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MESSENGER'S NOTICE.

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

OXFORD, ss.—Norway, May 26, A. D. 1896.

This is to give Notice, that on the 26th day of May, 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 D. MORSE of Waterford, adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said debtor, which petition was filed on the 26th day of May, 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 17th day of June, A. D. 1896, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

THADDEUS CROSS, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

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Given under my hand the date first above written.

DON A. GATES, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

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

Anna B. Merrill, widow of CHARLES MERRILL, late of Buckfield, deceased, having presented her petition for an allowance out of the personal estate of said deceased:

ORDERED, That said petitioner give notice of the same to all persons interested by publishing a copy of this order three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a paper printed at Paris, in said county, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Paris, within and for said County, on the third Tuesday of June next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have against the same.

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AMONG THE FARMERS.

"SPEED THE PLOW."

Correspondence on practical agricultural topics is solicited. Address all communications intended for this department to HENRY D. HAMMOND, Agricultural Editor Oxford Democrat, Paris, Me.

THEN AND NOW.

Seventeen years ago this month the writer went West "to grow up with the country." We started from Boston Monday morning, and went through New England and Montreal over the Grand Trunk Railroad. The train was crowded with persons leaving New England for the great West. We were six days in reaching Denver, Col., and it was an interesting trip, for the throng of home-seekers that stuffed the train were never weary of telling why they were "tired of hillsides in New England." As we came nearer and nearer to the vast level stretches of Western prairie, their enthusiasm grew louder; yet there was often a wistful look in the eye, as they seemed to miss the rocky old hills that had seemed so much in the way at home. These home-seekers left the train singly or in groups at little stations along the railroad, and disappeared—swallowed up in the marvelous development of the great West.

It seemed at that time, as though rural New England would surely be depopulated within 20 years; yet, to-day, we believe that the majority of the hill towns are more prosperous than they were in 1879. There are plenty of empty seats in the trains now leaving New England for the West, and scattered all over Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire, you will find men who have come back after service on Western farms, content to cultivate the old hillsides again. It is believed by those who ought to be best informed, that the tide of immigration away from New England, has been checked, and that a reaction has set in. Certain it is that the more prosperous class of farmers in New England have seldom seen the time when they were better satisfied to stay where they are, than at present.—Cor. Rural New Yorker.

INFERTILE EGGS.

After many years' experience in rearing poultry on a limited scale, I have arrived at the conclusion that one of the prevailing causes of infertile eggs is the too close confinement of the fowls, thereby denying them some element necessary to the production of good, strong, fertile eggs.

We hear of many failures, both in hatching in incubators, and under hens; everything appears to go right until the chick is about half grown, then from some unknown cause it dies, as there does not appear to be vitality enough in the eggs to produce full-fledged chickens. As these complaints come mostly from those who keep their fowls in confinement, I am led to infer that it is the absence of some needed element that causes infertile eggs. If fowls are given the range of the fields two hours before sundown each day, they will most assuredly find the elements necessary to the production of strong, fertile eggs.

It is not uncommon for chickens when hatching to die in the shell, if not looked after at this critical period. The eggs of some breeds of fowls are lined with such a tenacious membrane that it is impossible for the chick, unaided, to burst it. It should be lifted very carefully, otherwise it may dry down upon the chick, thus making it impossible for the little fellow to free itself from the shell. With the large breeds of fowls, it is a good plan to remove the chicks as soon as dry from the mother hen, as there is danger of her trampling on them in her zeal to assist some belated youngster out of the shell. When done hatching, place the hen in a coop, and surrender the chicks entirely to her maternal instinct. After 24 hours give them dry crumbs of bread, and place clean water before them. This is the first stage of successful chicken rearing.—Country Gentleman.

GEESE ON THE FARM.

Geese should find a place on nearly every farm where poultry is kept. Unlike turkeys, they do not roam over a whole township, but stay near at home if they have a pond or stream of water. They are easily confined by a low, tight fence, and delight in a piece of low, moist ground. They are great grass-eaters, and if given plenty of pasturage will get nearly their entire living as long as grass grows. The goslings are hardy and require but little care after they are two weeks old. The old ones should be kept year after year, for they do not sell well in market, and are good as breeders for a generation. The Toulouse and Embden are the largest breeds, and often reach a weight of 25 and even 30 pounds each. The feathers, which are quite valuable, may be picked three or four times a year.

The fruit crop promises to be unusually heavy this year. Only the best will bring remunerative prices. Every effort must be made to secure the most perfect specimens. Spray for insect and fungus pests. Carefully watch for lice, mites, etc., and kill them as soon as they appear. In many instances it will undoubtedly pay to thin. It does not pay to raise poor fruit, even apples. Vinegar substitutes have so lowered the price of cider vinegar that the poorer grades of apples can hardly be utilized with profit through the cider press. The best plan is to grow the best apples possible, carefully and honestly pick and pack, and it will not be unreasonable to expect a fair price when marketed. In years of scarcity anything may pay, but in the years of abundance only the best.

Shipments of cattle from Texas and Arizona to the pastures of Kansas and the territories have been unusually large, promising a good supply of grass-fed stock. It is reported that 94,000 head have been bought in the Panhandle this spring, of which 25,000 go by trail and the remainder by rail.

Common to prime sheep ranged in the markets from $2.50 to $4. Lambs were active at $4 to $4.70; Colorado wooled lambs brought $5 to $5 15.

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ILLINOIS PATRONS CO-OPERATING.

While some of the co-operative efforts of the Patrons of Husbandry in a small way have been a failure, yet the principle still holds good and lacks success in any case only from absence of business management. From the Grange Bulletin we copy an article descriptive of, and in defence of the Patrons' Manufacturing Association of Illinois, written by its secretary. He says:

"In 1892 the State Grange of Illinois instructed its executive committee to make some arrangement whereby the members of the order could buy farm machinery from manufacturers, or as near first hands as possible. At the session of '93 they reported that they found manufacturers so organized that it was impossible, and more, that they were pledged to sell no goods to jobbing houses who would sell to farmers direct. The committee recommended as the only means of relief that a company be organized and the necessary stock subscribed to build their own machinery. This report was adopted. Soon after, in order to carry out this action, a call was issued to twenty-two prominent Patrons in the state to meet to organize the company. They met, and the company was organized, a charter secured and books opened for the subscription of the stock, which was placed at $100,000 in shares of $10 each, no person being permitted to own more than 100 shares, that it might not become a monopoly in the hands of a few. No one not a member of the Grange in good standing could subscribe for the stock, and by special contract no one can cast more than 20 votes, so that it is a company of the people."

Subscriptions among subordinate Granges were taken until November of 1894, when the National Grange at its session in Illinois, as Mr. Keady states, fully discussed and favorably received the plan of action. The Masters of twenty-two Granges subscribed for stock in the company. There are in Illinois 1,200 stockholders, and the scheme has reached a stage that the following quotation will make apparent:

"The first $100,000 of the capital stock has been subscribed. The papers are all signed up locating the plant near Springfield, which city is pledged to give $100,000 bonus for the location of the shops at their city. The plans for the shops are drawn, and within the next ten days the company will advertise for bids for their construction. So in spite of the efforts of the corporations and their tools, the metropolitan newspapers, this, the greatest co-operative effort of the Grange, is going to succeed.

"The Board of Directors have contracted to have implements built for them for this spring's delivery, and of the very best and latest pattern. Already we are delivering corn planters, either check-row complete or drill and check-row combined, at prices that are entirely satisfactory."

Notwithstanding the general failure of farmers' organizations throughout the world to successfully establish co-operative purposes, sales and manufacturing enterprises, the effort still continues, apparently with increasing prospects of success. In various forms here and there, farmers are becoming able to dispense with professional services by others. They insure their own buildings, buy chemicals in conjunction, and transact other business as organized bodies.

HUNGARIAN GRASS.

A wider breadth of Hungarian is planned to be sown this year than ever before in localities already familiar with the value of this crop for fodder purposes. The fact that an acre of well-grown Hungarian gives as much food substance as an acre of good corn, is being comprehended by farmers who are giving intelligent attention to their business, and it is being plainly seen that in that fact is a matter of great importance. Hungarian makes the best of fodder, green or dry, for cattle or horses. The man-labor cost of producing it is comparatively light, and the labor required is not called for till the pressure of the spring season is over. Hungarian is a hot weather plant, hence the seed should not be put into the ground till the tenth to the middle of June. The soil then will have become well warmed up from the summer sun, when the young plants will start into a strong and rapid growth at once. Sow a bushel of seed to the acre.

The corn and the potatoes are now planted, or chiefly so, and the other work incident to the season well done up, so there is ample opportunity now to thoroughly prepare the land to be devoted to this crop. Stir the soil deep and well, and grind it down fine. This should be attended to now as opportunity offers, and be repeated at intervals of a few days till the time for seeding is reached. There is no danger of overdoing this work. Thorough work in the preparation of the land is an insurance of a crop at harvest. The team does the work. Better far that those acres of light grass be turned into heavy crops of Hungarian.—Maine Farmer.

Now is a good time to note the effects of the winter feeding. If the hens have preserved the triangular form and show no signs of balancing by fat the hind parts with the fullness and depth of breast, they will be ready for market when done laying and sell at long prices. But the trouble with the great majority, seen about the country, is that the hind parts are heaviest, showing an excess of fat. No matter how young these birds may be they will sell as old fowl. Those lumps of fat should be highly treasured by the owners for they are there by their orders, the result of overfeeding. When poultry keeping is made a business and men seek to get a profit from it, to realize all that is possible, as men should from other lines of work, they will learn that fat is to be avoided, and its presence to be taken as evidence of bad methods and extravagance on the part of the man at the head. So long as hens are kept for the fun of the thing these accumulations of fat will be tolerated.

There is one fact in connection with the horse industry which men are prone to overlook. It is the condition of the stock offered for sale. Horses will not sell anywhere near their value to-day unless in fine form and flesh. It is foolish to attempt to sell young stock not thoroughly bitted and accustomed to the rein and road. Men are looking for style as well as conformation and size, and will base their estimates on what is shown them. It is the well dressed, well finished horse, as well as the good actor and free driver which is snapped at anything more than pork prices.

Five silos were built in this township about ten years ago, and only one has been filled, and that but once or twice. Dairymen say it does not pay to go to much expense to make a feed which renders milk and butter unwholesome and unsalable. The silo and incubator are dying a slow but sure death. Farmers cornered themselves in potatoes last fall because they raised nothing else and were forced to sell for what they could get. Look out for breakers this season.—Saratoga (N. Y.) correspondence.

Our exchanges are somewhat freely advising farmers to stick to the potato crop, under the assurance that potatoes are likely to be much higher this year. If the advice is followed the result may with some safety be predicted. Personal conditions must govern in this matter.

A single tax community has established itself on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay, where it hopes to work out the problem involved in the single tax theory of Henry George. The community does not contain many genuine farmers.

REMEMBERED.

Up and away like the dew
That soars from the earth to its home in the sun,
So let me steal away, gently and lovingly,
Only remembered by what I have done.

My name and my place and my tomb all forgotten;
The brief race of time well and patiently run;
So let me pass away, peacefully, silently,
Only remembered by what I have done.

Yes, like the fragrance that wanders in darkness,
When the flowers it came from are closed up and gone;
So would I be to the world's weary dwellers,
Only remembered by what I have done.

Needs there the praise of the love-written record,
The name and the epitaph gravel on the stone?
The things we have lived for, let them be our story—
We ourselves be remembered by what we have done.

I need not be missed, if another succeed me,
To reap down those fields which in spring I have sown.
He who plowed and sowed is not missed by the reaper,
He is only remembered by what he has done.

I need not be missed, if my life has been bearing,
As its summer and autumn move silently on,
The bloom and the fruit and the seed of its season;
I shall still be remembered by what I have done.

Not myself, but the truth that in life I have spoken;
Not myself, but the seed that in life I have sown;
Shall pass on to ages, all about me forgotten
Save the truth I have spoken, the things I have done.

So let my living be, so be my dying;
So let my name be, unblazoned, unknown;
Unpraised and unmissed, I shall still be remembered—
Yes, but remembered by what I have done.

SILK FROM WOOD.

IT IS HANDSOME AND CHEAP, AND IT LOOKS AS IF THE SILKWORM WOULD HAVE TO GET ANOTHER JOB.

The invention of the process of manufacturing silk from wood is due to Count Hilaire de Chardonnet, who, after many experiments, found in 1893 that he could make his process a commercial success. Large quantities of wood silk have been made, sold and utilized in France, and now a factory is about being started in Lancashire for the purpose of adding its production to the number of our own industries.

A factory costing $150,000 is to be built near Manchester. Artificial silk yarn is to be made and sold, and already the competition for this new wood silk is so great that it is announced that six firms have already arranged to take the total output of the factory, even before a single brick has been laid.

The manner in which wood is converted into silk at Besancon is a remarkable example of the benefit arising from the combination of chemistry and engineering. The wood fibre, which may be paper, cardboard or even waste cotton rags, is macerated in a mixture of nitric and sulphuric acids. By this its character is very much altered, and after the acids are washed out by water it is found to have become soluble in a mixture of alcohol and ether, forming a thick, gummy solution.

This gum is put into cylinders, and is forced, by great pressure, into pipes leading to the spinning machines. These pipes are supplied with small taps, each of which ends in a glass tube, with a fine point at the end, in which is an opening so small that no filament could pass through it if as large as a human hair. These tubes are known as the "glass silk worms," and in the factory at Besancon there are no less than 12,000 of them in constant work.

When the machinery is in operation the pressure in the cylinders forces the gummy liquid along the tubes, and when the small taps are turned on, through each of the glass "silkworms," at the end of which the pulp appears in the form of a scarcely perceptible globule. The factory girl touches this with her thumb and draws out an almost invisible filament, which, as the spirit evaporates, becomes sufficiently strong to be wound off on to a revolving bobbin; then eight or ten or a dozen of such filaments, according to the thickness of the thread required, are taken and passed through guides on to a single bobbin.

They adhere together, and are wound off, constituting a thread of wood-silk, which before being used has to be chemically treated, so as to remove the last traces of the nitric acid, and render the silk uninflammable, and then the hanks are passed between revolving rollers to give the fibre that wonderfully high lustre which is characteristic of this new artificial silk, which, as it takes the colors of the dyer most perfectly, and has an extremely rich appearance, leaves nothing to be desired.

The silk so obtained is somewhat analogous in its character to other preparations which are made of dissolved woody fibre, such, for example, as guncotton or the imitation ivory which is now so largely employed for billiard balls, knife handles, shoe lifters and similar articles. As far as the textile strength of the new material is concerned, it appears to be somewhat less strong than that of the natural silk, possessing only about four-fifths of its tenacity.

Speculation is already rife as to the effect that this new production will have upon the various textile manufactures of England. That these effects will be very great, and will produce a revolution in the conditions of the silk and weaving trades, is almost undoubted. The success of the manufacture is not problematical; the material has already, as we have said, been largely used in Paris, and has been extensively, though in many cases unconsciously, sold in London. When this silk comes to be produced, which it can be in unlimited quantities, it will be employed in the various fabrics which are now wholly or partially prepared from silkworm silk, and thus it will be used by a large number of people to whom the present price of silk is prohibitory.—London Queen.

"For Charity Suffereth Long."

Mrs. Laura C. Phoenix, Milwaukee, Wis.

"Matron of a Benevolent Home and knowing the good Dr. Miles' Nervine has done me, my wish to help others, overcomes my dislike for the publicity, this letter may give me. In Nov. and Dec., 1893, *The inmates had the "LaGrippe,"* and I was one of the first. Resuming duty too soon, with the care of so many sick, I did not regain my health, and in a month *I became so debilitated and nervous* from sleeplessness and the drafts made on my vitality, that it was a question if I could go on. A dear friend advised me to try *Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine.* I took 2 bottles and am happy to say, I am in better health than ever. I still continue *its occasional use, as a nerve food,* as my work is very trying. A letter addressed to Milwaukee, Wis., will reach me."
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TWO RUNAWAYS

By HARRY STILLWELL EDWARDS.

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CHAPTER I.

I have little doubt but many people in middle Georgia yet remember Crawford Worthington, who in antebellum days kept open house in Baldwin county. Major Worthington, as he was called because of some fancied aid he had extended to his country during the difficulty with Mexico, was not a type—unless to be one of many singular characters in a region whose peculiar institutions admitted of the wildest eccentricities can constitute a type. He lived in the midst of peace and plenty upon his plantation not many miles from Milledgeville, surrounded by several hundred

"You are fixing to run away, Isam!"

slaves with whom he was upon singular but easy terms. His broad, rolling fields, his almost boundless pastures, his solemn fronted and tall columned house, his comfortable "quarters," where dwelt the negroes, all bespoke prosperity and independence. Independent he was. No prince ever ruled with sway more potent than this bachelor planter, surrounded by his blacks and acknowledging none other than his own will.

This marked character was a man below medium height. His figure inclined very decidedly to portliness, and beyond a long, narrow mustache and thin imperial of black and gray his face was clean shaven. Iron gray hair in abundance crept out from under the white felt hat he generally wore, and his mixed suit of gray was illumined by a ruffled shirt and broad spreading cuffs of the finest linen.

Self willed and eccentric are weak words with which to stamp this gentleman's actions. In the long days of his idleness, when the legislature was not in session, the negro was an unfailing source of amusement and study to him, and his sole diversion, for he despised books from the day he left college, and beyond a sporting journal and a paper from a neighboring city he had no periodical. Of course he was a Whig.

Upon the day which I have selected to open a page in the experience of Major Crawford Worthington he was sitting upon his broad veranda, which swept back from the front around to the shady eastern exposure and overlooked the spacious back yard. Twoscore pickaninnies in short shirts had scrambled in front of him for small silver coins as he scattered them upon the ground beneath. The tears wrung from him by their contortions and funny postures had dried upon his cheeks, and weary of the sport he had turned away the black athletes by means of a few gourds of cold water skillfully applied to their half clad forms, had settled back to enjoy the afternoon and fell a-dreaming.

He remembered, in that easy method common to dreams, how years before he had sat upon that same porch watching a favorite old negro catching chickens in the yard. "Isam!" he had said, and moving with jerky little motions that seemed always to attune themselves to his master's moods as expressed in his tones Isam had minced up the steps.

"Isam," he had continued, "you are fixing to run away!"

He remembered the startled look that swept over the funny little man's countenance and his answer:

"Lord mussy, Mass' Craffud, whoev'r hyah de like er dat?"

"Yes, sir, and you are fixing to start right away."

There had been genuine grief in the negro's voice as he replied:

"'Fo' Gawd, Mass' Craffud, you dun got de wrong nigger dis time. Isam is nigh onter 50 year ole, en he ain' nev'r lef' de place on er run yet. No, sah!"

Isam, however, spurred on by the suggestion, had really run off, and the overseer had scoured the country for him in vain. The black was enjoying freedom beyond recall, but one morning while the major was breakfasting alone, and his two servants who attended the table were busy with flybrush and waffles, Isam suddenly stood in the doorway. His clothes were torn and soiled, and his face wore a hangdog look that was in truth comical. Since that day old Isam had run away annually about the same time of the year, and this without any apparent cause.

Evidently this was what the major was thinking of, for smiles came and went upon his face like shadows under the swaying mimosa. And when at last his eyes fell again upon the old negro:

"Isam!" he said, just as he had spoken years ago.

"Yes, sir," and the jerky little tones were the same.

"You are fixing to run away, Isam!"

"Me!" and again that reproachful, protesting voice.

"Yes, you; just as you have for years. You are getting ready to start. I have had my eye on you for a week. But," said the major, fixing his lips after the Worthington fashion, "I am going to know this time where you go and why you go."

There was silence a full minute; then the negro spoke:

"Mass' Craffud, 'deed en I dunno 'zactly how et is. Hit jes' sorter strikes me, en I'm gone 'fo' I know't. En dat's er sollum fac', sho."

"Well," said the major, "then go when it strikes you. It is a relief to get rid of you occasionally. But if you get off this time without letting me know when you start I'll cut your ears off when you come back—if I don't"—

And Isam believed him.

CHAPTER II.

Isam's annual runaway freak had worried Major Worthington more than anything of like importance he had ever confronted. He cared not an iota for his lost time, nor for his bad example, but it galled him to think that there was anything in connection with a negro that he could not fathom. In this old negro he had at last found a cunning and a mystery that evaded his penetration. Study as he might, no satisfactory explanation could ever be secured. Year after year about the 1st of July his factotum failed to appear, and the place that had known him long so knew him no more for a fortnight.

It was seldom that the major ever threatened a servant. Never before in his life had a threat been leveled at Isam, who was a privileged character about the house. It was not surprising therefore that just before daybreak next morning a knock was heard at the major's window. That individual understood it and quietly donning his clothes went outside, assured that he would find Isam on hand. He was not mistaken.

"I'se dun struck me, Mass' Craffud, en I 'bliged ter go," said Isam.

"Ah!" said the major, "then we'll talk it over first."

Isam sat upon the steps, the major in his old rocker, and talk it over they did, until a pale glimmer trembled in the east. What passed between them no one ever learned, but finally the major rose, and preceded by Isam, who bore a pack that gave him the appearance of a sable Kris Kringle, struck out straight across the fence and the fields, disappearing in the woods beyond. Only the hounds knew when they left, and these tugged at their chains with noisy pleadings, but in vain. When day finally rolled in with streaming banners, Woodhaven was without its master, and the overseer, too much accustomed to the eccentricities of that absent power to worry over his sudden departure, reigned in his stead.

The path of the runaways led first directly past a growth of plum bushes, an acre in extent, that stood out in the open field, a small forest in itself. This was the burial ground, where without regard to order or system the graves of departed negroes, covered with bits of glass, broken cups, abandoned cans and other treasures of the trash heap, dotted the shadowy depths. These glimmered faintly in the gray half light, and Isam shivered slightly as he passed. The movement did not escape the notice of the major, who smiled grimly as he said:

"You don't come this way, Isam, when you run off by yourself."

The sound of a human voice was reassuring, and the negro answered cheerily:

"Yessir. Ain' nuthin go'n ter tech ole Isam. All dem 'n dere is dun boun en set."

"And what the deuce is 'bound and set?'" The major's inquiry betrayed impatience rather than curiosity. He knew well how secretive is the negro of any class when interrogated in connection with his superstitions. Isam shook his head.

"Lor sakes, Mass' Craffud, don' you know all 'bout dat?"

"No," said the major testily; "if I did I wouldn't be wasting breath asking a fool nigger."

"Well," said Isam, willing to compromise in the interest of peace, "w'en er sperrit gits out'n de flesh, de only way dat can be boun en set es ter plug er tree." He stepped in front of a broken pine near the path and examined it critically. "Dere's er plug round hyah fur nigh ev'y wun dem graves, ef yer knows where ter look."

"What do you mean by this nonsense, Isam? Do you expect me to swallow such stuff?"

"Hit's er fac', Mass' Craffud. Dere now, dere's er plug, sho' nuf."

Years before—Major Worthington remembered it then—he had come across a spat pine from which a half dozen of these plugs had fallen and was surprised by the scare it had caused on the plantation. They were made up of old nails, bits of glass, red pepper and tar and sprinkled with the blood of a chicken. Each plug contained a few hairs from the head of the deceased and a piece of

"Don', Mass' Craffud, don' do it!"

a garment that had been worn next the skin. Each ingredient had an important significance but exactly what it was no one knew or knows to this day unless some aged voodoo lingers in the land and holds the secret.

The major examined the signs pointed out. Only a practiced eye in broad daylight would have been apt to discover them. He deliberately took out his knife and began to pick at a plug. The change that came over Isam was ludicrous. He clutched the major's arm and chattered out:

"Don', Mass' Craffud, don' do it, honey! You mout let de meanes' nigg'r on dis place git loose, en dere ain' no telling w'at 'd happ'n. You git de chill 'n fev' 'n cat'piller 'n bad craps, sho's yer born. Oh, Lordy, Lordy, Lordy! Dere now, t'ank de Lord!"

The major had calmly persisted in his efforts to extract a plug until his knife blade snapped. With a great pretense of rage he persisted with the broken blade until finally, sure enough, out fell the plug. In an instant the negro had seized it and thrust it in place again, and with his back to the tree was begging so piteously the major could not resist.

"All right, idiot," he said laughingly. "Lead the way. I won't trouble it."

Isam moved off without much ado, and the major, who was not built for running races and climbing fences, had as much as he could do to keep up. The negro wagged his head ominously as he hurried along.

"Dere ain' no tellin but w'at dat nigg'r dun got loos'en 'gun his curvortin roun 'fo' now. One time lightnin busted de tree ov'r dere, en seben er dem plugs drap out. En dat summer de typhoid fev'r struck seben nigg'rs, en de las' one iv 'm died spang dead. Ain' nev'r had dat fev'r 'fo' er sence on de place. But dey do say," continued Isam, now anxious to communicate his extensive knowledge of the subject, "ef dem folks had n' burn de light fum dat tree nuthin'd happ'n. Bet you can't git er nigg'r 'n Baldwin county ter burn cny mo' uv de lightnin's light 'nd, en mighty few go'n ter rake pine straw 'bout dere."

CHAPTER III.

The human race has certainly been evolved from a barbaric into a partly civilized state. At odd seasons the old instinct crops out and regains control of us. Major Worthington had entered upon his brief lapse into savagery, though he did not realize it. Ill adapted as he was for foot journeys of considerable length, the flush of new freedom sustained him.

But the unwonted exercise told at last. A halt must perforce soon have been ordered, when Isam plunged over a sharp decline and indicating a long line of pale green and a denser growth in front exclaimed:

"'Mos' dere now!"

The major knew the place. It was the line of the Oconee river mapped in verdure. Reaching the welcome shade, he dropped down where Isam had already pitched his bundle.

Mumbling after the fashion of old darkies, a meaning smile upon his lips, which, after all, is merely thinking aloud, Isam brought from the well filled depths of his kit a small stone jug. Soon, after certain rites and ceremonies appropriate to the occasion, he approached the major, and with a triumphant flourish extended a large tumbler of red liquid from which gracefully arose a small forest of mint.

"Dun foun er noo spring," he said, but the man propped against the cypress was motionless, and his hands were folded peacefully in his lap.

Stooping down, Isam peered cautiously under the broad hat brim, with the whispered ejaculation: "Lor bless my soul, ef he ain' dun gone ter sleep! I recken dat las' ten railer was pow'ful wurrin ter 'r man 'r his fat. Mass' Craffud, Mass' Craffud!" No answer came.

Getting down on his knees, he carefully inserted with a spoon a few drops of the beverage between the lips of the sleeper and allowed them to percolate downward. As the "apple" of the tightened throat darted up and glided down again into place he whispered:

"Mass' Craffud, es yer dun fainted?"

The eyes opened, and the major sat bolt upright. The next minute he drained off the drink and sat contemplating the honest face, in whose eyes was a peculiar look.

"T'ank de goodness!" exclaimed Isam. "I bin er holdin dis hyah julup hyah fur half er hour. Ain' nev'r known yer ter balk at er julup 'fo' en 40 yeaurs!"

"That came in the right time, Isam, and it's good whisky," said the major heartily. "Where did you get it?"

"Yessir," chuckled the negro, "hit's good, but hit ain' good ter ask er stray hen w'at's layin en yer orchud whar she belong er how many teef she got."

The major realized that he had become a guest. He laughed, sank back against the tree and soon again was lost in slumber. When he awoke, there had been a decided change in his surroundings. A low fire burned a few yards away, and sundry flips of bacon were browning in a frying pan set jauntily thereon, while from the ashes beneath the brown ends of hoecakes protruded.

"Tain' but er bite," said Isam apologetically, "but des wait tell de fish git mixed up wid dem sum er dese days, en den you see w'at hit es ter be loos' en free."

To be loose and free! The major fixed his eyes upon the old negro as he produced tin platters from his kit and transferred the smoking viands, humble but savory, from the frying pan. The words haunted him, and as the smoke arose there floated upon his vision pictures of boyhood's escapades. Isam had belonged to him from his own infancy, though for the first 15 years the question of ownership seemed altogether unsettled, for the negro was five or six years the senior. How they had hunted and strayed off and set gums for rabbits and snares for birds and robbed nests! Loose and free! Old Isam surveyed with proud satisfaction the major's fierce attack upon the morning meal.

"Dere ain' no spring chick'n en der pan," he said sententiously, "but er fuss rate app'tite kin git des' es good er grip on er flip er bacon es hit kin on er yaller leg chicken."

"There is something in that," said the major. "Get your flip, you black rascal, and go to eating." But Isam shook his head.

"No, sah. W'en er nigg'r feeds, he don' wan' no w'ite folks roun. He wan' ter git off en mop de pan 'thout 'tract'n 'tention ter hisse'f."

"It seems to me," said the major, as he transferred another flip of bacon to his platter, "that it must be mighty hard for an honest nigger to live comfortably out here."

Isam's face took on a look of personal injury.

"Er bones' nigg'r," he said, stirring up the ashes and inserting fresh cake, "don' eat no mo' out hyah den he do at home, not a bit. Rashuns es rashuns ennywhar you fine 'em. En I hear say," he continued significantly, "w'en folks goes er vis'tin dey don' 'quire es ter de year marks uv de pig, w'en backbone en spar' ribs en chine es sot out."

"Your idea of etiquette is perfectly sound, Isam."

"En der only time w'en folks w'at's vis'tin got er right ter git der backs up es w'en de gem'man feed 'esse'f high en feed t' others low."

With an air of dignity the old negro gathered up the remnants of the spread, the major having finished, and retired to allay the pangs of an increased appetite, but he was doomed to further delay. A most profane ejaculation fell from the major's lips and came to his ears.

"Des' es I said, dere 'tis ergin—terbacker now." He put aside the repast and grumblingly investigated the kit once more. "En I reck'n w'en he see dis yer bag er terbacker he go'n ter want hits ped'gree all way back."

"Lor bless my soul, ef he ain' dun gone ter sleep!"

Nevertheless he produced it, with a handful of corncob pipes, and cutting a reed stem handed to the major the finest smoking outfit in the world. As Isam skillfully balanced a glowing coal upon the little heap of tobacco he concluded:

"Somehow nther sump'n said 'bout time de runaway noshun struck in, 'Isam, you go'n ter see com'ny terday, en hit's go'n ter be Mass' Craffud,' so I des laid in er bag speah'ly fur 'm."

The major merely drew in and expelled a cloud of smoke. He contented himself with saying, "You are very thoughtful," and laughing softly to himself Isam retired to his meal. As he finished and stuffed his own cob pipe full of "natural leaf" and perique—brought along especially for his master—Isam cast his eye skyward.

"Mos' 10 er'clock. Mus' be movin out er hyah. Bimeby overseer en houn be 'long in er hurry. Got ter git whar meat es thicker too. Dat bacon en hoecake hard ter beat, but dey don' half fill de bill wid er run'way nigg'r. Des wait twell we git er mess er redbelly en brim, en I reck'n sho' nuff de fun go'n ter b'gin ter start. Time we us go'n, Mass' Craffud."

The major rose and followed cheerily. Skirting the swamp, Isam soon found a hog path, and presently the runaways came in sight of the river. A battean was tied up in a little branch near by, and in it lay an ax and a paddle.

"Isam," said the major as he clambered in

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FOR GOVERNOR,

Llewellyn Powers,

OF HOULTON.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS,

Nelson Dingley, Jr.,

OF LEWISTON.

COMING EVENTS.

June 9.—Oxford Pomona Grange, Rumford Falls.
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.
June 30.—Democratic 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.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

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

The basis of representation will be as follows: Each town and plantation organized for election purposes will be entitled to one delegate, and an additional delegate for every 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,	3
Bethel,	4	Paris,	7
Brownfield,	3	Peru,	2
Buckfield,	2	Porter,	3
Byron,	1	Roxbury,	1
Canton,	3	Rumford,	4
Denmark,	1	Stoneham,	2
Dixfield,	3	Stow,	1
Fryeburg,	3	Sumner,	3
Gilead,	1	Sweden,	1
Grafton,	1	Upton,	1
Greenwood,	1	Waterford,	2
Hanover,	1	Woodstock,	3
Hartford,	2	PLANTATIONS.	
Hebron,	1	Franklin,	1
Hiram,	2	Lincoln,	1
Lovell,	1	Magalloway,	1
Mason,	1	Milton,	1
Mexico,	2		
Newry,	1	Total,	80

POWERS FOR GOVERNOR.

THE HOULTON MAN NOMINATED AT BANGOR LAST WEEK.—LARGE CONVENTION.—THE RESOLUTIONS.

The Republican state convention at Bangor, last Tuesday, had present 1,141 of the 1,311 to which the convention was entitled—a remarkable attendance, considering that the nomination was a foregone conclusion and that there was no contest.

The convention was presided over by Hon. Harold M. Sewall of Bath. Mr. Sewall made a ringing Republican speech in accepting the nomination.

Hon. Llewellyn Powers of Houlton was nominated as candidate for governor by Judge A. R. Savage of Auburn, and the nomination was seconded by Col. F. N. Dow of Portland and Bertram L. Smith, Esq., of Patten. The nomination then was made by acclamation. Mr. Powers was notified, and came into the hall and accepted the nomination in an earnest speech. Governor Cleaves was called upon during a recess of the convention, in response to demands from all parts of the hall, and made one of those taking speeches such as he always does.

The following are the resolutions adopted:

The Republicans of Maine in convention review with pride the history of Republican administration in our state. We have seen the beneficent effect of wise laws, good government and of a faithful, economical and able conduct of our state offices in every department. We have seen our state debt reduced and at the same time the burdens of state taxation made lighter. The party now tenders its grateful appreciation of faithful and distinguished service rendered to the state during the past four years by our Governor, Henry B. Cleaves. In the long list of illustrious men who have filled the executive office no one has deserved better of the state nor given a more signal administration of capacity to govern wisely and well.

We are proud of the history and adhere to the principles of the Republican party.

In state affairs we are in favor of an economical administration of our state government and a continued reduction of our state debt. We favor just and equal taxation, free popular education, such sentiment and intelligent regard for the natural resources of our state as will tend to their development and to the keeping of Maine capital employed in Maine; fidelity and adherence to the cause of temperance and such continued action as shall keep our state in the lead in this cause.

For improved highways, a movement which has been inaugurated by our state board of trade. (Good roads mean improved facilities, enlarged intercourse, increased revenue and better citizenship.) We earnestly recommend such careful consideration and the passage of such laws as the importance of this matter demands.

In national affairs the Republicans of Maine are in favor of restoration of that Republican policy of protection taught by Lincoln, illustrated by the signal prosperity of the country for thirty years and rounded out by the reciprocity of Blaine—a policy adapted to the business of the country and adjusted from time to time to changed conditions. With confidence and prosperity restored, revenue will be made adequate to the support of the government and the issue of bonds ostensibly for the maintenance of redemption funds, but really to meet deficiency will cease.

We are opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver except by international agreement and until such agreement can be obtained we believe that the present gold standard should be maintained. We believe in the maintenance of highest national credit by the utmost faith towards the public creditor not for the creditor's sake but for the nation's sake; for the sound reason that the most valuable protection of any nation in time of war or distress next to the courage of its people is an honorable reputation. Whoever pays with honor borrows with ease. Sound finance and certainty at the treasury and protection for the producers will mean prosperity and peace.

We are in favor of a foreign policy which shall be at all times and with all nations firm, vigorous and dignified, which will preserve the national honor at home and abroad. We are in favor of measures for the restriction of immigration. We are in favor of a just administration of all pension legislation. We congratulate our delegation in Congress that their long continued efforts in behalf of American shipping have at last aroused an interest thoroughout the country that promises to restore this great industry so important to national defence to its former prominence. We join our fellow Republicans of thirteen states in the advocacy of discriminative duties in favor of American ships, a policy approved by Hamilton, the father of American protection, and which gave us our carrying trade in the early days of the republic.

We renew our unswerving loyalty to that great champion of protection and sound money, the Hon. Thomas B. Reed, in the hope that the coming national convention will recognize the urgent demand of the business interest of the country for his nomination.

We render our cordial appreciation to our distinguished representatives in both branches of Congress for their able representation of the state at the national capital.

We pledge our faithful and loyal support to our esteemed fellow citizen, Hon. Llewellyn Powers, whom we have named to be the standard-bearer of our party and to be the next Governor of Maine.

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. Crocker, Miss Hattie Crocker, Dr. M. M. Houghton and Mrs. O. A. Maxim made a carriage trip to Richmond last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Watkins visited at J. C. Cummings' last week.

Mrs. H. E. Hammond has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Shorey, at Gorham, N. H.

Harold Thayer is the latest to join the ever increasing army of wheelmen.

Carroll Hooper and wife of Boston are visiting relatives at Paris Hill.

Advertised letters in Paris post office:

T. F. Randall.
F. J. Newton.
Mr. M. Cummings.
Dr. Bedard.
Ellen S. Bacon.
Dora R. Lee.
Mrs. A. Ottignon.

The Bryant Pond boys played ball with the Paris Hill boys Thursday afternoon. 'Twas quite a game, if the score did run up considerable. Score 19 to 17 in favor of Paris Hill, ten innings.

Rev. E. W. Pierce, Mrs. O. A. Thayer, Mrs. J. Pierce, Mrs. E. H. Jackson, Mr. Benjamin Maxim and others attended the Universalist state convention at Auburn last week.

There is evidently a deer in the vicinity of Hillside Cemetery. Albion Packard saw her in the road when he drove the stage up from the early train Friday morning. She may remain unmolested for about four months yet.

The family of Ex-Governor Perham are expected to arrive this week and open their house for the summer.

Mrs. Hooper Jackson was visiting at her daughter's, Mrs. H. P. Hammond's, last week, but was called home on account of the sickness of her husband. He is much better at this writing.

Fred Jackson came after his sister, Mrs. H. P. Hammond, to go and care for his wife who was sick. She returned Sunday night, Mrs. Jackson being very much better.

Hiram R. Hubbard, Esq., one of Paris' leading citizens, was united in marriage last Saturday morning to Miss Emma Thayer, a daughter of the late Alexander S. Thayer, and one of our most worthy and popular young ladies. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few relatives by Rev. E. W. Pierce, pastor of the Paris Hill Universalist Church, at the home of the bride. The bridal pair started immediately for a carriage tour through the White Mountains by way of Fryeburg. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard will receive the congratulations of very many friends. The Democrat hopes that other citizens of Paris Hill will follow Mr. Hubbard's excellent example.

A party consisting of the Perkins and Hooper families enjoyed a pleasant picnic at Gibson's Grove Saturday.

The ordinance of baptism will be administered to a large number of candidates by Rev. H. A. Roberts at the Baptist church next Sunday evening.

The students of Paris Hill Academy and the pupils from the grammar school, will give an entertainment Wednesday evening, June 10, in Academy Hall. The following programme has been arranged:

PART I.

1. Chorus, To Thee, O Country!
2. The Shadow of Doom, Helen Hammond.
3. Building the Temple, John B. Gough. Joshua W. S. Colby.
4. The Classmates, Miss A. O. Briggs. Persis A. Child.
5. "Mary's Night Ride," Geo. W. Cable. Georgia M. Garland.
6. The Brides of Enderby, Jean Ingelow. Grace F. Doe.
7. Artemus Ward's Mormon Lecture, C. F. Brown. Robert S. Benson.

PART II.

8. Guitar Solo, Miss Agnes B. Veasey.
9. The Housekeeper's Soliloquy, Frances Dana Gage. Lizzie M. Newell.
10. The Dog of the Regiment, Helen R. Cole.
11. Little Orphant Annie, James Whitcomb Riley. Mary A. Pierce.
12. "Boy Wanted," Ruth I. Stearns.
13. Mr. Bilfkin's First Baby, Julia F. Carter.
14. Music, Misses Austin, Heald and Veasey.
15. Tableaux.

Ice cream and cake will be served after the entertainment. As this is for the benefit of the academy let everybody come. Admission 15 cents. Doors open at 7:30, entertainment begins at 8.

A special meeting of the Oxford County Association of Universalists will be held in Paris Tuesday and Wednesday, June 16th and 17th. Program:

TUESDAY.

10:30. Address of Welcome, Rev. Edwin W. Pierce.
Response, President of the Association.
11:00. Sermon, Rev. C. E. Angell, Norway.
12:00 to 1:30. Dinner.
1:30. Platform Meeting.
1. Address, Rev. F. E. Barton, Bethel.
2. Address, Rev. R. D. Towne, Lewiston.
3. Discussion.
7:30. Installation Service, Sermon, Rev. C. A. Hayden, Augusta.

WEDNESDAY.

8:30. Conference Meeting, Rev. John Kimball, Turner Centre.
9:30. Sermon, Rev. C. L. Waite, Brunswick.
10:30. Sermon, Rev. F. E. Wheeler, Mechanic Falls.
12 to 1:30. Dinner.
1:30. Sermon, Rev. H. R. Rose, Auburn.
2:30. Address, Rev. W. W. Hooper, Deering Centre.

A cordial invitation is extended to all. Visitors will please report at the church for entertainment.

EDWIN W. PIERCE, Pastor.

WHITTEMORE DISTRICT.

Seth Sieberling, who fell from an apple tree some over a year ago, had the misfortune to lose a nice cow recently. Any one wishing to assist Mr. Sieberling in his loss can do so by sending to Wm. E. Cooper, Paris, Maine.

James Whittemore has a Jersey cow which gave birth last week to two baby bossies, which are alive and doing well.

Mrs. J. S. Drake of New Jersey is spending a few weeks at the old homestead.

EAST SUMNER.

Memorial Day was faithfully observed. The able address of Rev. B. S. Rideout is highly spoken of by all who heard it. The singing by the quartette for the occasion was very good, and the recitations by two little girls, Helen Robinson and Mildred Keene, were well received. Services at the cemetery were abridged on account of the approaching shower.

Several from the place attended the Congregational conference at Oxford last week.

Mrs. Murray arrived home a few days ago from Boston with health much improved.

Roads are being improved as they were in unusually bad condition.

Sweet corn, caterpillars and scarecrows engross the farmers' time now.

We shall soon Reed the account of the St. Louis convention. We shall not accept the second place in presidential contest, in any event.

SWEDEN.

Nearly all the planting in this section is done. Corn planters have been in good demand the past week. Most farmers prefer to have their planting done that way now.

Mr. Meserve and a gentleman friend from Hallowell are at George Marr's for a vacation, and to take in some trout fishing.

Miss Mary Webber and Mr. Dean Andrews are again at O. P. Saunders' where they will stay through the summer months. Both have quite poor health.

If butter is quite low, cream business seems to be good, as Mr. Noble has extended his route to the Black Mountain neighborhood, and gets full loads of cream every trip.

WEST SUMNER.

Geo. E. Pulsifer has been at home from Massachusetts a few days.

Charles Hemingway of Norway has moved here and opened a blacksmith shop.

A party from New Jersey are camping and fishing at Little Concord Pond.

Mrs. Charles Field has gone to Massachusetts visiting.

Mrs. W. S. Nevens of Waterville is visiting her sister, Mrs. Annie B. Andrews.

BETHEL.

The merry-go-round has already arrived and been placed on Odd Fellows' lot, and was started to the delight of the children Saturday afternoon.

Tuesday the convention at Auburn was well represented by delegates from the Universalist church, and the Oxford County Conference at Oxford by delegates from the Congregational church.

Mr. Will Philbrook and family are visiting Mr. Philbrook's father, Mr. S. D. Philbrook. Mrs. Philbrook was called from Worcester to Shelburne, N. H., by the sudden death of her father, Mr. Larey.

Tuesday afternoon the W. C. T. U. met in Garland Chapel, and chose delegates to the county convention which is to meet in Norway, June 25 and 26.

Judge Whitehouse, Hon. James S. Wright and Hon. John Swasey were in town Thursday on a referee case.

Friday afternoon the Woman's Auxiliary of Maine Missions met in Garland Chapel and held a very interesting meeting. Six little girls assisted in recitations and readings.

The three pastors connected with the several churches have all been absent this week to attend their several conventions.

The many friends of D. C. Philbrook extend congratulations and good wishes to himself and bride. They are to return to Bethel about June 9th.

Before another issue of this paper another centennial will have passed into history. Bethel will give a warm welcome to her sons and daughters who return to join in the celebration, and also to all friends who are interested to come.

Oxford County has one plucky woman and she lives in Bethel. She took her hoe and presented herself to the highway surveyor to work out her tax, and she worked until the tax was worked out.

Rev. Israel Jordan preached a very impressive sermon from 1 Kings 8:18. It was a centennial sermon, and the pastor urged that all the homes of Bethel should become pure and lovely that Bethel (house of God) might in very deed be worthy the name the first settlers chose for it.

Sunday evening Judge Whitman of Norway gave a temperance address under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. The speaker held the undivided attention of his audience while he answered the three arguments used by the enemies of prohibition. 1. Prohibition deprives a man of his personal rights. 2. It cannot be enforced. 3. It interferes with business. He paid a tender tribute to Bethel's sons who served in our war, and urged individual duty in regard to the great reforms of the day. In closing he appealed to the homes for temperance and purity as being the fountain head of all society. The Union is to be congratulated in having given Bethel people an opportunity to listen to a lecture full of earnest thought. Thanks are due from the Union to Miss Laura Hall who so kindly and gracefully presided at the organ, and Miss Alice Purington who rendered a vocal solo, which was appreciated by all.

BROWNFIELD.

Memorial Day exercises here passed off very pleasantly, much in the usual manner. The outlying cemeteries were visited by delegations in the forenoon. In the afternoon a large audience listened to a very eloquent and interesting address at the town hall by Rev. F. E. Barton of Bethel; also remarks by Rev. Mr. Sargent of Denmark. After the exercises at the hall the graves of soldiers in the Brownfield cemetery were decorated by the Daniel A. Bean Post.

Farmers are getting on slowly with their planting.

Mrs. Reuben Seavey is dangerously sick.

HEBRON.

The services Memorial Day were very interesting. A delegation from Dwinal Post, G. A. R., Mechanic Falls, was here. Remarks by Capt. Bucknam and Prof. Sargent, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Crane. Six graves were decorated.

Sunday Prof. Sargent gave a very fine Memorial address in the church.

Mrs. Sargent entertained the ladies' circle Tuesday. There was a large attendance, and a good time reported.

Quite a number from Hebron Grange went to West Minot Thursday to Pomona Grange and the dedication of the new grange hall at that place.

The weather has generally been cool for the past two weeks, and grass is looking finely.

Mrs. Dr. Hall of Kingston, Mass., is visiting at H. A. Cushman's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cushman of Auburn spent Sunday at his father's.

Prof. Black of Colby University gave an illustrated lecture on Virginia in Sturtevant Hall Thurday evening.

LOVELL.

Ernest S. Hatch is painting the belfry of the village church, and the roof is being shingled.

Lovell Cornet Band furnished music for Memorial Day at Fryeburg.

Mrs. C. K. Chapman has 125 chickens.

Mr. Warren Charles caught a fox recently in a trap set on his corn land for a crow.

A moose was seen to cross the road one day lately below the John Walker place.

EAST BETHEL.

Mr. W. C. Howe of Waltham, Mass., visited at J. D. Hastings' last week.

Mrs. Eugene Bean and little daughter spent the past week with relatives at Berlin, N. H.

E. S. Bartlett has gone to Framingham, Mass., to work a year on a milk farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Swan of South Paris recently visited at J. H. Swan's.

Foye Brown has gone to South Paris to work.

Walter Bartlett has returned home from Massachusetts.

Z. W. Bartlett has a new two-seated covered carriage.

HARTFORD.

Died, May 31st, Betsy S. Cushman, widow of the late Jonah Cushman, aged 90 years, 8 months. She was one of the few of whom everybody who knew her always spoke in praise, and who had a kind word for all. Funeral June 3d attended by Rev. H. C. Munson. Our friends and neighbors have our heartfelt thanks for their kindness in our affliction, and for the beautiful flowers sent from our friends in Buckfield.

WILSON'S MILLS.

E. H. Brooks has a new wheel from Chicago. He is clerking for M. D. Sturtevant at present.

The rear of the Berlin Mills drive was over Aziscoos Falls Monday last at noon.

The sporting season has fairly opened.

C. C. Gerrish with two friends, and Frank Colby of Colebrook, were at the Aziscoos House Tuesday, and F. A. Flint has the past week sent teams to meet three different parties of the Parmacheenee Club, among whom were Mr. Poor, now president of the club, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sturgis; Benson Crafts came up to guide and several went from this place.

Our Sabbath School organized the 24th with the following officers:

S. S. Bennett, Superintendent.
B. J. Olson, Asst. Superintendent.
Tina Bean, Secretary and Treasurer.

ROXBURY.

The rain of Saturday night and Sunday was a great boon to the farmers, but with the best of weather from now out the grass crop must be light. Last winter was very hard for grass.

Rev. D. A. Gammon went to Canton and spent Sunday with his uncle, Greenfield Gammon.

Rev. Mr. Hannaford of Rumford Falls made us a very pleasant call this week.

Surveyor Thomas is mending the roads. He finds them in bad condition. The freshet last spring washed them badly.

Joseph Conant has been granted a state pension of two dollars per month. His health is very poor this spring.

L. A. Thomas found a two-year-old heifer dead in his barnyard the other morning. She appeared well the night before.

EAST WATERFORD.

Edgar S. Keen has bargained for S. S. Gibson's farm. The writings are not done yet, but it is a fast trade and he is already at work on the place.

Abraham Norwood and little Ruth visited his people in Biddeford recently.

Wilfred Hersey is working for Isaac Titcomb in Norway.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

The Ladies' Circle will meet with Miss Delia Spring on Wednesday afternoon and evening, June 17th. All are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Flossie Gatchell has gone to Ashland, Mass., with her friend Miss Grace Whittemore, who has been stoping with her for the past few months.

Hon. L. R. Giles went to Bangor Tuesday as a delegate to the Republican State convention. His daughter, Miss Cora Giles, accompanied him.

Hon. W. H. Stickney was also a delegate to the convention.

Mrs. Henry Griggs and her daughter, Grace, visited friends in Fryeburg this week.

Mr. Broton Bartlett, one of our oldest and most respected citizens, died Sunday morning, May 31st. His funeral was held on Tuesday, Rev. B. N. Stone officiating. Mr. Bartlett had been in failing health for a long time, but was confined to his bed only a few days. He was a worthy member of Pequawket Lodge, I. O. O. F., and was buried under the order. He leaves a widow, one son, and two daughters.

Dr. Gatchell was called to Freeport this week to attend Irvin Libby, who is reported seriously ill.

HIRAM.

Mr. Almon Storer of Cornish has removed to Hiram village.

Monroe Boynton went to Portland two weeks ago and took the 32d degree in Masonry. He is also an Odd Fellow, a Red Man, a Knight of Pythias and a G. A. R. We don't know what he will take next unless he takes a wife.

Fred Weeman has sold his house at East Hiram to Ralph Rankin.

Charles F. Howard is adding a tenement to his stand at East Hiram.

Mr. Harry Cameron has leased his barber shop to Sidney Butterfield for a harness shop, and has gone to North Conway, N. H.

Hon. Almon Young served as one of the vice presidents of the state convention at Bangor.

Llewellyn A. Wadsworth attended Probate Court at Fryeburg June 2d.

Mrs. Royal McLucas went to Porter Sunday to a quarterly meeting and was taken dangerously ill. She was brought home, and is now improving.

Messrs. A. & P. B. Young are making extensive repairs on the corn shop.

Rev. Mr. Sargent preached a very instructive sermon at the Congregational church, May 31st.

Lemuel Cotton's new residence will be one of the finest in this region.

John B. Osgood has returned home from Lewiston.

We recently received a letter from our former schoolmate and townsman, Charles W. Benton, U. S. consul, at Yuscavan, Honduras, propelled by 50 cents' worth of postage stamps.

NORWAY LAKE.

Mr. Charles Welch of Somerville, Mass., is visiting at C. W. Partridge's.

Maud Partridge came home from Portland last Monday.

The L. S. C. will meet with Mrs. Geo. W. Hazelton June 17th.

Mrs. F. E. Pottle and children of Portland are at W. S. Partridge's for a few days.

David Flood went to Lewiston to attend the Populist convention Thursday.

EAST HEBRON.

H. N. Merrill raised the frame of his barn last Wednesday. A large company gathered to lend their aid. He intends to have it ready to store his hay and then complete the work at leisure.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse of Hallowell are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. W. L. Bradeen. Mr. Morse accompanied Rev. W. L. Bradeen to quarterly meeting at West Paris.

James Fogg, our oldest citizen, walked to H. P. Merrill's after his barn was raised, using two canes to keep from falling. He said when anything was going on he liked to get out and see it. He was obliged to sit down and rest when he returned home, the distance being but a few rods. He is very ambitious.

Henry Cole of Paris was returning home from Auburn with four fine pigs; when near Mrs. H. Merrill's one pig got out and tried his speed. Cole called on T. L. Rogers to help him, but Rogers had lamed his knee and couldn't run, but told him his dog Carl would catch him. Cole was doubtful but could not do otherwise, and pulled off his coat for a race; when told to get him Carl started and the pig was caught in a few minutes without the least injury, and Mr. Cole went on his way rejoicing.

H. V. Tuttle is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. A. E. Robinson. He has numerous friends in the place.

ALBANY.

The Congregational church will be supplied this summer by a student from Yale, a Mr. Converse. He shows good judgment as he takes his mother along with him to care for him.

Everybody is planting sweet corn for the factory.

E. T. Judkins has gone to farming this summer.

NEWRY.

Mrs. L. W. Kilgore has been ailing for some weeks. At present writing she is much worse, so I am told.

Nahum W. Frost has bought back his old place in this town of J. F. Cooledge, and will move there at once.

J. S. Allen's sister, Mrs. Butters, of Rumford Falls, made them a short visit this week.

Mrs. John Danforth is at the home of her father, E. B. Knapp, of this town.

Our road surveyor is making much needed repairs on the highway in this district this week.

We have very cool nights.

O. E. Baker took a trip to Rumford Falls on his wheel Tuesday.

DENMARK.

John Sharron was fined by Judge Evans $5 and costs for assault upon Lyman Walker, an old man about 80 years of age. He appealed to higher court.

Mrs. Gardner of Boston is at the Maplewood for the summer.

Silver Lodge, No. 19, D. of R., entertained Julian Lodge, No. 12, of Fryeburg, Thursday evening, May 28. Although the rain fell in torrents, there was a good time inside the hall. After the regular routine of business, music, etc., was the order, after which the lower hall was opened, and a social dance for a little while was in order. At 4:15 A. M. all started for home.

Mr. Geo. W. Gray is again at home, having finished his job of surveying for the Portland Star Match Co.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. Estes of Paris visited their daughter, Mrs. Brooks, the other day.

Mrs. E. L. Tebbets has been quite sick, but is now able to be out.

Mrs. Eben Rand of Portland is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Swift.

Mrs. Daniels is moving into one of her houses here.

George Waterhouse and wife of Gorham, N. H., were in town one day last week.

Helen Delano of Dixfield is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Powers, and attending school here this summer.

Mrs. Albert Green and baby daughter have been visiting relatives in this vicinity the past week.

Mrs. Farnum of Rumford was at Mt. Abram Hotel last week with millinery.

Several from this place attended the meeting at Greenwood Centre Wednesday evening, and listened to a very interesting sermon by Rev. J. H. Bounds.

NORTH PARIS.

Mrs. Harriet Chase died May 30th and was buried June 1st.

D. B. Dow and family are visiting his father, B. K. Dow.

Kilbon Perham and wife were at G. G. Fuller's June 1st.

Myrtle Bonney of Buckfield is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Everett Robbins.

Mr. Francis Whitney is on the sick list.

NORTH LOVELL.

Mr. F. E. Hutchins, wife and little son, of Danvers, Mass., are visiting his brother, Mr. T. S. Hutchins of North Lovell. The brothers parted in Anoka, Minn., fifteen years ago, and have not seen nor heard from each other until Mr. Hutchins came upon his brother unexpectedly at North Lovell Tuesday, June 2d. They served side by side in the late war, and are the only surviving members of a family of seven. It was a happy meeting for both.

BUCKFIELD.

Mellen Pompilly of Lewiston was in town recently looking over some of the speedy horses. He purchased C. B. Heald's "Fancy Boy" for Philadelphia parties, paying $1000.

Herbert Hall, a young married man with wife and four children, left home to go to Lewiston about a week ago and has not returned. It looks like a case of desertion. Mrs. Hall is ill, and the case is one of peculiar hardship.

John E. Thompson of Canton was in town Tuesday, the guest of K. C. Atwood.

Fred Andrews of Boston is in town.

Mrs. Jennie Jewett Morandi of Malden, Mass., visited friends in town Wednesday.

Miss Lila Andrews of Rumford Falls is the guest of Mrs. W. E. Pike.

Charles Forster of Portland is in town, a guest at Hotel Long.

Quite a delegation went up to Rumford Falls from Buckfield to attend the recognition services of the new Baptist church recently organized in the new city.

Several of our citizens attended the Universalist state convention at Auburn this week.

A temporary bridge is being erected below the present structure in the village, preparatory to the reconstruction of the abutments and a new iron bridge.

K. C. Atwood and family left for their home in New Jersey Saturday morning.

Dr. A. E. Cole of Boston is in town for a short stay.

Thirty-four members of Evening Star Lodge, F. & A. M., went by special train last Thursday evening to Canton, where they visited Whitney Lodge.

Addison Cole, a former leading citizen of Buckfield, died in Auburn Saturday, at the age of 84 years. Mr. Cole was a son of the late William Cole, for many years a wealthy and influential citizen of this place, and was the oldest of a family of ten children all of whom are living except three. Mr. Cole was for some years proprietor of the carding mill here and was a successful business man.

FRYEBURG.

Dr. R. F. Chase and wife came from Boston last week. Dr. Chase has returned, leaving Mrs. Chase for a longer stay.

Mrs. G. N. Walker of Boston is visiting at Mr. Barrows'.

Memorial Day was duly observed with a procession of veterans, preceded by the Lovell band, then children with flowers for decorating the soldiers' graves. The exercises of the afternoon at the Methodist church were of a high order. National music by a select choir and the able address of Mr. Wright occupied the afternoon.

The drama at the academy on Saturday evening, performed by some of the scholars, was a success.

Rev. Mr. Wood of Bangor preached at the Congregational church on Sunday and remained for another week.

Mrs. Mary Lord of Windham is at her mother's, Mrs. Warriner's.

Mrs. Charlotte Powers has come home from her visit in Boston and Portland.

Dr. Gordon's house is open and Mrs. McKenney and daughter are here.

The Oxford opened on the 1st of June as advertised, and summer guests are already on the ground.

Misses Eva Goodwin and Mary Barrows went back to Boston on Thursday.

Dr. Wm. G. Morgan of Southport, Conn., and a friend, are at the Morgan residence.

The week has been one of sadness by reason of death. Bernice Webster, a little girl of unusual promise, died Monday after a few days' illness, and her death was followed by that of her father, Mr. John Alden Webster, who has been lingering long from a distressing disease, on Tuesday, and the same night Mr. Leander Greenlaw died suddenly of heart disease, having been in his usual health the day before. Thursday afternoon was devoted to the funerals, attended by Rev. Mr. Young. Mrs. Carrie Webster Ruggles arrived just before her brother died, coming from Ridgway, Pa., and Mr. James E. Webster and wife came from Lowell to attend the funeral of his brother.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Our school house has been purchased by R. L. Cummings, and he has converted it into a blacksmith shop and store house.

Fruit trees of all kinds have blossomed unusually full, and the fruit is setting well, but insects may destroy the crop unless they are fought persistently.

OXFORD.

The semi-annual conference of the Oxford Congregational churches met here on June 2d and 3d, followed by the convention of East Oxford Local Union Y. P. S. C. E. A good delegation were present, and the exercises were interesting and profitable.

Mr. H. W. Stuart left his home on Tuesday, and as he did not return his family became much alarmed, and a search was made. Tuesday passed, and still he was missing. On Wednesday about 200 men joined in the search. He was found Wednesday afternoon on Pigeon Hill walking much exhausted and in a dazed condition, and unable to remember what had happened during the time.

Friday evening the drama "Hick'ry Farm" was presented at Robinson Hall for the benefit of the orchestra. $60 were realized.

Dr. Barker's wife and children of Norway have been visiting her father, Mr. A. J. Holden.

Married, at Welchville, May 30, by Roscoe Staples, Esq., William Mayberry and Daisy Robinson, both of Oxford.

GREENWOOD.

Everybody has heard of the year 1816, the whole season being so cold that it has been called the year without a summer. It was not old enough to remember it myself, but my folks were, and used to speak of it frequently. In June of that year the late Rev. Daniel Hutchinson was ordained, and the day was so cold that the men shivered with their overcoats on, although several young ladies were dressed in white, and seemed resolved to make the best of their situation. A number of slight snow squalls passed over during the day. That was eighty years ago, and since history repeats itself, the repitition may be occurring even now. At any rate it has been an unusually cold spring, and last Tuesday overcoats were in demand while planting corn.

Some one advised us to name our farms and places of residence when practicable, and since David Bennett lived here about forty years ago, we propose hereafter to call it the Bennett place.

I. W. Swan and wife, our school teacher, Frank Davis and a young lady, Charles B. Brooks, and a peddler from Gorham, N. H., were all at the Bennett place during the week.

Farmers are nearly done planting, but some of their sweet corn proved to be poor, so that the ground had to be replanted.

Your scribe is just starting into the cream business on a small scale. Harry Cole collects it for the West Paris butter factory.

Grass is doing something since the rain, but was so badly killed out last winter that the hay crop must be considerably lighter than last year.

Mrs. Whitman writes without gloves on, uses a sharp pen, and woe to the man on whose head her seven vials of wrath descend, and all at the same time. She is a fine poetess, and both she and her son Plaisted, with their portraits, are represented in Poets of America.

Rev. Mr. Bounds preached in the chapel last Wednesday evening.

MASON.

F. I. Bean went to Bangor as a delegate to the state convention last Monday.

Miss Nellie Bean found a ripe strawberry June 1st.

Rosie and Minnie Wheeler went to Albany last Tuesday to visit their sister, Mrs. Fannie Briggs.

Two of Newry's selectmen were in town the past week looking after the Rowe family.

George Merrow of West Bethel was in town last Sunday. He is trying to get up a club of cyclists to make a run of 100 miles or more taking in the towns of Berlin and Errol, N. H., and Upton and Andover and Rumford to West Bethel.

Melvin Rowe has moved into the rent lately vacated by Willard Tyler, near A. S. Bean's steam mill.

SOUTH HIRAM.

Isaac Lombard and wife of Steep Falls have been in town visiting friends the past week.

F. A. Fox went to Lewiston on business last week.

Mrs. Eliza Mason is stopping with her grandson, Fred Libby, for a few days.

Monroe Libby and wife of Boston are calling on friends and relatives in this place.

P. G. Gould was in town one day this week.

If you want a wife, there are lots of better women within twenty miles of where you live than you'll be likely to get if you advertise in a "matrimonial" paper. A citizen of Allen's Mills probably thinks so now. He is mourning a wife who is not only lost but gone before, as they say on tombstones. He became acquainted with her through the matrimonial column of a western paper. She was from California and has been growing tired of the Maine climate for some time. Wednesday she took the family carriage and drove to the post office where she received a letter, and was met by a Farmington livery hitch, and driven to the station in time to catch the out going train.

Major E. F. Webb of Waterville, President Hyde of Bowdoin College, Gen. Samuel D. Leavitt of Eastport, have been appointed by Gov. Cleaves a commission to inquire into the desirability of establishing more normal schools in East or Central Maine, and the most advantageous locations.

An inquest was held at Rockland on the body of George Gaskin, an employe of Main's circus, killed by being knocked from the top of a car by the bridge at Thomaston. The verdict was death caused by accident, and no blame attached to the railroad employes.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

On and after Nov. 18, 1895, trains leave South Paris: Going east, 6:25 and 10:13 A. M., 4:08 P. M.; going west, 9:37 A. M., 3:35 and 7:10 P. M.

CHURCHES.

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

Methodist Church, Rev. W. 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 before full moon.

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

D. of R.—Maust Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 38, 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. G. T.—Second and fourth Mondays of each month.

I. O. G. 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.

K. of P.—Stony Brook Lodge, No. 183, meets in G. A. R. Hall first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

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

Wm. E. Curtis of North Paris made the Democrat a pleasant call Thursday.

Henry B. Hersey, Esq., of Buckfield, was in the place Thursday, and made the Democrat a pleasant call.

The Y. P. S. C. E. will held its meeting on Wednesday evening next at 7:30 instead of Friday. Semi-annual business meeting will be held for the election of officers.

George W. Berry, W. A. Barrows, R. T. Flavin, Arthur Royal, Roscoe Gray and Charles Muzzey are on a fishing trip to Four Ponds. They left early Thursday morning.

Rev. T. J. Ramsdell and Mr. H. P. Dennison attended the council of recognition at Rumford Falls Thursday, when the Baptist church at that place was formally recognized.

H. G. Fletcher's young horse by Pure Wilkes went to the track last week and was given an easy trial, making the last quarter on a slow track at a 2:28 clip. Not bad for a green horse.

The Norway and Paris Street Railway people have an eye to business. Wednesday evening they put a small orchestra aboard the cars, and the result was a crowded car all the evening.

William J. Wheeler, J. Hastings Bean and Charles G. Andrews attended the Republican state convention at Bangor last week. Mr. Bean was one of the secretaries of the convention.

Judge Geo. A. Wilson and Register A. D. Park hold probate court at Fryeburg last week. Fryeburg has two terms of probate court each year, held on the first Tuesdays of June and December.

F. W. Bonney and J. E. Murch spent a few days on a fishing trip in the Wild River region last week. They brought home over 100 trout. This is a fish story, but it is a fact nevertheless. When those fellows go fishing, they bring home some fish.

The True flouring mill, which has been run since the death of D. N. True by the administrator, has been leased by the S. A. & J. H. True Co. of Portland, and will be run under the name of the South Paris Grain Co. Frank H. Skillings will continue as agent. They will keep all kinds of grain and feed, and do business as before.

The bicycle craze knows not age, sex, color of hair, or previous condition of servitude. At jocund morn, at blistering noon, and at dewy eve, dignified men and sedate matrons mount the untamed steed of steel, and in the effort to conquer or die, make tire-prints on the sands of time which would be the admiration of a rattler" carrying a big jag.

Oxford Pomona Grange meets at Rumford Falls Tuesday, June 9. The Portland and Rumford Falls Railway will run a special train connecting with the early and late trains on the Grand Trunk. The fare from Mechanic Falls is $1.00, and the Grand Trunk rate will be a single fare, making the round trip from South Paris to Rumford Falls $1.40, and other stations in proportion.

Oxford Lodge, F. and A. M., of Norway and Paris Lodge will unite in a celebration of St. John's Day at Gibson's Grove. There will be a picnic dinner, with baked beans and coffee furnished for all who attend. In the afternoon there will be a short session of speech-making, singing, and a general good time. Members of the two lodges, and all resident Masons, with ladies, will be invited.

The following pupils have not been absent a day from the intermediate school:

I CLASS.

Alice Hale.	Addie Giles.
Alice Marston.	Carroll Edwards.
Ina Andrews.	Frank Bonney.
Howard Shaw.	John McArdle.
Everett Chase.	Robert Tufts.
Stanley Wheeler.	Walter Starbird.
Ira Spofford.	Scott Marston.

II CLASS.

Alice Mark.	Bertie Davis.
Florence Starbird.	Lena Ripley.
Hattie Jenne.	Llewellyn Russell.
Edna Cammon.	Lester Farrar.
Romello Farrar.	

III CLASS.

Clara Shinnfield.	John DeCoster.
Lottie E. Prescott.	Lura Chase.
Bertie Giles.	Maud Wormell.
Ger Shell.	Wallie Clifford.

The Cecilian Quartette, which appears here next Friday evening, sang at the world's fair, where their singing created a perfect furore. We quote a few criticisms at that time: "Each lady is an artist." "Concerts exceptionally high class." "The best lady quartette in the country." "They have excellent voices that blend well." Etc., etc. Miss Safford is an exceptionally fine reader, from the Emerson School of Oratory, and comes highly recommended by press and public. Miss Webb, who is a native of Portland, Maine, has reached the top of the ladder of fame, having been the soloist in such organizations as Damrosch's Orchestra, Innes Band, the Emerson Concert Co., etc., having had the best instruction from such masters as Profs. Eichberg and Listemann, of Boston,—the late Dr. Damrosch and Prof. Dauenther of New York City, and latterly with Madame Camilla Urso. She is a thoroughly competent and skillful soloist, as remarkable for her amazing technique, as for her wonderful talent. What she is able to do is best told by the following newspaper clippings. They speak volumes as to her ability, wonderful execution, marvelous technique, musical feeling, etc. In the opinion of competent musical critics, Miss Webb is without a peer among the lady violinists of this country. Here are a few of the press comments:

To those who have never heard her perform upon the violin, Miss Bertha Webb was doubtless a revelation. Last night she seemed at her best and played as if inspired, as of course she must have done, for no one unless feeling something of the divine fire that burns in the heart of genius, could produce such soul-stirring strains. Each time she was enthusiastically recalled.—St. Paul Globe.

Since Madame Camilla Urso appeared here several years ago, no violiniste that could approach Miss Webb has been heard in Trenton. Her "Annie Laurie" was something long to be remembered.—The States, Trenton, N. J.

Miss Bertha Webb, a petite brunette, handles the violin divinely. Leonard's Souvenir de Haydeu and Sarasate's Spanish Dances were played with a finish remarkable, and an originality entiching. Miss Webb is particularly pleasing in the dettness of her double note and harmonic work, and in the lightness and sprightliness of her echo runs. Her playing is essentially womanike in the voice of love telling its tale as only the violin well handled can breathe the soft whisperings.—Daily News, Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 6, 1895.

Admission 35 cents; reserved seats 50 cents. Tickets now on sale at Shurtleff's drug store, and at Stone's drug store at Norway.

W. A. Blake is at home from Lynn.

N. C. Ford of Sumner was in town Saturday.

O. F. Trask, Esq., of Mexico, was at South Paris Friday.

Oscar Chandler of West Sumner was in the place last Saturday.

Miss A. M. Morton of Winchester, Mass., is visiting at J. J. Morton's.

Kendall Swift's new house on Gothic Street is about ready for the plasterers.

Mrs. P. M. Holden of High Street has been visiting in the village a few days.

C. N. Porter is putting an addition of thirty feet on to the rear end of his barn.

J. F. Plummer has fitted up in his residence one of the finest bath rooms to be found anywhere.

Superintendent H. F. Morton of the Paris Manufacturing Co. made a business trip to Boston last week.

Mrs. Josiah Burnham of Portland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stone, in this village last week.

Engineer Stinchfield of the Norway engine is taking a vacation of a few days, and Frank Pottle takes his place.

Alton Wheeler and Allen Hutchinson went to Lewiston on bikes Wednesday to see the Bates-Bowdoin ball game.

George E. Pulsifer of West Sumner was in town Wednesday. Mr. Pulsifer drives a good looking pair of young horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Watkins leave Monday for New York City, where they will reside at the Baptist Home on East 68th Street.

The male chorus had a good house at Hebron Friday night, and the receipts amounted to quite a respectable sum, which will go for the benefit of Mr. Pike.

The members of the class of '96 of South Paris High School went in a body to attend the exercises of the graduating class of Norway High School Friday evening.

The scholars of the intermediate school had a sociable in Grand Army Hall Friday evening. Judging from the effect upon the ears of those outside, they had a good time.

George B. Crockett and son Ernest made a fishing trip to the Sunday River region last week, and had fair luck and a good time.

The Dixfield correspondent of the Rumford Falls Times refers to Gen. Geo. A. Wilson as the speaker of the day. The judge says he thinks this is quite a jump from corporal.

Suffering from toothache? Well, Dr. Buck is suffering to relieve you. He will do it painlessly and profitably, without fear or favor, and his only hope of reward will be his just dues for his labor.

The front of Odd Fellows' Block has been given one coat of bronze green, and another will be added. The block does look decidedly more up-to-date than it did before the repairs and alterations were begun.

Joseph H. Abbott got quite a hurt last Monday, while at work carriage ironing in Millett's shop. A fragment from a bar of steel which he was cutting struck his left wrist, starting a copious flow of blood. He is at work again.

Hon. Charles H. Prince of Buckfield was at South Paris to do some trading last Wednesday. Mr. Prince says the Buckfield trade that formerly went to Lewiston now comes to South Paris and Norway to quite an extent.

H. L. Swift lost several sheep as the result of dogs a few days ago. The dogs were caught at it, a shotgun was limbered up and brought into action, and there was a bigger slaughter of canines than has been made this season by the official dog killer for the town of Paris.

The pupils of the grammar school had a picnic at Gibson's Grove Friday afternoon. The excursion was given by the teacher, Miss Eva Richardson, to those who had an average of 95 in deportment for the term; and the list, it is pleasing to report, included all but five of the pupils in the school.

Myron W. Maxim has a "den" in the basement of S. P. Maxim & Son's factory where he "doctors" all kinds of ailments that befall bicycles. He has a large and growing practice and thinks he may move up-town into more pretentious quarters another season. The profession of "bicycle doctor" is a comparatively new one but ought to be a lucrative one with the number of wheels now in use.

The Knights of Pythias of Norway will celebrate next Sunday as Memorial Day. They will leave their hall at 3:30 headed by the band and proceed to the cemetery, where the annual memorial address will be given by Rev. R. J. Haughton. The members of Hamlin Lodge have been invited to attend, and it is hoped a goodly number will do so and wear their new badges. The Uniform Rank will also parade.

Sylvan Shurtleff has let the contract to A. W. Walker to grade the two avenues through his lots. Pleasant Street Avenue is to extend from Pleasant Street to Highland Avenue and will be twenty-five feet wide. Highland Avenue extends from near the Pleasant Street school house to Cushman's line, crossing the land Mr. Shurtleff recently purchased of Gary & Andrews and also his former lots. Highland Avenue will be graded thirty-eight feet wide and all in first-class shape. The work is to be completed by July 30th.

Register Park a few days since, discovered among some recorded papers in the probate office, a will which had evidently been filed in the office for safe keeping. The testator died some years since, and as it was thought he had made a will, a thorough search was made, but no will could be found. An administrator was therefore appointed, and the estate has been settled, and final distribution made some time ago. The executor named in the will is the one who has already administered upon the estate, and the estate has been settled almost exactly according to the provisions of the will since discovered.

Miss Mattie E. Hersey has resigned her position as principal of Sanderson Academy, Ashfield, Mass. The Deerfield Valley Echo says: "We are sorry to learn that Miss M. E. Hersey, of Sanderson Academy, has felt compelled by the state of her health, to resign her position as principal which she has held for seven years, to take effect at the end of this school year in June. The academy under Miss Hersey's administration has been eminently successful and has ranked well with the best schools in Western Massachusetts. It will be a sorry day for the academy when Miss Hersey severs her connection with it, for very few comparatively possess as many qualifications for the successful teacher. She is not only a model instructor, but a superior disciplinarian. We sincerely hope that her health may improve to that extent, that the trustees will refuse to accept her resignation and prevail upon her to remain."

The graduating exercises of the class of '96, South Paris High School, will be held at the Baptist church next Thursday evening, June 11, at 8 o'clock. Following is the programme:

March.
Prayer.
Music.
Salutatory, "Cromwell, I Charge Thee, Fling Away Ambition." — Charles Page Dennison.*
Essay, Thoughts About Music. — Cassie Gladden Briggs.*
Essay, Our Lives are What We Make Them. — Gertrude Ernestine McArdle.
Music.
Oration, What is Liberal Education? — Mark Blanchard Richardson.
Essay, The New Woman. — Minnie Josephine Garland.
Essay, Have We An American Civilization? — Ethelyn Beryl Foster.
Music.
Oration, Roman and Italian Art. — Nathan Ajalon Chase.
Class History. — Roy Elgin Strickland.
Class Prophecy. — Iva Louise McArdle.
Valedictory, The Present Age. — Mary Belle Lambe.
Address to Graduates.
Presentation of Diplomas.
Class Ode.
Benediction.

*Same Rank.

Miss Cassie G. Briggs, who has been ill for some time, is improving.

S. F. Briggs will grade the new street through his land in the pines this week.

Lot E. Keene of Buckfield visited his daughter, Mrs. F. W. Bonney, last week.

Rev. Mr. Haughton exchanged pulpits Sunday with Rev. Mr. Varley of Oxford.

Hannibal C. Howe and family have moved into the Hicks house on Western Avenue.

Mrs. Pike, the popular teacher of the intermediate school, will spend a part of her vacation at her home in West Paris.

This is a metropolitan town and has everything that's going. The latest is a case of the measles. Lula Briggs is the unfortunate possessor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Richardson with friends from Portland, Rochester and Groveton, went to Camp Owlsley Saturday for a week's outing.

Children's Sunday will be observed at the Methodist church next Sunday. An illustrated sermon to the children will be given in the morning and a concert at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Tramps were thick Sunday. Some of them, when referred to the jail for accommodations, responded, "What in thunder do you suppose we want of a jail at this time of year?"

The baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of South Paris High School was given at the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon by Rev. T. J. Ramsdell, who delivered an excellent sermon from Titus 2:11-13.

A South Paris man enjoyed rather an amusing experience in Lewiston last week. He had been to Lisbon and was returning with six colonies of honey bees all securely netted. Stopping in front of a Lisbon Street dry goods store while his wife did some shopping, one of the outside bees which had been attracted by his, stung a young lady who was passing along the sidewalk. She was somewhat excited about it and called a policeman, who ordered our South Paris friend to drive on at once or he would take him to the lock-up. This, our friend refused to do, and quietly informed the representative of Lewiston law that he would drive on when his wife got her shopping done and when he got good and ready and not a moment before that time. "Then I shall arrest you!" says the policeman. The citizen of South Paris reached toward the netting which held about two bushels of bees inside the box and calmly replied as follows: "If you lay your hand on me or on my horse, I'll be darned if I don't tear open the netting and let every bee loose!" It is almost unnecessary to say that the policeman "drove on," and the man from the capital of Oxford County was left to start home when the shopping was done and the spirit moved! Oh, how weak is the law when there's a bee's nest under it!

ELM HILL.

Mrs. T. J. Ramsdell visited at her old home last week.

E. A. Dudley went to work with the road machine Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Given visited at Henry Burgess' recently.

We notice among the graduates of the South Paris Grammar School Ethel Ellis and Jessie Curtis, two of our smart girls.

Although the farmer groans in spirit over the advent of the catapillar, he rejoices that, thus far, no potato bugs have been seen.

L. S. Swan and Abbie are to make a trip by team this week to Bethel and Rumford Falls, attending the Pomona Grange at the Falls Tuesday, and returning to Bethel to be present at the centennial.

Ansel Dudley is at work on the abutments of the bridge at Jackson's crossing. Although Mr. Dudley is past 71 he is always ready for a contract on granite work, and believes in the old saying that "It is better to wear out than to rust out."

The dogs have again visited Amasa and H. L. Swift's flocks of sheep, killing and mangling many in both flocks. They chased a part of H. L. Swift's flock to the house where they were driven off by him and recognized as belonging to South Paris men. They answer the description given by parties who saw the dogs chasing the sheep two weeks ago, when they killed and wounded several in both flocks. The flocks present a sorry appearance and the loss is considerable to both men.

TALK OF THE STATE.

President Curran of the Shore Line says the railroad will be completed in fifteen months.

Sanford liquor sellers who had been entertaining an out of town sport are now paying heavy fines. He was a liquor "spotter."

Down in Knox County a town is preparing to fight a bridge case in the courts to a finish. The town has already paid out more in legal expenses opposing the bridge, than it would have cost to build it.

The Rockland stores of H. H. Crie, hardware, and A. J. Huston, stationery, were burglarized Wednesday night. Crie lost six revolvers, valued at $25, and Huston goods of a total value of about $20. Entrance was effected by breaking glass in the rear windows.

Phillips village corporation has voted to contract with the Phillips Water Company for a complete system of water works. The water is to be brought from Mt. Blue pond, four miles away on a high hill. The corporation is to take twenty hydrants, at an annual rental of $40 each. The estimated cost of the works is upwards of $30,000.

Dynamiters did a job in Veazie Friday night, the 29th ult. A quantity of dynamite was placed under one corner of a house and exploded. The house was wrecked, and the glass was blown out of all the houses in the vicinity. Mrs. Nellie Donahue, an occupant of the house, was prostrated by the shock, and her son Allie was blown through a window and considerably but not seriously injured. The perpetrators are not known, neither is the motive, but it is suggested that the house has not had a good reputation, and the job may have been the work of "regulators."

The commission appointed by the Supreme Court to decide upon the line between Fairfield and Benton, came to a decision last Friday after meeting several times. It has not changed things much from the old line. It gives Benton 134 feet of the bridge to build and Fairfield the remainder, which is about two-thirds. With this decision there seems to be a holding back on Benton side. They wish to move the pier on their side so that the two sections of the bridge will connect on a pier. This the Fairfield side do not wish to do and say that the decision of the commission must be final.

A murder and suicide was committed Monday evening on Wood Island in Saco Bay. Frederick W. Milliken, aged 38, a fisherman, game warden and special policeman, was shot in the abdomen by Howard Hobbs, aged 24, a fisherman, who lived in a small house near Milliken's and belonging to him. The weapon used was a 44 calibre repeating rifle. Milliken died within an hour. Hobbs, who was drunk when the shot was fired, was quickly sobered and assisted in making the dying man comfortable. After Milliken died Hobbs shot himself with the same rifle. The trouble began over Hobbs' rent, which was overdue.

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.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION.

Thursday evening the Baptist church was filled with an audience which had been attracted by the graduating exercises of the class of '96, grammar school. Dr. F. H. Packard and Mr. J. A. Lambe occupied seats on the tastily arranged platform; at the left sat the graduating class of eighteen members. Their teacher, Miss Eva Richardson, and the school were seated in the front rows.

After the opening prayer by Mr. Lambe the written parts were presented. All the parts showed a high degree of excellence; each one bore the stamp of originality. Every member of the class showed that he had been faithfully and wisely instructed.

Very many of the ideas brought out would do credit to older and much further advanced pupils. A brighter looking class never held exercises in this place. And their work proved their minds as bright as their faces. The programme was as follows:

"LABOR CONQUERS."

Music.
Prayer.
1. *Salutatory, Noble Deeds of Noble Women, — M. Belle Tufts.
2. Benefits of the Bible, — Grace I. Wheeler.
3. The Slavery of Fashion, — Walter C. Chase.
Music.
4. Amusements, — Jessie L. Curtis.
5. Abraham Lincoln, — Alfred E. Fuller.
6. What Girls can Do, — M. Maud Parlin.
7. The Value of Electricity, — Cleve A. Purington.
8. A Mother's Influence, — Grace E. Murphy.
Music.
9. *Class History, — Harry M. Wheeler.
10. Idleness, — Ethel D. Ellis.
11. The Influence of Light Reading, — Hobart A. Kenney.
12. Kindness, — Emmie E. Blake.
13. George Washington, — J. Augustus Record.
Music.
14. The Advantages of an Education, — Bertie L. Clark.
15. One Step Upward, — Edna E. Curtis.
16. Habits, — Albert L. Murphy.
17. *Class Prophecy, — Alta C. Walker.
18. *Home, Valedictory, — Susie E. Porter.

*Assigned by vote of class.

After the valedictory the class was called on to the platform to receive their diplomas.

In presenting the diplomas, Dr. F. H. Packard, superintendent of schools, addressed the class as follows:

Scholars of the graduating class of South Paris grammar school of 1896: You need no words of commendation from me. Your exercises have been of a high order and admirably executed, reflecting credit upon yourselves individually, upon you as a class, and your teacher.

You have arrived at that period of your education which calls for special recognition. You have studied faithfully for many weeks, during which time you have been the objects of care and solicitude of your teacher and parents. You have arrived at your graduation exercises well fitted and prepared for them, and you well merit the honor which they confer.

As you pass this gateway on the road of mental development and the acquisition of knowledge, broader fields of study will spread out before you. As in the past, so in the future, the price of success you will find to be persistent and continued labor.

In your new field of study you will carry with you the pleasant thought that you deserve and will receive the good wishes and approbation of your many friends and associates—the pride and love of your teacher and parents. With an elevated aim, with justice and charity as your rule of conduct in all the affairs of life—ever bearing in mind that earnest and constant study is the price we must pay for success in all departments of science and learning.

You will go on fitting yourselves by your own industry, integrity and education, worthy associates of the best and purest in life—happy in the consciousness of having improved your time and opportunities to the best advantage, you will become fit leaders of the strong, and not blind followers of the weak.

With pleasure and pride it is my privilege to present you these certificates of your scholarship. Although graduating from the grammar school seems a trivial matter compared with the high school and and college, yet in after years when you have left the school room with its many enjoyments and pleasant associations, and its few petty trials; no incident of your school days will call up happier thoughts or sweeter associations than your first graduation from the grammar school in all the freshness and sweetness of blooming youth.

The class then sang their ode, which was composed by one of their number, Jessie Curtis.

CLASS ODE.

Come, let us sing a merry song,
This merry day in June,
With birds, and bees, and growing things,
Our hearts are now in tune.

We're marching on in life's fair morn;
In childhood's happy hours,
To garner up the harvest sheaves,
And cull the sweetest flowers.

Life gives to all alike some pain,
And then again some joy—
The choicest metal that we use
Is mixed with an alloy.

And now, dear Teacher, one and all,
We bid you fond adieu.
We'll cherish in our heart of hearts
Sweet memories of you.

And ever as we older grow,
May we in memory fix
The useful lessons you have taught
The class of '96.

At the close Rev. Mr. Bean dismissed the audience, well pleased with the exercises, and with new interest in our schools.

BETHEL CENTENNIAL PROGRAM.

Arrangements are practically completed for the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Bethel, Wednesday, June 10, and an affair may be expected which will be a credit to the people of Bethel, who never do anything by halves. Following is the general program of the day:

Grand salute of artillery and bells at sunrise.

Greetings from 7 to 9.

Grand parade at 10 o'clock sharp. Trades procession, fire department, G. A. R., schools and bicycle club.

Dinner from 12 until 2 o'clock. Families preferring to bring a picnic dinner, will be directed to suitable places where they can spread the same.

Address at 2 o'clock, on the common. Welcome by the president. Reading of the act of incorporation of the town. Poem written by Mrs. A. E. Herrick.

Short speeches conducted by Toastmaster Hon. A. S. Twitchell of Gorham, N. H.

Band concert on the common from 7 to 8 o'clock.

To conclude with a grand display of fireworks.

Chandler's full military band of Portland will furnish music throughout the day.

Odeon Hall will be open throughout the day and evening for the reception of visitors, and it is earnestly requested that every visitor in town June 10th, shall call at the hall and register their names. At this hall there will be a collection of old relics which will be of interest.

PERHAPS PROPHETIC.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Portland Argus, appears to be over stocked with "tail feathers." Last Wednesday's issue speaks of General George D. Bisbee and Judge A. E. Herrick. Please lay it on easy, gentlemen; you'll have the "General" blushing!

PERSONAL.

E. F. Smith of Norway was chosen Oxford County member of the Republican State Committee, at the state convention Tuesday.

Every effort is being made to keep Holt, the Mechanic Falls murderer, alive, by artificial methods of administering nutriment, but the physicians do not feel sure as yet whether he will be well enough to warrant a murder trial.

Alfred Hurd of Biddeford, who killed his father with an axe and razor, was on Saturday convicted of murder in the first degree. He had been held in the insane hospital for some time, but had been adjudged sane.

The Long Branch hotel keepers say they must fall unless gambling is allowed at that resort. The Maine resorts are not in such straits.

The Maine Populist convention assembled at Auburn Thursday and nominated Luther C. Bateman for governor.

NORWAY.

Henry J. Bangs has purchased the Moses Harriman house.

Owing to the very poor health of one member of the firm of Harriman Brothers, we understand the firm will be dissolved.

C. F. Whitman, Esq., Gen. Geo. L. Beal and E. F. Smith attended the Republican state convention at Bangor this week.

Mr. Fuller of Oxford and a large crew have been at work during the week putting in the stone foundation for the new block on Main Street between A. J. Nevers' and Odd Fellows Block.

At the June term of the Norway Municipal Court Tuesday there were several trials and a large number of new entries of cases. Business is increasing rather than decreasing in the court.

It is reported that work will be commenced on the Jones residence on Pleasant Street at once.

Collector Cole says that Calvin C. Hussey was the first to pay his 1896 tax, and Geo. A. Brooks the next.

G. B. Nearpass, special pension claim examiner of Portland, was in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Twombly are at Manchester, N. H., where Mr. Twombly has employment in a shoe factory.

The business men of the place are uniting in a petition to the officials of the Grand Trunk Railway, asking that no change be made in the running of trains for passenger service on the Norway Branch Railroad. The people are much interested in the matter and all their united influence will be brought to bear in this matter.

Mrs. A. O. Noyes is visiting her sister at Fryeburg. She will probably stay there through the summer months as she hopes to improve her health with the change.

Rev. C. E. Angell, on Sunday forenoon, delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of Norway High School, at the Universalist church. Subject, "Character, The Highest Attainment."

Rev. Caroline E. Angell, Stephen B. Cummings, Dr. Bennett and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Cole, Mrs. A. S. Kimball, Mrs. Alice Woodsum, Mrs. S. D. Hawkins, Miss Della Noyes, Mrs. Cyrus S. Tucker, Mrs. W. H. Warren, Mrs. G. A. Brooks, Miss Carrie Tucker and others attended the state Universalist convention at Auburn this week.

M. L. Kimball, Esq., was at Bethel several days this week in a hearing before Judge Whitehouse.

Rev. J. A. Harding and Deacon W. S. Pratt went to Rumford Falls and attended the installation of the pastor of the Baptist church at that place.

Mrs. Webster Beal of Bangor visited her daughter, Mrs. T. L. Webb, during the past week.

We understand that J. W. Swan will commence business at the old studio on Cottage Street at once. New scenery and instruments.

Mrs. Gracie Hurd is stopping in Lewiston for a few weeks.

George A. Cole carries his left arm in a sling. He was thrown from a carriage Monday. No bones broken.

Thursday evening, Rev. Henry R. Rose of Auburn delivered his lecture "America for Whom" at the First Universalist church in this village. The attendance was not large, but the lecture was the best delivered in this place for a long time. The speaker handled his subject with marked ability and most eloquently.

James Smith, David Flood and Isaiah Penley attended the Populist state convention at Auburn as delegates.

City Marshal Jno. A. Turner, of Auburn, visited our village Thursday and assisted by Deputy Sheriff Parker and Cross arrested "Rhoda" Flint at her place on Bridge Street. She was arrested in Auburn or Lewiston and escaped from the officers a few days ago and came home. By means of a letter written by her she was discovered here. The arrest was attended with some excitement. She was found after some time concealed in the hay. Deputy Sheriff Bassett received a stinging blow in the face before the prisoner was finally locked up in the "cooler" for the night. Friday morning she was taken to Auburn.

L. P. Swett, M. L. Sampson and John Sampson returned from a fishing trip up the Wild River country Friday. They report a large catch and lots of pleasant days.

A brighter, more intelligent and promising class has never graduated from Norway High School than the class of '96. Seventen in all, six of the number young ladies. The class spared no time or trouble to perfect arrangements for the final program. The stage, upon which the members of the school board, Supervisor W. F. Jones, J. A. Roberts, Esq., H. L. Horne and O. P. Brooks, were seated, was beautiful with flowers. Over the front of the stage in a semi-circle in large letters appeared the class motto "Remigemus non Labamor." The exercises were opened by a few remarks by Prof. Wiley. Prayer by Rev. B. S. Rideout and music by Stearns and Norseworthy's orchestra, assisted by Prof. Given, Frank P. Knapp and others. The following programme was then given. The several parts were well rendered, much time evidently having been devoted to their preparation:

1. Character, — Chas. L. Brown.
2. Our Feathered Friends, — Ethna Pearl Dunham.
3. Privileges and Duties of Friendship, — Katherine Mae Towne.
Music.
4. Our Country, — Albert Ansel Towne.
5. The Influence and Value of Perseverance, — Hattie Ellen Cragin.
6. Class Poem, — Hortense Gardner Gregg.
Music.
7. English Literature, — Perley M. Wyman.
8. Uses and Abuses of Money, — Sarah Ellen Truman.
9. An International Court of Arbitration, — Fernald W. Sawyer.
10. Class History, — Fannie W. Cummings.
Music.
11. Class Prophecy, — Benj. F. Faunce.
12. Why Some Succeed While Others Fail, — George H. Cullinan.
13. The Newspaper, — *Will P. Harriman.
14. The Silver Question, — *W. G. Sprague.
15. The Great Generals of History, — *Victor M. Whitman.
16. Education, — *Harry E. Crockett.
17. Parting Address, — Chas. E. Fox.
Music.

*Excused.

Supervisor Jones in a few well chosen words presented the diplomas. The class ode, written by Miss Gregg, was then sung by the class, closing the evening's pleasure for the public. The Opera House was crowded. Every seat and all the standing room was not enough to accommodate the citizens, so keen and wide awake is their interest in our most excellent high school. A social hour or two was enjoyed by the class and their friends after the departure of the citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sanborn of the Advertiser went to Hanover Saturday to join some friends who are camping in that town.

A. F. Andrews & Sons received twenty-five horses last Saturday direct from the West. Call at once if you are looking for one or more.

BORN.

In Dixfield, May 30, to the wife of John S. Harlow, a son.

In Norway, May 29, to the wife of Frank B. Lee, a daughter.

In South Paris, June 3, to the wife of W. H. Cook, a son.

In Byron, May 27, to the wife of Obed Wilson, a son.

MARRIED.

In Welchville, May 30, by Roscoe F. Staples, Esq., Mr. William Mayberry and Miss Daisy Robinson, both of Oxford.

In Paris, June 6, by Rev. Edwin W. Pierce, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Ruth M. Thayer, Mr. Hiram R. Hubbard and Miss Emma C. Thayer, both of Paris.

In Norway, May 27, by Rev. Caroline E. Angell, Bernerd Reavey and Mary E. Libby, both of Norway.

In Fryeburg, May 27, by Rev. B. N. Stone, Isaiah Booth and Grace L. Hutchins, both of Fryeburg.

In Mason, June 3, at the home of Mr. Charles Merrill, father of the bride, by Rev. F. E. Barton, Mr. Dana C. Philbrook and Miss Grace Merrill.

DIED.

In Hartford, May 31, Betsey S. Cushman, widow of the late Jonah Cushman, aged 80 years, 8 months.

In Fryeburg, June 1, Bernice Webster.

In Fryeburg, June 2, John Alden Webster.

In Fryeburg, June 2, Leander Greenlaw.

In Bethel, June 5, Carrie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Merrill, aged 17 years.

In Brownfield, May 31, Broton Bartlett.

In Norway, June 1, Perley A. McCrellis, aged 14 years, 6 months and 16 days.

In North Paris, May 30, Mrs. Solomon Chase, aged 79 years.

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James H. Crowley, of Concord, N. H., is not only an athlete but one of the fastest amateur runners in the State. What he says below shows how a man's strength will go if the stomach is not right.

I had dyspepsia for years. Sometimes I could hardly stand up, and I could not eat anything without pain and agony. Of course I tried to get relief, but met with failure after failure until there seemed to be no hope left. At last I was persuaded to give Puritana a trial. The result was marvelous. It not only relieved me, but it made me perfectly well. Instead of being doubled up with pain, Puritana has given me a stomach like an ostrich, that will digest almost anything. There is nothing too strong for me to say in favor of Puritana.

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No. 130.—A Diagonal.

When the words have been rightly guessed and written, one below the other, the diagonal (beginning at the upper left hand letter and ending with the lower right hand letter) will spell the name of a famous engineer.

Crosswords: 1. Highly pleasing to the taste. 2. Misleading. 3. Agreeable to the ear. 4. A chronometer. 5. Indispensable. 6. Abundance. 7. Things that are unusual or unaccountable. 8. In the middle of a ship. 9. A state of exhaustion.

No. 131.—Variations.

Choose a word to fill the first blank, and then fill the following blanks with the same letters that form the first word chosen, but differently arranged:

There was an old —— who lived by himself:
He took many —— from his cupboard or shelf.
Said he, "They ——ire me, fresh notions impart;
I gra—— —— a moment each branch of my art."
Then, alas, his weak brain would —— giddily round;
His —— would give way and he'd fall to the ground.
'Tis a —— ——eradventure, the readers may say
Who —— ——othing but tea and plain water all day.

No. 132.—Word Puzzles.

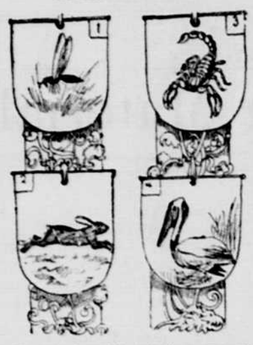
A word of nine letters which is both old and new:

1, 2, 3, 4, is a trial, a standard.
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, is a part of a flower.
4, 5, 6, 7, is the reverse of wild.
5, 6, is a part of the most irregular of all verbs.
5, 6, 7, 8, is a word which expresses agreement.
6, 7, 8, is a large portion of the human race.
The last letter is the same as the first.

A word of six letters, meaning a heavenly wanderer:

1, 2, 3, 4, is an arrangement, a scheme.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, is a carpenter's tool.
2, 3, 4, 5, is pleasant in the country.
4, 5, 6, is a transparent fabric.

No. 133.—Final Acrostic.



When the four objects in the accompanying illustration have been rightly guessed, and the names (which are of unequal length) written, one below the other, the final letters will spell the name of a famous English Quaker.—St. Nicholas.

No. 134.—Charade.

1. "A company of persons united in a common design."
2. "A century."
The whole, "A fillet, roller or swath."

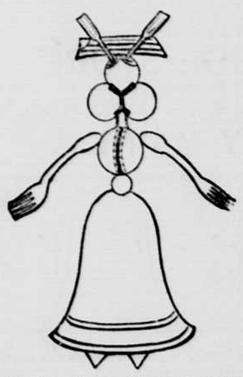
No. 135.—Metagram.

I am something to eat; change my head, and I am a gardening tool; again, and I am to receive; again, and I am to cook; again, and I am to construct.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 121.—Anagrams and Acrostic: B-altimore, I-rkutsk, C-ornelile, Y-ucatan, C-leopatra, L-ucullus, E-merald. Acrostic, Bicycle.

No. 122.—Something to Make:



No. 123.—Crossword Enigma: Lochinvar.

No. 124.—Diamonds:

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

No. 125.—Missing Rhymes: 1. Shower, bower, sped, head, flower. 2. King, sing, feature, creature, wing. 3. Cheapside, ride, fare, Ware, defied.

No. 126.—Word Squares:

I D E A	O P E R A	P O L E
D E A R	P E R I L	O M E N
E A S T	E R A S E	L E N D
A R T S	R I S E R	E N D S
	A L E R T	

No. 127.—Geographical Acrostic: Amsterdam: 1. Amazon. 2. Malta. 3. Sahara 4. Towton. 5. Eddystone. 6. Ramsey. 7. Darien. 8. Alexandria. 9. Madagascar.

No. 128.—What Was His Age? Fifty-six years.

No. 129.—Transpositions: 1. Let your manners be simple and your speech unaffected. 2. Kindness governs better than anger. 3. Jesting falsehoods bring serious sorrows. 4. Many who possess much enjoy but little. 5. Learn to live as you would wish to die. 6. Men climb to honor by prudence and industry. 7. Labor brings pleasure, idleness pain. 8. Make not a jest at another's infirmities. 9. Silence is the best answer to passion.

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Tramp—"Please, mum, have you any cold vittles?" Housekeeper—"I am very sorry to say, sir, that everything is hot." Slams the door.

Customer—I want a remedy for catarrh.

Drug Clerk—All right, sir. Here's a blood tonic that is advertised to build up the constitution.

Customer—Young man, do you think I'm going to dose myself with a blood tonic for months, just on the chance of it doing me some good? Not much! I want immediate relief; besides, catarrh is a local affection, and no tonic or blood purifier ever made, can cure it. Here's 50 cents. Let me have Ely's Cream Balm. It's the only thing I know of to cure an attack of catarrh.

HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

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REMEDIAL VALUE OF FOODS.

There will come a time, says a recent writer, when no medicine will be administered, except in acute and sudden attacks. Disease will be cured by foods. The intelligent housemother is testing the value of this assertion in her daily ordering of the meals for her household, for her lately acquired knowledge of dietetics has put her on the way to such enlightenment.

Celery is valuable as a food for those suffering from any form of rheumatism, for diseases of the nerves, and nervous dyspepsia.

Lettuce is useful to those suffering from insomnia.

Watercress is a remedy for scurvy.

Peanuts for indigestion; they are especially recommended for corpulent diabetes. Peanuts are made into a wholesome nutritious soup, are browned and used as coffee, are eaten as a relish, simply baked, or are prepared and served as salted almonds.

Onions are almost the best nervine known. No medicine is so useful in cases of nervous prostration, and there is nothing else that will so quickly relieve and tone up a worn-out system. Onions are useful in all cases of coughs, colds and influenza. Eaten every other day, they soon have a clearing and whitening effect on the complexion.

Asparagus is used to induce perspiration.

Carrots for sufferers from asthma.

Eggs contain a large amount of nutriment in a compact, quickly available form. Eggs, especially the yolks of eggs, are useful in jaundice. Beaten up raw with sugar are used to clear and strengthen the voice. With sugar and lemon juice the beaten white of eggs is used to relieve hoarseness.

Fresh, ripe fruits are excellent for purifying the blood and toning up the system. As specific remedies oranges are aperient. Sour oranges are highly recommended for rheumatism.

Lemons for feverish thirst in sickness, for billousness, low fevers, rheumatism, colds, coughs, liver complaint, etc.

Tomatoes are a powerful aperient for the liver, a sovereign remedy for dyspepsia and indigestion.

Figs are aperient and wholesome.

Apples are useful in nervous dyspepsia; they are nutritious, medicinal and vitalizing; they aid digestion, clear the voice, correct the acidity of the stomach, are valuable in rheumatism, insomnia and liver troubles. An apple contains as much nutriment as a potato in a pleasanter and more wholesome form.

Grapes dilute thick blood, send the circulation to the surface, remove obstructions from liver and lungs, and bring the stomach to a healthy condition.

HINTS.

A clipping from a spicy little letter is especially seasonable, now that lemons are so commonly used as "spring medicine." "When you are making lemon pies or cake, and have squeezed all the juice you can out of a lemon, just cut the skin, turn wrong side out, dip in salt, and rub your brass pipes, faucets, kettle, or any brass work about the house that needs cleaning, polishing up each immediately with a dry, soft cloth—flannel is best—after rubbing with the lemon.

A correspondent wants to know how to clean new iron cooking utensils so the disagreeable odor may be removed. The cause of this odor is the varnish which the manufacturers put on the outside of ironware to protect it from rust. After the kettle or pot is in use the varnish will burn off in a few hours, and there is no better way to remove than to simply let it burn off. After being used a few times there will be no odor whatever from the new pot or kettle. New cake tins, etc., are also much more desirable after the "newness" has worn off. They should be placed in the oven before being used, and allowed to burn and blacken until the bright tin effect has disappeared; then wash thoroughly until clean and smooth, and there will be no more difficulty about the cake sticking to them than if old tins were used.

Whether eggs are fresh or not may be easily ascertained by putting them in a pan of cold water. The fresh ones will sink at once; those that sink slowly are suspicious, while those that float are probably bad.

Whey vinegar is made as follows: Strain two gallons of whey from curd, add to it one pound of sugar, and one-tablespoonful of salt. Keep it in the shade while it is working. It will be ready for use sooner if a little good vinegar is added.

Those of you who are fond of "salt-rising bread," but dislike the slow process by which it is made, try this: On the evening before baking day pour about half a cupful of boiling hot milk on one tablespoonful of corn meal, stir it well, and let it stand in a warm place over night. It will not rise, but will look light and foamy. In the morning make your salt rising as usual, and add the prepared meal to it. Place the dish in a kettle of warm water and keep it an even temperature until the sponge is light, which will be in about two hours. The bread can be baked before noon.—Exchange.

THE STYLES.

The fin de siecle maiden is no longer content with a half-dozen hats; dear me, no, twenty and twenty-five is the proper number these days, and, like her parasols, are en suite many times with her gowns.

I have seen some very fetching confections in the way of bonnets and hats.

One beauty was in purple fancy Cuba straw, lined with white rice straw. It was a large hat with the brim narrower behind than in front. The crown was low and wide, and was trimmed in front with rosettes of purple gauze ribbon, edged with satin.

Behind and at the sides were garlands of purple poppies and buds in various shades, mixed with rosettes of gauze ribbon. Behind the crown was one large poppy, with buds placed high, and forming an algrette.

These purple hats, by the way, are as much the rage, as when they first blazed upon the public at Easter time, and they are invariably smart and becoming.

The green straw hat also flourishes and gains in popularity. One pretty model that I examined was in the form of a beretta capote, and was of soft pliable rice straw, and in a very wide fancy braid of a very bright green.

The edge of the capote was scalloped all round, excepting at the immediate back, and the crown was low and round. It was trimmed with a wreath of cornflowers in different shades of intense blue. The rather narrow rim was turned up at the back to show a deep cache peigne of corn flowers and ivy leaves, and another tuft of the same flowers was raised very high and served as a base for two green aigrettes ornamented with the eyes of peacock feathers.

Strings to hats are becoming very much the mode, and one sees them wide and narrow, and long and short, and of ribbon and tulle and lace. The wide tulle or gauze strings measure a whole breadth across and are very fluffy and beautiful tied in a large, soft bow directly beneath the chin.

Point lace strings for elderly ladies are very becoming and suitable and tie under the chin, demurely making a very fit setting for the face.

White alpacas or mohairs are becoming more and more the rage every day. Last summer at the European watering places they were so numerous that it seemed as if every other woman one met was in white mohair, and now the craze has arrived on our shores to spend itself during the coming summer.

Doucet recently sent out a very stunning confection in white mohair trimmed with ecru canvas and brightened up by a stock of violet ribbon.

Scotch cashmere is a material which is being very generally used now by the leading dressmakers in this country and abroad. For years it has been unused, and the revival of it means a great deal in the fashionable world. It comes in the most beautiful colors and makes up most gracefully.

A dainty organdie made over silk is a model afternoon frock. One sweet confection which I saw was of white, with little delicate tracings of flowers over it. It was made over pale yellow or buff silk glace, and set off by white ribbon.

THE JOKE ON HIM.

"The Gay Parisians" are a merry lot off the stage as well as on. All smokers at one time or another have met the man who sells cigars at a ruinous rate of discount. This insidious individual speaks English with great difficulty, but usually manages to convey the impression that the cigars have been smuggled.

Charles B. Wells, who assumes the role of Paillard in "The Gay Parisians," at the Boston Museum, last week met one of these venders. This one insisted that his cigars were smuggled and pointed triumphantly to the unbroken stamps on the boxes. The natural inference, therefore, was that the cigars were stolen.

The foreigner opened a box, and in the deft manner peculiar to his class, thrust the only good cigar in the box on Mr. Wells, and the actor found it to his liking, and promptly recommended the brand. The salesman promptly wanted to know who would buy and disposed of one box for $4. Next he allowed two boxes to go for $7, and followed this up by selling three boxes for $9. With just one box left he offered it to Mr. Wells, who had not yet made a purchase, for $2. The actor became more and more satisfied with the cigar given him the longer he smoked it, and offered $1.75, which was promptly accepted.

That night when he tried another he suffered from a great dryness of the throat. Before purchasing he had broken open one of the cigars, as he prides himself all being able to judge of a cigar from its filling. There was the leaf running the full length of the cigar, and this made him sure the brand was all right. The dryness of his throat caused him to break open another. There was the leaf all right, but a more careful examination showed that under the wrapper there was not tobacco but colored paper, saturated with some fluid which kept it from bursting into flame. He concluded that the best way to get even was to present the box to Louis Hendricks, who is also one of "The Gay Parisians," and appears as the positive police captain. Wells explained that he had concluded to stop smoking, as it injured his throat. He had been given a box of splendid cigars, and wished to give them away to avoid the temptation to smoke them.

Hendricks knew there was some ulterior motive for the present and turned the box over to the property man. As a consequence Wells, instead of working off the paper cigars on his friend, has for the past week been smoking three at every performance. Whenever he lighted one a puzzled expression came over his face, but not until the last one had been smoked did he learn the way in which Hendricks had enjoyed the cigars given him.

A BRIDEGROOM'S ANTICS.

The innocence of city ways by the newly married from the country districts who come to Chicago on their wedding trips serves to excite only a languid interest with hotel clerks, but yesterday the queer antics of a bridegroom at the Leland caused a great laugh. It was the worst, Manager Cobb allowed, he had ever seen, and Mr. Cobb has been in Chicago hotels thirty years.

On Wednesday night a young man approached the counter at the Leland and glanced nervously around him.

"Are you the clerk?" he finally asked.

"Yes. What can I do for you?" he replied.

"I want a room."

The clerk pushed the register toward him.

"What do you want me to do?" the young man stammered out.

"Write your name," replied the clerk, who was becoming interested.

The young man wrote "Parry W. Smith," and at the request of the clerk added "Marley, Ill." He was assigned to a room. A few minutes afterward a bell boy reported there was a woman with the new guest. When he reappeared yesterday morning his attention was called to the fact that he had not registered for his wife.

"I was married only yesterday," was his explanation, "and I forgot all about her."

Then he registered from "New Lennox," having given his bride's maiden name as his residence the preceding evening. The couple spent the day in sightseeing, not returning to the hotel until evening. A bell boy who had sprinkled wet sawdust on the floor of the rotunda was sweeping it up. To the bell boy he said:

"My wife wants a candle to frizz her hair with. If you can get one for me, I'll sweep while you are gone."

Taking the broom from the hands of the astonished colored boy, the bridegroom proceeded to sweep the rotunda. His bride, an exceedingly pretty young woman, evidently the belle of the village, stood watching him. The rotunda was crowded, and the broad smiles as the passing throng stopped to look at her husband, told her something was wrong. Her face became crimson. The bell boy was gone perhaps longer than was necessary, and by the time he returned the rotunda was well swept. The pair then started off for their room. They must have heard the laugh which broke forth as soon as they were out of sight.—Chicago Tribune.

GOT HIS INFORMATION CHEAP.

Little Ferdinand—I saw you kiss Sister Alethea just now, Mr. Dusnap.

Dusnap (embarrassed)—W-well, here is a quarter for you if you won't tell anybody.

Little Ferdinand (contemptuously)—A quarter! I got fifty cents last night for not telling on Mr. Bertwhistle.

A BABY'S LIFE SAVED.

"My baby had croup and was saved by Shiloh's Cure," writes Mrs. J. B. Martin of Huntsville, Ala. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff, South Paris.

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McGinnis—That's mighty foine, Pat. How owld is it? Pat, (pouring the last drops into his glass)—Faith, Oi don't don't know; but it's ez owld ez it'll ever be."

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.

Mrs. Moriarty—What are yez shtriking for now, Pat? Mr. Moriarty—Sure, and the owners of the mill raised our pay widout consultin' the Union.

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

"De trouble wid too many ob you niggers," says Uncle Mose, "is dat you wants to lib sinners an' die Christians."

Impoverished blood causes that tired feeling. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood, giving new life and increased vigor and vitality.

Jinks—I can't understand how shipwrecked sailors ever starve to death. Filkins—Why not? Jinks—Because I just came over from Liverpool, and I never once felt the least desire to eat.

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

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May 12, 13, 14, to 3 days regular term,		7 50
4 miles travel from Norway to Paris and return,		32
		$34 06

W. W. WHITMARSH.

Paris, May 14th, 1896.

COUNTY OF OXFORD
To J. F. STEARNS, Dr.

Jan'y 1, 2, 3, 4, to 4 days at Paris, adjourned session,		$10 00
To 25 miles travel on same,		2 00
March 9, 10, 11, to 3 days at Paris, adjourned session,		7 50
To 50 miles travel on same,		4 00
Apr. 13, 14, 15, to 3 days at Rumford on petition of Fred Porter,		7 50
To 120 miles travel on same,		9 60
May 8, to 2 days at Paris on petition of A. Dudley et als,		5 00
To 55 miles travel on same,		4 40
May 12, 13, 14, to 3 days at Paris, regular session,		7 50
To 50 miles travel on same,		4 00
		$61 50

J. F. STEARNS.

Paris, May 14, 1896.

OXFORD COUNTY
To GEO. W. RIDLON, Dr.

1896.		
Jan. 1 2, 3, 4, to four days, adjourned term,		$10 00
Mar. 10, 11, 64 miles travel from Mexico to Paris and return,		5 12
May 3 6, two days at Paris, on petition of Fred DeCoster et al,		5 00
64 miles travel, Mexico to Paris and return,		5 12
May 12, 13, 14, 15, four days at Paris, regular session,		10 00
64 miles travel same,		5 12
		$40 36

GEO. W. RIDLON.

Paris, May 14th, 1896.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss. Paris, May 14, 1896.

The personally appeared the above named W. W. Whitmarsh, J. F. Stearns and Geo. W. Ridlon, and severally made oath that the foregoing accounts by them rendered and subscribed are true. Before me,

CHARLES F. WHITMAN,
Clerk Supreme Judicial Court.

OXFORD, ss. May 14, 1896.

Having first examined and audited the foregoing accounts of the County Commissioners of Oxford County, we certify that we allow thereon the following sums respectively:

To W. W. Whitmarsh,	$34 06
To J. F. Stearns,	61 50
To Geo. W. Ridlon,	40 36

EUGENE F. SMITH, County Attorney.
CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk Sup. Jud. Court.

I certify that the foregoing to be true copies.
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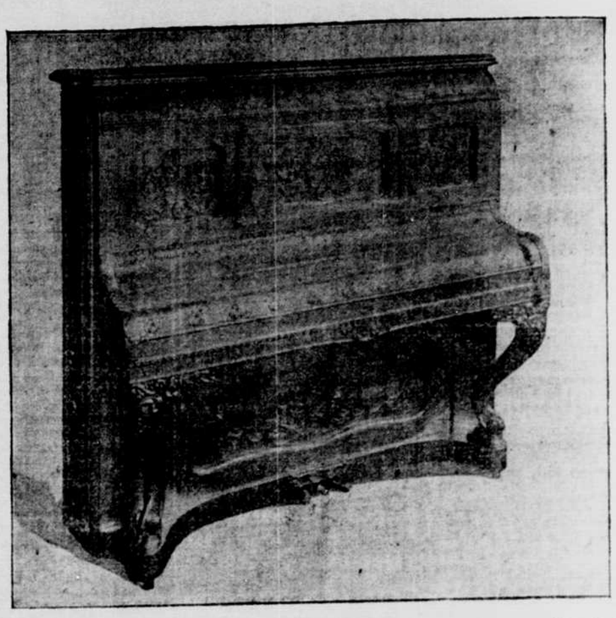

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