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## STATE OF MAINE.

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Upon the following townships or tracts of land, not liable to be taxed in any town, the following Assessments for State tax of 1890, were made by the Legislature on the 28th day of February, 1889.

COUNTY OF OXFORD.

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|---|---|
| Franklin pl., forty-five dollars, | $ 45 00 |
| Freyburg Academy Grant, eighteen dollars, | 18 00 |
| A R. 1, Riley pl., forty two dollars and thirty cents, | 42 30 |
| Andover North Surplus, twenty dollars and sixty-eight cents, | 20 68 |
| Andover West Surplus, nine dollars, | 9 00 |
| C, thirty-one dollars and seventeen cents, | 31 17 |
| C Surplus, twenty-six dollars and ninety-nine cents, | 26 99 |
| 4, R. 1, thirty-six dollars and ninety-eight cents, | 36 98 |
| 3 R. 1, sixty-two dollars and thirty-five cts., | 62 35 |
| 4 R. 2, forty-four dollars and seventy-one cents, | 44 71 |
| 3, R. 2, Lincoln pl., thirty-one dollars and fifty cents, | 31 50 |
| 4, R. 3, thirty-five dollars and ten cents, | 35 10 |
| 5, R. 3, forty-eight dollars and twenty-three cents, | 48 23 |
| 6, R. 4, forty-eight dollars and eighty-three cents, | 48 83 |
| 5, R. 4, seventy-nine dollars and twenty-three cents, | 79 23 |
| 6, R. 5, fifteen dollars and twenty-eight cents, | 15 28 |
| 3, R. 6, sixteen dollars and one cent, | 16 01 |
| 3, R. 3, S. half, twenty-one dollars and ninety-seven cents, | 21 97 |
| 3, R. 3, N. half, twenty-one dollars and ninety-seven cents, | 21 97 |
| Bachelder's Grant, twenty-two dollars and fifty cents, | 22 50 |

Timber and Grass on Reserved Lands, Oxford County.

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|---|---|---|
| C, | W B K P., eighty-six cents, | $ 0 86 |
| No. 4, R 1, | " eighty-six cents, | 86 |
| 3, R 1, | " one dollar and one cent, | 1 01 |
| 4, R 2, | " one dollar and eight cts., | 1 08 |
| 4, R 3, | " seventy-six cents, | 76 |
| 5, R 3, | " one dollar and thirty cts., | 1 30 |
| 6, R 4, | " one dollar and eight cents, | 1 08 |
| 5, R 4, | " one dollar and ninety-four cents, | 1 94 |
| 4, R 5, | " three dollars and eighty-nine cents, | 3 89 |
| 5, R 5, | " one dollar and seventy-three cents, | 1 73 |
| 4, R 6, | " forty-five cents, | 45 |

GEO. L. BEAL, State Treasurer.

## STATE OF MAINE.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, Augusta, April 9, 1890.

Upon the following townships or tracts of lands not liable to be taxed in any town, the following assessments for tax of 1890, were made by the County Commissioners of OXFORD COUNTY, March 18, 1890.

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| Freyburg Academy Grant, | $ 8 79 |
| A R 1, Riley pl., | 20 65 |
| Andover North Surplus, | 10 10 |
| Andover West Surplus, | 4 39 |
| Letter "C", | 15 22 |
| Letter C Surplus, | 13 18 |
| No. 4, R 1, | 18 95 |
| No. 4, R 2, | 21 93 |
| No. 4, R 3, | 17 13 |
| No. 5, R 3, | 23 55 |
| No. 4, R 4, | 23 84 |
| No. 5, R 4, | 38 68 |
| No. 4, R 5, | 7 46 |
| No. 5, R 6, | 7 92 |
| S. 1-2, No. 3, R 5, | 10 72 |
| N. 1-2, No. 3, R 5, | 10 72 |
| Bachelder's Grant, | 10 92 |

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## NOTICE OF SALE.

PURSUANT to a license from the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, State of Maine, I shall sell at public auction on the seventeenth (17) day of May, A. D. 1890, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on the premises hereafter described: All the right, title and interest of George C. Atherton, late of Newry deceased, including the reversion of the widow's dower therein, in the homestead farm of the late George C. Atherton, situated in the town of Newry, in the County of Oxford, to wit: Being on the west side of Sunday river, the southerly half of the Jesse Barker farm and adjoining the farm formerly owned by Aaron Smith and deeded to the said George Atherton, by Josiah Atherton, by deed recorded at Paris, Sept. 28th, 1865, book 106, page 432; said real estate is owned in common and undivided with one Charles Atherton, of said Newry.

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## NOTICE.

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Denmark, April 7, 1890.

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# AMONG THE FARMERS.

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Written for the Oxford Democrat.

## FARMERS.

Where and in what occupation can you find a more independent man than the farmer? If he wants a holiday he has to ask no favors of any one and his crops keep right on growing just the same. But how is it with a clerk, for instance? If he wants a holiday he has to get his employer's consent and lose his pay in the bargain; and if he wants to ride, he has to pay for the use of a team while the farmer has his free. The clerk has to be at his place of business at such a time or he receives a severe reprimand from his employer. But how is it with the farmer? If he happens to oversleep in the morning there is no one to find fault with him. The farmer has his butter, milk, eggs and vegetables free and knows that they are pure. I read awhile ago of a place in Boston, I think it was where they manufactured eggs, and said you could not tell them from the genuine article. Only think of it, the farmer knows where his are manufactured, and that, too, by the old fashioned process. If the farmer's wife wants a little extra butter, milk or eggs, she has it at her command, while with the clerk, his salary has to be divided, so much for this, so much for that, and so on. If they need anything more than what they allowed it has to be squeezed off from something else. The farmer has his house rent free. The clerk his rent to pay.

I think the best place for a young couple just starting in life is a farm. Take it and stick to it. It will surely pay in the end if taxes are high. If they have faith and work together let your wife have a share in the earnings. It surely belongs to her. Don't be afraid she will waste it. I heard this remark once, "a ten cent piece looks as big to a woman as a dollar to a man." I can't say how true it is, but I think she is more saving of hers than a man is. The grange is doing a grand work for the farmers all over the country, and if they try their best they will surely succeed. They have the blessed promise that seed time and harvest shall not fail. Perhaps he may not lay up quite as much wealth here as some others but I think he will have more treasures in Heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt; and if the Lord says, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," he will be amply rewarded for all his trials and tribulations here. M.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD SEED.

The following from M. of Westfield, N. J., in regard to seeds, is worth a careful perusal:

The losses which accrue to agriculturists every year from the use of poor seed are greatly underestimated. Had we the statistics they would aggregate many thousands of dollars. Farmers are all apt to attribute the failure of the crop to the season or to some other than the real cause; but, in fact, too large a proportion of poor seed is at the bottom of it. The basis of a good crop is good seed, and manifestly if we use more care in the selection of seed, we shall have better crops, both in quantity and quality. In Great Britain, where they are very much more careful than we are, the average yield of an acre of wheat is twenty-eight bushels, while in this country it is about twelve bushels. If, with a little more care, we could secure the British yield, the product would amount to a sum so vast as to be incredible. Even if we add but one bushel per acre to the annual yield, the farmers' income would be increased $40,000,000. It is the same with corn, and, indeed, with all of our crops. Nothing, on the other hand, is so injurious to our agricultural interests as imperfect seed and that which is untrue to name.

The testing of seeds is a first-rate idea, provided it be well done. But it is a deal too "puttering" for the average farmer who is not as prudent and careful as his English cousin. We incline to think that it will not "take" very well, but we will tell you how to do it: Take an ordinary tin pan and stretch loosely over it a piece of muslin. Fill the pan with water so as just to touch the cloth, and on the latter place a given number of seeds, covering with a window sash and setting in a window. The test consists in noting the per cent of seeds that germinate.

But, as we have intimated, this testing is a tedious job, and the better way is to find out a reliable seedsman and trust him. But here arises an objection. Some reader will say, "I am my own seedsman; I know that what I raise is good seed." That may be, but do you not know that a systematic rotation of seed exchange is a potent factor in maintaining the productive capacity of the soil? Take any crop where the yield has gradually grown less and less, and change the seed, and you will run the yield above its former maximum. It is the seed that "runs out," and not always the soil. You may have seed as good in every way as the seedsman can supply, but the benefits obtained from changing seed are marked. In other words, to use a colloquialism, you "must come to it, or it'll come to you."—Mirror and Farmer.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR BUYING FERTILIZERS.

1. It is safer to purchase brands of recognized good standing. New brands may be just as good or better than those longer on the market, but their quality should be carefully ascertained.

2. The composition of the fertilizers in the markets can be learned from a study of the station reports of inspection. Compare the composition of the different brands which you have the chance to purchase and buy the one the value of which comes most largely from nitrogen, from phosphoric acid, or from potash, according to your needs. Your needs you can only know from experience.

3. If the station money valuation of two brands differs by considerable, other things being equal, buy the one having the higher valuation. Do not give too much weight to small differences in money valuation.

4. The dryness and mechanical condition of a fertilizer should be considered, especially if it is to be used in a seed drill.—Maine State College Experiment Station.

The best drivers are the most careful, and the best horsemen are those who are always on their guard. Many accidents occur from the capers of gentle family horses that have never been known to become frightened or to do anything coltish, and for this reason have been carelessly driven. People are always on guard when about horses known to be vicious, and the most dangerous kicks are from usually quiet horses which were approached without caution, and in a playful moment, or when surprised, let fly without vicious intent. The lesson that all good horsemen have learned from this, is to be always on guard when among horses, and to never, under any circumstances, drive any horse carelessly, or neglect proper precautions for safety. The steadiest horses are sometimes coltish, and an accident and runaway may result from momentary neglect.

The stable can be kept sweet by sprinkling the floor once a week with a solution of copperas, at the rate of one pound of copperas to two gallons of soft water.

When your soil needs potash only, what is the use of putting on other fertilizing ingredients?

Remember that different soils require different fertilizers, and want no others.

## MONEY MAKES THE MARE GO.

As to raising extreme speed in Maine, it is only a question of time and amount of money put into the venture. Without a careful study of the different strains, which, united, have given us extreme speed, and this careful study backed up by money, good feed and the right development, we cannot expect to compete with Kentucky or California.

In the first place, while we have a fair class of stallions and well bred ones, those who have many 2:30 horses to their credit and still doing business in Maine are very scarce. Not so in Kentucky and California or New York; but we have a right to expect performers from the loins of some of our young stallions, if crossed with the right kind of brood mares, and here is our weak point. Our mares have a short pedigree, comparatively speaking; only occasionally do we find a well-bred mare and producer too, in our State. You can count them on your fingers, almost. Occasionally lightning strikes and a great performer comes to the front, without what would be called much good blood, but breeders cannot afford to enter into any business enterprise where there is only one chance in one hundred to draw a prize. If so they might as well send their money to a Louisiana lottery.

We know that the Mambrino cross with Hambletonian mares produced Trinket, 2:14, Geneva, 2:19 1-4, Princeton, 2:19 3-4. Now these all being by the same sire out of mares by Hambletonian and being inside of 2:20, one has a right to expect something from such a cross.

When you go to the big auction sales you find the cream don't come to Maine. The best bred, the producers and performers, sold at high figures, go to men who have money, and are willing to risk it in the horse business venture. We bring home what we feel we can afford to and within our means. Once in a while a Seer is drawn.

Now, then, I claim at present there is this difference: Lewiston mills with her water power, with the immense capital, good management, first-class machinery and good class of laborers, can compete with the world. Not so with the city of Lexington, allowing she had the same water power back of it, it would take money, business management and a class of people educated to do such business. This would take years before a business could be built up so that Lexington could compete successfully with Lewiston mills.

So it seems to me with the breeding of horses. They have the lead. We are a good smart distance out; in order to put our goods into the market, we must put in money, buy and raise good brood mares equal to theirs, and then develop our colts, and in this point we are weak as well as on brood mares. While we haven't the climate to work our young colts as they do South and West, breeders could have an enclosed space covered with tan bark, where colts could be worked daily, but never shall we have colt record breakers by shutting them into box stalls and feeding them as you would a pig to see how many pounds you can raise. The more good exercise the more food they will digest, and the more bone and muscle make.

When we consider that in Kentucky there are stallions at the head of some of the best breeding establishments, which cost as much or more than the whole stud of horses in our Maine establishments, we can't expect to outrank or come very near them. I am talking about extreme 2:20 speed, not gentlemen's roadsters.

So far as climate goes, my idea is, with our cold winters, sweet pasture feed, rough, hilly roads, we produce a hardy, strong, sure-footed roadster, second to none. When a man like Mr. Hamlin, owner of Belle Hamlin, spends $18,000 per year to develop his horses,—allowing our stock was in every way as good as his,—we cannot expect to compete with him, as that would come near paying Maine's whole expenses. In other words, I believe Maine can produce extreme speed if she will put in the necessary, as other states which are in the lead are doing to-day.

Outside of a few establishments in Maine, such as Briggs's, Todd's, Nelson's, Pooler's and possibly a few more, I can see no reason to expect extreme speed. Mr. Todd of Calais has probably put more money into the business, and sent his brood mares to a better class of stallions than any breeder in Maine, and has a right to expect better results. Those of us who haven't the money, but like a horse and have pleasure in breeding them, must do the best we can to get the possibilities out of what we have got, hoping each year to breed better.

One good mare is worth a barnful of common, fair ones that have no breeding, no speed, and never produced anything good. Large, sound mares with plenty of substance, lots of nerve and speed, backed up by good blood on both sides, is what will help Maine out.—H. L. HORNE in Lewiston Journal.

## OUR WOOLS.

Secretary Rusk has just sent out, in circular form, a letter in reply to the assertion of the secretary of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers that it is "a fact, demonstrated often by practical experience, that there are many varieties of wool which cannot be grown in this country at a cost which will render it profitable to grow them under conditions ever likely to exist, and which therefore, in the practical meaning of the words, cannot be grown at all." Secretary Rusk shows that these have been grown, that their quality was pronounced exceptionally fine, and that had not so many varieties of wool been imported as carpet, and used for other purposes, they would in all probability still be grown. He calls attention to the significant fact that—though our importations of carpets are light and we practically manufacture our home supply—"we have not doubled our manufacture during the past five years, though we now import twice as much assumed carpet wool as in 1880 and 1883 inclusive—96,000,000 pounds." He says there is "overwhelming authority for the statement that we have grown and can grow all kinds of wool of all races of sheep; and ample testimony to the fact that the limitation of the manufacturing demand and the inequalities and evasions of customs duties have been the main factors in the insufficient supply of certain kinds." This has led to the attempt to grow fine wool in regions adapted only to the production of coarse wool. Not only have many grades of wool been let in as carpet wool, but the greed of importation actually manufactures a waste' far more valuable than the highest grade of uncleaned wool, for admission by a side gate." Manufacturers favor these evasions, notwithstanding their inherent dishonesty and the fact that cheapness, sufficiency and reliability of their wool supply depend upon home production. The tricks and frauds practiced during the last three or four years are what have wrought such wide-spread injury to our wool growers. This day of low prices, the secretary of agriculture declares, "is a bad time to repress diversity of production, or at any point cut off the limited resources of the farmer."—Mirror and Farmer.

Books are valuable as guides, as they enable us to gain by the experience of others. But there were both experience and knowledge before a book could be written. Investigate and judge for yourselves as well as read, and see if you cannot add your mite to the sum of human knowledge found in books.

Some think we have too many farms and too many farmers. The tendency for years has been to increase the number. But this is about over and the population will soon grow to proportions demanding all our farm products.

It is now determined that the English sparrow does not need a perch to light on before he can enter a hole. He cannot be so easily evaded as it was supposed.

# COUNTRY LUCK.

By JOHN HABBERTON, Author of "Helen's Babies," Etc.


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## CHAPTER XV.

THE FATTED CALF—BUT THE NEIGHBORS, TOO.

THOUGHTFUL man once remarked that a special proof of divine wisdom was that the dear old story of the Prodigal Son did not reproduce any of the conversation of the neighbors with or regarding the naughty boy for had this also been given as it really occurred no subsequent penitent would ever have dared to follow the amateur swineherd's example.

Philip Hayn was not a prodigal; he had spent none of his inheritance except as specially ordered by his father, and his only ground of self reproach was regarding an affair about which the neighbors had no means of obtaining information; yet the special efforts made by the family to manifest their joy at regaining him were unequal to the task of overcoming the disquieting effects of the neighbors' tongues.

The dreadful man who had caught Phil on the train had spread the news of the boy's return, so next morning the road from the village to Hayn Farm presented an appearance as animated as if an auction had been announced in that vicinity, or if some one had been found dead in the woods. Men old and young, wives and maidens, and even little children, devised excuses for visiting the farm. People who came from the other direction were already supplied with the standard excuse—they wanted to borrow something; those who had really borrowed so often as to doubt their welcome made heroic efforts to return what they had already borrowed.

To escape the succession of visitors at the house Phil went to the barn yard to see a new family of pigs of which his little brothers had informed him, but just above the fence line he saw two pairs of eyes—with their attendant heads, of course—that had been lying in wait for an hour or two, after the manner of that class of countrymen, evidently among the last offshoots from the brutes, who apparently have an inherited animal apprehension of harm should they enter the den of any species higher than their own.

"Guess you didn't see any pigs like them down to York?" shouted the owner of one pair of eyes, while the other pair opened as if they would engulf the returned traveler. Phil nodded his head negatively and precipitately retreated to the barn, where he found quite a respectable old farmer studying the beach wagon.

"Reuben reckoned mebbe he could gimme a bargain if I'd take this off his hands," he said, by way of explanation, "so I thought I'd take a look at it." The old man shook the wheels, tapped the bed, examined the iron work closely, remarking, as he did so:

"Reckon, by his wantin' to dispose of it, that them city folks ain't a comin' here next summer to be drun down to the beach, eh?"

"I don't know," said the unhappy youth. He was grateful to the old fellow for not looking him in the eye, like a witness teaser, as he asked the question, yet he longed to kick him out of the barn and lock the doors, so that there would be one less place for the enemy to lie in wait. He returned to the house, and entered the kitchen just in time to hear a feminine neighbor say:

"I s'pose he'll wear his new clothes—them that Sol Mantring fetched word about—to church on Sunday?"

Phil abruptly got an ax and went to the wood lot; his first impulse was to take his gun, but half in jest and half in earnest he told himself that he would not dare to have arms in his hands if the torment was to continue. Yet even while in the depths of the ancestral forest he was not safe, for, on the hollow pretense of tracking a dog who had been stealing sheep, a neighbor followed Phil to the woods, found him by the tell tale blows of the ax, and had him at his mercy for a full hour. The visitor had mentally set apart a half day for the work.

"There's one way o' gettin' rid of this raft o' people," said Mrs. Hayn, who rapidly became as indignant as her son at the persistency with which people brought Lucia's name into conversation. "One would s'pose that the world had got back to the way it was in old Father Adam's day, as far as gals was concerned, an' there was only one female that anybody could take a notion to. They come a-pesterin' the life out o' me, just as if I knowed any more about it than they do—which I don't." Then the anxious mother looked slyly, and somewhat reproachfully, at her son, who flushed and said:

"Tell us the way of getting out of it, mother, and at least one of your children will arise and call you blessed."

"Why, it's to have the minister an' his wife to tea. It's manners, an' pretty much everybody knows it, not to disturb anybody the day they're goin' to ha've the minister."

"Let's have him," said Phil, eagerly; "I'll do anything to help you get ready—beat eggs, stone raisins—anything but go to the store for nutmegs and be caught by the proprietor and all his customers. Say, mother, why can't you invite the other ministers too, on successive days?"

"You will wear your new clothes, though, when the minister comes, won't you?" asked the old lady with some timidity. "You know I hain't seen 'em on you yet, an' I'm a-dyin' to, though I hain't liked to put you to the trouble of dressin' up on purpose, knowin' how men hate to try things on."

Phil promised; he could not resist his mother's appealing eyes. As the old lady prophesied, the family were not annoyed the day of the supper to the minister. Phil's conscience was not easy in anticipation of the expected guest, for he knew he would be questioned about the appearance of noted New York divines whom he would be supposed to have heard, whereas the only service he had attended was at the Tramlays' church, the pastor of which had no notoriety at all.

Perhaps it was to punish his youthful parishioner for neglect of religious privileges that the good man questioned Phil quite closely about the Tramlay family and delivered a thoughtful analysis of the character of the oldest daughter, with comments upon the probable effects of marriage on various qualities of her nature. After each statement he appealed to Phil for corroboration, and on his way home confided to his wife that he believed he had fully prepared the dear young brother for what he might expect should he take the important step upon which in all probability he was resolved.

Phil endured with becoming fortitude the minister's remarks about Lucia, and the whispered but not unheard comments of the minister's wife on the "store clothes," which had been worn in deference to Mrs. Hayn's request. He ate the three kinds of solid cake without which no supper to a Haynton minister was supposed to be complete. He made unusual effort, his father being away, to cause the visit one to be pleasantly remembered by the good pastor. He was rewarded, by discovering that his trip to the city which he had heard called the "Modern Sodom" and the "American Babylon" had not destroyed or even weakened his interest in religious subjects, and he was prepared to retire with a more peaceable mind than he had known in several days. But after the table had been cleared and the uneaten pieces of cake carefully put in an earthen jar against the next Sunday's tea, and Phil was about to go to his room, his mother said:

"Dearie, I s'pose you'll wear your new black thiggs to meetin' Sunday mornin', won't you?"

"Oh, mother," said Phil, with a frown quickly succeeded by a laugh, "nobody ever wears such a coat to church. Everybody would laugh at me."

"Dear me!" said the old lady, evidently disappointed quite deeply. "I want to know! Then when be you goin' to wear it?"

"Never, I suppose," said Phil, his smile vanishing. "I was an extravagant fool to buy that coat. I'll never forgive myself for it."

"Never!" the old lady had echoed. "Then your poor old mother, who loves you better than anybody in the world, is never to see you in it?"

"She shan't wait another hour!" said Phil, hurrying out of the room, and telling himself that his mother cared more for him than all his New York friends combined. He dressed himself anew, with as much care, though not as much trepidation, as when preparing for the Dinon party; he even slipped out of doors and by lighting two or three matches selected a bed from a rose bush which was carefully covered from the frost every night. He dressed his hair carefully, caressed his moustache into the form a barber had told him was most becoming to his style of face, and squeezed his feet into the low, tight, patent leather shoes which a shoemaker had assured him were the only proper thing for evening dress. Then he came down stairs, whistling "Hail to the Chief."

Mrs. Hayn hastily adjusted the spectacles she had been polishing, and as Phil entered the room she threw up both hands in amazement and delight. It was worth the price of a coat, thought Phil to himself, to enable that dear, honest old face to express so much enjoyment. As his mother gazed at him, Phil went through the various poses which had been demanded of him when he was a child—even later—and clothes were being fitted to him by the trustworthy Sarah Tweege; he turned around, presented one side view and the other, walked across the room and back, and saluted his mother with his most profound bow. His mother's delight knew no bounds. Finally the good old lady took both his hands, held him at arms' length, looked as if she never could see enough of him; then she gave him a motherly hug and exclaimed:

"I should think she'd have fell dead in love with you the minute she clapped her eyes on you with all those thiggs on."

Phil retired hastily, and when he removed his dress coat he savagely shook his fist at it.

## CHAPTER XVI.

MORE NEWS THAT WAS NOT ENOUGH.

LITTLE by little the excitement over Phil's return abated, being merged in curiosity as to why his father was remaining in the city. Local curiosity was somewhat discouraged, too, by a few sharp retorts to persons who were impertinently inquisitive about the New York developments of Phil's acquaintance with Lucia. There was no lack of stories, however, regarding the couple; in any part of the civilized world, no matter how stolid the inhabitants, there is imagination enough to replace the absent links in a desired chain of facts.

All that Haynton and its vicinity really knew about the supposed Hayn-Tramlay affair was that the Tramlays had been at Hayn farm, that they had a daughter named Lucia whose age did not differ much from Phil's, that Phil had been in New York for more than a fortnight, that he had gone direct from Sol Mantring's shop to Tramlay's office, that he had been seen in New York in store clothes, and that he admitted having seen Lucia once or twice. Out of these few facts, which would have been useless to even a detective were he unable to treat them as mere clews to be followed carefully, the enterprising people of Haynton constructed a number of stories, each of which hung together admirably. That they differed radically from one another was not the fault of the local romancers; they had honestly done their best with the material at hand.

Phil did not regard the matter in this light. When day by day his little brothers returned from school with tales they had heard from class mates and wondered greatly that they had not first heard them at home, Phil's temper broke loose so suddenly that the boys almost feared to repeat all they had heard. The wrathful young man learned that he had proposed to Lucia and been refused, that he had been accepted, apparently at the same interview, that Tramlay was to build a handsome house on the water front of Hayn Farm for his daughter as a wedding present, that Phil took his refusal so seriously to heart that he was going to study for the ministry, and that while in New York he had fallen into drinking habits so deeply that Tramlay had been obliged to write Farmer Hayn to hurry to the city and remove his unfortunate son from the scene of temptation.

Phil grumbled and stormed; he even vowed that if gossip about him did not end he would go to sea. He thought seriously of publishing a list of denials in the weekly paper, edited in the county town, which devoted a column or two to Haynton news. Then he wondered whether he might not make a confidant of the minister and beg that a sermon be preached on the sinfulness of gossip; but this plan disappeared abruptly when the statement of his approaching marriage was traced, almost with certainty, to the minister himself.

But the worst trial of all remained. On Sunday he met at church and in the young people's Bible class all the girls who lived at or near Haynton. Some of them belonged to churches other than that which included the Hayn family among its members, but for once they waived denominational preferences and went to the First church, and not only to see Phil's new clothes and cane, of which Sol Mantring had brought such astonishing reports.

They were as good and sweet hearted, those Haynton girls, as any of their sex on the face of the earth. Fashions a trifle old and lack of professional advice as to how best to enhance their natural charms by borrowing from art could not disguise the fact that some of them were quite pretty. It was not their fault that Phil's heart had gone elsewhere for a mate, but that the young man himself was greatly to blame for such a course was the general opinion among them, and they would have at least the consolation of seeing how he had been affected by a step so unusual among Haynton youth. And what questions these girls' eyes did ask! There was no need that they should put any of them into words; Phil understood them all, with the result that never before on Sunday had he heard so little of sermon, hymn or prayer, or betrayed so feeble a grasp of the topic of the day in the Bible class.

So seriously was his mind disturbed that he held himself sharply to account, "examined his offences" in the time honored and orthodox manner, and resolved that lack of occupation was at the bottom of his trouble. He would begin bright and early Monday morning an extension of the big ditch in the marsh land; if the mud and stones and roots and quicksands, the tugging and straining and perspiring, sure to be incident to the work would not cure him, he grimly told himself, then his case was hopeless indeed.

Bravely he kept his word. At sunrise he was already on his way to the marsh, and by the middle of the morning a single sensation encompassed his entire mind; it was that ditching was the hardest, dirtiest, forlornest work that ever fell to a farmer's lot. He dragged one heavily booted foot after the other from the ooze, leaned on his spade and offered himself five minutes' rest.

He looked wearily along the prolongation of the line of the ditch already completed, and wondered how many hundred days the entire improvement would require. Before he decided his calculations were disturbed by the sound of the family dinner bell. He looked at the sun, which was his only timepiece while at work, and wondered what could have befallen the hitherto faithful family clock. Again the bell sounded, and when he looked in the direction of the house he saw, on the brow of the hill behind the orchard, his mother waving her apron to him. Something was the matter; what could it be? a tramp—a persistent lightning rod man? He hurried toward the house, and soon saw that his mother was waving also something that looked like a handkerchief and then like a piece of paper. A little nearer and he heard his mother shouting:

"Father's writ. We've got a letter!"

Phil ran nearly all the way up the hill; he had not performed that difficult feat since he and another boy had raced up, in coasting time, in wild strife as to which should capture a popular girl and take her down on his sled. A letter from his father was indeed an unusual event, for the old man had not been away from home before, except when on jury duty in the county town, in many years, yet from the old lady's manner it seemed the letter must contain something unusual. As he reached the hill top his mother placed the sheet in his hand, saying:

"I thought mebbe you'd better see it at once."

Phil took it and read aloud, as follows:

"DEAR OLD GIRL—Your husband is about as usual, though the well water in this town ain't fit for decent cattle to drink. I've seen some of the sights, and wished more than once that I had you along; if things turn out as they look, though, I'll bring you down in style yet. I've run against the folks that looked at our south ridge with a view to making a cottage village, and, as luck would have it, they knew Mr. Tramlay, who's rolled up his sleeves and done his best to help clinch things and make a good thing out of it for me. I need Phil; Mr. Tramlay wants him too; and I wish you'd tell him to pack his bag and get back here as soon as he can. The boys can take care of the animals, and there's nothing else on the farm but can wait till I get back.

"The Lord be with you all, so no more at present, from your loving husband,

"REUBEN."

"P. S.—That gal ain't no more engaged than I am."

Phil took off his hat, rubbed his eyes, looked away in the direction of the ditch extension, and made a face at the faithful old spade

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## GOOD FOR THE COLLEGE LEAGUE.

The State College League has decided to have no ball games on Memorial Day. That is right. Out of respect to both the dead and the living defenders of the nation, public sports should be ruled out on that day.

## CUI BONO?

It is jubilantly announced that some genius has earned the everlasting gratitude of mankind by inventing a little affair which will prevent the wearer from snoring. But the man who snores does not lie awake to hear his own music, and is not disturbed by it, so what does he care how much he snores, and how will you make him wear the "snore preventer?"

## THE TARIFF BILL.

The tariff bill reported to Congress last week is different in some particulars from the bill as it stood when reported to the committee. The principal change, and an important one, is in the sugar schedule. Sugar up to a certain standard is put on the free list, and a bounty of two cents per pound is paid on all sugar of a certain grade for a period of fifteen years.

Hides were finally replaced on the free list, and will probably remain there.

It is estimated that the bill, if passed, will reduce the revenue nearly if not quite $70,000,000.

## OBITUARY.

Mrs. Elvira Stevens, wife of Mr. Stephen Rowe, was born in Norway, Me., April 20th, 1815, and died in Bryant's Pond, Me., March 12th, 1890. She was converted at the age of eighteen, under the labors of H. W. Latham, and soon joined the Methodist church of Norway village, and for fifty-six years she was a most faithful and devoted Christian. She was married to Stephen Rowe, June 8th, 1845, by her uncle, Simon Stevens, who now lives in Norway. Her father was the first male child born in the town of Norway. Sister Rowe loved the church of her choice and was ever ready to lend a helping hand to promote its interests. Her home was the home of the Methodist preacher, where everything was done for his comfort. She leaves a kind husband, one daughter and two brothers, with the whole church and a large circle of friends, to mourn her loss. Her health failed her several years ago, and thus she was deprived of the great privilege of attending the services of the sanctuary, but through all her deprivation she never complained of her lot, and ever maintained a great interest in the church work. Beloved by all, "she rests from her labors and her works do follow her."

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Died, Saturday, March 29th, at Minneapolis, Minn., Dudley P. Jordan, late of Chicago, Ill., native of Oxford, Maine, aged 56 years, 11 months, and 4 days. Mr. Jordan was in the Union army of the Rebellion, was a member of the 1st Maine Cavalry, was thrown from his horse and severely wounded. He was a pensioner and a member of the G. A. R. He leaves a widow and one son. He was a brother of Mrs. T. J. Whitehead.

# THE WEEK IN MAINE.

## THE MOST IMPORTANT STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

E. & J. Fred Webster's lumber mill at Orono was burned Tuesday; loss, $30,000 or more; insurance $12,000.

There is some fear of an epidemic of diphtheria at the insane hospital. Prompt measures will be taken to prevent it.

The municipal officers of the towns which own the Knox & Lincoln Railroad have recommended the sale of the road to the syndicate at its price, $1,500,000.

This week the close time on sardine herring is off, and the factories at Eastport will open for work after a rest of four months—provided the sardine herring can be got.

Fire among the lumber yards in Milford Wednesday burned over about ten acres, covered with dry pine box boards. The loss is estimated at $100,000, with small insurance.

Augusta is the convention city this year. The Republican State convention has already been called to meet there, and the Democratic State convention will be held in the same place on the 4th of June.

Micah W. Norton has been committed to await the action of the grand jury at the September term, for the murder of Mrs. Cooley, his housekeeper, at North New Portland. There are some sensational features in the testimony.

Little stock is taken in Isaac Sawtelle's confession of the murder of his brother. It is generally thought that he makes it to save his neck, as he confesses to the murder in Maine, while it is believed to have been committed in New Hampshire where capital punishment is in force.

There was an earthquake shock at Dover Friday morning, the 11th, at a few minutes before three o'clock. A report like an explosion was first heard then the earth trembled for several seconds. Clocks were stopped, and some articles were thrown from their places.

B. Frank Hayden who left Sanford last December with $16,000 "in his inside pocket," and a female companion, has been heard from. He is very comfortably settled in Japan, according to a letter received by an intimate acquaintance. Hayden deserted a wife and two children.

In reply to a letter written to Senator Frye by Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, relative to the proposition to open a "canteen" at Fort Preble, the Senator writes: "I called the attention of the Secretary of War to the proposed establishment of a drinking place at Fort Preble, and he has given written instructions that no such canteen shall be established there."

The Emmett Guards of Worcester are not satisfied with the result of the competitive drill in which they were beaten by the Montgomery Guards of Portland, and have challenged the Montgomerys to another drill. The Montgomerys replied that they would accept the challenge when the financial part of the former drill had been settled, they not having as yet seen the net gate receipts which belong to them.

Maine will be visited this year by four different circus combinations, if not more. Forepaugh's, Frank Robbins's, Van Amburgh's, and W. L. Main's. The first one to come will probably be the Robbins show the latter part of May. Forepaugh's agents are already in the State preparing for business, and a few weeks more will see the other festive circus men touring Maine and looking for bill boards.

# SOUTH PARIS.

Rev. W. F. Holmes preached his closing sermon Sunday, taking for his text Acts xx: 22. Mr. Holmes has labored three years with the church here, leaving it in a prosperous condition. During these three years about $2,000 has been expended on church property. It will be gratifying to the friends elswhere to know that this expenditure has been met and that the annual salary and church expenses are paid.

Rev. A. G. Fitz exchanged with Rev. A. P. Wedge Sunday.

Mr. Parlin, our harness man went to Colebrook Saturday.

At the depot Thursday, John Whitney, switchman, had his hand badly mangled while coupling cars.

There will be no preaching at the Methodist church next Sabbath. Morning prayer meeting and Sabbath School will be held as usual.

There are many inquires for girls to do house work. Several could find employment in this village.

F. A. Shartleff has his spring goods. Among them are base ball goods, croquet sets and sporting goods.

The children of Mrs. A. M. Blake are sick with scarlet fever. We hope that proper measures will be taken to prevent it spreading.

Mrs. Geo. Wise was called to Milton, April 13, by the death of her father, Capt. Henry C. Rolf. Mr. Rolf had reached the age of ninty years and eight months. Most of his life was spent at East Rumford. For more than fifty years he had been a member of the Methodist church.

Wednesday as Mrs. W. M. Shaw, Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. Abbie Martin were returning from a ride the carriage was overturned and Mrs. Martin sustaned serious injury, her collar bone being broken. The other ladies escaped uninjured.

Ed McArdle will work for Baxter, the corn packer, at St Albans.

Fifteen yearling colts are entered in the August races.

Stuart Brothers are in their busy season at painting.

Don't go out of town for your harness work. We now have one of the best workmen in the county. All kinds of harness gear for sale at reasonable prices.

Our drug stores are well supplied with base ball goods.

The old band stand has been removed from the square by S. P. Maxim. We hope to see a neat fountain occupy the place.

At H. N. Bolster's general store you can find a large variety of general merchandise. You are sure to find goods as represented, and prices exceedingly reasonable. He has a new line of boots and shoes.

The town assessors have been busy in our village the past week.

There will be a public auction at the home of the late James A. Holmes, Thursday, April 25, at 1 o'clock, P. M., George A. Cole, auctioneer.

The Methodist Circle has been invited to Norway next Thursday evening. Many anticipate going. The barge will leave the church at 7 o'clock.

Ross Fletcher of Nichols Latin School was at home over Sunday.

Miss Bertha Shaw has spent a week with her sister, Mrs. T. S. Barnes of Portland.

G. A. Chandler, merchant at West Sumner, was at E. E. Fletcher's Tuesday.

Miss Eliza McFadden met with a serious fall Friday, breaking her left arm and badly bruising her other ways.

The churches united Fast Day and held union services at the Congregational church.

F. C. Merrill received a thousand dollar order for harrow blades from a party West who had had a large order already shipped.

The many friends of J. M. Poole, the former popular landlord of the Andrews house, will be pleased to learn that he is prosperous and has a good position in a factory at Guildhall, Vermont.

Newell Cook, the well known hostler, has received a pension.

Thede Thayer went to Rumford Saturday, looking after horses. He goes to Amesbury after carriages, which he will have for sale.

Eugene Millett has moved into his brother's house in the King neighborhood.

W. S. Starbird is connecting his buildings with a shed.

The seventy-first anniversary of Odd Fellowship will be observed by Mt. Mica Lodge at their hall next Saturday evening. A very interesing program is being prepared. All Odd Fellows and their families are invited.

Charlie Titcomb takes Whitney's place as switchman.

W. W. Farrar and Charles Merrill visited the Briggs stock farm in Auburn last week.

Dwight Wise of Auburn was at home Monday.

Will Woodbury, the noted horseman, has been the guest of E. M. Thayer.

Dr. J. W. Davis and wife attended the Grand Lodge of Golden Cross at Bath last week and report a fine session.

Last week we had a series of accidents.

## HEBRON PRIZE DECLAMATION.

The annual prize contest in speaking, which takes place at the end of the spring term, occurred in the chapel Friday evening, April 18th, before a large audience. Following is the order of exercises:

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| Music, | Orchestra. |
| Invocation. | |
| Music, | Male Quartette. |
| Virginia, | Harry E. Hamilton. |
| The Gipsy Flower Girl, | Ione Harlow. |
| Hannibal on the Alps, | J. Everett Hicks. |
| After the Battle, | Grace Goddard. |
| Baritone Solo, | Harry Barrows. |
| Spartacus to the Gladiators, | Ralph K. Beaver. |
| Who Is Asher's Story, | Annie M. Tuttle. |
| The Unknown Speaker, | Warren W. Austin. |
| What the Train Brought, | Gertrude Merrill. |
| D. Green and His Flying Machine, | Fred H. Cobb. |
| The Maiden Martyr, | Edith E. Berry. |
| Solo, | Meda Gilbert. |
| Jeanneaint L'Ouverture, | Eugene Durgin. |
| The Creeds of the Belle, | Margaret L. Libby. |
| A Day of Our Country, | A. A. Richmond. |
| The Last Hymn, | Ethel G. Stubbs. |
| Music, | Quartette. |

The speaking was unusually good, the exhibition being considered the best for many years. The first prize for gentlemen was awarded to Warren W. Austin, second, to Harry E. Hamilton. The first prize for ladies was awarded to Margaret L. Libby, second, to Gertrude Merrill.

The first prize for composition was awarded to Gertrude Merrill, second, N. Grace Goddard, honorable mention of Margaret L. Libby.

This is merchants' week in Portland. All the railroads, including the Grand Trunk, will sell return tickets to Portland for one fare, during the entire week. There are various attractions for visitors during the week, not the least being Gilmore's famous band, assisted by several noted vocal soloists, which gives four concerts Friday and Saturday.

The "White House," to most people means a flat, two-story, unpicturesque white house, as the view generally given of it shows the severely plain north front; but there are many other views of the home of our Presidents, and we are indebted to Demorest's Family Magazine for laying them before us. The May number of this popular magazine literally takes you to Washington and shows you the "White House" from every point of view, as well as its charming surroundings. The seventeen beautiful illustrations will give you a better idea of the nation's Executive Mansion than you could possibly gain by a personal visit; and never before has it been so fully and beautifully illustrated. Published by W. Jennings Demorest, 15 East 14th St., New York.

## PENSIONS.

Pensions have been granted to the following Oxford County people:

Orville D. Clough, Bethel.
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For laundry use it is unsurpassed. We refer to Brussels soap.

Make your housework easy by using Brussels soap. Its cleansing qualities are unequaled.

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Dr. J. H. Hanaford says in Western Pioneer: "If the first cough is properly treated, the first step in the direction of consumption arrested, the lungs developed, the breath set free, we need not fear consumption." Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs is the proper treatment for the first cough. No other remedy has cured so many from consumption. At all druggists. Large bottles 50c. and $1. Sample free.

# NORWAY.

The new partnership will be known as C. N. Tubbs & Co.

Charles H. Hayden returned from Colorado where he has been stopping for his health last week. He is much improved. He will go to work in Massachusetts at his trade soon.

Rev. C. E. Angell has gone to Chicago on a visit for a few weeks.

Mrs. V. W. Hills has a large assortment of the later styles in millinery goods. Prices to correspond with the times.

Judge Whitman thinks of leasing the rooms over J. O. Crooker's hardware store for a law office and court room. It would be more central and in some respects an improvement.

George W. Hobbs has traded for the Seth Pike farm on "Pike's Hill."

George E. Lasselle has moved to Portland where he holds an important position on the Grand Trunk Railway.

Thomas H. Sclater of Auburn was in town this week.

The Norway Temperance Union will canvass the village for siguers to the pledge.

George W. Hazelton, who is in the west for his health, will return in a short time to resume the practice of medicine.

The ladies of the Universalist Circle will give a supper at Concert Hall Tuesday evening at 6:30. Promenade after the repast. Good music will be in attendance.

Dr. Fred E. Drake has had his dental office painted and otherwise improved.

We understand that William Thibedeau has sold his mare Queen K. to Boston parties for $500.

At the annual school meeting Saturday evening A. L. F. Pike was elected moderator and Ephriam H. Brown re-elected clerk. Charles F. Whitman was unanimously re-elected agent. The vacancy on the grading committee was filled by the election of M. L. Kimball, supervisor of schools, to the position. Voted to raise $300 for free high school. Voted to pay the agent $25 per year for his services. The position is very responsible one and heretofore has paid no compensation.

The regular Sunday evening prayer meeting of the Epworth League will be discontinued and one held Monday evenings at 7:30 instead.

Freeland Howe has bought a team which he will use the coming summer as a conveyance to and from his summer cottage on the east shore of the lake.

Mrs. Walter E. Mann of Milton Plantation after a pleasant visit with her mother, Mrs. E. W. Howe, has returned to her home.

The Silver Gray party under the management of Mrs. Charles L. Hathaway, Mrs. George A. Gunn, and Miss Lizzie Real given at the Opera House Tuesday evening was attended by nearly sixty couples. Music by Norway Orchestra.

The masquerade ball Thursday evening was a success. The drill by the Norway Light Infantry was by all considered an excellent affair. No orders were given to the squad except by Lieut. G. T. Crockett who was stationed in the gallery and gave the necessary commands with a whistle.

At the corporation meeting Monday evening C. E. Holt, Esq., was elected moderator, C. S. Tucker re-elected clerk and the old board of assessors, F. H. Noyes, F. A. Danforth and G. W. Hobbs were re-elected. C. G. Mason elected treasurer; W. C. Cole, A. F. Andrews, S. C. Hatch, Edmond Ames and T. L. Webb were chosen engineers. Voted to raise $3000 for current expenses. Voted to pay the members of the hose companies fifty cents for each meeting and one dollar for each fire attended. J. S. Holt, H. H. Moore, Charles Pike, A. J. Nevers, Steve Seavey, S. D. Andrews, J. A. Bolster, A. P. Bassett, C. L. Whitman, George A. Cole, G. P. Jones and I. M. Smith, fire police. Harry Virgin, Esq., of Portland, illustrated and explained the fire alarm system used in Portland, Lewiston and other cities, and estimated the cost of the introduction of the same into this village at $940.

Paul Howe is fitting up a store for the sale of confectionery, etc., in Hathaway Block.

Chin Sam has opened a laundry in the old National Bank Building on Main Street.

The owners of the beautiful summer cottages along the shores of the lake are making preparations to occupy them in a few weeks. Penneseewassee Lake is one of the most attractive places in the State. If it were known to those desiring quiet, healthful and beautiful places in summer all the building lots would be taken in a short time.

The Norway shoe store and Mrs. E. E. Chase have new awnings on their stores.

We understand that I. G. Ross of the Methodist church in this place expects to go to Augusta instead of returning to Norway.

A United States pension has been granted Capt. Jonathan Blake of this place.

David Flood, Jr., has gone out of the fish business. Joe once more has the business alone.

The Union Supply and Junk Company have leased the Holmes store at Steep Falls, and will open about May 1st, with a full stock of hardware, tinware, groceries, etc.

While others may be good—Brussels soap is the purest and best of them all.

Brown's Instant Relief if used according to directions will cure the worst case of colic or cramp in the stomach.

**100 Ladies Wanted.**

And 100 men to call on any druggist for a free trial package of Lane's Family Medicine, the great root and herb remedy, discovered by Dr. Silas Lane while in the Rocky Mountains. For diseases of the blood, liver and kidneys it is a positive cure. For constipation and clearing up the complexion it does wonders. It is the best spring medicine ever used. Large size package, 50 cents. At all druggists.

## BORN.

In Dixfield, April 10, to the wife of Charles Pickens, a son.

In Hanover, April, to the wife of Harry Dyer, a daughter.

In West Bethel, April 13, to the wife of Edward Sawyer Skillings, a daughter.

In Grafton, April 1, to the wife of Cornelius Thompson, a daughter.

## MARRIED.

In Deering, April 15, by Rev. Dr. O. F. Safford, Don C. Seitz of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mildred E. Blake of Deering.

In Andover, April 13, by C. A. Andrews, Esq., Clinton F. Porter of Roxbury, and Dora M. Robinson of Andover.

In Cornish, April 10, Charles Osgood and Lettie Back, both of Hiram.

In Auburn, April 9, by Rev. A. S. Ladd, Augustus F. Choutier and Isabelle Dorman, both of Buckfield.

In Bethel, April 17, by Rev. D. W. Hardy, James W. Buckman of Lincoln Plantation, and Jane B. Littlehale of Magalloway Plantation.

In North Paris, Apr. 5, by Rev. Seth Benson, Mr. Sebion G. Barrett of Sumner, and Miss Minnie M. Bicknell of Buckfield.

## DIED.

In Greenwood, April 13, Mrs. Catherine, widow of the late Michael Gorman, aged about 65 years.

In Minneapolis, Minn., March 29, Dudley P. Jordan, aged 56 years.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of April A. D. 1890.

JOHN SMITH, Executor on the estate of John Smith late of Fryeburg, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the Estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, That the said Executor give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Fryeburg in said County, on the first Tuesday of June next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of April A. D. 1890.

Edward S. Hastings appointed Admr. on the estate of Frank Y. Bradley, late of Fryeburg, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance.

ORDERED, That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Fryeburg, in said County, on the first Tuesday of June next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

**WANTED.**

A strong capable girl to do housework, must understand cooking, and be competent to take full charge of the work—washing not included. Good wages to the right person. Address, Mrs. J. P. STRAHN, North Cambridge, Mass., or apply in person to

MRS. C. H. THATER, Park Mill, Maine.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Executor of the estate of

NANCY RICKER, late of Hartford,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

April 15, 1890. HENRY C. RICKER.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Executor of the estate of

EZEKIEL S. BURNS, late of Oxford,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

April 15, 1890. EUGENE L. BURNS.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Executor of the estate of

JOHN E. KELLEY, late of Fryeburg,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

April 15, 1890. CHARLES B. KELLEY.

THE subscriber hereby give public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Executor of the estate of

FRANK Y. BRADLEY, late of Fryeburg

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; he therefore request all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

April 15, 1890. EDWARD E. HASTINGS.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Administrator of the estate of

NEWELL F. ROWE, late of Woodstock,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

April 15, 1890. FLORUS H. BARTLETT.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of

ARVILLA G. LAWRENCE, late of Hartford,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

April 15th, 1890. HENRY A. BICKNELL.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Administrator of the estate of

NATHAN MILLETT, late of Norway,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

April 15, 1890. NATHAN W. MILLETT.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Administrator of the estate of

EDWARD F. FARWELL, late of Gilead,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

April 15, 1890. HARLAN P. WHEELER.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that she has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Administratrix of the estate of

DANA L. KIMBALL, late of Rumford,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; she therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

April 15, 1890. ROSE KIMBALL.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Administrator of the estate of

KINGSBURY T. BRYANT, late of Greenwood,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

April 15, 1890. ALPHONSO K. BRYANT.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Administrator of the estate of

GEORGE H. BROWN, late of Bethel,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

April 15, 1890. ADDISON E. HERRICK.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Administrator of the estate of

CHARLES B. CLARK, late of Haverill, Mass., having property,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

April 15, 1890. JESSE D. RUSSELL.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that she has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Administratrix of the estate of

WILLIAM H. HARDING, late of Andover,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; she therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

April 15, 1890. ELMIRA A. HARDING.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Apr. A. D. 1890.

Moses S. Moulton, Administrator on the estate of Elisha Stanley, late of Porter, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Court of Probate to be held at Fryeburg, in said County, on the first Tuesday of June next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—Attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Apr. A. D. 1890.

MARY A. COLE, Administratrix on the estate of Dennis Stanley, late of Porter, in said County, deceased, having presented her account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, That the said Admrx. give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have why the same should not be granted.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Apr. A. D. 1890.

E. F. SMITH, Administrator on the estate of David R. Holden, late of Norway, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the Estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, That the said Admr. give notice of the same to all persons interested therein, by publishing a copy of this order three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of May next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

SEND your orders for Job Printing to the Oxford Democrat Office.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that she has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Executrix of the estate of

ALEXANDER HILL, late of Paris,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; she therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

April 15, 1890. JULIA G. BATES.

THE subscribers hereby give public notice that they have been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Executors of the estate of

SOLOMON M. STETSON, late of Hartford,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; they therefore request all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

April 15, 1890. SOLOMON F. STETSON.
TEN BROCK W. STETSON.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Apr. A. D. 1890.

GENEVA G. KIMBALL, widow of Asa Kimball late of Rumford, deceased, having presented her petition for an allowance out of the Personal Estate of said deceased:

ORDERED, That said petitioner give notice of the same to all persons interested therein, by publishing a copy of this order three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have why the same should not be granted.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Apr. A. D. 1890.

AMBROSE C. SEGAR, Admr. on the estate of John E. Segar, late of Rumford, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, That said Admr. give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Court of Probate to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Apr. A. D. 1890.

Charles W. Waterhouse, Admr. on the estate of Dorcas Waterhouse, late of Fryeburg, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, That said Admr. give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Court of Probate to be held at Fryeburg in said County, on the first Tuesday of June next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of Apr. A. D. 1890.

ALBERT W. GROVER, Executor on the estate of George W. Grover, late of Bethel, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased, for allowance:

ORDERED, That the said Executor give notice to all persons interested therein, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a probate court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of May, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy, Attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Apr. A. D. 1890.

On the petition of Clark B. Frost, Administrator of the estate of Asa Kimball, late of Rumford, in said County, deceased, praying for license to sell and convey certain real estate situated in Rumford and described in his petition on file in the Probate Office, at public or private sale for the payment of debts, costs of administration and incidental charges.

ORDERED, That the said petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing an abstract of his petition, with this order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have why the same should not be granted.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Apr. A. D. 1890.

EDWARD E. HASTINGS, having filed his petition praying that he may be appointed Trustee and confirmed as such, of the estate of Frank Y. Bradley, late of Fryeburg, in said County, deceased, for the use and benefit of Richard Bradley and others, as provided in the last will and testament of said Frank Y. Bradley:

ORDERED, That the said petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by publishing this order three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Fryeburg, on the first Tuesday of June next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Apr. A. D. 1890.

ALBERT S. AUSTIN, Administrator on the estate of Austin Partridge, late of Paris, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the said Instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—Attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1890.

ALBERT S. AUSTIN, Administrator on the estate of Sarah R. Partridge late of Paris, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of May next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Apr. A. D. 1890.

George O. Robinson and E. Prudentia Robinson, named Executors in a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of George Robinson, late of Oxford, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:

ORDERED, That the said Executors give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County, on the third Tuesday of May next, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the said Instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Apr. A. D. 1890.

Lusina Hemingway and Arvilla W. Rolfe, named Executrices in a certain Instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Henry C. Rolfe and codicil thereto, late of Milton Plantation in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:

ORDERED, That the said Executrices give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of May next at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the said Instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—Attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Apr. A. D. 1890.

On the petition of Elisha M. Emery, Guardian of Helen L., Mary E. and Olla M. Swan minors, of Paris, in said County, deceased, praying for license to sell and convey certain real estate fully described in his petition, on file in the Probate Office, at public sale, the proceeds to be put out at interest.

ORDERED, That the said petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing an abstract of his petition, with this order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—attest:—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

**Notice of Petition for Discharge.**
**STATE OF MAINE.**

OXFORD, ss.—Court of Insolvency. In the case of CALEB WIGHT, JR., Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has, on this 16th day of April, A. D. 1890, been presented to said Court for said County, by Caleb Wight, Jr., of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, praying that he may be decreed a full discharge from all his debts, provable under the provisions of Chapter seventy of the Statutes of Maine, and upon said petition, it is ordered by said Court that a hearing be had upon the same before said Court at Paris, in said County of Oxford, on Wednesday, the 21st day of May A. D. 1890, at nine o'clock in the for

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 o'c P. M.

Universalist Church: Sunday School every Sunday at 12 M.

Clark B. Frost, of Hanover, was at Paris Tuesday.

Probate and Insolvency Courts were well attended last week.

J. C. Cummings and wife have been spending the past week in Portland.

Mr. A. W. Grover, the West Bethel correspondent of the Democrat, made us a pleasant call Tuesday.

A friend in Wernersville, Penn., sends the Democrat a handsome bunch of arbutus and other spring flowers. They are ahead of us.

F. E. Tufts is remodeling his house. He has raised the roof and added four feet to the posts. George Cutting is doing the carpenter work.

The Paris Literary and Social Circle will take J. G. Holland as their author at their regular meeting Wednesday evening. Beside other selections, three scenes from "Bitter Sweet" will be presented, also music. There will be no supper. Doors open at six, entertainment to commence at seven.

The children of the Universalist Sunday School will present the operetta, "The Fairy of the Fountain," at Academy Hall, Tuesday evening. Following this ice cream, coffee and cake will be for sale, and the evening will close with two scenes from the "Country School." Admission 20 and 10 cents. Curtain rises at 8.

Marble & Pierce have sold their fine yearling colt by Messenger Wilkes to H. L. Horne of Norway for a very long price. This colt was from "Zephyr," daughter of Fanny Patchen, and was one of the best youngsters in the State. The purchase price is not made public but is reported to be very nearly a thousand dollars.

Col. A. S. Austin has sold his farm in this village to Harry A. Whitman who will take possession about May 1st. Mr. Whitman came to Paris from Dixfield about four years ago as an apprentice in the Oxford Democrat office. He is one of our most industrious and enterprising young men and all are glad that he has decided to make his future home among us. We understand that his mother, sister and brother will make their home here also.

The forenoon of Fast Day here had much of the quiet and solemnity supposed to belong to the day when observed according to the original intention. There was no ball playing or excitement of any kind, and those whose business called them out doors got in out of the cold wind without unnecessary delay. The Universalist Sunday School spent the afternoon at a sugar party at the home of the superintendent, Hon. George F. Hammond. There was a full attendance, and a "sweet" and very enjoyable time. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hammond gave a whist party.

It is reported that Hon. J. S. Hobbs, State Librarian, formerly Register of Probate here, has purchased a large farm in Litchfield, and that he will probably resign as librarian and take up the occupation of farming. Mr. Hobbs has held the office for over fifteen years, and has proved a most able man for the position, inaugurating the present system of arrangement and largely increasing the field of usefulness of the library. He has been failing in health during late years, and being fond of out-door work has decided to make the change and engage in farming as an occupation, for which he has always had an intense liking.

## THE OXFORD BEARS.

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

### HEBRON.

The event of the week is the commencement of work on the new academy. The building committee and contractors met Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning the men began digging the cellar.

Things are looking lively in our usually quiet little village.

The spring term closes Friday. The prize declamations will be given Friday evening.

There were services in the church Fast Day. We were not present but those more fortunate reported a very excellent sermon from Rev. Mr. Harden.

The monument on the lot of Messrs. Everett and Stearns was put in place Wednesday. It is much the handsomest monument in the cemetery. Mr. O'Connor of South Paris did the work.

Mud is fast drying up and snow very scarce, only a stray patch to show what has been.

C.

### RUMFORD CENTRE.

Mr. J. N. Vaughan has returned and is working in his mill. His little boy Roy who was so very sick has fully recovered.

Edmund Farnum is gradually recovering.

Mr. John R. Wood of Brooklyn, N. Y., recently sent his check for $20 to help build the church yard fence. We will see that his friends buried here have good care taken of the grave and surroundings. The gift is much appreciated.

### EAST BETHEL.

Fast Day passed off very quietly.

Dana R. Grant has put in mail boxes and arranged his store for the post office. He entered upon his duties as postmaster April 11th.

Mrs. S. J. Perry has returned from her visit to Massachusetts.

F. R. Howe recently had two sheep killed in the yard by dogs.

H. E. Bartlett returned from Waltham, Mass., April 13th.

Androscoggin River Grange will be entertained by Bro. M. S. Kimball and wife on Saturday evening, April 26th.

Mrs. John Newell from Kennebunk Me., came the 17th to attend the funeral of her mother Mrs. Maria Stiles.

Died April 16th Mrs. Maria Stiles aged 87 years. Funeral services were held at the church April 18th conducted by Rev. Gilman Rice of Andover.

### BROWNFIELD.

On the eighth day of April Graffam & Brown were storing ice from Burnt Meadow Pond in Brownfield. They cut seventy-five tons that week.

Messrs. Burnham & Co., Portland, have cut and stored 7500 tons from Rattlesnake Pond.

Sixty-five acres of cucumbers have been signed for this season. The cucumbers are to be shipped to Portland for Messrs. E. D. Pettengill & Co. by L. A. Cole.

Mr. Scott Thurston, who has been living on the G. Kezar place, has moved into the house formerly occupied by A. C. Morrison of this village.

The literary circle met with Dr. Ella Gatchell Tuesday evening.

Mr. Samuel Brown, aged 79 years, died Monday morning. He had been a member of Pequawket Lodge, I. O. O. F., thirty-three years.

### WEST PERU.

H. W. Babb is doing the stone work for Wilson Oldham's new house.

Brown and Hammon have got the ferry boats in again.

The mud is drying up and travel is resumed all along the line.

Miss Cynthia Atkins and her niece Edith have gone to Rhode Island for the summer.

Any one would naturally surmise that John lived at the head of Rumford Falls the way he comes down on us Peruvians. Never mind, John, we have got brains down here and mean to use them.

There was a town meeting called to see about buying a town house, but through our constable's carelessness in not having the warrant attested it was a failure.

### CANTON.

Playing marbles is the order of the day now.

County Attorney Hersey and C. H. Prince, Esq., of Buckfield, and John S. Harlow, Esq., of Dixfield, was in town Friday on business.

Miss Carrie Swasey has returned home from Westbrook where she has been attending school being unable to pursue her studies on account of poor health.

The Harrington concert which was to occur last Friday evening has been postponed.

Henry Johnston has moved to Boston.

The I. O. O. F. will celebrate their anniversary the 26th.

### NORTH ALBANY.

Louie Holton has come home sick from Natick, Mass., where he has been visiting friends.

Viola Grover of Berlin, N. H., is visiting relatives of this place.

Herbert Coburn and Charles Eames have each recently had a present of a daughter.

Mrs. Roscoe Emery is still in feeble health.

The traveling is anything but good.

Thomas Kimball is putting an addition on to his barn.

Rev. B. V. Davis has gone to Turner to attend the funeral of a sister. He is going to conference next week.

Rev. A. H. Witham is to move from Newry on to his farm in Mason next week.

### EAST WATERFORD.

Zebulon Abbott has hired Charles Witherell of Harrison for six months.

Mr. Larrabee, life insurance agent of Bridgton, was through here last week; also a Maine Farmer agent.

Mrs. Hodgdon is a little more comfortable but still very sick. Her daughter, Mrs. William Buck, is with her.

William H. Keen lost a nice cow.

Minnie Stevens is cleaning house for Mrs. Sanderson.

Horace E. Allen has bought his brother Will's share of the farm and is keeping bachelor's hall, but only for a short time we understand.

The maple syrup season has been the best for several years.

Abraham Norwood is at Mrs. Patterson's.

### NORTH-WEST BETHEL.

Little Ben Stearns is very sick.

V. S. Stearns has made about eighty gallons of maple honey.

Sam Perkins went to Gorham, N. H., last week.

Wm. Chapman went up the line a few days ago.

M. Penley and Seth Mason have planted early peas.

Born, in West Bethel, April 13th, to the wife of Edward Sawyer Skillings, a daughter.

### LOVELL.

Mrs. C. G. Andrews of South Paris is visiting in town. She has been to Fryeburg to see her brother, E. G. Charles, who is now in very feeble health.

The boys are having quite good success in dipping smelts at the Mill Brook.

J. F. Stearns, Benj. Russell, James Evans and Henry Russell are painting their buildings.

The scholars of the high school are preparing the drama "Down by the Sea" and the farce "The Bat and the Ball" for an entertainment.

F. C. Russell has gone to take charge of the academy and high school at Warren, Me. H. C. Stearns has gone as assistant. This is Mr. Russell's second year there.

Edward E. Russell has engaged to teach the grammar school at North Conway the coming Summer.

W. O. Brown and family have gone to Milton, N. H., where he has charge of the erection of some buildings.

### ALBANY.

George H. Wilbur started Monday for Peabody, Mass., seeking employment. The next day he obtained a situation to work on a farm at fair wages.

Herbert I. Bean has gone to Massachusetts where he is engaged at carpentering. We are sorry to lose so many of our good young men.

The school house in District No. 1 is receiving a coat of paint outside and in.

A. G. Bean is treating his house to a coat of paint.

C. Bryant of Bethel is in town buying beef and veal.

Gilbert Wardwell has given his house a coat of paint.

### GRAFTON.

Sunday and Monday were very warm days for the time of year. Mercury stood at 62 above in the shade. Tuesday and Wednesday were cold days and made the river drivers look and feel blue to think they will have to wait so long.

There are at this time 125 men waiting for a chance to drive when the water comes.

E. F. Stearns and Asa Stearns were in town yesterday.

The stage came through on wheels for the first time yesterday.

Gilbert Tyler has bought him a nice yoke of cattle.

### WILSON'S MILLS.

All quiet along the river.

Roads bad, no crossing the river, bare ground in spots, and the song of birds makes us think spring has come to stay.

Thomas Weymouth's teams came out of the woods last Wednesday, the last to leave the woods.

Walter Bucknam has started for home in Avon.

S. W. Bennett was home Saturday night from Ward's camp; returned next morning on the crust.

### EAST BROWNFIELD.

A lovely morning this day on which we all can fast if we will.

Circle met at Mrs. Emmons' on the 16th.

F. D. Meserve has moved back to the Center.

W. S. Thurston has also changed his residence from the old Howard house to the village.

Several have gone to Vermont to work leaving their families here, among them J. S. Grey, C. W. Harmon, F. E. Quint.

W. H. Stickney is boat building. "Round the World in Eighty Days," who knows?

Mary Stickney is very busy at her trade, dress making.

### NEWRY.

The sugar season has not been very profitable.

Potatoes have advanced in price, but there will be but few handled in this section until after mud time is over.

Eli Stearns has bought some nice beef oxen recently.

Oxen they say are selling rather better this spring.

Bear River is free from ice and driving will soon commence.

M. L. Thurston's drive in Bear River commenced operations Monday of this week.

The weather for a couple of days has been cold and windy and at the present writing the water has fallen to a low point for driving purposes.

Orin Foster lost a nice four year old mare lately.

The sap season is about over.

W. A. Foster left his sap pan with a day's boiling of syrup in it over the fire one night lately and on visiting it in the morning he found it sugared off and burned to a cinder.

The meeting house at Newry is being shingled this week.

### UPTON.

One of John Burke's cows produced a pair of twin calves a few days ago.

In Errol, N. H., April 10th, to the wife of Jimmy Gibbs, a son, weighed 10 pounds.

Lumen and Enoch Sargent had two of their mink traps robbed a few days ago. They wish the thieves (we can't possibly think of any other name for them) would return them the mink pelts or the value of them. They have to work for a living and are not able to lose that amount of money.

motto "Honesty is the best policy."

Mrs. L. Sargent has some nice White Leghorn eggs for sale for hatching, per clutch, 75c.

Miss Mabel West has a lot of new millinery.

Samuel Sargent gave us the first ride of the season on wheels.

Last Saturday John Neil picked 86 pounds of gum making $19.75 worth picked during the week and he was at home to do his chores too. How is that for picking spruce gum?

### FRYEBURG.

The Granite Co. operating at Redstone Ledge, Conway, have begun blasting at I. L. Osgood's ledge, Stark's Hill.

Sidney F. Perkins has gone to the Intervale House for the summer.

Mr. J. C. Gerry has given up traveling and is in his store.

Mr. Fred Additon has gone to Mr. Gerry's store at South Paris.

Miss Hattie Wormwood has gone back to Kezar Falls.

Miss Fanny Gordon has returned from her visit to Portland.

Mrs. Minnie Howe Jordan and son are at Miss Mary Howe's.

Benjamin Ladd of Minneapolis has been visiting at Miss Howe's.

Dry walking in the street now.

The river drivers have got beyond the village.

Mr. Percy Dow of Kent's Hill has been tuning pianos here the past week.

Fast Day passed very quietly. Several took advantage of half fare and went to Portland for the day.

The Swedenborgian Circle is to meet Friday with Mrs Johnson at the Fryeburg House.

### NORWAY LAKE.

Daniel Walker has been sawing wood with his machine this week for J. Frank Bradbury, E. Kilgore and Charles Walker.

J. L. Partridge has got out again and is able to be at his store part of the time.

Irvin Frost is selling quite an amount of water from his mineral spring.

The roads are settling fast in this vicinity.

F. H. Whitman was at the Lake Monday.

J. Orin Smith, Esq., of Harrison, spent last Sunday at home at his father's, Jas. Smith's.

### ROXBURY.

The Byron stage went up to-day loaded with shovels, picks and mining pans for the gold business.

A big mining company is forming in Portland to work the Byron gold fields.

The warm weather sent the river up.

Mr. Record has twenty men at work on his logs. They have the landings nearly all rolled in.

Staples also has a big crew driving in Byron.

The logs run nicely.

John Reed is away driving poplar for Marshall & Dudley.

### DICKVALE.

On my yay to my work this morning, I called on Mr. Alpheus Burgess, who has been confined to his bed most of the time for the past year and is reduced to a mere skeleton. He is so low that he has nearly lost his speech and don't seem to realize much.

C. N. Child came home from Rumford last Sunday sick with a bad cold and is now confined to his bed with strong symptoms of a fever.

Leonard Canwell sent for the doctor to-day for his father, who is reported in a critical condition.

Cases of reported scarlet fever in Elbridge Smith's family have been disputed.

J. C. Wyman has finished sawing birch. He has sawed 145,000 feet of spool stock the past winter. He has now a mill yard full of logs to saw into boards and shingles.

ABE.

### RUMFORD FALLS.

The ice in the river parted from the shore and passed down and out the 8th, leaving a broad, blue mass to follow after. The ferry boat is yet on blocks. The smaller boats ply to and fro. Our post office and place of worship are on the further shore. The beautiful Androscoggin is somewhat of a nuisance at least twice a year—when it is closing in and when it is closing out. But we cannot well dispense with it, and we would grow hungry and dry and homesick for a sight of it were we a stranger in a strange land. What a grand highway of commerce it is from the lakes to the sea! In a few weeks the Red Shirts will be following hard after their winter's work into the marts of trade.

There are six piles of poplar of different dimensions close by on the banks of the river waiting for the drivers. Perhaps within the year some of your gifted correspondents will be writing local items on dried pulp from one of the six piles. O, yes, it is a great country and is well worth living for and being taxed for. Thank God and the boys in blue, we have a country to be taxed for! As Memorial Day approaches and we meet now and then, here and there, a wrinkled old fellow, whose hair intermingles with gray, who one time wore the blue and rallied round the flag, boys, we are reminded that there are those yet living who once felt that our country was well worth periling the life to sustain. O, yes, pension the soldiers and care for the widows!

We have been scratching the neighborhood with a fine-tooth comb for an item. We have it. Virgil's horse slipped on the hillside and broke a shaft. Let not the country be badly startled! The shaft is mended.

Those who are acquainted with Willis will not be surprised to learn that he has finished sawing his wood pile. No lazy bones there. Willis is a youngish bachelor and is looking around some, so they say. Let some of the fair ones prick up their ears now and put their hair in curl papers, for Willis would be something of a catch. We have a tender sympathy for bachelors. But our heart aches for him or her who is going for a bill of divorcement. Infinitely better would it be to cook our own grub, sew on our own buttons and heat our own soapstone, than to be hopelessly hitched to Abigail Wormwood, if we really doted on Abigail and she held no particle of "dote" in her heart for us. Pitch in, Willis, but rub your eyes open! Don't go it blind! The world is alive with the worthy and the true. Freeze to her and then be worthy of her. If you cannot do that, in mercy let her pass to the grave a wrinkled, happy, winter-sweet old maid.

The South Buckfield correspondent, speaking about the natural orators of Buckfield and those two sows in which he had made an investment, set us to wondering if he is about to start a class in elocution.

JOHN.

### SOUTH BUCKFIELD.

Beware of the sweet lullaby.

School meeting on South Hill Saturday.

W. E. Gerrish has been seriously sick.

Frank Roberts is at work in Harlow's tooth pick factory.

We have exchanged horses, cows and wagons with Josiah Hutchinson, exchanging the Atwood mare, Kit Prescott, for Josiah's six-year-old mare. This weighes 1000 pounds, and is as handsome—we were going to say as Baby Dean.

The writer has sold a cow to the selectmen for the town farm.

Tom Record and Fred York are driving logs on Martin Stream.

Seven patrons in two days without advertising is the way Baby Dean strikes the horse fanciers of Buckfield.

Mud is fast drying up, and spring's work will follow with no leaden heel.

The Dudley boys have bought the Ben Turner place.

We hear of spring pigs "as thick as fallen leaves of Vallambrosia."

Mrs. J. J. Fuller of East Hebron has been sick.

Hubbard Lowell has a monster wood pile.

Raise a Hambletonian colt if you want a fashionable, salable one.

Uncle Addison tells us our grammar noesn't always comport with the grammatical rules of "ye olden time." How could we dispense with our critics?

A fine Yorkshire boar at East Branch farm.

Joseph H. Blanchard has been home on a short vacation from his school at Vinalhaven.

G. R. Holland is to have charge of Rob Dean's four-year-old stallion this season.

We purpose using Baby Dean with our Hutchinson mare.

Baby Dean has made the fastest time ever made on a Maine track.

So the dream referred to by your Upton reporter proved mythical? The writer is a "dreamer of dreams," and we could tell Upton scores of dreams that have had a literal fulfilment, some important, others trivial. Whether it be a sixth sense asserting itself, or another cause that need not be mentioned, that enables one to grope amidst the dim realms of futurity, need not be discussed here.

### BETHEL.

Fast Day servides were held at the Methodist church, the three societies joining.

Our photographer, Mr. York, has made arrangements to be at West Paris the first week in every month, where he will occupy the studio vacated by C. H. Young. The rest of his time will be spent at his studio at Bethel. Mr. York gives universal satisfaction and is largely patronized in this vicinity.

A large number from this place visited Portland Fast Day to witness the ball game.

A sheet and pillow case masquerade took place at Ideal Hall Wednesday evening last.

### MIDDLE INTERVALE.

Belle V. Annas has gone to Boston.

Ed Capen has bought a nice yoke of oxen.

Clarence Annas is at work for Oscar Swan.

Mrs. Annas has tomato plants started from seeds dropped last fall.

Belle Annas made three large rugs in twenty-five days beside doing the housework for a small family. The patterns were lovely.

Isaac Morrill has put up a transient mill for sawing purposes. This will do the work of the one burned recently.

Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. C. Caswell April 24th. All invited.

Mrs. C. Wiley, widow of Dr. Wiley, is visiting at her old home.

Quite good wheeling. E. P. K.

### PERU.

Edith Stillman is at work for Samuel Knight.

Pit Gammon is making overalls for Mr. Hamlin of Canton.

Our constable posted a warrant for a town meeting to see what the town would do about buying the meeting house, but there was a mistake in the warrant, or an omission, so that he will have to post another.

I am glad Brother John has joined the brigade, if he isn't very accommodating about helping to skin our skunks.

Wilson Stillman visited Lewiston last week.

Mrs. Lucia Walker has gone to Massachusetts.

Brown has got his ferry boat in so the stage can go on this side of the river.

### HARTFORD.

Lincoln Purkis and family have arrived in town and will soon move to their farm in Buckfield.

The run of maple syrup has been unusually good this season and if suckers run well the average farmer will be in good condition for spring's work.

W. S. Robinson is taking orders for granite monuments and tablets. He is prepared to furnish the best of work at as low price as can be afforded elsewhere. His son Charlie works on marble and is said to be a very skillful workman.

J. H. Dearborn has a good cow for sale.

### EAST SUMNER.

The drama "Rebecca's Triumph" was so well played and received that it is to be repeated before long.

Fast Day, as usual, was observed by games of ball, firing of guns, etc. Farce Day would be a more appropriate name now.

Bosworth & Bradeen cut out over 4000 feet of rock maple plank at their mill on Monday afternoon.

Isaac Bonney is putting up a fifty foot extention to his buildings. Others are improving their buildings by an application of paint.

The most lively place now is in the mill yard and there is yet quite an amount of lumber to be cut out.

William R. Sewall and his eldest daughter are visiting in Massachusetts for a short time.

Lauren Keen is about moving into Asa Robinson's house and has engaged to work for Eastman, the seedsman, for the season. Mr. Eastman is kept very busy with his assistants filling orders for his home raised seeds. His business has grown rapidly since his first venture.

SLOCUM.

### DENMARK.

Mrs. Thomas Freeman died April 17th, aged about 70 years. Mrs. Freeman was a native of Westbrook, but had been a resident of Denmark some 25 years, and was an estimable lady. She leaves a husband, two sons and one daughter.

Mrs. Clara Belcher has gone as far as Boston with her son, Alberto Hill, who goes to California.

The carriage shop owned and occupied by William Cutler & Son at East Denmark was totally destroyed by fire Apr. 9th. Loss about $300. No insurance.

J. C. Jordan of Colorado is visiting relatives here.

Rufus Bennett and wife leave April 25th to fulfil a year's engagement in the lunatic hospital at Worcester, Mass. They have the same positions that they occupied there in 1888.

George Burnham of Portland is in town.

The ladies of the Universalist Circle give an entertainment consisting of drama and dance this Thursday evening.

Mrs. Marilla Ingalls still continues her visit at Woodford's.

Mrs. Issachar Bragdon has broken up housekeeping and gone to Saco with her sister. Her son, Clarence, who was so badly cut last fall, boards at the Brackett House. He is still unable to put his foot to the ground.

Mrs. McIntire and son, C. H., go to Dixville, P. Q., next week to visit a sick relative.

### OXFORD.

C. S. Hayes is building an addition to his stable.

Leander Wardwell has moved in to Seth Faunce's house. He intends to build soon.

Harry Hayes and Thomas Ellis were here last week.

The drama "Dot, the Miner's Daughter," was played Saturday evening by the Oxford Comedy Company.

Mrs. Abbott, of Dexter, is visiting here.

Frank Chapman is in town.

A concert was given Thursday evening by the Harrington Concert Co., of Boston, at the close of the musical convention.

A Fast Eve ball was held Wednesday under the management of Mr. William Bumpus. All report a first class time.

Mr. Samuel Bumpus has moved into the house with his son.

Roscoe Staples has been appointed postmaster at Welchville.

### WEST SUMNER.

Our village is taking on its spring appearance, paint and paper working a wonderful transformation.

John G. Chase has bought out the other heirs and has moved onto the farm so long occupied by his father in Paris. Frank Gowell, who has lived there for a year or two, has purchased a farm in Tuelltown.

A. A. Swift has moved onto the farm of H. C. Rowe, his step-father.

J. M. Doble is at work for W. H. Tainter, the stage man at Dixfield.

L. C. Howe and wife of Brocton, Mass., came to his father's a few days since.

Arlena, the two-year-old baby of Chester Allen who was the victim of the sad shooting affair a few months ago, seems among the unfortunate ones. While riding with her parents to make an evening visit, they tipped over, going over onto the child and breaking her leg near the hip.

Mrs. Abbie Webster, sister of Barnet Thorne, has received a pension of $3000.

Mrs. G. W. Heath is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. T. D. Lunt of Buckfield.

Mrs. George Lawrence of Bethel, who has been at her father's, S. B. Field's, of late, has returned home, taking Mr. Field to spend a few weeks.

George A. Chandler and wife returned from Norway and South Paris a few days since.

Services were held at the Baptist church Fast Day.

S. H. Wetherbee came the 17th in readiness for household goods which were ordered here at that time.

I. A. Fletcher sowed peas the 14th.

Miss Eva Noyes came home from Hebron a week since. She is to work for George C. Howe at Auburn the first of May.

Ellis Doble of South Paris has visited among relatives here the present week.

Hiram Pulsifer is on the sick list.

S. H. Wetherbee's family are expected the 18th.

### WEST PARIS.

Mr. Bates is intending to build another double tenement house this spring.

Dr. F. H. Packard is giving his new house its second coat of paint.

J. W. Ramsdell is gaining in strength quite rapidly.

J. W. Kimball has returned from his visit to New York.

The band has been revived, and is now practicing for Memorial Day.

The Memorial Day speeches and campfire will be in this place this year instead of at South Paris as has been the custom heretofore.

Mr. Ely, a former foreman in one of the departments at the West Paris Mfg. Co. mill, who has been at work in New York for the past year, has returned to take Mr. Cain's place as foreman of the finishing department.

Mr. F. L. Barrett wants to load a carload of potatoes here Monday. He offers 50 cents per bushel.

L. B. Abbott has sold his team to J. R. Tucker.

A. C. Tucker is closing out his stock. He advertises to sell watches for the next 30 days at wholesale prices. Mr. Tucker is talking of going to Massachusetts.

The Pioneer Chair Co. are rushed with orders.

The Snow's Falls boys played a game of ball with the Greenwoods Fast Day. The score was 7 to 11 in favor of Snow's Falls.

### ANDOVER.

The village schools began Monday, the 14th, in charge of Miss Addie Bartlett of East Dixfield and Miss Lula S. Abbott of this place.

Chester Sweet who has been on the road with George Gregg for some time has returned home.

R. A. Grover continues to run a night crew at his dowel mill.

S. E. Clark has put down a new floor in his store. Sam has an eye for business and keeps things shipshape about him.

F. A. Perkins is at the Lake doing a job of painting at Birch Lodge.

The Gadabouts are driving out their poplar. Report says that they have salted down a snug pile from the winter's operations.

Andover congratulates itself on again having a Deputy Sheriff since learning of the appointment of Eben A. Poor to that office.

### GREENWOOD.

Henry Cummings is sawing birch at the Shadigee mill, of which there were about 400 cords. The strips are stacked in the yard and will be hauled to Locke's Mills during the season.

Dea. S. B. Cummings is still troubled with rheumatism but just able to do his chores, being alone; his son Samuel is away at work.

Alden Wilson and wife are not living together as formerly reported. He is up country among his folks, but where she and their two little boys are we do not know. So much as the result of wrong doing.

A. D. Bryant's house was left alone from Sunday night until Monday morning, and during that time two feather beds and a number of small articles were stolen; so we see anti-prohibitionists are correct in saying prohibition doesn't prohibit in more ways than one.

Charles Brooks lost a horse the other day, the cause of whose death we did not learn. He has a colt old enough to use, so that he is not left without a team.

Rather a poor sap season.

Died, in North Woodstock, April 15th, of pneumonia, Susie May, wife of Mellen Billings, and daughter of Charles D. and Margaret A. Rowe, aged 21 years. Deceased leaves three small children, the youngest an infant eight months old.

### NORTH PARIS.

The friends of J. B. Richardson met at his place last Wednesday and cut up his wood pile. Mr. Richardson and wife and son are in very feeble health and have the sympathy of the entire community.

W. H. Childs cut his foot so that he is not able to work and we learn that his friends will help him on his wood pile.

Circle and maple sugar party at the school house last Thursday evening.

Maple syrup plenty at 75 cents per gallon.

Mr. Hammond of Sumner has moved into the John Chase house.

John G. Chase has moved on to the old home farm.

### HIRAM.

On Sunday night Col. J. F. Twitchell was seized with a sudden attack of vertigo and heart disease, rendering him helpless and unconscious for some time. He is now recovering.

Mr. Wm. H. Linscott has been chosen agent in our village school district.

Miss Ethel L. Stone of Cornish will teach in the New Settlement.

Deputy Sheriff Stacy, of Kezar Falls, seized a package of contrabrand whiskey at Hiram this week.

Mrs. Wm. H. Clemons is quite sick of erysipelas.

The firm of Clark & Evans at East Hiram dissolved and James Evans and his son Clifton form the firm of James Evans & Co.

### BRYANT'S POND.

Franklin Grange Amateur Dramatic Club will present "Dot, the Miner's Daughter" at Town Hall Friday evening April 24, concluding with the farce Hans Von Smash." Bacon's Orchestra will be present.

Miss Stella M. Bowker is engaged to teach in Bethel for a summer term.

Mrs. Mell Billings died at North Woodstock April 15 of pneumonia.

Mr. H. A. Bredeen expects to go into the Lake region in a few days. He is the proprietor of Camp Forest Haven. He informs me that his business promises better this season than ever.

I. F. Evans Esq. agent for the New York Accident Insurance Co. is in the town on business.

### DIXFIELD.

Our village schools will begin next week, not last week as stated in your last issue.

George Stanley and wife have moved into Harlow block.

Chas. McCrillis has moved into J. S. Harlow's rent over Stanley & Bryant's store.

Fishermen are getting out their tackle and are talking of Weld Pond and salmon.

Frank Stanley has exchanged his pacer Spoolmaker, for J. S. Harlow's black mare and three hundred and twenty-five dollars. Spoolmaker is a valuable family horse, kind and gentle.

A. L. Sweetser has sold his horse to William Downs for four hundred seventy-five dollars.

N. S. Stowell has purchased a New Home sewing machine.

H. B. Holt has a valuable yearling colt for which he has been offered one hundred and fifty dollars.

Pay roll last month at spool mill was thirteen hundred dollars. Many scarcely appreciate the real worth of such an industry. One source of intrinsic worth is that such a mill purchases and manufactures the raw material grown at home, thereby bringing into town the proceeds of such material after being manufactured, while many other industries send away for their material. In the first case the capital remains at home and is used again and again to give thrift and growth to our village; in the second case capital is sent from home to develop business enterprises in other towns.

To appreciate this thought one has only to consider their figures; one year's stock at spool mill when sawed and dried will cost at least fifteen thousand dollars; add to this sum the monthly pay roll and it will make a snug little sum to be paid yearly to our own townspeople. Let's all join hands and invite other business concerns to locate in our midst.

Your scribe believes he voices the sentiment of the town when he says that the citizens of Dixfield village will gladly invite any and every industry seeking a favorable location to locate at Dixfield.

W. W. Smith is so that he goes out some now.

Mr. Gould has commenced to frame his building and has the sills in place.

Frank Stanley, George Marsh, H. O. Stanley and John Trask went to Weld Pond Friday.

We can cross the river at Brown's ferry. The upper ferry boat will be in the river in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Park left Monday for Searsport.

John Ellis is out on the street again after his illness.

### BUCKFIELD.

At a meeting of the village corporation Saturday, the 12th inst., money was raised to purchase the fire engine, etc.

Benjamin Storer of Carthage was in town recently.

O. H. Hersey, Esq., is making extensive repairs and improvements on his dwelling house.

Fast Day passed off very quietly. The traditional game of marbles, quoits, and egg boiling parties made up the program for the day.

T. S. Bridgham, Esq., of Portland, visited friends here Thursday.

Miss Ellie U. Morrill, who is teaching at Norway, was at home for a few days last week.

K. N. Prince and wife returned from New York Friday.

Miss Ardelia H. Prince has a private class of ten scholars during the interval between the winter and summer term of school.

April so far has averaged several degrees colder than last year.

George H. Cushman does the entertaining of strangers in the absence of a hotel.

A good brood mare and filly after Major Boone for sale; enquire of Dr. C. S. Childs.

### WEST BETHEL.

A strong northwest wind for nearly a week has dried up the mud very fast and we begin to have quite respectable wheeling.

The swallows have come but they don't bring summer along.

Walter Webb has closed his labors with A. S. Bean as clerk, and goes on to the Portland & Ogdensburg Railroad as fireman.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker are still very feeble being confined to the bed all the time. They have the sympathy of their many friends and neighbors.

Addison Bean has a thrifty pine grove near the cemetery at West Bethel, which he has improved this spring by trimming as high as one can reach with an axe.

Fast Day passed off with the usual ball games and sugaring offs.

The assessors report 155 taxable dogs in town this year, three less than last year.

### MASON.

The snow is going fast. Our fields are mostly bare and the frost will soon be out of the ground, but the spring is much later than last year.

A. S. Bean has shut down his mill in Mason and sent his crew to Albany, as he has a mill driven by water power there.

They have a candy party at F. I. Bean's to-day. The young people will taste the bliss of domestic sweets.

C. F. Brown has been getting a year's supply of wood. He has fifteen cords of nice hard wood sawed into stove wood.

J. H. Bean, Esq., is much better. He is now able to attend to his usual business.

F. I. Bean has been repairing I. A. Bean's mill. He has not started up yet. There is but little lumber at the mill.

The maple sugar season has been short but very sweet.

G. H. B. says a cold, dry summer.

### EAST HEBRON.

The widow Hutchins was buried Wednesday, the 16th. Funeral at her son's residence, A. A. Bailey's.

Miss Mary V. Moulton has gone to New Gloucester to visit Miss Abbie Witham who is very sick.

Miss Emily Hayes is to teach this summer in District No. 4.

Mr. J. E. Bonney is on the sick list.

Mr. B. C. Keene has purchased a horse of Frank Raymond of Lewiston. Mr. K. is doing quite a paying business selling milk and farm truck at the city.

### WATERFORD.

Mr. Fred Stone, who has been sick for a long time, died last week at the home of his father. He leaves a wife and one child.

District No. 8 seems to be enjoying a series of school meetings, having had three and a warrant for the fourth posted. We hardly know what the issue is.

The selectmen are in session this week.

Charles W. Kilgore will attend Bridgton Academy the coming term.

### NORTH BUCKFIELD.

Mr. Lucius Packard of West Auburn is driving logs on our river. He is boarding his own help at D. L. Farrar's. We understand there is about 200,000 feet in the drive.

Elmer Austin has cut and delivered on the river near Buckfield village 350,000 pine this winter.

Mrs. Warren Lothrop of West Sumner has been visiting in our place for a few days.

The boys are catching some nice bass through the ice in North Pond.

Mrs. L. A. Keen has been at her father's for a few days.

Addie B. Heald has engaged the school in No. 12, Wm. L. Harlow agent.

### STOW.

Mr. Leon Giles and Miss Carrie Kilgore were married April 12.

Mr. Frank Eastman while at work on the logs got a cold bath and Oscar Buswell.

Mr. Elden Emerson has been at Hiram for a few days.

Mr. Will Irish is visiting freinds in Stow and Fryeburg.

Mrs. Benj. Charles and Mrs. Elden Emerson are on the sick list.

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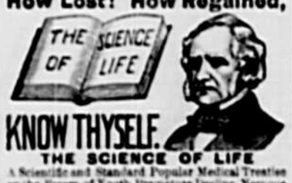


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Knocking, knocking, gently knocking,
In a monotone of rhyme;
While good angels stand unlocking
All the hidden doors of time.

Beating, beating, often beating,
Close upon our very hearts;
With an answering throb repeating,
"Thus it is that life departs."

**No. 75.—Pi.**

Eth dwil nad dwiny charm cone rome
Ash huts shi tages fo slete,
Dan vinge su cabk eth parli mite,
Os clifek nad os stewe,
Won thingblig tiwh ron reafs, rue hepon,
Wno linkding, hospe thiw farse:
Own flytos, pewings thorhug reh sienel,
Ove miglins thughor erh stare.

**No. 76.—A Farm Problem.**

A farmer had a farm which he wished to divide equally among his six sons. As the farm was surrounded by a deep ditch, he concluded that this formed a sufficient boundary line, and resolved to employ the existing fence in partitioning off the land. He found himself able, with this old fence—all of which he used—to divide the farm in such a way that each son should have an equal amount of land, and that every side of every field should be equal. What was the shape of the original farm and how were the fences placed in dividing it?

**No. 77.—Easy Word Squares.**

1. An animal; a girl's name; mountains in Europe; foolhardy.
2. Part of a plant; a story; a feminine name; animal food.

**No. 78.—Charade.**

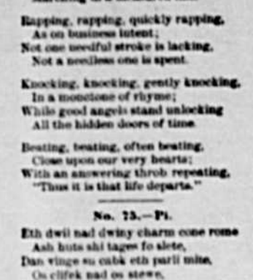
The *first* is to hinder;
The *second* is I.
The *third* is a metal
You'd like to descry.

The *whole* is a flower
I love to behold,
Of beautiful petals
Of yellow and gold.

**No. 79.—Queer Subtraction.**

What word of five letters can you name that, when from it two letters have been taken, one will remain?

**No. 80.—Two Maltese Crosses Squared.**



Take two Maltese crosses, consisting each of five squares, like the one above. With a single cut of the scissors divide each cross into two pieces, then join the four pieces to form a square.

**No. 81.—Central Acrostic.**

Words of five letters, the first letter of each word being the same.

Centrals—an American poet.

1. Incloses. 2. The handle of a scythe snath. 3. Moods. 4. A ferocious beast. 5. A variety of rum. 6. (Bot.) The cell of another. 7. Narrates. 8. Plates of baked clay used for roofs, floors, etc. 9. A spine. 10. Of a dull, brownish, yellow color.

**No. 82.—Celebrated Men.**

Find their names hidden in the following lines:

1. Old Israelite! What foe of thine
Dared "spit upon thy gaberdine."
2. A fallen poet! Where genius cries
Oh! what a mighty fall is here!
3. Who would ignore this patriot's name
Would rob Rienzi of his fame.
4. Where will scientists ever rest,
Whose creed is on in endless quest?
5. The world tells him to be of cheer,
Backsliding lads to never fear.
6. Insult, if rankling at his heart,
Might nerve him for a nobler part.
7. On some themes dwelling longue or pen
Has little new for modern men.

**An Amusing Trick.**

Take a piece of thick brown paper about a foot square and heat it at the fire. When hot, place it on the table and rub it with a clothes brush for about half a minute. Then hold the brown paper over some small light bodies—little pieces of blotting paper will do—and the light bodies will jump about in a most excited manner. If the brown paper be held over somebody's head, several hairs will immediately stand on their ends, greatly to the amusement of the spectators.

**Key to the Puzzle.**

No. 67.—Cross Word: Chrysanthemum.

No. 68.—An Arithmetical Nut:

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No. 69.—Diamonds:

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| CAR | CAB |
| CANIS | CAPER |
| MANAGED | CAPTAIN |
| RIGHT | BEARD |
| SET | RID |
| D | N |

No. 70.—Illustrated Acrostic: Centrals—Bryant. Crosswords—1. CaBbage. 2. HaRness. 3. ToYshop. 4. CrAvats. 5. CaNteen. 6. BuTtons.

No. 71.—Names of States in Anagrams: Idaho, Florida, Maine, Texas, Minnesota, Oregon, Colorado, Delaware, Washington, Dakota, Georgia, Wisconsin, Carolina, Nebraska, Wyoming, Kansas, Michigan, Connecticut.

No. 72.—The Examiner's Puzzle:

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No. 73.—Enigmatical Birds: 1. Swallow. 2. Thrush. 3. Owl. 4. Parrot. 5. Loon. 6. Titmouse. 7. Wren. 8. Goose. 9. Crow. 10. Crane. 11. Magpie. 12. Gull.

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**HOUSE CLEANING.**

From time immemorial, the term "house cleaning" has stood for a synonym of all things aggravating, perplexing and uncomfortable. Much has been said of the discomforts experienced by the family on such occasions, but very few persons think of the housekeeper except in a sort of serio-comical, derisive way, or consider her hard work, her anxiety, and, if the family funds be low, and she have no private income of her own, her tireless and often unsuccessful efforts to patch up worn carpets, renovate faded or frayed draperies or upholsteries, and get the necessary painting, papering and kalsomining done at the proper time, and in a proper fashion, wondering meanwhile how the bills are to be paid.

Half a century ago, it was the custom to upset the entire house at once, and to serve the meals hap-hazard in all sorts of odd ways, and to accentuate the event and its results by a cyclone of misery that left its impress on the family for the entire twelvemonth ensuing. Young housekeepers who are progressive and willing to learn the best way, will find a few simple directions of great value.

First of all do not tear up the entire house at once, and do not attempt to rush the work through. Many a woman, if she would admit what she knows to be the fact, would date her first symptoms of "breaking down" from an extra severe siege of house cleaning. Plan your work. It is well to write out a list of the days, and of the things to be done on those days. This being done, do not deviate from the written order in any important item. Of all things, if the work goes on a little more rapidly than you have planned, and you have finished Tuesday's work earlier than expected, do not try to crowd Wednesday's work in also. "Sufficient unto the day" is a good motto for house cleaning time as well as other occasions. If the work is done in good season, the latter part of the day and the evening should be devoted to rest rather than to overwork.

It is the part of wisdom to clear out, clean and arrange closets, presses, bureaus and trunks, before the general house cleaning time. Winter garments may also be put aside and prepared for packing away to secure them from moths. After the presses are cleared of surplus articles, there will be sufficient room for ornaments and bric-a-brac that must be put away while the work is in progress. Brush the ornaments carefully, wipe them with a soft cloth to make sure that there is not a particle of dust remaining, and then pack them carefully upon one or more of the shelves. This will leave the room free of small articles, and save much labor and annoyance. Begin the work of cleaning by taking up the hall and stair carpets, unless there are back stairs, in which case the front stairs and halls need not be disturbed till later. A quantity of clean sawdust should be provided beforehand, and a number of scrub cloths. Old flannel or woven undergarments make excellent cloths for paint, or house cloths may be bought at the stores. Fill a small pan with sawdust, and after making it thoroughly damp (not wet) sprinkle it over the floor, and sweep it into the corners. It will take up almost every particle of dust, and a second lot and another sweeping will remove even the dusty look that floors always have after carpets are taken up.

Now go to the top of the house, and to the room at the greatest distance from the stairs, to commence operations. Take the bedding from the bed, and either shake and fold it, or carry it into the fresh air and hang it upon a line, allowing it to remain for some hours. Dust the furniture and carry it out where it may be "rubbed up." Do not work with the doors open. It is folly to scatter the dust from one room all through the house. Take out the carpet tacks, then take up the carpet by folding it from each side toward the middle and rolling it into a snug parcel, and it is better to tie it up securely so that the dust will not be strewn over the halls and stairs when it is carried down. Sweep the floor thoroughly, using damp sawdust, brush the blinds, and then sprinkle more sawdust about to take up any remaining dust.

Now dust the walls and ceiling, and the windows, inside and outside, and do not fail to remove every particle of dust from the tops of the baseboards, the door and window casings, and the edges of the other wood work. This saves any amount of trouble by keeping the scrub-water clean, which is an important item if it must all be carried upstairs by hand.

There are almost as many ways to clean windows as to wash flannels; but the best and easiest is to wipe them with a cloth wet with water to which is added a little spirits of ammonia, and then dry them at once with tissue paper, or, lacking this, with *old*, soft newspaper. Windows done in this way have a fine polish, and are free from streaks. Care must be taken that there is not too much ammonia in the water, for if very strong it may injure the putty with which the glass is set. Strong soapsuds will have a similar effect, and should never be used to wash windows. In very cold weather glass may be cleaned with a cloth wet with alcohol. If there are paint spots on the glass, they may be removed by wetting a bit of rag or cotton in chloroform, and pressing it for a moment to the spot. The chloroform destroys the oil, and the paint comes off in a powder. If possible, outside shutters should be taken down and washed below stairs, thus avoiding the dripping of water on the walls and windows below.

Next, wash the wood work. For this use light soapsuds or water with a little borax dissolved in it, a soft cloth and a moderately stiff paint brush. An old brush with the ends of the bristles cut off will answer the purpose quite as well as a new one. This will be found useful in cleaning out corners and narrow spaces where a large brush would be useless. If the paint is very fine, use a very little spirits of ammonia in the water instead of soap. If it is common and coarse, a little soap and fine sand or whiting may be necessary to take off the stains which could not be removed by any mild process. A rather fine scrubbing brush is invaluable as an assistant in cleaning paint. It removes the dust from the corners, and from the beading and grooves of the woodwork, and seems to take hold of the dirt and stains as nothing else will do. Always wipe paint perfectly dry, (have a dry, soft cloth for the purpose), as streaks of water left on the surface often cause discolorations on fine paint, which cannot afterward be removed.

Housekeepers who are authority on domestic subjects insist that painted walls should be washed from the bottom upward. The reason for this is that if the work is commenced at the top, the water is apt to run down and make streaks on the unwashed paint, which are very difficult to remove, and sometimes will never come off, no matter how many washings the paint may have afterwards. If the lower portion has been wet, the drops that fall can easily be wiped off. It is important that only a small space on the paint be washed at once, and that this part be thoroughly dried before another part is begun. This will prevent spots, clouds and streaks. Never wash paint with a circular motion. Use a brush if necessary, but scrub or rub in the direction of the grain.

When the paint is finished, the floor may be scrubbed. If thoroughly done, one cleaning will be sufficient. It is well to have a dish of clear water and a clean cloth with which to rub off any spatters or marks made by the scrubbing brush on the woodwork. If this is done as the worker goes along, it saves time and trouble, as a single stroke will remove the splashes while they are wet. Unpainted floors which are much soiled or discolored may be scrubbed with soft soap and sand. Keep on hand a quantity of the finest white sand, and use it for all scrubbing purposes on unpainted wood. There is no proprietary compound in the market that is half so effectual.

Woolen ball fringes have again appeared as trimmings for simple house dresses of printed flannel, cashmere and other all wool goods. They come in graduated lengths, and of all wool, or of the finest wool mixed with silk.

**ATTEMPTING TO PLAY SMART WITH A CUTE NEGRO BARBER.**

The other day I was one of a party that attended the midwinter session of the Wisconsin Press Association, which met at Janesville, an old and attractive town snugly lying on each side of the Rock River.

One peculiarity of Janesville is the length of time every man has lived there. A negro barber declared that he had lived there forty-nine years.

"You don't appear to be that old," I remarked."

"But I is, sah, over' day o' hit. Sumflu' cuts dater way in our fambly. We all looks young till we gits erbout eighty years old, an' den we sorter falls into de ways o' ole age."

"So you have lived in this town for forty-nine years?"

"Yes, sah, ever' minit o' de time, putty nigh."

"Didn't I see you in Arkansaw?"

"Doan see how you could w'en I nebber wuz dar."

"I would almost swear that I have seen you there. It strikes me that you once kept a shop in Little Rock and that I owe you two dollars."

"What did you say?" he asked with decided interest.

"Little Rock."

"Look yere, dat ain't in Arkansaw, is it?"

"It is the capital of the State."

"Wall, I declar', I's larnin g'og'afy now, sho', I uster lib dar, ef dat's whut you talkin erbout—libe1 dar and uster shave you, ef I ain't mighty off in my mine; and I knowed dat some generman down dar owed me two dollars, but I couldn't 'zactly fix him in my riccollickshun."

"I suppose you would like to have the money?"

"Yas, ef you please, sah, 'caze I got to pay de taxes on my property dis evening."

"Let me see. Don't I owe you three dollars, instead of two?"

He began to scratch his head. "I declare, sah, my ricollecksh un ain't been so powerful good since I had dat spell o' de fold feber. Five is er five and twice ten is twenty, wid nothing ter carry. Six 'fo is ten, and nothing off. I b'lebe, fo' greshous, sah, dat it wuz three dollars—yas, I know now dat it wuz. Why, you's got er powerful memory, boss, and I'll hater compermen' you on it. Dat's been er good while ergo, and I dun almost fargot it. Ginny," he added, holding out his hand.

Then I began to laugh at him. I told him that he was a liar and was about to leave the shop when he bade me stop.

"Ginny dat money."

"I don't owe you anything."

"Wall, we'll see about dat. Jim," he added, turning to a fellow who sat near, "didn't you yere dis man say dat he dun owed me three dollars for a long time?"

"Yes I heard him acknowledge it," Jim answered.

"Jim is er jestice of de peace," the barber explained, "and less you put up dat money right now we'll take you up befo' the court dat is er sitting and er waiting fur jestice dis minit. Is you gwine ter pay?"

I began to argue the case, but soon saw it was of no use. Jim put his arm on my shoulder and then I reached for the few dimes I had borrowed on the train. I lacked fifty cents of having enough, but the barber was generous enough to knock off that amount. I walked about during the entire afternoon, but did not attempt another sharp trick.

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**CASHIER**

Wm. E. Durgin of the Boston Loan Co., 275 Washington Street, says: I recommend Sulphur Bitters as the very best medicine I have ever used. There is nothing like them to give an appetite, tone up the system, and do away with that languid feeling which is so frequent among those confined in doors.

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A Cincinnati gentleman is delivering popular lectures on insect life. It is a topic of less vital interest to the masses than the death of insects.

**To Nervous, Debilitated Men.**

If you will send your address, we will mail you our illustrated pamphlet explaining all about Dr. Dye's Celebrated Electro-Voltaic Belt and appliances, and their charming effects upon the nervous debilitated system, and how they will quickly restore you to vigor and manhood. Pamphlet free. If you are thus afflicted, we will send you a Belt and Appliances on a trial.
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Seedy Stranger—I have here a couple of articles which I think would interest your readers.

Editor—Well, sir, what are their subjects?

Seedy Stranger—They are editorials. One is on the "Business Situation," and the other "Advice to Young Men as to Getting on in Life."

Editor—If you will leave them we will look them over.

Seedy Stranger—Thank you; but if you would only advance me five cents it would be a great favor. I should like to buy a neat but not gaudy sandwich.—America.

**READ THIS WONDERFUL CURE.**

Melvin E. Patterson, age 17 years, is employed in City Fish Market. For some years he had Salt Rheum in the hands so badly, they would crack open to the bone and bleed freely. Two bottles of Dana's Sarsaparilla effected a cure, and for just two years has been entirely free from the trouble.

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## NOTICE.

This is to certify that I have this day given to my son Year W. Bean his time to trade and act for himself. I shall claim none of his earnings and shall pay no debts of his contracting after this date.

Dated at Auburn, Maine, this 29th day of March, A. D. 1890.

Witness,
GILBERT A. THOMPSON. GEORGIE A. NICHOLS.

## Examination of Teachers.

All teachers intending to teach summer terms of school in the town of Paris are requested to meet at the brick school house, Paris Hill, on Saturday, April 26, at 10 A. M., for examination.

A. J. CURTIS, H. WOODBURY, ARTHUR E. FORBES, } S. S. Committee of Paris.

**NOTICE.**

To all Persons and Corporations.

IT appearing that on the petition of William W. Walt and sixty-two other persons, the County Commissioners of the County of Oxford in the State of Maine, duly located a certain way in Dixfield, in said County, on the third day of September, A. D. 1889, to wit: "Commencing at a point in the County road leading from Dixfield village to Carthage, in Franklin County, said point bearing north sixty-nine degrees east, from an elm tree marked R., and standing on the west side of said road and one and one-half rods distant therefrom, and near the house of Nelson Rose; thence running south nineteen degrees and thirty minutes west twenty-six rods and fifteen links; thence south twenty-one degrees west, thirty-five rods and thirteen links, and over land of C. M. Rose; thence south four degrees west, fifty-one rods; thence south six degrees west, thirteen rods over land of Charles G. Delano and to the County road before named; said location to be three rods wide and to lie equally on each side of the above described line," and that Nelson Rose complained to the Supreme Judicial Court begun and holden at Paris, within and for said County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of February, A. D. 1890, that he is the owner of said land from said tree to the land of said Charles G. Delano, being a distance of sixty-one rods and twenty-eight links over said complainant's land and prayed said court to determine what damages he has sustained in consequence of said location by a Committee of Reference or a verdict of its jury, and that upon said complaint entered at said term of said Supreme Judicial Court the parties appeared and agreed to refer said complaint to the determination of the subscribers. Notice is hereby given to all persons and corporations interested in the subject matter of said original petition that Monday, at two o'clock P. M., the second day of June, A. D. 1890, and the residence of said Nelson Rose, in said Dixfield have been appointed by said Committee the time and place to act upon said subject matter and for the performance of the service authorized and directed under a warrant to said Committee, duly issued in the premises on the twentieth day of March, A. D. 1890, by said Supreme Judicial Court.

Dated at said Paris, this third day of April, 1890.

AUGUSTUS H. WALKER,
JESSE M. LIBBY,
J. W. MAXWELL.

**NOTICE.**

To all Persons and Corporations.

IT appearing that, on the petition of Henry Abbott and one hundred and one others, the County Commissioners of the County of Oxford in the State of Maine, duly located a certain highway in Rumford in said County, to wit: "Commencing at a point in the County road leading from Rumford Point to Rumford Centre, and near the house of Waldo Pettingill, said point bearing south sixty-seven degrees (67) west and one and one half (1 1-2) rods distance from an angle stone standing on the right hand side of said road; thence running north forty degrees (40) east, thirty-eight (38) rods and twelve (12) links; thence north forty-four degrees and thirty minutes east, twenty-one rods and twelve (12) links; thence north thirty-eight degrees (38) and thirty minutes (30) east, nineteen (19) rods and sixteen (16) links to the County road leading from Rumford Point to Rumford Centre and over land of Waldo Pettingill, and it further appearing that said Waldo Pettingill at a term of the Supreme Judicial Court begun and holden at Paris within and for the said County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of February, A. D. 1890, duly entered his appeal from the said decision and adjudication of the said County Commissioners, locating said highway as aforesaid, and that the Justice of said Supreme Judicial Court holden as aforesaid duly appointed the undersigned a Special Committee to act upon the subject matter of said appeal and to affirm or reverse in part or in whole said decision and adjudication, notice is hereby given to all persons and corporations interested in the subject matter of said original petition of said Abbott and others, that Tuesday at nine o'clock A. M. the third day of June, A. D. 1890, and the residence of said Waldo Pettingill in said Rumford, have been appointed by said Special Committee, the time and place to act upon said subject matter and for the performance of the service authorized and directed under a commission to said committee, duly issued in the premises by said Supreme Judicial Court upon the twentieth day of March, A. D. 1890.

Dated at said Paris, this third day of April, A. D. 1890.

AUGUSTUS H. WALKER,
JESSE M. LIBBY,
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## H. N. BOLSTER,

Market Square, South Paris.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE.**

WHEREAS, George J. B. Johnson, then of Stow, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, did, on the second day of January, A. D. 1877, by his mortgage deed of that date, duly executed and recorded in Oxford Western District Registry of Deeds, in Book 62, Page 292, convey in mortgage to me the subscriber, his then homestead, situated in said Stow, and in said mortgage bounded as follows: On the east by land of Dr. Chandler and John Seavey; on the south by land supposed to belong to Joseph K. Bemis; on the west by the Dr. Parker lot and the Cyrus Eastman farm; and on the north by land of James E. Hutchens, James A. Bemis and James H. Gile, and containing about one hundred and twenty-five acres. 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.

April 9th, 1890.

ITHIEL E. CLAY.

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