. In twelve years (from 1874 to 1886) only two Frenchmen were condemned for acts of dishonesty committed in England, and one of these two was only a passing visitor. A good many years ago the French residing in England did not know each other, and, for that matter, did not much care to make acquaintance.

Victor Hugo, Louis Blanc, Alphonse Esquiros, settled on England's hospitable shores in the early part of the year 1852. With them were a host of industrious and learned men, such as Charles Cassal, ex-member of the representative assembly of 1848, who was soon appointed to the professorship of French at the London university; Theodore Karcher, one of the leading journalists of France, who was for thirty years professor of French at the Royal Military academy; Valentin, the famous prefect of Strasburg, whose prowess during the siege of that town by the Prussians is still engraven on the memory of the French; Nadaud, Taillandier, and many others. To these men, or, rather, to their memory—for most of them are gone now—we French residents in England owe a great debt of gratitude. They taught the English respect for France, and the French respect for England. They helped, by their writings, to make the people of the two countries understand each other better. They were the real engineers of the Channel tunnel, as I once heard the late Lord Houghton call them.

Besides the French Benevolent society and the French hospital, there are now in London and in the provinces many French clubs and associations, which prove that the French in England no longer shun one another's company, but, on the contrary, seek it.

In these clubs and societies, where the French can be seen at home, as it were, their characteristics come out in full light. Gayety and good fellowship reign, but tempered—if one may say so—by the little national failings, jealousy and yearning after elective titles. These societies, we see, are subdivided into sections, committees, commissions, etc., each having a president, a vice president, a treasurer, a secretaire rapporteur, a secretaire archiviste and what not.

For that matter, you will never see half a dozen Frenchmen meet round a table for the discussion of anything but a good dinner without appointing one of their number president, another vice president, etc. Each one must have a title; and if there are six members, and only five titles to be dispensed, the one who is left out sends in his resignation, and goes about abusing the other five. It seems up to now as if the republic had failed to make the French people real republicans. We are destitute of the first requisites of a republican—respect and obedience to elected governors, and deference to the voice of the majority. Universal suffrage may be absurd (I think it is); but having chosen to establish it, we should abide by its decisions, whether they concern the government of a society or of a nation. I am afraid it is our misfortune to have made a republic before we had made republicans of ourselves. However this may be, the French societies in England are doing good work, especially the society of French teachers, whose aim is to improve the teaching of French in England, and to help honorable and intelligent compatriots.

Now, something about Frenchmen you may come across in England.

There is a type of Frenchman who, after residing ten, fifteen, twenty years in England, cannot speak English. He is proud of it, and sometimes wonders that, with so many Frenchmen in England, the English do not all speak French by this time. But he will tell you that the English have no aptitude for languages. Although he has lived five years in the same apartments, could you believe that his landlady still compels him to give his orders in English? He receives his paper from France every day, and avoids reading an English one. Why should he try to perfect his knowledge of the English language? He knows he speaks it badly, but he assures you that you require very few words to make yourself understood of the people.

This worthy Frenchman carries his patriotism to the extent of buying all his clothing in France. He would not for the world invest in a cravat or a pair of gloves of English manufacture. He declares it impossible to wear English garments, and almost impossible to wear out French ones. Besides, he does not see why he should not give his country the benefit of some of the guineas he has picked up in England. Like every child of France, he has the love of fine linen, and, in his opinion, the article is only to be found on the other side of the channel. So he goes about in his narrow brimmed hat and turndown collar, fastened low in the neck, and finished off with a tiny black tie, a large expanse of shirt front, and boots with high heels and pointed toes. He holds his head high, is always smiling and happy looking.

As he goes along the street he hears people whisper, "There's a Frenchman!" But, far from objecting to that, he rather likes it, and I admire him for it. He likes the English and recognizes their solid qualities; but, as he possesses many of his own, he keeps to his native stock, and never tries to imitate the Englishman either in his habit or his dress. If his English vocabulary is of the most limited, his knowledge of England is still more so. One of this type, and a London correspondent of a Parisian paper, once wrote to his editor that "Lord Salisbury yesterday kissed the queen's hands on his appointment as leader of her majesty's opposition." Another remarked that English boys are more respectful to their fathers than French ones, and, to prove it, he added: "In the English upper classes the son invariably calls his father governor, a word which is pronounced guv'nor." If the dear fellow speaks bad English, he will never admit that there are in England a good many Frenchmen who write and speak very good English.

Then there is the Frenchman whose great ambition is to be thought English. He frequents only English people, gives his fellow countrymen a wide berth, and has not a good word to say for them. I am inclined to think that his slurs against his countrymen cannot be appreciated by his English friends, for my experience of the English tells me that their own admiration for England makes them respect a Frenchman for remaining French

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La Grippe.
To the Stockholders.
Road Taxes in Unincorporated Townships.
Cash, Cash, Cash!

HOW MUCH RAILROAD?

The New York Herald, in a review of the local railroad building of New England during the year just closed, says that Maine has built approximately 35 miles of railroad during 1889, and less than 150 miles in five years. But doesn't the report of the railroad commissioners say that nearly 200 miles has been built during the year? How is this?

NOT AN UNSPOTTED RECORD.

What is the United States Supreme Court coming to? When Chief Justice Fuller was appointed, the charge was not only made against him, but also proved, that in his younger days he used to write poetry. Now the charge is made against President Harrison's appointee, Judge Brewer, that he too used to dabble in verses. And yet the senate confirmed them.

FREE TEXT BOOKS.

A circular recently sent out by the State superintendent of schools calls attention to the fact that the free text book law goes into effect next August. It will be necessary for each town, at its annual meeting next spring, to make an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of this law. An estimate of the amount required will be presented to the town by the supervisor or superintending school committee.

AN IMPRACTICABLE IDEA.

Senator Morgan proposes, evidently in all seriousness, to solve the race problem by exporting the colored men to Africa, where, he says, is their native and natural home. The same scheme has been suggested before, but has never received any serious consideration, its impracticability being so easily evident. A leading paper has demonstrated that if all the vessels which could be made available were put at the work, they could not carry out of the country the natural increase of the Negro race. This is simply a physical difficulty. The other difficulties, physical and moral, in the way of such a scheme are so many, so great and so evident, that it needs little thought to show the utter impracticability of any plan of deportation. The Negro is in America, and in America must the race problem be solved.

THE BANGOR CRUSADE.

The raid on the Bangor saloons last week shows that something can be done toward enforcing the liquor laws, even in Bangor, by men who are determined and willing to take upon themselves the disagreeable and uncertain task. The mere rumor that there was to be a raid caused the hurried departure of a large amount of liquor and the closing of the saloons. The raid also illustrates some of the difficulties of enforcement in the face of so lax a public sentiment, not to say opposition, as exists in Bangor. The state of this sentiment is perhaps well illustrated by the attitude of the papers. The Commercial and News condemn not only the attempt to enforce the law but the law itself, and regard the saloon keepers as persecuted. The Whigs to its honor be it said, stands, as it always has, on the side of law and order, and expresses the hope that the good work may go on. The morning after the crusade was begun, many of the saloons opened their doors as usual. The law, of which there is plenty, with determined men to enforce it, was something to be feared; yet the dealers trusted to that "public sentiment" which nullifies many laws, to protect them from the penalty of their doings. Attempting enforcement under such circumstances must be discouraging business.

Bangor has long served as the woeful exception which proves that prohibition does prohibit in Maine. That the saloons could flourish there so long as they have, with law enough to suppress them, ought to stand as a warning to over-zealous prohibitionists not to repeat recent mistakes in the political field and attempt to introduce prohibitory laws faster than public sentiment is prepared to sustain them.

THE POMOLOGICAL MEETING.

Following is the programme of the meeting of the Maine State Pomological Society and Maine Board of Agriculture, at Grange Hall, Norway, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 5 and 6:

WEDNESDAY.—Opening session; address of welcome, by Rev. Miss Angell; annual address of president, "Orchard Management," by Hon. Rufus Prince; "Fear Culture," &c.; and a lecture in the evening by Prof. Levi Stockbridge, late president of Massachusetts Agricultural College, "Impressions of the West."

THURSDAY.—Reports of committees and discussion; "How Plants Grow and Thrive," A. I. Brown, Belfast; "The Dietetics of Fruit," Chas. D. Smith, M. D., Portland; and other papers and discussions.

There will be an exhibition of fruit, to which all are invited to contribute. The hall will be open for its arrangement Tuesday afternoon.

The business meeting of the Pomological Society will be held Tuesday evening.

Rates will be reduced on the railroads and at the hotels.

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NORWAY.	
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W. S. Robinson to J. Irish,	1100
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F. E. Gowell to H. A. Lapham et al,	1
PERU.	
J. T. Hammond to B. F. Walton,	2000
SUMNER.	
A. Keene to C. A. Pomeroy,	450

SOUTH PARIS.

The sick wave has reached our village. For the past week more than one-third of our scholars have been absent from our schools and the teachers say that many classes are badly broken up.

Several whole families are suffering from serious colds which are said to be in the influenza form.

Dr. Woodbury is working day and night to furnish relief to the afflicted ones.

The Bank has not been open for a few days owning to the sickness of all of Judge Wilson's family. Landlord Shaw of the Andrews House is enjoying all the pleasures of the la grippe. J. A. Kenney is confined to his home. The druggist have had a busy week. H. A. Fuller has been at home the whole week as his family are all sick.

J. H. Martin received a telegram Monday morning with the painfull intelligence that his youngest son, Frank K. Martin of Cambridge, Mass., had died very suddenly with the pneumonia. He was just recovering from the influenza when pneumonia set in. He was twenty-six years of age and leaves a wife and two small children, with loving parent and a brother and sister to mourn his loss.

There was a good sale of Lewiston Journals Wednesday and the newsboy was happy.

Dr. Davis returned Monday, and is now ready for the dentist work.

The wide platforms at the station have been completely carpeted with ice.

Dr. Rounds has added a valuable physicians and surgeon's chair to his office. It was manufactured in Ohio and can be placed in many positions.

E. A. Shurtleff lost several valuable fowls at the Lewiston fair.

Tufton & McIntire have shipped 641 head of cattle and about 400 veals from our station this season.

Capt. H. N. Bolster will install the officers of Harry Rust Post, Norway, Friday evening, Jan. 17th.

Mr. Pledge from Bridgton has bought the groceries in the Briggs store and will open a meat and provision store.

W. A. Porter says he has a great call for oranges, selling a box a day.

Charles Cushing, Esq., of Freeport, is in town.

F. C. Merrill has been confined to his house for nearly two weeks with lung difficulty, but is now gaining. C. A. Hersey his foreman, says they received Tuesday one order for some over $2,000 worth of goods to go West, and the prospect is good for other orders to follow.

Miss Snow of Lewiston succeeds Miss Wood as assistant in the high school.

The public installation of W. K. Kimball Post took place Tuesday evening, and was a pleasant entertainment. Past Commander Capt. H. N. Bolster preformed the installation. The Congregational choir furnished music. Judge Wilson gave an appropriate reading. Miss Minnie Plummer's song was excellent. Col. Austin spoke in his usual interesting style. Capt. A. F. Noyes, Commander elect, E. H. Brown and other members of Harry Rust Post were present. Refreshments were served. Remarks were made by Capts. Noyes and Bolster, Comrade Brown and others.

Alvah Hersey, the depot master, has not worn an overcoat for the winter, and put on his gloves for the first time Wednesday.

At the adjourned meeting of Oxford County Patrons of Husbandry Mutual Fire Insurance Company the following officers were chosen:

G. F. Hammond, President.
Francis Chute, Bolster's Mills, M. J. Rowe, Norway, D. J. Libby, Bryant's Pond, H. W. Childs, West Paris, H. C. Oxnard, Norway, S. P. Cushman, Hebron, Directors.
C. H. George, South Paris, Secretary.

Secretary George made the following report:

Whole number of policies in force 1889, amount $1,117,267.00.
Number of policies issued for the year 299, amount $206,061.00.
Expired and cancelled for the year 112, amount $106,231.00.
Gain for the year, $100,730.00.
Paid fire damages, $7,845; for lightning damages, $65.

The business has been run economically and satisfactorily to all.

Captain Ramsdell has been in town the past week, and sold his farm to C. R. Penley. This is one of the largest farms in Paris.

James Chapman and family of Bethel are visiting relatives in Paris.

A. G. Morse, of Waterford, is selling fruit trees here.

Uncle Otis Swift, one of our most aged citizens is in very poor health.

The Baptist Circle meets Tuesday afternoon and evening with Mrs. Leonard Whitman. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Orin Stone has returned from Rochester, N. H., where he has been packing apples.

Grant Royal has cut his foot quite seriously.

All the officers of Paris Grange were present Saturday. C. H. George, Hebron, installed them.

It is said that C. H. Merrill has bought H. N. Hall's new house near the railroad.

S. Richards has been in business here since 1856. He says his books show a larger amount of optical work the past year than any preceding one. He is making a specialty of this work and is having a good patronage.

H. G. Fletcher and H. W. Powers give notice that their barber shops will be closed hereafter on Tuesday evening.

D. S. Knapp has secured a fine position traveling for a Philadelphia publishing house.

The hose houses have been drawn to their locations.

Conductor Morse says his train crew is the only one that has not suffered from the epidemic.

Uncle Ziba Thayer, 88, and Judge Deering, 91, have been on the streets every day this week.

THE WEEK IN MAINE.

THE MOST IMPORTANT STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

Several deaths have occurred in a Leeds family from black diphtheria.

The annual meeting of the Maine Press Association will be held in Portland, Jan. 22d and 23d.

The Rockland Opinion begins the year with an enlarged size, a reduced price, and a new dress of type.

Among the suits entered at the present term of court for Penobscot County, are two which are the outgrowth of the Eastern Maine Fair troubles.

A fellow arrested for placing obstructions on the Franklin & Megantic Railroad in Salem, has confessed that he is one of a gang of three, bound together by thrilling oaths to wreck trains and rob the mails and passengers. The whole gang have been arrested.

An investigation of affairs at the Lewiston city farm was quietly made by members of the city government. As the result the superintendent was discharged, a large quantity of personal property found in his possession and belonging to the city was settled for, and he is bound over to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of larceny.

A raid on the Bangor rumsellers was begun Tuesday. Several loads of liquor were seized, and a large quantity was hurried out of the city or concealed. Several dealers were taken into the municipal court, and sentenced to pay fines. All appealed to the February term of the supreme judicial court. A committee of seven citizens are understood to be pushing the matter, and Volney B. Cushing, who is one of the committee, says they intend to push it as far as possible.

The first full-rigged ship built in Bath since 1885, was launched from the yard of Arthur Sewall & Co., last week. The name of the vessel is the Rappahannock. She is the largest vessel ever built in a Maine shipyard, and her carrying capacity will exceed that of any other square-rigged wooden ship built on the Atlantic coast. In her cabin hangs a large portrait of President Harrison, and below it are written his wishes that every voyage of the Rappahannock may be prosperous. This President Harrison himself sent to Arthur Sewall.

Ask Your Friends About It.

Your cough can be cured. We know it because Kemp's Balsam has cured so many coughs and colds in this community. Its remarkable sale has been won entirely by its genuine merit. Ask some friend who has used it what he thinks of Kemp's Balsam. There is no medicine so pure, none so effective. Sample bottle free. Large bottles 50c. and $1 at druggists.

NORWAY.

Frank H. Bailey has bought the A. E. Brigg's place on Pleasant Street. He will move into it at once.

F. F. Holmes while at work for C. B. Cummings & Sons Wednesday tending a circular saw injured his hand severely.

Capt. Amos F. Noyes fell on the ice Wednesday and broke his wrist. Some years ago he broke the same wrist.

Hon. A. S. Kimball installed the officers of Norway Lodge, No. 16, I. O. O. F., Tuesday evening. The reports of the various officers show the lodge to be in excellent financial standing.

S. S. Stearns has resigned from the Republican Town Committee.

La grippe has such a hold on the scholars of one of the districts that a request has been made to the supervisor to close the school.

The stockholders of the Beals Hotel Company will hold their annual meeting at the hotel Tuesday evening, January 14th.

Miss M. E. Siemons, the telegraph operator in this village, has returned from a visit to Westbrook where she has been sick with la grippe.

The Chinese Village gave an entertainment at Concert Hall Tuesday evening to a crowded house. The multitude was fed by the ladies of the Universalist society. Ellie Swan, Lizzie Whitmarsh, Nettie Fuller, and Mrs. Frank Bell adorned with gorgeous Chinese costumes took charge of the tables.

The Sullivan Dramatic Company played at Norway Hall several evenings this week. The audiences were rather small owing to the difficult traveling.

The selectmen of Norway invite all holding bills against the town to present them for payment.

W. C. Leavitt, while at work on the roof of the Norway shoe store, fell to the ground, a distance of about ten feet. Fortunately he received only slight injuries.

Gen. George L. Beal and family have gone to Augusta for the winter. They left Norway this week.

Quite a large sum has been contributed for W. H. Warren who recently lost a valuable team horse.

C. B. Cummings & Sons have put "Dan" to rest. He has been a faithful old horse.

Mrs. J. H. Haselton who has been dangerously sick the past week is much better but not able to sit up.

Charles Howe of Rochester recently visited his father, E. W. Howe.

At the annual meeting of the Norway Cooperative Trade Association the following officers were elected:

President, C. W. Ryerson.
Secretary, M. J. Rowe.
Treasurer, H. C. Oxnard.
Directors, Charles Ryerson, E. A. Morse, Fred Rowe.
Auditors, R. S. Freeman and A. A. Grover.

The Ladies of the Universalist Circle will meet at Concert Hall Tuesday evening January 14th. Supper, promenade, good music.

The officers elect of Harry Rust Post, G. A. R., No. 54, will be installed Friday evening, Jan. 17th, by Capt. H. N. Bolster of Paris, W. K. Kimball Post, and the Woman's Relief Corps of Harry Rust Post are invited.

Tuesday afternoon the following officers of Oxford County Pomona Grange were installed:

Master, H. E. Chase.
Overseer, W. H. Tracy.
Lecturer, J. F. King.
Assistant Steward, A. A. Bird.
Secretary, C. H. George.
Treasurer, M. J. Rowe.
Ceres, Mrs. H. E. Chase.
Pomona, Mrs. W. H. Tracy.
Flora, Mrs. Nellie Hardy.
Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Lizzie Howe.

Mrs. Nancy W. and Helen C. Pike of Dover, N. H., are visiting their mother, Mrs. Seth Pike.

Mrs. Martha Fitz, widow of John Fitz, has completed the pension claim put in by her husband some years before his death, and will receive $1,274. The amount due from date of application to death of claimant. Dr. O. N. Bradbury rendered material assistance to Mrs. Fitz.

On complaint of Darius Sanborn James M. Hosey of Oxford was arrested Friday for alleged sale of whiskey to Julius Judkins. He was lodged in Paris jail Friday night. Saturday forenoon he was tried before Judge Whitman and acquitted. E. F. Smith and Hon. A. S. Kimball for respondent. Bearce & Stearns for State. At the same time Julius Judkins was arrested on search and seizure process. He was lodged in Paris jail Friday night and Saturday arraigned before Judge Whitman and fined $100 and costs. C. E. Holt for respondent. Bearce & Stearns for State.

At the Republican caucus Saturday, called to nominate postmaster, Lucius I. Bartlett was elected by a majority vote. Total vote cast 146. A. J. Nevers 33, F. H. Noyes, 36, L. I. Bartlett 77.

James Smith and Charles S. Cummings were drawn traverse jurors for the town of Norway Saturday afternoon to serve at the February term of the S. J. Court to be held at Paris.

Business in Norway is assuming a more cheerful aspect than for a long time previous. The shoe factory is having a rush, and the new superintendent, Mr. Gunn, is proving adequate to the occasion. The outlook for business is said to be good for at least the next six months. The hearts of all laborers are made glad except teamsters, who are having a hard time.

Much sickness prevails at present and nurses are very scarce. In many instances whole families are prostrate. Our physicians have pronounced it la grippe, but we are of the opinion it is an influenza much resembling the pink eye in horses.

Dr. B. F. Bradbury visited over forty patients one day last week, and we dare say the other physicians were not idle.

One of the belts which support the elevators in the shoe factory parted Tuesday, coming near causing a serious accident; two youngsters who were on it at the time leaped off just in season to save themselves. Mr. Drake caught the rope just in season to save the smash which must have followed.

MARK TAPLEY.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN LEWISTON.

The city building in Lewiston was burned Tuesday evening. The fire was discovered about five o'clock in the afternoon. It probably started in an old elevator well which was used as a dumping place for rubbish. It burned with fearful rapidity, and though the fire department was promptly on hand and did its best, it was quickly seen that the building was doomed. At six o'clock help was summoned from Portland and Bath, and each sent an engine and crew of men. Tracy Block, next the city building, was gutted, but the damage did not extend farther.

The exhibition of the Androscoggin Poultry and Pet Stock Association was in progress in the hall at the time. The poultry in the main hall was nearly all lost, including several hundred of the finest birds in the State. The dogs, which were in the small hall, were all saved.

Besides the city offices, the building contained the public library, the armories of four militia companies, and the post office. The library, of about eleven thousand volumes, is nearly a total loss. The militia companies saved part of their property. The mails and movable property in the post office were saved, the office being in the corner of the building farthest from the origin of the fire.

Tracy Block was occupied by La Bell, druggist, F. L. Hoyt, grocer, Langmaid, caterer, the Daily and Weekly Advocate, and a few others. All were more or less insured. The loss of the Advocate is quite heavy.

The Burned city building was erected eighteen years ago, at a cost of $250,000, and was a structure of which Lewiston was proud. The rapidity with which the flames swept through it seems to show that, as regards fire protection, it was faulty in construction. The loss is severely felt, particularly as it is doubtful if a vote could be secured to put up another building as good. There was no insurance on it.

While the fire was still raging Mayor Little telegraphed to Senator Frye and Congressmen Dingley and Milliken that Lewiston felt that now is the time to ask for a government building. Accordingly, on the assembly of Congress the next day, Senator Frye and Representative Dingley introduced bills providing for such a building in their respective houses.

Used everywhere; it is bound to give satisfaction. We mean Brussels soap.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Wednesday, Jan. 8.

The Alcazar theatre at Havre was burned.

Osborn hall, Yale's new recitation building, was dedicated.

Three men were crushed to death under falling walls at Long Island City, N. Y.

Belgian mine owners refuse to accept a compromise proposed by the strikers.

Another warrant has been issued for the arrest of General Master Workman Powderly.

Mrs. Southworth, who murdered Stephen S. Pettus in a New York street, died in the Tombs.

A proposition to postpone the World's fair until 1893 is understood to meet with general approval.

A boat to race for the America's cup is now building for Mr. Jameson at Southampton, Eng.

Miss Charlotte Fiske Bates, the authoress, is not dead, as was reported, but in a precarious condition.

The mother of Mrs. Maybrick is denied permission to write to her daughter on family matters.

Senator Gorman of Maryland will adhere to his speech opposing the Australian ballot system in Maryland.

Bob Gilks, the Cleveland ball player, has signed a three-year contract with the Cleveland National league club.

The stores of W. W. Norcross, Rose & Curtis, Horace Saule and F. A. Paul, also the postoffice in New Sharon, Me., were burglarized.

Lynn, Mass., liquor dealers are in a flutter over the expressed intention of the agent of the Tolman fund to prosecute violaters of the law.

Jennie Batton, spooler tender in Ashton mill, Providence, was instantly killed by an express train while crossing the track in front of the mill.

Governor Hill's message was largely devoted to a consideration of the Australian ballot system, some features of which he does not approve.

The fourth game in the chess contest between Tschigorin and Gunsberg resulted in a draw. The game lasted one hour. There were thirteen moves.

Thursday, Jan. 9.

Stanley is expected to reach Cairo on Monday.

The Pacific coast steamer Wide West was wrecked.

Heavy rains have caused freshets in Illinois rivers.

Deep snow in Wyoming is making it hard for the cattle.

King Alfonso has less fever and his condition is more satisfactory.

New Orleans is about to legalize glove fights and sparring matches.

Much damage was done by the burning of a petroleum ship at London.

London police are fearing another attack of the Whitechapel murderer.

Seventeen Prussians and 3100 Austrians have been expelled from Warsaw.

There was a large increase in British exports and imports during December.

One London coroner held thirty-four inquests on sudden deaths within two days.

Atchison earnings increased $261,772 net in November over the same month of the previous year.

Americans are seeking to purchase several of the artistic collections in the Paris exhibition buildings.

Success attended the expedition from Lick observatory to observe the eclipse of the sun in South America.

Three Maine fishermen have been given gold watches for courageously rescuing five Nova Scotia fishermen.

The long strike of the Cabanas tobacco factory in Havana has been ended and the men have resumed work.

The emperor has ordered busts of eminent Germans placed at the entrance to the hall of fame in the Berlin arsenal.

Gen. Twitchell's candidacy for the post of naval officer at Boston is generally favored in his state, New Hampshire.

An approximate basis of settlement has been reached in the case of the leather workers' strike at Woburn, Mass.

The New York and St. Louis committees object to the house foreign affairs committee having jurisdiction over the world's fair matters.

Friday, Jan. 10.

New potatoes were dug in Marblehead Mass., this week.

The gingham mill at Walpole, Mass., was burned. Loss $50,000.

Dom Pedro and the imperial family left Lisbon for Pau to-day.

A heavy snowfall in Michigan has revived the despondent lumbermen.

The famous Harvard class of 1829 held its annual reunion last evening.

The Bank of Bombay, India, has raised its rate of discount to 8 per cent.

A tomb, believed to be that of Cleopatra, has been unearthed in Egypt.

Stanley has engaged rooms at Shepherd's hotel, Cairo, from the 14th inst.

An Aberdeen banker has been declared heir to the earldom of Cathness.

Four prominent citizens of Montreal were blackballed at the St. James club.

Two new British gunboats were launched; they are expected to be very fast.

The conversion of the Egyptian debt is again suspended, owing to the opposition of France.

Savernake, a magnificent property in England, belonging to the Marquis of Salisbury, is for sale.

It is officially announced that the elections for members of the German reichstag will be held Feb. 20.

Congressman Cheatham, colored representative from North Carolina, is alarmed at the negro exodus.

Colored people in Chicago point out fallacies in Senator Morgan's argument for the deportation of the negro.

Russia has issued an order for a census of foreigners in the country, believed to be aimed at the Germans.

Joseph Kosco, a nobleman by birth, reduced to want by continued misfortune, committed suicide in New York.

Saturday, Jan. 11.

Representative Buchanan of Virginia is to introduce an income bill.

Pilas' silk factory at Lyons has been burned. Loss, 600,000 francs.

Tschigorin beat Gunsberg in the sixth game of the Havana chess tourney.

The seven big flour mills at Milwaukee have united in one corporation.

A large number of persons viewed the remains of the Empress Augusta.

The Philadelphia League club has signed Outfielder Hamilton for three years.

One of the accusers of Rev. Dr. Bylance has withdrawn his charges in writing.

The defalcation in the Cuban treasury is fully $700,000. Many officials are implicated.

Four men died from fumes in the acid rooms of a Delaware phosphate manufactory.

An English syndicate is negotiating for the control of Canada's wholesale grocery trade.

The French government is to ask for a $20,000,000 loan to build railways in French colonies.

There is a reported discovery that Crown Prince Rudolph's death was the result of a conspiracy.

Michael C. Hennerberry, commercial editor of The Chicago Times for the last twenty years, is dead.

Judgment for $1271 has been rendered against the Boston Rubber Shoe company in a royalty case.

Lieut. William E. Whitfield, U. S. N., died at St. Elizabeth's insane asylum, Washington, aged 37 years.

A large number of persons were injured, several probably fatally, by the overturning of an omnibus in London.

Mr. Brice's success in receiving the Democratic nomination for senator from Ohio is well received at the capital.

Wakely, Stevenson and Johnson, wanted in Mississippi for aiding the Sullivan-Kilrain fight, have gone into hiding.

One man was burned to death and others fatally injured by an explosion at Carnegie's Lucy furnace near Sharpsburg, Pa.

It appears that The New York Star had collected over $1000 for the Grant monument which has never been paid over.

John I. Blair, the millionaire of Hackettstown, N. J., gave his private secretary a check for $20,000 on the occasion of his marriage.

Boston Irishmen are said to have a plan for establishing clothing factories throughout Ireland as a means of helping evicted tenants.

The earnings of the Canadian Pacific railway for the week ending Jan. 7, were $[illegible], 000; for the same period last year $[illegible], increase $[illegible].

BORN.

In South Paris, Dec. 30, to the wife of Walter Swett, a daughter.
In East Bethel, Jan. 4, to the wife of James M. Bartlett, a son.
In Buckfield, January 6, to the wife of Stanley Bisbee, a son.
In Paris, January 6, to the wife of Samuel Samuel May Connell, a son.
In Paris, Dec. 25, to the wife of Joseph B. Cole, a son.
In Bryant's Pond, Jan. 6, 1890, to the wife of James H. Farrum, a daughter.

MARRIED.

In Bethel, Jan. 4, by Rev. J. H. Trask, Davis G. Lovejoy and Nellie M. Leach, both of Bethel.
In Oxford, Jan. 1, by Rev. E. W. Kennison, Albion W. Grant and Georgia A. Spane.
In Livermore, Dec. 28, by Rev. D. H. Kilbreth, Fred L. White and Lulu Bartlett, both of Canton.

DIED.

In Hartford, Jan. 6, Solomon N. Stetson, aged 72 years.
In Hartford, Dec. 26, Amasa Lucas, aged 70 years.
In Lovell, Jan. 3, Levi Stearns, aged 81 years.
In Lovell, Jan. 4, Charles Hamlin, aged 69 years.
In Sumner, Jan. 5, Isaac S. Townsend, aged 75 years and 7 days.
In Denmark, Jan. 4, infant son of Frank and Alice Kenson.
In Gorham, N. H., Jan. 7, Urban Shorey, formerly of South Paris, aged 41 years.
In Sumner, Jan. 10, Mrs. Lamuel Farrar, aged 69 years.

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State of Maine,

OXFORD, ss.

Court of County Commissioners, December Session, A. D. 1889, held at Paris, within and for said County of Oxford, on the last Tuesday of December, A. D. 1889, being the thirty-first day of said month.

The County Commissioners for the County of Oxford, in the month of September, A. D. 1889, as provided by law, made actual inspection of the County roads, duly located and open for travel, lying in unincorporated Townships and Tracts of land hereinafter mentioned, in said County, for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of said roads, and estimating the amounts needed to put the same in repair, so as to be safe and convenient for public travel, and it appearing on said inspection that said roads were not in good repair and not safe and convenient for purposes of public travel, and that a tax should be assessed on said lands for the repair of said roads therein, they do therefore, on this thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1889, adjudge and order that the following sums be assessed, and the same are hereby assessed upon the following lands in unincorporated Townships and Tracts of land, hereinafter mentioned, for the purpose of repairing the roads passing through them, during the year 1890, to wit:

ON Andover West Surplus, for the purpose of repairing that part of the County road leading from Andover Corner to Upton, which lies in said Surplus, the sum of twenty-five dollars is assessed, as follows:

Owners.	Descrip'n.	No. Acres.	Value.	Tax.
Henry W. Dunn, part of homestead,		100	$ 100	$ 0 40
Timothy Walker's est., Stoddard lots,		200	100	40
Wheeler Boobier or unknown,		100	50	20
Androscoggin Water Power Co., balance of Township,		6,000	6,000	24 00
				$ 25 00

And Henry W. Dunn of Andover North Surplus is appointed Agent to superintend the expenditure of the same, according to law, and is required to give bond as the law directs.

ON Andover North Surplus, for the purpose of repairing so much of the County road leading from Andover Corner to Upton, as lies within said Surplus, and also so much of the Black Brook road, so called, as lies within said Surplus, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars and twenty cents is assessed as follows:

Owners of Unknown.	Descrip'n.	No. Acres.	Value.	Tax.
R. L. Morton, homestead,		500	$ 650	$ 13 00
Elbridge Campbell, homestead,		200	200	4 00
H. A. Lovejoy, homestead,		200	200	4 00
Henry W. Dunn, old S. Larrabee homestead,		100	150	3 00
Henry W. Dunn, homestead,		200	300	6 00
Andrew Abbott, lots No. 22 and 23,		100	80	1 60
O. A. Burgess, lot No. 30,		96	50	1 00
John Newton and Wm. Harding, lots No. 31 and 32,		180	90	1 80
George E. Smith, timber lot,		160	100	2 00
S. W. & D. A. Marston, pasture lot,		300	200	4 00
Timothy Walker's est., John Small farm,		200	40	80
David R. Hastings or unknown, lots No. 43, 44, 45, and 46,		400	200	4 00
French & Thomas, lots No. 40, 41, 42, 47, and 48,		500	250	5 00
Androscoggin Water Power Co., the remainder of said Township, except public lots,		10,000	5,000	100 00
				$ 130 20

And it is hereby ordered, that the tax assessed against George E. Smith, David R. Hastings, and French & Thomas, together with sixty-four dollars and ten cents of the tax of Androscoggin Water Power Company, amounting in all to seventy-five dollars and ten cents, be expended upon the Black Brook road, and Silas F. Peaslee of Upton is appointed agent to expend the same; and the balance of said tax, amounting to seventy-five dollars and ten cents, be extended upon the road leading from Andover to Upton, and Henry W. Dunn of said North Surplus, is appointed Agent to expend the same, and they are required to give bonds, as the law directs.

ON Township Letter "C", for the purpose of repairing the Black Brook road, so called, lying in said Township, and also the "Carry Road", so called, which lies in said Township, the sum of three hundred dollars is assessed as follows:

Owners.	Descrip'n.	No. Acres.	Value.	Tax.
Union Water Power Co., Lewiston, dam, lot and buildings,		200	$5,500	$110 00
Androscoggin Lake Transportation Co., hotel, boat and boat house,			2,000	40 00
F. S. Coe & Co., remainder of said Township except public lots,		19,500	7,500	150 00
				$300 00

And Silas F. Peaslee of Upton is appointed Agent to superintend the expenditure of the same, and he is required to give bond as the law directs.

ON "C" Surplus, for the purpose of repairing so much of the County road leading from Andover to Upton, as lies in said Surplus, the sum of thirty-five dollars is assessed as follows:

Upon the entire Tract, supposed to contain 9,500 acres, exclusive of public lots, and owned by E. S. Coe, of Bangor, thirty-five dollars, and S. F. Peaslee of Upton is appointed Agent to superintend the expenditure of the same, and he is required to give bond as the law directs.

ON Fryeburg Academy Grant, for the purpose of repairing the only County road therein, the sum of sixteen dollars and eighteen cents is assessed as follows:

Owners.	Descrip'n.	No. Acres.	Value.	Tax.
Deforrest Conner, lot 3 R 7, and E half 4 R 7,		175	$ 750	$ 15 25
Augustus W. Stiles

The Oxford Democrat.

"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 7:30 P. M.

Universalist Church: Sunday School every Sunday at 12 M.

No sharp corners on Brussels soap.

Charles P. Bartlett of Hanover was at Paris Wednesday.

George B. Shaw, while at George Cole's mill on Wednesday, sprained his ankle so as to lay him up for a few days.

There will be a social dance at Academy Hall Friday evening. Music by Hazelton. Admission as usual. All are invited.

Miss Ellen U. Merrill of Buckfield who is teaching in the Norway village schools, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Ione Harlow in this place.

The story that Paine's Furniture Co., 18 Canal Street, Boston, are selling pianos with wierd, drowsy music turns out to be a folding parlor bed fitted into the case of an upright piano. It is a wonderfully ingenious piece of furniture.

The icy spell of the past week did not pass without an accident. Mr. Annis slipped and fell Wednesday, breaking his left wrist. Dr. French of Norway was called and set the bone. He pronounced it a bad break, the bone being splintered. It is now doing well.

News has been received here of the the death at Auburn on Friday of Miss Ida Cushman. Miss Cushman spent most of the summer and fall at Paris, returning to Auburn only two weeks since. During her stay here she made many friends, who are grieved at her sudden death.

The Paris Literary and Social Circle will meet as usual at the Baptist Vestry Wednesday afternoon and evening. After the supper the audience will be entertained in a manner which the committee have not as yet announced publicly, but which it is hoped will prove interesting to those present.

R. K. Eastman, formerly of this place, now of the Berlin (N. H.) Independent, issues Vol. 1, No. 1, of the New England Bulletin, a monthly paper of eight pages. Subscription price 25 cents a year. The editor says in his announcement that promises are but empty words, therefore he promises nothing but to do his best. Politics and religion will not be a one-sided issue in his columns, nor does he expect to enter the walls of Congress through his political influence.

WHITTEMORE DISTRICT.

Emeline Thayer is in poor health.

School closed Wednesday on account of the sickness of the teacher.

Grant Royal while chopping wood for Wm. Daniels Thursday cut his foot quite badly.

Tuesday evening the school had a spelling match, with select readings, recitations, etc. Quite a number came from the Hill.

While on the way to Pomona Grange Tuesday morning your correspondent lost a lapstone between the Hill and South Paris. Anyone finding it will greatly oblige the owner by leaving it at this office.

Unequalled—Brussels soap.

Two cakes of Brussels soap will do more washing than three of any other.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

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

BUCKFIELD.

There were 25 deaths in town in 1889. Six more than in 1888 and five less than in 1887.

The remains of the late Hiram Hines who died in Lewiston Dec. 27th were brought here for interment.

The weather and traveling does not differ much from this time last year. Bare ground and mild characteristics both years. No sleighing last winter from Dec. 28th to Jan. 21st, at which date we had about a foot of snow come.

After the holiday season was over the stores and shops adopted the rule of closing at six o'clock on Tuesday and Thursday evenings until spring opens.

"La grippe" rules the hour. Those that haven't got it are looking for it. All will have it if the newspapers can give it—so much for the power of the press.

Bank Examiner Bisbee has recently been to Byron examining the "banks" of Swift River and reports them in good condition for a "gold boom" in the spring.

The week of prayer was observed at the chapel of the Baptist church the past week with a good attendance, Rev. S. D. Richardson conducting the services.

Bridge Master Joy is making extensive repairs on the railroad bridge in the village.

Edward G. Cole had a narrow escape last week. His left hand got caught in the machinery at his shop, stripping the skin from the wrist to the ends of his fingers. But for the stopping of the machine he would have lost his arm. Dr. Caldwell was an hour dressing the wounded hand.

Merritt Parsons, at work at the railroad bridge tightening up one of the the nuts, the lever slipped and he fell to the ice. It was thought he was seriously hurt, but he got out next day all right—you can't get rid of tax collectors so easily.

C. C. Spaulding has returned from Lowell, where he has been for medical treatment by Dr. J. C. Irish.

John A. Keen and wife, of Norway, will spend the winter with B. F. Chase.

Miss Rossie Tilton was the guest of her uncle, Gilbert Tilton, last week. Miss Tilton goes to New York soon for a permanent residence.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Kimball C. Atwood of Clifton, N. J., will be glad to learn that their daughter, who was seriously ill of pneumonia, is recovering.

ANDOVER.

Everybody has la grippe genuine or imaginary.

The Congregational Ladies' Circle met with Mrs. John Akers of No. 4 Wednesday evening of this week.

The Good Templars are arranging for an Old Folks Concert and baked bean supper to be given at Union Hall, Jan. 27th.

Miss Minnie French is visiting friends in Boston and vicinity.

The winter school at South Andover closed Jan. 12th after a term of twelve weeks taught by Miss Flossie Howe of Hanover.

Edward Pratt has taken the job to land to the river the poplar cut by the Frenchmen on Gregg Mountain west of the Surplus Road.

The smokestack of the steam mill blew down one night last week causing a days shut down.

Miss Maude Merrill has gone to Boston for the winter.

ROXBURY.

John Reed has too much town pride to let Byron have all the gold, so he went up and got Norcross, the old miner, and out of the first panful of sand taken from the river bank near John's house they got several pieces of gold. Mr. Norcross will spend several days looking for gold, mostly at the rocks and ledges as the ice prevents much being done on the river until spring. Then look out for a rush.

Foster & Marble have two teams dragging logs to the river, but it is very bad until we have more snow.

Ernest Oldham's little girl is quite sick.

Johnny Houston is sick. Some think he has the grippe.

George Ladd, who has been cooking for Tommy Oldham, is at home. The lack of snow has obliged Tommy to stop work on poplar.

BETHEL.

The Chinese Village entertainment, given at Ideal Hall, Tuesday evening, Jan. 7th, under the auspices of the Ladies Circle of the Universalist society, was a very pleasant affair. Supper was served by the society with "Chinamen made tea" between 6 and 8 P. M. Many Chinese novelties were displayed for sale, purchasers being waited upon by four or five fair ladies of the society arrayed in Chinese costumes. The entertainment proper was very amusing and instructive, being descriptive and illustrative of the customs and manners of the Chinese people. The hall was well filled, and everyone was greatly pleased with the entertainment.

Brown Post, G. A. R., will give their annual sociable and reunion, Tuesday evening, Jan. 14. Supper will be served at the Elms from 6 to 8 P. M. There will be a public installation of the officers elect of the Brown Post Relief Corps at 8 o'clock, in Ideal Hall. Sociable at 8:45. Good music will be in attendance, and all efforts will be made to make this the good time of the season.

Union meetings have been held during the past week by the Congregationalists and Methodists.

The "grip" has not slighted us. There are a number of cases here, some of them very severe.

James S. Wright who was appointed auditor in suit A. E. Herrick, administrator de bonis non of the estate of Washington M. Estes vs. Jedediah Estes was at Bethel Wednesday last to act in that capacity at a hearing previously appointed. The parties and witnesses were all present but a settlement was made by which the defendent Estes agreed to be defaulted in the sum of $300 at the February term of court.

EAST WATERFORD.

Mrs. A. H. Whitehouse's school in Temple Hill District closed Friday with interesting exercises. The term has been a most profitable one.

Edward Hilton has gone to Lewiston to spend the winter with his son.

Eben Marston of Portland made his sister, Mrs. D. G. Pride, a short visit.

Mrs. Benjamin Marston is visiting in Newton, Mass.

Two sons of Elbridge Merrill of Mechanic Falls are visiting at Cyrus Mills'.

Algertia Moore, a ten-year-old daughter of Newton Moore, of Albany, is at P. N. Haskell's. We understand he intends to adopt her.

GRAFTON.

Mrs. Samuel Pratt was riding with Gerald Davis from her home to Charles Davis's on Friday last and in making the turn in the road the sleigh was overturned and Mrs. Pratt thrown out striking on the frozen ground and ice breaking her shoulder blade.

Mrs. George Lapham is still sick with bilious fever.

The rain has nearly ruined our nice sleighing and still it rains at this writing. So much rain is very bad for the lumbermen especially those that have to two-sled their logs.

G. S. Farrar has finished his school at Norway and is now attending the Normal School at Farmington.

David S. Abbott and wife go to Hanover next week to work for Mrs. Cyrus Bartlett.

Samuel Raymond who draws supplies to the loggers has been obliged to abandon the road across the woods to Berlin on account of the small amount of snow.

MASON.

If the wicked are ever safe they must be now for slippery places are abundant.

The boys have jolly times sliding down hill and skating.

Traveling bad and weather mild.

Some of the machinery in A. S. Bean's mill broke yesterday so that it will be idle for a few days.

Archie Hutchinson has gone to Gilead to work.

Daniel Morrill has gone to Ketchum to work for Thurston & Morrill hauling birch.

Daniel Morrill 2d is going to haul timber for Thial Kennerson to West Bethel.

Nelson Mills is having a hard time with rheumatism and erysipelas this winter. He is very lame.

The crows have all left Mason, it is quite lonesome up here. How is it down at South Buckfield?

J. C. Bean is feeble.

Miss Alice Merrill is with Mrs. A. Mason. Annie has gone to school at Portland.

SWEDEN.

Our snow has left us to the extent that no heavy teaming can be done on the main roads over the hills, but the school children think it is just right and have fine times coasting with their double runners.

Mrs. A. H. Whitehouse has just closed an exceedingly profitable term of school on Temple Hill, Waterford. It was eight weeks in length. The number of scholars ten and only one scholar was absent for the term, and that only one day. The punctuality of the scholars show that the efforts made by the teacher were seconded by the parents, and where that is the case a good school is sure to follow.

I. F. Richardson died on the morning of the 24. He has been sick a long time and was a great sufferer at times.

Mrs. Aaron Woodbury is spending the winter away with her children, having visited at Castine and Portland and is now in Massachusetts.

EAST SUMNER.

The funeral services of Mr. Solomon N. Stetson, of Hartford, were held at the Congregational church on Thursday, the 9th inst. He had been in failing health since his buildings were burned last spring. Probably he received injuries by his earnest efforts to save his goods at the time of the fire. Mr. Stetson was a worthy and greatly respected citizen and many will mourn his death. Age 72 years.

Isaac S. Townsend, a resident of Sumner, was buried on the 7th inst.

The la grippe is no respector of persons and nearly every family has received a visit. No cases, as yet, fatal.

Mrs. Jane Bonney, who has been visiting in Massachusetts arrived home to attend her brother's funeral.

The Congregational and Baptist churches held union services every evening last week. SLOCUM.

FRYEBURG CENTRE.

Fryeburg Grange installed the following officers Jan. 4th for the ensuing year:

Master, B. W. McKeen.
Overseer, John F. Charles.
Lecturer, S. O. Wiley.
Chaplain, Charles W. Waterhouse.
Treasurer, M. M. Smart.
Secretary, I. S. McIntire.
Ceres, Hattie Gordon.
Pomona, Abbie Waterhouse.
Flora, Rhoda Wiley.
Gate Keeper, George A. Charles.
L. Asst. Steward, Bessie Charles.
Steward, James Hobbs.
Asst. Steward, Eugene Hill.

Julian Lodge, No. 12, D. of K., has installed in their respective offices the following:

N. G., Bessie Charles.
V. G., Lucie Hutchins.
S., Rose M. Chandler.
T., Abbie Waterhouse.
R. S. N. G., George A. Charles.
L. S. N. G., Nellie Wiley.
R. S. V. G., T. S. McIntire.
L. S. V. G., Miranda McIntire.
W., T. S. Bragdon.
C., Charles Chandler.
Chap., Charles W. Waterhouse.

Esther Hutchins has returned from Boston where she has been stopping for two or three months past.

The following officers have been installed in Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, F. & A. M., under the direction of P. M., W. C. Towle:

W. M., E. E. Hastings.
S. W., Edward Weston.
J. W., D. H. Chandler.
S. D., Frank Sarbett.
J. D., M. Keefe.
S. S., Charles F. Smith.
J. S., F. A. Hill.
Organist, Harry Hildebrand.
Treasury, W. N. Tarbox.
Secretary, A. C. Frye.

Picnic supper, a large company and a pleasant time.

Colds are the every day complaint.

Fryeburg Lodge, No. 49, I. O. O. F., installed the following officers Jan. 2d, 1890:

N. G., Frank A. Hill.
V. G., Frank Thompson.
R. S., T. S. McIntire.
P. S., Charles Chandler.
T., George A. Charles.
R. S. N. G., T. J. Bragdon.
L. S. N. G., J. E. Hutchins.
R. S. V. G., D. H. Chandler.
L. S. V. G., Nathaniel Walker, Jr.
W., Charles W. Waterhouse.
C., M. M. Smart.
I. S., Jerome Bickford.
O. G., Clinton Heath.
R. S. S., S. A. Page.
L. S. S., W. H. Whitcomb.

FRYEBURG.

Dr. and Mrs. John Sweat are stopping at the Walker House. The doctor has a unique "turnout," a Canadian sleigh.

Will Locke has a position in the Maine Central office at Portland. His stock of goods is being sold out at bargains.

Rev. J. W. Buckham, of Conway, preached at the Congregational church January 5th.

Allan Shirley was in town on Saturday.

Mr. J. C. Gerry has made a change in his occupation. He has engaged to travel for Goudy & Kent and leaves his business in the hands of Mr. Additon, a young man from Skowhegan.

Miss Mary Barrows left Tuesday for Wellsley.

The C. L. S. C. held their annual supper at the Fryeburg House by invitation of Mr. and Mrs Johnson on Tuesday evening January 7th. With sentiments and speeches and social good will it was a very pleasant occasion.

Miss Helen Chapman returned to Brunswick on Thursday summoned by the sickness of Prof. Chapman's wife.

Miss Marilla Curtis, of Casco, was surprised by a large party of her schoolmates on Wednesday evening who left a pleasant memorial of her birthday.

Miss A. N. Page went to Malden on Saturday on account of the dangerous illness of her uncle, Mr. P. S. Page.

Miss Ellen Tibbetts and Miss Leah Barker have gone to Portland to Mrs. Bellows' school.

SUMNER.

Never before was it so slippery going, says the oldest inhabitant.

Isaac Townsend died Sunday, Jan. 4th, after a short illness, and was buried Jan. 7th, Rev. Mr. Hibbard officiating clergyman.

Ed Thompson has taken the Glover farm on Field's Hill and has moved there.

G. B. Foster is working in the woods for O. Bonney.

WEST BETHEL.

The ice in the Androscoggin has not been safe for teams to cross on at this place, up to the 9th inst., but this last cold wave with the mercury 10 below will make it all right.

The thin snow and open brooks have been a serious hindrance to the lumbering interests.

The young people have enjoyed fine skating these moonlight evenings.

The safe arrival of D. B. Grover and son at Grass Valley, Cal., is reported. They found the weather there about the same as they left in Maine, with three inches of snow.

Andrew Bean came home from Mechanic Falls Thursday sick with la grippe.

Aunt Naomi Grover has recovered from her serious sickness and is about the house as usual.

Daniel Conner, of Fryeburg Academy Grant, died last Tuesday. He has been failing for some time.

Henry Cooledge, Henry Cross, Sewall Walker and C. L. Abbott, Jr., with teams are hauling birch for A. S. Bean from his lot in Gilead. Mr. Bean also has sixteen horses of his own working on the same road, making three trips per day.

NORWAY LAKE.

Frank Tucker slipped on the ice and cut his foot badly this week.

J. C. Saunders moved his coal house to one corner of his garden lot and is to fit it up for a carriage house.

James Smith has raised up his shore shop and will enlarge it in the spring so as to be more convenient.

Mrs. Lizzie Parsons has so far recovered from her late illness as to visit her father and mother a few days ago.

H. A. M. Bradbury has been visiting his brother, J. Frank Bradbury, this week.

NORTH-WEST BETHEL.

Brownie Stearns has been away on a visit to her cousin, Mrs. C. Eames of Middle Intervale.

Frank Philbrick and Tom Record from Buckfield stopped awhile with their friend, Seth Mason, of this place last week. They were on their way to Dummer, N. H., to work in the woods.

S. L. Mason was up to Berlin last week.

Tom Penley got hurt quite badly while out sliding a few evenings ago.

DIXFIELD.

Thursday has been the most severe day of the season thus far.

Quite a number have been afflicted with the prevailing influenza. Dr. Sturtevant was on the sick list Wednesday and Thursday with the prevailing malady.

The ice has caused many accidents. Among the most severe sufferers from falls are Mr. George L. Merrill of the spool mill company, and Mrs Augustus Wing.

Mrs. W. S. Chase has gone to Kansas City to spend the winter.

Mrs. W. K. Chase, of the firm of Chase & Abbott, has returned from her visit to Turner.

OXFORD.

The churches are observing the week of prayer.

George Jones has commenced a singing school with about forty scholars.

The village schools are in session with the former teachers.

Edward Hayes has gone to Idaho with James Wardwell.

Dr. Faunce has returned to Florida.

Adelbert Caldwell has come home from Colby on account of ill health.

Frank Hawkes has returned to Yale.

George Hawkes is able to be at his store.

Harry Farris has gone to Lewiston.

Miss Bertha Pendexter is in town.

Loud complaints are heard of hard times and a stagnation of business.

The mill is still running on three-fourths time. Two rooms have been shut down for several days for lack of material.

Many teams are now idle anxiously waiting for snow.

James Wardwell, of Idaho, has been in town visiting his aged mother. Mr. W. is owner of several large cattle ranches in that state. He was accompanied by Ed Hayes on his return. MARK TAPLEY.

HEBRON.

At the last meeting of Hebron Grange, No. 43, the following officers were installed:

C. H. George, Master.
J. L. Bumpus, Overseer.
Z. L. Packard, Lecturer.
Joseph Hibbs, Steward.
J. A. Hibbs, Asst. Steward.
D. F. Cummings, Chaplain.
H. M. Cushman, Treasurer.
Miss Grace Bumpus, Secretary.
Albert Conant, Gate Keeper.
Mrs. J. L. Bumpus, Pomona.
Mrs. Adilie Greenwood, Flora.
Mrs. H. A. Cushman, Ceres.
Miss Abbie Hibbs, L. Asst. Steward.
Mrs. Nellie Conant, Organist.
H. A. Cushman, Chorister.

The week of prayer is being observed with meetings every evening.

Rev. Mr. Richardson is spending the week at Buckfield.

Mr. Sargent is home again and the time will soon be here for the spring term to open.

Wallace Cushman is still gaining and has been out as far as the store once.

Vane Bearce had a very narrow escape from a serious fire yesterday (Thursday) a big burnout of his chimney in the high wind.

Very cold weather just now. 4 degrees below zero this morning and a little snow coming.

Miss Pratt remains about the same.

There has been quite a clearing out of apples here this week. Bert Glover had ninety-one barrels. All that did not go this week will go next and then there will be but two or three lots unsold. C.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Ice everywhere.

La grippe has appeared here.

School closed on Monday afternoon for the present, the teacher's mother, Mrs. M. B. Weeks, being very sick with la grippe.

Jesse Bartlett, son of Henry Bartlett, came home sick and his case has been very critical. Dr. Smith, of Cornish, was called. He pronounces him better at this writing.

Conductor Richardson is one of the victims.

News has been received of the death of Rev. E. S. Jordan at his home in Upper Gloucester on the 7th. He was pastor of the Congregational church here twelve years.

CANTON.

John Briggs and Silas Barrell are on the sick list.

J. B. Look is improving slowly.

Mrs. Emily Wright is visiting her daughter at Gardiner.

There will be a social dance at Union Hall, Canton Point, next Thursday evening.

Mr. Grippe is still visiting in town.

Henry Thayer has bought a large quantity of pine of A. R. Foster & Son and has a large crew of men cutting it.

Rev. Mr. Donham began his labors as pastor of the Universalist church one week ago last Sunday.

Rev. J. M. Long attended the dedication of the Baptist church at Norway last week.

It is reported that several couples of our young people have joined the matrimonial ranks since the New Year came in. Who next?

It is neither sleighing nor wagoning at this writing.

The officers of Anasagunticook Lodge, I. O. O. F., were duly installed last Wednesday evening by D. D. G. M., J. S. Mendall. The officers are as follows:

N. G., A. S. Shaw.
V. G., L. O. Virgin.
Secretary, J. B. Look.
Per. Sec., F. E. Bicknell.
Treasurer, Robert Swett.

Last Saturday evening Harry Reed and Sena Taylor were united in marriage by Rev. J. M. Long. The bride and groom are very estimable people and may they live long and happily is the wish of your correspondent.

HARTFORD.

The cold wave is upon us.

The la grippe is well settled in this vicinity. Some schools have stopped on account of it.

Charles Merrill's youngest daughter died the 8th, funeral the 10th.

DENMARK.

District Deputy Grand Master C. B. Smith assisted by Deputy Marshall James N. Smith installed the following officers of Denmark Lodge, No. 50, I. O. O. F., January 7th:

Sidney Orcutt, N. G.
S. T. Jewett, V. G.
I. H. Berry, R. S.
G. W. Gray, P. S.
N. S. Thomas, Treasurer.
Edwin Pingree, Chaplain.
A. B. Ordway, W.
George W. Moulton, C.

L. A. Ingalls made a trip to Portland last week.

Dr. Brown visited a patient in Portland last week.

Mrs. James Wentworth died very suddenly of pneumonia January 10th, aged 72 years.

WILSON'S MILLS.

The last day of the old year was a lovely one and such a day as December only can give us. The climatic changes here for the last two seasons make our old hard winters seem a thing of the past.

J. W. Parker has been up looking over the lumber on the landings.

Accidents have been quite numerous of late.

An axe flew from the hands of Newell Littlehale, striking a Frenchman who was at work for him in the upper part of the arm, making a very bad wound. Dr. Staples, of Errol, was called to attend him.

A man by the name of Taylor was taken sick with pneumonia at G. H. Flint's camp. He was taken to H. W. Fickett's and Mrs. Patterson is caring for him.

A man at Hobb's camp cut his big toe so badly that it had to be amputated.

MEXICO.

H. N. Robinson died in Brocton, Mass., recently.

John M. Shay, with a two-horse load of lumber, was going to the mill at Gum Corner, when horses and load went out of the road over a bank and one horse was killed. As yet informed, no other material damage was done.

George Roberts, wife and child are here on a visit from New Hampshire.

WEST PERU.

Mr. Z. S. Parker, of Hallowell, will etnduct an "Old Folks' Concert" here at the close of his singing school a week or two hence. Singers from Dixfield, Rumford and Peru are expected to participate, and a large stringed orchestra will accompany the singing. Ancient costumes will be in vogue.

SOUTH BUCKFIELD.

I cannot refrain from—not a review—but a brief reference to "Looking Backward," as additional interest is added to the perusal of this book from the fact that a public meeting has been held in the city of Boston to promote the principals advanced in this book, being addressed by its author, Edward Bellamy. Why is it that mankind are ever grasping after the impracticable and unattainable? When our forefathers in their far-seeing wisdom formed a government perfect in principle, that guarrantees to every citizen the greatest liberty compatable with the rights of the whole, it should be the ambition of their descendants to preserve and perfect, to protect alike from centralization and decentralization and from the grasping hand of monopoly. But after all, what a glowing picture of industrial progress, of society reconstructed, of a world regenerated does this book so aptly depict and describe andall under a patunal government! I fear that its beneficent features can never be realized in this imperfect world of ours. But it may enable us to discern more clearly the crudities and imperfections still existing in society and under our system of government. Who can say that we should not to-day know the blighting power of slavery if it had not been for that advance guard of fanatics who denounced the stars and stripes as "the flaunting lie" and the Federal constitution as "a compact with the devil and a covenant with hell."

Oscar Roberts goes to the city to work this week.

Das Turner has a Canada Morgan mare that looks like a model breeder. She is now with foal, the sire being unknown to Mr. Turner.

Bennie Gerrish is said to have had "la grippe.

Tommie Record has returned to the woods, being accompanied by Frank Philbrick. Tommie's supply of bear stories was not exhausted whereby to entertain the wondering natives. Who says he will not be able to write a thrilling bear story for the Youth's Companion founded on fact.

The writer has sold two cows to Mr. Loring of Turner.

Bennie Keene, of East Hebron, gets $80 a month for his cream and milk sold.

Joseph F. DeCoster of East Buckfield, now gathers the cream on three routes.

Perhaps it would be news to the Democrat that Abel Irish has moved from his farm to the Thomes rent at the village.

Amidst all the race troubles in the south it is encouraging to read that there was a fair at Columbia, S. C., of the "Colored Agricultural and Mechanical Society of South Carolina" on the twenty-seventh anniversary of the proclamation of emancipation, lasting four days. Of the race troubles of the south we are sure to hear the worst.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Lyceum Wednesday evening was well attended, taking the weather into consideration.

A. S. Twitchell, of Gorham, was in town the middle of the week.

Miss Alice Tinkham has returned to her home at Mechanic Falls.

The Tebbets Manufacturing Co.'s sawmill started up the first of the week sawing spool lumber.

Miss Effie Noyes is keeping house for Joe Jackson.

La grippe has struck us. F.

ALBANY.

Justin Aspinwall is unable to make his regular trips as mail carrier in consequence of a lame knee and a broken rib caused by a fall on the ice as he was walking home from church.

Luke More has cut his foot quite badly.

A young man by the name of Abbott, of Norway, came to visit his uncle, Geo. W. Beckler, was taken quite sick and remains so. His parents are there taking care of him.

Ira Cardwell is very sick. His brain is considerably affected.

Mrs. Jones McAllister has had a serious attack of erysipelas, but is better.

Mrs. Ann Flint, who went to Connecticut several weeks ago to visit a friend and was taken sick, is better, but not able to come home.

BRYANT'S POND.

A. M. Whitman Post installed their officers Jan. 1st. James L. Bowker is elected Commander for the coming year. The officers were installed by H. C. Berry, of Locke's Mills.

Abner D. Bryant of Greenwood, intends to sell his farm the coming spring. It is one of the best in town with a fine timber lot thereon. Mr. Bryant desires to engage in other business out of town.

We expect soon to see the teams coming into town with lumber to be used in our new mill.

The Grange installed their officers and had a grand dinner Jan. 4th. A good number were present.

The prospect of starting a new industry here soon is very encouraging. The citizens of the village are raising the money to erect a building and put in power for an inducement to some manufacturer of wood. This will give the farmers a ready market for their surplus wood at a good price. It is estimated that within a three-mile circuit of this village there is at least one hundred thousand dollar's worth of hard wood to be disposed of in some way. Why not have an establishment here to work it up, giving the farmers a lift and, in fact, benefiting the whole town. The location is and the conditions ought to be made favorable to give Woodstock a slight boom.

PERU.

La grippe has made its appearance and quite a number are sick with it.

Our January thaw came quite early in the month and took the snow all off in this place. Some go in wagons and some in sleighs and some on foot, and they that are on foot have to look out or they will sit down quite suddenly.

Mrs. D. W. Knight is at Dixfield taking care of Mrs. Marble who is sick.

John Martin and wife and her father, of Massachusetts, who have been visiting in this place, have returned home and Mr. Algernon Knox and wife returned with them.

EAST PERU.

William Trask has been repairing his house the past fall by painting and replacing his windows with new ones. This bad weather puts a damper on the men who want to haul birch.

RUMFORD CENTRE.

Mr. Charles B. Abbott is very sick with la grippe.

Mr. G. T. Thurston received a severe blow upon his shoulder by a falling tree. Some bones were broken and his shoulder badly bruised.

The oyster supper given by the Androscoggin Social Club last Thursday evening was quite well attended considering the severity of the weather.

A grange is soon to be organized here.

Mr. Channing R. Abbott's infant child died last Wednesday morning after a short sickness.

STONEHAM.

Mrs. Banister received a bad bruise on the hip by falling on the icy doorstep one day last week.

C. J. Littlefield and Fred Lebroke got a cold bath last Sunday in Procter Pond.

Kilborn & Saunders are cutting pine and oak on what is called the Warren lots. The pine goes to Kezar Pond, the oak to Bethel chair factory.

Jonathan Bartlett has a three-year-old colt by Gen. Garfield that is sixteen hands high, and is threatened with speed. Also a four-year-old that will give the best of them all the road they want. It is by a colt called Slander.

UPTON.

A. M. Coolidge and S. E. Morse have gone to the Oxford Club's camp to get in the wood and ice.

Lumen and Willie Sargent have gone gumming.

We have had quite a thaw. It took off all the snow and has left the fields coated with ice, but the roads are nearly bare. It is bad for lumbermen as several of them cannot work teams.

We are told that E. L. Brown saw a wolf in Grafton a few days ago.

Christmas was celebrated at the union church by a Christmas tree and farce.

Mrs. Lottie Black has recovered from her hurt and returned to work for J. F. Cooledge.

The snow has begun to fall. The loggers will be glad to see it. LIDA.

HIRAM.

January 8th, a good day to winnow beans.

Hundreds of acres of ground as bare as in July.

Roads icy and dangerous.

Wheeling on the high roads.

The la grippe has its grip on some of our citizens.

Col. J. F. Twitchell goes to Watertown, Mass., this week to look up a pension case.

Isaac S. Lowell has a position at Jackson, N. H.

Last week as Charlie Gould was driving a two horse team in Jackson the horses became unmanageable on an icy declivity and he was thrown fifteen feet, striking on his back and head, injuring him severely. He has returned home.

Messrs. Flint & Burnell have put in a grist mill in their mill at East Hiram.

Mrs. Zelpha W. Barker is spending the winter in Portland with her daughter, Mrs. S. E. Spring.

Our esteemed neighbor, Arthur H. Storer, died of consumption, Jan. 3d, 1890, aged 26 years, 5 months and 16 days. A kind and dutiful son, a loving brother and obliging neighbor has gone from us. He bore his sufferings with uncomplaining fortitude and the sweet smile that lingered upon his face till the shadows of the grave hid him from our view told plainly that the peace of God rested upon his soul. At his funeral the clergyman failed to arrive and a burial service was improvised by Col. Twitchell and the neighbors. L. A. W.

EAST BETHEL.

Nellie M. Leach closed her third term of school in this place Thursday evening, Jan. 2d, with an exhibition consisting of music, dialogues, tableaux, recitations, etc. Much praise is due both teacher and scholars for a very interesting entertainment, which was well appreciated by a full house.

The following are the officers of Alder River Grange for the ensuing year:

Master, E. G. Young.
Overseer, F. L. Haines.
Lecturer, W. F. Brown.
Steward, W. O. Holt.
Ast. Steward, Z. W. Bartlett.
Chaplain, Dea. M. S. Kimball.
Treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Bean.
Secretary, Mrs. A. H. Brown.
Pomona, Mrs. E. S. Bartlett.
Flora, Mrs. Annie Kimball.
Ceres, Mrs. Carrie Bartlett.
Lady Ast. Steward, Mrs. May Kimball.
Gate Keeper, M. E. Bartlett.

Born, Jan. 4th, to the wife of James M. Bartlett, a son.

WEST SUMNER.

While Chester Allen and wife were calling at a neighbor's Sunday afternoon, leaving their three children at home, the oldest boy, aged six years, came running for them, saying that his little sister was dying. He had tried to get the gun, which was accidentally discharged, striking his two-year-old sister in the face, the charge of shot taking away more than half the under lip, cutting across the cheek a gash two inches wide and off the angle of jaw. Dr. Bisbee, who was called, thinks the little sufferer may recover with eyesight, but with sadly disfigured face, which is badly burned and full of powder. Another warning to parents which would seem unnecessary.

George C. Morrill received news Tuesday of the critical illness of his brother, A. R. Morrill, of Worcester, Mass., with pneumonia resulting from la grippe. There have been several cases of the disease coming under the physician's care about town.

The eldest son of Edward C. Slattery, working in the woods, came home sick with pleurisy fever a short time since.

Mrs. Leonard Farrar, who has been in poor health for several years past, is now seriously sick.

The week of prayer is being observed at the Baptist church, where several have started in the straight and narrow path in the last few months.

A party at Minnie Bisbee's a few nights ago which was greatly enjoyed, though the getting down the hill over the ice would naturally bring the thought, does it pay?

Our blacksmiths have as much business in shoes for heels of pedestrians as in sharpening horses. The general verdict being "it was never harder walking."

Ice, wind and la grippe.

WEST PARIS.

Many of our citizens have this bad cold or la grippe. Quite a number are sick abed.

Mr. C. H. Adams has resigned his position as foreman of the wood-work department at the W. P. M'f'g Co. mills. T. F. Kendall takes his place. They commenced to run full time Thursday.

The Pioneer has not been running this week.

C. H. Young, our photographer has been up in the woods taking pictures of logging camps and crews.

Fred Bartlett, the jeweller, has just arrived in town. Mr. Bartlett has visited this place about once in two months for the last eight years. He is a good workman having worked in Boston and Lewiston a number of years. He carries a lathe and other tools which enable him to do first class work, neat and quick.

Sullivan's Dramatic Co. are in town. They played "Asa Whitcomb" Friday night. They did not get a very large house so many of our people are sick.

Our stores commence to shut up at 6:30, P. M., Wednesday and Friday evenings of each week.

Bert Willis' school at Jackson's crossing finished last week.

Miss Thompson was taken with this cold the middle of this week and was unable to keep school the last of the week.

GREENWOOD.

Last fall two weather prophets came to the front, one predicting after examining a goose's breast bone, that the coming winter would be like the last in mildness of temperature, only more so; while the other affirmed that the muskrat had built his house unusually high and thick and consequently we might expect an uncommonly rough winter. Thus far the goose man seems to have had the right of it. Last week there was only about a foot of snow in the woods, the springy and soft places all open, so that woodhauling was rather uphill business, and the ponds were not sufficiently frozen to make it safe for teams.

January gets its thaw in pretty early this year. The fields are now mostly bare, sheep out getting their own living, and while writing this teams are driving by on wheels.

Newell Hicks has been confined to his bed for several weeks with a diseased ankle. He is now a little better but not so that he can bear any weight on it.

South Buckfield made a few comments last week on manuscript and newspaper mistakes, and now it comes our turn. Your devil or somebody else made us say insects were flipping about on the wing, instead of flitting, as we wrote it. We believe nature never makes such a mistake as to provide flippers for creatures inhabiting the air.

Quite a number of remarkable events occurred during the months of November and December: There was a big fire in Lynn and Boston, to say nothing of other places; a fearful panic at Johnstown; the death of Jefferson Davis, and the two poets, Tupper and Browing; the dethronement of Don Pedro, the best emperor of modern times if not the best that the world ever saw. And these are only a few that occur at the moment of writing.

But there was one other we cannot help noticing on account of its novelty, and that was the adventure of Nellie Bly to see how quick she could get round the world. She was sent by the New York World and started about the middle of November. The event was such a novelty that our muse has crystallized it:

There now is traveling round the earth, a lady—
Nellie Bly—
As an orange may be crawled around, by a social festive fly;
And if she safely home returns, when eighty days go by,
Good fortune will have crowned the scheme, and smiled on Nellie Bly.

It might be well to mention here that we are at work again in Milton, and therefore Greenwood will be represented in the bear brigade only occasionally. In the mean time, perhaps a few items will be sent in now and then from this place.

BROWNFIELD.

A cold wave is passing through this section of the town.

Quite a number in and around the village are suffering with very bad colds.

No school this week on account of the teacher's being sick with "la grippe."

Fred Wentworth of Hiram, and Lydia Edes of Brownfield, were married New Year's.

Dr. Gatchell came home on a flying visit.

Mrs. Perley Brown of this village, now in Fryeburg, is quite sick.

Two young ladies residing here watched the Old Year out and the New Year in.

Everett Linscott has returned from Boston, where he has been engaged as bookkeeper in a store.

LOVELL.

The ladies of the Congregational Circle at the village gave an antiquarian supper on Thursday evening. A large number were in attendance. Music by Kimball's Orchestra. Net proceeds $26.

The funeral of the late Deacon Charles Hamblen was attended at the Christian church on Tuesday afternoon. Sermon by Rev. Jesse W. Card.

The following officers of Crescent Lodge, No. 25, at North Lovell, were installed on Friday evening by D. D. G. M. Stephen F. Kimball assisted by members of Kezar Valley Lodge as grand officers:

N. G., Joseph E. Farnham.
V. G., Sulmore McKeen.
R. S., O. E. Gammon.
P. S., W. C. Brooks.
T., J. E. Farnham.

RUMFORD.

Every one is expecting the grippe.

Bad colds are prevailing, but nothing serious as yet.

Good crossing on the ice at the Point and at Hanover.

Teaming suspended for want of snow.

J. H. Barker and wife are visiting friends in Auburn.

V. I. S. meets with Mrs. S. R. Hutchins Tuesday evening.

Charles A. Kimball is on the sick list; thinks he has had the grippe.

Harry H. Hutchins has traded his driving horse for a worker.

The stage goes to the Pond on wheels. Fair sleighing around here, but very slippery and dangerous. No broken bones reported yet but expect it any day.

The blacksmiths are the only busy people among us.

Mercury 20° below and blowing a gale.

A NEW INDUSTRY.

It is reported that W. S. Robinson has sold eleven-twelfths of his granite quarry at Norway to Hon. James Irish and George B. Staples for $11,000, and that a company is to be formed to operate the quarry, among the holders of stock being Eugene Hale, Clarence Hale, W. & C. R. Milliken, George Van Dyke, H. M. Bearce, J. P. Swasey, James Irish, George B. Staples, W. S. Robinson and others. The meeting of the company for organization will be held at the office of W. & C. R. Milliken in Portland, on Monday, February 10th, next. It is expected that a large force of men will commence work in the early spring.

LAW COURT DECISION.

The following rescript has been received in a Rumford will case:

Jonathan A. Bartlett et al, appelants from decree of Judge of Probate, petitioners for leave to enter their appeal.

RESCRIPT.—The right of appeal from the decision of the judge of probate is conditional, and such appeal can be prosecuted only upon complying with the statutes relating to such appeals. By R. S., c. 63, sec. 24, "the appellant shall file in the probate office his bond to the adverse party, or to the judge of probate for the benefit of the adverse party, for such sum and with such securities as the judge approves

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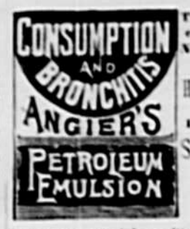

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WHEREAS, Alonzo V. Ripley of Buckfield, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, by his mortgage deed dated the 31st day of May, A. D. 1886, and recorded in Oxford Registry of Deeds, Book 215, Page, 297, conveyed to Enos D. Heald of said Buckfield in mortgage the following described real estate, situated in Buckfield village in said town of Buckfield, viz.: The dwelling house, ell and stable, together with the lot of land belonging to the same, situated on the street leading from the railroad station to the butter factory and on the northerly side of said street, and located between the stands now occupied by Amiel Jones on the west and Atwood A. Farrar on the east, and formerly known as the Alanson Young stand; and whereas said Enos D. Heald, by his assignment dated the second day of January, A. D. 1890, and recorded in Oxford Registry of Deeds, Book 267, Page 311, assigned said mortgage to me, the undersigned, and whereas, the condition of said mortgage has been broken, now therefore, I claim a foreclosure of the same, according to the statute in such case made and provided.

Buckfield, Dec. 31, A. D. 1889.

HORACE L. FARRAR.

HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

Correspondence on topics of interest to the ladies is solicited. Address: Editor HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN, Oxford Democrat, Paris, Maine.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MID-WINTER SEWING.

Now that the winter clothing is made and easily kept in good repair, the Christmas gift making and the beautiful festivities of the season are over, there will come two months of comparative leisure, when the overworked housewife can loosen the tension, let down the nervous pressure and take her work deliberately. If she be a wise manager she will now do the countless things which are essential to keeping the appurtenances of a household in thrifty condition.

This is the most convenient time in the whole year to inspect bedding, repair that already in use and make new. The same is also true of household linen supplies and of underwear. There is a real pleasure either in superintending or making these things, when one can go leisurely about it, working only when it is not better and wiser economy to rest, to go out for a walk, or to ride in the invigorating winter air, or obtain healthful recreation in some other way.

If you have not already done so, make a cover of strong, unbleached cotton cloth to draw over every mattress. They should be made box-shaped, similar to a mattress, left open at one end, and tied with four pairs of tapes. Their utility is based on the true theory that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." A cheap grade of ticking best combines the essentials of durability, cleanliness and good looks for covering tacks to be used next to mattresses. Do not tack them closely together—six or eight inches apart is sufficient, as the cotton should always be removed when it becomes necessary to wash them. Rip apart, spread the cotton where it will get the direct effects of both sun and wind for two or three days before returning to the washed cover. When soiled from use during sickness, the cotton should be discarded and new substituted. It is almost impossible to thoroughly disinfect and clean cotton batting without wetting it, and cotton wet is always cotton spoiled. I know this is a digression from my subject, but a quilt which I recently saw in a guest-room convinced me that all housekeepers were not cognizant of the above facts.

If, when making sheets, the sewing of them together is not an item of expense, it is more economical to use single-width cloth, as when partly worn they can be ripped apart and the outer edges sewed together, thus securing an added amount of wear.

For servants' chambers, in fact for all common uses, unbleached cloth is not only more serviceable, but when well laundried continually becomes whiter—a desideratum not often obtained with bleached cloth. Don't, I beg of you, commit the aggravating folly of making short sheets. They should never be less than two and three-fourths yards long, and if made of unbleached muslin, an additional inch should be allowed on each yard for shrinkage. Linen sheeting shrinks nearly as much.

For winter bedding, especially, nothing combines so many points of merit as all-wool blankets; yet all housekeepers do not think so, or so believing, cannot afford an entire outfit of blankets for a house. Then again there is many a thrifty housewife who would think herself sadly derelict in her duty unless she had a few handsome bed quilts and a generous supply of tacks or comfortables. No doubt this army of industrious women will continue to do their way, despite anything I may say. I go further than to protest against a woman spending her time and strength in piecing fancy and elaborate quilts, for I think it all folly to even quilt one. Tacks made either of plain or figured sateen, oil-boiled Turkey red calico, domestic gingham or wool dress goods, tied regularly with either white or colored Dexter's cotton, or with tufts of worsted, are not only lighter and softer than when quilted, but can be made in one tenth part of the time. A white or colored Marseilles quilt is, to my thinking, far handsomer than the most intricate and elaborately-pieced bed-quilt ever made.

In a cedar chest in my attic is one of these latter curiosities, now nearly a century old. It is a combination of heavy white cloth and what was then called "chintz", a cloth quite like our cotton sateen, pieced together in an elaborate pattern, and quilted closely in designs of fruit and flowers. I take it out occasionally, and in a certain reverent way admire it, but I always put it away with a mingled feeling of pity and sympathy for the young girl who made such a stupendous failure in the use of her time, ingenuity and patience. Certainly no one will ever show one of my descendants any such relics of my skill or folly, whichever you deem it.

Beautiful in design and quality of goods are the Marseilles quilts now made, and great improvement is also noticeable in the cheaper crochet quilts. Some of us are old fogyish enough to think that nothing can ever supersede the beauty of a bed in dainty white coverings. The beauty of such a one recently seen was achieved by a spread and pillow cover made of linen sheeting, the former having a hem six inches in width around all four sides, while just above the hem was an inch wide pattern of heavy drawn work. The pillow cover was in one piece and decorated to correspond.

Both serviceable and handsome bedspreads are made of bolton sheeting, and also of the old fashioned striped or ribbed dimity. Pretty designs are stamped either as center and corner pieces, or else over the entire surface, and outlined in either colored wash silks or white linen art thread. They should be cut a trifle larger than the size of the mattress below the pillows, and edged with a ruffle of broad Breton or Irish lace, or with a flat row of antique or Russian lace. Hand-knit or crocheted laces are also suitable and handsome for this purpose.

All-over embroidery is often used for pillow-covers, and edged with Hamburg, either plain or as a ruffle.

In many large towns it is now customary with merchants to make clearance sales in different lines of goods previous to their annual or semi-annual inventory; and as this usually follows immediately after the holiday trade, one can take advantage of it in buying household supplies, and realize quite a saving from ordinary prices.

There are beautiful lunch sets in white and a variety of combinations of color; the latter wash perfectly, even the delicate pinks and blues. As a matter of economy, however, the fringed cloths are not as durable as the hemmed ones. When not more than half worn the fringe breaks, and ragged fringe imparts a dilapidated air to the whole cloth.

Cream German linen for both tablecloths and napkins is most serviceable for ordinary wear. Hand sewing is far preferable to machine work for table linen. When trimming off a table-cloth for hemming, the pieces should be carefully saved and the ravelings used to darn old cloths with. The latter can be very much darned and yet made to look well by adroitly covering the mended places with spreads or fancy doilies. Table-cloths not only look decidedly better, but wear much longer if an under cloth of heavy cotton flannel is used next to the table.

A generous supply of tray and carver's cloths can be made of butcher's linen, or linen momie cloth, at a small outlay of time and money. Cut the desired size, and either simply fringe to the depth of an inch all around, or make a hem-stitched hem an inch deep or an ordinary hem that depth, and on the right side feather-stitch finely with either colored silks, cottons or white linen art thread, just above the hem. Elegant ones with drawn-work border can be bought at any linen counter, stamped for outlining or not, as you choose. Roman embroidery in white is beautiful; in short, there is almost no limitation to the decorations employed on napery. Handsome initials or monograms are easily done in outline, and where one is expert in drawing, original designs or copies are easily done with a pencil. Table linen should not be hung out of doors to dry in extreme cold weather; one such washing will injure the cloth more than a month's table use.

GRAHAM GEMS.—One pint each of graham flour and sweet milk, two eggs, a little salt, hot gem irons and a hot oven.

THE PUZZLER

No. 704.—Charade.

Here's a man eager for my first;
Strange what a most decided thirst
Some men have for what is found
In this, my whole. The crackling sound
Of second being folded, greets
The ear at home and on the streets.

No. 705.—A Concealed Quotation.

In the following paragraph the curious and diligent seeker may find a familiar quotation from "Romeo and Juliet:"

"What sin have I committed!" said an American girl to her lover, when she sat on his best hat which he had left on the sofa. He handed her a wet calla and arose to take his leave. His hobby was botany, but not hers, for she was an American schoolgirl. "I would prefer as mellow a pear as you can give me, Leonidas," she said, "to this wee thing you call a flower."

No. 706.—Easy Riddle.

I am a little word composed of only five letters, yet so great is my weight that strong men have been crushed by me, and I have been known to destroy life by pressing too heavily upon those with whom I came in contact. I am of the plural number, yet by adding the letter S I become singular. If, before adding the letter S, you cut off my head and tail, what remains is a verb implying existence; if, instead of thus mutilating me, you place my second letter before my first, I am changed into what will make a poor man rich. My 3 2 1 4 is that in which many strive, but only one wins; my 5 1 2 3 4 means to alarm, my 5 4 2 3 is to burn; my 1 2 3 is very necessary in large cities; my 5 4 2 is enticing to many; my 2 1 4 is one; my 2 3 1 is not complete; my 4 2 3 is of wonderful and delicate construction; my 1 2 5 4 is visited very frequently by a physician, who frequently has more 1 2 3 4 5 than a follower of any other profession.

No. 707.—A Wise Saying.

I am composed of 30 letters.
My 27, 13, 24, 9, 4 are invariably quacks.
My 18, 25, 1, 17, 5, 14, 26 are dear to me.
My 2, 16, 2, 7, 2, 20 is in your eye.
My 15, 29, 19, 8, 18 is what we all sigh for.
My 30, 10, 5, 24 are used in games of chance.
My 11, 28, 12, 3 is a small boy.
My 5, 19, 30, 13, 14 goes through the press.
My 13, 7, 11, 20 is frequently presented.
My 23, 22, 5, 6 is part of a foot.
My whole is a wise saying.

No. 708.—A Stitch Puzzle.

Our girl readers will be the first to solve this rebus, which recently appeared in St. Nicholas. In the picture are suggested the names of fourteen different stitches used by needle women. What are they?

No. 709.—An Hour Glass.

The central letters, reading downward, name one of the United States. The cross words: 1 "One who throws, twists or winds silk." 2. "Educated," "directed." 3. "Celerity of motion," "speed," "dispatch." 4. "Concreted sugar," "water in a solid state." 5. In "Ohio." 6. "Termination." 7. "An adhesive combination of flour and water," or "earth and water as prepared by the potter," etc. 8. "Dexterity," "an artful trick performed by jugglers." 9. "Severity, harshness."

No. 710.—A Pleasure Excursion.

My (island) near Maines scity in North Carolina:

I have been scity in Pennsylvania, but now will tell you about our trip. We went to see scity in Switzerland. There was scity in New Jersey, scity in Arkansas, (mountain in California), scity in Pennsylvania and myself. (City in New Jersey), wore a (river in Utah), (animal in South America), scity in Arkansas; wore scity in China; flannel. I had to (point in Alaska) a (mountain in Oregon) and wore a (hills in Dakota) dress. We got an early (point in England). We went over a very (mountains in United States) state in United States: (City in Switzerland) had been on the (cape) near North Carolina; for us. As you must know scity in Switzerland is very (mountains in West Virginia), and her floors were covered with scity in Europe) carpet. She showed us a (cape in South America) basket she made, also her lovely (river in Switzerland) pet cow. We staid over (strait in East Indies) and then came home. My scity of Nebraska, I must close. I (cape in North Carolina) we will get a (town of Wisconsin). (Cape of Greenland.) City of Kansas.

Puniana.

Uncle and aunt—Pawnbroker and wife.
An animal study—Pig and pen.
Sweetmeats—Sugar cured ham.
A high liver—The condor.
A time lock—The prison step.
On time—The landlord.
Always on hand—The finger.
Always on foot—The toe.
Food for gossip—Tongue.

Punctuate as You Please.

Every lady in every land
Has twenty nails on each hand
Five and twenty on hands and feet
All this is true without deceit.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 697.—Numerical Enigma: Harriet Beecher Stowe.

No. 698.—Hidden Words: Laurel; Ural, lea, are, era, lure, Lear, Elia, eil, real, ear, all.

No. 699.—Illustrated Proverb: Never look a gift horse in the mouth.

No. 700.—A Charade: Tad-pole.

No. 701.—Cross Word Enigma: Wolfe.

No. 702.—Drop Letter Proverb: Zeal without knowledge is the sister of folly.

No. 703.—Curtailments: Age-d; rip-e; plum-b; flee-t. Debt.

Just at present it seems that the book which a young lady would not care to read to her mother meets with the largest sale.

The best anodyne and expectorant for the cure of colds, and coughs and all throat, lung and bronchial troubles, is, undoubtedly Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Ask your druggist for it and at the same time, for Ayer's Almanac, which is free to all.

There is a difference between the lips of a young man and the lips of a young woman, but sometimes it is very small.

AN EMINENT Temperance lecturer in New England, Mrs. John Barton, says: I was subject to those deathly sick headaches and also dyspepsia. Sulphur Bitters cured me when all other remedies failed. Mrs. Barton is the wife of John Barton, Superintendent of Repairs, Pacific Mills, Lawrence, Mass.

"Love one another" sounds like a good maxim, but it makes no end of trouble when followed indiscriminately.

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The weakness and debility which result from illness may be speedily overcome by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This is a safe, but powerful tonic, assists digestion, regulates the liver and kidneys, and cleanses the blood of all germs of disease.

YOUNG WOMEN COPYISTS.

SOME SOUND ADVICE FOR ASPIRANTS IN THAT LINE.

Accuracy Is More Essential Than Speed. Reasons Why Many Lose Their Places. The Good Results of a Little Thinking While Working.

It may be interesting to the hundreds of young and middle aged women who are uneasy, or who feel that they must make their way in the world, and who look upon the life of a copyist as the most desirable and attractive one—in fact, as the ideal life—to hear from a few copyists, both inexperienced and experienced.

So many have recently come to me for advice that I have concluded that it may be wise to publish in your paper a statement, showing the copyist's life to be one not filled with continual sunshine and prosperity. I do not like to discourage, but it seems to me that women should understand before entering this profession—where skill, knowledge, art, exactness, perseverance and close application and faithfulness are required to make one a successful copyist—what capabilities are demanded at the present time. A slipshod copyist does not stand the least shadow of a chance; should she be fortunate enough to fall into a position she will soon be dismissed.

Before preparing one's self to be a stenographer, typewriter or pen copyist one should consider well her fitness for such work. To play over the keys of a typewriter at breakneck speed is not sufficient; one must think. A very rapid copyist is not satisfactory if she sacrifices neatness and accuracy to speed. If both can be combined, success is sure to follow.

"Why, I can easily write ninety words a minute," one bright eyed copyist said when I dropped into her employer's office, where confusion reigned supreme.

"Let me see your work, please," said I. And out came a lively looking sheet of legal cap. I looked, said nothing for a moment, then concluded it was my duty to enlighten the self satisfied female.

"Pretty fast work, to be sure," said I; "but don't you have any style in the arrangement of your work?"

"Well, no, I guess not. I take it as it comes. I must write fast, you know, and I can't stop to plan."

"How about spelling, my friend?" continued I, eager to draw her out that I might have an opportunity to suggest and help her.

"Well," she replied, "I am not much at spelling, but if a word is misspelled they draw a line through and write the correction above."

"But," said I, "did you ever consider how a page—say a lawyer's brief, which is to be filed in court, and which is to be read by some judge and preserved for future use and reference—would look thus marred? I have had an opportunity to examine the work of many copyists," I continued, "particularly work which has been prepared for the courts, and which has been brought to me to recopy, as it was so poorly done, and I have been amazed at the seeming lack of knowledge or carelessness, and I may say pride, shown by the copyist."

"Just let me sit down at your machine and show you a page which I will do. If I write fast very good, but let me say that to be accurate is the first point I shall try to keep in mind. Arrangement is also important, and one's pages should at once strike the eye as artistic and carefully prepared. Not a word must be misspelled. There, in goes a fresh sheet. Now, time me. My heading first. Then we leave suitable space, say an inch, and continue our work. We will not lift the carriage every minute to see blunders; we will be pretty sure to have the matter correctly in mind before we start, then go ahead. This lawyer doesn't paragraph (written in a hurry, undoubtedly). Well, we must think a little and do this for him. Lawyers, as well as others, leave much for copyists to do, so one must have sufficient knowledge to make the document a correct one. When I say correct, I mean in the matters referred to. We are not at liberty to change the original wording. As before stated, accuracy is imperative; but we must paragraph and begin a new sentence with a capital. When a dash is used in the original paper to represent a period, we are justified in using a period. I have never had any fault found when I have done this. Here is an expression which is evidently intended to be emphasized, and this idea we can convey best by spacing between letters. I will do this and see how the idea strikes you. Finished! Yes, and we have left just a neat space at the bottom of our page. Out it comes. How much time? Well, only three minutes longer than you were; besides, we have done some talking. How does the page look to you, my friend?"

"Why! How could you do it so well?" she asked, looking quite dazed.

"By thinking," I replied. "Were you instructed in typewriting copying before entering the office?" I asked.

"Oh, no! I picked it up."

"Been here long?"

"No, just came. A busy place, you see. Gentlemen are out much of the time and I am left to manage. I get $8 a week, and, if satisfactory, am to have more another month. Copyist who was here before me left for a better position. The office boy tells me she did splendid work. Was trusted with everything, and was a real lady. She gets big pay now. Hope I shall sometime; but as I have a good home I am only working for pin money and can afford to work cheap."

"You will certainly get good pay for good work; poor copyists, though cheap, are not going to take the places of earnest, capable ones any longer," I replied, and bade her good morning.

LATER.—"Lost your position, my friend?" I inquired, as we met on the steps of one of our public buildings; "tell me about it."

"Those men," she replied, "have no patience; expect me to know it all. Last copyist spoiled the place for me. They say she is coming back to them, and, what do you think? They are to pay her $18 per week!"—Copyist in Boston Globe.

A Noted Elephant.

The Ceylon papers announce the death of an elephant named Sella, which had served the public works department for over sixty-five years. Originally Sella belonged to the last of the kings of Kandy, Sri Wickrema Raja Singha, and was one of about 100 elephants which passed to the British government in 1815, when the Kandyan dynasty was overthrown and the whole island passed under British rule. It was supposed at that time that Sella was 15 years of age, but this was uncertain. In 1880 it was decided that all the elephants belonging to the public works department should be sold, and Sella fell to a well known resident of Colombo, Mr. De Soysa. The animal aided in several keddah operations for the capture and taming of wild elephants, but became totally blind about three years ago. He continued, however, to work at the plow until within a short time of his death. After death the tusks were removed and measured five feet in length. Sella himself was 8 feet high.

Decorating Wells.

The ancient custom of well dressing takes place at Buxton in the third week of June every year. All the fountains and springs are then decorated with boards of various fantastic and tasteful designs. These are covered with moist clay and flowers are inserted, the whole forming a most beautiful mosaic—rich, natural and artistic. The entire town is gay with flags and bunting, triumphal arches span the streets, banners stream from the principal buildings and bands of music incite the morris dancers and other reminders of old English sport into activity.—Once a Week.

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3 50	" "	2 50
2 50	" "	1 75
Small lot of Woolen Pants at		$1 00

Childrens Suits, Knee Pants, ages 4, to 13 at 85c., $1 50, $2 00, $3 00 and $4 00, which are Bargains.

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Childrens' Knee Pants at	20c 40c. and 65c.
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J. F. HUNTINGTON,

Norway, June 14, 1889.

Statement of the condition

—OF THE—

South Paris Savings Bank,

South Paris, Maine,

As it existed on the 27th day of November, 1889.

ALVA SHURTLEFF, President. GEORGE A. WILSON, Treasurer.

LIABILITIES.

Deposits,	$ 395,179 36
Reserve Fund,	10,500 00
Profits,	1,054 36
	$ 404,733 72

RESOURCES.

	Par Value.	Estimated and Market Value.	Charged on Books.	Total.
Public Funds Owned.				
United States bonds, 4s, 1907,	$2,200	$2,794 00	$ 2,200 00	$ 2,200 00
City of Bath, Me., 6s, 1891,	1,050	1,050 00	1,050 00	
City of Portland, 6s, 1897,	1,000	1,150 00	1,000 00	
Total public funds of Maine,	$ 2,050	-		2,050 00
County of Bourbon, Kan., 5s, 1909,	1,000	1,020 00	1,000 00	
County of Delaware, Ind., 5s, 1899,	3,000	3,030 00	3,000 00	
County of Mercer, O., 6s, 1892,	2,000	2,000 00	2,000 00	
Independent Sch'l District, of Duluth, Minn., 5s, 1906,	2,000	2,140 00	2,000 00	
City of Fort Madison, Ia., 5s, 1902,	3,000	3,100 00	3,000 00	
City of Logansport, Ind., 5s, 1896,	3,000	3,000 00	3,000 00	
City of Sioux City, 6s, opt.,	3,000	3,000 00	3,000 00	
City of Sioux City, 6s, 1905,	5,000	5,350 00	5,000 00	
City of Kansas City, 7s, 1898,	10,000	11,500 00	10,000 00	
Total public funds out of New England,	$ 36,000			36,000 00
Railroad bonds owned.				
Lime Rock 5s, 1908,	2,000	2,000 00	2,000 00	
Maine Central 6s, 1900,	1,500	1,650 00	1,500 00	
Maine Central 7s, 1912,	11,500	15,065 00	11,500 00	
New York & New England, 1st mort., 1901,	3,000	3,000 00	3,000 00	
Total railroad bonds of New England,	$19,000			19,000 00
Chicago & West Michigan 5s, 1921,	6,000	5,640 00	6,000 00	
Detroit, Bay City & Alpheus 6s, 1913,	3,000	3,120 00	3,000 00	
Total railroad bonds out of New England,	$9,000			9,000 00
Corporation Bonds Owned.				
Oxford County Loan Association 6s,	5,000	5,000 00	5,000 00	
Paris Manufacturing Co. 5s, 1894,	1,100	1,100 00	1,100 00	
Richmond Water Co. 5s, 1906,	4,000	4,000 00	4,000 00	
Total corporation bonds owned,	$10,100			10,100 00
Corporation Stock Owned.				
Mount Mica Building Association,	600	600 00	600 00	600 00
Bank Stock Owned.				
Bath National Bank, Bath,	500	650 00	500 00	
Canal National Bank, Portland,	700	973 00	700 00	
Casco National Bank, Portland,	500	650 00	500 00	
Cumberland National Bank, Portland,	80	92 00	80 00	
First National Bank, Bath,	1,000	1,250 00	1,000 00	
First National Bank, Lewiston,	1,000	1,000 00	1,000 00	
First National Bank, Portland,	4,500	4,500 00	4,500 00	
Manufacturers' National Bank, Lewiston,	1,000	1,250 00	1,000 00	
Merchants' National Bank, Portland,	750	1,500 00	750 00	
National Shoe and Leather Bank, Auburn,	15,200	17,176 00	15,200 00	
National Traders' Bank, Portland,	600	750 00	600 00	
Norway National Bank, Norway,	11,200	12,000 00	11,200 00	
Total bank stock owned,	$36,830			36,830 00
Loans on Corporation Bonds.				
Citizens' Bonds,		11,425 00	11,425 00	
Paris Manufacturing Co.,		1,863 00	1,863 00	13,288 00
Loans on Corporation Stock.				
Cumberland Bone Co.,		150 00	150 00	
International Steamship Co.,		300 00	300 00	
Oxford County Loan Association,		2,200 00	2,200 00	
Union Wharf, Portland,		1,375 00	1,375 00	
West Paris Manufacturing Co.,		4,100 00	4,100 00	8,325 00
Loans to Corporations.				
Norway Tanning Co.,		5,000 00	5,000 00	
Paris Manufacturing Co. (endorsed),		17,204 65	17,204 65	
Riverside Cemetery,		615 00	615 00	
South Paris Building Association,		1,800 00	1,800 00	
West Paris Manufacturing Co.,		7,800 00	7,800 00	32,469 65
Loans on Bank Stock.				
First National Bank, Portland,		1,000 00	1,000 00	
Bank of Calliway, Neb.,		1,000 00	1,000 00	2,000 00
Loans to Municipalities.				
School District No. 2, Paris,		108 33	108 33	
School District No. 13, Paris,		315 00	315 00	
South Paris Village Corporation,		800 00	800 00	
Town of Paris,		4,925 00	4,925 00	6,053 33
Loans on South Paris Savings Bank books,		50 00	50 00	
Loans on other security,		15,200 00	15,200 00	
Loans on mortgages of real estate,		186,530 79	186,530 79	202,171 45
Real estate foreclosure,		10,100 00	10,100 00	
Premium account,			6,685 00	
Expense account,			20 00	
Insurance account,		57 50	57 50	16,862 49
Cash on hand and on deposit,		$ 8,192 84	8,192 84	8,192 84
Unpaid accrued interest,		7,100 00		
		417,567 77		
Due depositors, also accrued State Tax,		394,541 89		
Surplus above all liabilities,		23,045 89		404,733 72

Rate of interest charged on loans 6 1-2 per cent.
Annual expenses 40c.

GEORGE D. BISBEE, Bank Examiner.

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