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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. THIBETTS, of Rumford,
adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition filed by 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 20th 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.

MESSENGER'S NOTICE.
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF OXFORD COUNTY.
STATE OF MAINE.
OXFORD, ss.—Apr. 11, 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
CHARLES A. ANDREWS, of Buckfield, adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said Debtor, which petition was filed on the 11th 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 20th day of May, A. D. 1896, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.
Given under my hand the date first above written.
A. F. WARREN, Deputy Sheriff,
as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

PIGS FOR SALE.
Twenty-five Chester pigs, four weeks old. Price $2.00.
A. K. JACKSON, South Paris.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:
That notice thereof be given to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of May, A. D. 1896, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause:

SAMUEL DUDLEY, late of Oxford. Petition that Roscoe F. Staples, be appointed administrator, presented by Nathan Dudley.

ASA T. DUNHAM, late of Norway. Will and petition for Probate thereof, presented by James S. Wright, executor therein named.

JOSEPH BICKNELL, late of Buckfield. Will and petition for Probate thereof, presented by Rosetta J. Bicknell, the executrix therein named.

FRED W. LOVEJOY, minor child of Elias Lovejoy, late of Peru. Petitions filed for license to sell and convey real estate, by William Walker, guardian.

SARAH E. TRUE, late of Norway, deceased. Petition for license to sell and convey real estate, presented by James Danforth, administrator.

SOLOMON WINSLOW, late of Buckfield, deceased. Petition for license to sell and convey real estate, presented by Charles H. Prince, administrator.

MOSES YATES, late of Greenwood, deceased. Petition to sell and convey real estate, presented by Charles B. Benson, administrator.

HORACE MORRILL, late of Buckfield, deceased. First and final account presented for allowance by Charles P. Hatch, administrator.

CALEB C. CLEMONS, of Hiram, deceased. Account presented for allowance by Charles Rankin, administrator.

EDITH M. VERRILL et als, minor children of Grace M. Verrill, late of Bethel, deceased. Final account presented for allowance by Daniel W. Pratt, guardian.

WILLIAM H. H. NOBLE, ward, of Norway. Third account presented for allowance by Francis M. Noble, guardian.

ANDREW MILLER et als, minor children of John Miller, late of Brownfield, deceased. Final account presented for allowance by William H. Miller, guardian.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—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 April, A. D. 1896.
Eunice G. Barker, named executrix in a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of EZRA W. BARKER, late of Hiram, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate.
ORDERED, That said petitioner give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks sucessively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at South Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Fryeburg, on the first Tuesday of June next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the said Instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that she, Eunice G. Barker, be appointed executrix.
GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—Attest—
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

Notice of Second Meeting of Creditors in Insolvency.
To the creditors of WESLEY H. GINN, of Norway, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, Insolvent Debtor.
You are hereby notified, that with the approval of the Judge of the Court of Insolvency for said county, the second meeting of the creditors of said Insolvent is appointed to be held at the Probate Court Room in Paris in said county, on Wednesday the 20th day of May, A. D. 1896, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.
You will govern yourselves accordingly.
Given under my hand and the order of Court this 22nd day of April, A. D. 1896.
ALBERT D. PARK, Register of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford.

Notice of Assignee of his Appointment.
At Paris, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1896.
The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of the Insolvent estate of FRANK W. KIMBALL of Oxford in the County of Oxford, Insolvent Debtor, who has been declared insolvent upon his petition by the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford.
JAMES S. WRIGHT, Assignee.

NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of
LIZZIE A. LORD, late of Norway,
in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.
April 21, 1896. COLMAN F. LORD.

NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of
JOHN B. ELLIOTT, late of Lovell,
in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.
April 21, 1896. HENRY A. ELLIOTT.

NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of
MOSES MOULTON, late of Porter,
in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.
April 21, 1896. JENNIE MOULTON.

NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the will of
CAROLINE E. EVANS, late of Sweden,
in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.
April 21, 1896. JOHN W. FLINT.

NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the will of
ELLEN A. CHASE, late of Paris,
in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.
April 21, 1896. ALBRO E. CHASE.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.
The Flouring and Grist Mill and Store, at South Paris Village belonging to the Estate of David N. True, late of South Paris.
This mill was occupied for many years by the Paris Flouring Company and by the late owner. Its water power includes the right of flowage of Bryant's Pond. The dam was thoroughly repaired in '93. The mill is in good condition. It has always done and is still doing a good business. This fine property will be sold at a bargain. For the right parties this is a splendid chance to step into a well established and paying business. Apply to
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March 18, 1896.
DR. S. RICHARDS, So. Paris, Me.:—
DEAR DOCTOR.—It is very gratifying, in looking over the many orders that I have received from you for compound cylinders, to know that you are so far advanced in the correction of "errors of refraction," as to prescribe such lenses as you are ordering from me.
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.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.
The following Real Estate belonging to the estate of David N. True, late of South Paris:
The Penley Farm, so called, situated three miles from South Paris Village, 250 acres more or less and cuts 50 to 60 tons of hay. The buildings are in good condition. The farm is well supplied with tools and farm machinery which will be sold with the place if desired. This farm is in first class condition and will be sold at a bargain.
Also, 50 acres of land known as the "Moody Lot."
Also, 25 acres of land known as the "J. Clark Lot," all situated in the Town of Paris.
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WANTED.
Newspaper clippings of all kinds, also names and addresses, for which fair prices will be paid. For full particulars enclose stamp and address
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AMONG THE FARMERS.

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RAISE ALL THE GOOD CALVES.

The importance at the present time of the matter of rearing young stock we deem so pressing that we again call the attention of farmers to it. The conditions prevailing are plainly marked. In the midst of low values on almost every commodity that goes to make up trade, cows are selling high, with demand large and few for sale. There is plain cause for this. For several years a large measure of the calves have been sold as veals. Of late the numbers of cows in the New England States, and in New York as well, have been seriously decimated by the work of commissioners in eradicating diseased animals from the herds. Dairymen, also, through the testimony of the Babcock test and the scales, are weeding out and casting off a vast number of the inferior animals as unprofitable, and therefore unfitted to hold in their herds. These movements are reducing the aggregate number of cows on the farms very materially, and the work is still going on. While the number of cows is thus being reduced, at the same time the increase in population goes steadily on, and with it, of course, a proportionate increased demand for the products of the cow. And still another factor working in the same line is met in the late enactment of anti-oleo laws, which has had the effect to very largely reduce the use of the counterfeits in place of genuine butter, and thus make room for a larger consumption in consequence. These conditions, all working together and tending in the same direction, keep up a demand for dairy products, and hold prices up to figures that keep the business of dairying the most profitable line of stock husbandry that is open to the farmer at the present time. While prices of other farm products are discouragingly low, butter, cheese and milk are holding their usual average.

With all of these conditions, then, combining to give the dairy business an inviting outlook, it cannot be otherwise than that the call for more and better cows will be continuous. It takes three years to grow up a cow. Hence, every heifer calf promising to make a profitable cow should be raised. They will be wanted, and that, too, at richly paying values.

The supply of good steers here in our own state is also far below the demand, so that here again farmers should hold their steer calves to meet this call. We may see the time when it will not be advisable to grow choice steers in Maine, but that time is not yet. While the call for such animals is neither as general nor as loud as once, yet they are still wanted, and if had must be raised. Any farmer having choice calves will find there will be money in raising them.—Maine Farmer.

POOR COTTON SEED MEAL.

A correspondent reports that he "can find no other than inferior cotton-seed meal on the market." Several of the stations have reported an inferior quality of this meal on the markets, and analyses have shown in several cases no more than half the food nutrients contained in meal of standard quality. Whether some mills are adulterating their output of this article, or what is the cause of the inferiority, does not appear. The matter, however, is worth looking after. We are not aware that up to the present time any attempt has been made in this state to call public attention to the matter. We would suggest that any one having cotton seed meal of a suspicious appearance send a pound sample by mail to the experiment station at Orono, with a letter stating circumstances, and requesting that an analysis be made and reported as early as practicable. A vast amount of this feed is being used in our state, and if there is a fraud abroad it should be shown up.—Maine Farmer.

The wool situation is devoid of new feature, with prices substantially as quoted in our exhaustive review of a week ago. Woolen goods are steady at the low level, with the output so curtailed that manufacturers are not pressing for a market. Latest official advices received a few weeks ago confirm our report of last week regarding shortage in the Australian clip. The United States consul at Melbourne reports a decrease in sheep in New South Wales alone of 9,300,000 in one year, a loss beyond precedent, and estimates the decrease in the present Australian clip all the way up to 160,000 bales or more.

Sheep and lambs require special care at this season of the year. The advent of warm weather makes them uneasy over restraint in their winter yards, while the pastures are not yet advanced enough to afford a run at large. Succulent food of some kind comes in as an acceptable variety to their feed. Some of the cheap potatoes now without a market, may be used in this way to advantage.

5 Sores

In combination, proportion and process Hood's Sarsaparilla is peculiar to itself, and unequalled in true merit. No other medicine ever possessed so much curative power, or reached such enormous sales, or made such wonderful cures, as Hood's Sarsaparilla.
It is undoubtedly the best medicine ever made to purify, vitalize and enrich the blood.
That is the secret of its success.
Read this statement:
"When my son was 7 years of age, he had rheumatic fever and acute rheumatism, which settled in his left hip. He was so sick that no one thought there was any help for him. Five sores broke out on his thigh, which the doctor said were

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.
"One day, a newspaper recommending Hood's Sarsaparilla was left at our door. We decided to try this medicine. Howard commenced taking it the last of February, after having been sick for a year and a

Cured

half. He hadn't taken it a week before I saw that his appetite began to improve, and then he gained rapidly. I gave him five bottles, when the sores were all healed and they never broke out again. The crutches he had used for four years were laid aside, as he had no further use for them. I give all the credit to Hood's Sarsaparilla." MRS. ADA L. MOODY, Fay Street, Lynn, Mass.
This and many similar cures prove that

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Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. $1. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

TO KEEP THE BOYS ON THE FARM.

Mrs. O. H. Webster of Missouri, in a lecture before the Missouri Board of Agriculture, considered the reasons that lead boys to leave the farm. She could understand why New England boys leave stony hillsides, but thought that Missouri boys should not leave the fertile farms of the West. A reason is found in conditions created in farm homes, and in the course of considering these conditions she says:

"Dress your boy respectably. Don't confine him to check shirts, overalls, plow shoes and those nondescript sea-grass hats that are never the same shape for two days in succession, and each change more grotesque than the last. Of course he looks like a 'clodhopper,' and, what is worse, he feels like one. As Henry Ward Beecher once said, 'Of course clothes do not make the man, but when he is made he looks much better well dressed.' Let him have neat, not elegant, clothes for ordinary wear; for exceptionally dirty work about pigpens and stable, overalls, canvas coat and rubber boots that are to be removed in an inside room or back porch for a pair of slippers, and, if necessary, a second-best coat. Then most farm work can be done as well and more comfortably with gloves. I have sometimes wondered if a man thought himself a better farmer because his hands were as brown and hairy as a bear's paws. My observation is that the average boy from 16 to 20 takes as much pride in the neat appearance of his hands and feet as the girl (that is, he would if he could.) (I will say in parenthesis, the newspaper wits add their mite in slurring at farmers. Their names are always Hayseed or Corntassel or Wayback, and their imaginary conversations an ingenious compound of illiteracy.)

"Now, having done somewhat for the outward appearance of the boy, furnish him good, wholesome food for his physical interior. This does not mean that his menu is always to contain poultry and eggs and pound-cake; but don't keep hundreds of hens and sell every egg as conscientiously as you put your nickel in the contribution basket on Sundays. A boy will do twice the amount of work with twice the amount of cheerfulness if he is well fed; for his mental food, a daily paper, if convenient, at least one good farm journal and a high-class magazine, Harper, Scribner or the Century. If you can possibly do so, give him a year at an agricultural college. It will open his eyes so widely to the different capabilities of soils, values of various food products, and chemical changes to be brought about before this or that can be accomplished, that he will never again go plodding down the corn rows with no more idea of the origin and why and wherefore of life than Topsy, who thought she 'jist growed.'"

NOT A JACK OF ALL TRADES.

Mr. Drake, in his address at the eighth annual convention of American colleges and experiment stations, discussed agricultural education. He favored manual training for the farmer's boy. After elaborating its advantages, he said:

"The farmer boy comes to the agricultural college with a definite idea of getting such knowledge and training as will enable him to accomplish more work with less exertion. He wants to know how to operate a farm with the least expense and the largest possible returns. In short, he desires to find out how he can improve his circumstances and at the same time make life easier for himself and his family. This is not always best brought about by making the farmer more independent. Prosperity in general does not mean every man for himself alone, but it is sure to follow if we truly observe the sentiment in the saying, "Live and let live." This is in a great measure the secret of business success. One man says to another, "You buy of me and I will buy your goods of you," and in the transaction each one makes a profit. Therefore, I do not think it best to encourage the farmer to do by himself too much of his constructive work or repairs. Here and there one may be found who is capable of planning and building a new barn, but in most cases it will be cheaper in the end for the farmer to employ a builder, while he is giving his time to the more valuable operations, to him, of harvesting and marketing his crops."

The thought of Mr. Drake is correct. While a farmer may acquire handiness in making his general repairs, yet it is clearly true that a good farm in the hands of a trained farmer is able to exhaust the normal powers of its owner in the direct work of growing and marketing crops, either through animals or directly. Any digression from this main line will usually be at a disadvantage.

In thus speaking we would not discourage the lesser constructive work that can be done at a manifest advantage on the farm where labor is cheaper and at times unpressed with more essential work of the farm; yet there is a class of farmers and of farm thinkers who advocate and practice making such tools as horse sleds and some of their working wagons that require much time and a liberal measure of skill. In short, the farm has opportunities enough for an active mind to occupy itself to full advantage.—Mirror and Farmer.

APRIL IN EASTERN WISCONSIN.

Drouth continues, though we have occasionally a shower, not enough to wet any more than the surface. Farmers are putting in crops, and report the ground down two inches as dry as powder. We have, to all appearances, started in on our fourth year of drouth. It has continued so long that no frogs are to be seen; they cannot live without water, and there is none except in the wells that are drilled through solid rock 25 to 55 feet, and in some cases 70, and piped, so the frogs cannot have access to the water. They must have stagnant pools in which to deposit their spawn.

Spring colts are nearly as scarce. Last summer I saw only two on the streets of our village, and up to this date not one. But that is not so much in consequence of our lack of rain as the lack of finance. Good health prevails among men and beasts, except among the spring pigs. Several farmers report losing nine-tenths of all their litters. They come strong and active, and apparently thrive until a week or ten days old, when they droop away and die. There have been reported from neighboring farmers not fewer than twenty-five cases of destructive loss. One farmer reports having thirty-seven, and has but two left. The lowest I have heard of was thirteen, and seven left. I attribute it to constipation. Visiting my farm three days ago, I took about a pound of sulphur and ordered a spoonful fed to each sow twice a day in her feed. Another thing—I found the milk returned from the creamery mixed with corn and ground oats had soured in the troughs. I gave instructions for the troughs to be cleaned and the feed kept sweet, and to feed no more than would be eaten up clean; if a little more was wanted, it was better than to overfeed. How my plan is working I have not learned as yet.

We are having remarkable weather for so early in the season. It has been summer for several days—thermometer 60 degrees for several mornings at sunrise, and at noon 80 degrees, and on the 15th 90 degrees! That heat brought us thunder and rain in the evening, but no great quantity of rain.—Cor. Country Gentleman.

The most expensive factor in farming is hired labor. Wages of farm help are maintained at almost as high a level as in boom times. Therefore the great point in economical farming is to get along with as little hired help as possible. With care in planning the season's campaign, and due judgment in laying out the work from day to day, one who uses the latest and best methods and improved labor-saving machinery can do a lot of farming with an astonishingly small amount of help. Here is one of the easiest ways for the average farmer to both save money and make money.

THE OUTDOOR GIRL.

Dainty as a sunbeam, royal as a rose,
How the Out-door Maiden in her beauty glows!
Eyes like morning dewdrops; cheeks like evening fire;
Voice like liquid rapture of the sunrise choir.

Round of limb and supple—strength allied with grace;
Sparkle of health's rubies in her winsome face.
How she seems to queen it over all the land
With the witching magic of her slender hand!

Juno in her chariot drawn by peacocks gay;
Aphrodite rising cloudlike from the spray—
Goddesses outrivalled! Now the poets kneel
To the charm of Beauty pedalling a wheel.

Womanhood supernal—beauty at its height—
Hail the Out-door Maiden, vision of delight!
Spin and flash and glitter, steed of burnished thews;
Thus through woman's life-blood God the race renews!

JAMES BUCKHAM, in Harper's Bazar.

A GRATIFYING SURPLUS.

It appears by the last census that there are fifty thousand more women than men in the state of New York. Thoughtless or inaccurate persons might say that New York had fifty thousand superfluous women, or fifty thousand women to spare, but neither of these modes at all expresses the condition of the state. Possibly the state has some superfluous women whom she can spare, but that does not appear in the statement of the census, nor does it follow naturally or by compulsion upon the fact that she has fifty thousand more women than men. Years ago, when New York was one of the "Middle States," we who live in it were wont to read with something like consternation of the disparity in numbers between men and women in Massachusetts. We felt called upon to bewail the lot of the thousands of maids in that commonwealth, for whom in the penuriousness of nature no yoke-fellows had been provided. We were sorry for a state in which such conditions could obtain. We were sorry for so many women necessarily unhusbanded. We wondered who would support them, and rather pitied the Massachusetts men—what there were of them—for having so considerable a burden put on their shoulders. Are any such sentiments entertained to-day about the fifty thousand unmarried women in New York? Is any one sorry for New York because of this discrepancy? Perhaps so. There are always people who laugh in the wrong place, and mischance their lamentations with the same obtuseness. But certainly nobody ought to feel sorry for New York, and no truly sensible people do feel so. Fifty thousand extra men in the state might be fifty thousand men too many, and people might fidget with some reason over such a preponderance of males. States wherein there are many extra men are not very comfortable to live in; every one knows that. But a state which sees all its men provided for and has fifty thousand women left over is felt nowadays to be in a condition of comfort as to the present and of hopefulness as to the future. An accumulation of women is regarded with complacency, as an accumulation of capital might be, and confidence is felt that neither one will be allowed to rest idle.

Single women, especially those who are in some measure confirmed in their singularity, have come to be so very handy as to seem practically indispensable to comfort or progress. In all walks of life, as housemaids, shop-girls, typewriters, cashiers, trained nurses, school-teachers, or reformers, they are a luxury and a blessing. They have a peculiar value in being the freest class of adults that exists in America. They do not earn as much money as their fellowmen, but as a compensation they enjoy increased freedom.—Harper's Weekly.

ONE LONG, LINGERING LOOK.

They were holding the west-bound express at Reno for the east-bound to pass, and after a while a rough-looking character came sauntering into the waiting room and asked of the ticket agent:
"Wall, how long afore this train leaves?"
"Can't tell," was the curt reply.
The man went away, but in the course of half an hour he returned to inquire:
"Heard anythin' yit?"
"No."
"Can't you tell when this train will pull out?"
"No, sir! If you are here when the train goes you can go with it. It's no use coming here to bother me."
"I don't want to bother you nor nobody else," slowly replied the questioner, "but mebbe you don't understand how I'm fixed. I'm Prairie Sam's partner."
"Well?"
"Sam got into a lettle shootin' scrape up town this forenoon."
"Yes."
"And about an hour ago the boys turned out and pulled Sam up to a limb."
"Did, eh? I hadn't heard of that. Why didn't they pull you up with him?"
"The blamed limb wasn't stout 'nuff to hold the both of us, and they was too tired to hunt for another. They gim me two hours to leave town in. One of the hours has gone, and I'm kinder anxious about the other. I kin buy a horse and ride out if that train won't be here in time, but I'd a heap rayther take the kyars. I don't want to bother you, but under the sarcumstances—"
"I see. "Well, the train'll be here in half an hour."
"Good. That gives me thirty minits to play on, and I won't look fur a hoss. Nice weather, this?"
"Beautiful weather for a lynching-bee!"
"Of course. That's what I meant. I'll just step up and take one long, lingerin' look at Sam, and then ketch the train!"—Detroit Free Press.

Old Lady (anxiously)—"Does this train stop at Liverpool?" Guard—"Well, if it don't, ma'am, you will see the biggest smashup you ever heard of."

From LaGrippe.

How Dr. Miles' Nervine Restored One of Kentucky's Business Men to Health.

NO DISEASE has ever presented so many peculiarities as LaGrippe. No disease leaves its victims so debilitated, useless, sleepless, nerveless, as LaGrippe.
Mr. D. W. Hilton, state agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Kentucky, says:
"In 1889 and '90 I had two severe attacks of LaGrippe, the last one attacking my nervous system with such severity that my life was despaired of. I had not slept for more than two months except by the use of narcotics that stupefied me, but gave me no rest. I was only conscious of intense mental weakness, agonizing bodily pain and the fact that I was hourly growing weaker.
When in this condition, I commenced using Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine. In two days I began to improve and in one month's time I was cured, much to the surprise of all who knew of my condition. I have been in excellent health since and have recommended your remedies to many of my friends."
Louisville, Jan. 22, 1895. D. W. HILTON.
Dr. Miles' Nervine Restores Health.

AN IDYL OF "SINKIN' MOUNT'IN."

By HARRY STILLWELL EDWARDS.

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CHAPTER I.

Ezekiel Obadiah Sykes leaned over the tumble down split picket fence that had once kept the pigs and chickens from his mother's humble flower garden and gazed fixedly at the mountain before him. His was not a striking figure, being lank and somewhat round shouldered. It was not even picturesque. A pair of worn jean trousers covered his lower limbs and were held in place by knit "galluses," which crossed the back of his cotton shirt exactly in the middle and disappeared over his shoulders in well defined grooves. A stained and battered wool hat hung like a bell over his head, which rested by his chin upon a red, rough hand. The face was half covered by a reddish brown beard, the first of his budding manhood.

The sun had just sunk beyond the mountain, and in the great shadow that crept across the single field of starving corn and the tobacco patch deepened into twilight, and still the young man rested on the picket fence. Occasionally he would eject into the half defined road, which came around one side of the mountain and disappeared around the other, a stream of tobacco juice and pensively watch it as it lined the gravel and vanished into the soil with something like a human gasp. Once he lifted a bare foot and with a prolonged effort scratched with its horny toes the calf of the supporting leg. But by no motion did he dissipate the air of listlessness and despondency that hung about him.

Fortune had not smiled upon the Sykes family for many moons. There were no pigs to disturb the flower garden overrun with prince's feathers, bachelor's buttons, four o'clocks, old maids and sunflowers, and the dismounted gate leaned restfully against the post on which it had once hung. Somehow everything in the neighborhood of the Sykes cottage seemed inclined to lean toward something else. The cow was long gone, and the tiny little boarded shed, which straddled the sparkling spring branch near at hand and served once as a dairy, was lurching toward the hillside.

Near the staggering fence was a bench that had settled back against it, thrusting its legs well to the front, and there once nestled a score of beehives, but none remained, and only the great yellow and maroon butterflies that floated down the valley and the bumblebees revelled in the honey flowers. Perhaps the influence of these facts weighed upon the young man's mind and cast a shadow darker than the mountain's. Certainly as he leaned silently over the picket he was in harmony with the surroundings.

A girl came out into the twilight of the little porch, where vines were clambering pellmell up a rough trellis of peeled rods, and carefully poured water from a gourd into a dozen tiny pots along the edge. The pots consisted of gourds and of tin cans that had been brought home by Ezekiel from the refuse of the great hotels at The Falls, 10 miles or more away. But they answered her purposes well, only they presented a somewhat incongruous appearance, for on several from which bloomed lovely geraniums—cuttings secured by Ezekiel from character studying ladies at the same hotels—flamed great red tomatoes, and where little sprigs of coleus beamed in the shadow shone also phenomenal asparagus and the violent hued lobster. The dress of the girl was a well worn neat checked homespun, and at the throat was a bit of faded ribbon.

"D'rindy, yuh seen Ezekiel?" An elderly woman in homespun of the same design as the girl's stood in the doorway that led from the kitchen upon the porch, holding a coffeepot in hand.

"No, ma'am. Zeke! Oh-h-h-h, Zeke!" The girl lifted her head and sung out the same until the mountain and the valley gave it back again and again.

"What yuh warnt, D'rindy?" The voice came from so close at hand in the gathering shadows as to startle her.

"Well, I d'clar' ter goodness 'sakes, Ezekiel, what yuh doin out thar?"

"Nuth'n." The reply was low and careless.

"Come in an git yuh vuttuls."

"Don't warnt nuth'n, ma. Yuh all eat."

The woman looked out at the lone figure for a moment, then went in, and presently the girl thoughtfully followed. At the table, upon which was a pone of cornbread, a pot of weak coffee and a hatless pitcher of molasses, the elder said:

"I'm 'feered Ezekiel ar' ailin. Las' night he wouldn't tech vittuls, an hit ain't no better ternight."

"Suthin's pesterin 'im," Dorinda said simply; "er-pesterin es mind." An old man sat next to her and shook his head.

"All liers, all liers!" he muttered. He was evidently very deaf, and there was not a hair on his head, which was sunken between his shoulders. "Thar war'n't nair' still!" The women paid no attention to his mutterings, and presently finishing his sop he wiped his fingers upon his hips and shuffled into the corner of the fireplace, where he mumbled to himself awhile and then fell asleep.

"Yes, suthin's pesterin 'im," said the old woman after a pause. "Ezekiel ain't like essef." The girl rested her elbows on the table and watched her companion absently. Presently she said abruptly:

"Aun' Betsey, you rek'n Zeke hain't still er-frettin 'bout Sal Boler gittin j'ined ter 'er feller?"

"Maybe so. But I reck'n hard times got more ter do 'ith it. Ezekiel don't see no chance ahead now." She sighed, but added, as if to counteract its effect: "Not that I'm distrustin. Th' Lord'll pervide. He allus pervides fur them as leans on 'im." Dorinda looked wistfully up into the face of her aging companion and was silent. Presently she rose and washed the few dishes, placing them upon their shelf. A few deft touches restored the room to its usual scrupulously neat condition.

Returning the coffeepot to the hearth again and the remaining bread to the spider for "Zeke," as she had always called him, in defiance of his mother's example, she went quietly to her little shedroom at the end of the porch and sat down to think. She was Dorinda Maddox, not Sykes, the daughter of a poor woman down the valley who died in the arms of Mrs. Sykes five years before, leaving nothing she might call her own but this one lonely child. Her father and her brother had been killed in a fight with revenue officers, and the hairless, daveling old man within the kitchen had suffered two years of imprisonment, for the blood shed had not all been on one side. She had come into this household to share its increasing burdens and diminishing income, but not to eat the bread of idleness. Never had mother a tenderer daughter, never an orphan a better mother. Zeke had been her one playmate and protector, and the little room, built when she grew older, was the result of his rough carpentry.

"I wunner ef he es er-frettin 'bout Sal Boler gittin j'ined?" she asked herself. The romance was familiar to her in all its parts from the day when Ezekiel was smitten until faithless Sal wedded a stranger from beyond the mountain and he sunk back into despair and silence. She stood up before a little fragment of glass and looked at herself. It was a tiny room indeed, but marvelous in its appointments. The bare boards were frescoed with autumn leaves, their tints making a glory in the half lit place. Clusters of chestnut burs garnished with them hung around, and here and there, in scraped cow horns thrust into crevices, were tucked great bunches of ferns and scarlet berries and goldenrod.

A half dozen cheap prints cut from periodicals picked up at The Falls filled the waste places, and festoons of bead corn linked them together. But just above her glass was a cheap photograph of Zeke, taken years before in the mountains by a straggling photographer whom he had guided, representing him, as he had seen the romantic tourist,

"Nuthin."

posing in the shadow of a rock, his hat in one hand, and the other, for want of a coat, thrust into his half open shirt front—a barefooted mountain boy whose honest eyes looked straight into hers. This had been, from the day Ezekiel brought it home, the treasure of her girlhood.

The frame about it was like no other in the world. It was of mica, made of sheets larger than any man's hand, and upon their surface with a needle she had traced ferns, butterflies, flowers and leaves, rubbing soot into the lines to make the figures stand forth. This was her gem, and once a traveling artist who gazed upon it said that it was wonderfully true to nature and offered to buy it. He might as well have bartered for her eyes. The little room held only her couch, a rude chest, a splint rocker and a stool—all Zeke's work—a brownstone bowl and a great jug shaped gourd, which served her for a pitcher.

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

COMING EVENTS.

May 13.—Anasaguntcook Sunday School Conference, East Hebron.
May 22.—Field day of the Interscholastic Athletic Association, Riverside Park, Bethel.
May 26.—West Oxford Sunday School Association, Lovell Centre.
May 29-30.—Meeting of Oxford County Teachers' Association, Bethel.
June 2.—Republican Gubernatorial State Convention, Bangor.
June 2.—Oxford Pomona Grange, Rumford Falls.
June 2-3.—Oxford Congregational Conference, Oxford.
June 2-4.—Universalist State Convention, Auburn.
June 4.—East Oxford Local Union, Y. P. S. C. E., Oxford.
June 10.—Centennial Celebration, Bethel.
June 11.—Hearing of state assessors on wild lands, Rumford Falls.
June 11-12.—Union Conference of Congregational Churches, Albany.
June 16, 17.—Oxford Universalist Association, Paris Hill.
June 17.—Hearing by Appeal Committee in the "Number Four Hill" road matter, South Paris.
June 17.—Democratic state convention, Portland.
June 23.—Republican County Convention, South Paris.
Aug. 17-21.—New England Fair, Rigby Park.
Aug. 29-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 Million for Sight.
Blue Store.
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Seed Time is at Hand.
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Attention Farmers.

A Republican State Convention

—WILL BE HELD IN—

CITY HALL, BANGOR,

TUESDAY, JUNE 2nd, 1896,

At 2 o'clock P. M.,

for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor to be supported at the September election, 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 residents of the county in which the vacancy exists.

The State Committee will be in session in the reception room of the hall at one o'clock, P. M. on the day of the Convention for the purpose of receiving the credentials of delegates. Delegates in order to participate in the Convention, must be elected subsequent to the date of the call for this convention.

We invite all Republicans and all electors of Maine, without regard to past political differences, who are in favor of restoring and maintaining a protective tariff, who are opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver, except by international agreement, and until such agreement can be obtained, believe that the present gold standard should be maintained, who believe in free popular education; in the promotion of the cause of temperance; in just and equal taxation; in the restriction of immigration; in a just administration of all pension legislation; in what ever legislation will restore American shipping to its former rank in the world, in the preservation of National honor at home and abroad; in an economical and efficient administration of State affairs, to unite with the Republicans in the selection of delegates to this Convention.

Per order, Republican State Committee.

J. H. MANLEY, Chairman.

BYRON BOYD, Secretary.

Augusta, Maine, April 21st, 1896.

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 candiates 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 75 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,	1
Byron,	1	Roxbury,	1
Canton,	3	Rumford,	4
Denmark,	1	Stoneham,	2
Dixfield,	3	Stow,	1
Fryeburg,	3	Sumner,	3
Gilead,	1	Swelen,	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

HERE AND THERE.

The resignation of Chief Consul Hichborn of the Maine Division, L. A. W., seems to lack dignity. Mr. Hichborn had made an earnest effort to have the date of the wheelmen's meet changed from Memorial Day to the second Saturday in June. It was a laudable endeavor, and it is a pity it did not succeed; but it was defeated, whereupon Mr. Hichborn resigned. When he accepted the office, he understood that Memorial Day was the established date for the meet. Wouldn't it have been better if he had retained his office and continued his agitation of the proposed change?

There is a question whether the liar's belt belongs to Holmes, the multi-murderer, who has spent his time for several weeks lying about his murders, or to young Horace Vinal of Winterport, who has told so many different stories about that poisoning affair that he can't remember them all.

Present indications are that Judge Woodbury is right, and that McKinley will be the next president of the United States. While we would have liked to see a president by the name of Thomas B. Reed—and it is by no means certain that we shall not—no true Republican can find any fault with the nomination of William McKinley.

The silence regarding a candidate for president to be sacrificed by the Democratic party, grows denser every day.

OBITUARY.

Died, in Cornish, March 29th, of quick consumption, Mrs. Zilpha Durgin, wife of Austin N. Durgin, aged 54 years, 6 months, 26 days. She was a daughter of the late Capt. Samuel and Mrs. Jane I. Wadsworth of Hiram. An acquaintance of forty years enables me to say that I have never known a person more pure, peaceable and blameless. Her home life was a model, and upon its altar all her powers and her holiest affections were consecrated; and her quiet, gentle, lovable nature was an inspiration to her many friends who receive with sadness the tidings of her death. Her departure was calm and tranquil, and she passed into the dark valley cheered by a fadeless faith in the Christian religion. Sweeter than the beautiful wreath that graced her casket, is the tender tribute of her bereaved husband: that she had never spoken an unpleasant word to him, or in his presence, during their married life of twenty-one years.

"Rest, loved one, rest,
For the beat of thy loving heart is still."

LLEWELLYN A. WADSWORTH.

Hiram, May 6th, 1896.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

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

PARIS HILL.

First Baptist Church, Rev. H. A. Roberts, Pastor. 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.

Mrs. S. C. Heald and Miss Amy Heald of East Sumner have been at Mr. Park's for a few days. Miss Heald will remain a few weeks and assist Mr. Park about some work in connection with the re-arrangement of the files in the probate office.

During the caucus Saturday afternoon J. F. King's horse made something of a sensation around the square, and brought up in W. H. Cummings' stable. The carriage was pretty nearly a wreck.

Miss Ione Harlow of Dixfield is visiting relatives here.

Mr. Lewis M. Brown and family are expected to arrive during the present week, and open the Old Brick for the summer.

About sixteen couples attended the dance at the hall Friday night.

While S. M. King and family were on their way to church Sunday, they saw a doe feeding in Mr. King's orchard. She was within two rods of the road, and manifested very little fear of them.

The community was shocked Sunday forenoon to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Kate W. Willis from neuralgia of the heart. She had not been ill enough to require the attendance of a physician until the preceding afternoon. Mrs Willis was the widow of the late George D. Willis, and the youngest child of Stephen D. Hutchinson, with whom she and her daughters have made their home since the death of Mr. Willis. She leaves one daughter, Winifred A., the younger daughter, Mildred F., having died a few months since. Within a year Mr. Hutchinson has lost by death a son, a daughter, a granddaughter, and a great-grandchild. Mrs. Willis' funeral will be held at the house at 2 P. M. Tuesday.

The work of painting the outside of the Universalist church is well along.

For the next two Sundays the pulpit of the Universalist church will be occupied by Rev. E. W. Pierce of West Concord, Vt., who comes as a candidate.

Miss Harriet Twitchell, who has spent the winter with her nephew in Massachusetts, has returned to Paris.

Along the last of the afternoon Sunday most of the able-bodied men and boys turned out to fight fire in the woods by the river. The fire, which started on the west side of the river, was carried by the strong wind across the river, through the woods to the road and across the road, at its highest point getting into the grass in Wallace Cummings' field. It burned over quite a part of Cummings' wood lot and burned up twenty or thirty rods of his board fence. A couple of hours of hard work checked its progress, and about that time the shower began to get in its work, and there was no further danger.

WHITTEMORE DISTRICT.

Wm. E. Cooper has treated his house to a new coat of paint.

Levi and Sidney Thayer and W. H. Cole each set a hitching post at the school house May 1st, and we hope others in the district may follow suit, as more are needed to protect the trees.

Charles Tucker has hired out to James Whittemore for the season.

Since the interment of her husband's remains, Mrs. J. S. Drake has had the cemetery graded and re-seeded.

Charles Colby has fitted up a team and gone into the fish business. He reports good sales.

James Whittemore bought a Holstein and Jersey cow of Cyrus Ripley.

Dr. Packard visited our school May 6.

Herbert Scribner was through here this week picking up veal calves.

Augustus Bonney, an old resident of this district now living at Buckfield, died May 6th.

Mrs. Etta, wife of Peter Eastman, died May 6th, of consumption.

O. M. Bowker and Henry Cole are putting their horses together and doing a good business plowing.

Good cows are quite plenty in this vicinity.

GREENWOOD.

The second run of sap closed last Saturday, when the last bucket was brought in. Sixty odd trees were tapped, and twenty-four gallons of syrup made.

The much needed rain came Tuesday afternoon, and already vegetation looks greener in consequence.

We have not seen a tree girdled by the mice, and but very little of their road-making last winter. Probably they have given the latter business into the hands of the city editors who propose to have good roads throughout the country, no matter how hilly, by covering them with pounded granite. Well might John exclaim: "The idea!" When they get one town roaded up in that way, then may I be there to see it, and learn the cost of building it.

Eight months ago a boy baby came into the family of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Bryant, and a day or two ago the writer saw it for the first time. He is a fine little fellow, and would be hard to beat, even in a world's baby show.

Rev. Mr. Hunt is with us again, and Sunday afternoon gave us an interesting discourse on the characteristics of the apostle Peter. There is a meeting in the chapel at 3 o'clock every Sabbath, and a Sabbath School an hour later. All are invited.

The school in the Bryant District, and also at the City, commenced last Monday; the former taught by Fannie Cross of Bethel, and the latter by Fannie Brooks. Nora Thomas will teach at the Centre, her school to commence next Monday.

We received an interesting letter from D. O. Davis of Minnesota last week. He says that times are still hard there, and if he does not sell out soon, he is liable to come East without selling, leaving his farm for some one to dispose of. He gives a few prices of provisions as follows: Wheat 49 cents; oats 12 1-2; corn 20; potatoes 0; butter 8; eggs 8; beef oxen, live weight, 3 1-2.

EAST BETHEL.

Mrs. Bradbury of Paris visited this place with a full line of millinery Thursday, May 7th.

Mrs. Porter Farwell entertained Middle Intervale circle last Thursday.

Arthur Tracy, our new stage driver, has moved his family to Hanover village, where he will make his home.

Bertie Bartlett has gone to Berlin, N. H., to work for the Berlin Mills Co.

Charles Swan goes to South Boston May 9th to work for the summer.

Porter Farwell has recently purchased a matched pair of gray colts, and now drives a handsome span. He has also purchased four nice cows and a horse of O. E. Twitchell. He now has a handsome herd of cows which number about thirty.

WILSON'S MILLS.

F. A. Flint's teams, Fred Taylor with one team and R. S. Bean the same, are hauling logs from the woods and fields for the R. F. P. Co. The sudden rise of water carried a large number of them in shore, and they did not have crew sufficient to get them out before the water fell.

Peter Littlehale has been painting Fred Taylor's house.

R. S. Bean is now at home. He has been at work for P. C. Ripley.

Mrs. Tina Bean spent the day with Mrs. B. N. Storey.

FRYEBURG CENTRE.

Schools commence Monday.

Farmers are busy farming.

Mr. David Bradley and wife are visiting in Portland.

Edison has been heralded throughout the land as the greatest inventor and electrician in the world. But his works are comparatively nothing compared with an invention lately completed by a rising young farmer from the west who has settled in this place. His invention consists of a four-wheeled tip cart, which separates automatically in case the horse gets frightened and runs away. We understand he has applied for a patent.

C. H. Day is in Boston this week.

Chan Buzzell shot a goose last week that weighed 9 1-2 lbs.

FRYEBURG.

"A Bibliography of the State of Maine from the Earliest Period to 1891," compiled by Judge Joseph Williamson of Belfast, and which has just issued from the press, in two large volumes contains several bibliographical facts of special interest to the people of this town. Copies of each of the two editions of Rev. Thomas Symmes's volume containing his sermon on and account of Lovewell's fight (published in 1725) are very scarce, a perfect copy of the second edition having been sold for $175. Copies of the history of the fight which Elijah Russell published here in 1799 are also extremely rare; in fact, all the copies of it known to exist are fragmentary, and from all of them it would be impossible to form one complete copy. No copy of it containing the title-page can be found. Copies of the history of the fight published at Portland in 1818 by A. & J. Shirley are also very scarce. It is also impossible to find a copy of the 4th of July oration which was pronounced here in 1798 by John Burnham.

SOUTHEAST BUCKFIELD.

Oh, don't ask me! Look at the school laws! The subject has been buffeted about so much of late in the pure airs of Buckfield that we are dizzy and disgusted. Law and Gospel are obsolete terms down here. We are a law unto ourselves and we obey not the gospel. To keep on good terms with the best society we must hold our "yawp," but we are one of the yawping kind when there is an evident crowding over the line, and a pushing with the horns. There are several who don't love us any more because of that calm and considerate piece of literature that we sent to the Rumford Falls Times. They even go so far as to call it impudent in the extreme, when we were flattering ourself that we were keeping within bounds, and were drawing it mild. Well, we must rub along without their esteem as best we can, but it isn't pleasant.

And now can you tell me for what reason the state, that is so flush with money, should withold any part of it from little, short-legged scholars and the middle-sized scholars, and give it all to those who are old enough to work out their own salvation? I suppose it is all right. And I suppose it is all right, if you, as a farmer with eggs and butter to sell, and having a regular customer that you cannot fully supply, purchase of a neighbor to meet the demand, that you get yourself into the net of the law. Probably next you will have no regular customer unless you are ordained. And pretty soon you cannot belch wind without a special permit from the town clerk. Hamilton claimed it would be a fine thing to be able to exclaim "I am an American citizen!" I wonder if he would modify it now and write it Hottentot?

Not long since I was at the town farm and was much pleased with the improvements that have been made there since Mr. Andrews took possession—more needed improvements than have been made since we had a farm. I see no reason why the farm need not be self-sustaining when the "good time coming" comes, if it ever does come.

I found an old paper among the papers that have been in the family longer than I have, where a man by the name of Chandler deeded a certain piece of land to my grandfather, Thomas Irish. It bears the date of May, 1796. There my father was born, and there his children were born. Mr. Gerrish tills the soil and gathers the fruit there now.

I came across another ancient document down by the river the other day in the form of a turtle. The letters cut in his shell were B. H. B. and the date was 1811. Who did the cutting that uncommunicative creature will carry a secret to the grave. He wouldn't tell me, and I couldn't guess.

Niece Mabel is teaching in northwestern Massachusetts.

A Bates college student teaches the advanced school in the village. Miss Crockett and Miss Prince the other two.

JOHN.

BROWNFIELD.

Mr. Luther Rogers of West Brownfield lost the sight of one eye, and the sight of the other has lately become much impaired, and he went to Portland Saturday for treatment.

Mr. Alexander McLucas has moved into the Howard Moulton house.

The bridge near the red mill will soon be completed.

Mr. James Rogers, while working on the bridge, was very badly hurt by the falling of one of the timbers, nearly crushing him, but it is thought he will recover.

Mr. Benjamin Rowe of Brooks is visiting at William Rowe's.

Schools commenced in the village Monday.

Miss Josie Mansfield of North Fryeburg is visiting Mrs. Fred Thayer.

Mrs. Eastman and family have moved to Danbury, N. H.

NEWRY.

SUNDAY RIVER.

We are having warm days, but cold nights.

The sheep are glad to get rid of their coats.

Orrin Littlehale is at home from Boston, where he has worked the past winter.

Julian Stowe is the happy father of a fine boy.

Herbert Kendall and Loren Trask are throwing their pulp wood into the river.

Margaret Spinney is very sick. She is with her sister, Mrs. Kendall.

Not much planting done yet. The land is wet.

Mayflowers are scarce, but Maybaskets plenty.

NORWAY LAKE.

Mrs. James Dunham died quite suddenly Tuesday of heart disease. Mr. Dunham is very sick.

J. A. Keene and wife are quite feeble, and have been since their severe sickness in the winter.

Bessie Towne is teaching the school here, and there are quite a large number of scholars this summer.

The L. S. C. will meet with Mrs. C. A. Stephens the 22d of May.

Mrs. Winnie Hall and Ralph Flood attended the funeral of Mrs. James Dunham Thursday.

NORTH LOVELL.

Solomon Wilson, Esq., of North Lovell, is visiting friends in Gorham, N. H.

Miss Linnie McKeen of West Stoneham is married, and will move to the home of her husband in Bridgton.

Miss Blanche Adams of Norway high school is teaching in North Stoneham.

HEBRON.

Judge Bonney was in the place over Sunday.

A. M. Richardson is in Portland this week.

Rev. S. D. Richardson was called to Oxford to attend the funeral of Mrs. Samuel Bumpus Friday.

H. K. Stearns is having the underpinning for his new stable put in this week.

Summer schools are in session. Miss Agnes Bearce is teaching in No. 8, Miss Jennie Packard in the Academy District, and Mrs. Fred Marshall in the Centre. Miss Edith Greenwood will teach in the Cobb District.

Strawberries, yellow and white violets and Benjamins are in bloom. Wild cherries and wild pears will soon be out.

H. A. Cushman went to Minot Centre Thursday evening to conduct an old folks' concert.

OXFORD.

Miss Clara Carlton of Portland is visiting friends here. Miss Carlton is the daughter of the late Rev. Isaac Carlton, at one time pastor of the Congregational church in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Starbird have gone to housekeeping in the Tewksbury house.

Mrs. Holt of Turner is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Eaton.

Mrs. Bumpus, wife of the late Samuel Bumpus, died on Wednesday, May 6.

The grounds around the school house will be graded, and walks laid out.

The case of Wardwell vs. Robinson M'f'g Co. opened on Tuesday. The judge, jury and counsel came in the barge from Paris to Oxford Wednesday to view the premises.

The Oxford County Conference of Congregational Churches will be held at Oxford June 2d and 3d.

Mr. Noble, firm of Noble & Crockett, and wife, of Lewiston, visited C. T. Wardwell on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Varley and wife have been spending the week in Wilton.

MEXICO.

Runners Graffam, Tillson, P. G. Lary's man and Penley put in an early appearance last week.

Chas. Goff is visiting his brother Sewell.

Sebastian Vose and wife from Skowhegan were here last week.

David Leavitt, who has been absent all winter, has returned.

Geo. W. Ridlon is making many improvements on the Bennett house.

Bert Small has returned and finds a home at H. W. Park's.

The Maybasket fad is on.

Every one has commenced farm work who has farm work to do, and are on the rush.

Several of our townsmen are delivering fruit trees sent here from Chase's nurseries.

We receive Boston Sunday papers about noon every Sabbath.

Seekers for rents are numerous—rents are few.

Fred Porter has men at work on the school house near his residence, and is making it a dwelling. David Noble, section boss, is to occupy it when completed.

John N. Bradeen works on the lower section of the Rangeley Railroad.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Rev. A. K. Bryant of West Paris was in this place last Tuesday.

Charlie Tebbets has been to Auburn on a visit.

Will Cooledge has been sick, but is better at this writing.

L. P. Bryant went to West Paris last Thursday.

George Waterhouse of Gorham, N. H., was in town Friday.

Bertha Bryant of West Paris visited at L. P. Bryant's last week.

Lizzie Flint has been away on a short vacation.

Mrs. Demond has returned from Concord, N. H., where she has been the past winter.

Azel Bryant has made quite a lot of repairs on his house this spring. He has built a piazza on front of the ell, which adds a great deal to the looks of his place.

Mrs. Clara Morton, *nee* Clara Ripley, died in Boston Saturday, May 3d. Her remains were brought to Walker's Mills for burial.

Many of the people here met at the home of Rev. Mr. Bounds Wednesday evening, and gave him a reception. Ice cream and cake were served, and all pronounced it a very pleasant occasion.

EAST HEBRON.

Mr. Henry Reckards died at his home the 3d inst. Rev. W. L. Bradeen attended the funeral.

The younger members of East Hebron Grange will play the popular drama entitled Brac, the Poor House Girl, Tuesday evening, May 19. Refreshments will be served, the proceeds for the benefit of the Grange library.

Farmers are rushing their spring work.

Daniel and Frank Keene are running the Hebron road machine.

C. S. Keene lost a valuable cow recently.

Several farmers have planted their potatoes, peas and early vegetables.

Plowing and fencing occupies nearly all the time at present of those who have labor on the farm.

Henry Record passed away the 3d. He leaves a wife, three young children, and an aged father, with whom he lived.

Two photographers were in the place last week taking views of the buildings, but found but very few purchasers. They did fine work.

The ladies are preparing for Sunday School convention next Wednesday, the 13th.

Rena Pierce is quite sick from the effects of the grippe. Her hearing is quite badly affected at present.

Hiram and Charles Keene are operating the road machine in this vicinity at the present time.

The many friends of Mrs. W. H. Berry were much pleased to welcome her at church last Sabbath, as she has been sick and unable to attend meeting for the past year.

A. M. Richardson came to this part of the town last Thursday to license the dogs.

SOUTH HIRAM.

Frank Stearns was in town over Sunday.

Mrs. Cora Weeks and daughter Agnes went to Boston Monday.

E. R. Chellis has purchased Maine Duroc.

A game of ball was played Saturday between the Kezar Falls nine and the North Parsonsfield club. Score 15 to 16 in favor of Kezar Falls.

NORTHWEST BETHEL.

Miss Brownie Stearns had the misfortune to burn her foot badly by spilling boiling water on it, the 4th.

Seth and Ed Mason are working for Irving Wilson, putting finish on to his barn, recently purchased of H. B. Chapman.

James Tyler went to Groveton on a visit to his brother, Dr. John Tyler, this week.

Harold Chapman's youngest son, Ruel, is very ill threatened with inflammation of the bowels.

S. S. Bennett came and got his horse Tony, recently, which has been at Mrs. S. K. Bennett's for some weeks. He has just purchased a very handsome wagon.

EAST SUMNER.

Cold and dry, say the weather-wise.

On Thursday morning plowed ground was frozen one-half inch in depth.

Nursery stock men are delivering trees.

Frogs and phosphate are abundant.

Calvin Harden, a well-known resident of Sumner, was buried on Thursday.

Mrs. Florence Keen has been quite sick from ivy poisoning on her face.

Dr. J. B. Robinson has returned from a trip to Boston.

Friends of Mrs. Murray will be glad to hear that she has so far recovered as to give promise of a return ere long to her home at East Sumner.

Wes. Briggs is away for a short time in Massachusetts.

Charles Bonney is building an extension to his barn.

But little planting done as yet.

There will be quite an amount of sweet corn planted for the Minot Packing Company.

ROXBURY.

Henry Keenan, with Mr. Locke as guide, is looking over the spruce timber on the Berlin Mills Co.'s land, with a view to logging next winter. He did a good job for the same company the past winter in township Letter D.

L. H. Reed and Swain & Reed shut down their mills Wednesday afternoon and gave the men a chance to go by special train to the show at Lewiston.

All the officers of the Sunday School at Frye are women. May Heaven bless them.

There is now considerable travel although the roads are in poor condition.

Mr. Chapman is called to South Paris to his little son Ray, who has met with a sad accident—a broken leg, and very badly broken, it is said.

WEST BETHEL.

Mrs. Stearns of Monroe, who has been visiting her mother in this place, returns home this Friday morning. Her mother, Mrs. Nelson Wilbur, has recovered from her late illness, but looks rather poorly as yet.

Leon Tyler has been appointed highway surveyor for the West Bethel district.

Farmers are generally engaged plowing and seeding their ground.

Cows are in good demand. A man from Gorham, N. H., was in the place a few days ago buying, but found but two that he could buy.

Roy Brackett has an 18-months-old Jersey heifer that has a calf about a week old.

A. S. Bean is well along with his drive of spruce for pulp.

Our school is progressing finely.

SUMNER HILL.

School commenced here Monday, the 27th, Alice Davenport teacher.

Amelia Bisbee teaches in District No. 8, Sadie Heald in No. 9, Fannie Sewall in No. 10.

Wilson Morrill has hired out for the season to Lennie Merrill.

S. G. Barrett has bought him a two-year-old Jersey of John Robinson.

George Morrill is canvassing for nursery stock for Homer Chase.

BETHEL.

Last Monday evening the Bethel Library Association held its annual meeting and elected the following officers:

President, Mrs. O. M. Mason.
Vice-President, Mrs. A. E. Herrick.
Secretary, Miss Annie Frye.
Treasurer, Mrs. Ceylon Rowe.
Trustees, Miss Phebe Buxton, Mrs. F. S. Chandler, Miss Alice Purington, Rev. F. E. Barton, Mr. A. M. True, Mr. Herbert C. Rowe.
Librarian, Mrs. L. T. Barker.

The secretary, Miss Annie Frye, gave a very interesting report in which she paid a tender and loving tribute to the memory of Miss Cora Burnham, who served the library so faithfully for several years. The secretary made the following report which showed the library to be in a very prosperous condition. 3258 books were taken out by library members during the past year, and 220 by transients, 71 more than the previous year. The library now contains 1610 catalogued volumes and a good number of miscellaneous reports beside. The income from loan of books has been $71.33. The bills have all been promptly met and $130 remain in the treasury. The friends of the library have reason to take courage and labor on, for it has grown from the very least to its present usefulness, through the efforts of those who from the first have been its strong supporters. It is not ideal yet, but its friends see a bright future before it.

Tuesday afternoon the W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Chandler.

Thursday afternoon the Ladies' Club held a very interesting and profitable meeting at the home of Mrs. A. E. Herrick.

Judge Woodbury was at South Paris Tuesday evening and Wednesday, and was among the speakers at the temperance meeting.

Pomona Grange met at Bethel last Tuesday. An unusually fine program was carried out and all pronounced it enjoyable and helpful.

Odeon Hall was well filled to witness the drama Shamrock and Rose, which local talent has been preparing for some time. Every part was well sustained and was a success.

NORTH PARIS.

Wallace Andrews has been stopping at his father's for a few days. Mr. Turner, also of Portland, who is agent of the New York Equitable Life Insurance Company, came with him.

Edgar Townsend has got moved on to the Benson farm.

Mrs. Diantha Fuller's sister is to stay with her this summer.

Our brook is lined with men and boys after suckers. With our railroad and other improvements coming it is proposed to have the brook wired for electric lights next spring.

Charles Churchill sold two cows to Herbert Scribner of Paris Hill May 6th.

A good rain is much needed to start the feed in the pastures.

There were about 75 people at the flag raising at the Tuell school house Friday, May 8, including Rev. Mr. Roberts, Rev. A. K. Bryant and Dr. Packard. Prayer was offered by Elder Bryant; then Miss Andrews read Mrs. Prentiss' letter of presentation and W. E. Curtis accepted the flag for the district in a short speech. Elders Roberts and Bryant and Dr. Packard made short addresses and nearly all of the scholars had pieces to recite and they all did well too. A. D. Andrews had a laughable declamation entitled "The First Selectman of Buncomeville," and Miss Andrews read a poem written by John G. Crawford appropriate to the occasion. Music was furnished by John Crawford and Perley Crawford on a violin and bass viol. A number of the company present sang America, the Star Spangled Banner, and the Red, White and Blue. Three cheers were given for the flag when it was hoisted and repeated, and also for Miss Andrews, the teacher. Altogether it was a very pleasant occasion.

HARTFORD.

Died, May 2d, Mrs. Columbus Fletcher, aged 50 years.

The line school commenced May 4th, Miss Bradeen teacher.

Arthur Purkis is repairing his house, and building a hen house.

Our parrot has laid another egg. She is 24 years old, and has laid three eggs during her lifetime.

Mrs. Munson has arrived.

Mrs. Dorcas L. Fletcher, wife of C. C. Fletcher, passed from this to a higher life May 1st, aged 55 years. She leaves a husband, daughter and grandson besides numerous other more distant relatives. She was a worthy woman respected by all. Mr. Fletcher has the sympathy of friends and neighbors in his sad bereavement. This is the fourth time that he has been called upon to part with one of his family during the last six years. First an only son, aged 22, then two daughters, all active, enterprising children, and now his companion in life, leaving but one daughter and a grandson.

A. A. Richmond and wife of Bethel are at work for M. Alley.

HIRAM.

On May 2d, the Local Union of Y. P. S. C. E. held a convention at the Congregational church. Eighty-five members, also a large audience attended forenoon, afternoon and evening. Cornish, Hiram, Sebago, Convene, Denmark, Fryeburg, Brownfield and Conway were well represented. Dinner and supper were served at Grange Hall. Able papers and addresses of an instructive and elevating nature were offered by Messrs. E. P. Barrell of Sebago, James D. Wilder, Hon. Almon Young, J. B. Pike, Esq., Geo. P. Merritt of Hiram; Rev. C. F. Sargent of Denmark; W. G. Stickney of Brownfield; Rev. C. S. Young of Fryeburg; E. A. Kaharl of Conway. Llewellyn A. Wadsworth read a poem. Solos by Miss Vesta Chadbourne and Mrs. Clifton Evans. And, of course, the women talked—well.

SWEDEN.

Died, in Sweden, May 3d, Mary Webber Chute, aged 91 years, 7 months. Mrs. Chute was the last living member of the family of Benj. Webber, Esq., one of the pioneers of our town, of which the following all lived to be settled in life: Sally, wife of Israel Kimball of Bethel; Esther, wife of Aaron Holden of Malden; Lydia, wife of Abraham Andrews of Fryeburg; John and Benjamin who lived in this vicinity; Mary, wife of Thomas Chute; and Lucinda, wife of Oliver Barnard of North Bridgton. They were a family very decided in their strong convictions of right and all filled honorable positions in life. Of Benjamin it could be said that he lived in two states, also in two towns, yet always in the same school district. The secret of which was, that at the time of his birth, Maine belonged to Massachusetts and Sweden was a part of Lovell. Mrs. Chute leaves three children, John, who lives on the homestead farm, George at North Bridgton, Susan, wife of Amos White of East Boston, all of which were present at the funeral services.

SOUTH RUMFORD.

Frank Wyman of Holbrook, Mass., made his mother, Mrs. Erastus Abbott, a flying visit last week, and called on other relatives and friends here. He represents the Davenport Suspender Company and has the agency for the New England States.

C. M. Elliott met with a painful accident recently by getting thrown from his wagon on to the wheel, and starting two ribs off. He is confined to the house and will be for some time.

Annie Martin from Rumford Point is teaching here and boards with Mrs. Harvey Neal.

Mrs. Beals is working for C. K. Cary.

M. L. Wyman bought a Jersey cow of Job Morrill, and sold two cows for beef to Joe Lovejoy, recently.

WELCHVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Hussy from Pittsfield are visiting Mrs. Hussy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bennett.

It should have read in last week's items that Miss C. Maude Stuart is teaching school on Fore Street.

RUMFORD CENTRE.

I. E. Richardson and Chas. Virgin have planted their gardens.

Frank Simpson and Charles Rowe have moved on to the J. R. Simpson farm.

Mrs. Dolloff is on the sick list.

Aaron is digging dandelion greens.

J. F. Keith has twenty wagons on hand to paint.

Bartlett & French are painting C. H. Abbott's buildings.

BUCKFIELD.

In the absence of Pastor Lawrence at the Baptist church Sunday, May 3d, Sunday School took the place of the regular service at 11 o'clock. In the afternoon there was a good attendance at the Methodist church to hear the new minister, Rev. R. A. Rich.

The annual meeting of the Buckfield Cemetery Association was held Monday, May 4th. The following officers were elected:

President, W. H. Atwood.
Vice President, A. F. Warren.
Sec. and Treas., C. H. Prince.
Executive Committee, Asa Atwood, B. Spaulding, C. S. Childs.
Sexton, G. W. Brown, Asa Atwood.

Herbert Davee, M. D., of Scituate, Mass., was the guest of Dr. W. P. Bridgham Tuesday, May 5th.

Augustus M. Bonney died quite suddenly of heart failure Wednesday, May 6th, aged 52 years. He leaves a widow and seven children.

Mrs. J. H. DeCoster, Mrs. Adrian Gammon and Carroll DeCoster were guests of I. W. Shaw May 6th.

John Towne of the Berlin Iron Bridge Co. was in town Friday, 8th inst., making specifications and contract for a new bridge in the village, to be longer and wider than the present one, which it is proposed to remove to North Buckfield.

Geo. M. Atwood of the Oxford Democrat of Paris was in town Friday.

The remains of Mrs. Mason, wife of Prof. Luther W. Mason, who died in Boston this week after a very brief illness, were brought here for interment Thursday. The funeral services were held at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Horace A. Irish at 4 P. M., Rev. G. B. Hannaford of Rumford Falls officiating. Mrs. Mason was 80 years of age, and a native of Dover, Mass. Prof. Mason and daughter, Mrs. Irish, accompanies the remains from Boston.

STREAKED MOUNTAIN.

Plaisted Whitman is attending school at Hebron Academy. He boards at home and goes down each day on the back of his fine black colt Dan. He has broken the colt to the saddle, but he is often seen riding bareback with the recklessness of a Texas cowboy.

Sardie Monk has bought him a new top buggy.

Ambrose Swan is repairing his buildings. He has bought him a pair of fancy cattle.

Fred Maxim is on the sick list.

Forrest Whitman lost a nice cow a day or two ago. It is a little hard on Forrest as only a short time ago he lost one of his horses.

Dr. Whitman has bought him a new harness.

During the past winter the little son of Mort Turner has been wearing a pair of mittens knit by his grandmother, Mrs. Lysander Monk, from yarn that her mother's mother not only spun but carded with hand cards, many, many years ago. The yarn has been kept from the ravages of the moths in some mysterious manner, and is as good and strong as when first spun by hands long mouldered into dust.

LOVELL.

The memorial services in charge of Parker Post will be held this year at the village.

Mrs. Owen C. Eastman of Bridgton has been visiting in town this week.

Cyrus Andrews, Barnes Walker and C. H. Davis, who were chosen to appraise the real estate of the town, began their work this week.

Road Commissioner J. H. Stearns began the repairs on the road this week.

Eugene W. Stanley and family have moved back to his place at No. 4 from North Chatham.

John H. Stanley and family are visiting in town.

Edwin Meserve is recovering from his recent illness.

Mrs. F. L. Pottle will teach the Slab City School, taking the place of Mrs. Will Farrington, who resigned the place on account of ill health.

Mr. Calvin Heald is quite ill, and his son, Calvin S. Heald, is at home with him.

Mr. C. H. Brown was in Portland Tuesday and Wednesday.

J. E. Farnham has given up the collecting of cream for the Bridgton Creamery, owing to other work. The cream is now gathered by Bennett McDaniels, and a team from Bridgton comes here for it.

Mrs. Eva Keniston and son are stopping at the village with her father, Mr. Salmon Cushman.

We hear that D. P. Lord is building a blacksmith shop at North Lovell.

About the same crew are with the road machine as last year. Oscar Kimball draws it with six horses. Charles Barker runs the machine, and Dana and Edgar McAllister finish up the work.

Frank L. Howe is here from Brighton, Mass., for cows or any other animal in which there is a dollar for him.

Howard Charles has quite a large stock of ox

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SOUTH PARIS.

SOUTH PARIS POST OFFICE.

Office Hours: 6:00 to 7:00 A. M., 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

Mails close: For Portland &c., 6:15 and 9:55 A. M., 2:45 P. M.; for Gorham &c., 9:17 A. M., 3:15 P. M.

Mails arrive at post office: From Portland, 6:45 A. M., 2:45 and 7:20 P. M.; from Gorham, 6:35 and 10:25 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., 3:55 and 7:10 P. M.

CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church, R. J. Haughton, Pastor. 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. T. 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 after full moon.

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

P. of H.—Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, 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.

I. O. O. F.—Second and fourth Mondays of each month.

G. U. T.—South Paris Lodge, No. 311, meets first and third Monday evenings of each month 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.

A. L. O. T. M.—Stony Brook Lodge, No. 181, meets in G. A. R. Hall first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

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

The schools took an Arbor Day recess Friday.

A. M. Gerry and Miss Ollie Gerry have been in town for a few days.

Jacob Nichols has put up a neat fence around his lot on High Street.

Stony Brook Lodge, N. E. O. P., visited Lakeside Lodge at Norway Tuesday evening.

A flock of something like fifty wild geese is reported as flying over Tuesday morning.

John P. Penley has bought the Henry Record farm on Fore Street, Oxford, and has moved on to it.

Chandler Swift has moved into Mr. Rice's rent and commenced housekeeping. He has been boarding for some time.

The fountain in Moore Park has taken off its winter overcoat, and the spring housecleaning of the grass and walks has begun.

The family of Mr. Oscar V. Whitman recently dipped off a fine three-pound trout caught by his son, Lester W. Whitman, of New Gloucester.

Conductor Morton of the Norway train is off on sick leave, taking an enforced vacation. Frank L. Mooney of West Paris is taking his place.

Master Harold Watkins and Miss Edith Watkins came from Waterville and spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Watkins.

The Echo, published by the students of the Manchester, N. H., high school, says of the South Paris High School Chronicle: "All in all the Chronicle is the best of our exchanges."

Alton Wheeler came home from Bates College last week and commences an engagement at Porter's store this week, where he will be employed during his summer vacation.

Rev. R. J. Haughton will preach a sermon Sunday evenings at the Congregational church, and all are cordially invited to be present. Last Sunday evening his text was from Hebrews 2:1.

Mr. Park's plants, a number of them, set out on the portico of the court house, add much to the appearance of the building. Two of the plants in bloom adorn the judge's desk during the session of court.

The crowds which thronged the court room in February are not in evidence this term. In the afternoons quite a number of spectators gather, but they don't flock in so as to crowd the standing room.

Judge E. W. Woodbury of Bethel made the Democrat a very pleasant call last Wednesday. The judge thinks the country and the Democrat have buildings to be proud of, and that McKinley will be the next president of the United States.

The large shoe factory safe, that has been temporarily in use at the post office, has been moved to Jaller Garland's office at the county buildings. Perhaps it can be utilized as an annex to the jail if business continues to increase in that department as it has done.

Treasurer Denison of the Paris Manufacturing Co. has bargained for a house and land of S. E. Tucker, on the Buckfield road, Western Avenue. The street which Mr. Tucker proposes to open, running directly up the hill, is the western end of Gothic Street.

Work has begun at the True flouring mill repairing the damages caused by the freshet. R. N. Hall has charge of the job, and A. W. Walker is doing the stone work. A protection wall will be built to keep the ice out from under the mill on occasions of freshet in the future.

Arrangements were made at a late day for the Norway train special to Lewiston, Wednesday evening for the Swan's Band concert, returning after the concert. A small crowd went down, though not as many as would have gone if it had been announced sooner and advertised more.

"Odd Fellows" Block has had its coat of paint, after the same color as before, and the staginga are down. The plate glass was unloaded the first of the week. Owing to the lights was so large that it took a box car for the cargo, but contrary to expectation, four men and a pair of horses were able to handle it all.

The Famous Eaglers' Minstrels, under the management of Dr. George W. Hunting, who knows how to secure the best talent in the minstrel line, are billed here for Saturday, May 16th. All may be assured of one of the finest performances this noted combination has ever given us, being new and sparkling from start to finish. In fact this entertainment is another this year. Tickets at the usual place.

The assessors of the South Paris Village Corporation have completed their assessment for the present year, and furnish the Democrat with the following statistics:

Number of polls, 346	
Resident real estate,	$284,000.00
Resident personal estate,	104,519.00
Non-resident real estate,	30,200.00
Non-resident personal estate,	4,765.00
Total valuation,	$462,504.00
Tax, 3¼ mills,	$1,734.40
346 polls, $2.00 each,	346.00
Total assessed,	$2,080.40

Now let's take right hold and have a good time and give the public library a push toward financial prosperity. Lots of fun and you should not miss it. A library benefit entertainment will be given at New Hall next Wednesday evening, when the following attractive program will be presented:

Opening Chorus from 1492.
Duet, Banjo and Guitar, H. Howe and H. W. Powers.
Song and Chorus, "Come Along, Sinners," F. A. Thayer.
Recitation, Frank L. Starbird.
Chorus, Old Oaken Bucket.
Song, Geo. A. Briggs.
Piano Duet, Mrs. Briggs and Mr. Wingate.
Song and Chorus, Hie Away, Old Satan, H. Howe.
Recitation, A. E. Morse.
Song and Chorus, Every Day'll be Sunday By and Bye, F. P. Burbank.
Duet, Trust Her Not, W. Cook and F. T. Wingate.
Medley, Our National Song, Chorus.

Mrs. Cora S. Briggs accompanist. Admission 25 and 15 cents. The chorus consists of F. A. Thayer, F. T. Wingate, Hannibal Howe, Win Cook, H. P. Denbison, F. P. Burbank, R. N. Hall and Geo. A. Briggs.

Sunday was a scorcher—up among the nineties all day.

W. E. Kenney was at home from Auburn over Sunday.

R. N. Hall is putting in a cedar hedge on the Skillings Avenue boundary of his lawn.

Hon. Geo. A. Wilson has engaged to deliver the Memorial Day address at Dixfield.

Myron and Sanger Maxim have taken the agency for the Warwick and Very bicycles.

Christian Endeavor meeting at the Congregational church Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Gary & Andrews lost a camp and a quantity of tools in the woods fire above the village Sunday.

Mr. Edward Behr of the firm of Behr Bros., piano manufacturers, of New York, was in town last week.

Sunday evening services at the Congregational church will be held at 7:30 o'clock instead of 7 until further notice.

Mrs. James Dunham of Norway Lake, who died suddenly last Tuesday, was the mother of Minot L. Whittle of this place.

Our little rain is accepted with thankfulness, and highly appreciated. We are willing to take more at the same price.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Farrar have moved back into their own house. They will take their meals at Mrs. Jackson's as before.

Hamlin Lodge will confer the third rank next Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The rank will be conferred by the long form. All Knights take notice.

George A. Wise and James Wise have gone to Somerville, Mass., to attend the funeral of their father, who died suddenly of heart failure in the Fitchburg Railroad yard at that place.

The South Paris drum corps had its first rehearsal Thursday evening. As at present constituted the corps comprises eight fifes, eight snare drums, bass drum and cymbals. They meet for practice at Engine House Hall Monday and Thursday evenings.

The Knights of Pythias of Hamlin Lodge will attend divine services on Sunday afternoon next at the Baptist church at 2:30 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. H. A. Roberts. Penneseewassee Lodge is expected to attend also. Knights are requested to meet at Masonic Hall at 2 o'clock.

Charles H. Howard is at home from Boston, and will be found at his old place in Shurtleff's drug store. He took an examination last week before the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy, and was one of eight who were granted registration out of forty-two applicants.

The "third nine" from Hebron Academy came to play with the high school boys here Saturday forenoon. It wasn't a close game; indeed, so far from it that the score is reported as 33 to 4 in favor of Hebron. The Hebron boys ate ice cream at the expense of the home club after the game.

Charles O. Barrows of Portland, formerly court stenographer with Judge Virgin, inspected the new court house last week, while on his way for a short fishing trip to Bolster's Mills, making the trip from South Paris on a bike. He says he did a good deal more fishing than he caught fish.

The Methodist Sunday School has issued a new library catalogue, arranged alphabetically by authors. It makes a small pamphlet of twenty-four pages, with several blank pages for new books as they are added. Quite an addition of new books has recently been made, and the library now contains 746 volumes.

Advertised letters in the South Paris post office May 11:

Richard A. Weber.
Richard A. Weber.
Mr. F. E. Whitehouse.
Wesley Whitman.
C. H. Tucker.
Mr. Thomas Mayconell.
Mrs. Eliza A. Lovejoy.
Mr. Bert Dunn.

Ray A. Chapman, a boy who lives with his aunt, Mrs. P. E. Wheeler, injured his leg a few days since while at play in the school yard, and it was found that the large bone was broken just at the top of the shoe. His father, James L. Chapman of Roxbury, has been down twice to see him since the accident.

A pleasant occasion occurred at the residence of J. K. Clifford last Saturday evening when his daughter, Miss Hattie E., was united in marriage with Mr. J. M. Millett of Norway. Rev. R. J. Haughton performed the ceremony and a few relatives were present. The bride is a graduate of Hebron Academy and has been for some time a popular and successful teacher in the Paris schools.

BISCOE DISTRICT.

Mrs. Fred Farrar has been quite ill.

Maybaskets are having a great run.

We hear that Fred Jackson is on the sick list.

A. H. Andrews has bought a very nice cow of Mr. Elder.

Herman McKeen has hired out to A. J. Penley for the season.

W. F. Foster is putting in a cellar for Ed Record of South Paris.

A. J. Penley had peas and radishes well up the second of May.

Charles Shedd has hired out for the season to L. S. Swan of Elm Hill.

Mr. Penley has sold his black mare, Lady May, to E. Spofford of South Paris.

A. K. Jackson drove by a lot of hogs to his orchard. He turns out a large number every summer.

Caterpillars promise a large crop. Some trees are full of their nests. Why do not farmers cut the wild cherries in which they breed?

We hear that Mr. Watson, grandson of Wm. McKenney, has had several hemorrhages of the lungs and has gone to Colorado accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Margie McKenney Watson. He has frequently been in this neighborhood, when his relatives lived here.

While eating breakfast, May 8, A. J. Penley looked out of the window, and saw three deer quietly feeding in the field within twelve rods of the house. The two smaller ones trotted towards the pasture after staying about ten minutes, while the larger and darker one stayed some time longer and then followed. They stayed some time longer in sight.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

The special town meeting held Saturday afternoon was called to order by Capt. H. N. Bolster.

Charles Edwards was elected clerk pro tem, and Col. A. S. Austin moderator.

Elected for road commissioners the board of selectmen.

Voted to pay 15 cents an hour for good men for labor on the highway. The same amount for horses, and the same amount for oxen.

PARIS CAUCUS.

The Paris Republican caucus Saturday afternoon chose Albert S. Austin chairman, Peter C. Fickett clerk. The following were chosen delegates to the state convention at Bangor: Wm. J. Wheeler, Geo. W. Ridlon, L. K. Stone, Charles Edwards, P. C. Fickett, James S. Wright, Geo. A. Wilson. The old town committee was re-elected—Geo. W. Ridlon, Henry D. Hammond, S. F. Davis.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

MAY TERM, 1896.

COURT OFFICERS.

Wm. P. Whitehouse, Justice Presiding.
Chas. F. Whitman, Clerk.
Fred A. Porter, Sheriff.
H. E. Hammond, Crier.
E. F. Smith, County Attorney.
J. S. Estes, Stenographer.
W. A. Barrows, Messenger.
H. C. Davis, Librarian.

The May term of court opened promptly at 10 o'clock Tuesday forenoon. Prayer was offered by Rev. B. S. Rideout of Norway. The traverse jury was then empaneled as follows:

Wm. J. Wheeler, Paris, Foreman.
Wm. Richardson, Greenwood.
E. L. Burns, Oxford.
Wm. H. Farnum, Rumford.
George M. Bennett, Sweden.
Wm. R. Peabody, Gilead.
Hiram H. Bean, Bethel.
C. H. Prince, Buckfield.
Walter C. Bickford, Brownfield.
Henry C. Smith, Dixfield.
Samuel Stanley, Porter.

Wilson Webb of Fryeburg was excused from service. One other juror having been previously excused, there were no supernumeraries left, and Judge Whitehouse ordered that four supernumeraries be immediately summoned.

The attendance of Oxford County lawyers at the opening of the term was rather small, but there were more than the usual number of visitors from the bars of other counties.

The call of the docket was proceeded with immediately, and some eighteen or twenty cases were placed on the trial list, and later assigned, to cover the time until about the middle of the second week.

This completed the work of the first forenoon.

The four supernumeraries drawn reported for duty Wednesday morning, as follows:

D. A. Gorham, Norway.
Wm. O. Frothingham, Paris.
O. B. Upton, Norway.
A. W. Walker, Paris.

A. W. Walker was excused from serving.

Tuesday afternoon was devoted to

MEMORIAL SERVICES

by the Oxford Bar, in memory of its members who have recently died.

Hon. A. E. Herrick said that Judge R. A. Frye of Bethel had been designated by the Bar Association to present the resolutions relative to the death of Maj. Hastings of Fryeburg, but that Judge Frye was unable on account of illness to be present, and had requested him to present the resolutions and his accompanying remarks. Judge Frye wrote feelingly of Maj. Hastings from a long personal acquaintance. The resolutions were as follows:

Resolved, That in the decease of the Honorable David Robinson Hastings, on the thirteenth day of January, 1896, President of the Oxford Bar Association for many years, the Association suffered a serious and severe loss, its members have parted company with an able, congenial and reliable associate, and the community and state has lost a foremost citizen of high rank and influence.

Resolved, That the memory of Mr. Hastings will be cordially retained with ever-pleasant associations and with enduring affection by all members who knew him whether intimately or remotely.

Resolved, That these resolutions be presented to the court at the next term of the Supreme Judicial Court of the County of Oxford and the Court be requested to order the same entered of record, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

Hon. A. H. Walker of Bridgton followed, opening with a finely pictured allegory of age and youth, and paying tribute to the strong character and high ability of Maj. Hastings, his long-time friend.

Hon. A. S. Kimball of Norway spoke of his personal loss in the death of Maj. Hastings, who had, as friend, assistant, and political associate, been intimate with him for many years.

Hon. George A. Wilson of South Paris spoke eloquently of the late Hon. Henry M. Bearce of Norway—a long cherished friend; a man rather silent and undemonstrative, but of power and vigor of character; a man of exceptional business ability and success; and introduced this memorial:

Henry Merrill Bearce, our beloved friend and honored associate, no longer sits with us. He has obeyed the grim and inevitable summons of death, and his earthly career has closed. The strong staff has broken, but in the light of the eternal promises of God, we joyfully trust that broken staff is now beaded, and, clothed with celestial grace and undying life, has become the beautiful rod blossoming with peace and blessedness. We mourn his untimely death, but at the same time we are filled with thankfulness that so much of his honorable life was vouchsafed to us. Truly it is a grand thing to be able to say of any man, as we can truthfully say of Bro. Bearce, that the world is better and happier because he has lived in it. We desire to place on permanent record our testimonial of his honor, virtue and faithfulness. He was a good citizen, an heroic patriot, a wise counsellor and a faithful friend. With sorrowing hearts we pay this grateful tribute to his memory.

Hon. S. S. Stearns of Norway, in seconding this resolution, spoke from the experience of an intimate acquaintance with Mr. Bearce as his law partner for a number of years, and bore tribute to the two most striking characteristics of Mr. Bearce's character—modesty and absolute honesty.

Hon. James S. Wright of South Paris sketched briefly the life and services of the late Samuel R. Carter of Paris, laying special emphasis upon his pride in his native town and the village of Paris Hill, which was always his home, and the earnest work which he did in its behalf whenever occasion offered. He presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Samuel R. Carter the Oxford Bar recognizes the loss of one who was always deeply interested in its welfare, who for many years served as its librarian, and zealously cared for the same; a man of strict integrity, generous and courteous to all his brethren; and possessed of many social virtues which made him a valued member of our association.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to his honored mother who survives him, and also spread upon the records of this court.

Thomas S. Bridgham, Esq., of Buckfield, in seconding these resolutions, spoke from a long personal acquaintance with Mr. Carter of his excellent traits of character.

The following resolutions on the death of Hon. Edward S. Hardy, formerly of Andover, were presented later by H. C. Davis, Esq.:

Resolved, That in the death of Hon. Edward S. Hardy our Association have lost a member who by his partisitic life, his legal attainments and gentlemanly deportment had endeared himself to all the members of the Oxford Bar Association, of which he was an honored member.

Resolved, That these resolutions be presented to the court and the court be requested to order the same entered of record, and that a copy of same be sent to the family of the deceased.

Judge Whitehouse remarked that it is well that these resolutions should be made a part of the court, and thus these names preserved from oblivion. The fame of the advocate, whatever it may be in his day, is ephemeral and transitory, and remains but a little while with the generations that come after him. So it is well that these tributes to their worth should go into the archives of the court. Judge Whitehouse referred to the high standing and remarkable record of the Oxford Bar, spoke of the great importance of the lawyer's profession, and in closing paid a brief tribute to Mr. Bearce, who was his classmate and intimate associate at Colby University. He then directed that the resolutions presented should be spread upon the records, and ordered as a further mark of respect that the court stand adjourned until the next morning.

WARDWELL VS. ROBINSON MFG. CO.

Sarah H. Wardwell vs. Robinson Manufacturing Co. This case was at the February term assigned for trial the first day of the May term, and the trial was opened Wednesday morning. It is an action for flowage damages. The Robinson Manufacturing Co. operate the woolen mill at Oxford village, and own the entire water power privilege on the outlet of Thompson Pond, their dam flowing the pond, which is a large body of water.

The plaintiff is the owner of a farm on the border of Thompson Pond. In 1863 the Robinson Manufacturing Co. purchased at an appraised price of the land owners around the pond the right of such flowage as would be caused by building the dam two feet higher than there was at that time a legal right to maintain it. Some changes were made in the dam to utilize extra water, but a new dam was not built until 1889, when a new stone dam was built. The whole question at issue in this case is whether the new dam is higher than the company is entitled to maintain. The plaintiff's position is that it is, and a mass of evidence is introduced to support this position, not only from marks at the site of the dam itself, but from marks and observations at various points along the outlet and the shores of the pond. The position of the defendant company is that from portions of the old wooden dam still remaining, it is clearly manifest that the new dam is a trifle less than two feet higher than the old dam, and that they had never used the full two feet of flowage which they purchased in 1863, until the completion of the new stone dam in 1889.

The importance of the case rests not upon the comparatively small amount at issue in this one suit, but upon the large amounts involved in the claims of other land owners around the pond if their claims are shown to be good. The plaintiff's counsel are F. B. Andrews of Oxford, J. M. Libby of Mechanic Falls, and Noble & Crockett of Lewiston; the defendant's, Symonds, Snow & Cook and C. F. Libby of Portland, and John P. Swasey. Counsel in court were Andrews, Libby and Noble for plaintiff, Libby, Swasey and Cook for defendant.

Wednesday forenoon was occupied in opening the case and outlining the positions of the two parties, and in the afternoon the jury was taken to Oxford to view the premises. The introduction of testimony began Thursday morning.

The plaintiff's testimony occupied something more than two days, the introduction of the defendant's testimony beginning during the forenoon of Saturday. Some of the evidence is in the form of depositions and testimony taken in the hearing of another case involving the same issue of fact, which was brought by the town of Otisfield against the Robinson Company, a year or two since. The evidence is not all in yet, and the case will not go to the jury before some time Tuesday at the earliest.

THE GRAND JURY MATTER.

County Attorney Smith thinks he is getting more digs than the occasion requires, in connection with the summoning of the grand jury, which some think should have been done at this term. The act of 1885, as amended in 1889, provides that the May term

* * * shall be held without grand jury, and with only one traverse jury in attendance, unless otherwise specially ordered by any judge of said court. All recognizances and other criminal processes, made returnable to, and to have day in said May term, when no criminal business is transacted, shall be continued to, and have day in the next term of said court, held in said county.

Since the establishment of the May term, the grand jury has been summoned for it only once. At that time a man was in jail charged with murder, for which he could not be admitted to bail in any sum, and a large number of others were confined in default of large bail.

At the opening of the present term, the county attorney submitted a list of the prisoners to the court, and the court decided that it was not necessary to summon the grand jury. Under those circumstances the county attorney does not feel that the entire responsibility rests on his shoulders, though he concurs in the judgment of the court.

There are six prisoners now in jail bound over to the grand jury, the amount of bail being in the several cases from $200 to $500. As far as the matter of expense is concerned, if none of them secure bail, their board during the interval will amount to $330. The expense of a session of the grand jury averages about $250 for the pay of the jurors themselves, aside from the matter of incidentals and extras, extra officers, etc. The length of time already confined in jail usually serves to some degree in mitigation of a prisoner's sentence, so that, all considered, it is doubtful if the present arrangement will cost the county a cent more than if the grand jury were summoned.

NOTES.

Hon. D. J. McGillicuddy of Lewiston was in court Saturday.

Douglass London, who was bound over on the charge of defrauding an innkeeper of between three and four dollars, was Saturday morning admitted to bail in the sum of $100 and released.

When this term of court will adjourn is at present problematical. The first case takes a week, and there is quite a trial list to follow. The term won't expire by limitation, but it will probably adjourn some time.

Saturday morning Edward Thrush was arraigned and pleaded guilty to two charges, single sale and common seller. He was fined $50 and costs for the single sale, $100 and costs as common seller. He has no money, and will board out both sentences.

A 7-year-old boy, the son of Mark Swan of Bethel, was before the court Tuesday on an appeal from a trial justice court, which convicted and fined him for assault and battery in throwing a stone at another boy. Judge Whitehouse discharged the boy.

Among the attorneys from other bars present during the week were Gen. A. S. Twitchell of Gorham, N. H., Mayor Noble of Lewiston, Hon. Charles F. Libby, Harry Virgin, Chas. S. Cook and C. A. Hight of Portland, Hon. A. H. Walker of Bridgton, and Geo. F. Clifford of Cornish.

Uncle Joe Holden was advertised to deliver a lecture on his system of astronomy in the court room at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, but Sheriff Porter decided that he "wouldn't have two shows running at the same time," and the class in astronomy was adjourned without day.

OXFORD POMONA GRANGE.

Oxford County Pomona Grange met with Bethel Grange for the May meeting Tuesday, May 5th, at Pattee Hall.

The forenoon was taken up with routine work, conferring fifth degree on five candidates, and discussion of the question, whether the proposed grange cottage at Good Will Farm should be for boys or girls. Several sisters gave their views, and were nearly all in favor of a girls' cottage, as the boys were constantly receiving help, and had several cottages for their use at the farm.

The exercises for the afternoon were very interesting and were as follows: Music by Bethel choir, reading by Mrs. Eben Chapman of Bethel Grange, song, G. W. Q. Perham of Franklin Grange, essay on use of intoxicating liquors by Mrs. T. H. Chapman, which was of more than usual excellence, recitation, Mrs. Fred Bean of Bethel Grange, humorous recitation, Mrs. W. H. Lurvey of West Paris Grange.

The question whether the Grange has been as beneficial to farmers as agricultural colleges and agricultural societies, was ably opened by C. E. Valentine, and followed on the negative by G. W. Q. Perham, and fully discussed by other members.

Bethel Grange is alive and in a prospering condition as was shown by their welcome and hospitality. Much credit is due the ladies of Bethel Grange for their excellent dinner and the manner in which it was served. This was an interesting and profitable meeting.

Next meeting with Rumford Grange at Rumford Falls Tuesday, June 9.

MAINE HAPPENINGS.

The Lockwood mill at Waterville has posted notice of a cut in wages, to take effect the first of June.

Benjamin Tompkins of Norridgewock was killed by falling from an apple tree and breaking his neck, aged 70.

Portland's opera house seems to be a sure thing this time. They have begun clearing away the buildings on its site.

Electric railroad talk is considerable just now. Besides the Lewiston-Bath line, the Turner line is talked up once more.

The Brunswick Telegraph says that the movement for adding that town to Sagadahoc County is gaining strength steadily.

Burglars broke into a number of Waterville residences Wednesday night and stole watches and money to quite an amount.

Broken stone for mending roads is being manufactured at Houlton jail. That's both business and the setting of a good example.

George A. Phillips, a prominent business man of Waterville, committed suicide Wednesday morning by shooting. Mr. Phillips has suffered several property losses within a year, and it is thought that brooding over his troubles had affected his mind.

NORWAY.

CHURCHES.

Universalist Church, Rev. Caroline E. Angell, Pastor. Preaching service on Sunday, at 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 11:45 A. M.; Y. P. C. U. meeting, 7:00 P. M.

Second Congregational Church, Rev. B. S. Rideout, Pastor. Preaching service Sunday, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 11:45 A. M.; Social Meeting, 7:00 P. M.; regular weekly Prayer Meeting, Wednesday evening; Young People's Meeting Friday evening.

Methodist Church, Rev. F. Grosvenor, Pastor. Preaching service, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12:00 M.; Social Evening Meeting, 7:00 P. M.; prayer meeting, Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

Baptist Church, J. L. Harding, Pastor. Preaching service, 2:00 P. M; Sabbath School, 3:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting, Saturday evening.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Union R. A. C., No. 36, assembles Wednesday Evening, on or before full moon, at Masonic Hall. Regular meeting of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, in Masonic Hall, Monday Evening on or before full moon. Oxford Council, R. & S. M., Friday evening, on or after full moon.

Norway Division, Sons of Temperance, in Ryerson Hall every Saturday evening.

I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, every Tuesday Evening. Wilbey Encampment, No. 31, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, second and fourth Friday Evenings of each month. Mt. Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 56, meets on first and third Friday of each month.

K. of P.—Regular meeting in Hathaway Block, every Thursday Evening. U. R., A. O. Noyes Division, No. 12, meets third Friday of each month.

G. A. R.—Harry Rust Post, No. 54, meets in Ryerson Hall on the third Friday Evening of each month.

S. of V.—Wellington Hobbs Camp meets the second and fourth Friday Evenings of each month.

W. R. C.—Meets in Grange Hall third Friday evening in each month.

U. O. G. C.—Meets the 2d and 4th Thursday evenings of each month in Ryerson Hall.

P. of H.—Norway Grange meets second and fourth Saturdays of each month at Grange Hall.

N. E. O. P.—Lakeside Lodge, No. 177, meets in Ryerson Hall, on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

Arbor Day Friday, May 8th.

Dr. Bradbury has a large crew of workmen on his piazza.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bangs enjoyed a few days at Sabattus recently.

Frank F. Holmes is building a shed for the storage of coal near the railroad.

Mrs. Mary A. Turner has gone to Woodfords, near Portland, to live with her daughter.

C. N. Tubbs was in Berlin this week on business.

W. F. Jones has been elected secretary and treasurer of the Congregational Sabbath School to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George D. Swift.

M. H. Merriam, who lately appeared in the municipal court and paid a fine for not properly caring for his stock, etc., claims in an article in the Advertiser that the affair was a "malicious prosecution."

Co. D., 1st Regt., N. G. S. M., will enjoy a field day Saturday, May 16th, on their range. The time will be devoted to shooting, inspection by the captain, and a grand good time. A dinner will be given the company at Bodkin's by the officers.

Hon. A. S. Kimball was elected Junior Vice-President of the order of High Priesthood; H. D. Smith Grand Principal Sojourner in the Grand Chapter; Dr. B. F. Bradbury, Captain of the Guard in the Grand Council at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., at Portland this week. George W. Holmes was re-appointed D. D. G. M. of the 16th Masonic District.

The highway surveyors for this town have been appointed by the municipal officers and are as follows: Districts:

No. 1, George Austin.
No. 2, Calvin Richardson.
No. 3, A. T. Crooker.
No. 4, C. E. Freeman.
No. 5, T. D. Penley.
No. 6, O. B. Upton.
No. 7, C. F. Boober.
No. 8, A. H. Packard.
No. 9, E. F. C. Greene.
No. 10, L. A. Carter.
No. 11, C. A. Merrill.
No. 12, E. O. French.
No. 13, Orin Brown.
No. 14, F. A. Foster.
No. 15, V. E. Dunn.
No. 16, J. E. Marston.
No. 17, Geo. F. Smith.
No. 18, Roswell Frost.
No. 19, John E. Rhodes.
No. 20, George W. Wood.
No. 21, E. G. Gammon.
No. 22, F. S. Frost.
No. 23, B. H. McAllister.
No. 24, H. S. Flint.
No. 25, J. F. Frost.
No. 26, A. A. Grover.
No. 27, T. S. Newcomb.
No. 28, I. F. Titcomb.
No. 29, H. N. Brown.
No. 30, J. S. Millett.
No. 31, W. S. Merrill.
No. 32, L. M. Cox.
No. 33, Amos H. Foster.

A large delegation of attorneys enjoy excellent accommodations at the Beal's House during the May term of the Supreme Judicial Court.

The May session of the municipal court was held Tuesday. The court docket indicates a large number of entries of civil actions.

James Danforth has nearly completed his cottage on Pike's Hill.

Dr. Bartlett has moved into the Asa Danforth place, corner Main and Danforth Streets. He talks of purchasing the place of the heirs who are anxious to sell, it is reported.

H. D. Smith, C. F. Ridlon, V. W. Hills, F. W. Sanborn, W. C. Leavitt, B. F. Bradbury, E. F. Bicknell, M. L. Kimball, A. S. Kimball, Geo. W. Holmes, S. S. Stearns, L. I. Gilbert and several others attended the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., at Portland this week.

The lawyers of the village attended court at South Paris through the week.

A. F. Marston of Lynn, Mass., was in town Wednesday and Thursday looking after the shoe interests of the firm of B. F. Spinney & Co. of which he is the junior member.

W. W. Walker, clerk for Henry J. Bangs, has been declared one of the winners in the Worcester Salt Company's bicycle offer. He is the only winner in Maine. The salt company some time ago offered twenty-five bicycles to the twenty-five persons who would send to them the largest number of their salt coupons—one coupon in each bag of salt sold by the firm. Mr. Walker collected 813 and won a high grade bicycle. Price $100. Diamond make, selected by himself. He is of course much pleased over his good luck.

Frank Williams and Charles S. Akers went to Lewiston Monday evening to see the degree work in Androscoggin Lodge, I. O. O. F.

The class of '96, Norway High School, visited Auburn and Lewiston Thursday. Superintendent of Schools, W. F. Jones, went with the class.

C. D. Waters, formerly of Norway, was in town Thursday and Friday.

PENSIONS.

Wm. Graffam of Rumford has been granted an additional pension.

Restoration and increase has been granted to James H. Andrews, deceased, Norway.

Harlan P. Wheeler of Gilead has been granted a pension.

Franklin Keniston of Denmark has been granted an increase.

Senator Hale's beautiful residence, "The Pines," at Ellsworth, was burned Saturday morning, the 2d. The loss is estimated at $75,000. The family were out of town. The fire is suspected to be of incendiary origin. Senator Hale will rebuild. Lewis Foster of Ellsworth died of heart failure caused by over-exertion in moving furniture at the fire.

Mrs. Ellen Dolley, who was found guilty at a previous term of the murder of her daughter's child, was sentenced in the Cumberland Superior Court on Tuesday to life imprisonment in state prison. Sentence had been deferred to enable her to settle her financial affairs.

Deacon Stevens, whose death recently occurred at Fort Fairfield, never missed a communion service for the 40 years he was deacon of the Congregational church.

The petitioners for pardon of Graves, the game warden murderer, have been given leave to withdraw by the governor and council.

YOUR PHYSICAL CONDITION

Needs attention at this time. If you are tired, weak and nervous, it is clear that your blood is impure, and without doubt there has been too much overwork or strain on brain and body. The course of treatment for such a condition is plain and simple. The blood must first be purified so that the nervous system, and in fact all the organs will be fed upon pure blood. Intelligent people without number have testified that the best blood purifier, nerve tonic and strength imparting medicine is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Nervousness, loss of sleep and general debility all vanish when Hood's Sarsaparilla is persistently taken; in a word, health and happiness follow after taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

THE TEMPERANCE MEETING.

The strong temperance sentiment of this community again found expression last Tuesday evening in the meeting held at the court house according to the call published last week. The room was well filled, the speakers were earnest, and the audience responsive.

The meeting was called to order a few minutes before 8 o'clock by Dr. Rounds of South Paris, who called upon Rev. B. S. Rideout of Norway to offer prayer.

Dr. Rounds then introduced as the chairman of the meeting one who had a part in framing the original prohibitory law of Maine—Hon. E. W. Woodbury of Bethel.

Judge Woodbury said that forty years ago he addressed an assembly in South Paris in behalf of temperance, and he saw before him on this occasion but few faces that were in that assembly.

He then reviewed briefly the history of the prohibitory law to the present time. If the present law is not enforced, it is because you and I are not doing our duty.

License and prohibition were compared, in the light of the speaker's experience in license states. The license law is not enforced, as he could testify from personal observation.

"There is as much liquor sold under the prohibitory law as there was under the old license law," some say. The speaker challenged this statement, and instanced the general drinking customs of a half century and more ago, asking if these would be possible at the present time.

If the prohibitory law is not enforced, it is because you and I are not doing our duty. The thing for us to do is to elect officers who will do their duty in enforcing the law, and then furnish them the evidence they need, and stand behind them in their work.

Judge Wilson emphasized the necessity of the enforcement of the law, and the means of such enforcement. We have law enough to close the saloons; but if the people choose the officers, and unless there is a public sentiment behind the enforcement of any law, the law is a failure. You can not have too many public temperance meetings. Every such meeting is a warning to the liquor seller and a support to the officer who enforces the law.

Further, the citizen must support the court in enforcement of the law, and must not vitiate the effect of enforcement by sympathy with the rumseller who gets caught.

I ask that the hearty support of the citizens shall be given to the enforcement of the law. If all good citizens do this, there will be no question but that the law will be enforced.

There is no argument that can be brought in favor of the liquor traffic. It is for every interest of humanity that it should be suppressed.

County Attorney Smith took his stand in favor of temperance; it is the only safe stand to take. There should be a healthy public sentiment behind enforcement of the law. That very statement shows our weakness. Sometimes that sentiment is not so strong as it should be. Sometimes the liquor seller and the liquor drinker are shielded, and the officers who enforce the law are hindered. I am glad to say that in these communities that is not often the case.

Hon. James S. Wright advocated and practiced total abstinence as the only safe way. Where one can occasionally indulge and come out without disaster, ten get to ruin.

The true temperance sentiment should start in the family. The sentiment must be kept up; it must be constantly agitated, constantly watched, and the law must be constantly enforced.

"Prohibition doesn't prohibit," they tell us. Yet many other laws—against murder, burglary, etc.—do not prohibit. Shall we therefore repeal those laws? On the whole, prohibition has accomplished a grand result.

Rev. B. S. Rideout thought every one would admit that drinking was wrong. The method of the Almighty is to place the law and the Gospel side by side. I think we have perhaps let the moral suasion side of the question get a little too lax. We need more stirring up of that side of the matter. The spea

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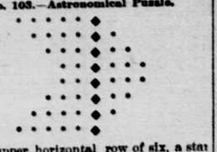
THE PUZZLER

No. 103.—Astronomical Puzzle.



The upper horizontal row of six, a star in the girdle of Bootes; the second, a constellation near Pegasus, and also a sign of the zodiac; the third, a constellation adjoining Auriga; the fourth, the name of a group of stars in the head of Leo; the fifth, a star in Draco, supposed to have been the north star of 40 centuries ago; the sixth, a bright star in the Gemini; the seventh, a sign of the zodiac; the eighth, next to the most distant planet known.

The vertical row of eight, a constellation. In mythology the hero who accomplished the 12 great labors.

No. 104.—Double Acrostic.

My primals spell the name of one of the United States, and my finals the name of its capital.

Crosswords: 1. Fretful. 2. One of the letters of the Greek alphabet. 3. Pertaining to a lyre or harp. 4. To bury. 5. The goddess of flowers. 6. Hatred. 7. To elevate. 8. A month of the Jewish year. 9. Inactive. 10. A prefix signifying English.

No. 105.—Arithmetical Puzzles.

1. What number is that whose half is 10 more than its third?
2. Divide 75 into two numbers, of which one shall be one-fourth of the other.
3. If the youngest child of a family is 1½ years old and the eldest 12 years old, how many will there be, supposing there is a difference of 18 months between each?
4. What is that number whose half, minus 2, equals its third, plus 2?

No. 106.—Charade.

My number, definite and known,
Is ten times ten, told ten times o'er;
Though half of me is one alone,
And half exceeds all count and score.

No. 107.—Illustrated Zigzag.

Each of the 11 small pictures may be described by one word. The 11 words are rightly guessed and placed one below another, the zigzag, beginning at the upper left hand letter, will spell the name of a very famous English author.—St. Nicholas.

No. 108.—Buried Trees and Plants.

1. No one has answered the bell. Betsy, ring again.
2. Put the teakettle on the fire.
3. That building must have been designed by a very skillful architect.
4. When did you last see your cousin Percival? Monday week in the afternoon.
5. As I was going to the cathedral I met the dean in the quadrangle.
6. You will find the information you want in the eighth or ninth page.
7. Did you offer no refreshment to that poor man?

Where People Should Go.

Singers to Alto, Ga.
Bakers to Cakes, Pa.
Jewelers to Gem, Ind.
Smokers to Weed, Cal.
The sleepy to Gap, Pa.
Printers to Agate, Colo.
Poets to Parnassus, Pa.
The idle to Rust, Minn.
Cranks to Peculiar, Mo.
Deadheads to Gratis, O.
Actors to Star City, Ark.
Perfumers to Aroma, Ills.
Aplarists to Beeville, Ind.
Tramps to Grubtown, Pa.
Bankers to Deposit, N. Y.
Widowers to Widows, Ala.
Small men to Bigger, Ind.
Brokers to Stockville, Nev.
Old maids to Antiquity, O.
Lovers to Spoonville, Mich.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 94.—Transpositions: 1. Late, tale, teal. 2. Lean, lane. 3. Nora, roan. 4. Rail, lair. 5. May, Amy, yam.

No. 95.—Flower Puzzle: Larkspur, four o'clock, sunflower, dandelion.

No. 96.—A Diamond: W, not, large, gardenia, greenness, word squares, porcupine, ratafia, barge, Ned, S.

No. 97.—A Novel Acrostic:

S T O N E B O W
M I D N I G H T
M A T E R I A L
M U N I T I O N
P A S T O R A L
P R I N C E S S
M E R C H A N T
R U M I N A T E

No. 98.—Missing Rhymes: 1. Crusoe; view so; Brazil; until; blew so.—"Robinson Crusoe."
2. Grip; pip; relations; great expectations; trip.—"Great Expectations."
3. Smaller; taller; asleep; deep; befall her.—"Alice in Wonderland."

No. 99.—Word Squares:

O U S E	P L A Y	P A R T
U R A L	L O N E	A L O E
S A U L	A N N A	R O S E
E L L A	Y E A R	T E E S

No. 100.—Progressive Enigma: Go, gold, old, den, crow, crown, row, own, Ned, thru (through), rush—golden crownes thrush.

No. 101.—Pied Verse:

The horsemen and the footmen
Are pouring in amain
From many a stately market place,
From many a fruitful plain.
From many a lonely hamlet,
Which, hid by beech and pine,
Like an eagle's nest hangs on the crest
Of purple Apennine.

No. 102.—Buried Names of Girls: 1. Ada. 2. Kate. 3. May. 4. Ella. 5. Amy. 6. Ann. 7. Dora.

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HOW TO COOK SHAD.

If you have a gas stove you can cook shad to perfection. To do this, get a hickory plank from the carpenter. It should be long and wide enough to accommodate a good-sized shad, and about two inches thick.

Have it smoothly planed and hollowed a trifle toward the centre to prevent the juice from running off the edge. It should be heated hot in the oven before the shad is put on it.

Be sure that the skin side is down, then baste with melted butter, dust with salt and pepper and cook in the oven about half an hour.

Just before serving, baste it again with melted butter, sprinkle chopped parsley over it, and garnish with slices of lemon. It can be baked the same way in the oven of an ordinary range, but is not as satisfactory as when cooked with gas or before an open fire.

BROILED SHAD ROE.

Wash the roe, throw them in boiling water; allow them to stand for ten minutes without boiling. Drain carefully, dry, place them on a greased broiler and then over a quick fire for five minutes, turning once. Serve with melted butter and chopped parsley.

FRIED SHAD ROE.

Wash the roe without breaking it, wipe it on a soft towel and put it over the fire in a frying pan containing enough smoking hot fat to prevent burning; over the pan lay a large tin cover or plate, so as to prevent the spattering of the fat caused by the bursting of the grains of the roe, but loosely enough to permit the steam to escape freely, so that the roe may brown; fry until all the little grains are brown and free from uncooked blood. Season the roe highly with salt and pepper, and when it is done, serve it with a dish of new potatoes, sautees and cucumbers.—Household.

FOUR WAYS TO COOK ASPARAGUS.

Asparagus is one of the most delicious of summer vegetables. It comes into the market from the South quite early, which makes a long season with the native asparagus.

ASPARAGUS WITH TOAST.

Cut the stalk to four or five inches according to tenderness. Tie in bundles and cook twenty-five or thirty minutes in boiling salted water. Have ready some nicely browned toast, dip each slice in the asparagus water, butter generously while hot, and lay on a hot platter. Drain the asparagus, and arrange it on the toast, seasoning with salt, pepper and butter.

In boiling asparagus, careful cooks usually set the asparagus upright, as if growing, and do not cover the heads with water. These, being more tender, will cook in the steam and thus not break to pieces, and boil to a paste before the harder portion of the stalk is done.

Wherever directions for using salted water are given, the proportions are a teaspoonful of salt to a quart of water.

ASPARAGUS SALAD.

To many this is the most acceptable way to serve this delightful vegetable, which may thus be served at breakfast as well as at dinner. Cut off a little of the root end of each sprout. Scrape the white, tough skin with kitchen knife; wash and drain; tie in small bundles, and boil, if possible, with the heads upright and just out of the water. The steam from the water will cook the heads, which, if covered with water, will cook away before the root ends are done.

Remove carefully from the water and plunge into cold water; drain, place on a side dish; remove the string; pour over them plain salad dressing of three tablespoonfuls of olive-oil, one of plain malt vinegar, a saltspoonful of salt, and half a saltspoonful of white, or a quarter of a saltspoonful of black pepper.

ASPARAGUS AND EGGS.

This makes a delicate, dainty dish. Boil a bunch of asparagus twenty minutes. Cut off the tender tops and lay them in a deep pie-plate, seasoning with salt, pepper and butter. Beat four eggs slightly, just enough to break the yolks; add a tablespoonful of melted butter, with salt and pepper, and pour upon the asparagus. Bake eight minutes and serve immediately.

ASPARAGUS WITH CREAM.

Boil it, tied in bundles, fifteen minutes. Then cut off the tender portions and put into a saucepan with a generous cup of cream to every quart of asparagus. Simmer gently ten minutes. Blend a tablespoonful of butter and a heaped teaspoonful of flour together, and stir into the asparagus. Add salt and pepper to taste, and let come to a boil, then serve very hot. If you have not the cream use milk and add more butter.

FISH CROQUETTES.

Making croquettes is an easy matter, once one gets the knack of it, so to speak. Croquettes are excellent dishes to make from left-overs, and every housekeeper should be mistress of the art of preparing them. Cut or chop into shreds the bits of fish, having carefully removed every speck of bone, and this is a point on which many housekeepers fail.

Slice an onion in small pieces and fry brown in a saucepan with a spoonful of butter; a cupful of rich gravy, or soup stock properly seasoned, is an addition to the croquette, although they may be made without this by putting in browned butter and cream.

Stir the fish into a saucepan containing the cooked onion; beat two eggs thoroughly, and if the soup stock is not at hand, put in a cupful of cream and milk, and an additional bit of butter. Let this cook for two or three minutes, or until thoroughly heated, then set away in a cool place. Afterward keep the dish on ice until wanted.

When needed for use, mould the croquette material into proper shape, dip the little balls in beaten yolk of egg and crumbs, then fry in boiling fat.

When the croquettes are done, remove them with a wire spoon, place them on a bit of paper to drain, then slide them on a plate, which may be covered with a folded napkin, or, what is liked quite as well, each croquette may be settled in a little shell made of a lettuce leaf. Garnish with parsley, cresses, or the yellow parts of the lettuce.—Household.

A NEW IDEA FOR CHICKEN SALAD.

During the season when celery is costly and poor, a good substitute for it is chopped, uncooked white cabbage.

To the meat of one good-sized fowl, add one heaping cupful of the chopped cabbage, even more if you desire, then season well with celery salt, and the mayonnaise or boiled dressing.

The crisp taste of the celery which is so much missed is supplied by the cold, crisp cabbage. It is almost impossible to detect the absence of the celery.

Surround your platter or salad-bowl with fresh lettuce leaves, and decorate finally with bits of bright-red boiled beet and slices of hard-boiled egg.—Household.

COOKING RHUBARB WITH THE PEEL.

I was skeptical when first told that rhubarb did not require peeling.

"Try it," was the reply.

To try was to convince. Not only was the rhubarb richer to the taste, but more tempting to the eye.

I learned, many years ago, to pour boiling water over the rhubarb when prepared for cooking, let it stand a few minutes, then pour off and add what is required for the boiling; it removes superfluous acid, makes a more delicate preserve and saves sugar. I have been grateful for that lesson. Now I fairly revel in the few moments it takes to prepare the plant, and the delicious sauce it makes after a few moments of cooking.—Household.

LAMB STEAK.

A delicious way to cook a slice from a leg of lamb or mutton, is to flour it on both sides and shake off what does not adhere.

Lay in a shallow stew-pan with a lid, sprinkle with pepper and salt, a spoonful of chopped parsley, a pinch of thyme and other herbs.

Cover with a small teacupful of water, set it in the corner of the oven, and cook gently for upward of an hour.

Many straw hats have different colored crowns sewn into black brims.

THE UNHAPPY MARRIAGE.

When two people have entered into the relation of marriage, calling God and man to witness, they have performed an act as sacred as a sacrament—one held in some forms of religious belief to be indeed a sacrament. It seems strange that into the awfulness of anything approaching a sacrament, a relation reaching back among the mysteries of creation in its potent results, people should allow small and trivial concerns to make dissidence.

But in too many marriages this is what happens. A thoughtless wife maddens a worried husband; an exacting husband wearies and wears out a high-spirited wife. Sometimes they fight it out in union; and though harm is done, it is much less harm than comes in the more public way. Sometimes the wronged party has regard to the speech of people, thinks of others, of acquaintances, friends, parents, children, and bears the burden as best it may be borne; sometimes thinks of duty, and calls on Heaven for help; sometimes when love and happiness are gone, finds comfort in the love of Heaven. Sometimes forgetfulness is nearly attained in one of the thousand pursuits of science, art, charity or business. One thing is certain, that forgetfulness may be found. And another thing is equally certain, that it is the duty of both parties to find it.

Because a wife loses her first bloom, because her husband outgrows her intellectually, because another has come to seem lovlier in his eyes, a husband is afforded thereby no excuse whatever for absolving himself from his marriage vows. Because a husband is selfish, because he is parsimonious or mean, because he is tyrannical, because he objects to her friends, the wife has no more excuse. Life may become all but unbearable with him or with her; but if there are children with a future to be considered, it is to be borne, and duty and decency must enforce a behavior before the children that shall hinder their injury from wrong influences so far as possible. It may be hard to bear; it may be almost impossible; but self-control is an invaluable ally. The utmost frivolity, the utmost indifference to his wishes, does not justify a husband in pulling the cloth from the table and all the china with it; his pulling the cloth off does not justify her in putting herself under the illegal protection of another man. We do not say, indeed, that if a husband persists against his wife's wish in introducing into the family an element or a person that the wife knows to be poisonous to herself or to her children, or that if the wife persists against her husband's wish in any corresponding course, that either party may not be justified in the determination to live apart from the other. But there is, at any rate, dignity in a separation that is entirely wanting in a divorce. And surely there is still a great deal of happiness possible in a dignified and virtuous separation, if it is only the happiness of acquired peace and freedom.—Harper's Bazar.

THE SPOTTED DOG.

Mr. Chauncey M. Depew is very fond of telling humorous short stories, and the following one that he relates is a good specimen:

"When I was quite a young lad, about fourteen years old, my father lived on an old farm up at Poughkeepsie. One day I went to town to see the circus, and while there I saw for the first time one of those spotted coach dogs. I bargained for it with the owner, and trotted home happy with my new possession. When my father saw it his good old Puritan face fell, and he said, sadly,

"'Why, Chauncey, we don't want any spotted dog on the farm! It would drive the cattle crazy!'

"I succeeded in obtaining permission to keep him, however. The next day it was raining, and I took the dog out in the woods to try him on a coon. The rain was too much for the spots, and when we returned home they had disappeared. I hastened to town and hunted up the man who sold him to me.

"'Look at the dog,' said I; 'his spots have all washed off.'

"'Great guns, boy!' exclaimed the dealer, 'there was an umbrella went with that dog. Didn't you get an umbrella?'"—Harper's Round Table.

HE HAD TO.

"Yes," said the gentleman with the pea green whiskers, "the fellow at the table next to me ordered a soft-boiled egg, but the cook let it stay on the fire seven minutes."

"And what did he do?" asked the gentleman with the wooden shoes and the papier mache "bald wig."

"He took it hard."

"My husband has taken four bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and it has done him a world of good. It has given him a good appetite and enabled him to sleep well."—Margaret J. Heal, Georgetown, Maine.

One View of the Case. Mamma, "teacher whipped a boy, to-day for whispering in school." "Well, that was right." "But, mamma, he hollered ten times as loud as he whispered!"

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.

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Mrs. Gadd—How is your girl? Mrs. Gabb—Well, she's abominably dirty. She spoils everything she cooks, and she's lazy and impudent; but she has one good quality rarely met with. Mrs. Gadd—Indeed, what is that? Mrs. Gabb—She stays.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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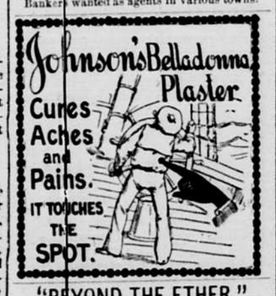

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