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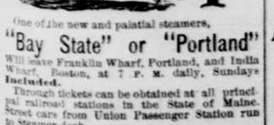
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SOUTH PARIS, MAINE.

As it existed on the 13th day of May 1896.

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

Liabilities.

Deposits,	$ 414,338 55
Reserve Fund,	9,000 00
Undivided Profits,	9,463 71
Bills Payable,	8,000 00
	440,802 26

Resources.

	Par Value.	Estimated and Market Value.	Charged on Books.	Total.
Public Funds Owned.				
United States, Coupon, 4s, 1907,	$ 2,220	$ 2,409 00	$ 2,200 00	$ 2,200 00
City of Bath, 6s, 1899,	150	159 00	150 00	
Portland, 6s, 1897,	1,000	1,025 00	1,000 00	
Total public funds of Maine.	1,150			1,150 00
County of Bourbon, Kansas, 6s, 1909,	1,000	1,185 00	1,000 00	
Delaware, Ind., 5s, 1899,	5,000	5,125 00	5,000 00	
City of Duluth, Minn., 5s, 1906,	2,000	2,140 00	2,000 00	
Fort Madison, Ia., 5s, 1902,	5,000	5,125 00	5,000 00	
Sioux City, Ia., 6s, 1902,	4,500	4,736 25	4,500 00	
Sioux City, Ia., 6s, 1901,	500	522 50	500 00	
Total public funds out of New England,	18,000			18,000 00
Railroad Bonds Owned.				
Lime Rock, 5s, 1908,	2,000	2,100 00	2,000 00	
Maine Central, 6s, 1900,	1,500	1,500 00	1,500 00	
Phillips & Rangeley, 5s, 1910,	2,000	2,000 00	2,000 00	
Total railroad bonds of Maine.	5,500			5,500 00
Akron Street, 6s, 1908,	5,000	5,000 00	5,000 00	
Albany Street, 5s, 1930,	3,000	3,210 00	3,000 00	
Canton Street, 6s, 1910,	15,000	15,450 00	15,000 00	
Chicago & West Michigan, 5s, 1921,	6,000	4,140 00	6,000 00	
Des Moines Suburban Street, 6s, 1921,	10,000	10,000 00	10,000 00	
Des Moines Street, 6s, 1903,	3,000	3,150 00	3,000 00	
Detroit & Mackinac, 4s, 1995,	1,000	750 00	1,000 00	
Grand Rapids Street, 6s, 1912,	10,000	10,500 00	10,000 00	
Haverhill & Amesbury, 5s, 1912,	50,000	5,000 00	5,000 00	
Spokane & Palouse, 6s, 1936,	7,000	5,950 00	7,000 00	
Total railroad bonds out of Maine,	65,000			65,000 00
Corporation Bonds Owned.				
Kennebec Light & Heat Co., 6s, 1911,	5,000	5,000 00	5,000 00	
Knox Gas and Electric Company, 6s, 1903,	10,000	10,000 00	10,000 00	
Maine Water Company, 5s, 1931,	2,000	2,000 00	2,000 00	
Muncipal Security Company, 5-1-2s, 1898,	10,000	10,000 00	10,000 00	
Norway Shoe Company, 5s, Opt.,	1,000	1,000 00	1,000 00	
Oxford County Loan Association, 6s, 1897,	10,000	10,000 00	10,000 00	
Paris Manufacturing Company, 6s, 1897,	1,300	1,300 00	1,300 00	
Richmond Water Company, 5s, 1906,	4,000	4,000 00	4,000 00	
York Light and Heat Company, 6s, 1901,	10,000	10,000 00	10,000 00	
Total corporation bonds owned,	53,300			53,300 00
Railroad Stock Owned.				
Detroit & Mackinac,	2,400	600 00	1,700 00	
Sioux City Traction Company,	6,000	3,900 00	5,000 00	
Total railroad stock owned,	8,400			6,700 00
Corporation Stock Owned.				
Masonic Building Association,	1,000	1,000 00	1,000 00	
Mt. Mica Building Association,	1,000	1,000 00	1,000 00	
Oxford County Loan Association,	1,000	1,100 00	1,000 00	
Total corporation stock owned.	3,000			3,0000 00
National Bank Stock Owned.				
Canal National Bank, Portland,	700	840 00	700 00	
Casco National Bank, Portland,	500	500 00	500 00	
Cumberland National Bank, Portland,	80	85 00	80 00	
First National Bank, Bath,	1,000	1,400 00	1,000 00	
First National Bank, Lewiston,	1,000	1,500 00	1,000 00	
First National Bank, Portland,	4,300	4,515 00	4,300 00	
Manufacturers' National Bank, Lewiston,	1,000	1,200 00	1,000 00	
Merchants' National Bank, Portland,	750	1,150 00	750 00	
National Shoe & Leather Bank, Auburn,	15,200	15,200 00	15,200 00	
National Traders' Bank, Portland,	600	660 00	600 00	
Norway National Bank, Norway,	11,200	12,880 00	11,200 00	
Total National Bank stock of Maine.	36,330			36,330 00
Aetna National Bank, Kansas City, Mo.,	1,100	1,100 00	1,100 00	
National Bank of North Dakota, Fargo, N. D.,	630	409 50	630 00	
Total National Bank stock out of Maine,	1,730			1,730 00
Other Bank Stock Owned.				
Auburn Trust Company,	8,400	8,400 00	8,400 00	8,400 00
Loans on Railroad Bonds,				
Annapolis and Baltimore,		1,900 00	1,900 00	
St. Joseph Traction & Lighting Co.,		2,925 92	2,925 92	4,825 92
Loans on Corporation Stock.				
Marsh Mfg. Company, Portland,		100 00	100 00	
Masonic Building Co., So. Paris,		99 00	99 00	
Paris Mfg. Company,		900 00	900 00	
Union Wharf, Portland,		2,238 15	2,238 15	3,427 15
Loans on Bank Stock.				
American Bank, Sidney, Neb.,		2,000 00	2,000 00	
American Exchange National Bank, Lincoln, Neb.,		2,000 00	2,000 00	
Auburn Trust Company,		700 00	700 00	
Bank of Callaway, Neb.,		8,000 00	8,000 00	
First Nat. Bank, Portland,		1,000 00	1,000 00	
Oxford County Loan Ass'n.,		1,200 00	1,200 00	
State Bank of Arcadia, Neb.,		1,000 00	1,000 00	
				15,900 00
Loans to Corporations.				
Mt. Mica Building Ass'n., South Paris,		400 00	400 00	
Paris Mfg. Company,		175 00	175 00	
Paris Mfg. Company (endorsed),		484 27	484 27	
South Paris Building Ass'n.,		1,840 65	1,840 65	
South Paris Library Ass'n.,		115 24	115 24	
West Paris Mfg. Company (endorsed),		3,533 96	3,533 96	
				6,569 12
Loans to Municipalities.				
South Paris Village Corporation,		250 00	250 00	
Town of Paris,		2,500 00	2,500 00	
				2,750 00
Loan on Greenbush Water Co. bonds, R. I.,		1,000 00	1,000 00	
Loan to First Congregational Parish, So. Paris,		362 30	362 30	
Loans on So. Paris Savings Bank books,		575 00	575 00	
Loans on Life Insurance policies,		830 86	830 86	
Loans on personal property,		794 00	794 00	
Loans on mortgages of real estate,	167,721 55	167,721 55		171,283 71
Real estate, investment,	2,500 00	2,500 00		
Real estate, foreclosure,	22,392 41	22,392 41		24,892 41
Premium account,		2,027 00		
Expense account,		625 88		2,652 88
Cash on deposit,	6,318 40	6,318 40		
Cash on hand,	872 67	872 67		7,191 07
				440,802 26
Unpaid accrued interest,	8,953 00			
	447,798 63			
Due depositors, earned dividend, accrued State tax and bills payable,	431,483 41			
Estimated market value of resources above liability for deposits, earned dividend, State tax and bills payable,	16,315 22			
Annual expenses, $900 00				

F. E. TIMBERLAKE, Bank Examiner.

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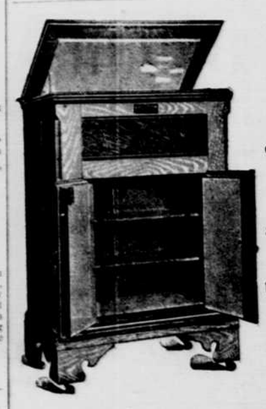
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TO MAKE FARM LIFE BRIGHTER.

We want to see more beauty, and greater abundance in fruits, about the farm house. We want to see more contentment and pleasure there. We urge the cultivation of flowers for the pleasure it affords, and the raising of more fruits and better gardens for the increased vigor and health such things impart. We have a vineyard that begins to ripen its fruit about the first of August, when there is a certain amount of languor and listlessness in the atmosphere, a time when fevers are apt to take root in the system, and when every one feels more or less run down. But, since our vineyard has been in bearing, and we can go to it of an early morn before breakfast and eat all the fresh, sweet, ripe grapes we desire, there comes a revived feeling, breakfast tastes better, and the system is toned up for the day. It is one of the wise provisions of nature to ripen grapes just at the time of year when they are best suited to the health and appetite.

We urge the planting of vineyards and other small fruits. A fruit garden is of greater necessity, in so far as the health and happiness of the family are concerned, than the corn field. The peasants of Spain, it is said, eat fruit more than anything else, yet they are noted for their strength and vigor. Fresh fruit is filled with the very essence of the life giving principle. It is nature's storehouse of the most beautiful and pleasant elements of the soil and the air, such as are bound to impart renewed strength to the consumer. It is beauty and vitality combined and condensed.

How much more of happiness and pleasure there is sure to be in the home that is surrounded by beautiful flowers, and fresh, sweet fruits. How superior in every respect is such a home in which to raise our children compared to the barren home of the thoughtless and shiftless, that give no heed to the better and more elevated system of living that comes of cultivating nature in her higher branches.—H. B. Geer, Nashville, Tenn., in Southern Florist.

NINE TIMES IN TEN BREEDING TELLS.

If you keep only one cow it is very necessary she should be a good one, or a great portion of the year the family will have to be supplied with butter from some neighboring dairy; or the grocery store will kindly furnish you with some of its mottled, streaked product.

If you keep a dozen cows it is of even more importance that they should be good ones, bred along dairy lines. Then you have a partial assurance at least, that the increase of your herd (presuming, of course, you use a male of undisputed diary parentage) will be even better than their ancestors. I do not wish to be understood as saying that from this breeding you will always get good cows any more than I would say a cow of unknown origin never was a good cow. But I do say that in nine cases out of ten you will get good cows, while in taking your chance with any kind of breeding happens to be convenient, in nine cases out of every ten your cow will be a failure financially. You can't afford to keep a cow that does not pay her board and leave you a surplus. It costs no more to keep a good cow than a poor one.—New England Farmer.

OVERLOOKING THE COW.

Every dairyman in this land recognizes the desirability of proper utensils to use in this work. A proper dairy room, proper feed, but above all is the proper dairy cow overlooked quite often. So many writers are telling how necessary it is to have the best churn, separator, feed, etc., but entirely forget the fact that there is a cow in the field. You may have a marble finished dairy house, equipped with all the modern Dutch, Danish and other foreign makes of dairy tools, improved by Yankee ingenuity, and if you have not the cow your dairy is "nit." Next to the cow comes the man, or the improvement on the dairyman—the dairywoman.—Jersey Bulletin.

FURNISH PLENTY OF WATER.

To make your dairy truly successful and keep milk flow up to par, you must furnish the cows with an abundance of water.

One watering place in a large pasture is not sufficient, as the cows will not travel a long distance to drink except in extreme thirst. A well and windmill can always be depended on to spread a sufficient supply of water before the cows, and at points most convenient and necessary for their use.

The dairyman who plants plenty of fodder corn and makes liberal provision for watering his stock, isn't apt to fall behind his dairy associates in making money.—New England Farmer.

STICK TO YOUR BREED.

The Jersey breed has been selected for a special purpose for a great many years. They have been bred in a particular way. The Holstein has been selected for a certain purpose and bred in a certain way in certain sections of the country for a great many years. They are very strong in certain characteristics. Cross one with a native and you get much more Holstein than native. Cross a Jersey with a native and you get more Jersey than you do native, but when you come to cross these two together it weakens the effect. So stick to the breed you start with.—New England Farmer.

THE ORCHARD.

Handsome apples are sometimes sour.

Sucker newly-grafted trees. Give the new scions a chance.

Make preparation to market the early fruit with especial care and taste. It pays.

Fruits save doctors' bills, and save pie-making as well. And this saves the women.

Never plow an orchard in July or August, or while the trees are heavy with fruit.

An extra apple or two may disappear from your overburdened orchard, but what of it? You won't miss it. And they are not all vandals.

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LINSEED MEAL.

If you have a little money that you want to spend in a profitable manner, a good way to do it is to lay in a supply of linseed meal for the coming winter. It is much cheaper now than it will probably be in the winter, and it is an excellent thing to have in the fall when the fall calves are expected. I never knew of a case of trouble at calving when a little meal had been fed for a short time before, and while this is not so necessary in summer as it is in winter, when the feed is almost exclusively dry, still a little is a very good thing to use at such a time.

A neighbor of mine some time ago, asked me what was the best thing to give a cow that had failed to drop the placenta. I told him that I did not know, as I never had any trouble in that line, but I could tell him what would prevent it, and recommended linseed meal.

The medical profession generally recommends a dose of physic as a first course in certain cases of ailments that affect animals, and while Epsom salts may have their place, yet it is much better, I think, to use linseed meal, and do away with the need of such medicines. The above mentioned medicines are called "cathartics," which is derived from a word in some ancient language which means to kick. The idea is that when these medicines are taken into the stomach and intestines they irritate the linings to such a degree that in the efforts to expel the foreign substance, a watery secretion is poured out in such profusion that the desired end is accomplished, or it is "kicked" out. Now, it seems to me that it is better to use some feeding stuff that has a value as a means of giving nourishment and will at the same time act as a cathartic does, than to use a cathartic which only affects by irritation the system into which it is taken.—National Stockman.

IMPROVING LAND BY DAIRYING.

While all stock growing tends to recuperate by checking the waste of fertility carried away in the crops sold off from the farm, dairying is the most efficient, and also the most profitable means of recruiting a worn out farm, and butter making is the best line of dairy farming for this purpose.

Though in stock-growing the waste of fertility is brought down below the slow increase of available plant food by reason of the constant decomposition of the soil, there is still inconsiderable loss from the accumulation of plant nutrition in the bodies of the animals grown upon and formed out of the substance of the soil. The bodies of animals are but accumulations of plant food, and when they are sold off the farm, they carry away the richness of that farm, according to the extent of the sales made.

The loss of fertility from this source is generally less than the increase of fertility from the decomposition of soil, which continues on the cultivated farms, and hence land devoted largely to stock-growing, generally grows richer instead of poorer, as is usually the case when devoted exclusively to grain-growing. It must be evident, however, that exhausted land would grow rich faster if even the drain upon it from selling off the flesh and bones grown upon it, was stopped. This is effected when butter production takes the place of grain and stock growing.—National Live Stock Journal.

EARLY HARVESTING OF HAY.

Millions of dollars worth of feeding value has been lost in the past by allowing grass to stand in the fields until over-ripe. There is a time in the growth of grass when its feeding value is at the highest point. That is the time when it should be cut and made into hay for winter feeding. If delay in cutting ensues the digestible portion of the hay becomes in part indigestible, and is therefore wasted.

Many farmers will tell you that their young stock thrives best, and their cows give the most milk, when eating the hay that was cut first. Well, why not have it all cut "first?" In other words why not have it all cut at a time when it will be at its best? The same farmers will be found going on year after year waiting until the whole crop of grass is in a proper condition to cut, and then consuming two or three weeks in securing the crop, half of it, at least, being thus cut after it has passed its prime. Study the condition of the different portions of your fields, for some parts will come to maturity more quickly than others. These can be cut first, and the less advanced grass taken later.

THE FARM HORSE.

A horse's collars and harnesses should be as well fitted as we fit shoes on our feet or coats on our backs, before buying them. Many in buying a collar look only to size and price, while shape and quality are quite as important. The best hot weather top pad I have found is a combination of sole-leather and zinc, a strip of zinc being fastened snugly inside the leather.

I have had horses' backs galled by simply neglecting to lengthen the backband a hole on either side, and I have had them rubbed sore by a twisted crupper. All these little things must be watched. In working a colt watch the shoulders and back and mouth; favor and relieve it all you can; horses are not lacking in appreciative power; rub the shoulders gently with the hand; wash them frequently with salt water.—New England Farmer.

GLEANINGS.

How's your hay? Keep an eye on it, and harvest it quickly when ripe.

When the plow is in the ground or the harrow tooth is over it, speak kindly to your horse; he will appreciate it.

New methods are moving along with rapid pace in the hills of the East, and the era of a more prosperous agriculture is upon us, when compared with the past quarter of a century.

Trials at the Missouri experiment station showed that where corn had 85 per cent of a perfect stand it was better to let it remain than to replant it or fill out the missing hills.

Said a very conservative farmer not far away, who has tried one of the new machines, "No mistake about it, labor is too high, and modern machinery must be used by us."

Is the present depression in farming due to a vast expansion of production by the use of modern agencies beyond statistical recognition, or is it, as claimed, due largely to the business depression?

Apropos of hay—is yours smothered by daisies? The fields of the southern counties of New York are white with them. We have seen in the past week acre after acre of hoped-for grass hay, turned over to bury the daisies out of sight, but their saucy heads still peep up.

The hills and the valleys and "the roads that run between," are beginning to ring with the merry laughter of the "prisoners" from the city. Have a word of good neighborliness with these transients for they are only enjoying a sense of freedom they know nothing of except during these glorious days of summer.

As summer advances the horn fly is gathering in force to put in his work. Probably the pest will increase from now on through the hot months of July and August. Any cheap oil or grease will keep off flies of whatever kind. That which will stay on longest is best to use.

Cattle business on the range has been unusually successful the past winter. The annual spring round-up is now just over. The calf crop is found to be large, and scarce a single animal has been lost during the winter. All accounts give cattle as in excellent condition. Some owners are to begin at once the round-up for fat cattle. It is unusual for fat cattle from the plains to be taken to market so early in the season.

AUTUMN.

Ladies fair the end is near.
Soon will lie upon its bier
Every lovely blossom here.
Pozies e'en with which the year
Strives to hide her swift decay
Now must pass from us away
And in death be laid beside
Flowerets that in summer died.
Zinnias, flashing fire's bright hue;
Marigolds, whose buds pursue
Golden Sol from east to west;
Lilies, of all blossoms best
For the dying season's shroud;
Daisies, to St. Michael vowed;
Dahlias, set in order prim;
Asters, loaded to the brim
With the weight of tears unshed;
Hollyhocks, pink, white and red;
Dainty columns wreathed with bloom;
Violets of rare perfume;
Roses, pallid—aye, and wan—
Yet so sweet; all will have gone!
Ladies fair, the end is near.
Dying in the sylvan year!

—St. James Gazette.

"De Valley an de Shadder."

By HARRY STILLWELL EDWARDS.

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CHAPTER III.

On went the young woman, her straight, strong limbs bearing her bravely; on into the great road, on through the village with its lazy groups sitting about in the afternoon shade, on past the jail, never stopping. She moved as one in a trance, and the strange light shone from her eyes.

"'En de valley an de shadder,' Ben," she shouted, "'an er-fearin nuthin.' An I'm comin back leanin on his rod an his staff. I'm er-comin back."

People looked at her curiously, but she stopped for none. The shadows fell; night found her on the lonely highway. The tall pines crooned above; it seemed as though a spirit sighed from the lips of the dying man. A whippoorwill called from the depths of the forest. To her it was a voice from the past, and strange things caught at her dress as she glided by.

"'En de valley an de shadder,'" she whispered, "'an leanin on his rod an staff.'" No moon rose to comfort her, but a mocking bird sang as he used to sing in the haw bush by the cabin when the baby was rolling on his back in the sand and she was sewing. On, never faltering; tired of limb, hungry and athirst, but onward still.

At dawn of day she dropped down by a friendly door in the city's suburbs and told her story. The hospitality of the south animates the humblest dwelling, and the humbler the roof the broader the unquestioning hospitality. Her thirst quenched, her hunger appeased, she dragged her stiffening limbs into a new road and continued her journey. The sun came forth and parched the ground, but the trees lent her shade here and there. Thirst came back, but the sparkling brook danced across her way. Hunger, too, came again, yet the hospitable cabin followed it—night and sleep, when far in the night she sank in a fence corner, murmuring, "En de valley an de shadder." And as she slept nothing evil passed the sentinel that there stood guard beside her.

With the dawn the blistered feet resumed their weary way. The history of one day was the history of the next. She started on Thursday; on Monday morning she passed through the great white columns of a princely home and told her story for the last time, and at 10 o'clock the next morning the trial of Ben Thomas for murder was to begin at Jeffersonville, in Twiggs county, seventy odd miles away.

The evening of the same day found Mandy back in the city, and with her was a gray haired man—Marse Bob, she called him—and the people who passed him on the street touched their hats to him and looked back as his tall form went by. A buggy was to bear him to Jeffersonville in the early morning, but for her there was work yet to be done.

"W'en you pass Black Ankle," she said to him, "I'll be deir." Before he could stop her she had gone.

Not a voice broke the stillness of the hamlet as she entered among the brooding cabins, save the far barking of Bill Fowler's dog. She had heard that animals see spirits. Was he barking at his master's ghost come back again? Her flesh crept, and she almost screamed as she trod unawares on the spot where the man died. There was no light in the little house, no sound. Should she enter? The wail of a baby came out to her—a feeble wail, as of one sick or starving. She laid her hand upon the latch.

"No," she moaned, "not now. Hit's de las' chance, de las'." She passed down into the black swamp, lying there in the clouded moon like the grave itself.

"'En de valley an de shadder,'" she whispered, "'an er-fearin nuthin.'" As she entered there, that other night came back, and its horrors rose about her. There was the bush that clasped her knees, there the crooked tree that barred the way and there the tangled brake.

Then the lagoon, with its wide, still stretch of water, lay at her feet.

"Ben!" she called, but the name died in her throat. She raised her head again and threw the knife with all her might—aye, for the handle seemed in her grasp as hard and bloody as on that fatal night! Yonder it would fall, she thought, straining her eyes to where the black night rested upon the cold, pale sheen of waters, and lo! so it seemed to fall. There came back from the carpeted gloom the same splash! She gasped and clutched an overhanging vine.

"'En de valley an de shadder, thy rod an thy staff, an er-fearin nuthin,'" she whispered brokenly, and so, half moaning, she let herself down into the silent water. The chilly flood rose to her armpits, but she moved forward straight into the gloom. Once she stumbled, and the flood rolled over her, but straight on she passed with a precision seemingly supernatural. As she moved she felt with her bruised and torn feet in the soft ooze and in the slime, slowly and patiently, for she fancied she could tread every foot of the dark depths until the knife was found.

But there is a limit to human progress in Black Ankle swamp, and just as the spot was reached to which she had calculated that her strength could have hurled the bloody weapon the ground passed from under her feet. Frantically she clutched at a cypress knee to draw back, when instantly a sharp, swift pain ran along her arm. She had touched a snake, and he had struck his fangs into her clinched hand. She must not lose her hold. She did not. But her lips opened and sent up one wild, frenzied cry from that dreadful place, "Oh, my God!"

But what was that? There was no serpent in her grasp, only the long keen blade of a knife thrust into the tender cypress. Ignorant and superstitious, her frame trembled with terror. Then the truth was upon her. The weapon she had hurled into the night had stuck where it had struck. The splash was the plunge of a startled cooter. She drew it from its rest and rushed from the place, as when a brown deer, the hounds pressing hard, breaks through the swamp and the cane and the treacherous ooze into the clear fields beyond.

But gone now fatigue. The woman passed the cabin, with its crib and its memories, almost without knowing it and took the road back to the city. It would have been as well to crouch there and wait for the buggy or to have sought the village, but wait she could not. The fever was upon her. She must move. So she ran city ward to meet the gray haired rescuer. Mile after mile passed,

The thundering feet of the animal were almost upon her.

hour after hour, and still he came not. Day broke, and the sun rose. A presence of mortal danger was upon her, faintly at first, a terror at last, and mastering the fevered energy of her great struggle it slew her strength and hurled her by the wayside, to lie with hunted eyes fixed upon the tree arched lane overhead.

As thus she lay, an old man riding a flying gray horse rose in the shadowed light of the lane and presently burst into the full sunlight there before her. The thundering feet of the animal were almost upon her as she staggered dizzily to her feet and thrust upward the knife. Wonder shone in the face of the rider as, divining the truth, he caught the weapon and passed swiftly from her view. A smile came over her wan face. "'En de valley an de shadder,'" she whispered feebly, then set her feet toward home.

Tired? Yes, tired near unto death, but leaning upon a rod and a staff that mortal vision could not compass.

CHAPTER IV.

It was a sultry noon, and Jeffersonville was brisk. As Jeffersonville is brisk only during the court week, when the lawyers from Macon ride down to look after the warehousemen's mortgages, and the leading attorneys from the adjoining counties run over to look after the Macon lawyers and attend to the criminal docket, it may be inferred that court was in session.

About the large, white, square frame building, with its green blinds and three entrances, little groups of farmers were gathered and many unhitched teams were visible. Within the one great room that takes up the whole of the first floor, and from which ascend steps to the various county offices above, were the usual courthouse habitues—jurors who hope in vain to "get off," and citizens of limited income who yet hope to "get on." In front of the door was the judge's elevated desk, with the clerk lower down, whose feet rested in a chair while his mouth twisted a toothpick. The midday meal had just ended, and the court had not re-entered. To the right and left were the jury benches. The front half of the room was devoted to the bar, which by courtesy included all leading citizens, and the rear to negroes and the promiscuous crowd on curiosity bent.

Apparently there was nothing exciting on hand just then, though a murder trial had been interrupted by a temporary adjournment. But the defendant was a negro, and a negro murderer is not a novelty. While the court was assembling, the curious might have noticed the prisoner's points. His face, if it had any marked characteristics, was noted chiefly for its singularly inexpressive lines, and his attitude was one of supreme indifference. His stout, heavy frame was clad in a common jeans suit stained with months of wear, and his kinky hair was liberally sprinkled over with gray. He sat quietly in his place, not even affecting stolidity, but suffering his eyes to roam from face to face as the genial conversation drifted about in the group around him. He was evidently not impressed by any sense of peril, though when the court had adjourned a clear case of murder had been proved against him, and only his statement and the argument remained.

Slowly the court assembled. The prisoner's counsel had introduced no testimony. A man had been stabbed by his client, had fallen dead, his hand clasped over the wound, and from beneath this hand when convulsively loosened a knife had dropped, which the defendant's wife seized and concealed. This had been proved by the state's witnesses.

The prisoner took the stand to make his statement. He declared emphatically that the deceased, knife in hand, had assaulted him, and that he had killed him in self defense; that the knife which fell from the relaxing hand was the dead man's. He told the story simply, and as he began it a tall, thickset gentleman in a gray suit, with iron gray hair and walking with the aid of a stout stick, entered the room and stood silent by the door—heard him through, losing never a word. As the prisoner resumed his seat the newcomer entered within the rail. He shook hands gravely with several of the older lawyers and took the hand that the court extended over the desk. Then he turned, and to the astonishment of every one shook hands with the defendant, into whose face a light had suddenly dawned which resolved itself into a broad, silent grin. This done, the old gentleman seated himself near the defendant's lawyer, and resting his hand upon his massive cane listened attentively to the speech.

The speaker was not verbose. He rapidly summed up and laid his case before the jury in its best light. Really there was not a great deal to say, and he soon reached his peroration. He pictured the blasted home of the poor negro, his wife and babe deprived of his labor, and dwelt long upon the good name he had always borne. In the midst of the most eloquent periods, wherein he referred to the prisoner "sitting before you, gentlemen of the jury, broken hearted and borne down by the weight of this horrible tragedy," he turned and extended his hand to where his client sat. A sight met his glance that sent the flush of confusion to his face and started a ripple of laughter around the room. The "broken hearted" was calmly munching away on an enormous ginger cake, the liberal moon in which proved the vigor of his appetite. The eloquence of the speaker was fatally chilled. He stammered, repeated, hesitated and was lost. After an awkward summing up, he took his hat and books and precipitately retired to a secluded part of the room. He had been appointed by the court to defend the prisoner and had made considerable preparation, even to the extent of training his client when to weep.

The solicitor arose, and with a few words swept away the cobwebs of the case. The man had stabbed another wantonly. If the knife was the property of the deceased, why was it not produced in court? The defendant's wife had picked it up.

He passed the case to the jury, and the judge prepared to deliver his charge, when the old gentleman in gray rose to his feet.

"If your honor please," he said in a deep tone, the honesty and purpose of which drew every eye upon him, "the prisoner is entitled to the closing, and in the absence of other counsel I beg that you mark my name for the defense. With the permission of my young friend who has so cleverly stated the defense, I will speak upon the case."

"Mr. Clerk," said the court, "mark General Robert Thomas for the defense." The silence was absolute. The jurymen moved in their seats. Something new was coming. The old gentleman laid his hat and stick upon the table, and drawing himself up to his great height fixed his bright eye upon first one and then another of the jury, looking down into their very

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E. W. PENLEY, of Greenwood.

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Columbia Bicycles.
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COMING EVENTS.

July 28.—Opening of Sumner School, Lake Anasagunticook, Canton.
July 28-Aug. 15.—Chautauqua Assembly, Fryeburg.
July 29-31.—Maine State Epworth League Convention at Rockland.
Aug. 2.—Universalist grove meeting, Lake Anasagunticook.
Aug. 4.—Oxford Pomona Grange, East Sumner.
Aug. 11-13.—Annual reunion 11th Maine Regiment, Winn.
Aug. 12, 13.—Annual reunion 16th Maine regiment, Lisbon Falls.
Aug. 17-21.—New England Fair, Rigby Park.
Aug. 26.—South Oxford Sunday School Association, Brownfield.
Aug. 28-Sept. 4.—Maine State Fair, Lewiston.
Sept. 2, 3.—Annual Meeting Maine State Union of Christian Endeavor, Skowhegan.
Sept. 8-10.—Fair at Riverside Park, Bethel.
Sept. 14.—Maine State Election.
Sept. 15, 16, 17.—Oxford County Fair, on the Society's grounds, between South Paris and Norway.
Sept. 23, 24.—Oxford North fair, Andover.
Sept. 29-Oct. 1.—Androscoggin Valley Fair, Canton.

POPOCRATS AND OTHER POLITICS.

It is the regular thing now for Democratic mass meetings to hiss Cleveland. Think of it! The man who was for so many years such an idol of his party as was never known since the days of Henry Clay. And the peculiar part of it is, it is the party and not the man that has changed.

Don A. H. Powers, brother of Hon. Llewellyn Powers, is a Democrat of prominence, and two years ago was the Democratic candidate for congress in the Fourth Maine District. The proceedings of this year have disgusted him, and he announces that he shall vote for McKinley.

It is understood that the administration is preparing to flood the silver states with their own coin: that the mints will coin silver dollars as fast as possible, and the product will be sent into those states which are clamorous for unlimited coinage of the white metal, to give them all they want of it—and more.

The Democratic party in Maine is in a fearfully and wonderfully mixed condition. There is a candidate for governor nominated on a gold platform; and a capitalist nominated for vice-president by a free-silver-anti-capitalist-whoop-'er-up convention. There are only a few of the Democrats who can tell where they are at.

The nomination of Hon. Arthur Sewall for vice-president is accepted by the people of Maine as a personal honor, but the nomination, under all the circumstances, is not one that rouses much enthusiasm. He will not carry even his own family. Harold M. Sewall already announces that family relations make no difference in his political action.

Mayor Hanson of Belfast, an ardent free-silverite, writes an open letter to Winslow, the Democratic candidate, asking him whether he is going to stand on the state gold platform of the convention which nominated him, or the silver platform of the national convention. And the Democratic party is the party of "state rights"! Candidate Winslow very properly says that as the State Committee are to conduct the campaign, he considers himself answerable to them before Mr. Hanson is entitled to a reply.

The Eastern Argus, which has been fighting free silver, swallows the ticket and all the doings of the Chicago convention, and runs the candidates' names up at the head of its columns. But this is the way that it gets in a slap at the national ticket:

FOR PRESIDENT,
WILLIAM J. BRYAN,
OF NEBRASKA.
FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,
ARTHUR SEWALL,
OF MAINE.
FOR GOVERNOR,
EDWARD B. WINSLOW.
THIS IS A NAN ALL DEMOCRATS CAN VOTE FOR

HERE AND THERE.

If there are any gossips in North Anson what a picnic they must have enjoyed recently.—Kennebec Journal.

If!!!

A Utah man who has been in the East trying to sell the bonds of the new state did not meet with good success, and is going home to tell his free silver neighbors that there will be no market for their securities till the people have declared in favor of honest money.

An enormous tidal wave on the coast of Japan, on the 10th of June, destroyed an immense amount of property, and caused the death of over 30,000 people. And the American newspapers actually devote some space to a report of the catastrophe—as much as they would to a second-class prize fight.

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: Rev. E. W. Pierce, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M.

At Miss Houghton's are A. R. Houghton and wife, Cochesett, Mass; Mrs. Merrill Noyes and Miss Clara Noyes, Elmwood, Mass.; Miss Alice Bryant, Rumford; Mrs. B. S. Moors, Auburn.

Mr. Ernest Perham is visiting at Ex-Governor Perham's.

Mr. Richard Andrews of Gray and Miss Leila Thayer from South Paris called on friends here Friday.

Mrs. Jacob Daniels and Professor E. A. Daniels of New York arrived Tuesday.

Mrs. Maynard Maxim has gone to Pittsfield for a visit.

Miss Charlotte T. Sibley's lecture, "Egypt in Starlight and Sunlight," to be given at the Baptist church, Paris Hill, Saturday evening, August 1st, will afford the people of this vicinity an unusual opportunity to hear a talented young lady describe a far-away land which she has visited. Miss Sibley is a native of Belfast, Maine, was graduated at Wellesley and afterward had a year's post-graduate study at Yale College. A visit to the British Isles in 1893 was supplemented by a second visit to foreign lands in 1895. This trip was made with Dr. Dunning's Congregationalist party which visited Europe, Asia and Africa. Miss Sibley returned to America in time to meet her engagement to address the National C. E. Convention in Boston last summer. She has done much work for this organization and was signally acceptable in speaking to an audience of ten thousand persons in Camp Williston on Boston Common. It is fair to say that the person who has been disappointed in Miss Sibley as a lecturer is yet to be found. The lecture at Paris Hill will be the first opportunity given an Oxford County audience to hear this bright Maine girl. Let us give her a hearty welcome. Price of admission fifteen cents.

Miss Hattie Hooper is here from Boston.

Miss Cornelia Hunt of Portland is visiting at Mr. Lewis M. Brown's.

Miss P. N. Andrews spent Sunday at Gorham, Maine, with the family of Mr. Albion Keith.

Miss Mary Rawson and Miss Marion Dow of Boston have been visiting at Mrs. Columbia Parris'.

Mrs. Wiley, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Carter, has returned to her home in Bethel, and Miss Dorothea Carter accompanied her for a short visit.

John P. Stearns and family of Cambridge, Mass., came to C. H. Thayer's Saturday. Mr. Stearns returned Tuesday; the rest of the family will remain for a while.

Miss Margaret Taylor Forbes of Canton, N. Y., is visiting at Mrs. Forbes'.

The arrivals at J. L. Chase's last week are Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fortney, Boston; Miss F. A. Bancroft, Mrs. J. Edwin Libby and Masters Albert and Harold Libby, Portland.

S. P. and W. C. Stearns of Stearns Hill are among the most enterprising farmers in Paris. There appears to a general air of thrift about their establishment that indicates that farming, when done intelligently, *does* pay. They have added many modern improvements, including a wind-mill which supplies water to the buildings and to all the stock, being carried in eighty-four feet of trough in front of the stock so that each animal is constantly supplied with water. The Messrs. Stearns have also added a silo that will hold from 75 to 100 tons of ensilage. They have carpenters at work improving their house and everything about the place indicates the enterprise and progressiveness of the owners.

Frank Staples of Waltham, Mass., and Fred Backus of Cambridge, Mass., are at B. S. Doe's.

Mrs. W. B. Lapham of Augusta and Mrs. Churchill of Norway are at Ex-Governor Perham's.

Mrs. Snow of Hyde Park, Mass., is at V. K. Parris'.

Mrs. Geo. B. Attwood, and Miss Effie E. Attwood of Auburn, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Parsons of West Minot spent Sunday at O. A. Thayer's.

WELCHVILLE.

Miss Marjorie Holmes is visiting in Calais.

Mrs. George Holmes is spending a few weeks with Mrs. W. E. Holmes.

Mr. J. F. Fuller has the bridge nearly completed.

Miss Mabel French of Oxford is visiting Miss G. M. Warren.

Charles King, while working on the electric plant at Page's Mills, accidentally fell and bruised his head, and other parts of his body.

The M. E. Sunday School held a picnic at Yeaton's Grove July 11.

NEWRY.

The click of the mowing machine now makes music in the hay fields.

J. F. Cooledge has been helping E. B. Knapp about his haying. They got it all into the barn Wednesday of this week.

This morning a bear entered Orrin Foster's pasture, and took down one of his calves. A lot of young men turned out in pursuit of Bruin, and it is to be hoped they may secure him.

J. S. Allen's mother, two sisters and brother-in-law came from Stoneham Monday and stopped over night. Mrs. Allen continues to be very sick, and is a great sufferer.

Eli Stearns' wife, now of Bethel, formerly of this town, is very low.

SUNDAY RIVER.

The visitors here now are Mr. G. F. Atherton and wife of Portland, Mr. R. Trask and wife of Roxbury, Mr. C. B. Foster and family, Everett, Mass., Mr. L. Kendall and family, Charlestown, Mass., Mrs. Baker and daughter, Methuen, Mass.

Mr. Atherton has added a piazza to his house.

Mr. Williamson has a new steel range.

BROWNFIELD.

Farmers are busy haying. Hay will fall short of last year.

Fred Staples has put a stock of groceries in the Staples store.

D. E. Jewett has built him a store on lot purchased of Samuel Warren.

Mrs. J. L. Frink is visiting her daughter in Portland.

A fine shower Wednesday afternoon, much needed.

NORWAY LAKE.

Mrs. Walter Young and baby have been visiting friends in the village.

D. T. Welch of Boston is visiting at his uncle's, C. W. Partridge's.

Jesse Partridge and wife of Gardiner are visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. L. Partridge.

Miss Emma Stevens is at home from Lewiston for a vacation of two weeks.

The L. S. C. will meet with Mrs. Sarah Marston July 29th.

Maud Partridge is at home for a short vacation.

Mrs. Winnie Hall and little son Elden visited at Elbridge Gammon's Sunday.

EAST WATERFORD.

Miss Wilma Millett is at her grandfather's, P. N. Haskell's. She came from Bridgton on her wheel.

We saw a hen's egg at G. A. Miller's that measured 9x6 3-4 inches. It contained three perfect yolks.

Daniel Mixer and Charlie Godwin of Lewiston, and Nelson Mixer of Woodstock are visiting at E. C. Hilton's.

Whitney Buck has bought and is cutting the grass on the D. L. Merrill farm.

Mrs. Adelaide Stone is visiting at D. G. Pride's.

Mrs. Angeline Sanderson spent several days at Norway last week.

V. D. Ward gets to this place once a month, spending the night at A. Norwood's.

Helen Sanderson is at her uncle's, John Shaw's, for a fortnight.

At last accounts the wife of J. W. Warren was very low, and we doubt if she is living at this time.

D. G. Pride laid away his sorrel horse Monday, that has spent the twenty-eight years of her life on the farm.

ANDOVER.

At the Republican caucus last week Mr. C. E. Cushman was nominated for representative from this district.

Not many have begun haying yet. The outlook will be better if we can have rain at once, otherwise about half a crop will be gathered.

Lots of company to the lakes now. Yesterday it required six teams to convey the people to the lakes that came in on the stages.

Fishing in the brooks is not good now on account of the low water.

The mill at Mason Falls has had to shut down on account of low water.

Deer and bears are getting pretty familiar round here. An old bear and two cubs crossed the road the other day near the Roxbury line. Others are seen frequently.

The Universalist meetings in the hall are well attended. All are welcome.

Mr. Roberts has returned, and the familiar sound of his hammer is heard on Mr. H. V. Poor's new building.

It is all politics here now as elsewhere.

There will be a public discussion on the political issues of the day at the town hall on Saturday evening, July 25, at 7:30 o'clock. The town committee have been instructed to get speakers from abroad, if not home talent will be brought into line. Come all and join the discussion, and get enlightened on the silver question.

HIRAM.

On Saturday evening the members of the Congregational church and Y. P. S. C. E. held a reception at Grange Hall to welcome Mr. Willis P. Hume, who is to preach here the coming year. A large number attended. Mrs. Cora Pike presided at the organ, and Mr. Geo. P. Merritt led the singing. There was a bountiful supply of cake and lemonade. Mr. Hume and Mr. Merritt were classmates in the training school of the evangelist, D. L. Moody at Mt. Hermon, Mass. The evening passed pleasantly, and Mr. Merritt retires from his labors to enter college, leaving as the fruit of his restless enthusiasm some thirty-five converts gathered through his efforts. Mr. Hume appeared to be equally consecrated.

Mrs. Minot S. Brazier is at the Maine General Hospital for a serious surgical treatment.

Mrs. Vine Warren is still in poor health with lung trouble.

HEBRON.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Marshall of Boston have been visiting his sister, Mrs. Robert Glover, and other relatives here.

Miss Whitaker of Boston is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. E. Harden at the "Bird's Nest."

Miss Belle Preston of Somerville, and Miss Ethel Mathers of Lawrence are at A. A. Cushman's.

Mrs. Waldron of Boston, with her son and daughter and Miss Mabel Bartlett of Chelsea are expected Saturday.

We hear that F. E. Glover will open his house on Greenwood Hill July 25th. He has his rooms nearly if not all engaged.

Many of the young people turned out Tuesday to help Frank Pike cut his hay. Mr. Pike is unable to work, his eye being no better.

We have had several fine showers the past week, making gardens and grass look finely.

Rev. S. D. Richardson has one of the best gardens in this vicinity; corn in silk several days.

Mr. Augustus Bumpus has a fine garden. His onions (from sets) stood two feet high two weeks ago and in bloom.

SOUTH RUMFORD.

Brad Stevens is hauling lumber on to Zircon, and boards at George Elliott's.

W. Clark has got home from Turner.

Falardo Bros. are cutting the hay on Britton's farm.

V. E. Fuller has had his ell raised two feet, and chimneys topped out and painted red.

Chester Allen is at home from Jay, and is quite sick.

Several accidents are reported from the other side of the river. Charlie Abbott has a horse that got kicked, which is bad off, and Jim Welch found a cow dead in the pasture, and another one cast.

Born, July 14th, to the wife of Tom Falardo, a son.

Charlie Lane got his wrist badly hurt, while leading a cow on to Zircon.

M. L. and W. A. Wyman have cut Harvey Neal's hay for him. Mell Lovejoy and son Gene are working for them through haying.

Will Merrill is at work for Belle Jones, and Herbert Wing for George Elliotts'.

Cyrus Cobb is at his cousin's, Dr. J. F. Putnam's.

Belle Jones and two children and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Katie Clark, passed Saturday and Sunday at Crescent Beach Camp, Weld.

MASON.

George Cuthbert returned to his home in Marlboro, Mass., last Monday.

Ula Prescott, a ten-year-old daughter of Asa Prescott, while running at play, last Thursday, fell and broke her leg between the knee and hip.

The mercury stood at 96 in the shade Sunday, the 12th.

Elmer Stiles is cutting the grass on Addison Bean's farm this season which will be the best for years.

S. O. Grover is cutting the grass on Fritz Tyler's farm in Bethel.

Bert Littlefield of Stoneham was in town with his peddle cart the past week.

Edwin Rolfe of Albany is working for Arthur Tyler with his mowing machine.

Silas and Andrew Bean and wife were up from West Bethel calling on friends last Sunday.

Born, July 10, to the wife of Arthur Morrill, a daughter.

Died, July 11, infant daughter of Arthur and Lillian Morrill.

WILSON'S MILLS.

The Dudley and Shurtleff party from Colebrook went to their camp on the Magalloway last week, on their annual vacation.

Emery Haley went up Monday having nine new boats from Rangeley for the Parmacheenee Club.

H. I. Goss, Esq., with his family are spending their vacation at the Azlscoos House.

Dr. J. T. Kent of Philadelphia, with his wife, and a party of friends, numbering eight, arrived at the hotel Thursday night.

Joseph Brooks of Upton comes in once a week with his meat cart.

Geo. Meus and wife came in Saturday to go to work at Hell Gate camp.

School closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation.

WEST FRYEBURG.

We were treated to a very fine display of fireworks by Mr. John Perkins, July 11th. A great crowd of people came from far and near to see them. Nothing of the kind has ever been seen here and we appreciate the gentleman's kindness. He boards with Mr. James Hardy for a few weeks. He is very generous and is liked very much by every one that knows him.

Mrs. T. Hutchins has a house full of company.

Mrs. E. P. Hutchins' father is stopping with her for a while.

Mrs. Alvin Jones and daughter entertained the S. L. C. July 7th in a very enjoyable manner, treating them with strawberries and cream cake, bread, butter, custard and coffee and it was all most delicious, as all know that have ever partaken of their bounty.

Ira W. Towle spent the 4th and 5th of July with his parents, taking his sister Abbie back to Norway with him to stay a few weeks.

Howard Jones is at home from Lowell to visit his mother for a few days.

Mrs. Stephen Farrington has gone for a visit to Lovell. Mr. and Mrs. Emery and little Florence came over after her, taking her and her Saratoga trunk.

Mrs. Henry Andrews is on the sick list.

Mr. Ernest Littlefield and Frona Smith were united in wedlock July 10th.

Hay is very scarce in this section. Not more than half the usual crop.

ROXBURY.

Our heated term closed Wednesday with showers which were much needed.

Hay is coming in better than farmers dared to expect one month ago.

Frank Richards of Chelsea, Mass., is visiting his many old friends here and viewing the old landmarks.

Mrs. L. A. Thomas is better.

Our school closes this week.

FRYEBURG.

Miss Abby Page returned from her visit to Malden last Friday.

Mrs. Will Stone and child of Springfield, Mass., are at her sister's, Mrs. H. W. Cousins'.

Rev. Dr. J. E. Rankin and wife of Washington, D. C., President of Howard University, are at Miss Page's; also Mr. and Mrs. Wiley and sons of Orange, N. J.

A large party left on Friday for camp at Stoneham. Dr. and Mrs. R. Chase of Boston, and friend, Miss Pike, Misses Sadie Locke and Susan Weston are among the number.

Mr. and Mrs. Eliot Heath, of Taunton, Mass., with a number of friends are camping at Mt. Tom at Mrs. H. H. Evans' former home.

George H. Evans, son of Dr. S. A. Evans of Conway, is on duty at the Oxford.

An informal reception was given to Rev. Mr. Abbott at the Congregational vestry Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Kate Tryon of Massachusetts gave her very interesting lecture on Birds at the Swedenborgian church on Thursday evening.

EAST SUMNER.

Just now news of general interest is *scase*.

Poor hay weather, potato bugs and book agents are subjects that are the more agreeable by absence, yet they are all here and remind us of our old grandmother, who used to tell us it was wicked to swear. Well, we didn't swear but we almost thought—damn, and for an agreeable diversion wended our way into the garden to seek solace in pulling up pusley. A new method of the book agent cuss is to be intensely interested in getting up your pedigree, best time, etc., and want your name on a blank for a copy of your local celebrities. Silver books and nickel reels are attractive, but something besides salt pork must be used for bait, to catch.

GREENWOOD.

Corn is small, and only a few days ago one man said he did not believe there would be an acre of good sweet corn raised this season. But our faith is a little stronger than that, since we have had as small corn at this time of the year as it is now, and yet harvested a good crop in the fall. So let us hope and wait. Time will tell.

John Titus has seeded down his corn ground, and worked in the seed by hoeing it with a garden rake; care being taken to smooth the surface at the same time for the future crop of grass. The result will be watched with interest. He says his hay crop will not exceed two-thirds of an average.

Mr. Titus has a bull calf, which, for size and form, beats anything we ever saw before. His color is light red with a partly white face, and he is built to perfection from nose to tail. Nothing has been found with which to weigh him, but he is good for 200 lbs. or more. His mother is a Swiss cow, but his father is unknown. Mr. Titus has all the stock he wants without him, but cannot think of having such a calf go for veal; and, consequently wishes to sell him for a mate or for future service. Any one in want of such stock would do well to go and see him.

Frank Bennett moved to Boston last January with his family, but is now back again on his place. They have all had a taste of city life, and are satisfied with it. All the room their two little boys had out of doors, was a 7 by 9 back yard, and they didn't like it.

We stopped there nearly two weeks during the spring of 1856, while fitting out for the Banks, and that answered for a lifetime. About the only pleasant thing remembered was hearing old Father Taylor preach several times in the Bethel church. One day while he was holding forth, having arrived at about thirdly, a drunken sailor came staggering along the aisle, and the moment the speaker's eye caught him he called out: "Brother Giles, put that man out the house; if he will get drunk we cannot have him here"—and then went on with his subject, just as though no parenthesis had been intoduced.

Rev. Chas. L. Snow preached a good sermon in the chapel last Sunday afternoon, his theme being the justification through faith in Christ. Mr. Snow is a young man now on a vacation from Colby University, his home being in Digby, N. S. He is an interesting speaker, and bids fair to become an able and useful minister of the gospel.

Will Swan hurt his wounded foot recently, making it nearly as bad as ever, and difficult to get about.

Chas. B. Brooks was a very sick man for several days, but is now convalescing.

DENMARK.

Mrs. William Allen and Mrs. Will Bean are visiting friends in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Fred Abbott of Biddeford is a guest at the Maplewood.

Miss Ethel Hodge is spending her vacation with Mr. Augustine Ingalls. She has been for the past year with her uncle, Mr. John Brackett, at Lawrence, Mass.

Mr. Frank Jewett has finished making cans at the corn shop.

The hay crop in this vicinity looks very light.

STOW.

Not very good hay weather although the farmers are doing quite a nice business.

O. R. Barrows and son are helping Isaac Walker hay this season.

Mrs. John Cleaves and her son's wife and two children are visiting her mother and brother, O. R. Barrows.

James Irish, who has been sick so long, is no better, so report says.

Lewis Johnson is visiting Mr. Fifield aud Mrs. Eastman.

Clifford Eastman is working for S. A. Bricket.

The Ladies' Social meets with Mrs. Ann Farrington and Wilson Emery the 21st.

NORTH PARIS.

Ezekiel Damon it seems, according to the Buckfield correspondent, is only 94 instead of 103 as reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sewall of Sumner Hill were at Frank Gowell's, the 10th.

Wallace Andrews and family of Portland are visiting at his father's.

G. L. Dunham was at H. W. Dunham's, the 11th.

Mrs. Frank Gowell saw a deer July 9. It crossed the road near her house.

Martin Simms is at work for W. W. Dunham, and Frank Whitman for Chas. Benson.

The farmers generally have commenced haying. The prospect is for a light crop.

The first and second degrees were conferred on one new member at the Grange July 11th, and one was voted in.

EAST HEBRON.

Hay makers have to make their hay in haste when the sun shines. A large quantity of hay was out in the late rain but was not injured.

Mrs. Epraim Washburn is visiting Miss Clara Washburn and her nephew, H. A. Record, from Pennsylvania.

H. A. Record recently purchased a steel range of Mr. Folsom, a traveling salesman.

Mrs. Huldah R. Merrill has sold her farm to Dean Andrews of Turner.

Grant Keene and wife have a little boy one week old.

Streaked Mountain is the general resort when not hay weather.

A young chap came along saying he was from Harris Hill in Poland, on Wednesday, calling for work, saying he would work for fifty cents per day. H. A. Record gave him three meals and a night's lodging. The next morning he gave him a scythe and told him to mow the grass by the roadside. In a short time he found the scythe but no hired man to swing it.

A. M. Fogg visited Gloucester, Gray and Webb's Mills last week on business.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Guests at Dudley Cottage are Wells Campbell, Mary Campbell, Frederic Campbell, Winnie Campbell, Mary W. Campbell, Alice Campbell, New Haven, Conn.; Henrietta Brown, Shelton, Conn.; Mary J. Foley, Rose Foley, Cambridge, Mass.; S. R. Dunham and wife, Allston, Mass.; Grace A. French, B. B. Colby, Boston; Robert N. Woodworth, M. J. V. Woodworth, E. Harold Woodworth, Miss Louise Hugo, Newtonville, Mass.

School closed last Friday.

BETHEL.

Last Tuesday evening the Tennis Club and a few friends were invited by Mrs. Wm. Rogers Chapman to her home to meet Mrs. Emily Chapman and her son Charles of Los Angeles, Cal. A very delightful programme was rendered. Mr. Valentine, who soon sails for Europe for study, gave two numbers for violin in a delightful manner. Miss True and Miss Cornelia Chapman played a duet. Miss Eames and Miss Twaddle piano solos. The music was interspersed with recitations by Mrs. Chapman, which were most thoroughly enjoyed. Lemonade and ices were served, after which the host, Prof. Wm. Chapman, gave his guests a rare musical treat, introducing them to the great composers; so spellbound was the audience that it was with reluctance the good-nights were said, and each and every one will always be richer for the memory and inspiration of this evening.

Tuesday afternoon the W. C. T. U. met in the Universalist Chapel. Topics of unusual interest were taken up, and the topic of vivisection was given for the next meeting.

Thursday the Universalist Sabbath School went to Sunday River for a picnic. The day was perfect, all Nature smiling, and every one, young and old, enjoyed the day thoroughly.

Thursday afternoon the Ladies' Club met in Garland Chapel. The topics discussed furnished food for deep thought. Among other items discussed was the attitude of the "Rescue League" toward the bicycle craze.

Thursday afternoon Mary Ann Capen, widow of the late Dr. Wm. Gray, passed away after a long and painful illness. Mrs. Gray left two sons, who have lived in Louisiana for many years.

Friday Miss Isabel Shirley went to Montreal to visit friends.

Mrs. Hanno Packard has gone to the Maine General Hospital for treatment.

J. U. Purington and family are expected to return from Pottsville Tuesday.

Rev. Mr. Washburn is to supply the Congregational pulpit for three Sundays.

Mr. Flood of Ellsworth is to have charge of Gould Academy this year. Mr. Flood is a graduate of Bowdoin and comes highly recommended.

Miss Cora Hastings has accepted a position to teach in South Portland.

BUCKFIELD.

Mrs. L. T. Allen of Mechanic Falls was in town over Sunday, the 12th, the guest of Mrs. C. A. Allen.

Mrs. Wyer Greene of Portland is at Dea. and Mrs. S. E. Murdock's.

T. S. Bridgham, Esq., returned from Chicago, Monday, the 13th, where he visited his son Harry and took in the silver convention.

Miss Lucy Prince is at home again from a summer's stay in Waterville.

A. D. Wilson of Deering is in town this week.

Hermon Jones and wife of Somerville, Mass., are visiting at Amial Jones.'

Mrs. W. H. Tilton and son, Mrs. Carpenter and Harry Nulty, of Floral Park, N. Y., are guests at Hotel Long.

Mr. Peter Nulty of Bridgton was the guest of his son Henry Wednesday, the 15th.

Ernest M. Atwood visited Boston and vicinity the past week.

The heavy job of stone work on the village bridge abutments is slowly taking form and looks like irresistible barriers to coming floods.

A. D. Wilson has contracted for an extension of the stone abutment up the river to protect the north side of the drug store, occupied by J. A. Rawson.

Intelligence has been received of the death of Mrs. Belle Murdock Jamison at Everett, Mass., formerly of Buckfield, and daughter of Dea. S. E. Murdock.

Harold Hall of New York has made a two weeks' visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Hall, at the new homestead.

George Milliken of Portland was in town Friday, the guest of Samuel Record.

The Lucier Minstrels gave one of their unique entertainments at Nezinscot Hall Friday evening to a full house, and everybody went home contented and happier for a good laugh.

The death of Professor Luther Whiting Mason, whose illness was recently announced, came quite suddenly from heat failure Tuesday morning, the 14th. Since the death of his wife on the 5th of May, at their home in Boston, he had hardly rallied from the shock, though he returned to Boston soon after for a short time. Returning to the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Horace A. Irish, a few weeks ago, it was apparent that he was failing. All the medical skill could do was done by Dr. J. C. Caldwell, resident physician, and Dr. Ephraim Cutter, of New York, an old friend of Prof. Mason. The funeral was held at the Baptist church Thursday forenoon, the 16th, Rev. B. F. Lawrence officiating, assisted by Rev. R. A. Rich. There was a large attendance and many beautiful flower pieces, contributed by his numerous friends. Chief among them was a floral harp of pink tea roses and white carnations, the contribution of the village school children who attended in a body, and in whom Prof. Mason was greatly interested. Prof. Geo. A. Veazie of Chelsea, Mass., Prof. C. R. Bill of Salem, Mass., and Prof. Osbourne McConathy of Louisville, Ky., were in attendance at the funeral. Professors Veazie and McConathy presided at the organ, rendering several appropriate selections. At the time of his death Prof. Mason was engaged in the preparation of a new series of musical works especially adapted to the needs of country schools, which will probably be completed by his daughter, Mrs. Horace A. Irish, and Prof. McConathy.

BRYANT POND.

Mr. Geo. S. Whitman has his new dwelling house well under way. Jerry H. Cole of Paris has charge of the carpenter work.

Orlando C. Houghton, Esq., of South Framingham, Mass., made a brief visit here last week. Mr. Houghton was formerly in business here. He now holds a good position in Boston.

Miss Carrie J. Stevens, one of our prominent school teachers, will soon go to Illinois, where she will take up a course of study at the Chicago University.

Harry H. Crockett is clerking at the Bartlett store during the assignee's sale.

Mrs. Alma Whitman is at the Maine General Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. A. L. Lowe of Ashland, Mass., is boarding at H. H. Cushman's.

The occasional large crowds that go out on Tuttle's stage coach remind one of the days previous to the building up of Rumford Falls.

The young men of the Universalist church parish will entertain the circle at Camp Christopher Tuesday, July 21.

SWEDEN.

O. B. Stone has been on the sick list the past week.

John G. Sand of Gardner, Mass., is at work at S. L. Plummer's, and Billy Hall of Bethel at J. W. Perry's through haying.

Mrs. David Ring is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Durgin.

Alice Plummer and May King are away on a vacation trip to Bethel and Gorham, N. H.

EAST BETHEL.

Miss Mattie Tracy is canvassing for a campaign book entitled "The Battle of '96." She is having good success.

Mrs. M. E. Bean is visiting relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. George Blake and two children of Massachusetts are visiting their parents at this place.

A party of young people of this place recently spent a day at Albany Basins.

Last week the little daughter of Samuel MayConnell accidentally caught her clothes afire, and was badly burned about her legs and bowels. She was a great sufferer, but is now more comfortable.

RUMFORD.

Warren Adams is moving his goods to Rumford Corner. He has bought David Elliott's house.

Mrs. Clay from Grand Rapids, Mich., with two children, are expected at Ed Elliott's this week.

The Congregational church sociable meets with Mrs. Tuttle Thursday evening, July 15th.

Mrs. Russell is visiting at Mrs. J. H. Barker's.

Strawberries are few and in great demand.

WEST PARIS.

CHURCHES.

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

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

Universalist.—Sunday School at 10:30 A. M.

The Y. L. L. A. meets every Monday evening.

Lodges.—Masonic.—Wednesday evening on or before full moon each month. Odd Fellows.—Every Saturday evening. Rebekahs.—The 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings each month. U. O. Golden Cross.—The 2nd and 4th Friday in each month.

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

Not having had the benefit of recent showers that have taken place so near, the ground is getting very dry, and our water supply is getting low.

Judge Dow, wife, son and daughter, of New Haven, Conn., were one day last week the guests of L. C. Bates.

J. R. Tucker and wife of Rumford Falls were in our village two days of last week.

Mr. Arthur Lovejoy, a former resident here, now one of the police force of Boston, called on friends here last week.

Mr. John Dana of Portland is stopping with relatives over Sunday.

G. W. Bryant has a cherry tree in his garden, a part of which is in blossom.

Mr. A. C. Perham is disposing of a wheel occasionally to parties in this vicinity.

Miss Eva Adams of Andover is visiting her father and other relatives here.

Miss Nina B. Bryant is visiting her uncle and family at Bethel.

William Shedd, who was recently injured severely by a fall from his wheel, is slowly recovering.

Mrs. M. G. Bradbury is suffering from erysipelas in her face.

Mrs. O. K. Yates, who has been quite poorly for some time, was taken last week to the Maine General Hospital for treatment. She will probably remain a week or two, and the doctor will spend as much of his time as is possible with her.

Mrs. A. T. Sloan of Buckfield has been stopping the past week with her husband at his boarding place.

There are now ten operatives in our new enterprise, and the number will now soon be doubled, as the bending of rims has been begun, and more machinery is being added.

Haying is being rapidly pushed in this vicinity, and most of the farmers interviewed unite in the statement that the crop will not be up to the average.

LOVELL

Mr. George H. Newcomb and wife and their daughter, Mrs. Stone, are visiting at C. K. Chapman's.

W. O. Brown and wife are on a two weeks' visit to their daughter, Mrs. Dr. E. C. Andrews at North Anson.

Dr. Henry C. Stearns of Haverhill, N. H., is visiting at his old home, "The Fairview."

Mrs. Dr. Fred C. Russell is at her father's, J. M. Farrington's.

Summer guests are arriving quite plenty now.

Mr. Francis Flint and family are at J. M. Farrington's for the summer.

S. F. Kimball of Norway is helping his father cut his grass.

B. E. Brown is selling about town a patent shoulder brace, for which there is a great demand.

A party from Fitchburg, Mass., have been camping on Rattlesnake Island and fishing for bass, which are plenty in the lake.

SOUTH HIRAM.

The Kezar Falls base ball club went to Fryeburg to play ball Saturday.

Lester Durgin and family of Lewiston are in the place visiting friends.

S. F. Stanley and Bert Smith are helping Horace Stanley during haying.

OXFORD.

An entertainment was given on Monday evening at Temperance Hall by the Junior Society of Christian Endeavor, consisting of music, recitations, etc., with ice cream and cake. $16 were taken.

Children's Sunday was observed at the Congregational church July 5th.

Mr. Arthur Chadbourne, a former resident, with his bride, is visiting relatives here.

The Division of Sons of Temperance installed the following officers:

Rev. Arthur Varley, W. P.
Florence Varley, W. A.
Geo. Parrott, Treas.
Ralph Starbird, F. S.
L. B. Jones, R. S.
Libbie Hanscom, A. R. S.
Eva Frost, C.
Ellen Farris, Con.
Lydia Begin, A. C.
Nina Wardwell, I. S.
Fred Smith, O. S.
Emma Jones, P. W. P.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Mr. Delloan Ames, who has been confined to the house by illness for the past few weeks, is again able to be out.

Miss Flossie Gatchell and her friend, Miss Grace Whittemore, have returned from a six weeks' visit with friends in Ashland, Mass.

Mrs. Orin Allen, who came from Alexandria, Virginia, to visit her father, Mr. Jacob Colby, returned home this week.

Mrs. Sarah Harnden of Lynn, Mass., is visiting her son, Mr. E. E. Rounds.

A LITTLE CURRENCY CATECHISM.

It is the simple argument that car

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Mails close: For Portland &c., 6:15 and 9:15 A. M., 2:45 P. M.; for Gorham &c., 10:10 A. M., 3:15 P. M.

Mails arrive at post office: From Portland, 10:30 A. M., 2:45 and 7:20 P. M.; from Gorham, 6:35 and 9:45 A. M.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

On and after June 22, 1896, trains leave South Paris: Going east, 5:07, 6:25, 9:35 A. M., 4:07 P. M.; going west, 10:20 A. M., 1:35, 7:10, 10:11 P. M. Sunday trains: going east, 5:07 A. M.; going west, 9:13 A. M., 10:11 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. I. A. Bean, Pastor. On Sunday, morning prayer meeting, 9:30 A. M.; preaching service, 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; Epworth League Meeting, 6 P. M.; evening prayer meeting 7 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

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

STATED MEETINGS.

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

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

D. of R.—Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 20, second and fourth Fridays of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

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

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

I. O. G. T.—South Paris Lodge, No. 311, meets first and third Monday evenings of each month in the G. A. R. Hall.

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

W. S. Kimball Relief Corps meets first and third Tuesday evenings of each month, in G. A. R. Hall.

N. E. O. P.—Stony Brook Lodge, No. 181, 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.

Sheriff Porter of Rumford Falls was in town Tuesday.

George H. Bridgham of Buckfield was in town Thursday.

Conductor Morton is again in charge of the Norway train.

N. Dayton Bolster & Co. have been shingling their store.

The Stuart brothers are painting R. N. Hall's residence on Pleasant Street.

Charles Gowell has moved from this village back to his farm north of Paris Hill.

John Martin has one of the very best gardens in town. It's worth bragging about some.

The Williams store building on Market Square, now occupied by the club, has been shingled.

Mrs. Gertrude Hall and Misses Maud and Iva Carter made a bicycle trip to Lewiston last week.

Gen. W. S. Choate, mayor of Augusta, was in town last week and made the Democrat a pleasant call.

Reports from Mrs. George B. Pulsifer, who is in the Massachusetts General Hospital, continue favorable.

W. S. Starbird is doing some "fixing up" in his house on Hill Street, preparatory to moving in after haying.

Fred J. Wood of Snow's Falls was in town Tuesday en route to Boston. Mr. Wood has submitted to the selectmen a very pleasing plan for a wooden bridge to replace the old covered bridge.

Misses Gertrude Hall, Maud and Iva Carter and Ivy Richardson made a bicycle trip to Mud Pond in Greenwood one day last week, and brought home about 1200 pond lillies.

J. E. Murch has built an extension of twenty feet on the end of the ell of his house on the corner of Park and Porter streets. The piazza is extended the full length of the addition.

The blueberries on Streaked Mountain have suffered during the past week. Several parties from this place have been there, and there has been a procession of teams traveling toward Streaked from every direction. All kinds of picking—good, bad and indifferent—are reported, according to circumstances and the individual pickers.

Frank Shurtleff and Oscar Parsons did quite a business in the line of big game in connection with the Sebago trip Thursday. They saw a deer, and brought home a fat hedgehog swinging from the back end of the carriage. They also brought a piece of one of the clubs with which they killed the hedgehog. It is decorated with quills, but they are not put in according to any conventional design.

The covered bridge is no more. Part of it is piled up near the abutments, some small pieces drifted down stream, and the flooring lies on the surface of the water, where, if you are agile enough to make the climb at the ends, you may cross at your own risk. The work was done Tuesday and Wednesday, by George R. Hammond and crew. Mr. Hammond says there was not a great deal of rot about the bridge.

The railroad commissioners were here Thursday, being called to approve the crossing where the Pine Street extension crosses the Grand Trunk track a little below the Pleasant Street crossing. The commissioners found that there had been mortality in some of the protectors and were therefore unable to take action. The road is all graded, but legal proceedings in connection with it must now be begun over again.

While Rev. A. P. McDonald and wife of North Waterford were driving up the street near the depot Tuesday afternoon, one wheel caught and twisted in the electric car track. Nothing collapsed until the carriage struck the Grand Trunk crossing, when the cramped wheel parted company with the rest of the vehicle, and started off on a tour by itself, the end of the axle plowed a furrow in the road, but the horse soon came to a stop, and nobody was hurt.

A party of thirty-one from this place made an excursion trip to Sebago Lake last Thursday. From here they went to Harrison by team, and there took the steamer Hawthorne for the sail through long Lake, the Songo River, and down Sebago Lake to the landing at the lower end—a sail of thirty-five miles. At the grove a stop of two hours and a half was made, then they returned over the same route, most of the party arriving in South Paris about 8 o'clock. It was a perfect day for weather, and one long to be remembered.

A team which attracted considerable attention went through the place Tuesday. It was an excursion wagon, drawn by three horses abreast, with a boat on the top and the space inside filled with boys, bedding and camp equipage. The boys were school boys from Newburyport, Mass., who spend a part of their vacation on a trip of a kind which can be imagined. Two years ago they went into the Lake Champlain region, last year among the New Hampshire hills, this year they are doing part of Maine. They had been out about a week when they arrived here, and expected to make a trip of about six weeks. From here they were going by way of Rumford Falls to the lakes. If that isn't a pleasant, healthy, wholesome way to spend a vacation, it would be hard to devise one.

Thirty-five of the employes of the sled factory met at Engine House Hall Saturday evening to form a Wage-Earners' McKinley Club. Percy Lowell was chairman of the meeting, George W. Berry secretary. Committees were chosen on permanent organization, to circulate a paper for membership, on finance and on flag, and it was voted to put up a McKinley and Hobart flag over the sled factory. Hon. James S. Wright, who happened in to the meeting, responded to an invitation to address the meeting briefly, and his remarks were enthusiastically received; indeed, the meeting was characterized throughout by earnestness and enthusiasm. An adjournment was made to Thursday evening at the same place, when a permanent organization will be effected. The organizers of this club are men well informed in political matters, and they are not only a power but a highly intelligent power in politics, and will do some good campaign work.

Joseph H. Jones was at home over Sunday.

J. F. Plummer has been appointed justice of the peace.

Principal Wingate of the high school was in town Saturday.

Miss Hannah Buck from Somerville is visiting at Frank Maxim's.

Mrs. Geo. A. Wilson is making a visit to Belgrade, her native place.

W. B. Royal is very low, and is expected to live but a short time.

The Methodist Sunday School enjoyed a picnic at Gibson's Grove last Tuesday.

Mrs. W. H. Cook, who has been at Lisbon and Poland Camp Ground, has returned home.

E. L. Parlin was displaying a stalk of herdsgrass Monday morning which was 5 feet 5 1-2 inches tall.

Mrs. Grinfill Stuart and Miss Ollie Stuart are at Evergreen Landing, Peaks Island, for a fortnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Giles of Abington, Mass., have been visiting friends here during the past week.

The Sunday excursion train to Portland took about twenty from this place and about thirty from Norway.

Rev. I. A. Bean will by request repeat his sermon on Gossiping at the Methodist church next Sunday evening.

Next Sunday will be debt-raising Sunday throughout the Methodist denomination, and the church in South Paris will properly observe the day.

The adjourned board of trade meeting Friday evening adopted a code of by-laws, and adjourned to Wednesday evening, when officers will be chosen.

J. F. Plummer delivered a new Columbia bicycle to Dr. B. F. Bradbury of Norway Saturday. A bicycle is too "awful handy" for a physician to do without, in this age of wheels.

Every other evening during hot weather, the street railway will run recreation trips, from 7:30 till 10 P. M. Cars will run every fifteen minutes at one fare round trip. Not good to stop over.

The ladies of the Relief Corps extend a cordial invitation to the members of the G. A. R. Post and Sons of Veterans to a basket picnic at C. F. Penley's grove on Saturday afternoon, July 25th. Hot coffee will be served at six o'clock by the ladies.

There are about forty members of the South Paris Methodist church that are over seventy years old. The Epworth League will give them a reception at the vestry of the church Wednesday afternoon, July 22, from 3 to 6 o'clock, with a general reception in the evening.

A leading Democratic lawyer from the western part of the county came over to probate court last Tuesday—one week too early. The mistake was attributed to the action of the late Popocratulistic convention. He's a sound money man, so no wonder he was upset some.

L. W. Hollis got quite a blow Saturday forenoon, by a stick flying back from a planer upon which he was working at the sled factory. The stick struck him in the side, and inflicted a blow which it was at first feared might have caused injury, but he is doing well and coming out all right, though he is under the doctor's orders to keep quiet for a few days. The same forenoon L. L. Powers sustained a similar injury from a stick thrown back from a saw, but it proved to be nothing serious.

ELM HILL.

There will be preaching at the school house July 26 at 3 P. M.

Mrs. John Stevens has a pink growing outdoors which has 300 blossoms.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens returned last week from a visit to relatives at Gorham and Lancaster, N. H.

F. P. Burbank has been engaged to repair the school house to the extent of making it comfortable for winter.

Skunks have visited our poultry yard and reduced our flock of chickens. Ansel Swift has also lost sixteen and several dozen eggs.

Through the efforts of E. A. Dudley our neighborhood burial ground has been greatly improved. The bushes have been cut, and a new fence placed at the front.

BISCOE DISTRICT.

String beans the 15th.

Bert Jackson is haying for his brother Fred.

John L. Penley is working for Mrs. Bird.

Mrs. E. A. Jackson is entertaining company.

Mrs. E. L. Jordan is very low. She has a cancer.

W. Foster is haying for Hiram Lovejoy on the plains.

Mrs. Sarah Penley was in this neighborhood making calls last week.

Mrs. Russell of Phillips is visiting her sister, Mrs. Simpson, at Will Foster's. Mrs. Simpson has passed a week of great suffering.

Mrs. Emma Chase Powers of Haverhill, Mass., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. A. J. Penley. Mrs. Powers is a native of Waterford.

AN IRON BRIDGE.

THE TOWN MEETING VOTES ONE FOR THE COVERED BRIDGE SITE.

The adjourned special Paris town meeting was called to order by the moderator at half-past 2 Saturday afternoon. There was a very small attendance.

The first business of the meeting was to hear estimates on wood and iron bridges. Selectman Hammond stated that George R. Hammond had figured on the wooden bridge plan submitted by Fred J. Wood, and estimated the cost of it at $900. This plan was exhibited, and explained somewhat by Mr. Wood. It calls for hard pine cords and stringers, and is calculated for a load of 85 pounds to the square foot, with a "factor of safety" of 3 to 1.

Capt. Bolster stated that Ethan Willis made a proposition to build a wooden bridge according to a plan which he had submitted, for $976, or $936 if not painted. Mr. Willis' plan was exhibited and the specifications were read.

The agent of the Groton Iron Bridge Co., who was present, was called upon, and stated that an iron bridge could be put on at a cost varying from $1200 to $2000, though of course he would not make exact figures. He would not build a $1200 bridge, but would recommend a bridge of a capacity of 100 pounds to the foot, which would cost somewhere in the vicinity of $2000.

Mr. Towne, agent of the Berlin Bridge Co., added some remarks regarding iron bridges. He gave no definite figures, but said a first-class bridge, suitable for the place, would cost somewhere about $2000.

A motion was made and after some discussion carried that the selectmen immediately receive sealed proposals for an iron bridge such as was required, that the meeting might know definitely about the cost. This motion, however, appeared impractical to some of those present, and a motion was immediately made

That it is the sense of this meeting that we build an iron bridge.

This was carried by a vote of 13 to 9.

These two motions were then made and carried without division, and the meeting adjourned:

That the selectmen be instructed to erect an iron bridge, and to make the best possible contract for a suitable bridge.

That the treasurer be authorized to hire the necessary sum of money, not exceeding $2500, and that he be instructed to secure the money on the best possible terms.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE'S LAST LETTER.

The last thing written by Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, only a few days before her death, was a loving acknowledgment to the public for fond remembrances and tokens and expressions of affectionate esteem, on her 85th birthday, which she sent to the Ladies' Home Journal. In the next issue of this magazine it will be published in fac simile. It reflects the beautiful nature of the gifted authoress, and by her death has become her last message to the American public.

THE WEEK IN MAINE.

THE MOST IMPORTANT STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

A Bangor dog under whose nose a boy fired a cracker bit the boy. Yes, some dogs are very intelligent.

Joseph Garreau, a French Canadian 21 years of age, was drowned in the Saco River at Saco while bathing Wednesday.

Good fairs under clean management. That's what Maine people want, and the results show that such are the kind that pay.

Silas Gould of Bridgton, in dressing a big turtle he had captured found a small live turtle inside of it. The conundrum is, how did it get there?

It remained for a Damariscotta genius to discover why editors are like the weather—"because it is impossible for them to please everybody."

The corner stone of the new Eastern Maine Hospital at Bangor was laid Wednesday with Masonic ceremonies conducted by Grand Master Farnham of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Judge Wm. L. Putnam has been appointed by the administration the United States member of a commission which will endeavor to make some adjustment of the Bering Sea seizure damages.

We learn that one Maine farmer hired a haymaker the minute he learned the man's name was Daniel Boone, remarking that he needed a mighty hunter to find half an average hay crop this year.

"Pond Lily" Jim Elkhorn, 15 years old, a youth who sold lilies to summer visitors at Bar Harbor, was drowned Thursday afternoon while picking lilies at Witche Pond, by the upsetting of the boat.

It is stated on the authority of Agent McArthur, that those departments of the Pepperell and Laconia Mills, devoted to the manufacture of domestic goods, now idle, will be started on half time next week.

Joseph Leduc, the 7-year-old son of Comme Leduc, was drowned in the canal at Lewiston Monday. He was walking on a fence along the canal bank, when he lost his footing and was drowned in the presence of a score of people.

Mr. Roy Bodwell, an employe in the Cowen mill in Lewiston, was caught on a shafting at 11 A. M., Thursday, while at work changing a belt and was carried over it, tearing his scalp and fracturing his skull. His injuries were fatal.

One Corinna farmer has learned by sad experience that salt grease is death to chicken lice and—chickens. He applied it to about 150 chicks recently, and on going into the yard several hours later found 140 of them lying dead.

Everett, 12 years old, son of William Small, was drowned in the Kennebec River at Augusta, while bathing Monday. The boy was swimming when he was seen to throw up his hands and disappear. The body was recovered.

On the train which reached Bangor Saturday morning was C. W. Johnson, of Cooperstown, North Dakota. He was on his way to Milo to visit his old home and parents after an absence of twenty years, and a stranger made about $35 out of him by the flim-flam process.

The Skowhegan Village Improvement Society had placed rubbish barrels on the streets, to help in keeping things neat, and the festive youths of the place celebrated the glorious night before the Fourth by exploding dynamite crackers in them, and ripped every barrel to pieces.

Herbert Burnham of Old Town was drowned Wednesday afternoon at the head of Moosehead Lake. He and a companion named Wood were racing in a canoe with a moose that was swimming in the lake. Burnham attempted to strike the moose, lost his balance and fell into the water. His body was recovered and taken to Old Town.

A 5-year-old in Dover was taken to a dentist's the other day and had three teeth extracted. He behaved so nicely that the dentist gave the boy a dime as he was leaving the office. That dime bought some nice candy, and when the boy wanted some money for fire crackers for the Fourth, with genuine Yankee instinct he betook himself to the dentist to ask to have some more teeth extracted.

Of late we have heard little from the foreign critics (?) who, after a week's visit in this country, talk loftily of European superiority and American inferiority. One of them, however, was in Eastport last week, and encountering a party of Indian women arrayed in all the colors of the rainbow, remarked to her companion: "Well, I think the English ladies dress with much better taste than the Americans," much to the amusement of some who heard her.

The state treasurer has completed the apportionment of the school fund and mill tax for the year 1896, among the several cities, towns and plantations. The total amount apportioned is $509,933.05, and the total number of scholars is 209,491, giving each scholar about $2.434. The amount apportioned in 1895 was $518,185, among 205,528 scholars, giving to each $4.485. The decrease in the amount for the apportionment is caused by decrease in the amount received from the savings banks.

Frank Thomas, a farmer of Presque Isle, committed suicide Thursday morning, by blowing out his brains with a rifle. His wife died very suddenly last Friday, under circumstances that indicated poisoning. Last Tuesday the body was quietly exhumed by the authorities and the contents sent away for analysis. Thomas heard of this last night. The circumstances give rise to a suspicion that the wife was murdered. Thomas has before been suspected of several serious misdeeds, but nothing definite has ever been shown.

LITERARY NOTES.

Every one knows of the Young Men's Christian Association; few know the circumstances of its origin and the magnitude of its work to-day. The Sunday School Times is enlightening its readers in this matter, from authoritative sources. First, an article by Sir George Williams, the English founder of the Y. M. C. A., told of its inception in the world; another article, by the secretary of the Foreign Department, told of the Association's work around the world; now an article by one of the American intercollegiate secretaries tells, in the issue for June 13, of the work of the Association among our colleges. Subsequent articles will take up other branches of the ever-spreading work, including the progress it is making among railroad men.

POMONA GRANGE.

The next meeting of Oxford Pomona Grange will be held with Union Grange at East Sumner, Tuesday, Aug. 4.

PROGRAM.

A. M.

Routine work. Conferring 5th degree. Woman's half hour. Subject, "What can the Grange do for the benefit of our common schools?" Opened by Sister Pollard of Canton Grange.

INTERMISSION.

P. M.

Essay,	Dixfield Grange.
Reading,	Union Grange.
Reading or Recitation,	Paris Grange.
Song,	Hebron Grange.

Question, "How can we equalize or direct taxation?" Opened by Norway Grange, followed by Canton Grange.

Music, Local Grange.

Half fare on railroads.

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OBITUARY.

COL. ELDEN BARKER.

Colonel Elden Barker was born Aug. 12, 1816, in Lovell, Maine, and died at his residence in Jewell City, July 8, 1896, after a severe and painful illness during which he frequently expressed a desire and a willingness to go, with the full assurance of eternal rest. He was united in marriage to Caroline E. Little at Salisbury, N. H., on the 23d day of September, 1840, who still survives him. Of a large family of children four are living.

His early life was spent on his father's farm, which he assisted in clearing. He united with the Congregational church when 18 years of age, and has been a member of that church at Manhattan during his residence in Kansas. He attended school at Bridgton Academy and for many years taught school in that locality. He was prominently connected with the Maine state militia, attaining to the rank of colonel. During the war of the rebellion he was employed in the secret service and as recruiting officer. He came to Kansas in 1869, locating at Manhattan, and was employed by the M. K. and T. Railway Co. in locating and surveying the land belonging to that company. Early in the spring of 1870 he took an active part in the organization and development of our county.

He gave enthusiastic support to the establishment of schools and churches and labored earnestly to secure the location of good citizens. He was patriotic and ever demonstrated it by his devotion to good citizenship and a loyal support of that which he believed would redound to the good of the country. In 1872 he was elected state senator, and in 1876 he was elected sergeant at arms of the senate. As senator he served his district well and faithfully, and in all his public offices Colonel Barker discharged every duty honorably. His name and his work will ever occupy a prominent position in the history of our county.—Jewell City (Kan.) Republican.

MRS. MARY JANE ROYAL.

Mrs. Mary Jane Royal, widow of the late Solon Royal, died at the residence of her son, J. C. Royal, at 421 Avery Avenue, Detroit, Mich., July 9th, aged 82 years.

Mrs. Royal was born in Buckfield, June 21, 1814. She was the daughter of Jacob and Alice (Willis) Allen. She was married to Solon Royal, Dec. 1, 1831. All her children are living: Florinda, wife of George S. Cooper of Ionia, Mich.; Columbia, wife of W. H. Cole, Paris; Mary, widow of the late Geo. W. Davis, Haverhill, Mass.; A. W. Royal of Paris; John Colby Royal, with whom she was living at the time of her death.

Mrs. Royal had the rare qualities of heart and mind combined with cheerful Christian patience and charity, which gained her many friends wherever she went. Her children rise up and call her blessed.

J. C. Royal arrived here July 12th, with the remains. Funeral services were held at the grave in Hillside Cemetery, below Paris Hill, at 2 o'clock the same afternoon, Rev. Mr. Roberts officiating. After his remarks Paris Grange performed the burial services of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. Mrs. Royal has for many years been an esteemed member of Paris Grange. As a friend and neighbor Mrs. Royal was respected by all who knew her.

A HOME FOR BOYS.

Encouraging reports are given of the work connected with the "Home" for Friendless Boys of Maine, located at Deering, Maine, and under the management of the Little Samaritan Aid Society of Portland. Since the Home was opened last December much good has been accomplished. Sixteen poor boys from various parts of the state have been cared for; twelve placed in good permanent homes where they are having school privileges. Legal adoptions have been given in several cases. Homeless or destitute boys from any part of the state will be admitted to the Home. The vast and growing number of friendless and degraded children is a matter of most serious consideration, and when we look back upon some poor boy taken from his evil surroundings, and note the mental and moral improvement gained by the influence of loving care and a home, then it is that the inestimable value of the work is realized. This Home for Friendless and Destitute Boys is pleasantly situated in Deering, Maine, (one-half mile from Westbrook Junction, and accessible by M. C. R. R., also Portland & Rochester R. R.) Twenty boys can be accommodated in the Home. It is not the aim of the society to make this an institution, but a pleasant, comfortable home where boys taken from their evil surroundings may be placed and kindly cared for until good, permanent homes can be obtained for them. Applications for temporary board have been numerous. The relief thus afforded has been of great service and highly appreciated.

Money is greatly needed to carry on the Home as the work increases, and surely the claims of destitute children ought to appeal to every father and mother throughout the land. Contributions of money can be sent to Mr. Wm. Chamberlain, Treasurer, 143 Middle Street, Portland.

Persons desirous of placing boys in the Home, or wishing further information will please address

MRS. M. E. MCGREGOR,
295 Spring Street,
Portland, Maine,
Pres. of Little Samaritan Aid Society.

STATE C. E. UNION.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Maine State Union of Christian Endeavor is to be held September 1-3 at Skowhegan, and preparations for the convention are well under way. Rev. H. W. Kimball, president of the local union, is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements. This committee consists of the officers and executive committee of the local union, together with a chairman of special committees on music, reception, entertainment, finance, decoration and press. Coburn hall, the largest hall in town, has been engaged for the evening services; the other services will be held in the Methodist church.

The decoration committee has designed a very neat badge, and Skowhegan young people are at work preparing these for the delegates. Arrangements have been made by which views of Skowhegan will be sent to the International convention at Washington, July 8-13, and exhibited at Maine headquarters there. Especial attention will be paid to the musical attractions; a large chorus is being organized, and special music will be prepared for all the evening services. An excursion to Good Will is being arranged for one of the afternoons of the convention period.

It is hoped by the officials of the State Union that this convention may be the best ever held. An effort is being made to get an unusually good list of speakers, and helpful conferences will be an important feature. All Maine Endeavorers should plan to attend this annual gathering. Watch the local press for further announcements.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT SACO.

It has been decided to hold a summer school at Saco, commencing July 20th and continuing two weeks.

The first session of each school will begin at 1:30 P. M., on the day named for the opening of that school. Certificates will be issued to those members only who are present for the time the school attended is in session.

Will you please write the state superintendent, stating the group of studies you intend to take, and give the name of the school you expect to attend?

It is suggested that the teachers bring with them such books as they have, treating of the subjects they wish to study.

For information in regard to board, rooms, etc., please address John S. Locke, Saco.

W. W. STETSON,
State Supt. of Common Schools.

The Educational Department will send copies of the "Course of Study for the Public Schools of Maine," to all teachers who apply for the same.

UNIVERSALIST SERVICE.

Rev. E. A. Hoyt of Dover, N. H., will preach in the Universalist church at Rumford Point, August 2, at 11 A. M. Subject, "Gathering up the Fragments."

Dog days are always in advance of popular sentiment.

NORWAY.

STATED MEETINGS.

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

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

I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, every Tuesday Evening. Wibley Encampment, No. 21, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, second and fourth Friday Evenings of each month. Mt. Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 58, meets on first and third Friday of each month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCHES.

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

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Danforth of Rumford Falls are in town looking for a place to locate. Their many friends are greatly pleased with their proposed return.

Ed Morse, who has been living with F. S. Gammon for some time, had a paralytic shock Thursday morning. He is quite an old man, but has enjoyed his usual good health for the past months. He is in a very critical condition.

W. S. Choate, inspector general of the National Guard of Maine, mayor of the city of Augusta, and clerk of courts in the county of Kennebec, was in town several days this week. He inspected Co. D, 1st Regiment, N. G. S. M. Gen. Choate spoke highly of the company, and implied that great credit was due Capt. M. P. Stiles in bringing the company to its present standing in the regiment.

H. H. Lee and family of Augusta are visiting at his brother's, Frank Lee's, superintendent of the electric road.

Some forty lasters marched up from the shoe factory Wednesday to the Advertiser office, and informed the editor that they had left Mr. Lawrence's lasting room because he had discharged E. A. Tyler, and would not explain to them his reasons for so doing. No complaint was made about the prices paid or work furnished.

Members of the Congregational society enjoyed a Sunday School picnic at Gibson's Grove Thursday. Quite a large company attended.

Henry B. Foster is fortunate in securing the services of Howard Moulton as clerk, during Lee M. Smith's vacation Mr. Moulton is an experienced hand in a gents' clothing store.

Prof. Wiley of Bethel was in town this Thursday, looking after school interests.

W. C. Cole has been at work for O. A. Kneeland at Crystal Lake Cottage, Harrison, for some days, building a bowling alley.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Abbott of Lewiston visited F. P. Stone during the week. Mr. Abbott is agricultural editor of the Lewiston Journal.

Mrs. E. N. Swett and son are enjoying a visit at Mr. Swett's father in Paris. Mr. E. N. Swett rides over after his daily work is completed.

The shoe factories were shut down several days this week, owing to the breaking down of the main shaft. It is only the second time that work has suspended on account of an accident of this nature since the factories were built.

Roland Jewett of Waltham, Mass., is stopping at Mrs. Ella L. Jewett's for a short time.

Some 200 or 300 people assembled at the river below the Brown place Sunday morning to witness the baptism of five converts by Rev. W. B. Eldridge of the Methodist church.

O. D. Wilbur has been granted a U. S. pension. He was a corporal in Co. I, 11th Regt. Maine Infantry.

It is reported that the Harrison stage will make trips Sundays to connect with the "seaside special" during this month and August.

Geo. H. Small's funeral took place at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon. Rev. J. A. Harding officiated.

Kate Elliott of Rumford, Lou Stearns, Jay Dinsmore, Helen Faunce and Jennie Cole of Norway are the guests of Annie Cole at "The Cliffs," Cole's Island. They are having a merry time.

While Mary McKay was riding her bicycle on Whitman Street Monday evening she collided with a team. The wheel was badly broken, but she escaped with slight injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robinson entertained Mr. Robinson's cousin, Mrs. Mary King, and daughter, of Denver, Col., and Mrs. Hattie Hayes of Portland the past week.

Lawson G. Frost of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Andrews, Geneva Wilson, Jennie Baker, Fred H. Cummings and Charles S. Cummings enjoyed the Sabbath at Camp Bruin, Hanover.

Rev. Caroline Angell christened thirty-two children at the Universalist church Sunday. They were all very young.

Geo. W. Holmes and family are stopping at the Horne Cottage for a few weeks.

W. E. Wheeler, who was injured in the ditch some time ago, has moved from the Main Street tenement to the lower village.

Jeremiah J. Fuller is about to erect a store house and station in the rear of his store, on the bank of the brook, on Water Street.

George ("Coot") Ames, who recently lost one of his team horses by an accidental explosion July 4th, has a new one purchased by a subscription taken up by his friends.

On complaint of State Detective Albert P. Bassett, J. J. Fuller was arrested the first of the week on the charge of keeping a liquor nuisance at his store, corner of Water and Pleasant Streets. Twenty-two witnesses were summoned against him in favor of the state. Upon investigation it was discovered that his given name was wrong, it having been alleged as Joshua J., while in fact it was Josiah J. He was discharged and the proceedings quashed. He was at once arrested by A. P. Bassett on a second warrant sworn out by Mr. Bassett for the same cause. Friday, at 2 P. M., he was again arraigned before Judge Davis and after a hearing lasting until after supper he was discharged, there not being sufficient evidence to bind him over for the grand jury. The facts in the case are something as follows: Fuller for some time has kept for sale what are known as small drinks or in other words soda water, and in addition to this has manufactured a hop beer himself. While there was nothing intoxicating in the drinks or beer it was the cause of calling to his store a somewhat undesirable class of customers. Realizing the condition of matters Fuller agreed to stop the sale of the stuff. J. S. Wright appeared for Fulller.

16TH MAINE REUNION.

The annual reunion of the 16th Maine Regimental Association will be held at Lisbon Falls on Wednesday and Thursday, August 12th and 13th. The Maine Central Railroad will sell round trip tickets for one fare, good Aug. 11-15. The Portland and Rumford Falls road will sell half fare tickets to Lewiston, good for same dates as Maine Central.

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.

PENSIONS AND LIFE INSURANCE.

WHAT WOULD THE EFFECT OF FREE SILVER BE UPON THE BENEFICIARIES?

Editor Democrat:

I was a Union soldier in the war of the Rebellion, and have a pension of ten dollars per month on account of wounds received in battle. I also have an endowment insurance policy of $1000 on my life which matures in three years. It takes all my savings to pay the premiums. I have been seriously thinking how I shall be affected if the Democrats and Populists carry the election this year. They have declared for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. The bullion market value is 30 to 1—that is, it takes two dollars in silver to equal in value one of gold. If they win and pass a free silver coinage law, the dearer metal would be hoarded and go out of circulation and values would then be on a silver standard. The purchasing power of a silver dollar then would practically be half that of a gold dollar.

My pension money is on the standard of gold and my savings have been earned on that standard. If the Republicans elect McKinley and Hobart, I shall get 100 cents on the dollar. If Bryan and Sewall are elected, about fifty cents on the dollar. And who would be benefited? None but the millionaire mine owners. I cannot afford to be robbed for their benefit. Can any who have been prudent and have put by a small sum against a time of need or the infirmities of old age, vote to have his hard-earned savings cut down one-half?

DEBTOR.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

My wife and I are looking out for country board at present;
We want a spacious, airy room, with outlook wide and pleasant;
Our table must be well supplied with fresh and varied food;
The evenings must be cool and dry, and fishing must be good.

There must be no mosquitoes, and we want three maids a day;
The beds must have the latest springs, or else we cannot stay;
We'd like a horse and wagon that we ourselves could use,
And there must be lots of lovely drives, and many charming views.

The other guests must all be such as we are glad to know;
We must not be too far from town, and the trains must not be slow.
These are our modest wants, and in conclusion we would say,
That seven dollars a week is all that we expect to pay!

—New York Tribune.

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No. 172.—Curtailment.

The ONE waves were tossing, the captain was bossing,
The steward all danger was carefully glossing;
The passengers wondered if "some one had blundered."
While still the wind rose, and it rained, and it thundered.
The cook, a beginner, cried, "Sure's I'se a sinner,
Dat TWO am done sptle, an no fresh bread for dinner."
While trembling they waited, land lubbers debated
The question, "Are vessel and voyagers fated?"
The THREE had it surely, although prematurely,
For soon the gale ceased, and we rested securely.
Foun though I'm no boaster, I must say our coaster
Had weathered a storm that one might call a roaster.
Now, while the skies lightened and every one brightened,
The steward rebuked us: "FIVE orten' bin frightened,
Our craft she's a clipper, an es fer the skipper,
Why, he don't mind squalls, not the shake of a flipper."
(His language he mixes, and one of his tricks is
To make all his "whys" sound exactly like "SIXES.")

No. 173.—Riddle.

Of names he has surely no lack.
By some he is always called "Will,"
While others declare he is "Jack,"
And he's known by another name still.

His haunts are exceedingly low,
Although he is bright, all must own,
And his greatest delight is to go
On a torchlight procession alone.

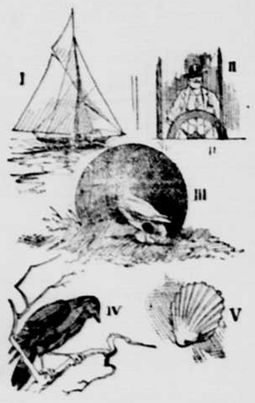
'Tis best at a distance to watch him;
I hear he leads many astray.
But Germans believe if they catch him
Their fortune is made from that day.

Perhaps some bold officer, braving
His dangerous place of resort,
Might "run in" this vagrant, "for having
No visible means of support."

No. 174.—Word Changes.

Place within a lady's heart five and place each side of her fifty. You have a word spelled forward and backward the same and signifying "horizontal."

No. 175.—Illustrated Central Acrostic.



When the five objects in the above illustration have been rightly guessed, and the names (which are of equal length) written one below the other, the central letters will spell the name of an English general and statesman.—St. Nicholas.

No. 176.—Progressive Enigma.

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● ○ ○ ○
● ○ ○ ○ ○

The first, a consonant; the second, a verb; the third, a couch; the fourth, the author of "Ecclesiastical History," the most learned Englishman of his age, 673-735, commonly called "the venerable ——;" the fifth, "to moisten with a certain atmospheric moisture."

No. 177.—Hidden Boys.

A number of boys are here concealed, of every age and size,
One in each line hiding, just for a surprise.

I can reach to upper C. I value much my voice.
With renewed avidity he pursues his choice.
They two went together to the music room.
Where he sang a song, "When ryefields are in bloom."
I advise you to stop; a trick or two's enough.
It's better not to go too far when the play is rough.
A tale I have to tell. I one listener would crave.
Try to live right and be very good and brave.
Place a wreath of amaranth on your hero's bier.
A moral philanthropist was he when here.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 164.—Polish for Bright Wits: A shoe.

No. 165.—Puzzle of the Four Tenants:

No. 166.—A Monument: B, g-U-n, He-N-ry, la-K-es, br-E-ed, Ap-R-il, as-H-es, wr-I-ts, Sa-L-em, Al-L-en, ma-J-or, so-U-th, Tre-N-ton, New J-E-rsey.

No. 167.—How is This? XIX makes 19. Take I away, and XX remains.

No. 168.—Charade: Pin tail.

No. 169.—Phonetics: Jay, you, Dee, eye, sea, aye, a, ell—judicial.

No. 170.—Dickens Revised: "Because there are ten in a cent, Ury."

No. 171.—Anagrams from Thackeray: 1. Charles Honeyman. 2. Lady Rockminster. 3. Amelia Sedley. 4. Gus Hoskins. 5. Captain Costigan. 6. Denis Duval. 7. Clive Newcome. 8. Laura Bell. 9. Ethel Newcome. 10. Colonel Altamont. 11. Caroline Brandon. 12. Major Pendennis.

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Bishop Dudley, of Kentucky, good humoredly tells this story on himself. He was traveling once, when he sat next a drummer, who bored him with a good deal of idle conversation. The bishop became very taciturn. Finally the drummer, mistaking him for a commercial traveler, asked: "What line of goods are you in?" "Brains," replied the bishop, brusquely, "You are?" retorted the man of the road. "Well, I must admit that you carry the smallest lot of samples of any one I ever saw in the business."

HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

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

CARE OF POLISHED WOOD.

Miss Parloa's late studies in Paris enable her to speak with authority on the treatment and care of polished floors. There, such floors are the rule, even in small apartments, and their care is not considered a task. The daily polishing with the brush or flannel is quickly done, and thus an unbroken surface is kept, upon which dirt cannot stick.

Such daily attention may seem more than would be given to carpets, but it is a question of looks. The dust is on the carpet, but does not show, and, therefore, is not removed. The polished surface shows the dust and the careful housewife is troubled till this visible dirt is taken away.

Real cleanliness is obtained more easily with floors of narrow, hard wood boards, perfectly matched, thoroughly smoothed and well polished. The objection that such floors are cold does not seem valid. The extra thickness of one-half to seven-eighths of an inch of hard wood should ensure as much warmth as a carpet. That they are slippery cannot be denied; but this may be lessened by certain methods of treatment, and, except for the aged or infirm, is a difficulty soon overcome by "getting the knack" of walking upon them. In this country large rugs covering the centre are most favored, then the sides may be polished to any degree desired. These rugs should be often cleaned and aired out of doors. Small rugs should never be laid on such floors, in places where a person steps quickly, or without thinking, as at the bottom of stairs, at doors, or in halls.

No rollers should be used on furniture over polished floors. Each part which touches the wood should be fitted with a piece of thick felt securely glued on. This protects the floor and allows easy movement.

These floors require only the sweeping with a hair brush and the wiping with a dust mop or soft cloth.

Wax, alone, gives the highest polish; but is always slippery. It should be rubbed on evenly. Any little bits remaining will show as black specks after the polishing. The brush should be used across the grain, at first, afterward with the grain. Wax and turpentine furnish a less degree of polish which is, therefore, less slippery; while the addition of paraffine oil lessens it still more. If it be desired to keep the floor very light the oil mixture should not be used, for oil always darkens wood.

Water is the worst thing that can be applied to any waxed surface. A damp cloth may be used. All spatters or drops of any liquid should be wiped up immediately. When spots come—as come they will—rub them hard with a piece of thick felt under the foot or with a flannel moistened in turpentine.

Remember to keep the surface well polished, then dirt cannot stick and substances spilled cannot reach the wood and make spots. With all these precautions the floors, which are constantly used, will need an entire renovation occasionally. They should then be rubbed all over with steel wool till every spot is scraped out. If the wood has grown dark it may be whitened by a wash of oxalic acid. Rub perfectly smooth and clean before applying the wax or other encaustic.

A good encaustic which will clean and polish at the same time may be made from wax, sal-soda, and any good soap. The wax and soap should be shaved and dissolved in boiling water. Stir frequently and add the soda. Put the mixture in something which may be closely covered and stir constantly till cool. This may be applied to floors, furniture, marbles, tiles, bricks, etc. It will remove ink from polished surfaces. The French use white wax on white marbles, but this is not absolutely necessary.

Furniture is usually finished in shellac and varnish, or oil finish. The highest polish is called "piano polish." This is very easily scratched. Any polished surface will become clouded in time. If the polish is unbroken by scratches which reach the surface of the wood, sift on finely powdered pumice and rub hard with a piece of thick felt wet with water. Have the felt large enough to grip firmly. Go over the entire surface, little by little. Then apply a mixture of turpentine and paraffine oil, in equal parts. Do not be afraid to rub hard till the polish comes. If there are deep scratches water must not be used. It will leave dark lines, wherever it touches the wood. Use rottlestone and oil instead of water and polish till no track is left, when a finger is drawn across the surface.

In every house, no matter how great care is exercised, the woodwork and furniture will become marred,—bruises appear in unknown ways and pieces chip off in sightly places. The housewife may repair most of these in a short time, if the materials needed are at hand. These include a few of the common colored earths, turpentine, shellac, oil, alcohol and fine emery paper, or steel wool. A set of these materials, in convenient shape and quantity, has been put up by a well known house, dealing in painters' supplies, which is known as "Miss Parloa's Set." When a piece of wood has been chipped off, smooth the surface carefully with a bit of steel wool or emery paper. Take a piece of cheese cloth about six inches square, fold in the edges and roll hard. Moisten the middle of this with oil, then with shellac, and touch it to a bit of the earth required to give the desired color. Apply this quickly to the prepared wood. The shellac should be thin and must not be rubbed hard. It dries very quickly and the work must be done speedily. If there is any grating sound more oil is needed. Repeat the processes till the original color is obtained. It requires minute quanities and delicate manipulation, but experience will soon train the judgment. The colors most needed are raw umber for light oak; burnt umber for dark oak and black walnut; burnt sienna for mahogany or cherry.

Dents and bruises where the surface is unbroken may be moistened with warm water. When very deep, several folds of wet cloth may be laid over the spot and a hot poker held on the upper surface. The steam will cause the wood to swell to nearly or quite its original proportions. The heat may destroy the finish, which should, then, be restored.

White spots made by heat or alcohol may be rubbed with sweet oil. If deep, they can be scraped over, and the color restored in the same way as for chipped places. A bit of glue, a drop of oil, a little practice with hammer and screw-driver may save much irritation, and many a bill of expense.

A few words of caution may not come amiss. Any cloths used with oil and turpentine should be kept in tin or stone, or carefully burned. If they are laid away in a mass, chemical action may cause combustion. The little pads used with shellac should not be saved. Alcohol dissolves shellac, when allowed to stand upon it or when hard rubbed. When diluted it may be applied with a feather. Oiled surfaces may be treated with oil and turpentine, while waxed surfaces should have wax preparations only.—The American Kitchen Magazine.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS.

A handsome sofa-pillow cover may be made of figured denim. Outline the pattern with rope silk of some dark, rich color, and fill in the figure with gold-colored silk in the darning-stitch.

Grease stains on cloth may often be removed with magnesia. The stained place is first dampened; then the magnesia is moistened and vigorously rubbed on the stain. It must be allowed to dry thoroughly. Then the powder can be easily shaken off.

A good method for raising the crushed pile of velvet is to cover a hot iron, held upward, with a wet cloth, lay the velvet on this, and then gently beat the crushed part with a clothes brush. Lay the velvet out on a flat place, and do not touch it until it is perfectly dry.

Among new pieces of table furniture are cut-glass bottles with silver tops for Worcestershire sauce, pitcher-shaped, cut-glass cruets for catchup, and covered jelly-holders of cut glass or china. The latter are large enough to hold a tumbler of jelly, but are not particularly desirable, as a glass of jelly always looks best when turned out of its mold on to a dish of glass or china.

GOING ACROSS.

SCENES AT THE PIER WHEN THE STEAMER STARTS.

One of the most interesting sights New York has to offer in these early summer days is the departure of a great ocean liner. Those who have not witnessed the crowds, the excitement, the necessary bustle and drive of such an occasion, have missed an entertaining episode.

The morning of the sailing presents as lively a picture of human activity as could well be imagined.

At first sight, everything appears to be in a state of chaos; men seem to fall over each other and to accomplish absolutely nothing. A close examination, however, discloses the fact that each man is at his own particular duty, overseen by competent inspectors or bosses, and if he falters at his work he is quickly brought to a realization of his shortcoming in language by no means veiled, but, on the contrary, very much to the point.

Stevedores, sailors, stewards, truckmen, longshoremen, go about their various jobs with an experience born of much practice, assisted by carefully selected oaths, drawn from a large vocabulary, thoroughly efficacious for such occasions.

Of course there are many things that must of necessity be put aboard at the last moment. The meat, in order that it may be of the freshest; likewise the ice, vegetables, cream, and of course the trunks, to say nothing of the passengers, and, last of all, the mails.

The steady whirl of the donkey engines keeps up a constant racket, the hoarse cries of the boatswain giving orders to the men below, who are stowing trunks and belated cargo, add to the noises, while energetic policemen are kept busy directing trucks and cabs and making a gangway for the passage of vehicles and pedestrians.

Leaving with tides, to insure a safe passage across the bar, the departure admits of no delay, so that 10 o'clock means absolutely 10 o'clock, and woe betide the procrastinator, who arrives but a few moments after that time.

An hour or two before sailing, the dock begins to fill up with passengers; a string of cabs and carriages adds to the confusion, while expressmen race down with every sort of trunk that the ingenuity of man has ever invented. If the steamer belongs to a fashionable line, flowers now begin to arrive, messenger boys laden down with elaborate and expensive offerings making attractive spots of color.

The people themselves are a study. There are such a number, who, according to all one's preconceived notions, have no right to be going abroad. The humble spectator doomed to stay at home sees so many to whom he is absolutely certain Europe will be a sealed book.

Vulgar, ostentatious, pretentious women swarm; deadly, common, ordinary men swagger about, talking loudly to stewards, making themselves offensively conspicuous, while mingling with the crowd the nattily uniformed ship's officers quietly look after servants of the boat, directing them here and there, and generally keep a weather eye open.

The surgeon, fresh of linen, spotless as to dress and well groomed, greets a friend or takes note of attractive women passengers as they file up the gangplank.

Meanwhile, on board ship the bar is run at full speed, with all the valves thrown wide open.

The gentleman traveling in notions and silks is entertaining a choice lot of business friends in his cabin, and though it is a trifle early for the consumption of Mrs. Cliquot's vintage or Mr. Mumm's graperies, everything goes in the social circle of which he is a shining light.

The happy Thespian whose season has permitted his flight to London is surrounded by an admiring set, who "me boy" him with great gusto and heartiness, while the more exclusive members of the Knickerbocker and Calumet clubs, faultless in attire, short of speech but long of smiles, either crowd about some prominent belle and offer homage or brace up with some friend who is bound to that haven of swelldom, London.

In the cabins, women of uncertain age and others about whose age there is no uncertainty whatsoever cluster in forlorn groups or struggle hopelessly with children and maids; everywhere trunks and handbags.

Now the side rail is crowded by a smiling throng of women with a few men; frantic efforts are made, utterly unsuccessful of course, to talk with friends on the dock. The burden of the song thus shrieked over the heads of the people seems to be, "Well, you'll write, won't you?"

Farther aft, the second cabin passengers, largely foreigners, are very demonstrative, the women weeping and the men kissing each other with great effusiveness. Now a hysterical female passenger bustles about in great tribulation, because of a missing trunk, but the steward reassuring her, she subsides, and is dragged aboard by excited relatives.

Presently a bell rings, the first warning for visitors to go ashore. Late arrivals dash up in cabs, the horses panting, the drivers excited.

The crowd on shore moves toward the end of the pier. A frantic waving of hands and handkerchiefs is begun, serving no special purpose, and only occasionally seen by those to whom it is directed; then a second bell is tolled.

"All ashore; last call."

The visitors swarm off. Pulleys are fastened to the gang planks.

"Everybody stand by," call the petty officers.

"Ready!"—at this moment the usual last man is seen, being driven down the wharf, the horse all foam. Two policemen yank him out; two sailors grab his trunk, and he is rushed up to the already detached passageway.

The officer on the bridge now gives his final order to "cast off." The engine bell is rung, and slowly the great vessel glides out into the stream. Farewell trouble and worry for a week; no letters, telegrams, politics or daily papers; welcome fresh, bracing air and deep blue sea with limitless horizon; or, awful thought, the sickness of the ocean for seven days.

More good byes which no one hears; more hand and handkerchief waving, which no one can distinguish, and the boat fades away in the distance, mingling with the other craft in the river. Back again everybody on the dock, to bad smelling, wretchedly-paved West Street, settle down to counting rooms, offices and houses and toddle along in the old rut. Europe is not for this summer.—New York Journal.

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Riley McKeen,		105 by Shrm.			100	17
Wm. T. Green,		7	1	3	50	36
I. F. Evans,		3	1	10	100	2 00
B. H. McAllister, 1-2 of	112 by Shrm.	12			100	1 35
	115 by Shrm.	12			75	
		12			12	
(1895 tax.)						
Wm. Goodwin, house and lot occupied by C. C. Flanders,		6	1	5	1	9 00
Plummer & Heirs of F. Horr,		1	1	5	100	1 08
Plummer & Heirs of F. Horr,		3	2	4	100	72
Plummer & Heirs of F. Horr,		5	2	4	100	72
Plummer & Heirs of F. Horr, 2-3 of Griswell Gore,					150	1 08
McAllister, Peter,		7	1	8	20	63
Brooks Seymour, undivided half of		1			50	90
Heirs of S. S. Willard,		21			50	4 50
Simeon Charles,		27			60	2 70
McKeen, Riley,		105 by Shrm.			100	45
Green, W. T.,		7	1	3	50	72
I. F. Evans,		3	1	10	100	3 60
Morrison, Hazen D.,		8	3	a	100	4 50
Andrews, Elden B.,		1	2	4	100	90
McAllister, B. H., 1-2 of	112 by Shrm.	12			100	2 70
	15 by Shrm.	12			75	
		12			12	
McAllister, Elden B., 1-2 of	112 by Shrm.	12			100	2 70
	115 by Shrm.	12			75	
	112	12			12	
Foster, Thos. C.,		5	2	5	75	1 20
McKeen, Perley,		1			15	8 85
		17			17	

And if no person shall appear to discharge said tax on or before the twenty-ninth day of August next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, I shall proceed to sell at the school house in Dist. No. one in said town of Stoneham, by public auction to the highest bidder so much of said respective tracts or parcels of real estate or land as shall be sufficient to discharge said taxes and all necessary charges.

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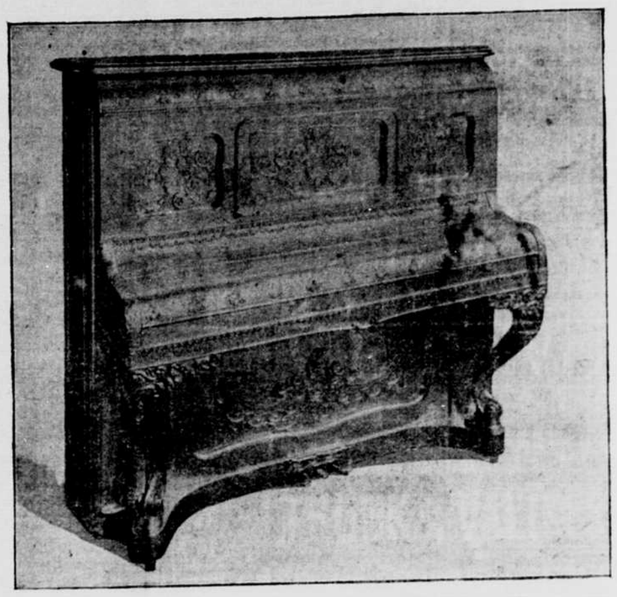

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