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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of N. v. A. D. 1885.

On the petition of GEORGE D. BISBEE, Guardian of Frank S. and Sterling G. Harlow, minor heirs of Eldridge G. Harlow, late of Dixfield in said county, deceased, praying for license to sell and convey certain real estate described in his petition on file in the Probate Office; as an advantageous offer of a hundred dollars for the whole of said lands, said minors' interest being two-thirds undivided.

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

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.

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

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FEEDING YOUNG STOCK.

Just at this time we wish to say a few words to our readers about their young stock. Are we all feeding them in such a manner that they are thriving, and will add a little to their growth, and consequently to their value, every day? Or, are we planning to keep them through the winter on our coarse fodder without any grain and but little care? It takes but a moment's thought to ascertain which method is the most profitable. Still we fear there are many farmers who cling to the idea that almost any article of food, however coarse, is good enough for their calves and yearlings. We often hear the remark, made frequently by well-to-do farmers, "We have some rough fodder, such as straw, meadow hay, corn-stalks, etc., and must get some young cattle to eat it." These men, if asked whether they fed grain to this stock, would too often reply, emphatically, that they did not, as they didn't think it paid.

Now we are not at war with coarse fodder. On the contrary, we consider it one of the farmer's greatest aids in carrying his stock, and, therefore, in keeping up the fertility of the farm. But it can be so fed that there is no gain, direct or indirect, from its use, in fact the more of it handled the poorer the farmer will become.

Secretary Gilbert says that, in his vicinity, there are many farms on which large amounts of swale hay have been fed for quite a period of years, and still they show no increase of fertility. And as no growth can be obtained on stock fed wholly upon it, it certainly follows, quite naturally, there is no income from handling it. But let us come to the true way of feeding it:

In feeding young animals, care must be taken to give them a well-balanced food, one that shall contain all the elements necessary to build up a perfect system. This cannot be done on hay alone. However good the quality of hay may be, there are lacking some elements which go to build up the animal system that must be supplied in some way. Experience has taught practical feeders that to obtain the most from the money expended for feeds, they must be given in such a variation as to make a complete whole. Now, by the addition of grain, swale or meadow hay, straw, corn-fodder, etc., will become perfect foods. And by so feeding young animals there is a constant growth, with never a drawback.

If any one starts out to accomplish a certain amount of work in a given time, he will try to accomplish something every day. There is nothing to be gained by a lay-back of half a year; and he who plans in this way will as surely be left behind. Let this principle be applied to feeding young stock, and it proves itself: that a little must be added every day. The straw-stack and mow of meadow hay will do their part towards accomplishing this end, if the farmer will only aid them in every way possible.

In the first place, absolute comfort must be obtained for those animals from which we expect any amount of growth; neat, they must be supplied with an abundance of pure water, of a temperature that shall not chill. Then their food must be given to them in such a manner that they shall have all they need, and still keep a sharp appetite. Then by the addition of a grain ration, a perfect whole is obtained; and, every want being supplied, being in perfect contentment, they will grow and thrive. We see no reason why young animals shall not be made to grow as much during the winter months as they do in a corresponding length of time in summer. The rigors of the season are more than offset by the freedom from flies and not being required to roam for their food. But too often the spring finds our young stock no larger than when they came to the barn. This state of affairs is the result of neglect that is inexcusable and can be done away with. It requires some labor to break off from old, established habits, but when the result will show itself so soon as in this case, the end fully justifies taking a large amount of pains to accomplish.

Feed fewer animals, and only those that have good blood and will respond to liberal feeding, then push them every day from the start, and there shall be no more complaint of unpaid labor put into growing stock.

SHALL FARMERS RAISE THEIR OWN CORN?

In an article in the *Home Farm*, Mr. R. W. Ellis, of Highland Meadow Farm, gives his experience raising corn the past season, and by a carefully-prepared table, shows his corn to have cost him twenty-five, and a fraction, cents per bushel. His land is plowed in the fall and manured. His best results are obtained where the manure is plowed under about six inches deep, about ten cords to the acre. Then the ground is thoroughly prepared with a Corbin disc harrow, and the corn planted, using 500 pounds of phosphate in the hill. The fodder from the acre is reckoned equal to one and one-half tons of good hay. And the land is left in fine condition for succeeding crops.

We always earnestly advocate the growing of some special crop for which the farm is peculiarly adapted by its location and the character of its soil, but see no reason why there should not be upon every farm, no matter what its leading crop may be, a small amount of corn raised. By so doing the farm becomes, in a measure, independent of the Western corn-fields, but does not enter into competition with them, and by lessening his expenses, becomes better prepared to make his books balance in his favor. Whenever possible we would have the special crop one that will leave some fodder upon the farm, as by so doing a large amount of valuable fertilizing material will be obtained at a small cost.

Corn is of itself, a very valuable crop to raise; because, on properly prepared ground, it will leave upon the farm a large quantity of good fodder, equal in value to the best of hay. Another advantage is the fact that the ground cannot well be made too rich to grow corn. It is therefore a good crop to start with in the rotation and will leave the land in good condition for succeding crops of grass. Therefore, if by a system of carefuly preparing and working our lands, we reduce the price of the corn consumed upon the farm, we shall have gained a direct benefit in two directions: we shall be surer of a good article to feed to our stock, and shall have supplied ourselves with a quantity of fodder which, used in connection with the hay and coarse fodders, will aid much in carrying a stock through the winter. We consider the fodder from sweet corn of far greater value than that from yellow corn, but not enough so to feel justified in doing entirely away with the latter crop.

Formerly, many milk farmers in Massachusetts raised large quantities of yellow corn, which was allowed to grow and nearly ripen, the ears and stalks were then fed to the cows with the ears still upon the stalk. We presume that some varieties of sweet corn have now taken its place for that purpose, but think the practice is a good one.

Most of the complaints against fodder corn come from farmers who feed it too green,—when so fed there is not much nutriment in it. But if it is allowed to stand until the ears form, it will be found of great value.

We would be glad to hear from those of our readers who have raised corn the past season, stating their methods and the results obtained, as by an open discussion much good may be accomplished.

THE BEET SUGAR INDUSTRY.—The *Home Farm* presents its readers with an illustration of an immense pile of beets, which covers two acres of ground and has an average depth of eight feet. They are a part of the twenty thousand tons of sugar beets raised by the farmers in the vicinity of the Alvarado Beet Sugar Company last year. This factory has been in operation six years, and the average yield of beets per acre has constantly increased.

It is always pleasant to record any branch of our farming interests that is on the increase. As each belongs to all, and as any one prospers, it will naturally bring others up with it.

We recommend to our readers, the report of Dr. Wiley on the Sugar Industry of the United States; it will be found of much interest.

Maine Farmer.

MAINE EXPERIMENT STATION.

BULLETIN No. 3.

Wood ashes have an important and increasing use in Maine Agriculture. With regard to the benefits resulting from their application there is a wide difference of opinion which is due, undoubtedly, to the fact that their effect varies greatly according to the character of the soil. There is abundant testimony to prove that in some instances the use of ashes has caused a large increase of crop, and proof that they often fail to produce an appreciable effect is certainly not wanting. Again, farmers differ in their estimates of the relative value of unleached and leached ashes, basing these estimates upon experience, without doubt. Whatever any observing farmer is willing to assert of the use of ashes on his land is probably correct for his own practice, but may not be for the practice of some other farmer. All the questions involved in the use of ashes cannot be answered, but the information presented in this bulletin, which has been gathered in part from analyses and correspondence, is believed to be of practical value.

Samples of ashes have been gathered for analysis from various sources.

A few facts as plainly shown by the analyses, are worthy of mention, viz.:

1. The total potash (potassium oxide) in the unleached hard wood ashes is 8.73 per cent., and in the unleached soft wood ashes is 3.65 per cent. In both cases the ashes contain about one and one-third per cent. of potash in a form not soluble in water, which is undoubtedly the silicate.

2. The hard wood unleached ashes contain on the average, phosphoric acid equivalent to nearly four and a half per cent. of phosphate of lime. The soft wood ashes contain less phosphate of lime, averaging only two per cent.

3. The analyses give no evidence that furnace ashes are less valuable than ashes from household fires when the wood is the same in both cases.

4. Leaching removes from the ashes all but about half a per cent. of the potash soluble in water. The total potash in the leached ashes is found to average 1.87 per cent.

5. Leached ashes contain about one-third their weight of water.

The following are some of the important considerations involved in discussion of the use of ashes:

1. The differences between leached and unleached ashes (a) in percentage composition, (b) compared by the bushel, and (c) in crop production.

2. The cost of the useful ingredients of ashes when purchased in other forms.

When water is passed through hard wood ashes of the quality shown in the analyses, they lose nearly all the potassium carbonate that they contain, which constitutes something over one-tenth their weight. A portion of the water used in leaching is retained, amounting to about one-third the weight of the leached, or one-half the weight of the unleached ashes. A simple calculation shows that while an actual loss of dry substance takes place, 100 pounds of dry unleached ashes would, in the process of leaching, increase in weight at least 35 pounds. Compared pound for pound then, the leached ashes contain much the smaller percentage of dry substance.

The opinion is often expressed that in buying leached ashes a much larger quantity of dry matter is obtained per bushel than in buying the unleached, this opinion arising without doubt, not only from the greater weight of the leached ashes, but from the belief that ashes shrink greatly in bulk under the action of water. It seems, however, from all the data gathered up to this time, that the amount of dry matter in a bushel of leached ashes does not, on the average, vary greatly from the dry matter in a bushel of unleached. The greater weight of the leached ashes is due to the water they contain, and not to a change in bulk.

In response to several inquiries, the following statements have been obtained:

Statement of potash and soap manufacturer: Weight of leached ashes 70 pounds per bushel of five pecks, based on actual weighings. Unleached ashes estimated to weigh 10 pounds per peck.

Statement of dealer in ashes and manufacturer of soap: Weight of unleached ashes 50 pounds per bushel, leached 60 pounds; 1000 bushels of unleached ashes will make 1000 bushels of leached.

Statement of dealer in Michigan ashes: Weight of unleached ashes 40 pounds per bushel, leached 63 pounds.

If according to one estimate, one bushel of unleached ashes make one bushel of leached, there is less dry matter in a bushel of the latter, for about one-tenth of the dry substance is leached out; but if unleached, and leached ashes weigh 40 and 63 pounds per bushel respectively, there is little difference in the amount of dry matter in each.

This is shown by the following table:

	Weight, lbs	Water, lbs	Dry Substance, lbs	Phosphoric Acid, lbs	Potash, lbs	Lime, lbs
One bu. unleached hard wood ashes, household fires.	40	1.0	39	1.1	3.5	15.0
One bu. leached hard wood ashes, household fires.	63	21	42	1.1	0.9	14.5

The effect of ashes in increasing the productiveness of any soil can be attributed to two general causes, viz.: The supply of plant food which the ashes furnish, and the decomposing action on the soil, similar to that of lime, caused mainly by the carbonate of lime in the ashes. On those soils deficient in potash, as experience shows some to be, the beneficial effect of ashes can be fairly attributed in a large measure at least, to the potash which they supply.

If on the other hand, a farmer finds that purely potash manures, such as the German potash salts, (the muriate and sulphate of potash,) have no especial effect on his soil, then it is very probable that leached ashes would yield him as large returns as unleached, and at a less cost. The last table shows that with the exception of potash, there are about the same amounts of important ingredients in a bushel of the leached ashes analyzed, as in a bushel of unleached.

The cost of the useful ingredients of ashes when purchased in other forms, as for instance, in finely ground S. C. rock, muriate of potash and burned lime would be approximately as follows:

UNLEACHED HARD WOOD ASHES, HOUSEHOLD FIRES

3.5 lbs. potash,	at 4½ cts.,	14.9 cts
1.1 " phosphoric acid,	at 2½ cts.,	2.8 cts
15.0 " "	at ½ ct.,	7.5 cts
Total,		25.1 cts

LEACHED HARD WOOD ASHES, HOUSEHOLD FIRES.

0.9 lbs. potash,	at 4½ cts.,	3.8 cts
1.1 " phosphoric acid,	at 2½ cts.	2.8 cts
14.3 " lime,	at ½ ct.,	7.2 cts
Total,		13.8 cts

MICHIGAN LEACHED ASHES.

0.9 lbs. potash,	at 4½ cts.,	3.8 cts
1.0 " phosphoric acid,	at 2½ cts.	2.5 cts
20.5 " lime,	at ½ ct.,	10.4 cts
Total,		16.7 cts

It is the custom in some portions of the State, to apply leached ashes at the rate of 150 to 200 bushels per acre, costing from $27 to $36. The smaller quantity (150 bushels) would contain in the case of the household ashes analyzed approximately, 165 lbs. of phosphoric acid, 135 lbs. of potash and 2145 lbs. of lime. The same quantity of Michigan ashes analyzed, would contain 1000 more of lime. These quantities of useful ingredients could be supplied in 650 lbs. of S. C. rock (not treated with acid.) 275 lbs. of muriate of potash, and from 25 to 40 bushels of lime. Of the important mineral ingredients of plants, this would be considered quite a liberal application, and would cost in the latter forms slightly less probably, than in the form of leached ashes. The comparative effect in the two cases could only be determined by experiment, though there is no reason for supposing that it would be greatly different.

Home Farm.

A GRAND EXHIBITION OF PREMIUM HEREFORD STEERS.

The "Dirigo" State is true to her motto, "I lead." It was a beautiful sight and witnessed by many thousands of eager spectators, as those eighteen magnificent Hereford steers swung around through Scollay Square, and were arranged in front of the Quincy House, where their choicest cuts are to be served, and then arrayed before F. H. Market, with their beautiful red coats and white faces; their symmetrical forms, combined with the rarest quality, which, added to their great weights, considering age, made this a sight of a lifetime.

These steers were fed by Messrs. Burleigh & Bodwell, Vassalboro, Me., expressly for H. Bird & Co., 38 & 40 Faneuil Hall Market, Boston, and after they were shown in the city, were taken to their slaughter house, or the abattoir, in Brighton to be dressed. And before I proceed further, allow me to say that for neatness, dispatch, humane treatment to the animal to be slaughtered, and prudent management, I have never seen the equal of those workmen—John C. Gray, Lawrence Murphy and Joseph D. Murphy. They slaughtered in the neatest style—nicer than I ever saw dressed before—the eighteen steers in nine hours time.

As I looked over the apartments where the cattle are dressed, and hung away until wanted for use, and saw the cleanliness in every department, I did not wonder that every lover of richest beef was justified in wishing to obtain a choice cut from Bird & Co. The humane progress that has been made by using the breech-loading rifle instead of the butcher's axe pole, to despatch these noble animals, is one of the reforms long needed, and is to be highly commended.

These steers were exhibited at the New England and Eastern Maine, Maine State, and one local Fair, North Kennebec, where they were awarded thirty-three (33) premiums, twenty-four (24) of which were first prizes. At the Maine State Fair where was the greatest display of noble oxen and steers ever witnessed in New England, and I might say in America, these cattle took every first premium offered for pairs of fat cattle over two years old, and every first prize on matched cattle.

The dressed weight and shrinkage of these steers were as follows, which will give your readers some idea of their quality:

Description.	Age, Yrs.	Shrinkage, Per ct.	Net wt., Lbs.
1 pair	3	20¼	3106
1 "	3	20	1255
1 "	3	26	2507
1 "	4	20½	2529
1 "	4	21¼	2751
1 steer	3	19	1401
1 "	3	23	1451
1 pair	3	24	2357
1 "	3	22	2341
1 "	2 1-4	24½	1943

These steers were all weighed singly in the morning before slaughter, after having hay and all the fresh water they would drink, and not shrunk to get the least possible offal. Price received, 10 1-4 cents per lb. net.

Why cannot Maine send thousands of such cattle to Boston annually? Why cannot she produce beef enough to supply the deficit of all the other New England States? There are those who believe she can. May the time soon come. PROGRESS.

Boston.

N. Y. Tribune.

GREEN MANURING.

When green crops are grown for the purpose of fertilizing the soil, as a rule they should be ploughed under when in their most luxuriant and perfect growth. It is then that their decomposition has the most beneficial effect upon the soil, and this is one important object in view in growing such crops. A crop of cow peas, for instance, or one of clover, or buckwheat, turned under when in full blossom and containing the largest quantity of sap, quickly decomposes and contributes to the soil not only a large mass of matter which has a mechanical effect upon it, but also a certain amount of nitrogen and other useful manurial matter which is contained in the herbage; in addition, there is a chemical action upon the soil by the acids produced which dissolve a portion of the mineral matter. If the crop is permitted to fall down and remain upon the surface, only one of these effects is produced, namely, the mere addition of the matter to the soil, and some of this may be lost by evaporation and otherwise.

TRITICUM.

—Do not think when you see a noble horse standing to a carriage tossing his head and champing his bit, that it is his pride. No; he is endeavoring to obtain a moment's cessation to the pain inflicted by his head being constrained by the short rein.

—We must never forget that individual effort is as powerful for good as well as for evil. Every good man can frown upon a bet, or a gambling transaction of any amount or any kind, as something wicked and disreputable.

—Those who hold on to their flocks of sheep will see the wisdom of doing so inside of two years or less.

—When *fast horses* carried the mails and dispatches of merchants and governments the highest practicable speed was desirable. But for such important service the telegraph and the telephone have distanced, and the iron horse with sinews of steel displaced him. We want now the quick-stepping horse-of-all-work; the heavy plough-and-binding-reaper horse, and the comfortable-gaited walker. The lean, crook kneed worn-down ringer, used as a tool by sharpers and knaves to get money without earning it, is not the chief end of the noble horse.—*Ex.*

A CERTAIN BOY.

BY JAMES BERRY BENSEL.

A multitude of years ago
There was a boy I used to hate.
And still I felt my hatred grow
Until we came to man's estate.
My soul excuse, or right or wrong,
Was that he always sang one song;

A sweet sad strain which used to fall
In constant music from his tongue.
One I held sacred, that was all,
Because 'twas one my mother sung
Before she went away from me,
Across that boundless, shureless sea.

It seemed to me a lovish voice
Profaned that song;—and yet the lad,
Through knowledge, not the slightest choice
To win my hate or liking had.
I never told him of the pain
Did in the sweetness of that strain.

And now he has a wealth of fame,
An artist he, with earned renown;
I see his old, familiar name
In every paper in the town,
And yet I think I hate him more
Than ever in the days of yore.

There must be something, we were made
To find each other foes; or I—
Yes, I above, I am afraid,
Was made to pass his virtues by.
He was a strong and honest face
Which I dislike—God give us grace!

He often looks as if inclined
To ask me some straight-forward thing,
But I could never bring my mind
To say: "A song you used to sing
Has filled my being full of strife
Against you, strong to last through life."

Well, he will never understand,
And has small need to care, in truth!
But I would give my own right hand
To feel towards him, man or youth,
As I have felt to men who thrust
My faithful friendship in the dust.

He might have done me good, I'm sure,
And I have only done him wrong
He is so gifted and so pure,
While I—I hate him for a song
That haunted him, a plaintive thing
I loved to hear my mother sing.

—*Portland Transcript.*

REUBEN.

It was a legacy from the father who had died before Reuben was ten years old and left him to the care of Uncle Josiah, the brother of Reuben's long dead mother. The strongest memory Reuben retained of his father was a mind-picture of a white-haired man sitting up in bed, with the beloved violin in his hands, filling the poor attic room with sweet sounds. He was partially paralyzed then, and later, when his fingers became helpless, his heart broke and he died.

Then Uncle Josh came from the country to the great city and took the lad home. At the bottom of the hair trunk containing all Reuben's possessions, were safely stored the violin and case, with a score of music the dead musician had left his boy.

On the farm in Jersey, Reuben found a rough, hearty welcome. Aunt Polly cried a little over the orphan; Sue and Jennie, kindly maidens, kissed and caressed him, and Daisy, whose blue eyes were like twin violets, stole shyly up to the dark-haired lad and slipped a slice of cake into his hands. It was a busy hive, the old farmhouse, where no drones found place.

Uncle Josiah disapproved altogether of the violin. Never had he heard of a fiddler, plowing a field or raising a stock. Never had he seen any practical good come from scraping a catgut, and more than once instant destruction was threatened to Reuben's one pleasure. He grew afraid to raise the sweet sounds he loved, inside the farmhouse, and would steal away to practice the lesson his father had taught him, by the brook side, in the whispering woods or the shady lane.

Nobody loved his violin but Daisy. Daisy would softly touch the string, and listen with parted lips and shifting color when Reuben woke the spirits of music with the bow. Sue and Jennie did not object to a good, lively dance tune; but only Daisy would follow Reuben into the world where dreams floated into the sweet melodies, and the bow and strings talked in music's own language. Daisy alone knew of the lonely walks with the dear companion; and Daisy's lips would quiver and her blue eyes fill, when the boy whispered in her ear of his heart hunger.

Years passed away and the boy became a man.

"Scarcely worth his salt," Uncle Josiah pronounced him, and yet loved him well, for his gentle obedience, his willingness to perform any task, however distasteful.

"A dreamy gawk, in everybody's way," Sue and Jennie said, but saved the choicest bit of the dainty country fare for Reuben.

"A poor weakly body," Aunt Polly said, and her touch was soft on Reuben's hair, while she sighed gently, convinced that the pale, thin cheeks would never grow round or rosy, but "likely rest under the daisies," she thought pityingly.

Only Daisy really understood the sensitive nature, the tender heart, the starving, longing intellect. Only Daisy grieved when the long, delicate hands blistered and bled over rough work, and would never harden. Only Daisy, as maidenhood came, shrined Reuben in her heart of hearts and knew no other could ever take his place.

Only Daisy filled Reuben's heart! Of all the rough life around him there was only one gentle influence to keep his heart from breaking. The fair, blue-eyed girl, with hair like fine silk, alone understood him when he talked of the books he borrowed from the minister and eagerly perused. Daisy alone kept him from the utter despair of heart loneliness.

So these young hearts, in eleven long years, learned the story of mutual truth, mutual dependence, sympathy, tenderness and devotion, which we call love.

On the day when Reuben was twenty-one, he told Uncle Josiah he loved Daisy, and Uncle Josiah sadly shook his head.

"You'll never be able to keep a wife, Reuben," he said. Never! I love Daisy too well to trust her to you. Why, look at it, lad; you've never earned a full day's wages since you came to the farm. If you'd give up your foolish fiddling now you might make something of yourself, but as long as your heart is in that sawing and scraping, you'll be good for naught else. It's my advice to you to smash the fiddle over the first rock, and then I'll talk to you about Daisy."

Break his violin! Destroy his dearest friend, his sole comfort! But for Daisy? What would he not do for Daisy?

Perhaps Uncle Josiah was right. Perhaps, if he had no outlet for the dreams that filled his soul, they would cease to haunt him, and they would conquer the mazy routine of farm drudgery that was such a heart-breaking problem to him. Perhaps, when all the phantoms that broke into reality upon his violin were driven away, he would be the practical farmer to whom Uncle Josiah would give Daisy.

Musing thus, very sorrowfully, Reuben took the violin from its case and went to the woods to sin opening the country folks called the fairy ring. Here he sat upon a huge stone and played his farewell, a dirge of hope. Great tears fell over his pale cheeks as the weird melancholy strain echoed through the space around him. Then he wrapped the violin once, twice in his arms, kissed it tenderly and lifted it high in the air to smash it on the rock. But his heart failed him His arm dropped nerveless at his side, and he stood motionless, looking at his father's legacy.

Suddenly there stepped into the opening an elderly man, gray-haired and dark-eyed, and dressed in city attire.

"So you would smash your violin?" he said. "You had better sell it, or, better still, play on it. Was it you I heard playing as I came through the woods?"

"Yes. I was bidding my violin farewell."

"H'm! Play again for me."

Gladly Reuben lifted his violin and drew the bow across it.

"I will play you the Carnival of Birds," he said; and there arose upon the air such a twittering chorus, here a saucy trill, there a busy chirp, then a roulade, till the very air seemed alive with songsters, while under all a sweet melody throbbed and melted into softest strains.

"This is the Brook's Hymn," Reuben said, and the rippling stream was mocked and echoed in faint fantastic music.

"Who wrote these?" the stranger asked.

"They were never written. They came from the heart," was the quiet reply. "I will play you some written music."

And again the violin obeyed the bow, as the works Reuben had studied from his father's music rose upon the summer air.

"And you were about to break your violin?" the stranger said.

"Yes; for I can never be a farmer while my brain is full of music," was the sad reply.

"Ah! You want to be a farmer, then. Would you not rather be a musician?"

Reuben's eyes glistened. Long he and the stranger talked, and the sun was setting when he turned his face homeward.

"Uncle Josiah," he said, when all the chores were done and the farmer rested on the moonlit porch, "if in a year I can bring you proof that I can support Daisy, will you give her to me?"

"I will," was the hearty reply. "Have you broken your fiddle, Reuben?"

"No, and I am going to leave you to-morrow. I have been offered work in the city."

"Work in the city! Well, lad, it may be you are to peaked for farm work and will find it easier there. But remember, if you fail, there's always a home for you here, Reuben."

Reuben grasped the hand stretched out to him in his long, slender fingers and his sobbing "God bless you, sir," came from his very heart.

Not even to Daisy did he tell his new hopes, but bade her be faithful, and whether he succeeded or failed he would return at the end of the year.

When he took his place in the stage-coach for the railway station his new friend, met in the fairy ring, was by his side.

Little Daisy kept her heart true. Every market day when the farmer came from town with his great wagon empty, he took from his pocket a letter from Reuben for Daisy, and every one was hopeful. His work was pleasant and paying him well. Some of the letters were dated New York, some Boston, some Philadelphia; and when winter came Reuben wrote from all the great cities, even New Orleans, and Daisy's heart throbbed high with loving delight to feel sure his love was true amid the gay scenes he described, the new friends he met.

Winter sped away, spring blossoms bloomed and fell, and the end of the year was drawing near. A letter came to Uncle Josiah:

"Will you bring Daisy to New York," Reuben wrote, "and judge for yourself of my prospects?"

And Uncle Josiah, after long consultation with Aunt Polly, concluded to go. Daisy had a new dress of soft, white muslin made, and bought a dainty straw hat in the village. Then Uncle Josiah wrote to Reuben by what train to expect him, and the journey commenced.

Reuben was not at the depot, but in his place was a courteous gentleman who explained to Uncle Josiah that his nephew was detained by business, took the travelers to a hotel where their rooms were engaged, and waited while they had supper. Then, telling them he would take them to Reuben, he put them into a carriage and drove rapidly to a white building, whose wide hall was brilliantly illuminated. Here well-dressed men and ladies in full evening toilets were entering in crowds. Reuben's friend led Uncle Josiah and Daisy to a seat in the brilliant hall near the platform, and told them Reuben would come soon.

In Daisy's hand he put a programme, and she wonderingly read of the musical treat in store for her, only vaguely comprehending it all. On every side the buzz of conversation bore the name of the great L——, the famous violinist whose cremona seemed gifted with speech under the touch of his inspired fingers.

It was like a dream. A white-robed lady came upon the platform and sang, a gentleman played a solo upon the piano. There was a great noise of people clapping their hands and stamping their feet, fairly bewildering poor country-bred Daisy.

A great hush, and softly familiar as a mother's voice, there fell upon Daisy's ear the notes of a violin, bearing out upon the air the melody of Reuben's Carnival of the Birds.

She looked up then and met the soft, dark eyes of her lover watching her face as he drew his bow across the strings. Not a sound but the music of the wondrous violin broke the stillness of the vast room, where one man's genius kept the crowd spellbound.

It was over and the great violinist bowed and was gone. Again the deafening, tumultuous applause, and Reuben was back again, playing an air unfamiliar to Daisy, but seeming to answer all the deep joy of her soul.

Twice Reuben played, recalled each time, and then the concert was over, and their escort led Uncle Josiah back to the carriage, Daisy clinging fast to his arm. At the door of their parlor the new friend bade them good-night, and opening the door they stood face to face with Reuben. Not the pale, sad boy of a year ago, but a man, self-reliant, glad and noble, one who had found his life-work and was doing it well.

Uncle Josiah found the strap of his glove most unmanageable while Reuben clasped Daisy in his arms, and low, tender words fell from the lips of both.

But when Reuben clasping Daisy still, held out his hand, the farmer grasped it hard.

"No doubt I was an old fool, Reuben," he said; "but I am not too old to learn."

And Reuben, over the dainty supper that was presently served, told them how his violin had won him fame and gold—more than Uncle Josiah had imagined a man could earn in ten years.

I have an offer to go abroad, Uncle," Reuben said, and if I accept it I must sail next month. May I take Daisy?"

"Yes, lad. You've kept your promise—I'll keep mine."

"You are my guests this week, and then I am free till we sail, so we may go home for the wedding, Reuben said.

And Uncle Josiah, with inward misgivings about the boy, yielded to Daisy's pleading face and consented to the arrangement.

A week of sight-seeing, shopping, intense happiness, with three of the concerts where Daisy's heart was divided between love and pride, and then away to the farm.

There was a quiet wedding, and Aunt Polly wept over the long separation to come, but the little bride had no misgivings when she turned her face from her old home to cross the ocean with her husband. And Reuben, in his greatest triumphs, when crowned heads were bent to listen to the voice of his genius, would ever turn his to where, in some quiet corner, he knew Daisy, too, listened to his violin.

HORACE GREELEY AND STANLEY HUNTLEY.

(Nothrop in New York Graphic.)

The late Stanley Huntley, once a reporter on the *Tribune*, was sent to report a meeting of the Farmer's club, whose members got in a quarrel over a new kind of potato, and the reporter (it was his first journalistic effort) gave a very funny account of it, which, not finding the city editor in when he went down to the office, he sent up stairs in the usual way. The next day the article appeared on the first page of the *Tribune*, and young Huntly thought he had "struck it rich" in his new situation and promptly looked forward to being made managing editor of the journal.

When he arrived at the office and entered the city room he noticed a smile spread over the other reporters' faces, but attributing it to jealousy, he calmly seated himself at his desk. In a few moments Mr. Moore, the city editor, called him and said that Mr. Greely wanted to see him. Swelling with pride, and casting a look of triumph around the room, the young reporter walked out of the office into Mr. Greeley's office. The door was closed. He rapped gently.

"Come in," responded a shrill, falsetto voice.

Mr. Huntley did so. Mr. Greeley was seated at his desk, writing. He waited patiently until he finished. Then the old gentleman wheeled around in his chair and said:

"Well, sir, what can I do for you?"

"You sent for me, sir."

"For you! What is your name?"

"Stanley Huntley."

"Oh! So you are the blamed fool who wrote up that Farmer's club?"

The hopes of the future humorist experienced a sudden decline. He would now be satisfied with the city editorship.

"Why did you do it?"

"They acted disgracefully, sir."

"Yes, I know it, but what did you do with your copy?"

"I shove it into a hole in the wall and whisted twice."

"Young man, how long have you been on the press?"

"Twenty-four hours, sir."

"Well, sir," said the editor, a twinkle coming into his eyes, "you didn't know of course, what the rules of our office are. But you oughtn't to have written that report, indeed you oughtn't to. Of course they are a pack of fools. They always have been; but you shouldn't have said so in the *Tribune*. Young man, I'm the president of that club."

IMPRESSIONS DURING A BATTLE.

A recent writer thus speaks of his experience and feelings in a battle: "It is always fashionable to give first impressions. Shall I give you mine? I shall assume an affirmative without affording time for rebuff. First was dispelled the life-long illusion that battles were the orderly moves of a game of chess. Campaigns may be likened, as I have heard them, to the manipulation of that game; but battles are made up of a series of experiments, more or less protracted, according to the ingenuity of the commander, and the expertness of his officers and men. The results of the faro bank can be calculated with as much accuracy as the results of a battle field. It is the veriest chance—the victory, as in all games, of course, inclining to those who are most cool, and therefore the most likely to perceive advantages. Second, I have overrated the dangers of battle. Here for five hours we have exchanged cannon balls, bullets, bayonet thrusts and sabre strokes, and literally there is nobody hurt, the loss in killed and wounded on our side being about one in two hundred of those engaged. These are my impressions. Are they not the counterpart of all first experiences on the battle field? A friend asks me the feeling of a non-combatant under fire. Were you ever caught in the open field when a thunder-storm was raging? If you have been, and had no special fear you have nevertheless entertained an opinion that possibly lightning might strike where you were standing. For the three-quarters of an hour that I was under fire, as a non-combatant, there was almost a continuous thun

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FRED W. SPRING, Fryeburg.

AUSTIN P. STEARNS, JAILER. Paris.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

SATURDAY: The subject of biennial elections was discussed before the Massachusetts Club by Hon. T. C. Bates, Henry Cabot Lodge, Esq., Gov. Long and others. Long expects and will change from annual elections.—The Chairman of the Civil Service Commission denied the report that the civil service rules are to be changed so as to render eligible for any office veterans of the Confederate army.

SUNDAY: Fifty thousand persons passed before the casket in which the body of the late Vice President Hendricks was lying in state, at Indianapolis.—ESTES, Long gave his lecture on Abraham Lincoln at Tremont Hall, Boston, and the press is unanimous in pronouncing the lecturer's method of handling his theme.

MONDAY: The Brockton shoe factory strikers did not show any signs of giving in. The factories of Kimball Bros. at Lynn and Gardiner were "struck" simultaneously.—Major General Slocum of New York was arrested for bribery in connection with the purchase of votes for proposed aqueduct.—Extraordinary railroad facilities were afforded the members of the Cabinet who went to Indianapolis to attend the funeral of the Vice President.—Ex-Governor Farwell gave a farewell lecture prior to his return to England, at Boston.

TUESDAY: Edward Whitney of Enfield, Me., attempted to murder his wife, and committed suicide.—The burial of Vice President Hendricks occurred, with impressive ceremonies, 30,000 strangers in the city were in attendance including three Ex-President Hayes and Gen. Sherman.—There were six deaths in Montreal from small pox.

WEDNESDAY: Albert A. Wilson, a prominent business man of Washington, was appointed U. S. Marshal of the District.—President Cleveland wrote a very grateful and kindly letter to Clayton McMichael, the retiring Marshal.

THURSDAY: Mayor Grace of New York sued the proprietors of the World newspaper for libel; damages, $10,000 are claimed.—The Mexican was sold at Bay City, Mich., burned; loss about $70,000; 110 hands were employed. At the time of its creation in 1873 it was the largest consort of the kind in the world, having an annual capacity of 40,000,000 feet of lumber, besides lath, staves, heading and shingles.

FRIDAY: A severe blizzard prevailed in the Northwest, two persons were killed at Kansas City.—At a caucus of Republican Senators Mr. Edmunds nominated Senator Logan for President pro tem of the Senate, but the latter declined. No nomination was made.—Henry O. Kent of Lancaster, N. H., was appointed Naval Officer at the port of Boston.—Joseph Q. Boles, a prominent citizen of Compos, N. H., committed suicide, he had been elected fourteen times a Representative to the Legislature, during the seven days ending Thursday he saw seven in Boston.—Hon. Samuel J. Tilden has written an open letter to Speaker Carlisle in which he strongly favors liberal appropriations for our sea coast defences.—The Brockton strike practically terminated by the joint agreement of 12 very simple and common-sense rules.

SATURDAY: Calvin Farrar sailed for Europe.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Burnham's Studio at South Paris.
Closing out Sale, J. H. Rawson, Paris.

THAT'S WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH BROWN.

Under date of Dec. 3d the *Boston Evening Record* contains a special despatch to the following effect:

One prominent Maine Democrat is in a way to lose the influence which he has claimed to exert on this administration. His name is S. S. Brown, and he is Chairman of the Democratic State Committee. Since the inauguration he has spent the greater part of his time in Washington acting as an intermediary in securing the small post offices and other places for Maine Democrats. Since he recommended Dunton, then in jail, for postmaster at Lincolnville, his suggestions have been rather discredited, and of late the President's attention has been called to a certain transaction, which has put an end to his influence in securing offices. It seems that Brown has been making money out of those who thought their positions had been secured by his influence. His plan was something after this fashion: After he had found out that an appointment was determined upon he would write a letter something like this:

M STREET NORTHWEST,
WASHINGTON, July 15.

MR.——

I have secured your appointment as postmaster at your place, and the papers will be forwarded in a few days. If you are willing to send a reasonable sum to help defray the expense of my being in Washington looking out for Maine interests, I shall be glad to receive it. My address is as above.

Some of those who have received these letters, mostly fourth-class postmasters, are angry, and showed the letters. One letter, of the import given above, is now on file at the White House. It has not aroused any kindly feelings on the President's part toward Mr. Brown. It has been shown to members of the Cabinet, with the suggestion that the writer is not the right sort of a person upon whose advice to act in making appointments. This is followed, and it can be said that recently Mr. Brown's advice has not been taken and will not be. The members of the Cabinet and the President himself have found out that Mr. Brown is not the only self-styled representative of the Democratic party in certain States, when it is in a minority, who has made a handsome thing on the strength of their supposed influence in securing appointments, and as fast as they are found out they are immediately "black listed." That kind of business is not in good odor at the White House. Mr. Brown's usefulness has expired and Maine Democrats who want offices had better hereafter entrust their cases to some one else.

The *Boston Herald* of the same date also contains a dispatch of about the same import; charging that Chairman Brown is not the only one to whom the above applies—but that several prominent Democratic politicians are engaged in a sort of wholesale blackmailing business. It says that:

First Assistant Postmaster General Stevenson admitted that the matter had been brought to his attention, and added that, if the charges should be substantiated by convincing proof, every postmaster who had received his appointment by paying money for it would be at once removed.

Chairman Brown will be remembered as one of the chief conspirators in the State steal in 1879, being a member of the Garcelon council during those historic times; therefore we are less surprised at the above development. We are not aware that Mr. Brown's present occupation is any more dishonorable than that in which he was engaged six years ago when trying to overthrow the will of the people.

THE SENATE PRESIDENCY.

A caucus of Republican Senators was held at Washington on Friday. Mr. Edmunds said that at the last election Gen. Logan received the votes of the Republican party for Vice-President. He thought it fitting that he should now be elevated to a position where he would stand next in the line of succession to the President. He therefore moved that Gen. Logan be nominated by acclamation for President of that body. The motion was unanimously carried, but Gen. Logan, thanking the Senators, declined the nomination. He evidently prefers to take a more active part in proceedings than he could in the chair. The presiding officer of the Senate must make a careful study of the Senate rules and acquire a detailed knowledge of them—and this few care to do; he can take no part in debate; and the honor to which he would attain in case of the death or disability of the President, is that of being acting President until a new election could be held.

At the adjourned meeting of the caucus, Saturday, Senator Sherman was nominated. Senator Harris of Tennessee was nominated by the Democrats.

Representative Reed of Maine was nominated for Speaker by the Republican House caucus, and Carlisle by the Democrats.

IF all those who scribble "poetry" for the papers were as accurate in the mechanical construction of their verses as the ten-year-old girl who wrote the following, the department of original poetry in the newspapers would be better than it is. This was not intended for publication, but came into our possession accidentally:

FIRST GIRL.

My doll's name is Sarah Jane,
Isn't that a pretty name?
Oh, she's lovely, dressed in silk,
And her face is white as milk.

SECOND GIRL.

My doll's name is Susan Ann,
Find a better one if you can!
She is lovely, dressed in pink,
And her face is black as ink.

THIRD GIRL.

My doll's name is Arabella,
If you see her you can tell her,
For she has a gown of blue;
Her eyes are of that color too.

ALL.

Now you've heard about our dollies,
Guess the prettiest if you can,
Which is best, sweet Arabella,
Sarah Jane, or Susan Ann.

A WASHINGTON correspondent of the New York *Sun* reports an interview of a "chance visitor" with Mr. Page, the new Senate restaurant keeper, appointed by Senator Frye. According to this report it would seem that "cold tea" is still dealt out at the restaurant about as freely as ever. The style of Mr. Page's conversation at the interview is, however, altogether too flippant to have a genuine look. Either the report of the interview was badly garbled, or the new restaurant keeper is a shrewd but unprincipled and somewhat light-headed Yankee; and we do not believe that is the kind of man Mr. Frye appointed.

WE have on our table the October number of the *Academy Bell*, published by the students of Fryeburg Academy. The number contains the usual amount of general school matter, some quite meritorious essays, and some poems, which, as usual, in such publications, are of various degrees of excellence.

A COMMUNICATION from Dr. W. B. Lapham, relating to Oxford County at the State Capitol, appears on our fourth page. Dr. Lapham will furnish several such articles before the time of the legislative reunion, giving a full history of Oxford County men in the State government.

A CIRCULAR sent out by the State Board of Health announces that there have been in Maine during the summer and fall only three cases of small pox; one fatal and the other two light varioloid. Considering our exposed situation, this is a good record.

DANIEL R. WING, who has for thirty-five years been one of the editors and proprietors of the Waterville *Mail*, died last Wednesday at the age of sixty-nine years.

IF Mr. Blaine has really retired from politics why do his friends and organs keep on declaring that he has?—(Portland Express.

Yankee fashion we answer this conundrum by asking another. Why do Mr. Blaine's enemies keep on declaring that he has not retired from politics? Mr. Blaine is setting a good example to his critics by attending to his own private business.—*Belfast Journal.*

Treasurer Burleigh of the Legislative reunion committee has received the following characteristic letter from Mr. Solon Chase:

CHASE'S MILLS, Nov. 20.

HON. EDWIN C. BURLEIGH:

I enclose in this two "50-cent dollars" to make a chance for Them Steers at the Legislative reunion.

Yours,
SOLON CHASE.

THE entertainment given at South Paris, last Thursday evening, by the Good Templars, was a grand success. The new hall was well filled and must have netted the Lodge a handsome sum. The "Hillside Legion," under command of Captain H. N. Bolster, went through the manual of arms in fine style, which was evident proof that they had received good training under their commander. Prof. Parker, formerly of Everett, Mass., gave several readings which were very interesting. The music furnished by Knapp's Orchestra was excellent.

THE LEGISLATIVE REUNION.

The Executive Committee of the proposed Legislative Reunion met at the Augusta House, Tuesday forenoon, says the Kennebec *Journal*. A committee was appointed to take charge of visitors, reunion week. Ample provision will be made for all. Messrs. Hayes and Strickland, of the Executive Committee, have been appointed a committee on the ball, and Messrs. Haynes and Pennell on the banquet; on transportation, Hon. W. G. Davis. Music will be furnished at the ball, banquet, and Governor's reception. The Committee has issued about 2000 invitations, and Treasurer Burleigh is receiving a large number of responses.

All persons intending to be present at the banquet or ball are specially requested to inform Treasurer Burleigh at once of the fact, in order that the Committee may be able to perfect arrangements, which must necessarily be made in advance.

Invitations to the Reunion have been sent to all ex-members as far as their addresses have been learned. Any ex-member not receiving an invitation should send his address to Treasurer Burleigh. Some may expect that they are obliged to pay for the ball and banquet. It should be understood, however, that those who are not present at these are not required to pay either the $5 or $3, and attendance is optional. The sum of $2 is all that is required by the Committee from an ex-member who attends the Reunion exclusive of the ball and banquet. The Committee will meet again in Portland, in about two weeks.

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J. H. RAWSON.
Paris, Dec. 7th, 1885.

NOTICE.

Came into the enclosure of Isaac Tucker, on Wednesday, Dec 2nd, a brown cow, which the owner can have by proving property and paying charges.
ISAAC TUCKER.
Buckfield, Dec. 5th, 1885.

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Nov. 27, 1885.

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Notice of Foreclosure.

WHEREAS, Samson Scribner of Mason, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, by his mortgage deed dated the seventeenth (17th) day of October, A. D. 1864, and recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds, book 201, page 376, conveyed to me, the undersigned, a certain parcel of real estate, situated in said Mason and bounded and described as follows, viz: Bounded westerly, southerly and easterly by land of George H. Brown; northerly by land of Jonathan C. Bean and by land occupied by Nathaniel H. Tyler. Said real estate being known as the Dr. Mason mill property. And whereas, the condition of said mortgage has been broken, now therefore, by reason of the breach of condition thereof, I claim a foreclosure of said mortgage.

JONATHAN C. BEAN.

Dated Nov. 27th, A. D. 1885.

LAND FOR SALE!
The undersigned offers for sale the following described lots of land:
No. 1. Part of lots No. 15 and 16, in Fox's Grant, (so called,) in Peru, estimated to be about 110 acres, and well known as the Elbridge Gammon Farm.
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The above lots, not being required for the purposes of Herbdale Farm, will be sold at a price which will make them a profitable investment to any one desiring first class pasturage. For price etc., apply to Charles Vickery, Manager Hordsdale Farm, Canton.
MARY E. WARD.
Canton, Sept 16th, 1885.

SELECTMEN'S NOTICE.

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Paris, will be in session at their office at the Town House the first Tuesday of each month, at one o'clock P. M., for transaction of business legally coming before them.

PER ORDER.
Paris, March 10, 1885.

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NOTICE.

All persons having demands against the estate of the late Faronia Jewett of Waterford, deceased, are requested to present the same for settlement, to Stephen P. Jewett of Waterford.

Waterford, Nov. 23, 1885.
STEPHEN P. JEWETT.

Commissioner's Notice.

THE undersigned having been appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of November, A. D. 1885, Commissioners to receive and examine the claims of creditors against the estate of Peleg H. Hammond late of Paris, in said County, deceased, represented insolvent, hereby give notice that six months from the date of said appointment are allowed to said creditors in which to present and prove their claims, and that they will be in session at the following places and times, for the purpose of receiving the same, viz: At the office of the Register of Deeds, in Paris, on the first Tuesday of January, A. D. 1886, and on the last Tuesday of April, A. D. 1886.

Dated this 25th day of November, A. D. 1885.
JOHN F. STANLEY, } Commissioners.
JARVIS C. MARBLE, }

Non-resident Taxes.

In the Town of Mexico, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1884.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town of Mexico, for the year 1884 in bills committed to Daniel G. Taylor, Collector of taxes of said town, on the 30th day of Aug. 1884, has been returned by him to me as remaining unpaid on the 1st day of Aug., 1885, by his certificate of that date and now remains unpaid; notice is hereby given that if the said taxes, interest and charges are not paid into the Treasury of the said town, within eighteen months from the date of the commitment of said bills, so much of the real estate taxed as will be sufficient to pay the amount due therefor including interest and charges, will without further notice be sold at public auction, at the store of Henry W. Park, in said Mexico, on Monday, March 1st, 1886, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Names of owners, if known,	Description of Property.	Tax.	Interest to Nov. 1, 1884.	Charge for Advertising.	Total.
Barrett, Gilbert, mill property at Mexico Center,					
Stockwell, L. V.,	7 2	47	$4.93		
Brackett, L. V.,				1.50	$4.93
Huckins, Austin, or unknown,	9 8	50	1.75		1.65
Lane, James C.,	8 8		3.50		3.50
Littlefield, Sewell,	3 3	40	2.08	$1.92	4.00
Noyes, Henry, estate of	2 7	85	5.20		5.00
Tozier, Eli Kell,	10 3	100	5.50		5.50
Welch, H. F.,	6 6	75	4.40	2.60	7.00
Kilgore, Mark,	10 3	9	.88		
Kilgore, Mark,	10 4	100	6.00		7.00

HENRY W. PARK, Treasurer of Mexico.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Sept., A. D. 1885.

ADDISON K. HERRICK, Administrator on the estate of Ransom Dunham, late of Woodstock, in said county, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

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

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

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Nov., A. D. 1885.

CHARLES G. ANDREWS, Executor on the estate of Stephen Andrews, late of Lovell, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

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

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.
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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Nov., A. D. 1885.

CHARLES A. JORDAN, named Executor in a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of David Jordan, late of Paris, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for probate:

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

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

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Nov., A. D. 1885.

FRED A. PORTER, named Executor in a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Sarah P. Richardson, late of Rumford, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:

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

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.
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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Nov., A. D. 1885.

ADDISON A. DUNN, named Executor in a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Adelaide A. Dunn, late of Canton, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:

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

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

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Nov., A. D. 1885.

JOHN HOSLEY, Executor on the estate of Apollos Cousat, late of Mexico, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

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

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.
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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Nov., A. D. 1885.

SARAH E. WHITMAN, widow of Weston V. Whitman, late of Paris, deceased, having presented her petition for an allowance out of the Personal Estate of said deceased:

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

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

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, SS.:—

SUP. JUD. COURT, CLERK'S OFFICE, PARIS, Nov. 27th, 1885.

Dispositions of Appeals: Cases and Indictments for violation of the laws regulating the use and sale of intoxicating liquors, at Oct. term, Sup. Jud. Court, 1885.

State of Maine vs. Living K. Lane, Appel., Single Sale. Nol. Pros. by leave of Court.

State of Maine vs. William Gilman, Drinking House and Tippling Shop. Indictment ordered on file. Deft. out of the State and never arrested.

Same vs. Same, Common Seller. Same order.

State of Maine vs. Russell S. Whitman, Appel., Search and Seizure. Nol. Pros. by leave.

State of Maine vs. Cyrus I. Smith, Drinking House and Tippling Shop. Nol. Pros. by leave. Deft. never having been arrested.

State of Maine vs. Albert H. Price, Common Seller. Plea Nolo Contendere. Sentence, Fine $100, and costs taxed at $45.00. Fine and costs paid. Resp. discharged.

Same vs. Same, Drinking House and Tippling Shop. Plea Nolo Contendere. C. for sentence to be imposed next term.

State of Maine vs. J. Frank Bradbury, Common Seller. Plea Guilty. Fine $100, and costs taxed at $25.60. Fine and costs paid. Resp. Discharged.

Same vs. Same, Drinking House and Tippling Shop. Plea guilty. C. for sentence to be imposed next term.

State of Maine vs. Albert Coffin, Common Seller. Plea guilty. Sentence $100 and costs, or 30 days in jail. Warrant to jail issued Oct. 22, 1885.

Same vs. same, Drinking House and Tippling Shop. Plea guilty. Sentence $100 and costs, and in default of payment, 3 months in jail, to take effect when sentence in other case shall have been performed. Warrant issued Oct. 22, 1885.

State of Maine vs. James Conroe, Common Seller. Plea guilty. Sentence $100 and costs, and in default of payment, 60 days in jail. Warrant to jail issued Oct. 22, 1885.

State of Maine vs. Lloyd Andrews, Appelt. Search and Seizure. Plea guilty. $100 fine, and costs taxed at $20.60. Fine and costs paid. Discharged.

State of Maine vs. Austin Grover, Appelt., Single Sale. Plea guilty. Sentence 30 days in jail.

State of Maine vs. Harry Lane, Appelt., Intoxication. Nol. Pros. Discharged.

State of Maine vs. Douglass Harper, Appelt., Intoxication. Nol. Pros. Discharged.

State of Maine vs. Russell S. Whitman, Appelt., Single Sale. Nol. Pros. by leave. Discharged.

The foregoing is published in accordance with Comp. Sts., Sec. 9, of the Acts and Resolves of the Legislature of Maine of 1885.

ALBERT S. AUSTIN, Clerk Sup. Jud. Court.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!
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Ladies of Oxford County.
J. W. PERKINS,
WILL OPEN THIS WEEK AN
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CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church, Rev. A. G. Fitz, Pastor: On Sunday, preaching service, 10.45 A. M. Sabbath-school, 12 M.; teacher's meeting, 9.45 A. M.; young people's meeting, 5.30 P. M.; prayer meeting, 6.30 P. M. Wednesday prayer meeting, 7.30.

Methodist Church, Rev. Mr. Hooper, Pastor: On Sunday, preaching service, 10.45 A. M.; Sabbath-school, 12 M.; morning prayer meeting, 9.30 A. M.; evening prayer meeting, 7 P. M. Tuesday prayer meeting, 7.45 P. M. Class meeting, Friday, 7.45 P. M.

POST OFFICE.

Mails for Portland close at 6.10 and 11 A. M.
Mails from Portland arrive at 10.15 A. M. and 3.45 P. M.
Mails for up country close at 10 A. M. and 3.20 P. M.
Mails from up country arrive at 6 and 11 A. M.

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.

P. of H.—Paris Grange, second Saturday of each month.

Golden Cross.—Second and third Tuesdays.

I. O. G. T.—So. Paris Lodge, No. 311, meets every Monday evening in the Methodist Vestry.

Mr. F. B. MAXIM, with S. Richardson & Co., is our local correspondent for South Paris.

Single copies of the OXFORD DEMOCRAT are for sale at Gerry's Drug Store, Odd Fellows' Block, So Paris.

Just at this time we are wonderfully favored in the way of travelling facilities—"you pays your money and takes your choice"—and if you are so lucky as to have money enough to hire a stable team, you can ride in a sleigh or a chaise, just as you choose. While they have been having fine sleighing all around south of us we have been having the finest wheeling of the year; roads smooth and hard as a pavement; but last Saturday we had a little dust of snow and Sunday, although we saw many out sleigh riding, there were full as many on wheels as on runners. The chronic grumbler is now in a state of embarrassment, for the weather is fine and it is either good sleighing or good wheeling, just as you prefer. It is a bad state of things and he can't live long unless there is a change soon.

It is reported that S. P. Maxim and wife are to start soon on a visit to Mr Maxim's sister, Mrs John W. Allen and her husband, at Valparaiso, Nebraska. Report saith further that he will take his "tool chest" with him and if he finds a good demand for carpenters he will spend the winter there.

John P. Penley and Addison Tirrell each have their new houses on High St. nearly ready to move into.

The business of F. C. Merrill, proprietor of South Paris foundry, has increased so that he does much more business winters than formerly, and he contemplates putting in a new steam engine to tide him over the times of low water.

Our tradespeople are beginning to pile their counters with holiday goods, and from appearances we think the people of this and the surrounding towns cannot better subserve

THE POSTAL CARD BRIGADE.

WEST BETHEL.

The days are short and the nights cold, but the month of December has thus far given us beautiful weather for the season. Lumbermen are longing for snow to cover the frozen ground.

Prof. Lancaster is trying to start a singing school here.

Charles D. Smith is very sick, and his physician gives but little encouragement for his recovery.

Henry Wight is quite sick from the effects of vaccination.

Dr. J. F. Allen has decided to give the public a chance to test the virtues of his medicine for sore and weak eyes, and will put it in the stores in this vicinity for sale. A cure is warranted in every case or the money will be refunded.

WILSON'S MILLS.

But little snow has fallen; the ponds are frozen over, and the boys are having grand times skating; the roads could not well be any worse than at present; the bad doing makes plenty of work for the blacksmiths.

A number of teams in the woods are laid up with various accidents caused by the rough work in the woods.

There is an unprecented rush up the Magalloway for logging chances; seventeen camps are now occupied by crews, and several more are being located,—all in this town and Parkertown.

A big bear, estimated to weigh about three hundred pounds, was killed by Walter West's crew last week. His bearship had just got nicely settled in winter quarters.

A deer was carried down by some Milan boys, who had been at work up the river, on Tuesday.

E. BROWNFIELD.

Winter has come in like a lion; may the old adage be verified, and so go out like a lamb.

The Gatchells are having the timber cut on the Howard place; it will be a winter's job.

J. S. Grey and Cyrille Poor were united in marriage Thanksgiving evening; they will probably occupy the new house recently built on Centre St.

Z. O. Wentworth, one of our prominent citizens, has gone West to spend the winter. Such people we can ill afford to lose.

Mrs. J. R. Hill, who has been very sick, is convalescing.

There is an unusually large number of grown scholars attending the winter term. Addie Allard has a class in Latin.

NEWRY.

Thursday morning, and snow is falling as I write; we have had frosty nights and days of perfect sunshine of late.

C. S. Richardson and family have been visiting friends in town and vicinity since Monday.

Sarah, youngest daughter of E. B. Knapp, was married at the residence of her father, Nov. 30, to a Mr. Danforth of Caribou Camp, Parmachenee Lake. The ceremony was performed by Orris Foster, esq., of this town. The happy couple started on their bridal tour the same afternoon.

MIDDLE INTERVALE (BETHEL).

Absalom Farwell has bought a horse—value, $150.

Mrs. Sarah Farwell and children, with their families, spent Thanksgiving in Newry with her daughter, Mrs. Eli Stearns.

Elvira Dunham, who has been attending school here, is at home on account of sickness.

A little snow, but we think there will be no sleighing before Xmas.

Simeon Sanborn is doing some good carpenter work here; it is a pity that such a good workman has poor health.

Our items failed to go last week.

We noticed among the Wilson's Mills items a mistake. The word *schoolmarm* is getting out of date. Those who are capable of instructing the young, and are possessed with a temper and disposition suitable for this, are styled *teachers*. The editor could instruct the Wilson's Mills writer the Postal Card Brigade is not an advertising column, and facts should be written with malice toward none.

We listened to a sermon, Sabbath evening, Nov. 29, read by R. W. Vankirk, at the M. E. church at the village.

Some snow here, but the weather is fine.

E. HEBRON.

Building moving has been in order here this fall. William Bisbee and H. D. Tuttle, with help from neighbors, have each moved a building.

Clark Foster has been to Rumford, buying stock. He cuts a large lot of hay, and for a number of years has sold it—keeping but little stock. He now thinks it will improve the farm, and pay him better to consume the hay on the place.

Thanksgiving week was a busy one here; most of the turkeys and chickens were sent to the Boston market. H. D. Tuttle, W. Bicknell and Almond DeCoster sent poultry to A. D. Rogers, Boston. Almond DeCoster raised the finest lot of turkeys here—young turkeys weighing from 15 to 17 lbs. Noah Bicknell sold his lot of turkeys at 15c. per lb., live weight. Turkeys sold readily at 20c. per lb. in Lewiston, and were scarce at that.

Jerry Packard is losing the use of his hands; he has been a great worker, and he feels the affliction greatly. His youngest son, Frank, a most enterprising young man, carries on the farm.

Apples are selling for $1.50 per bbl., delivered at East Hebron depot.

J. J. Fuller was in Boston last week, buying goods for the winter trade.

Mrs. H. D. Tuttle and family spent Thanksgiving at her father's, W. H. Cole, in Paris.

BROWNFIELD.

There was to have been an old folks' dance and supper at the town hall, Wednesday evening before Thank-giving, but the storm caused a postponement.

Thompson Post, G. A. R., held a regular meeting at Odd Fellows hall, and a camp-fire and hard-tack supper at the town hall, Thanksgiving evening. The storm prevented many from coming out of town, but it did not prevent those who could get there from having a good time.

The new hotel, *Central House*, recently built by C. E. Whitney, former proprietor of the Pequawket House, is now open for the accommodation of the public. The rooms are pleasant and comfortable, and well furnished; also a good warm stable, filled with hay and grain. In fact, everything is and about the house has been fitted for the comfort of his guests, and the well known reputation of Mr. Whitney as a landlord is a sufficient guarantee that no one will be disatisfied who give the house their patronage.

UPTON.

Died,—Nov. 25, Mrs. Sybil V. Coolidge, aged 28 years.

We are having very fine weather. There is no snow, which is unusual for this time in the year.

School commenced on High Street, last Monday, taught by H. W. Webb, of No. Bridgton.

Dr. Twaddle was in town, Tuesday, vaccinating all who required his services; there have been several quite sick with the disease but they are now improving.

Carrie Abbott is in Auburn, visiting friends.

Hollis Abbott started for the woods, yesterday; he will drive two horses for Alva Coolidge.

Born, Nov. 27, to the wife of Frank W. Bragg, a daughter.

DICKVALE.

L. J. Atkins had a paralytic shock and still remains quite sick; he being an old man makes it hard for him to recover.

This cold weather with no snow makes good skating for the boys and they are somewhat taking advantage of the poor suckers that have gone into winter quarters.

O. O. Tracy, being off on a day's vacation went fishing, taking three children with him, and with a spear he caught twenty-six good suckers; the others drove the suckers to a place where he had a hole cut in the ice and was ready to spear them. In a few hours they had a nice string of fish and lots of fun.

A sad affair happened to one of our townsmen, Nov. 26. Dan Turner (as he is always called) started to his work somewhere in Dixfield. He called on his mother and complained of not feeling well but thought he would go to his work, and started about nine o'clock in the forenoon. His team came into a man's door-yard; the man took it in, making no stir about it or looking for the driver. About four o'clock in the afternoon, Turner was found, lying in the ditch where he had lain from nine. Dr. Abbott said it was probably heart disease. It is rumored that persons passed him and knew him, but left him and reported him drunk. We call this inhuman conduct, and do not care to be in their shoes. He was at last cared for and got home, but is still in a very critical condition.

GRAFTON.

Pleasant for this time of year; warm, sunny days, after so much dull, stormy weather; no snow as yet; the ground is frozen hard.

I understand E. I. Brown is hauling supplies from Bethel to this place now. He has purchased a car-load of flour. Some of his teams are busy hauling for him.

The lumbermen are getting ready, and have teams in the woods yarding timber in readiness for snow to haul on sleds to the river.

We do not have much for news this week; only we hear of or see Mun Wormwell passing through the town or in town, on some great business I suppose, as he usually is after something.

I hope we shall have time to write more next time, and also more news to write about.

I understand some of our school teachers, after teaching a successful term of school this fall, have gone to Norway to work in the shoe factory for a while; hope they will have good success. A. W.

HARTFORD.

I have now only one month more—
Then Bi-ennial enlistment is o'er!

The DEMOCRAT came into my residence on the 25th. I saw Atwood & Forbes were editors and proprietors. I have known G. M. Atwood for years. He is not only qualified for that position, but with Forbes will place the DEMOCRAT where its influence will be felt throughout Oxford County, for Republican and temperance principles, for which the DEMOCRAT has long advocated to grow with its growth and strengthen with its strength.

If you will excuse egotism in me, I would say my memory brings the names of 60 of my Oxford pupils, who volunteered their services for their country. Ten men died from sickness; seven killed; eight wounded. They were good pupils and history says they were good soldiers.

At Hartford, 1861, near the spot where the first liberty pole stood, after an appropriate prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Stunhe-art, a flag-staff was raised 70 feet in length; then a company under the command of Capt. America Bartlett, marched to the residence of James Bicknell and escorted a company of ladies, bearing a flag—a free-will offering of warm hearts—which was flung to the breeze, amid the cheers of hundreds. Well-timed remarks were made by Bicknell and Bartlett of Hartford, Swasey of Canton, McDonald, Long and Loring of Buckfield, Cushman and Robinson of Sumner. The audience, after three times three, separated with renewed zeal to crush out treason wherever found.

This noted Bicknell house, standing on a high eminence, has not only been repaired by the owner, Zury Doten, who has received the insurance for the damage done by the lightning, Aug. 13. But with a farmer's pride, he has changed the color, etc.; instead of a red house, with one large chimney in the centre, it is now a white house with two chimneys, which attracts the attention of all who know its history, when seen.

At a meeting of the Crystal Wave, East Buckfield, Thanksgiving evening, there was an addition of two young men.

November left last night, having given the farmers a good month to cull their wood lots, and to plow the land and convey the dressing to it for the early spring crops.

December came in with the ground prepared for runners, as soon as ordered.

Three snow storms last year in November.

Farmers wish to see the wood-pile grow at the door. It is now the blacksmith's harvest.

A. C. Day of East Buckfield has sold his farm to two brothers from Litchfield, for $1,600.

At Buckfield Post-office, 1831, among other newspers 42 *Oxford Registers* and 26 *Oxford Democrats* were received.

December 24 was looked for with much interest by those who worked on the new hall, East Buckfield; if they could have fair weather they could secure the hall from a veto of winter weather;—December is smiling upon them at noon.

It was on the fiftieth anniversary of the OXFORD DEMOCRAT that it was stabbed that "Wm. Bicknell, who has written interestingly on a great variety of subjects, has certainly succeeded in immortalizing the Crystal Wave."

Swan Pond was light last night by the number of skaters having a light.

HARTFORD.

CANTON.

Dixfield stage now crosses the river on the Canton bridge; on account of ice it is bad boating.

The Androscoggin has closed over at the Canton sorting boom.

About one inch of snow fell Thursday; the lumbermen are anxiously waiting for more.

The Ladies' Social Circle met at Mrs. Oscar Hayford's, Thursday evening, Dec. 3, and enjoyed the occasion very much; apples and corn-balls were served.

PORTER.

December 3, a light fall of snow; the weather has been quite pleasant since the big storm of Nov. 25.

The ladies of this town and vicinity are taking up a collection to furnish the new church with lights, carpets, etc. They have been quite successful so far, having got some thirty dollars subscribed; but they need considerable more, and we hope all who can help them will. If the gift is small, it will be thankfully received.

Mrs. Alphonzo Sawyer is very sick.

Alpheus Parker has gone into business in Boston.

R. G. Heard has returned from Boston; poultry sold rather low, on account of the stormy weather.

Mrs. R. G. Heard is at Lowell, on a visit to her parents and sisters.

Our winter term of school commences Dec. 7; O. F. Wiggin, teacher. We are glad to see those who have the procuring of teachers make so good a selection—getting able and experienced ones.

Mrs. Henry Sawyer is better. I. L. F.

SO. WOODSTOCK.

The ground is frozen and rough, but still there is very little snow. All are making ready for winter.

Prof. Chamberlain is to have a singing school at the Perkins school house, we understand; and there is some prospect of one at the Methodist church.

Preparations are in progress for a Christmas Festival at this place.

The little son of Millett Bryant, who had his leg broken a short time ago, is doing well.

Leslie Curtis is teaching school at West Sumner, and he and his wife are boarding themselves, we understand.

I. W. Andrews and son are doing a large and increasing business in furnishing caskets and all burial material; they can probably do as nice a job as any parties in the State.

DENMARK.

Your West Bethel correspondent reminds me of a game our boys call "poker"—where they go one better. He gave the weight of his cabbages, I suppose, as they were at that time. Then I gave the weight of Mr. Potter's. Now, your West Bethel man "saw me and went me one better." Our cabbages have not grown any since I wrote my article, and I shall not change my figures.

R. A. Crosse, the principal of our village school, was married, November 30, to Leona M. Lord. The happy couple will spend a couple of weeks in Boston, and then he will resume his position in the school.

Died, in Denmark, Nov. 30, Oscar A. Freeman, aged about 40 years; funeral services, Dec. 2, by Rev. O. F. Alvord, of the Universalist Church. Mr. Freeman was a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge of Masons and K. P. Lodge of Bridgton and the Masonic Relief. Services at the grave were performed by the Masons and the K. P. He was a prominent member of the Band, and will be much missed in that body.

S. D. McKusick and Moses E. Wentworth are at Portland as jurors in the U. S. Court.

Mr. Brooks left town, Dec. 3, with quite a drove of cattle.

HEBRON.

Winter holds off wonderfully, but no doubt it will be as long as we shall want to see.

Annie Merrill is quite sick with bilious fever; she is attended by Dr. Bridgham of Buckfield.

We understand the singing school is well attended; it certainly ought to be, for Mr. Cushman is a good teacher, and is greatly interested in his work.

Charlie Pratt and Ed. Goodwin went 'coon hunting last night; they were successful.

A car-load of apples went from here, November 30, for Rice & Holway, of Boston. C.

D. P. Bailey, esq., made a brief visit here the last of the week.

A. M. Richardson returned to Colby University, Tuesday.

First of the week, Messrs. Packard and Bearce sent a car-load of apples to Boston, and Bearce sent a box of poultry.

The community is very glad that Mr. and Mrs. Watkins have come to spend the winter at Mr. Tripp's.

Mrs. Barrows also moved into the Parsonage, this week; she is very pleasantly situated in the upper part of the house, and Harry and Eva attend school, which at present numbers 12 pupils.

Committees were chosen Sabbath day to make preparations for a grand Christmas Festival, and all are busy preparing exercises, presents, etc.

Annie Merrill has been dangerously sick but is recovering; Dr. Bridgham attends her.

As the people do not think alike about the physicians, four have practice here regularly—Doctors Holt, Caldwell, Bridgham and Woodbury; others employ Doctors Rounds and Hersey.

Mrs. Howe will close the Trustee House and leave for Boston on the 4th inst.

In the warm sunshine of Wednesday we made a trip of a mile on the south road. At Mr. Everett's we found Minnie happy with the chapel piano, which is moved for safe keeping during the cold weather. The finest English ivy to be seen decorates Mrs. Everett's parlor. Her other plants, calla lilies, etc., are very beautiful. At Mr. Merrill's we found his sister Phebe sick, but gaining slowly. Perhaps no place has improved so much in a short time without and within as Mr. Graves's; the trellis he has put around the front door lately is very ornamental. Within, the furnishings are nice and very tastefully arranged. The Chesley sisters have boarded their piazza, and arranged things secure for winter.

We hear of new students intending to be here in the spring, and think there is prospect of a larger number than usual to attend the Academy; most of the rooms are already engaged. S.

CENTRE LOVELL.

On Nov. 30th, the friends of D. H. Wiley and wife met at their home to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. There were over two hundred in attendance. The house was full and the skating rink was opened for the use of the guests. A very fine supper was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. W. The presents consisted of a sofa, 3 easy chairs, 1 large mirror, hanging lamp, parlor carpet, silver-mounted pickle dish, silver spoons, majolica ware, and a host of smaller articles of use and beauty, besides $40 in cash. An original poem was read by John Hobbs, esq. Good music was provided at the rink, and skating and dancing indulged in. Wiley is proprietor of the Lovell & Fryeburg Stage Line, and a friend of everyone. The people pronounced this the greatest crowd of the season and a grand time.

Mrs. Ruth Kimball died on Sunday, after a painful illness. She has been a great sufferer for a number of years. She was a kind friend and neighbor, and her loss is deeply felt in the community.

The school in the "Shave Hill" District is being taught by Walter Andrews, of Freedom, N. H.

HIRAM.

The following is a list of ex-members of the Legislature, who have represented Hiram:

Nathaniel Warren, 1841, Dem., Cornish; John H. Spring, 50, Dem., Hiram; John L. Kimball, 1861, rep., Porland; Oliver Allen, 1867, Rep., E. Hiram; John C. Mason, 1870, Rep., Porter; Nathan Ball D. Wadsworth, 1872 Rep., So. Hiram; Peter B. Young, 1876, Rep., Hiram; Llewellyn A. Wadsworth, 879, Rep., Hiram; Charles E. Hubbard, 1883-4, Rep., Hiram.

Almon Young, of Hiram, Rep., represented Sebago in 1865.

Samuel D. Wadsworth served in the Senate in 1868-67.

Charles Rankin, Dem., of East Hiram, served in the Senate in 1880.

We endorse the excellent suggestions of Judge Woodbury in regard to the Legislative Reunion. They have built the crib too high for the peerlings. W.

OXFORD.

We hear that Rev. Mr. Tewksbury will spend the winter with his son, Rev. Geo. Tewksbury, of Cambridgeport, Mass.

Dr. and Mrs. Hersey have returned from Boston, where they have been to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter.

The C. L. S. C. met at the house of Mrs. Andrews, on Friday evening. A large attendance and interesting exercises. Milton-day will be observed Friday, Dec. 11th.

Squire Edwards performed the marriage ceremony, Sunday, November 22d, for Moses A. Chesley and Mrs. Sarah Windsor, both of this town.

It is said that the Highland Farm, which cost $14,000, has been offered for sale for $6,000.

J. F. Hayes lost a valuable horse, last week.

Dennett gave a concert at the school house, Saturday evening.

Cyrus Brown has rented the shop near Edwards & Lord's store, and will use it for a barber's shop and for the sale of confectionery, cigars, etc.

A fire caught in one of the tenement houses, Wednesday, but was extinguished before much damage was done.

The Band had an oyster supper, Saturday evening.

John Watson, the blacksmith, is having a good run of work. Monday he shod 24 horses and 2 yoke of oxen, Tuesday 22 horses and 2 yoke of oxen, Wednesday he did not count the number but worked till ten at night. Those who want good work done should go to Watson.

The Sabbath school had a sociable at the vestry, Wednesday evening.

John Robinson has bought the Clay Hill house of James Davis.

The church bells were tolled in commemoration of the death of Vice President Hendricks.

On Thursday, the 3rd, Fish Commissioner Whittier of Old Orchard arraigned Benjamin Flood and A. L. Faunce before Justice Edwards, charged with violating the fish laws of the State. Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford acted as prosecuting attorney, and Messrs. Hazen and Hall were counsel for the defense. Neither charge was sustained.

BETHEL.

A northeast snow storm is prevailing in Bethel at this writing, Saturday morning. About two inches of light snow has accumulated during Friday night.

Tuesday Gould Academy commenced the winter term in care of —— Sweetsir, A. B., Principal, and Miss Cobb from Bates College, Assistant. After one week, Miss Susie Twitchell, who has been teaching the village school the last six months will be associated with them. The school is fortunate in securing such an able corps of teachers. The term opens with fifty scholars.

H. S. Hastings, of Newry, planted one and one-half acres of Blunt's prolific corn for fodder last June, from which he harvested 60 tons of green fodder. He bought a Ross cutter, and put it in a silo, employing 5 men one and one-half days. He opened the silo last week and found the fodder in a state of perfect preservation, and his cattle eat it with a good relish.

The Messrs. Philbrook are selling large numbers of heavy oxen to the lumbermen.

Calvin Turner has a large number of men and teams parading spruce timber on the head-waters of the Androscoggin. He is waiting for snow, when a large addition of teams are engaged to draw from the yards to the landing.

In my mention of the members of former Legislatures, now residing in Bethel, the name of Abner Davis was omitted. He represented the District of Fryeburg, Stow, etc., in 1846.

GILEAD.

A northwest snowstorm set in this (Saturday) morning, which brings joy to the lumberman.

The wood work of the wire bridge is to be built over this winter, and it is expected to use Southern pine for the heavy timbers.

The young man who got his leg broken at work for E. Wight, has so far recovered that he is expected to return home in a few days.

Locke & Hastings have purchased a pair of heavy team horses to be used in drawing lumber from "Nigger Tom."

Preparations are in progress for a Christmas-tree.

ANDOVER.

James N. Hall, of South Andover, sold his personal property at auction, November 30, and intends to move to Framingham, Mass.

J. W. Perkins has moved from the village to Farmers' Hill.

There was a pleasant sociable at Mrs. J. H. Bailey's, Wednesday evening of this week. C.

The M. E. Ladies' Circle proposes to give a chicken-pie supper Christmas.

Shall we have a Christmas-tree? is the question just now.

E. S. Poor & H. W. Cutting have threshed about 7,000 bushels of grain, this season.

We wish to thank our Rumford Corner friends for their self-sacrificing hospitality to belated river-bound travelers—at the same time extending to them our pity for the poverty of spare rooms and "stabling facilities" that compels them to delegate its bestowal to Milton Plantation's genial landlord.

Lumbermen are making good headway, yarding. F. P. Thomas, who is operating near the Narrows, Richardson Lake, has about 150,000 of spruce yarded already.

ROXBURY.

Edwin Durgin has been visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Reed, but has returned to Kent's Hill, where he will graduate next year.

There was quite a family gathering at Mrs. Hannah Reed's on Thanksgiving Day. Eighteen were present, including eleven grandchildren. Mrs. Reed has 20 grandchildren living, the oldest of whom is twenty-one years old and the youngest seven months.

Allen Bradeen of Mexico preached at the school house in District No. 2, last Sunday. There was a large attendance for this place. Mr. Bradeen is a student at Bates.

A man of this town, rambling in Byron, saw some enterprising young loggers who, among other camp furniture, had a fife and drum. If they succeed in calling together lumber by the long roll, they will create a revolution in the logging business.

John Shaw has a hog which girls six feet.

City fishermen already dot the surface of the pond, which froze over some time since and would bear a man Dec. 1.

Jacob Hodadon has begun on his poplar job in Byron.

Herbert Jenne bought a three-year-old colt at J. N. Hall's auction.

Mrs. P. A. Hodsdon has gone to Andover to work in the tooth-pick mill.

RUMFORD.

W. W. Stevens has returned from Boston, with a fine lot of new goods.

D. A. Thurston is prepared to shoe horses with the Neverslip Horse Shoe; they are well spoken of by those who have used them.

The V. I. S. met at Mrs. S. R. Hutchins's, last Tuesday afternoon and evening. They talk of giving an entertainment in a few weeks.

This is the season of the year when a bridge across the Androscoggin is much needed, as anchor ice has been running freely for the past week. It is very disagreeable to wait an hour or so, for an opening through which to run the boat safely.

We are getting, this Saturday morning, the first snow of any amount for the season. Some two inches fell during the night and it continues snowing, which looks as though we might soon have sleighing, as the ground is in fine condition.

FRYEBURG.

Miss Jennie Sewall of York, formerly of Fryeburg, is here for a few weeks giving instruction in painting to a class of young ladies.

Amos C. Frye, mail agent, who was lately transferred to the Portland & Swanton route, now spends one week on the road and one here at home, instead of going to Portland every day as formerly.

The house opposite the Oxford House, owned by Wm. G. Spring, was sold at auction Nov. 30, and was bid off by Mr. Jones of the Fryeburg House for $3800.

A. F. Richardson and family are spending the vacation at Bridgton and Harrison—Miss Staples is at Mechanic Falls.

Misses Frances and Susan Charles were in town last week.

Miss Annie Evans has returned from a visit to Danvers.

Miss Grace Warren has gone to Franklin Falls, N. H., to visit her sister, Mrs. W. A. Robinson.

The funeral services of Mrs. Thomas Day, daughter of the late John Chandler, M. D., were held at her late home Sunday afternoon; as she was a member of the Congregational Church, Rev. J. K. Mason officiated.

Seth Weeks and Miss Laura Gilnes were married, Sunday, by Rev. B. N. Stone, at the house of the bride's father, B. M. Gilnes. They are now established in their new house on Portland Street, which was built by C. H. Parsons.

The Circle of the Congregational Society met at the vestry, Thursday; there was a picnic supper at 6 and other entertainment in the evening.

The Swedenborgian Circle met the same day at Mrs. Wm. Gordon's.

There is to be a sale of articles suitable for Christmas presents, with refreshments, at the vestry, Tuesday, Dec. 15.

BYRON.

School in District No. 4 is to begin December 7; taught by Carrie M. Locke. School in District No. 3, taught by Geo. W. Roberts, began November 30. School in Dist. No. 6 began last Tuesday, taught by Minnie A. Abbott.

S. M. Locke has been running lines in town for Jotham Shaw and John Huston—also for S. Taylor and others.

Stephens has 13 men in his crew at logging.

C. O. Pease has taken a portion of his timber to yard. He has four men in his crew.

We are having fine weather.

E. SUMNER.

F. E. Gibbs, esq., of Canton, narrowly escaped a serious accident at this place the other day. He was driving into town with his two children, when just as he made the sharp turn before crossing the bridge the carriage was partially overturned, throwing out all three occupants. The children struck on the bridge, but Gibbs was thrown under the railing into the water some feet below. Though thoroughly wet he fortunately escaped serious injury, as did also the children. The reins caught in the wheel and brought the horse to a sudden halt.

Our winter schools are beginning. D. A. Gates of Dixfield teaches at East Sumner; John C. Parlin of Hartford on the Hill, and Mrs. Avoline Purkis of East Buckfield in the Bonney District.

Charles H. Dunham's fat hog dressed 525 pounds.

Rev. Gilman Rice, who has labored very successfully with the Cong'l Church in Sumner for nearly seven years, has closed his labors, and will soon remove to Andover, where he has been tendered a salary of $700 and the use of a good parsonage. The people of Andover are fortunate in securing the services of so faithful and earnest a worker and may confidently expect renewed prosperity and success in the Master's cause. Mr. Rice still proposes to remain in Oxford Conference, having declined an offer to labor in the eastern part of the State where $1000 was guaranteed. His many friends in Sumner greatly deplore his removal, yet still do not censure his course in accepting the good position offered. SLOCUM.

Arrangements are being made to have another man labor temporarily with the people at Sumner, so that services will not be suspended.

BUCKFIELD.

Rev. J. M. Follett preached at the Baptist church last Sabbath.

C. H. Tuttle will put in a Christmas stock of jewelry, etc., this week.

Mrs. George H. Watkins is visiting her father, William H. Atwood, esq.

Rev. Mr. Ogden held Episcopal services at Reform Hall last Sunday.

The Winslow Packing Co. finished labeling and shipping corn for the season, last week.

A photograph gallery was moved into the village Saturday from Turner. It is located near the Buckfield House.

The Buckfield Glee Club under the direction of O. H. Hersey, are practicing two or three evenings of each week with a view to giving a concert at the Baptist church on the evening of Dec. 21st.

Robert Vose and wife of Illinois are in town the guests of C. B. Atwood. They were former residents of Buckfield, leaving the place thirty one years ago. Mr. Vose built the Childs stand on Elm St., now occupied by O. H. Hersey, esq.

Among the busiest places in Buckfield is the barber shop of W. A. Burt. One of the editors of the DEMOCRAT can testify to that—as he was obliged to wait there nearly two hours for his "turn" last Saturday. Aubury has practiced the tonsorial art for many years, a part of the time in Boston. He is one of the finest barbers to be found.

The Ladies' Circle gave a social entertainment at Reform Hall last Wednesday evening, consisting of a coffee supper, charades, recitations by Miss May F. Bridgham, etc. It was a very pleasant affair. The object of the entertainment was to raise funds toward the purchase of a new carpet for the Baptist church. The net proceeds were $32 18.

Within the past two weeks the Good Templars of East Buckfield have raised a new hall. Size 24x36. Capt. J. W. Libby of Hartford, is master workman. A large part of the funds for the erection of the building were raised by the Lodge. Some by donation. The Crystal Wave is one of the strongest and most prosperous Lodges in the State.

A slight excitement was caused here last week by a runaway which came near being something more serious. George Murray was driving down High St., when the bit parted in the horse's mouth and he began to run. To add to the danger of the situation, the ten o'clock passenger train was approaching and the team and train lacked but a few seconds of occupying the High St. railroad crossing at the same time—in which case we presume one or the other would have been diplaced. The horse was stopped at Herbert Record's, nearly two miles below the village.

PARIS.

J. C. Marble returned Friday from Canton, where he had been on business.

The Band meets Saturday evening this week, according to the old programme.

S. U. Hawkes and wife returned to town Saturday. They have been away several weeks, and have visited Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and other places.

G. B. Shaw killed a pig seven months old last week, which weighed 375 pounds. Next.

Edward Guyer of Rock Island, Ill., was at the Hubbard House last week.

Charles Rawson lost a horse Sunday night.

J. H. Rawson will sell the stock of goods at his store, beginning this (Tuesday) evening and continuing until sold. A chance to get goods at your own price.

WHITTEMORE DISTRICT.

Having at last come down from that "sublime" position, we will in the future endeavor to keep safely on *terra firma*, where we can have an eye upon the enterprising people of the Whittemore District and chronicle for the benefit of the Brigade passing events.

A. S. Thayer has raised 200 bushels ears of corn, 100 of oats, 40 of wheat, 52 of barley, besides a good crop of potatoes, apples, beans, roots, etc.

The children and grandchildren of Wm. and Charity Cooper had a reunion at the old homestead Thanksgiving Day.

James Drake and wife of Jersey, N. Y., spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Drake's mother, Mrs. Sophia Whittemore. Mrs. W. accompanied them back to Jersey, where she will spend the winter.

Solon Royal and wife celebrated the fifty-third anniversary of their marriage December 1st, by attending the Pomona Grange at South Paris. They have known little of the sorrow and afflictions that come to most married people, inasmuch as they have always enjoyed a good share of health and their children, five in number, are all living and in good health.

William Daniels has been to New Hampshire and returned with a drove of young cattle.

All day you may hear the sound of the "woodman's" axe as he cuts his yearly supply of fuel; and of an evening you might see him, lantern in hand, trading cows with his neighbors, and discoursing fluently of the merits of this Jersey or that "Derum," and we have no doubt if the Doctor would only drive up "them steers" he could strike up a trade with some of the Yankee farmers of the Whittemore District at short notice.

LINES

written in memory of Mrs. Gertie E. Cole, by M. Ethlyn Bryant:

They have closed the eyes once so loving,
Gently brushed back the soft, dark hair.
And a look on each feature is resting,
Such as only the angels wear.
We watched her in life's sunny morning,
Growing more and more fair each hour.
When an angel beheld her rare beauty,
And plucked from our band the frail flower.

Called away to the heavenly kingdom,
Where parting and tears are unknown,
To walk in those fair fields elysian,
In the bright celestial home.
As you meet to-day, one moment linger,
Oh Memory's sweet golden shore;
You are gathered as one sunny morning,
Only three short years before.

Once more you gather by the loved one,
Press a kiss on the same calm brow;
Then a bride in the full blush of promise,
But in death's cold embrace lying now.
Wreaths were twined for bridal adorning;
Now you place them upon her bier.
Then you met her with smiles and blessings;
Now you part with a sigh and tear.

Again, standing by the quiet sleeper,
You look upon the beautiful dead.
Dear Father, speak to each gentle mourner;
Bid them arise, and be comforted.
She has passed from this world of sadness
To those beautiful realms of light.
Often her eyes sparkled with gladness,
As she spoke of that home pure and bright.

Not afraid, for a voice came floating
Softly over the jasper sea,
'Tis the Saviour tenderly calling,
"Oh, loved ones, do not weep for me."
Then the low, solemn tones of the church bell
Fell upon the sweet summer air;
Every peal filled our hearts with mourning,
As it chimed sweet hours of prayer.

Then slowly came o'er each feature
A light from the far-away shore;
And the voice of our darling Gertie
In our home will be heard no more.
When the shadows of night slowly deepen,
Dews of evening baptize hill and dell,
O'er her grave the sweet gentle zephyrs
Softly whisper a sad farewell.

Sad, how sad is the hour of parting;
Oh, sweet will the meeting be.
In robes of resplendent brightness
She waits by the crystal sea.
One by one soon we shall gather,
Not where parting words can come;
But how sweet to greet each other
In the bright celestial home.

LITERARY NOTES.

—The *Art Age* publishes in every issue a beautiful Forbes Photogravure. These are art works, and make handsome pictures for framing. This is the cheapest and best art journal ever published for twenty-five cents a copy. Turnure and Gilliss Brothers, publishers, 75 Fulton Street, New York.

—The December *Harper's* has a short story by Charles Egbert Craddock, (Miss Murfree) entitled "Way Down in Lonesome Cove," the scene of which is laid in Tennessee. The reading of this story will reveal to New England people that they need go no farther away than Tennessee to find, among a certain class of people, a dialect and customs much different from ours. In this story it is mainly the rough side of human nature which is shown, yet it will be found, on the whole, charming.

FIFTY THOUSAND SONG BOOKS.—The collection of "Students' Songs," published by Moses King, of Harvard Square, Cambridge, Mass., has had the most noteworthy sale ever known for a book of its class—almost fifty thousand copies already—this, too, although numerous competitors and imitators were put in the market after it became apparent that Moses King's collection had met with so much success. This collection of "Students' Songs" was edited by Wm. H. Hills, of the Harvard class of 1880 (now an editor of the Boston *Globe*), and published by Moses King, of the Harvard class of 1881, the names of both appearing on the title page of the genuine collection only. Its success is due chiefly to the freshness of its sixty copyrighted songs; comprising those jolly and melodious tunes and peculiar phrases which, within the past ten years, have arisen and become generally popular among the students of all American colleges. The low price, too—fifty cents—and the attractive appearance, also, have had their influence in making "Students' Songs" the most successful book of its class ever published in this country.

RHEUMATISM

Usually settles in the back or limbs, and often so completely overpowers its victims that all business or labor has to be abandoned. Our readers should remember that Hood's Sarsaparilla is not recommended as a positive specific for rheumatism; its proprietors doubt if there is, or can be, such a remedy. But many people who were most severely afflicted, state that they have been positively cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. The disease is often the result of impure blood—hence the power of this great medicine over it. Its success in many cases justifies us in recommending its use to all sufferers from rheumatism. 100 Doses One Dollar.

NORWAY.

VILLAGE DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.

Universalist Church, Rev. Caroline Angell, Pastor; Sabbath-school, 1 P. M.; preaching service, 2 P. M.; evening service, 7 30 P. M. Sabbath school concerts once a month. Circles twice a month, on Wednesday evenings.

Second Congregational Church, Rev. Alex. Wiswall, Pastor: Sunday preaching service, 10 30 A. M.; Sunday school, 12 M.; Sabbath evening service, 7 P. M. Prayer meetings Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7 30 P. M. Circle meetings once in two weeks, on Wednesday evenings.

Methodist Church, Rev. O. S. Pillsbury, Pastor: Sabbath school, 12 M.; church service, 1 30 P. M.; Sunday evening service, 7 P. M. Prayer meetings, Wednesday evenings, 7 30 P. M.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Union R. A. C. No. 26, in Masonic Hall, Wednesday evening on or before full moon.—Oxford Lodge No. 18, Monday on or before full moon.

I. O. O. F.—Wildey Encampment, No. 21, second and fourth Friday evenings of each month, at Odd Fellows' Hall.—Norway Lodge, No. 16, every Tuesday evening.

K. OF P.—Pennesseewasee, No. 19, Wednesday evening each week, in K. of P. Hall.

U. O. G. C.—Norway Commandery, No. 247, first and third Friday evenings of each month, in Odd Fellows' Hall.

P. OF H.—Norway Grange, No. 54, Saturday afternoon on or before full moon.

G. A. R.—Harry Hunt Post, No. 54, at Grange Hall, first Friday evening of each month.

I. O. G. T.—Rustlefel Lodge, No. 43, at Grange Hall, every Saturday evening.

The Public Library Fair which was held here on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, was a success in every respect. Mrs. Mary L. Howe was the general manager. About $500 have been realized, after paying expenses. This will be an immense advantage to the Association, which is now fairly on its feet. The membership is already over 250. There are nearly 500 volumes in the library, which will soon be largely increased by the purchase of books from the proceeds of the Fair.—The Public Library project was first started through the columns of the DEMOCRAT. The *Advertiser* at once seconded the proposition, and has been the main pillar of its strength. From the encouragement it gave, your correspondent started a subscription paper, and obtained one hundred names, and the pledge of as many dollars. Thus was the Library started.

Business started up at the shoe factory last Monday. There is lots of new help. Everything is running smoothly. The new shop will soon be started up.

The winter term of the village schools begins Tuesday.

The new boot and shoe store is liberally patronized.

Dr. C. E. Evans is about to move his office from Freeland Howe's brick block to his house. The office rooms in the block will be occupied by parties, who are to open a store of some kind, I hear.

Mrs. W. Moore will soon open a Fancy Goods Store and Dress-maker's Shop in the store lately occupied by Mrs. Twombly.

Every place for business is quickly taken. The trouble is there are not places enough to supply the demand.

The contract for putting in the new water works has been let to H. R. Worthington, of Boston. They are to be completed by the 1st of September next.

Frank Noble cut his foot badly while chopping wood last week.

The drug stores are being filled up with Christmas goods.

It is about time for the semi-annual crop of officers of our secret societies.

The able manager of the Union Mutual, James Sinkinson, was in town last week. He took home a number of risks. They don't beat him as a solicitor of insurance.

Mrs. George Holmes's baby took the first prize at the baby show, Friday afternoon. Mrs. John Meader's baby took the second prize.

NOYES DRUG STORE is ahead of everything this year in the display of Holiday Goods. It is far in advance of any store in Oxford County, and perhaps in Maine, in its choice and extensive collection of Christmas Presents.

New burners have been added to the fixtures of the store, and the light emitted therefrom is surpassed only by the electric light. These illuminations add much to the brilliancy of the display.

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Gorham,	8:40	3:45	12:30
Gilead,	8:55	4:02	1:07
W. Bethel,	9:17	4:16	1:27
Bethel,	9:27	4:25	1:40
Locke's Mills,	9:35	4:33	1:50
Bryant's Pond,	9:45	4:40	2:07
West Paris,	9:57	5:42	2:27
So. Paris,	10:15	6:10	2:55
So. Paris, (leave)	10:20	6:15	3:00
Norway, (arrive)	10:35	6:30	3:20
Norway, (leave)	10:50	6:55	4:50
So. Paris, (arrive)	10:55	7:10	5:05
Oxford,	11:30	8:30	5:15
Mechanic Falls,	11:41	8:45	5:28
Lewiston Junction,	11:55	7:10	6:12
Portland,	12:05	9:40	7:00

Trains leave Lewiston for Portland at 7:19 and 11:40 A. M., and 1:55 and 4:30 P. M.

PORTLAND TO MONTREAL.

	Mixed. A. M.	Pass. P. M.	Mixed.* P. M.
Portland,	7:20	1:30	4:00
Lewiston Junction,	8:10	2:45	6:30
Mechanic Falls,	8:35	3:02	7:11
Oxford,	8:42	3:13	7:25
So. Paris,	10:15	3:30	7:45
So. Paris, (leave)	10:20	3:35	7:45
Norway, (arrive)	10:35	3:40	7:50
Norway, (leave)	10:50	3:50	7:40
So. Paris, (arrive)	10:55	3:55	7:45
West Paris,	11:40	4:35	8:10
Bryant's Pond,	11:50	4:45	8:28
Locke's Mills,	11:59	4:52	8:39
Bethel,	12:12	5:05	8:56
W. Bethel,	12:22	5:16	9:03
Gilead,	12:34	5:33	9:23
Gorham,	12:50	5:50	10:00

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[Communications for this Department should be sent the editor, W. H. EASTMAN, East Sumner, Me.]

I.—DIAMOND

1 In the Puzzle Corner.
2 Clear profit.
3. Renowned.
4. Train of attendants.
5 Rigid.
6 Owed.
7 In the Puzzle Corner. S.

II.—CHARADE

My first is mainly like a bark
When once it is reversed;
My last is used most after dark;
My whole is like my first.

NILLOR.

III.—ENIGMA.

Composed of 33 letters.

My 14, 21, 22, 25, 7, 14, 16, 1, 20, 30, 33 is one of the United States.

My 8, 10, 9, 4, 5 is an inflammable solid of vegetable origin.

My 2, 29, 3, 27, 18, 8 is to nourish.

My 6, 24, 23, 26 is a collection of boxes of graduated size.

My 14, 28, 13, 12 is a young child.

My 20, 17, 19, 15, 23, 19 is an article of food.

My 11, 32, 27 is a word that expresses negation.

My 31, 32 is a word of denial.

My whole is a proverb. LURA.

IV.—FRACTIONS.

1. One-tenth of mignonette, one-eighth of lavender, one-fourth of lily form what beautiful trailing plant?

2. One-third of hog, one-third of fox, one-fourth of bear, one-fifth of mouse, one-third of elk form what useful domestic animal?

3. One third of elm, one-fifth of cedar, one-fourth of pine, one-fifth of larch, one-fifth of beech form what forest tree?

4. One-seventh of pumpkin, one-fourth of milk, one-sixth of ginger form what article of food? ETHYL.

V.—DOUBLE CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.

In lumber, not in wood;
In sinful, not in good;
In gun, but not in shoot;
In cry, but not in hoot;
In piano, not in lyre;
In coal-tongs, not in fire;
In fastened, not in wired.
Whole, two rulers who've expired.

EVA H.

VI.—DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

1. An exclamation expressive of joy.
2. To surpass or go beyond.
3. A home for a certain division of the animal kingdom, more rarely applied to a home for man.
4. To propel through the water.
5. A happy time seen but once in the life of any individual.
6. A scripture proper name.
7. Duplicity.
8. A dark color in which red predominates.
9. To take place subsequently.
10. Something for which little folks often ask, yet something that older folks enjoy.

Initials, A popular novelist of the present day.

Terminals, A female writer of fiction whose works are in great demand. HAM.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF LAST WEEK

1.—Noon.

2.—A fool and his money are soon parted.

3.—Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

4.—Newspapers. Dictionary.

5.—Men are only boys grown tall,
Hearts don't change much after all.

HOG VS. MAN.

To know the American you must see all sides of him. On a train between Jersey City and Paterson, a poorly-dressed woman, carrying a baby in her arms, walked through two coaches and was unable to find a seat. The railroad Hog was there. In a dozen cases he had a whole seat to himself, and he meant to keep it. The woman finally found refuge in the smoking-car, and by and bye the Hog went forward to enjoy a Havana and found her crying.

"What's the matter?"

"Baby is very ill, sir."

"And where are you going?"

"To my sister's. My husband is dead and I have no home."

"Leave you any money?"

"Not a dollar, sir."

Umph! Sorry for you. Let me hand you this."

The Hog has been robbed of his bristles. Woman's tears have melted his selfishness. He returned to his car, gathered the other Hogs about him, and said:

"Come down! Poor widow—sick baby—no home. Come down!"

The Hogs went down for their wallets, and in ten minutes the sum of $40 was put into the woman's hand, and the Boss Hog observed:

"There—there—it's all right—not a word!" Now come back here!"

And as she followed him into the coach a dozen Hogs rose up and insisted that she take their seats, and all gathered round her to voice the sentiment:

"Poor woman! Poor baby! Isn't there something we can do for you?"

The railroad Hog can't be crowded, but he can be melted.

POOR CHARLIE.—They were walking together under a very small umbrella, and she liked him well enough not to want a large spread of alpaca. He was modest and seemed to be nervous, and she finally remarked very softly, and with a note of interrogation:

"Charlie?"

"Yes, Fannie," he responned.

"I'll carry the umbrella, if you'll let me."

"Oh, no; I can carry it."

"Yes, Charlie; but you see, your arm takes up so much room that one side of me is out in the wet."

"I know that, Fannie, but what will I do with my arm; won't it be in the way just the same?"

"I don't know, Charlie, Gus Clarke always knows what to do with his when he was walking under an umbrella with Mary Martin, because Mary told me so."

Poor Charlie!—*Boston Advertiser.*

ABOUT TO MOVE.—"I understand you have gone into Wall Street," said Jenkins, accosting his friend, Veryfly, at the club.

"Y-e-es," said Veryfly, gazing absently out of the window. "But I may move."

"How is that?"

"Ah—well—I—business may compel me to move in another locality," said Veryfly.

"Indeed! What street?"

"Ludlow Street."

Uncomfortable silence on both sides.

A LUCID EXPLANATION.—Two Texas negroes dropped into electricity one day during their conversation.

"What am dis heah telegraf, anyhow? I don't understan' how folks can make each udder understan' more den a hundred miles off, as I heerd tell on."

"Dey jess works a little masheen at one eend, and hit writes at de udder end."

"Don't sorter catch on."

"Did you nebber tread on a dog's tail?"

"Oh course I has."

"He didn't bark wid his tail, did he?"

"Oh course not."

"Jess so wid de telegraf. De dog barks wid his mouf at de udder end. Jess s'pose a dog long enuff ter reach from Austin to San Antone."

THE HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

HOW TO KEEP WARM.

This is a matter that will require much of our time for the next half year, therefore we give some space to it at the beginning of the cold season.

A little care in this respect will sometimes save a person from a cold or more serious illness, besides adding to their comfort for the time being. It is well to bring housework, etc., into as small compass as possible in cold weather, to avoid going into a cold room after being over a hot stove, as is necessary when things are scattered, as they often are when a summer work-room is given up in winter.

Make preparations for breakfast the night before, when the room and dishes are warm, rather than to handle cold things in the morning; have the tins buttered ready for biscuits or johnny-cake, kettles filled, the frying pan on the stove, etc. These little things add much to the comfort of the one who prepares the meal and so indirectly affects the rest of the family.

Old houses and some new ones can be made much warmer by filling cracks around windows, banking with earth, pine boughs, or with the snow when it comes; double windows and storm doors are great helps; the rubber weather strips for doors, or even a piece of listing will keep out cold.

Even more depends on the condition of our bodies, for if they are not in good order no matter how warm our houses are we shall be cold. Usually, the more a person exercises in the open air, the better is the general health and the warmer they will be. For this reason women often suffer more from cold than men whose work is out doors. Much also depends upon food and clothing, perhaps even more upon the first, though that is not the common idea. An engine cannot be run unless properly supplied with fuel, and the greater force expended, the more fuel there is required. At this season, richer, grosser food is needed than could have been borne three months ago, and should be supplied. Warmth in food, too, is an essential; a cold breakfast is allowable in the sultry summer mornings, but not now; a warm supper is also desirable. It is no more work to prepare a hash or soup than it is to bake warm bread, but in winter the result is more satisfactory. Many families, especially where there are hard working men, have hearty suppers, and many others would be better off to live in the same way. Do not understand me to advocate rich, indigestible suppers; food that is warm—other things being equal—can be digested sooner, for the stomach does not have to raise it to the required temperature, and a simple soup or hash is as easy of digestion as fresh bread and mince pie.

Chocolate as a substitue for tea ought to be found oftener on our tables; it is a rich and nutritious food instead of a stimulant, and there is nothing that will impart more heat.

Remnants from other meals may be worked over into dainty dishes for the tea-table. Often there will be a bowlful of gravy left from beef, mutton or chicken, and but little meat; cut up what little there is and put in the gravy; heat it, season well and pour over slices of toasted bread. Fill a dish with alternate layers of minced meat or fish and mashed potatoes, moisten a little and bake brown. Or use bread crumbs instead of potatoes. Perhaps it may be preferable sometimes to make into small cakes and fry.

One advantage in cold weather is that things keep well, and if there are not bits enough of one kind to do anything with, we can wait till there is something else to go with them. All the bones can be used for soup stock, and with that on hand a soup is quickly made. These dishes made from left-overs depend infinitely more on the putting together than on the materials used. Oysters, clams and fresh fish are excellent for supper, but here only the remnants are to be considered. Milk toast or German toast, where the pieces of bread are dipped in batter and fried, are good supper dishes.

In regard to clothing it is well to remember that anything so tight as to prevent or interfere with free circulation, causes cold; this is often the trouble with gloves and overshoes, and the hands and feet will be cold when the rest of the body is perfectly comfortable. Anything that is air tight, or nearly so, keeps the warmth of the body from escaping and the outside cold from entering; this shows why a newspaper spread between the bed coverings or under an outside garment, helps keep us warm.

When going on a long ride, be sure to start warm, and there is not so much danger of taking cold. Hot soapstones, or even a board thoroughly heated for a foot rest, increases the comfort of those riding for some distance.

Children,—and older people, too,—who sleep in cold rooms, are apt to neglect their morning toilet, and come to breakfast and perhaps go all day with rough hair and not over-clean hands and faces. Some paper, not long since, speaking of this neglect, suggested that one room should be devoted to this use, and the different members of the family take turns in occupying it, giving suitable attention to cleanliness, which is so necessary to health, and the face, hands and finger nails, teeth and hair, will be kept in much better condition than if no such opportunity is given.

To Cook Poultry.—All kinds of poultry and meat can be cooked quicker by adding to the water in which they are boiled a little vinegar or a piece of lemon. By the use of an acid there will be a considerable saving of fuel, as well as shortening of time. Its action is beneficial, on old tough meats, rendering them quite tender and easy of digestion. Tainted meats and fowl will lose their bad taste and odor if cooked in this way, and if not used freely no taste of it will be acquired.

XMAS HINTS.

—A court-plaster book is a nice little gift for a gentleman. Bind the edges of two pretty Christmas cards with narrow ribbon, and bind one edge of some little sheets of court plaster with the same. Over-stitch the bound side of the plaster leaves and one side of the Christmas cards together in the form of a little book. Run a piece of the ribbon through it by which to hang it to the gas bracket or some other toilet fixture.

—Scarlet Java canvas makes a warm looking tidy for the sitting-room. All old scraps of flannel and cashmere may be used up in applique lambrquins, table covers and hearth rugs. Gay little pictures are made by gumming pressed leaves and ferns upon black card board and framing them with woven gas lighters. A little time, a little ingenuity and a very little expense may be combined in a thousand different ways to make the home bright upon Christmas day.

Italian Cream.—One quart of fresh milk, one pint of rich cream, one ounce of isinglass. Boil the milk and isinglass, and make it very sweet; strain and flavor delicately with lemon or vanilla. When cool add the cream, whipped very light; stir in quickly and put away to mould.

Cold Butter Sauce.—Half a cupful of butter, two cupfuls of sugar, two eggs, flavoring; beat all together and flavor with lemon, orange or spice, to taste.

Hot Milk Sauce.—One pint of milk, two eggs, a cup of sugar; heat the milk hot, beat the eggs and sugar, flavor with vanilla, add to the milk and boil.

—Christmas comes on Friday this year. Friday has always been considered an unlucky day.

NEW ENGLAND'S SENTIMENTS.

A large part of the great influence which New England has wielded in the councils of the nation and through its progressive institutions has been because of the general unanimity of the six States on most important questions, enabling them to act as a unit. This is not now perhaps so true of political affairs as it once was, but in most matters there is a substantial agreement of opinion. Just at present this is shown in the universal commendation of Athlophoros, praises of which come from all quarters of every State. A few of them follow:

"I have been a great sufferer from rheumatism for the last three years," says E. Parkhurst, of Woonsocket, R. I., "having been unable to do any active labor during that time, and for a large portion of the time being confined to my bed. I had taken hundreds of dollars worth of medicine, with no relief, until I was induced to try a bottle of Athlophoros. The first three doses resulted in my having the best night's sleep that I had enjoyed for three years, and by the time the first bottle was taken I realized that I was on the road to complete recovery. I have since taken six bottles and am now able to attend to my business and consider myself a well man."

Mrs. C. N. Paige, of Boltonville, Vt., says:

"I first saw Athlophoros advertised in a paper, and as it was only recommended for rheumatism and neuralgia I had great faith to believe it could do me some good. My husband, therefore, sent for a bottle. I had been a great sufferer from neuralgia for years, and had spells when no one who saw me thought I could live. Many times I have wished death would end my agony. The pain would commence in the pit of my stomach and go from there right through my heart. I had employed doctors who were thought very skillful, but I got no benefit from them. I had these spells every six or three weeks for over two years before taking Athlophoros. That was one year ago last April and I have had only two of them since, the last one during the winter. I took then part of another bottle and have had none since. Words can never express the relief I feel at being rid of such agony as I suffered when I had those spells."

Mrs. Harriet Strong, of Westville, Ct., tells this straightforward story:

"I had the rheumatism, which settled in my knees and hips. The joints were so stiff and the pain so great that I could not walk, but was obliged to move around in a chair. Several doctors did all they could for me, but I was no better. While in this condition, sitting in my chair by the window reading a paper, I saw an advertisement of Athlophoros. I thought I would try it and sent for a bottle. When they brought it to me I told them I considered it a dollar thrown away, as I had not a particle of faith, but I commenced taking it and after the third dose I thought I felt a change for the better. I continued to use it as directed until I have taken four bottles. Strange as it may seem, I am perfectly cured and am about the house all day, doing all the housework, with not a bit of rheumatism about me. I can never return thanks enough to the parties that make Athlophoros for the benefit I have derived from its use. I recommend it to everybody."

If you cannot get Athlophoros of your druggist, we will send it express paid, on receipt of regular price—one dollar per bottle. We prefer that you buy it from your druggist, but if he hasn't it, direct to prevailed to try something else, but order Athlophoros from us, as directed.

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HOW TO FORETELL THE WEATHER

a day or two in advance, and be sure of hitting it right nine times in ten, is a question yet remaining unanswered. The late Fenner did well for a time, but Uncle Sam's Weather Bureau Officials do well indeed when we consider the freaks nature has indulged in the past year or two. But how to cure a disordered stomach or liver, or biliousness, or constipation, or an impure condition of the blood, we answer by saying, purchase at once a bottle of that invaluable household remedy, the "true 'L. F.' Atwood's Medicine" or Bitters. Take them as DIRECTED, *be careful of your diet, be always happy, and soon your ills will leave you and you will be your former self. But we caution you against cheap, base imitations. Take only that having the large red registered trade-mark "L. F." on label and wrapper.*

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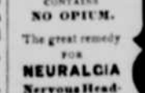

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M. L. Blair, Alderman 5th ward, Scranton, Pa., stated Nov. 9, '83: He had used Dr. Thomas's Eclectric Oil for sprains, burns, cuts, bruises and rheumatism.—Cured every time.

Some shoemakers are notoriously long-lived—the lasters, for instance.

FOR THREE WINTERS I have been afflicted with Catarrh and Cold in the Head. I used Ely's Cream Balm; it accomplished all that was represented. T. F. McCormick (Judge Common Pleas), Elizabeth, N. J. Price, 50 cts.

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The exposure of the utter worthlessness of the *large* packs of horse and cattle powders has saved our people a vast sum. There is only one kind now known that are strictly pure and these are *Sheridan's*. Don't throw away your money.

A man with a noisy dog calls him "Tree," because all the bark is on the outside.

An Eastern paper says: "Every man who goes into the lumber woods this winter should take with him a supply of *Johnson's Anodyne Liniment* and *Parsons' Purgative Pills*. This little precaution may save months of labor and much suffering."

Bronze is a very fashionable hue nowadays, but brass has not entirely gone out of style.

Aches and pains long borne make even the young feel old. The true remedy is Parker's Tonic. It purifies the blood, sets in order the liver and kidneys, banishes pain and builds up the health. Besides, it has the reputation of doing what we claim for it.

An English magazine asks, "Why has art declined?" Perhaps art has never been properly invited.

Prof. Barrett, of St. Lawrence County, N. Y., in speaking of pulmonary diseases, says: Not one death occurs now where twenty died before Downs's Elixir was known. Over fifty years of constant success places Downs's Elixir at the head of the long list of cough remedies.

The only persons in the world who do not like to see redeeming qualities in the human race are pawnbrokers.

In winter the pores of the skin are nearly closed. Then the labor of the kidneys and liver is increased. If they be out of good working order, invigorate every fibre and muscle by using Brown's Sarsaparilla. Sure to improve the torpid liver which is the cause of constipation, biliousness, etc. *Brown's Sarsaparilla.* For sale by all druggists.

It used to be "Worth makes the man," but now it is Worth makes the woman, and the woman makes Worth.

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A lovesick poet says that a kiss is "the meeting of two souls." Very true, and it is sometimes a protracted meeting, too.

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DR. S. W. COHEN, of Waco, Texas, says: "I have used your Emulsion in Infantile Wasting, with good results. It not only restores wasted tissue, but gives strength, and I heartily recommend it for diseases attended by atrophy."

A Boston man writes the Globe that he has played 46,000 games of cribbage. Lives are not always allowed to run to waste.

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

A philosopher who had married an ignorant girl used to call her "brown sugar," because, he said, she was sweet but unrefined.

HOW IT WAS!

At the battle of Gettysburg I was shot through the left leg and was sent to the hospital. The army surgeons relieved me but pronounced my case incurable. It discharged pieces of bone, and for years I have suffered a running sore. I tried everything which my limited means would allow, and experienced no relief until I tried Sulphur Bitters. I am now almost well and shall continue their use.—*Old Soldier.*

There was a man once on a time, who thought him wondrous wise. He swore by all the fabled gods he would never advertise. But the goods were advertised ere long, and thereby hangs a tale. The ad. was set in nonpareil, and headed "Sheriff's Sale."

THE FIRST KEEN TWINGE.

Over-stitch the bound side of the plaster leaves and one side of the Christmas cards together in the form of a little book. Run a piece of the ribbon through it by which to hang it to the gas bracket or some other toilet fixture.

—Scarlet Java canvas makes a warm looking tidy for the sitting-room. All old scraps of flannel and cashmere may be used up in applique lambrquins, table covers and hearth rugs. Gay little pictures are made by gumming pressed leaves and ferns upon black card board and framing them with woven gas lighters. A little time, a little ingenuity and a very little expense may be combined in a thousand different ways to make the home bright upon Christmas day.

Italian Cream.—One quart of fresh milk, one pint of rich cream, one ounce of isinglass. Boil the milk and isinglass, and make it very sweet; strain and flavor delicately with lemon or vanilla. When cool add the cream, whipped very light; stir in quickly and put away to mould.

Cold Butter Sauce.—Half a cupful of butter, two cupfuls of sugar, two eggs, flavoring; beat all together and flavor with lemon, orange or spice, to taste.

Hot Milk Sauce.—One pint of milk, two eggs, a cup of sugar; heat the milk hot, beat the eggs and sugar, flavor with vanilla, add to the milk and boil.

—Christmas comes on Friday this year. Friday has always been considered an unlucky day.

AN ARISTOCRAT HIMSELF.

At the recent New York election in one of the city precincts, a dignified colored gentleman was approaching the ballot-box with a ticket in his hand. He was clad in a rusty coat, from which the suns and snows of many summers and winters had extracted the original color, and left a kind of ghastly cholera green, while through a rent in his well worn derby hat his grizzled wool asserted itself.

A Hibernian heeler thinking he saw in the colored brother an easy victim, rushed forward and seizing him by the arm, ejaculated:

"Say, yez ain't a-goin' to vote for Sparkman? Spooper's the man; he's a frind of the people. Sparkman is wan av thim aristocrats."

The dusky gentleman, dignified as a lamp-post, shook his interrupter off, and ejaculating: "G'way dar, man, wid yer foolishness; I'se an aristocrat myself, lived on de hill dese 50 years an' mo'," continued his stately march to the box and deposited his vote in triumph.

For the DEMOCRAT.

OXFORD COUNTY AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

In view of the proposed reunion of past members of the State Government at Augusta, sometime during the coming winter, a list of the members of the Legislature and of those who have held other positions as heads of departments, Councillors or Clerks from the County of Oxford may be of some interest to the readers of the DEMOCRAT. In respect to the character and ability of the persons who have held positions in the State Government during the sixty-five years since Maine became a State, Oxford County stands second to no other, and the survivors will have no occasion to take the back seats at the coming reunion.

Oxford County has furnished four Governors: Albion K. Parris of Paris, a native of Hebron; Enoch Lincoln of Paris, a native of Worcester, Mass.; John W. Dana of Fryeburg, a native of that town and Sidney Perham of Paris, a native of Woodstock. Israel Washburn, jr., our war Governor, though elected from Penobscot, was a native of Livermore, once a part of Oxford County. Of these only one, Hon. Sidney Perham survives.

Of Oxford County members of the State Government not members of the Legislature, the first was Wm Clark Whitney, who was a member of Governor King's Council in 1820. He was a native of Worcester, Mass., an early resident of Paris; moved thence to Hebron, then to Norway, where he died at an advanced age, leaving one of the largest estates ever accumulated in the County. The same year Rufus K. Goodenow was Assistant Secretary of the Senate. He was a native of New Hampshire; moved from there to Brownfield, and came to Paris as Clerk of the Courts. He served as a member of Congress, and died in Paris doring the late war. In 1825, Elias Stowell of Paris, was Councillor; Alanson Mellen of Paris, in 1827; Reuel Washburn of Livermore, uncle of Governor Washburn, in 1829; General Levi Hubbard of Paris, in 1829, (to fill a vacancy); Joseph Howard of