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CITY AND COUNTRY.

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION SUCCEEDS AS WELL IN ONE AS IN ANOTHER.

After having spent the best days of one's life in an almost unsuccessful struggle for an existence in the city a person recognizes in a measure the superior advantages of a farmer's life and so in old age he retraces his steps, buys a country home, engages in the combined occupations of dairying, market gardening and fruit growing, with scarcely any practical experience in them and expects to make money.

A man past the prime of life, broken down in health, who can engage in a new business, of which he has no knowledge, except what he learned when a small boy, and make a living at it, besides improving in health, is doing well and has no reasonable ground for complaint.

It does seem strange that so many people think they can make money at farming without any practical experience in it. Just imagine how ridiculous it would be for a man who had worked on a farm till he was 50 years old to go into a city and undertake to build blocks and warehouses, superintending all the work of plumbers, masons and carpenters.

How could he compete with men who had been in that business all their lives? Any intelligent farmer knows that it requires as much knowledge, skill and practical experience to carry on successfully any of the various branches of agriculture as it does to build city blocks and warehouses.

For many years a large number of country boys who proved to be good scholars or were possessed of a good business capacity have found their way to the city. Why? Because few city born boys succeed any way. Many of the dull country boys have stayed at home on the farm, but a majority of them have succeeded as well as their smarter brothers who went to the city. If the more capable boys had stayed on the farm and had put the same amount of energy and brains into their farm work as they did into their business in the city, and during the winter evenings had studied veterinary science, botany, chemistry, geology and other sciences, or better still attended some good agricultural college for a few years, does any one doubt that they would have made successful farmers?

A man who has plenty of money to pay for his mistakes may be able to run a farm if he has had no training for it, but he must expect to find his experience costly. I have noticed, however, that generally when a moneyed man buys a farm he hires a man to oversee it who has had experience in the business which shows his shrewdness as a money maker at farming as well as in other kinds of business.

It is gratifying to know that some of the smart boys of the last generation stayed on the farm and they are to-day numbered among the successful farmers.

Every one knows that some of the most distinguished Americans, men who have tasted largely of fame, have said that if they were to live their lives over again they would be farmers. Now, why not profit by their experience and stick to the farm? If fame is desired, why not become a famous farmer?—Cor. New England Farmer.

THEY SNEER AT THEORY.

When I came home from the institute this afternoon, I overheard a farmer remark to another: "Oh, yes, that [the talk at the meeting] is all nice in theory, but it won't work out in practice." Now I know just what kind of a man the speaker is. He never reads any farm paper, so I can't do him any good. It wouldn't do him any good if he did read it. This anti-theory man is just the man who would mortgage his farm to buy peach trees that will bear every year, and pears that will never blight, at an enormous price, or ordinary varieties of trees, that when they grow up will prove untrue to name and worthless. Oh, dear, how many there are yet who are ready to sneer at theory, and book farming, and science, and experiment stations and agricultural colleges, etc.—T. B. Terry.

The "mystery" of pruning trees, both as regards the season in which the operation should be performed and the method of doing it, is largely a myth. As to the time, the advice of a successful old gardener, to prune when your knife is sharp, would be hard to improve upon. More tree pruning is done in the early spring months than at any other time, for the reason that the gardener and fruit grower now have leisure for such work, and the milder weather admits of outdoor operations like this being done comfortably.—American Garden.

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Scrofula

sores. We had three different doctors. Pieces of bone came out of the sores. The last doctor said the leg would have to be cut open and the bone scraped, before he could get well. Howard became so low that he would eat nothing, and one doctor said there was no chance for him.

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SOME RURAL DON'TS.

Don't starve your land, lest it starve you.

Don't let the weeds grow and seed, lest they absorb your profits.

Don't lose your head. Keep cool and use sense. Don't get mad and rattled.

Don't let your line fences get out of repair and have trouble with your neighbors.

Don't idle your time away. Usefully employ it, and you are on the road to prosperity.

Don't borrow if you can avoid it. If you do, return promptly, in good condition, or make it good.

Don't neglect the garden, as it adds much to the pleasures of the table and healthfulness of living.

Don't make a debt if you can possibly go without it. Interest has eaten many a man out of house and home.

Don't think you know all there is to be learned about farming; you are only on the edge of its possibilities.

Don't grumble, or look on the dark side of things. Cheerfulness brings health and friends, and leads to success.

Don't forget to make deposits. Your farm is like a bank. All drafts will be honored if you keep your account good with frequent deposits of fertility.

Don't forget to let your wife and children have a little of the money they have earned to gratify their individual wants and tastes. It is only justice.

Don't forget to be temperate in all things; not only in eating and drinking, but in labor and pleasure, and in all the multifarious affairs of life.

Don't forget that fruit often takes the place of medicine, and is much cheaper. There is pleasure in eating that of your own raising.

Don't forget that the pure air, sunshine and freedom of the country, is much more wholesome than being caged up in the city.

Don't forget that the country is the place to raise up a family of boys and girls away from the contamination of city and town life.

Don't forget that flowers in doors and out are the most attractive of all forms of ornamentation. A humble cottage, with its shrubs, vines, and flowers lingers in the memory of the passer-by, when the stately mansion without nature's beauties has been forgotten.

Don't forget to give the boy and girl a practical education. All theory and no practice makes a worthless man or woman.

Don't forget that the farm newspaper is full of helpful suggestions. You need one, or more, to post you in your profession. It is the literature of your business.

Don't forget that the pleasures of farm life will be much enhanced by the advent of good roads and free mail delivery.—Country Gentleman.

PAINT AROUND THE FARM.

One of the most useful things about the farm is a pot of paint. At this time of year a good deal of repair work on buildings can be done by yourself or hands, and in connection therewith, painting also. The easiest way is to buy a can of paint at the store, and the best place to use it is where it is needed. The tin roof and the gutters and valleys and water-tables, or the house and barn roof, porch or out-building roof, all likely need paint. Tin should be painted once every two years at least, and for bare tin or rusty tin red lead is the best. Buy it dry and mix only enough for the job, as it quickly settles to the bottom of the pot and gets hard. On top of this put a coat of iron paint or Venetian red paint, mixed in oil. First clean off the tin. Putty holes in roof or open places around windows and over doors, to keep out cold and wet.

A rusty milk pan, too far gone for milk, may have bottom painted and puttied, inside and out, and will do for carrying cold water, feed, etc., just as well as a new one.

The field machinery, such as plows, harrows, cultivators, etc., might be the better for a coat of paint. There's hardly any wear out to things kept repaired and painted. Tubs and buckets, at house or barn, should be kept painted on the outside. Green looks well; while any color will answer for the farm tools, provided it is red. Red wears better than green under exposure to the weather. A song tells us about the "Wearing of the Green," but green is a notoriously bad color for wear. Pretty, though.

The good wife will probably want her garden trellis, etc., painted. Green looks best on these. Do it now and not wait until spring, when you won't have time for it.

Don't waste time whitewashing where paint is so much cheaper—I mean for fences and these small buildings. Don't whitewash ceilings or walls in the house, except in cellar, because paint is cheaper and better. Paper is also cheap, but not so sanitary as paint, nor so easily applied.

Paint the porch floor, to keep it from warping, splintering and rotting. Lead color, drab and dull buff or ochre color is good. All outside paint should be mixed only with raw linseed oil and a little Japan to dry it. Never add turpentine or varnish to outside paint, nor kerosene oil, benzine, etc. Poor economy to use poor paint.—Cor. Cultivator & Country Gentleman.

MONEY CROPS.

THOSE ARE THE ONES TO WHICH CHEMICALS SHOULD BE APPLIED.

In a recent agricultural meeting the speaker—a woman—said she used "all the fertilizer she could pay for." Now if I've a bank account that permits me to order fertilizers in accordance with that principle, I would not need to farm or do anything for a livelihood. How can I tell how much I can afford to pay for, on what can I base my calculations? I've heard of farmers who paid for fertilizers with notes, and then when their fertilizer notes were due, they mortgaged the farm. They had not realized a profit on the fertilizer to pay the bill.

I buy all the hen manure I can pay cash for. (One who knows how much he has in his wallet.) Draw the line and make this rule for chemicals: "I'll buy fertilizers only for a money crop, not to spread on grass, unless I sell hay, not to put on potatoes unless I sell potatoes."

If a farmer is raising any commodity for a market he is warranted in buying fertilizers to grow that crop. Half manure to lighten the soil and half fertilizer to carry the crop is good business. I dare not say here what fertilizer to use, try different kinds, alternate rows with nitrate of soda, or muriate and sulphate of potash. Any one whose credit is good can buy more than he can pay for at the time promised. But the risk is much less to tie yourself down to this, "I'm going to sell the crops on which I spread fertilizer." Then you are buying all you can pay for out of the proceeds of the farm and the farm must pay the bills.—Cor. New England Farmer.

Don't plow under stable manure unless it is so full of straw and other rubbish that this is almost the only way to work it into the soil. Remember that the whole tendency of manures and fertilizers is to work down towards the subsoil. There is nothing gained by assisting this purpose by burying manure deeply. For ordinary crops, the best plan is to broadcast either manure or fertilizer upon the plowed land and then harrow in thoroughly.—Homestead.

Central New York goes Aroostook one better on potatoes this year. At an auction sale recently held in Seneca County, 200 bushels were sold for three cents a bushel.

The price of wool should not influence a farmer overmuch in his decision as to keeping sheep, for if he has a good, large, mutton sheep he is sure of a profit. He cannot always have things his own way, and should look at all sides of a problem.

OLD MEMORIES AWAKENED.

THE LITTLE BOOK MADE HIM THOUGHTFUL FOR ONE NIGHT.

It was only an ordinarily bound, small sized Bible, and would not attract more than a passing glance from any one of the hurrying hundreds who passed the little table in front of the second-hand book store every day. Perhaps it had lain there for years unnoticed until one day last week, when its former owner found it. He was ambling along, surrounded by several boon companions—a man of about 36 years, from his general appearance, but one whose eyes looked like those of an old man—the kind of eyes one sees in the sockets about the gambling houses. He was the jolliest of the crowd, and in a boisterous way was joking his fellows. As his eyes shifted restlessly he happened to catch sight of that little leather-covered Bible as it lay on the dirty table in front of the old second-hand store. In an instant he stopped as if petrified, and forgetting his companions stood riveted to the spot. Then he walked quickly into the store and asked the old woman to come outside.

"How much for this book?" he asked, picking it up.

"Thirty-five cents," was the reply.

The man handed her a silver dollar, and, picking up his book, left the store.

"What on earth do you want with that book?" exclaimed one of the "gang," who did not see the title. But the man paid no attention to the question. Instead he opened the book, and there on the flyleaf saw the inscription: "To my boy," and underneath the date, "July 5, 1880." As he read the words two tears came into his eyes and one of them splashed down upon the book. His companions had by this time passed on and had entered a saloon, but he did not think of them. His first thoughts were of that 21st birthday, 15 years ago, when his mother had given the little book to him on the eve of his departure for the city. In a minute he had lived over all those evil 15 years that had elapsed since then, and unmindful of the passers-by, stood in the middle of the crowded street, the book still open in his hand. His companions had by this time missed him and came back.

"Hurry up, old boy, the drinks are ordered, and there's a good game going on upstairs," cried one, but the man only shook his head and quietly said:

"I don't think I'll play to-day. Good-bye, boys, I'm going home on the 5 o'clock train."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

IT SOUNDS UNCANNY.

REMARKABLE LETTER OF A BOY SAID TO BE ONLY EIGHT YEARS.

Chiswick school board (London) is greatly exercised in its corporate mind, says the Telegraph, respecting the independent educational spirit manifested by a youth, aged 8, who lives within its jurisdiction. His mother will not allow him to attend the board school because she alleges that one of the female teachers wears knickerbockers. Such an outrage, she holds, taints the whole educational system of Chiswick to an extent that leads her even to refuse to allow her son to be examined by a master. The dispute has been taken out of the hands of his parents by the urchin himself, who has written the following letter to the clerk on the subject: "Dear Sir: I am very sorry to be the cause of so much trouble to you and the Chiswick school board with regard to my education. I have great pleasure in enclosing some specimens of my Standard III work. I sincerely hope that you will hand these over to your Mr. Matthews as a favor, on account of the manifestation of the anxiety of your confreres regarding my tuition. On Saturday last I entered upon a competition with a lad the same age as myself—8 years—in order to see whether the teaching given by the school board for London could produce anything better than I personally can by the private instruction that I receive. I gave the board the advantage of seven months' training—that is to say, I had had two months against their nine months' instruction in Standard III work. The result of this competition proves that I am very much in advance already, and if the board does not give anything better I should certainly be the loser by receiving school board instruction. In these competitive times I should be far behind the foreigner, who is fast gaining ground in England. We British boys ought to beat every other nationality." The clerk has been instructed to write the lad's father stating that the youth must be examined to ascertain whether he is properly taught. If not, he will have to be summoned.

THE JUDGE'S LITTLE JOKE.

Judge Gary has a dry wit with him that is occasionally the cause of his grim court room being pervaded by a very audible tittering. The other day, says the Green Bag, one of the attorneys was alring his indignation. He had been robbed. Yes, sir, robbed. It was shameful the way things went right there under the eyes of the law.

Finally Judge Gary noticed the fuming and fretting one.

"What's the matter now?" he asked.

"Matter? It's a confounded outrage. Had my overcoat stolen right from this room."

The judge smiled a little.

"Overcoat, eh?" he said. Pah, that's nothing. Whole suits are lost here every day."

Mrs. Fogg: "I've got some news for you, David. Carrie's engagement is broken." "I'm not at all surprised. Since that new girl came into the house there has hardly been a day when something hasn't been broken."

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THE YELLOWSTONE PARK.

SOME OF THE SIGHTS OF THAT LAND OF WONDERS, DESCRIBED BY ONE WHO HAS VIEWED THEM.

PART TWO.

The hotel at The Lower Basin was closed for the winter and we pushed on for a road builders' camp near the Upper Basin. Towards night we came to the Firehole River and followed up its banks to our night's resting place. Darkness had fallen completely as we reached the last camp of the road builders a couple of miles below the Upper Basin. Close to the road were pitched some thirty small tents, scattered among which were as many bright camp fires, setting the tents off in snow-white contrast with the tall and black shadows of the pines on the mountain behind. Our own camp was hastily pitched on the opposite side of the road, near a cluster of hot springs on the river bank, which did good service in our washing arrangements next morning. The hot springs of the Park are among my dearest recollections; the season was late, being about the middle of October, and the water of the rivers was bitterly cold, but, in our morning ablutions, necessarily out of doors, we had only to dip our basin in a hot spring, then in cold water, and get as well tempered a wash as the finest afforded by civilized refinements.

The Upper Geyser Basin is the most important, containing the largest geysers and the greatest number. As we entered the basin from the north we saw the Jewel off on our right; two or three squirts threw water and steam fifty feet upwards, then nothing was seen but a cloud of steam floating down the valley. The Gem and Morning Glory were passed, two deep pools of a sombre green color, the latter in shape suggesting its name. Almost as soon as we entered the basin we crossed the Firehole River not a hundred feet below the Riverside Geyser, which is close to the water's edge and throws its stream of water at such an angle as to span the river and wash the opposite bank. The Bee Hive lay on our left, but did not honor us with a salute. To see the cone of this geyser is to appreciate its name.

The Grotto is one of the chief geysers, having a most fantastically shaped cone, as the mound around the mouth is called. Its eruptions occur every four hours and last some thirty minutes, throwing its column thirty feet in air. Rocket, Artemesia, and Giant, are other large ones near by. The Excelsior was for several years idle but has since started again. This is easily the largest geyser in the world, throwing a stream three hundred feet towards the skies. Its action is very infrequent and many believe it is becoming extinct. Indeed at the time of my visit it was so regarded, so long had it been inactive. There are some thirty of these geysers in this basin and space forbids a more extended mention of them, but a moment must be given to Old Faithful or this chronicle would fall short.

This geyser derives its name from its regular periods of eruption, it being the only one of all upon which one can count with certainty. Every sixty-five minutes, as regulary as a mail train, this geyser contributes its quota to the waters of Firehole River and its share to the wonders of this region. Our survey commenced at this point and hardly was our first stake driven when we heard mutterings from the bottom of the crater, then spurts of sizzling hot water and jets of steam burst at intervals from the cone; suddenly a burst of water swelled over the sides and steadily rose for several feet, a pause as if for new strength and then a convulsive spurt raised the stream several feet higher; step by step it rose until it attained its full magnificent height of one hundred and sixty feet, at which elevation it maintained its discharge for a few minutes, then fell slowly back as the supply of water lessened, until it finally ceased to play, apparently sinking back into its hole. For long after the discharged water had cooled itself in the river clouds of steam continued to ascend from the crater and floated down the little valley. Once more before our chain was pulled out of sight did this tried and true fountain show its magnificence, and all hands stopped to gaze in admiration, for work was out of the question in the presence of such of nature's marvels.

From here on my life was that of the surveyor, tramping hard all day, carrying a heavy instrument, camping at night in the snow and sleeping on the frozen ground, but through many varied scenes did we pass and many more wonders not then open to the tourists did we see. What recollections we brought away of camps amid the snow-covered mountains, by the beautiful expanses of Shoshone and Yellowstone Lakes, and now and then by some small geyser basin where we would be suddenly awakened in the night by the loud eruption of some geyser close to our ears.

A short distance from the Upper Basin we passed the Lone Star Geyser. Unlike the others, which are in groups, this stands by itself in a little opening, where it has raised its cone after its own peculiar pattern. This is a cylindrical shaped mound measuring some seven feet each way and covered all over with a glazing apparently one quarter of an inch in thickness under which show all conceivable colors. Twice it erupted for our benefit, spouting a stream about the size of a man's wrist, twenty feet in air and continuing for twenty minutes.

Keppler's Cascade was also seen this day, a pretty fall of the Firehole River down a rocky precipice, but much such a sight as can be seen on any New England river.

Crossing the Continental Divide and down on the other side we entered the Shoshone Geyser Basin on the borders of the lake of the same name. Here we find all our old friends in the shape of hot springs, pools, and geysers, but one there is which deserves mention by itself. The Union Geyser is unlike all the rest in having three separate cones which vent together. For several days we camped near this wonder, but it obstinately refused to show off. Our camp was pitched at the lower end of the basin and near the shore of the lake. A few hundred yards above us were a cluster of hot springs and over on the right was the main basin and the active geysers; looking the other way we saw the unruffled blue surface of Lake Shoshone. Tall pines grew around us and overshadowed our tents. Our morning ablutions were performed just above camp where two adjacent springs, one of hot, the other of cold water, supplied us with means of getting a comfortable temperature for our wash. Here also was found another Appolinaris spring and many refreshing drinks did we have of its yield.

Early one Sunday evening just after supper the snow began to fall in large flakes, silently dropping in straight lines, much like the mechanical snow falls of a magic lantern. A weird solemn effect was produced upon us as we watched this swift falling with not a breath of wind nor sound of any sort save our subdued whispers. Swiftly the banks rose, for the snow lodged wherever it struck and soon our tents appeared to have roofs several feet in thickness, the weight of which proved too much for two of them, for they fell with loud crashes. At intervals through the night it was necessary to rise and thump the snow from the roofs lest another collapse should bury us. This snow naturally interfered with our work, but a welcome thaw soon removed most of it and we moved our camp to a point across the lake. For this purpose we constructed a raft which proved a valuable ship for several days subsequently.

The next morning while at breakfast, we heard a tremendous roaring across the lake. Food was at once out of the question for we realized that Union Geyser was in eruption. From a distance of some two miles we gazed at a cloud of steam big enough to hide a four story building while a roar as of a fleet of ocean steamers blowing off told the violence of Union's fury.

Shoshone Lake is a quiet and secluded stretch of water six miles in length, and finds its outlet through the Lewis River and thence through the Columbia to the Pacific Ocean. Its shores rise abruptly and are covered with pines and other evergreens which made a pretty contrast with the snow covered ground. Is is only seven miles from the great Yellowstone Lake, but their waters greet the ocean thousands of miles apart. Between these two lakes is a small lake which has the peculiarity of contributing its waters to both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, being situated in a depression of the very summit of the main ridge of the Rocky Mountains and having two outlets flowing in opposite directions. This bears the appropriate name of Two Ocean Pond.

Again crossing the Continental Divide in another place we reached Yellowstone Lake near the Lakeshore Springs on the western banks. These are the springs where one can stand on the lake bank and catch a trout, then without moving from his position, turn and drop it into a hot spring and cook it. The springs are upon a large rock which projects into the lake, and the operation mentioned is easily accomplished, for the proximity of the warm water attracts the trout to the rock in large numbers. There are also many hot springs and small geysers near by; the geysers are small, but they are active and make a prodigious racket in their eruptions. Through near the first of November we all had a refreshing bath one day in an extinct hot spring bed which was close to an active one. The one in operation vented its surplus water into the old bed, in which it become sufficiently cooled to allow a pleasant dip. Besides these there are a number of paint pots, some dozen or more, in which steam is vented through thick reddish mud which boils and splutters violently. An occasional burst of extra violence will cause particles to spurt ten feet high.

On the fourth of November, owing to a slight attack of sickness, I lay off from work and helped the teamsters move camp.

Another raft had been built on reaching Yellowstone Lake, and on this we proceeded to pack our camp outfit and provisions. All being ready for embarkation, one of the pack horses was attached by a long rope and started along the beach, two of the men on the raft to keep the unwieldy craft off shore. For the first mile all went well despite the increasing wind and waves which seemed determined to swamp us, but our way being over a smooth sandy beach we steadily advanced. But soon we had to round a rough, rocky point, and then our troubles began. This jagged point thrusts its front into the very teeth of the wind, and the elements, now seeming to realize that they had their chance, sent the waves now two feet high rolling directly to land. In the first of the excitement our tow horse escaped and at once started to join his comrades and it was necessary for one of the men to go after him. The man on foot was not in the race and when he at last overtook the runaway he though it as well to take a fresh one as to try to pick out the first from the herd. During his absence of an hour and a half our combined exertions managed to propel the raft about one hundred feet, and right glad were we to be relieved of the job of towing. By the assistance of the new horse we rounded the point and reached another smooth beach, but the sight of another such point ahead of us caused our hearts to fall us and we determined to camp right there. So proceeding some half mile along the beach, we selected a suitable spot and unloaded our almost miraculously saved outfit. Wet to the skin, and a sick man to boot, the writer hereof was heartily glad to crawl within the welcome warmth of a roaring camp fire.

The great Yellowstone Lake is the largest lake for its elevation in the world, it being at an altitude of over seven thousand five hundred feet, and having an expanse some fifteen miles across. Even at that distance one can discern the magnificent growth of pines on the farther shore, and looking westward, we see the shadowy outlines of the Teton Mountains in Idaho rising above the lake and succeeding country and at such a distance as to impart a most delicious faint blue to their outlines. On the north shore is a natural bridge similiar to the famous one in Virginia, and near to it is a little valley down which a small stream flows, a shoulder of rock projects clear to the other side with an opening for the water beneath it. At the mouth of the lake where the Yellowstone River again assumes its proper form I saw such a multitude of wild birds as I never saw before or since. Wild swans, geese and ducks of every color known to nature, the river surface seemed alive with them, and the knowledge that the water beneath teemed with trout stirred all the sportsman blood in our veins, but alas, a government scout was dogging our steps, and we did not dare venture on violating the laws.

Proceeding down the river we came to a remarkable freak of nature in the shape of Mud Geyser. A deep circular hole twenty feet in diameter and probably forty deep, a hoarse intermittent roar below and ascending clouds of steam. At intervals the steam clears and one can see the bottom, a heaving mass of hot mud. Now comes a muffled roar and the whole mass heaves like the ground swell of old ocean and a shower of mud flies upward from one side. But this same burst so fills the crater with steam that no more can be seen.

Twenty miles from the lake the river makes an abrupt fall over the Upper Falls one hundred and sixty feet, and soon after drops again, this time over the Great Falls of the Yellowstone, three hundred and sixty-five feet of perpendicular drop. A marvelous beautiful fall rivalling even Niagara, but unfortunately situated so near another far grander spectacle that its beauties fade by contrast. For it is at the head of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. After a lapse of five years the writing of this name fills me with the thrill of awe-stricken enchantment, which I first felt late that November afternoon when I stood alone on Inspiration Point and gazed with tingling veins on the grandest sight I have ever been permitted to see. I felt myself alone with my Maker in the presence of his sublimest production.

From the brink the entire panorama lay before me. Far below ran the river, a thread of silver, and on either side, rising in steep slopes full two thousand feet, its banks were bathed in a flood of sunlight reflected in a wild chaotic mass of color, impossible to be conceived by unacquainted eyes. All colors known to man are there and yet none of them, for all are blended in such harmonious and indiscriminate effects as to preclude their separation. Steep and jagged are these walls, gouged in many places by landslides and dotted in a few scattered spots by a scrubby growth of tenacious trees. Eagles and fish hawks at a dizzy height above the river and yet far below me were circling in the air. As in a trough the river finds its way between these walls, not in peaceful current but bent and twisted by rapids and falls and intercepting rocks it worries its way. Southward the eye is caught and rivetted on the Great Falls, a noble setting for a magnificent scene; clouds of spray detaching from the body and floating to the river below drape the cataract in airy lace, while above occasional bursts of spray coming into view from around a sharp bend in the river, reveal the location of the hidden Upper Falls. It is a sight to furnish a memory of a lifetime, for once seen, it can never be forgotten.

From the Canyon we took a cross road to Norris Geyser Basin, with which we are already familiar and, except for a steep face of rock down which a small stream trickled in hundreds of narrow channels, known as the Virginia Cascade, we saw only the sights already enumerated, as our road was the same traversed on our entry into this region. But for years have I lived that short time over again and again and still find an ever-fruitful source of pleasure in reading my note book wherein I entered my minutes of what I saw. If I have succeeded in transmitting even a tenth part of that pleasure to my readers I am content; though I hope for more.

MAINE HAPPENINGS.

A Saco man received, a few days ago, a letter from the postmaster of Chimney Rock, Montana, and was much surprised to find that the postmaster was none other than his brother, who long since was thought to be dead, not having been heard from for 34 years.

The commission on insane criminals have submitted their report. The commissioners say that while they can assure the citizens of the state and the relatives of the inmates as well, that the insane are humanely cared for, the commissioners are of the opinion that this class of criminals should be provided for in one of the hospitals for the insane.

It isn't every person who hears Bald Mountain mentioned that is aware that there are no less than three mountains in the state of Maine which go by this name, and are at no great distance apart. The first is located partly in the town of Blanchard, the second up near Dead River, and the last and largest is very near the Canada line. Such is the statement recently made by Heman Whipple of Solon, who says he has been on each of them, and that from the crest of one forty townships may be seen. He also calls attention to the fact that there is a birch tree occupying the summit of Jewett hill in the north part of Madison, which is to be seen from thirteen townships.

A certain Fairfield woman not long ago, bought a patent steam cooker that had a tin whistle attached that would blow when the water ran low in the boiler, set the machine on the stove, filled up with materials for a vegetable dinner and went about her other duties. While engaged in the chambers she heard a whistle, but failed to connect it with her patent steamer. She thought of railroad smashups, of fires, of boys in the street, and ran from window to window in search of the sensation, while the whistle below blew merrily on, and an odor arose that was an offence to Heaven. She gave up hunting, opened the windows and went down stairs to find the costly cooker boiled dry, unsoldered and otherwise dilapidated.

The Lewiston overseers of the poor recently sent a woman and her family of children to Canada, as they thought, says the Lewiston Journal. She represented they wanted to go, and that if a ticket was furnished them they would never again trouble the department. A policeman watched the family safely out of town. A couple of months later the clerk of the board received an official notification from Waterville to the effect that the family was there and needed aid. They had got off at Lewiston Junction, sold their ticket, rode down to Danville and bought a ticket for Waterville. This time an officer will watch the family to Island Pond and if they get back right away they will be prosecuted for obtaining money under false pretences.

A SMALL BOY'S OBSERVATION IN EUROPE.

We had a great time when we landed. All our trunks had to be opened by the Custom House inspectors to see if we had any cologne or cigars in 'em. I don't see why they call them Custom House officers though. Their costumes weren't anything wonderful. It took Pop a half an hour to get his trunk all through because he said the inspectors didn't know the language. Pop says he asked him what nation he belonged to and the man said he was Hinglish, and Pop told him he'd never heard of any such people, where did they live. In Hingland, the man said. Where's that, asked Pop, and the man nearly fainted and then Pop gave him half a crown and the man said he guessed he needn't open any more trunks, because a man as ignorant as he was wouldn't have sense enough to try to smuggle anything in anywhere.

After the trunks were all passed Pop asked a man where the baggage car was and that man couldn't speak English either. He asked Pop what, and Pop says again where's the baggage car, and just then an American that had been over before says to the man he means the luggage van, and the man said oh wy didn't ee si so. Pop says he thinks that's Welsh, which is a language he never liked anyhow. The only Welsh thing he ever liked was a rabbit, he said. Wots your name asked the Baggage man. Drake, says Pop. Well your van is the seventh car up. It's marked with a D. Do you know a D. when you see it? Pop said he guessed so. He'd seen one once and he had an idea that it looked like a P without a pedestal or a B cut in two. That's it, said the man. Well you put your luggage in the van marked with a P without a pedestal and when you get to London you can go and claim it. But suppose somebody else claims it said Pop. That's his affair and yours not mine says the man and he walked off. Then Pop found out that they don't give checks over here, and he said he guessed the reason was that they preferred cash.—Harper's Round Table.

DR. TALMAGE AS AN EXPLORER.

Nearly two years ago Rev. Dr. Talmage, the celebrated preacher and lecturer, started on his now famous tour of the world for the purpose, as he declared at the time, of studying all the religious beliefs of the different races of mankind, and if he could find a better one than Christianity, embracing it. This was a startling declaration to begin with, and his discoveries and revelations appear to be none the less startling. In fact the Doctor has added to his reputation as the greatest living religious orator, that of a famous explorer as well. His discoveries and adventures are fully as interesting as those of Stanley or Livingstone, and equally as valu

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Paris Hill, M. I. Mellen, Post Office.

COMING EVENTS.

April 15.—Ordination of Rev. J. A. Harding as pastor, Baptist Church, Norway.
April 15.—Second Congressional District Republican convention, Auburn.
April 16.—Republican State Delegate Convention, Portland.
April 21.—Chimes of Normandy, by Berlin Opera Company, Opera House, Norway.
April 22-23.—Annual Session Maine Grand Lodge of Good Templars, Bangor.
April 22.—Fast Day.
May 5.—Oxford Pomona Grange, Bethel.
May 5.—Supreme Judicial Court, South Paris.
May 22.—Field day of the Interscholastic Athletic Association, Riverside Park, Bethel.
June 17.—Democratic state convention, Portland.
June 23.—Republican County Convention, South Paris.
Aug. 17-21.—New England Fair, Rigby Park.
Aug. 28-Sept. 4.—Maine State Fair, Lewiston.
Sept. 15, 16, 17.—Oxford County Fair, on the Society's grounds, between South Paris and Norway.
Sept. 23, 24.—Oxford North fair, Andover.

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A Republican State Convention

WILL BE HELD IN

CITY HALL, PORTLAND,

THURSDAY, APRIL 16th, 1896,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.,

for the purpose of selecting six candidates for electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, and four delegates at large and four alternates to attend the National Republican Convention, to be held at St. Louis, Missouri, on Tuesday, June 16, 1896, and transacting any other business that may properly come before it.

The basis of representation will be as follows: each City, Town and Plantation will be entitled to one delegate, and for each seventy-five votes cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in 1894, an additional delegate, and for a fraction of forty votes in excess of seventy-five votes, an additional delegate.

Vacancies in the delegation of any City, Town or Plantation can only be filled by a resident of the County in which the vacancy exists.

The State Committee will be in session in the reception room of the hall at nine o'clock, on the morning of the convention, for the purpose of receiving the credentials of delegates. Delegates in order to be eligible to participate in the convention, must be elected subsequent to the date of the call for this convention; and delegates, under this call, should not be elected to the State convention to be hereafter called for the purpose of nominating a candidate for governor.

All electors of Maine, without regard to past political differences, who are in sympathy with the sentiments expressed in the call of the Republican National Committee for the Republican National Convention, are cordially invited to unite with the Republicans of the State in electing delegates to this convention.

Per order Republican State Committee.

JOSEPH H. MANLEY, Chairman.

BYRON BOYD, Secretary.

Augusta, Maine, Jan. 28, 1896.

Presidential Electors Must all be Chosen in State Convention.

HEADQUARTERS
REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE,
AUGUSTA, ME., Jan. 28, 1896.

To the Republicans of Maine:—Prior to 1892 two Presidential electors at large, corresponding to the two United States senators, were nominated in State convention, and the remaining electors, corresponding to the members of the United States House of Representatives, were nominated by the several congressional district conventions.

The passage of the Australian Ballot Law entirely changed the procedure. Under the law, all Conventions are a portion of our election system, and this ballot act requires that candidates to be voted for by the voters throughout the whole state must be placed in nomination by a Convention representing no less a constituency than the whole state. Hence, all the candidates of a party for Presidential electors must be nominated in State Convention, and I have therefore included in the call six electors.

J. H. MANLEY, Chairman.

SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

The Republicans of the Second Congressional District of Maine, composed of the counties of Androscoggin, Franklin, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford and Sagadahoc, are requested to send delegates to a convention to be held at Auburn Hall, Auburn, Wednesday, April 15, 1896 at one o'clock P. M., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for representative to the fifty-fifth Congress of the United States; also to elect two delegates and two alternates to the Republican National Convention to be held at St. Louis, Mo., June 16, 1896, to elect a district committee and to recommend to the state convention a candidate for elector of President and Vice-President from this district.

The basis of representation will be as follows: Each city, town and plantation will be entitled to one delegate, and for each seventy-five votes cast for the Republican candidate in 1894, an additional delegate and for a fraction of forty votes in excess of seventy-five votes, an additional delegate.

Vacancies in the delegation of any city, town, or plantation can only be filled by residents of the county in which the vacancies exist. The committee will be in session at the hall at 11 A. M., on the day of the convention to receive credentials.

EUGENE F. SMITH, Chairman.
GEORGE S. WOODMAN, Secretary.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Republican voters of Oxford County are requested to meet in convention at the Court House, South Paris, on Tuesday, June 23, 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following county officers, viz.: Two Senators, Judge of Probate, County Treasurer, County Attorney, Register of Probate, one County Commissioner, and Sheriff. Also to choose a Republican County Committee.

The basis of representation will be as follows: Each town and plantation organized for election purposes will be entitled to one delegate, and an additional delegate for every 25 votes cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in the election of 1894. A majority fraction of 40 votes will also entitle the town and plantation to an additional delegate.

The Republican County Committee will be in session at the Grand Jury room at the Court House at South Paris at 8 o'clock on the morning of the convention, to receive the credentials of the delegates.

Per order of the Republican County Committee.

EUGENE F. SMITH, Chairman.

The several towns and plantations will be entitled to delegates according to the following list, viz.:

Albany,	1	Norway,	5
Andover,	2	Oxford,	2
Bethel,	4	Paris,	7
Brownfield,	3	Peru,	2
Buckfield,	2	Porter,	3
Byron,	1	Roxbury,	1
Canton,	3	Rumford,	4
Denmark,	1	Stoneham,	2
Dixfield,	3	Stow,	1
Fryeburg,	3	Sumner,	3
Gilead,	1	Sweden,	1
Grafton,	1	Upton,	1
Greenwood,	1	Waterford,	2
Hanover,	1	Woodstock,	3
Hartford,	2	PLANTATIONS.	
Hebron,	1	Franklin,	1
Hiram,	2	Lincoln,	1
Lovell,	2	Magalloway,	1
Mason,	1	Milton,	1
Mexico,	2		
Newry,	1	Total,	80

FAST DAY.

THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.

By the advice of the Executive Council, Thursday, the twenty-third day of April, is designated as a day of fasting and prayer.

The Christian people of our State, during its long and brilliant history, have cherished and been accustomed to observe this day, by abstaining from all unnecessary labor, and invoking, amid the surroundings of the home and in places of public worship, the blessings of Heaven upon our Country, our state and her institutions; and by inculcating the principles of righteousness, of truth, of amity and peace.

This revered and time-honored custom, established by the early fathers, is still worthy of preservation and continuance; and may the day have appropriate recognition and be observed in a befitting manner by all the people of our commonwealth.

Given at the Executive Chamber, in Augusta, this sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twentieth.

HENRY B. CLEAVES.

BY THE GOVERNOR.
NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, Secretary of State.

There is some discussion over the question whether the weavers who struck at Biddeford gained anything. The weavers, however, claim that they gained 25 per cent in some departments and appear to be satisfied.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

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

PARIS HILL.

First Baptist Church: Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Sabbath Evening Service at 7:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting Thursday Evening at 7:00 P. M.

Universalist Church: Sunday School every Sunday at 11 A. M.

H. M. Tucker has been sawing wood here, using his kerosene engine for power. The saw with that power behind it walks through a big stick with an ease calculated to relieve that tired feeling that we all have in the spring.

Professor Baxter's great invention, by which old maids are made new, was exhibited at the Universalist Circle Friday evening, and—well, it's the most perfectly "immense" thing put on the boards at our local theatre for years. The piece itself is the utterly absurd conception of a very bright intellect, and it keeps the audience in a roar from curtain to curtain. The costumes and make-up would draw tears from a stone, and the play went with a swing and a dash that brought out every fraction of a point that there was in it. The traveling was—there wasn't any—but there was a big crowd out.

Robert Jackson returned to Westbrook Saturday.

Miss Grace Harlow went to Boston Saturday for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Jesse P. Daniel is at her father's, Mr. Nathaniel Rowe's, caring for her mother, who has been very sick recently. Mrs. Rowe is slowly gaining.

George R. Hammond and a crew of carpenters expect to begin the work of erection of Dr. C. F. Hammond's sanitarium about the last days of April or first of May.

Road Surveyor W. H. Cummings put on the road machine Saturday and scraped out the drifts on the hill above the cemetery.

Mrs. William E. Perkins is visiting relatives in Lewiston.

Mrs. H. M. Perkins was quite sick last week, but is some better at present.

EAST BETHEL.

Bartlett Brothers and H. H. Hutchins have broken camp and returned home from Lake Umbagog, where they have been carrying on a lumbering business this winter.

J. H. Estes, H. O. Blake and George Swan and others have returned home from their work in the woods.

The robins are singing their sweetest.

F. Percie Bartlett has secured a position with Edwin Rowe to clerk in his store for the next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsbury Curtis of Paris are stopping with friends on Holt Hill.

Danville Libby has hired out to work for C. M. Kimball for the coming season.

The road breakers were out breaking roads last Sunday, April 5th.

WILSON'S MILLS.

C. T. Fox and E. S. Bennett have joined the Umbagog Grange at Errol, N. H.

Fred Taylor has finished logging, and moved into the house belonging to Calvin Fox until his new house is completed.

Turner and DeLong have finished their job, and moved out of the woods.

J. S. Danforth and wife are guests at J. W. Clark's, and Mrs. Dan Heywood at Will Hart's.

Nearly two feet of snow fell between Thursday morning and Saturday night. We shall get in our usual number of months of winter at the present rate of snow falls.

Miss Addie Flint has returned to her school at Colebrook.

GREENWOOD.

Ransom Cole finished sawing birch Saturday, and the following Tuesday the strips were all landed at Locke's Mills.

The ice began to be rather treacherous on the pond, one horse breaking through Monday morning; and it wasn't a very pleasant time to break through the ice either.

Mr. Cole has quite a pile of logs to saw out, and he will soon commence on them.

When getting out our sawdust at the mill recently, we employed our little grandaughter, Tiddy Swan, to assist us a of a day, and during the time she lost off her finger ring. Several days after, Elmer Cole, while oiling the machinery under the mill, saw something in the water brighter than a pebble, and on picking it up found it to be a small finger ring, and the very one Tiddy had lost. But she did not go near the stream, and how it got so far away, and into the water, will, like a few other things, ever be a mystery.

The late snow storm amounted to 14 inches here, and when it ended the snow was about three feet deep in the woods. Breaking roads the next day was the hardest work of the kind we had done for the winter. The road was obstructed by trees being bent down, and some of them were broken off, also with drifts, so that it took three hours to cut our way through less than two miles.

Such snow storms in April are not very common, but come occasionally, and that is often enough. April 13, 1846, Col. Wm. Swett, late of Paris, got stuck in a snow drift near our house, and while shovelling his team out, he wanted to know if that wasn't a pretty hard place for a man to get caught the middle of April. The fall of snow at that time was nearly twenty inches.

Last week a hound was found near the cemetery below A. K. Hicks', so thin, so tired and foot-sore, he could hardly crawl along. His color is spotted, a dingy white predominating. The collar plate bears the name of A. G. Fuller, but the town could not be made out. Probably the poor brute found it so hard living under Democratic rule that he preferred the future hunting ground, and so came there to shuffle off his mortal coil.

Sap is doing something now, and seems to be extra sweet this spring, ten quarts of it making a pint of syrup.

MASON.

Dr. Twaddle of Bethel has made several professional visits the past week at F. I. Bean's. His wife has been quite sick, but is improving slowly.

Rev. A. Hamilton preached his last sermon for this conference year last Sabbath. He gave us a very good Easter discourse. He expects to return to this charge.

We see Mr. Palmer of Lovell has returned, and is making shook for A. S. Bean at his shop at this place.

Christie Brown is working for Mrs. F. I. Bean.

F. I. Bean is getting his mill ready for the spring sawing. He has the most birch he has ever had at one time.

Roy Grover commenced his season's work with Fred Ordway in Gilead last Thursday.

Sledding is going fast, and every one is glad. We don't want to see six weeks sledding in April. We thought there might be eight weeks in March this year.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Good sap weather now, but it cannot last long, according to the course of nature.

R. L. Cummings has recovered from his recent injury, and is out again.

About twenty members of West Paris Grange attended Pomona Grange at South Paris on Tuesday.

I. W. Andrews was chosen delegate to state and district conventions.

J. H. Davis informs me that they have made 125 gallons of syrup up to the present time. They have over 1000 trees tapped.

Meetings have been held evenings at the Advent church since Monday.

Charles Clark has closed his work near South Paris, and returned home with his team.

The assessors have been making calls through the neighborhood this week.

R. V. Tyler is out selling some nice silverware at very reasonable prices.

Mr. Joseph H. Davis has a sugar maple orchard of some 1500 trees. His is the largest sugar orchard in the county. Mr. Davis has got trees tapped and has a crew of men at work making syrup and sugar. Good days he gets about four hogsheads of sap. He markets his syrup and sugar at Lewiston and other places. Mr. Davis was a soldier in the late war, and is one of the few who does not draw a pension.

BETHEL.

Monday Rev. F. E. Barton and family went away for a vacation of three weeks.

Tuesday the W. C. T. U. held an interesting meeting with Mrs. Andrews.

Tuesday Rev. Alexander Hamilton, pastor of the Methodist church, went to Auburn to attend the conference.

Wednesday Rev. Israel Jordan went to Auburn as delegate from the Congregational churches to the Methodist conference.

Thursday afternoon the Ladies' Club met with Mrs. Ceylon Rowe and spent a very pleasant afternoon.

Thursday evening, Miss Alice Purington assisted by Prof. Small and Miss Hastings, entertained the students of Gould Academy at the residence of her father, Mr. J. U. Purington. After an evening of pleasing entertainment, cake and ice cream were served.

The schools in the "brick building" in our village will open for the spring term Monday, April 20. Other schools in town will open April 27. Our schools should be equal to any town in the County. The supervisor has used great care in assigning the teachers and thirteen of the teachers are already members of the "International Reading Circle" which will serve to acquaint them with the very best methods in teaching. This course is much along the line of the Chautauqua course. The course requires two years' study. The teachers meet in convention once each month.

Mr. L. L. Briggs, proprietor of Sunnyside Poultry Yard, tells us there is profit in keeping hens. Although this has been generally an unfavorable year for the poultry-men, Mr. Briggs finds it pays. He says "I have sixty-eight Single Comb Brown Leghorn hens and last October I began to keep strict account of all that I paid out for them, and gave them credit for all the eggs they laid. Between October 1st and March 1st these eggs were sold at store prices and cleared me $34.00. I have one pen of sixteen hens that in the months of December, January, February and March laid 908 eggs." Mr. Briggs will now sell eggs for settings from the *best* strain of Single Comb Brown Leghorn hens. Eggs can be procured at short notice and hard time prices. Mr. Briggs has had wonderful success in the poultry business and fanciers of nice poultry would be well repaid by a visit to Sunny Side Poultry Yard and will find the genial proprietor ready to give his whole attention and also make helpful suggestions to those engaged in the business.

Friday evening the Dramatic Club of Helping Hand Lodge of I. O. G. T., gave a very enjoyable entertainment in Odeon Hall. Triss, or Beyond the Rockies, was presented to a full house. The company deserve much credit for the work they have done and are to be congratulated that they have met with such a degree of success. They were assisted by Miss Alice Billings as pianist who executed several numbers with her usual careful interpretation and delicacy of execution.

Dr. J. G. Bunting and family have moved from Portland to reside in our village.

Miss Grace Carter has gone to Fort Fairfield to open a kindergarten school. Miss Carter met with good success while teaching in Bangor.

Mrs. C. D. Manny *nee* Minnie Harding, called upon old friends last Friday. Mrs. Manny has resided in Newcastle, N. B., for the last three years.

WEST FRYEBURG.

Mrs. E. P. Hutchins owns a 5-year-old colt that was kicked, necessitating the taking of eight stitches.

Edwin Walker owns a mare that was badly kicked.

Ed McIntire sawed off three fingers above the first joint on the left hand last week.

Mrs. Farrington, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Towle and Mrs. Wiley were invited to assist Mrs. Henry Andrews on her rug Saturday afternoon. Their husbands went to supper and spent the evening, enjoying themselves very much.

Mrs. Chester Eastman spent Sunday with her parents.

Emma Towle has gone to North Chatham to visit her sister.

Mrs. Stephen Farrington made 594 lbs. butter the last six months.

Kate Hutchins and Abbie Towle are at home from Gorham normal school on a vacation.

WEST BETHEL.

Sugar makers are jubilant as sap is running as it seldom runs.

Fine warm days and frosty nights.

Roy Brackett returns to Bates this Friday morning, after having got up a fine woodpile at home.

Roy and Mrs. E. G. Wheeler made a visit at Mrs. Copeland's at South Bethel last Wednesday.

Leon Tyler's two boys, about 13 and 11 respectively, are running a sugar orchard of 170 trees, gathering the sap and boiling it down, and cutting the wood with which to do it. If Oxford County has two greater workers than Mr. Tyler's boys, let us hear from them.

Reuben Paine of Bethel and Martin Whitney, formerly of Bethel, have been working in the woods for Freelon Bennett the past winter. Mr. Paine is nearly 75 years old.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

It seems now that warmer weather has come to stay.

Robins have put in an appearance, and a large flock of geese were seen flying over here April 6th, going north.

Charles Brooks has gone to Lewiston canvassing.

Rev. R. A. Rich closed his labors here Sunday, April 5th, by preaching an Easter sermon. He and his wife are now attending conference.

Walter Carr has moved into the house formerly occupied by Mell Cole.

Homer Carr has gone to Shelburne, N. H., to stay a while with his grandparents.

Guy Coffin had the misfortune to break one of his legs Sunday, the 5th. He was out driving, and in going round a turn was thrown from the sleigh, breaking his leg above the knee in two places.

Susan Libby has returned from Portland, and is now keeping house for Abbie Trask, while she is away for a short time.

SUMNER.

Effie Davenport has returned home from a visit to South Paris.

Moses Merrill is failing slowly.

Wilbur Foster swapped horses with Moses Young last week.

Albert Davenport has been visiting his brother, John Davenport.

Mrs. Joseph Noyes is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Bowker.

Mrs. H. A. Sturtevant is gaining slowly.

BROWNFIELD.

The snow is slowly diminishing. Some bare spots in the road.

Rev. Frank Barton and family of Bethel are spending their vacation with friends in this village.

Mr. Dean Spring, who is engaged in business in South America, is visiting his father, Wm. Spring, brothers and sister. His mother died a short time ago.

Will Davis has returned to Boston, where he is engaged in the ice business.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman McDonald have rented a house at Hiram, and moved their goods there.

Miss Mansfield of North Fryeburg is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Thayer.

Quite a number in this vicinity are suffering with bad colds, and others with rug fever.

OXFORD.

Miss H. E. Hersey of Boston was here for a few days last week.

Easter services were held at the Congregational church on Sunday. The church was decorated with flowers and blossoming plants. The Easter concert was well attended.

Rev. Mr. Howard is attending the M. E. conference at Auburn.

Mr. Wm. Farris died at the home of his son, W. R. Farris, Wednesday, April 8, aged 81 years. He has borne his long sickness with much patience. He leaves two sons, two brothers and one sister. Mr. Farris was for many years one of the active business men of the town.

Harry Hayes is at home for a short time. He has a position as inspector in an establishment for condensing milk in New York.

Miss Hannah Manson is at home during the Easter holidays.

Mr. Woodbury Stanton committed suicide by hanging Tuesday night.

Elbridge Edwards has bought the hardware business of his brother, S. D. Edwards.

WEST PARIS.

CHURCHES.

Methodist.—Sunday service at 10:30 A. M., followed by Sabbath School; Young People's meeting followed by prayer and social meeting every alternate Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Free Baptist.—Sabbath School at 1:30 P. M., followed at 2:30 by preaching with Young People's and other services as above.

Universalist.—Sunday School at 10:30 A. M. The Y. L. L. A. meets every Monday evening. Lodges.—Masonic.—Wednesday evening on or before full moon each month. Odd Fellows.—Every Saturday evening. Rebekahs.—The 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings each month. U. O. Golden Cross.—The 2nd and 4th Friday in each month.

West Paris Grange.—The 2nd and 4th Saturday.

The snow is hanging on like the toothache and there has been an immense flow of sap since Tuesday morning, so much that large quantities have been wasted. It is thought that there will be the largest amount of maple syrup made in this vicinity there has been in twenty years.

H. Curtis has his portable engine set up, and is using it to saw A. E. Marshall's wood pile.

Machinery is coming slow, and Mr. Hanford started for Salem Friday afternoon to ascertain the cause.

Messrs. Brown's lumber has nearly all arrived and they have a fine lot of clapboards.

Dr. Hill of Bethel was in town the past week.

Notwithstanding the fact that the roads are in a pitable condition the lumbermen are taking in small loads mornings.

BRYANT POND.

Joseph Farrar, an old resident of this town and the last of the family of Thomas and Desire (Curtis) Farrar, died at his home on Russ Hill, April 6. The cause of death was from a paralytic shock. Mr. Farrar was born in Woodstock, Sept. 25, 1815.

George S. Whitman proposes to rebuild this spring on the spot where his house was recently burned.

Lee M. Rowe and Archie D. Felt are at Hebron Academy.

Minot S. Davis is attending lectures at Bowdoin Medical School.

Hulda, widow of the late Jacob Kimball, died in Portland, April 1, aged 84. She was the daughter of Caleb and Abagail (Packard) Besse, who resided for many years in Woodstock.

Harry D. Littlefield is on a fishing trip to East Stoneham.

John S. Littlefield returned from the Togus hospital this week, much improved in health.

NEWRY.

Mrs. J. S. Allen returned from Portland Tuesday of this week. She is somewhat better.

We have had two good sap days.

Jim Spinney and J. S. Allen are hauling pulp wood on to Bear River.

Good sleighing yet in these parts.

John Coolidge and A. W. Powers have some more timber to get to the mill.

J. A. Thurston intends to put a night crew at work in his mill at the Corner next Monday.

What are we to do with our potatoes this year? That seems to be a puzzling question just now.

SOUTH HIRAM.

Miss Nora Stanley, who has been visiting in Saco the past few weeks, has returned home.

Herbert Ridlon went to Fryeburg Sunday, where he will work in a mill.

Miss Ella Blake, who has been doing house work at Wm. Ridlon's, returned home last week.

There was quite a large attendance at the lyceum last Friday evening.

ROXBURY.

The sledding holds out wonderfully, a great boon to the birch men.

The birch is nearly all out of the woods. Mr. Chapman will probably have his all out this week where he can take it to his mill on wheels.

Mr. Chapman has already sawed out 1000 cords, making a large show of spool squares in his yard.

L. H. Reed is getting wheels rigged for the bare ground, which must soon come.

Mr. D. P. Richards of Andover is now taking charge at Reed's mill. He knows his business.

Our birch mills will give a large business to the railroad this summer.

FRYEBURG CENTRE.

Walter Smith is helping Frank Barker sugar.

Ed Hobbs has returned from the West Indies.

Kelsey Hobbs is greatly improving the looks of his house by papering and painting.

Warren Swift has a four months old calf that measures four feet. Who can beat that?

Alice McIntire and Henry Eastman are on the sick list.

Harriet G. Barker is working for Mrs. A. P. Gordon.

WEST BUCKFIELD.

The robins have come and have met with a cold reception.

Snow storm Friday, April 3d. Wind blew a gale Saturday, shoveled and broke out the roads Sunday.

The bridge by Austin's is down again after being impassable for a month.

Mertie Bonney was at home over Sunday.

Shirley Bonney is at work for E. B. Austin this summer, commencing this week.

Bad colds are prevalent.

C. B. Lowe has cut his foot.

Gertie Bonney has been on a visit to Sumner and Woodstock.

Dana Harlow is at home helping C. B. in his sugar orchard.

MEXICO.

Ira Nevens was here Thursday.

The Kidder Brothers are having their houses painted.

At least 11 inches of snow fell Thursday, the 2d inst.

W. L. Dillingham and Don Gates, a committee from King Hiram Lodge, F. & A. M., were here Friday and obtained a promise from H. W. Park to formulate a history of that lodge.

Thursday afternoon, Irving O. Blood, a resident of this town, employed by the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway, was knocked from a car while loading coal. Two ribs were broken, and other injuries resulted from the fall. Attended by Dr. Bisbee he is comfortable at last reports.

Easter Sunday was observed here by an appropriate sermon preached by our pastor, Elder Keene, to an unusually large congregation. In the evening the church was comfortably filled with people, who declared they enjoyed the exercises very much. The church was tastily decorated, banks of flowers tastily arranged before the platform and pulpit—even back of and on each side of the pulpit. Mottoes in evergreen were nicely worked, and affixed to the walls, altogether presenting quite an elaborate display of the taste and handiwork of the ladies of the village. Miss Louise Staples from Canton was present and sang several selections. A male quartette, Elder Keene and his son, Fred Parsons and Dr. Binford, sang two selections. Parsons and the younger Keene sang duets. Dr. Binford, Fred Parsons, Hrs. H. W. Park and Mrs. E. R. Stevens sang three choice and appropriate selections, and several of our larger girls sang and recited. Presumably, however, the recitations and singing of the little folks weer as satisfactory a part of the evening's exercises as any. Many of them from 3 to 12 years had something to recite or sing. Altogether this was the best of its kind ever had here. Miss Staples' presence and singing was a very pleasant feature in the entertainment. Elder Keene's remarks at the close were well conceived and of value. Robert Reed was one of the most industrious and valuable workers in the preparation, and has the thanks of those who were present at the entertainment.

HIRAM.

Hon. Hiram Gatchell, of Brownfield, and Mark R. Coolbroth of Standish were in town this week looking after their lumber interests.

John F. Watson and Octavius Ridlon have joined Coolbroth's Saco River crew.

Miss Maud O. Gilpatrick has secured a position in a factory at Bridgton.

Isaac S. Lowell is running the Benson saw mill at Brownfield.

Miss Louise Eastman of Brownfield was in town this week.

Some of our people are hauling timber with sleds this 10th of April. A very unusual occurrence for many years.

CANTON.

Mrs. J. N. Reed is stopping at her son's in Mexico.

Miss Clytie DeCoster went to Westbrook to attend school the 9th.

Mrs. C. A. Mendall has gone to Boston to stop with her parents a short time.

Hon. Otis Hayford was at Augusta last week.

Mr. George Davis of Peru has moved into the village.

Canton Lakeside Colony is booming. Lots of cottages will be built this summer.

Surveyors are busy shoveling out drifts on roads that have been traveled but little the past winter.

The sick are all reported on the gain.

Miss H. Louise Ellis is at Portland at work for the Standard Plating Company.

Thursday, the 9th, was the first fair day all day that there has been for 90 days. Not a cloud to be seen all day.

George Spaulding has moved into the rent over the millinery store.

Charlie Hines has moved into the minkery.

Ralph Foster has hired W. O. Hayford's stable and will train horses here this season.

G. W. Moore has received a carload of carriages.

Smith has built a temporary plank dam where the old one washed out.

J. Marden DeShon has returned to Westbrook to school.

R. G. Dunn is getting ready to plaster Odd Fellows' Hall.

FRYEBURG.

The Easter concert at the Congregational church was postponed for one week as they were unable to heat the church. A report will then be given.

The New Church concert was enjoyed by all. The recitations and carols by the children were very pretty.

Mr. F. L. Mark and wife are visiting in New York.

Mrs. E. G. Fife is improving in health and will soon be out again.

Miss Kate Abbott returned to Amherst Saturday, April 11, for the spring term of school.

Virgil Usher (class of '95) is at home to attend the funeral of his grandfather, Mr. Maxwell.

Mr. Andrew Evans was quite seriously injured Tuesday by his horses crowding him against a stone wall. His leg was jammed badly and the flesh scraped from the bone from the knee almost to the ankle. We hope under the skillful treatment of Dr. Allen he will soon recover.

Mrs. Willard Lord, who has been dangerously ill with pneumonia, is, at the present writing, better.

NORTH ALBANY.

The school closed here the first of April after a very successful term, as everybody seemed pleased with the teacher.

Roscoe Emery was hurt badly a while ago and does not do much work yet. A log rolled against his foot jamming it against another.

Brice Kimball has a bad looking arm and has been laid up some time.

Louis Holton has tapped some trees, but it has not been very good sap weather lately.

Mr. Charles Eames has moved back into town and now lives on the farm known as the William Robbins place.

The 8th of April and snow enough to make good sleighing; does not look much like spring around here yet.

NORWAY LAKE.

Miss Fannie Tucker has been in Portland visiting friends.

David Flood and wife have been visiting friends this week.

The L. S. C. will meet with Miss Fannie Tucker April 22d. They are to have a special meeting the 15th at Charles Wentzel's to help Mrs. Wentzel with her sewing.

James Crockett and Ervin Bean have been on the sick list this week.

NORTH LOVELL.

Miss Abbie McAlister of North Stoneham died very suddenly at her home Tuesday evening, April 7th. She went to Norway village Monday morning and returned apparently well. Tuesday morning she was taken ill and on the following evening at 9 o'clock passed away. Miss McAlister was a very estimable young lady, a fine scholar and teacher, and leaves many friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

HEBRON.

Mr. Cyrus Packard of Blanchard was in the place last week visiting relatives.

Rev. C. E. Harden has been spending a few days with his family here.

Dr. Donham was at home from Portland Sunday and Monday. We are all very sorry to lose our doctor but wish him success in his new enterprise.

Quite a number from here attended Pomona Grange at South Paris Tuesday.

Misses Minnie and Gertie George gave a pleasant entertainment to their young friends Saturday evening.

Fred Sturtevant came home Saturday.

School opened in Sturtevant Hall Tuesday. About 125 students are here now and the term will probably be one of the largest, if not the largest, spring term ever held. The graduating class are not all back yet and others are also coming.

H. K. Stearns is doing quite a business sugar making this spring. He has 700 trees tapped.

Bert Glover has also a large number tapped. The run so far has been very good. H. K. Stearns at one time had seven hogsheads of sap on hand.

RUMFORD CENTRE.

Stillman Blodgett has been very sick, but is better at this writing.

Fred Keith has hired out to work for Henry Burgess for one year.

Asbury Hoyt and Wilder Kimball have finished hauling spruce.

Mrs. Joel Goodwin of South Bethel is visiting relatives in town.

Some farmers are feeding out their potatoes to get rid of them.

WELCHVILLE.

Mrs. S. P. Stuart and Miss Maud have returned home from West Medford, Mass., where they have been spending the winter.

Mr. Horace Bennett is gaining.

LOVELL.

Mr. Walter Gordon and wife have returned from Parsonsfield, where they have been during the winter, he having sold out his interest in the store.

The Congregational church at the Centre is to be painted, W. O. Brown having charge of the work.

Benjamin Russell is building an addition to his barn.

The assessors are settling the valuation. Their office is over A. Heald & Sons' store.

A fine Easter concert was given Sunday evening at the village church, consisting of responsive readings, recitations, solos, duets and a large chorus.

The people of this vicinity sympathize deeply with Mr. Hilton McAllister and family, of Stoneham, in their great sorrow, caused by the death of their daughter, Miss Abbie McAllister. She was well known here, and esteemed as a lady of rare worth.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Mrs. G. G. Mansfield entertained the Congregational Circle Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. O. A. Greenlaw is going to Boston this week to purchase her stock of spring and summer millinery.

L. A. Bradbury has taken the job of loading the poplar that is lying at this station to be shipped to Cumberland Mills.

Monday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Bickford received the sad news of the death of their son Charles, who died of pneumonia after an illness of only nine days. Mr. and Mrs. Bickford are both in failing health and were unable to attend the funeral which was held at Biddeford Tuesday afternoon.

PERU.

W. C. Whitman of South Turner, inspector for the butter factory, has been in town looking after the farmers that are sending cream.

Hollis Turner has had a carload of oats come from the West.

Green Hodsdon is unloading a carload of phosphate at this station.

EAST PERU.

Charles Luce has rented the Geo. Davis farm and is going to work for A. B. Griffith.

L. E. Irish has rented Mrs. Kidder's farm and Bert Kidder works for Henry Robinson.

BUCKFIELD.

The Republican delegate caucus for State, District and County delegates was held at the office of O. H. Hersey, Esq., Saturday, April 4th. Merritt Parsons was chosen moderator and F. R. Dyer, Secretary. The following delegates were chosen: To the State Convention, Ralph H. Morrill and F. R. Dyer. District Convention, A. P. Bonney and Merritt Parsons. County Convention, O. H. Hersey, Esq., and V. P. DeCoster. Republican Town Committee, Ralph H. Morrill, W. H. Purkis and L. C. Mason.

Easter services were held at the Baptist church in the morning, pastor Lawrence preaching from the text, Matt. 28:18, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Special music with flowers and plants contributed to the pleasure of the occasion. In the evening the Sunday School gave their usual Easter concert. At the Methodist church in the afternoon Pastor Sadler preached his farewell sermon. The usual tasty arrangement of flowers and plants and selected musical programme contributed to celebrate the event which is yearly gaining in interest.

Mrs. Geo. D. Bisbee and daughter were in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

Rev. F. W. Sadler moved his effects to Massachusetts where he will join his family and pursue a further course of study in theology.

Wm. C. Spaulding and wife returned to their home in Caribou, Wednesday.

R. R. Lee Bridgham, general agent for the Boston Sunday papers, commenced Sunday, April 12th, a regular delivery service along the line of the Portland & Rumford Falls from Mechanic Falls to Rumford Falls by a hand car train.

Clarence Atwood and wife of Auburn were in town on the 5th inst.

Neither good wheeling nor sleighing at this date.

DIXFIELD.

Columbus C. Tainter of this village committed suicide Wednesday afternoon about 5 o'clock in the mill yard of John S. Harlow by cutting his throat. No known cause for the deed, as he seemed to be in his usual health and spirits when last seen alive. He was employed by Mr. Harlow as night watchman. Mr. Tainter was about 60 years of age, and a member of the G. A. R. He leaves a wife, three sons and a daughter.

N. R. Springer has moved into the Dillingham house on Main Street.

Eugene Kidder has moved into the Gould rent recently occupied by Mr. N. R. Springer.

John S. Harlow has had 300 cords of birch sawed at his mill this season. It took twenty-nine working days to saw it.

N. R. Springer began to saw Merrill & Co.'s birch Thursday, April 9th.

Merrill & Co.'s mill has been shut down the past week on account of being short of orders.

Hon. E. L. Tebbets of Locke's Mills was in town last Wednesday.

J. S. Harlow's spool factory has lots of orders at present, and is running full blast.

EAST SUMNER.

In the death of Mrs. Abigail F., wife of A. Judson Robinson, who died the 3d inst., the community has lost a well known and respected resident. She was one of a family of eighteen children, and her husband was one of a family of nineteen children. Her age was nearly 82.

Easter was not observed by any special services on the Sabbath in our churches, although the Baptist church was decorated with plants and flowers.

Misses Amy Heald and Mattie Bradeen do not return to Paris Hill this spring.

Allie Barrows has returned to Hebron Academy.

Merrill & Parsons of Buckfield have been hauling off their rock maple plank for die blocks.

The mills are busy cutting out a big pile of lumber.

The shingle mill has been run nights.

S. C. Heald has nearly closed out his dowel stock, and the new firm of Bradeen & Russell are operating the mill.

Master Guy Gibbs, at S. L. Knight's, has a fine lamb that weighed when just one month old 36 lbs.

Now is the time of paint, whitewash and paper and paste, and cold lunches off the mantle piece, and strong thinking of—goldarn it all.

At a Republican caucus

The Oxford Democrat.

SOUTH PARIS.

SOUTH PARIS POST OFFICE.

Office Hours: 6:00 to 7:00 A. M.; 8:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M.

Mails close: For Portland &c., 6:15 and 9:53 A. M., 1:45 P. M.; for Gorham &c., 9:37 A. M., 3:25 P. M.

Mails arrive at post office: From Portland, 9:47 A. M., 3:45 and 7:20 P. M.; from Gorham, 6:23 and 10:23 A. M.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

On and after Nov. 18, 1895, trains leave South Paris: Going east, 6:25 and 10:15 A. M., 4:08 P. M.; going west, 9:37 A. M., 3:35 and 7:10 P. M.

CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church, R. J. Haughton, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching services, 10:45 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening.

Methodist Church, Rev. W. F. Chapman, Pastor. On Sunday, morning prayer meeting, 9:30 A. M.; preaching service, 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; Epworth League Meeting, 6 P. M.; evening prayer meeting 7 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

Baptist Church. Rev. T. J. Ramsdell, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching service 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; prayer meeting 7:00 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Regular meeting Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

I. O. O. F.—Mount Mica Lodge, regular meetings, Thursday evening of each week.—Aurora Encampment, first and third Monday evenings of each month.

D. of R.—Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 36, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

P. of H.—Paris Grange, second Saturday of each month. The Grange store is open for trade Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

U. O. G. C.—Second and fourth Mondays of each month.

I. O. G. T.—South Paris Lodge, No. 311, meets every other Monday evening in the G. A. R. Hall.

G. A. R.—W. K. Kimball Post, No. 148, meets Saturday on or before full moon, in G. A. R. Hall.

Wm. K. Kimball Relief Corps meets first and third Thursday evenings of each month, in G. A. R. Hall.

N. E. O. P.—Stony Brook Lodge, No. 181, meets at G. A. R. Hall first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

K. of P.—Hamlin Lodge, No. 31, meets every Friday evening at Masonic Hall.

SIGNS OF THE SEASON.

From yonding sisters, coming,
Can you hear the distant humming
Of the mop and broom and dustpan
In a wild fantastic jig,
While the carpets, tacks and hammer
Keep up a constant clamor
With an air that the dingy dampness
Of a worn out wash-day rig?

Happy we as pigs in clover;
Let the silvery suds slop over,
And never mind the pubbles,
Or the parlor floor, my dear.
Cold lovers warmed for dinner,
Husband swears by saint and sinner
That it will the "blankest nuisance,"
If it rains cleaning time is here.

For all that you mustn't mind him,
Go and hunt around and find him
His collar-studs and kerchiefs
Mixed up in the general toss;
And Revenge is sweet—just mention
With a casual inattention
That when he lets you vote you won't
Have time for cleaning house.

And yonding sisters, coming,
That is what the distant humming
Of mop in the sleek woman's
Congress means as sure as fate,
Then we'll drop the mop and duster,
Without any fuss or flutter,
And we have a jolly jumble when
We clean the Ship of State!

—Good Housekeeping.

The bikes are out.

C. Freeland Penley is on a trip to Boston.

Good dry travelling around most of the village.

Haven't the season come ahead with a rush for the past week?

Miss Grace Merrill of West Bethel is visiting at J. H. Bean's.

Gen. A. S. Twitchell of Gorham, N. H., was at South Paris last Friday.

Wm. J. Wheeler was drawn as traverse juror for the May term of court on Tuesday.

Ernest Record is at home on a vacation from Everett, Mass., where he is at work.

R. N. Hall and George Giles are at work putting four Lutheran windows into the second story of Fred McArdle's house on High Street.

Mrs. Adams, wife of Station Agent Adams, and her sister, Mrs. Gordon, of Gorham, N. H., stopped here with Mr. Adams Wednesday, on the way home from Lowell, Mass., where they had attended the funeral of a relative.

Notice.—I hereby give notice that expense will be made on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after May 1st, as the time for closing up same within the year of commitment expires on that date.

CHANDLER GARLAND, Collector.
South Paris, April 6, 1896.

James L. Bowker, Esq., of Bryant Pond, was in town last Wednesday and looked over the new county buildings and the new Democrat building. Mr. Bowker has been treasurer of his town for several years, and is an active and leading member of the Republican party of Oxford County.

F. P. Burbank and C. H. Berry are at work on the repairs on Odd Fellows' Block. The first thing done was to lay a new floor of North Carolina pine in the post office. While this has been going on, the post office outfit has stood sideways, crosswise or kitty-cornered, according to circumstances, but Uncle Sam's mail business has been carried on just the same.

Wheeler had quite a job getting an upright piano into H. W. Powers' rent over Frothingham's store Friday afternoon. At first they started up the stairs with it, but it wouldn't go. They finally had to take out the middle window, take down Frothingham's sign, and rig an inclined plane to slide the piano from the wagon up to the window. It made an afternoon's job.

Sheriff Porter brought Edward Fitzgerald and Frank Ellgood to jail Wednesday. Both men are held for the grand jury in default of bail, one for assault upon the officers, the other for inciting a riot. The men are two of a gang who undertook to do up the town of Rumford Falls on the evening of the Sunday preceding. The officers had quite a fracas before they succeeded in quelling the riot.

The changes in the Grand Trunk Hotel are well under way, and will be nearly completed this week. The dining room has been extended back ten feet, making it about thirty feet square, and a similar increase has been made in the size of the kitchen. The third story stairs have been taken out, and a new flight put in directly over the second story flight. This change adds one good room to the capacity of the second floor. New paint and paper have been put on to the office halls, and quite a number of the rooms. Everything will be spick and span as a new silver dollar when the work is done.

The library benefit Thursday evening brought out a good audience. The following was the programme of the entertainment:

Piano Duet—Selected.
Mrs. Briggs, Mr. Wingate.
Song—Oh, Fairy John. Miss Bertha Shaw.
Reading—Selected. Miss Ollie Stuart.
Solo—As the Dawn. Cantor.
Mrs. Barnes.
Tennis Drill. Nine Young Ladies.
Solo—Alonzo and the Fair Imogene. Cowel.
Mr. Briggs.
Reading—Selected. Mr. Morse.
Duet—Oh, but we Two were Maying. Mrs. Barnes, Mr. Briggs.
Highland Fling. Miss Bertha Shaw.
Greek Drill and Tableaux.

Electric lights had been put on the stage for the occasion, and were so manipulated as to give varied, pleasing color effects. The entire program in all its features would have done credit to professionals, and several of the numbers were enthusiastically encored. Mrs. Briggs and Mr. Wingate had to give a second piano duet, Mr. Morse had to respond to the applause which greeted one of his brightest character sketches, and the storm which followed the weird and varied tale of Alonzo and the fair Imogene fairly swept Mr. Briggs back before the footlights. The costumes and evolutions of the young ladies in both drills were near perfection. The tennis suits were particularly fetching. After the entertainment, ice cream and cake and home-made candies were sold at artistically draped booths. The net receipts, for the benefit of the public library, will come to quite a respectable figure. The thanks of the community are especially due to Mrs. Barnes for her work in connection with this entertainment. She put much time and labor into it, and it was largely owing to her efforts that it was so much of a success.

There was a pleasant whist party of four tables at F. A. Thayer's Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cook went to Lewiston last Thursday, returning Monday morning.

Miss Una Taylor of the Democrat office has a new bicycle purchased from Plummer's agency.

Conductor Morton of the Norway train has been confined to the house a few days by sickness.

A delegation of Good Templars visited the Sons of Temperance at Norway Saturday night, and enjoyed a sociable.

The Ladies' Relief Corps will hold their next meeting on Thursday afternoon, April 16th, at 2:30 instead of evening.

All members of Mount Mica Lodge are requested to bring a cake to the anniversary supper of the lodge, the 27th of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tolman of Jay were in town over Sunday. Mrs. Tolman is expected to remain during the present week.

Strawberries on sale, at 30 cents a box, the 9th day of April. Verily, this is a great country, and yet how small! Will Porter says it is the earliest he has ever had them.

Charlie Stuart has a new bicycle from J. F. Plummer's agency. Mr. Plummer is the agent for the famous Columbia and Hartford bicycles and has already sold seven new ones this season.

Everybody was out Sunday afternoon, enjoying the beautiful day, on foot, in carriages, or bike-back. The condition of the streets was in striking contrast with the sloppiness of Easter Sunday.

Miss Mamie McArdle won the 1st prize in Junior League Bible studies, and Addie Giles and Sadie Swett the 2d. Lottie Giles, Faith Chapman, May DeCosta and Olive Swett stand next on the roll of honor.

H. W. Dean and family are moving into the rent over the store of Wise & Glass. The Millett house from which they are moving, will be occupied by Mrs. Curtis, who now lives in the Hersey house.

About thirty Knights of Pythias from Pennesseewassee Lodge of Norway visited Hamlin Lodge Friday evening. Work in the long form, after which substantial refreshments were served, and a social season was enjoyed until nearly midnight.

The lower end of the electric road track was cleared off Wednesday, and the car now runs down in front of the Andrews House again. For quite a distance in front of Lambe's store the floods had washed several inches of dirt over the rails.

The Paris Advertising Co., W. P. Morton manager, is opening a shop in the Howe store building on Western Avenue, for the manufacture of advertising signs, banners and novelties. Mr. Morton was on the road last week, and secured a good number of orders.

Clark Mitchell reports large sales on the Paris Washer. He has arranged to have them manufactured by the Paris Manufacturing Co., and his agents are selling lots of them at $3 each. As they are claimed to do the work of the machines selling for a larger price they ought to be be good sellers.

Mount Mica Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F., will observe the anniversary of Odd Fellowship, which occurs on Sunday, the 26th of April. Rev. Mr. Haughton will address the lodge in the afternoon at the Congregational church, and on Monday evening they will be addressed at their hall by Rev. H. A. Roberts of Paris Hill.

As Miss Hattie Clifford, who was assigned the school in the Forbes District, has decided not to teach, Miss Gertrude Jones, of this village, has been assigned to this school. Miss Jones passed a very fine examination at the recent examination of teachers and the school securing her services is sure of a good teacher.

Oscar Barrows, who resides near Hall's Pond, might be said to be an industrious man. Here is some of the work he has accomplished in ten days recently: milked twelve cows, made and marketed sixty gallons of maple syrup, hauled ten cords of wood to South Paris and five cords to his door, and hauled one load of sawdust from South Paris.

Rev. G. B. Hannaford, pastor of the M. E. church in the flourishing young city of Rumford Falls, was at Norway and South Paris over Sunday, being called to the former place to attend a funeral. Mr. Hannaford made the Democrat a pleasant call Saturday afternoon. His genial face is always a welcome one in the Democrat sanctum.

Appointments of the Maine Conference have not yet been announced, but a South Paris citizen who attended a part of the week has put on his guessing cap and gives the appointments as they are likely to be announced to-day for this section. South Paris, I. A. Bean, Norway, Francis Grovenor. No change at West Paris, Bethel, Andover, Rumford Centre, Rumford Falls or Buckfield.

The public library has moved from its former quarters over Plummer's store to new quarters in the second story of Masonic Block. Two rooms in the northwest corner have been thrown into one, making a good sized room with one window in front and two on the side. A. C. T. King has been doing the carpenter work, and has built considerable new shelving, besides setting up the old. The books were moved Saturday.

John Black, who died Saturday night at the advanced age of 85 years, was one of the best known citizens of the town. He came to Paris in 1865, and settled at Snow's Falls, where he remained until within a few years. He was collector of taxes for the town of Paris continuously from 1869 to 1890. Mrs. Black died about four years since. He leaves one child, the wife of L. B. Carter of South Paris, with whom he has made his home for the last few years. Mr. Black was a member of the South Paris Baptist church. He was made a Mason in 1860 at Bethel, was a member of Paris Lodge, F. and A. M., after he settled in this town, and was a charter member of Granite Lodge of West Paris, continuing a member of that lodge until his death. The funeral was held at 1 o'clock Monday, and he was buried with Masonic rites, Paris and Granite Lodges attending in a body, and Granite Lodge conducting the service.

OXFORD POMONA GRANGE.

Oxford County Pomona Grange at South Paris last Tuesday. Although the roads were bad, snow drifts and bare ground, there was one of the largest and most interesting meetings ever held in Oxford County. The forenoon was occupied in the usual work, giving the fifth degree to eight candidates and a part of the programme.

Then came the rush for dinner. There must have been nearly three hundred present at the noon hour. We hope all were well looked after, but many thought they could appreciate a good sized dining room at this time.

The programme was very interesting, songs by Mr. and Mrs. Park, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. George were among the best we have ever had. Recitations by the Misses Cox, Cushman and Farnum and Mr. Andrews, were well delivered, then the time was all taken up in the discussion of highways and how to repair them.

The Worthy Master, J. A. Roberts, gave his views of the subject, thought care should be taken in the location, the repairs should be made in the proper season and land owners should take special pride in keeping the limits free from stones, bushes, etc., to set out shade trees and make them as attractive as time and money will permit.

J. F. King, Chas. Edward, H. A. Roberts, one of the new members, and Daniel Swift gave their ideas of road making. All were well pleased with the way the day was passed, and we hope Oxford County Pomona Grange will grow so that larger and better halls will have to be provided to accommodate the meetings. Next meeting with Bethel Grange, the first Tuesday in May.

H. D. HAMMOND.

It looks as if Belfast wouldn't get another hotel on the site of the Crosby Inn. Indeed, Belfast's hotel prospects at present look a little uncertain.

TALK OF THE STATE.

Machiasport's offer of $1000 for a sardine factory is still open.

A whale—a rare visitor—has already been reported from Popham Beach.

The body of one of the Frenchmen washed from the Cabot mill at Brunswick during the big freshet was found about a mile below a few days since.

Lumbermen think they are going to save the logs carried down the Androscoggin and Kennebec by the big freshet, so that none of them will go out to sea.

The river and harbor bill has passed in the house, and as the senate rarely cuts down appropriations, it is thought that Portland harbor's big slice of $810,000 is safe.

Joseph Burton of Dedham, aged 77 years, committed suicide Sunday by taking strychnine. Old age and weakness, caused by intense pain from rheumatism, had affected his mind it is thought. He leaves two sons.

There is to be a movement inaugurated to have the next legislature set off Brunswick and Harpswell from Cumberland County to Sagadahoc County. The promoters say "It is better to be a big toad in a small puddle than be a little toad in a big puddle."

At the annual meeting of the Skowhegan village corporation, there was a contest between a ticket representing "adequate" enforcement of the liquor laws (which is enforcement) and a ticket representing "proper" enforcement (which means non-enforcement.) "Proper" enforcement won by quite a majority.

As Mr. James Mitchell of Northport attempted to shoot a crow one morning last week he met with a severe and singular accident. In aiming his gun he discovered a cork-stopper was sticking in the muzzle, and on removing it the gun was accidentally discharged, the crow flew away, and Mr. Mitchell found himself minus two fingers on the left hand.

The second city election in Ellsworth resulted in the choice of Robert Gerry mayor, by a majority of six, on a large vote. What makes the election of special interest is that Gerry is a Populist. He is a relative of Elbridge Gerry, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is a man over 70 years of age, of unquestioned ability, and has boxed the compass in politics.

The women of Monson, annoyed by the racket of the Fourth of July eve, sent a petition in to the town meeting to have the streets kept quiet until 3 o'clock in the morning of the Fourth, but the petition was denied. If Young America in Monson is like Young America elsewhere, he will lay himself out next Fourth, and pay his compliments to the fair petitioners with the most infernal racket the town ever heard.

Jimmy Pierce, who tends machine No. 2 at the Augusta paper mill, was engaged in lagging the big pulley that drives the stack of calenders on this machine Wednesday night when, in some way, his clothing caught in the belt, and he was carried over the pulley, striking heavily upon the floor in the narrow space between the pulley and a heavy post that stands almost beside it. He was badly jammed but no bones were broken. It was a miraculous escape.

The lumbermen object to a temporary bridge at Gardiner with 100-foot openings, because they do not want to run their rafts through so narrow a space, and the people, who want the bridge, are "beginning to ask if they have not some rights in the matter." The temporary bridge at Lewiston has only 38-foot openings to acommodate the lumbermen; but it is hardly necessary to say that the lumber which comes down over Lewiston Falls isn't rafted.

No further danger is apprehended from the Kennebec jam, but there is much disquietude among all the watermen along the river as to the probable condition of the Kennebec's channel. There never has been any water to spare in the channel west of Swan Island. The big jam has forced the trend of the river over to the opposite shore where a much shallower channel has formed. Experienced river men say that the result of this will be that no large steamer can come up the Kennebec until much dredging has been done.

Articles of association and accompanying petition have been filed in the office of the railroad commissioners for the new Lewiston & Brunswick Street Railway Company. The places from which, in which and to which the road is to be constructed, maintained and operated are from a point in the city of Lewiston, running through the city and the towns of Lisbon, Topsham and Brunswick to a point in the town of Brunswick. The length of the road is to be twenty-one miles. The capital stock will be two hundred thousand dollars. The directors certify that 5 per cent of the stock has been paid in, and it is intended in good faith to construct, maintain and operate the road.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

A number of teachers met in the high school room at Norway Saturday forenoon, and re-organized the Oxford County Teachers' Association. Principal Arthur G. Wiley of the Norway high school acted as chairman, and read a letter from State Superintendent Stetson, giving suggestions regarding teachers' institutes. The organization was then effected, with the following officers:

President—Arthur G. Wiley, Principal of Norway High School.

Secretary—Miss Elinor Hunt, First Assistant in Norway High School.

Executive Committee—the president ex-officio; Principal Woodbury of Fryeburg Academy; Principal Small of Gould Academy, Bethel; Miss Swan of Norway; Miss Susie Rounds of South Paris.

Some discussion was had regarding a teachers' institute, and the matter was finally left with the executive committee. An institute will probably be held some time during the first half of May, at Norway or Bethel.

SUICIDE IN OXFORD.

Woodbury L. Stanton, who lived at the upper end of Fore Street in Oxford, about two miles from South Paris and the same distance from Norway, hung himself, Tuesday night at about 10 o'clock. Mr. Stanton had been a great sufferer for two months with neuralgia. The pain had been so severe and so unremitting that it no doubt drove him to this terrible deed. Mr. Stanton was more than 70 years of age. He has been one of the most successful farmers in this section, has been a trustee of the Oxford County Agricultural Society and has always been an extensive exhibitor at the fairs of the society. For a few years he has lived with his son, Charles F., on the old homestead farm on Fore Street.

BERLIN OPERA COMPANY.

Posters are out announcing the appearance of this company of amateurs in Norway, the 21st inst., producing Planquette's favorite opera, "Chimes of Normandy." By referring to our advertising columns, it will be seen that the cast includes Cyrus Doe, a Paris boy, whom many will remember as having seen as Sir Joseph Porter, when the troupe played "Pinafore" here some two years ago. Over $200 has been spent in preparing for this opera. The costumes are elaborate and correct, scenery new, and the New York Calcium Light Company furnish four sets of apparatus for the light effects. The company stop at nothing in their productions, and it is said that their performance of "Chimes of Normandy" will sustain their reputation. Tickets are on sale at the usual places.

PERSONAL.

Charles H. Adams of Norway has been awarded the contract to build the new Masonic Temple at Biddeford. The price is said to be $36,500.

Hon. E. W. Woodbury of Bethel, who has been spending several weeks in Pottsville, Pa., is now in Milford, Mass., and expects to arrive home again about the 25th of this month.

BIDS COLDS BEGONE.

The magician's wand is not more potent than Dr. Humphreys' Specific "77" for colds. For sale by all druggists.

NORWAY.

Delightful weather.

Coleman F. Lord is gaining rapidly. Thursday he visited his sister, Mrs. J. A. Bolster.

J. T. Rowe has a most attractive and pleasant barber shop in Hathaway Block.

James Smith is making improvements in and about his place on Deering Street.

Many people find themselves much better accommodated with sleighs than wagons, notwithstanding there is only now and then a little snow on the village streets.

A. F. Marston of Lynn, Mass., of the firm of B. F. Spinney & Co., was in town during the week, looking after the shoe business.

Solomon I. Millett has been confined to the house by sickness for the past week. He has so far recovered as to be able to attend to business.

Herman L. Horne has purchased of Geo. L. Beal the lot on Main Street between Odd Fellows Block and A. J. Nevers' store and will build a large block on it this spring.

John Callahan has returned from a visit at his Lynn home. He passed Easter with his family.

Mrs. S. H. Wetherbee entertained her sister, Mrs. George Latham of Lewiston, this week.

Uncle Tom's Cabin will be presented at the Opera House Tuesday evening, April 14th, by Stowe & Co.'s dramatic company.

The assessors have been making their annual rounds this week. It is astonishing how many poor citizens they come in contact with.

Littlewood and Foster have painted and improved their respective barber shops. They are both very convenient and pleasant.

It is reported that J. W. Swan will soon return to Norway. His long absence and the mysterious manner in which he disappeared have been fully explained to his friends and to their entire satisfaction.

Dr. P. Cain, of Ontario Veterinary College, has opened an office in J. M. Cummings' stable, rear of Beal's Hotel.

J. A. Harding will be ordained at the Baptist church Wednesday, April 15th, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. B. R. Harris of Boston will preach the ordination sermon.

Walter E. Foss, groceryman, has assigned for the benefit of his creditors, to Kimball & Son.

Sylvan Shurtleff has been stopping at the Beal's House for a short time.

Miss Nellie Fuller is visiting her friends in Portland. She is spending a few days with Alice Trafton.

Helen M. Faunce, who has been teaching in Auburn, has returned and is now teaching the first grammar department. Miss Lillian McAllister, the former teacher, owing to sickness, resigned.

James Farron of Boston is employed by J. F. Bolster in his marble works. Mr. Farron is a first-class workman having an experience of twenty years.

A corporation meeting has been called for Monday evening. The usual business will be transacted. Election of officers and appropriation of money. The corporation will be asked to revise the by-laws, for which work a committee will be appointed.

The selectmen have appointed George W. Locke a member of the local board of health, in the place of E. H. Brown, who declined a reappointment.

Most interesting and pleasing services were held at the several village churches Easter. The floral displays were beautiful. At the Baptist and Congregational churches excellent concerts were given. Both churches were crowded.

Dean & Millett, dressmakers, have moved from the True place, corner Main and Danforth Streets, to Mrs. Winthrop Stevens' house, corner Main and Deering Streets.

Charles F. Ridlon had ripe strawberries at his store Friday and Saturday. Thirty cents per quart.

The corporation assessors settled with Collector Lord Saturday and found the following taxes due. All taxes prior to 1894 settled in full:

Due on tax for 1894,	$ 87.77
Due on tax for 1895,	809.91

Four joined the Congregational church Easter and five were added to the church membership at the Universalist church on that day.

Eugene E. Andrews was drawn juror for the May term of the Supreme Judicial Court Saturday afternoon.

The Republican caucus Saturday afternoon chose S. S. Stearns chairman, Merritt Welch clerk. Delegates to the two conventions to be held this week were chosen as follows:

State:

Geo. L. Beal, E. F. Smith, W. W. Whitmarsh, A. F. Andrews, John A. Roberts.

District:

S. A. Stevens, S. A. Bennett, M. D., Rev. B. S. Rideout, W. C. Leavitt, E. F. C. Greene.

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The homes of many persons are made happy and cheerful in consequence of the Maine Keeley Institute, Deering, Maine. Kind reader, is there not some within your midst that would move the clouds of sorrow and despair from their firesides, if you would send them to be cured and become reformed men—loving husbands and kind fathers. In heaven's name, do something for those who are lingering with a disease that cannot be thrown off by the poor unfortunate without physical aid. Thousands have been saved, and millions more are on the road to the Keeley Cure.

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Hattie B. Withington to Abel Irish,	1
CANTON.	
Rufus S. Fletcher to Waldo Pettengill,	1
Geo. K. Johnson to John C. French,	1
GILEAD.	
John Wight to J. W. Bennett,	1
GREENWOOD.	
P. B. Buck to A. J. Millett et al,	200
R. E. Powers to Helen L. Powers,	1
HARTFORD.	
Keziah S. York to Elmer H. York,	1
W. W. Gammon to I. F. Gammon,	200
Clara A. Kilbrith to J. C. Marston,	75
MEXICO.	
Elizabeth A. Abbott to A. L. Mitchell,	1
James J. P. Simpson to I. S. Maxwell et al,	1
E. B. Bennett to Geo. W. Ridlon,	1
NORWAY.	
E. A. Chase to Geo. W. Chase,	1,000
C. S. Tucker to A. J. Rowe,	1
J. A. Bolster to A. J. Richardson,	650
PARIS.	
Saml. A. True et als to Annie C. Record,	2,500
Huldah Perkins to Herbert E. Perkins,	1
PERU.	
Mary Hamilton to E. E. Piper,	100
Orra S. Moulton to Mary A. Hamilton,	750
RUMFORD.	
Flora M. Blanchette to Waldo Pettengill,	1
Abbott Virgin et al to Nellie F. Jackson,	75
UPTON.	
H. S. Raymond to Julia A. Jordan,	300

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22 inch wheel, pneumatic tires, Falcon, Jr. Made by Yost Manufacturing Co. Condition good.

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10c. buys enough of Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam to convince the most skeptical that it will positively cure the cough or cold of long standing, after all other so-called cures have failed. Larger bottles 35 cents.

Try a can of Hopkins' Steamed Hominy (Hulled Corn). It is delicious. Full qt., 10c.

BORN.

In Sweden, April 5, to the wife of Charley M. Evans, a son. (Linton Charles.)

In Bethel, April 4, to the wife of Ed. Bean, a daughter.

In Norway, April 2, to the wife of Elden Stevens, a son.

In Norway, April 3, to the wife of Isaac H. Pingree, a son. (Malcombe Francis.)

In East Buckfield, March 28, to the wife of Delbert Dunn, a son.

In Sumner Hill, March 23, to the wife of Selden G. Barrett, a son.

MARRIED.

In Rumford, Mr. Dodd of Athol, Mass., and Mrs. Eliza Thomas of Rumford.

In Mexico, March 21, by J. L. Howard, Esq., Harry E. Young of Rumford, and Lilla J. Flagg of Mexico.

DIED.

In Paris, April 11, John Black, aged 85 years.

In Woodstock, April 6, Joseph Farrar, aged 80 years.

In Oxford, April 8, William Farris, aged 81 years.

In Sumner, April 3, Mrs. Abigail F., wife of A. Judson Robinson, aged nearly 82 years.

In Stoneham, April 7, Abbie McAllister.

In North Woodstock, April 6, Joseph Farrar, aged 80 years, 6 months.

In Bridgton, April 6, Mary E. Saunders, formerly of Woodstock, aged 54 years.

In Portland, Apr. 1, Mrs. Rubia Kimball, formerly of Woodstock, aged 84 years.

Bargains!

This spring I offer unusual bargains in

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MESSENGER'S NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF OXFORD COUNTY.
STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss.—Apr. 11th, A. D. 1896.

This is to give notice, that on the 11th day of Apr., A. D. 1896, a warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of HORACE H. TIBBETTS, of Rumford, adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said debtor, which petition was filed on the eighth day of April, A. D. 1896, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; that the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris in said county, on the 25th day of May, A. D. 1896, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

FRED A. PORTER, Sheriff,
as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

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Given under my hand the date first above written.

A. F. WARREN, Deputy Sheriff,
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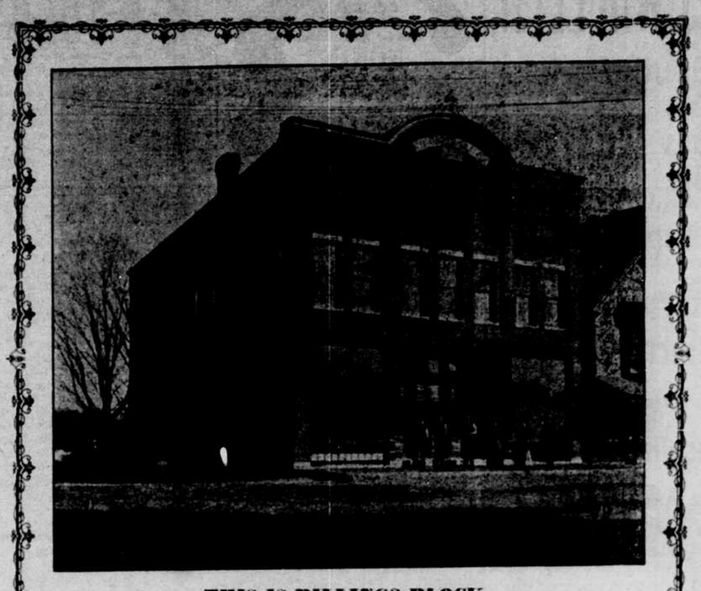

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE.

Whereas, Lillian Wardwell, late of Rumford, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, by her mortgage deed, dated February 7th, A. D. 1890, and recorded in the Oxford Western District Registry of Deeds, Book 78, Page 46, conveyed to James E. Hutchins, now deceased, all her right, title and interest in and to an undivided part of three parcels of real estate situated in Lovell, in said County, and being all the real estate that she owned in said Lovell, the same being now described as follows, viz.: one-fourth part in common and undivided of lot numbered six in the fourth division of lots in said Lovell; also one half part in common and undivided of a part of lot numbered one hundred seventeen in the third division of lots in said Lovell, and bounded on the north by land of Daniel Adams, on the east by land of John C. Decker, on the south by land of Frank G. Durgin and on the west by land of G. M. Knight; also one-half part in common and undivided of lot numbered fifteen in the fifth division of lots in said Lovell, and whereas the condition of said mortgage deed has been broken, now therefore, I, the undersigned, administrator of the estate of said James E. Hutchins, by reason of the breach of the conditions of said mortgage deed, claim a foreclosure of the same.

Dated at Lovell this 24th day of March, A. D. 1896.

EDWIN S. HUTCHINS, Admr.

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March 18, 1896.

DR. S. RICHARDS, So. Paris, Me.:—

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My trade being composed largely of oculists and specialists from all over the country, I am pleased to see that your corrections of "errors of refraction" compare favorably with any that I have received, and I should think that the people of your town would feel themselves blessed in having such a worthy person, and one so competent to look after their eyes.

Yours, very truly,
D. V. BROWN.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1896, commissioners to receive and examine the claims of creditors against the estate of Solomon Winslow, late of Buckfield, in said County, deceased, represented insolvent, hereby give notice that six months from the date of said appointment are allowed to said creditors in which to present and prove their claims, and that they will be in session for the purpose of receiving the same at the following place and times, viz: at the office of Oscar H. Hersey in Buckfield, on Saturday, May 2nd, 1896, at 2 P. M., and on Saturday, September 12th, 1896, at 2 P. M.

BENJAMIN SPAULDING, } Commissioners.
MERRITT PARSONS, }

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1896.

On the petition of L. C. Bates, Guardian of the estate of HOLMAN W. and JOSEPHINE B. MONK of Buckfield, in said County, praying for license to sell and convey certain Real Estate belonging to said estate and described in his petition on file at the Probate office:

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

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

Attest:— ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1896:

On the petition of Henry A. Elliott of Westbrook, praying for the apointment of Henry A. Elliott as administrator of the estate of JOHN B. ELLIOTT, late of Lovell, in said county, deceased:

ORDERED, that notice of the foregoing petition be published for three weeks successively, prior to the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1896, in the Oxford Democrat printed at South Paris, in said County.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

A true copy—attest:—
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

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THE PUZZLER

No. 70.—Progressive Numerical.

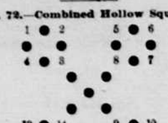
"1, 2 does not consider that apples 2, 3, 4 below 1, 2, 3 even in strawberry time, so I will 1, 2, 3, 4 a few for sauce," said 6, 7, 8, fond daughter of an aged 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. This she did and afterward sewed up 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 in his coat. 7, 8 said, "That 10, 11 well done, 9, 10, 11." (She was still at school.) But perhaps that would have been understood without the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

No. 71.—A Zigzag.

All of the words described contain the same number of letters. When these are rightly guessed and placed one below another, in the order here given, the zigzag, beginning at the upper left hand letter, will spell the name of an annual celebration in honor of a famous bishop.

Crosswords: 1. Mentally sound. 2. Any cause of ruin. 3. To cut lengthwise. 4. A young deer. 5. A bird of prey. 6. The angular summit of anything. 7. In addition. 8. A particle. 9. To keep in check. 10. A city of Italy, the scene of one of Napoleon's victories. 11. A measure of length. 12. Allied by nature. 13. To examine with care. 14. A whirlpool. 15. To wear into shreds by rubbing. 16. To surfeit.

No. 72.—Combined Hollow Square.



1 to 2, "timid;" 2 to 3, an animal; 3 to 4, a Hebrew measure, "containing 2 5-6 pints American corn measure;" 4 to 1, "a genus of ruminant quadrupeds distinguished from other genera of the same order by a stout body, short, thick limbs, a large fold of skin hanging from the neck," etc.; 5 to 6, "to hollow out;" 6 to 7, a liquor; 7 to 8, "at present;" 8 to 5, "to marry;" 9 to 10, part of the body; 10 to 11, "to steal;" 11 to 12, "vicious;" 12 to 9, "to color;" 13 to 14, part of the body; 14 to 15, "to devour;" 15 to 16, "a bush," "a quantity of wool, being 28 pounds, or 2 stone;" 16 to 13, "a female deer;" 3 to 9, "a small anchor;" 8 to 14, a tool, of iron or other hard material.

No. 73.—Pictorial Proverb.

—Ohio Farmer.

No. 74.—Poetical Pi.

O das-devico swind hatt higs taubo ym rodo!
I norum thiw cy het shour hatt ear on reom.
Ym thear si rawey fo eht senull kys,
Het selfsale crashben dan eht fronze pinal;
I glon ot rhea het seartile dwil brids rye
Dan ese het heart ni slagmode ereng igana.

No. 75.—Precious Stones.

1. A letter in flames. 2. A summit and like. 3. A highwayman telling his accomplice to shout. 4. A snare for a certain fish. 5. My declaration to 500 that I am over 500. 6. The voice of a fluid.

No. 76.—Famous Buildings in Anagrams.

1. May drips. 2. Wrote. 3. Mount, men. 4. Cool muse. 5. Had claret. 6. No mystery. 7. Sure I'll tie. 8. Ell rules it. 9. Cruel Isa.

Tongue Twisters.

It is a shame, Sam. These are the same, Sam. 'Tis all a shame, Sam, and a shame it is to shame so, Sam.

A greeting gleam glowing green.

The bleak breeze blighted the bright brown blossoms.

Susan shines shoes and socks. Socks and shoes shines Susan. She conceth shining shoes and socks, for shoes and socks shock Susan.

More Than One Way to Do It.

A conjuror was recently performing the old trick of producing eggs from a pocket handkerchief, when he remarked to a little boy in fun, "I say, my boy, your mother can't get eggs without hens, can she?"

"Of course she can," replied the boy.

"Why, how is that?" asked the conjuror.

"She keeps ducks," replied the boy.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 60.—Riddle: The letter S.

No. 61.—Picture Puzzle: Turn the picture upside down, and the goose can be seen in the clouds.

No. 62.—Numerical Enigma:

An idler is a watch that wants both hands,
As useless if it goes as if it stands.

No. 63.—Anagrams—Birds: 1. Falcon. 2. Heron. 3. Titmouse. 4. Flamingoes. 5. Ringdove. 6. Starling. 7. Cassowary 8. Nightingale. 9. Ptarmigan. 10. Condor.

No. 64.—Word Squares:

SCRAP	LEANS	HEART
CHAIR	ENDOW	ERROR
RAISE	ADORE	ARISE
AISLE	NORSE	ROSES
PREEN	SWEET	TRESS

No. 65.—Geographical Anagrams: 1. St. Helena. 2. Damietta. 3. Adel. 4. Lancaster. 5. Cork. 6. Sweden. 7. Verona. 8. Bahbury. 9. Chepstow. 10. Aylesbury. 11. Euphrates.

No. 66.—Diamonds:

A	B
ABE	NUN
AMEND	NOTED
ABETTOR	BUTTERY
ENTER	NEEDY
DOR	DRY
R	Y

No. 67.—Central Deletions: De-f-er, ha-r-sh, lo-o-se, pi-e-ty.

No. 68.—Missing Letter Puzzle:

"O father! I see a gleaming light!
Oh, say what may it be?"
But the father answered never a word.
A frozen corpse was he.
—"Wreck of the Hesperus."

No. 69.—Behead and Curtail: F-ell-y, s-lid-e, e-aster-n, m-ode-l, e-remit-e, g-rim-e.

CAPTAIN SWEENY, U. S. A., San Diego, Cal., says: "Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy is the first medicine I have ever found that would do me any good." Price 50c. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff, South Paris.

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"What?" exclaimed the tenderfoot; "only tar and feathers? I thought you always hanged a horse thief."

The native sighed heavily.

"The influence of the bicycle, you know," he rejoined.

"My appetite was very poor and I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. In a short time I was able to eat and sleep well, and I felt better in every way."—Mrs. Lillie O. Hadlock, Box 289, Kennebunk, Maine.

The Employers' Liability Question. Employe—Sir, I would respectfully ask you for an increase of salary. I have got married lately. Manager of Works—Very sorry, my friend, I can be of no assistance to you. The company is not responsible for any accidents that happen to our men off duty!

NERVES ON EDGE.

I was nervous, tired, irritable and cross. Karl's Clover Root Tea made me well and happy.—MRS. E. B. WORDEN. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff, South Paris.

THE BEST COUGH CURE

is Shiloh's Cure. A neglected cough is dangerous. Stop it at once with Shiloh's Cure. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff, South Paris.

HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

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

HOT WATER AND ITS USES.

As a boon to womankind, half the uses of hot water are not generally known. As a promoter of beauty, or the health, which is beauty, the use of it within and without is highly recommended by one who knows of what she speaks.

A cupful of hot water taken before breakfast, with a little lemon added, and the same before retiring, is very efficacious in keeping the system in a good condition.

A hot bath taken frequently keeps the skin in an excellent condition, and is an infalliable cure for weariness.

Coming in tired, if you can just disrobe quickly, jumping into a hot bath, and then into bed for twenty minutes, you will be so rested that a whole evening afterward of dissipation will scarcely be noticed.

Too many take too long for these things. The bath must be taken quickly. When you lie down, relax every muscle and make up your mind to sleep.

Hot applications in a hot water bag are helpful in all cases of pain, let it be where it may. No family should be without two or three hot-water bags. The first cost is nothing compared with the amount of comfort they insure. For taking to bed with you of a cold night they are unsurpassed. To lie on when you have toothache, headache, neuralgia, they are a boon. Every woman's dressing room should have something to heat water quickly. If you have nothing better, get a one-burner coal-oil stove.

The face washed in hot water, and thoroughly rubbed with a rubber face-brush, will make a marvelous change in the complexion and remove blackheads. This treatment of the face will, in a short time, improve the contour of the face, and put a bloom upon the complexion that nothing else will.

The skin is so seriously affected by the condition of the stomach that great care should be taken to keep this organ in perfect working order.

Abstinence from food for a whole day and drinking copious drafts of hot water, will be of benefit in cases of chronic constipation.

When the bowels become packed, an enema of warm water, with a teaspoonful of glycerine in it will be found of great relief.

Many internal troubles can be vastly remedied by the use of very hot water injected into the vagina. The temperature in this case can be a little hotter than you can well bear your hand in.

For bruises, hot applications will be found to dissipate the black look in a short time.

For headaches of all kinds, hot water will reach the spot sooner than anything else.

In fact, it is invaluable, and its uses are legion.

LINEN CHEST.

In an old German family nothing was looked upon with more veneration than the family linen chest. Into its roomy depths were deposited fabulous amounts of the most exquisite napery and bed linen. The care of it was the delight of the house mother. Every spring it was taken out, put through a bleaching, mangled and returned to the chest, with fresh violets put between the folds to give it a delicate odor. The maidens of the household put the daintiest of sewing, hemstitching and embroidered initials upon it; then when one of them flitted and set up a home for herself, she got her share out of the chest.

But in those days of washing, when no kind of washing fluids or deleterious compounds were indulged in, the fabric was not destroyed, and table linen frequently got a chance to do service in two generations.

Upon all linen, hemstitching is considered the only really delicate manner of finishing. If lace is used, it is very apt to be torn, and soon presents a ragged appearance. One housewife I knew always finished her pillow cases in one way: First, a four-inch hem, and then upon only half the pillow-slip a four-inch ruffluе of Lonsdale cambric, rolled and sewed on. They were kept in place by tapes sewed in the middle of each side.

In marking all bedding and table linen nun's cotton is preferable to silk, as the silk yellows by frequent washing. The linen chest can always be kept well filled by taking advantage of the days which many of the large stores have, when things of that kind are a special sale. Often broken lots of napkins can be had very cheap, if one is deft at picking out the best.

For common wear, the stores offer good value in pillow-slips and sheets ready made and hemstitched by machinery. It is best to have a goodly quantity as in sickness or in case of company, it is often necessary to make many changes.

Into the linen-chest could go special lots to use in case of sickness. Cases made plainly, so that the laundering need not be so difficult. It is very nice to have a stencil of one's own monogram to mark these articles—a large one for sheets and tablecloths, and a smaller one for napkins and pillow-cases. Everything a bride takes into her new home from her girlhood's home should be marked with her maiden name.

The chest itself is a lovely bridal gift, and should be made of cedar, either carved or brass-bound. In size, it could be four feet long, two feet wide and thirty inches high, though some of the old ones are much higher. However, when one bends over the depths of one of this size, it will be found tiring enough. The embellishments could be to suit the owner, and the main thing should be a fine lock which every key would not open. If desired, a couple of trays could be made for holding the smaller articles.

HOW I START SLIPS.

Tea-roses, hydrangeas, abutilons, heliotropes, geraniums, begonias, fuchsias, lemon verbena and hibiscus I root under glass. I break off slips of half-ripened wood and insert them in potting-soil. I find they root much more readily in soil in which I have used soot as a fertilizer until the color is almost black, such as is used for tea-roses. After inserting, I turn a glass tumbler tightly over them, and keep the soil moist all the time. At the end of two weeks I place something under one side of the tumbler and allow them to have the air gradually. By three weeks they are generally well rooted, and should then be placed in thumb-pots, and shifted to larger pots as they fill these with roots. Be sure to provide good drainage.

For rooting slips of the oleander, get a wide-mouthed bottle, put a layer of sand in the bottom and fill with water. After breaking off slips, strip off the leaves, all but a few at the top, put in the slips, fill the mouth of the bottle (around the stem of slip) with cotton. Tie a string around the neck of the bottle and hang in the sun until well rooted. August is the best time to start slips, as the wood is then in proper condition for rooting.

TO TEST POWDER.

During the warm weather, when the use of powder is considered almost necessary, great care should be taken to obtain the best. Rice powder is considered by most physicians the least injurious, although a few advise a talcum powder.

Every woman who wishes to be sure that there is nothing injurious in her toilet-powder can satisfy herself by submitting it to the following test:

Place a teaspoonful of the powder in a glass and add the juice of a lemon. If effervescence takes place, it is an infallible proof that the powder is dangerous, and that its use should be avoided, as it will injure the skin and destroy the beauty of the complexion.

RECIPES.

FRIED PARSNIPS.

Scrape four large parsnips, put into a kettle, cover with boiling water, add a teaspoonful of salt, and set over the fire to boil until tender. When done, take up, slice, dredge with salt, pepper and grated cracker. Fry in boiling fat.

CELERY SALAD.

Cut up the white stalks of two bunches of celery, put in a salad bowl, pour over half a pint of mayonnaise sauce. Garnish with celery tips, and serve very cold.

Fancy dress buttons match Dresden designs in silk and satin ribbon.

STATE NICKNAMES.

APPELLATIONS WHICH ONCE FITTED LOSING FORCE WITH ADVANCING CIVILIZATION.

State nicknames in this country have begun to lose their aptness. New Hampshire's name, the "Granite State," fits almost as well as some other mountainous states, and she never really deserved to be called the Switzerland of America, since her mountains are but hills compared with the mountains of Switzerland. Several of the Rocky Mountain states more nearly deserve this title, according to the New York Herald. Colorado, for example, has 41 mountains more than 14,000 feet high, and in all, 139 mountains more than 13,500 feet high. Colorado's own name of the Centennial state is one that no other can ever dispute with her, though it looks as if Colorado might dispute the name of "Golden" with California.

Maine's forests are disappearing so rapidly that some of the northwestern states may soon have a better title to the name "Pine Tree State." There are more famous bays than that of Massachusetts, and certainly Chesapeake Bay, if considered only as a body of water, has more distinction than Massachusetts, and, historically, the Chesapeake is quite as famous, so that the name "Bay State" might, with aptness, be given to Maryland.

There are quite as characteristic green mountains elsewhere in the United States as those that gave Vermont her French name. The "Empire State" seems inappropriate to any democratic community, but it is appropriate to New York, if to any state of the Union, and it is likely to be a long while before even Texas can lay claim to the title. The name that Texas takes pride in, "The Lone Star State," is certainly hers by right, as she is the only state to have come to be an independent republic, totally unconfederated with any other state.

Pennsylvania is no longer the keystone of the Union's arch, just as it is no longer politically true that as Pennsylvania goes so goes the Union. If Delaware ever deserved her name of the "Diamond State," she certainly cannot claim it against Rhode Island, since the latter is not only much smaller, but, as well, much richer.

No state disputes Virginia's picturesque name, the "Old Dominion," though few people realize that it dates back to a time when our Atlantic coast knew only two ill defined political divisions—New England and Virginia. Ohio's buckeyes are no longer a distinguishing feature of her rapidly disappearing woodlands. Indiana is being civilized out of her Hoosierdom, and wolverine must be pretty scarce in the state to which the beast has given a nickname.

Connecticut has learned so many smart tricks since the days of the traditional wooden nutmegs that her neighbors could easily discover an apter name of reprosch. Louisiana, doubtless, has as many pelicans as Florida or any other state, and so may well hold to her nickname, while North Carolinans are properly enough called tar heels, since their state is still famous for tar and kindred products.

DID EUROPE CHEAP.

HOW EDISON WAS AMUSED AT HIS FATHER'S ECONOMY.

Mr. Edison was very fond of his old father, who was physically a giant, and at 65 could outrun, outjump and outdo any soldier at Fort Gratiot, near where he lived. The elder Edison was very economical in his habits, and disliked anything that looked like extravagance or waste of money. He had an old crony at Port Huron who was just the opposite. They differed in political belief, also, and would often argue through an entire night on some point of political difference. They were great friends, however, and constantly together. A few years ago, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Mr. Edison decided to send his father to Europe, and concluded to send his old crony along with him. Mr. Edison secured their passage on one of the best of the Cunard steamers, gave his father a handsome letter of credit, and started them off. A few weeks passed and Edison got no news of the two travelers. He had ample faith in their ability to take care of themselves, and thought, "Well, they will soon want some more money and then I will hear from them." A month or more passed, but still no letter.

One day he was sitting in his laboratory at Menlo Park, when who should come in but the two old men.

"Why, how did you get back, and why didn't you write me for some more money?" demanded the son.

"Didn't need it," replied his father. "My friend here would have spent it all in a month, but I kept the bag. I made him walk."

And so he had. With a letter of credit for $1500 in his pocket, the elder Edison had made his companion scour Great Britain on foot. When they got to a city they put up at the cheapest hotels, and to crown it all they had come home in the steerage with 500 Poles.

"Here's your balance," said the sturdy old man, and he counted out $800 back into the hands of his son, who was so convulsed with laughter at the old man's story that he could hardly count it.

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