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Rockland, March 23, 1898.

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SOME EASTER HATS

Will Be of Special Interest to Our Many Lady Readers.

The Easter hats and bonnets displayed at the opening in New York bid fair to rival those of last year both as to nativeness in shape and gorgeousness of color. As for color, the unfashionable shades of blue and green, the once-unspeakable shade of turquoise blue and burnt orange, the prettiest of these being a crushed white held its own, in fact there is a decided preference over last year for this color as is seen by the many and varied shapes which it takes on. Green, brown, gray and all the tan shades are in evidence.

A novelty in hats is the Shepherdess shape which rolls at the back or is bent up at the side and trimmed underneath the brim which rolls over the same. It is trimmed very high at that side and also very heavily.

The natural trend of the hats this season is to be worn down to the face.

Turbans of crushed straw with round, quite high crowns are among the new shapes; one of which is the hat which is made of a very broad ribbon which actually resembles English violets in its general effect.

There are walking hats to suit all tastes and fancies. Among the latest is a very pretty style with a medium sized crown and a very broad rolling brim. The brim may be of a brown chip with an edge about an inch deep of white, while a white band extends around the top of the crown below which is a broad band of brown velvet and two quills give the finishing touch to a very fetching hat and one which is destined to be very popular.

Other shapes have narrow rolling brims and different shaped crowns, but all are trimmed very simply.

The light weight felt walking hat is to be a popular shape among bicyclists and is trimmed merely with a very bright and very broad wrinkled band of Roman silk.

Stiff sailor hats with very narrow brims, also the ordinary sized sailor hat, will be as popular as ever.

The latest method of trimming a sailor is with a band of Roman ribbon, having streamers and finished with a college pin in the center, both back and front. Long streamers and sailor ends are introduced in every conceivable shape and very effective they are.

An exquisite thing was a large white leg-horn bent up in the back and massed at the back with pink roses. The whole crown and brim was completely covered with pink mousseline-de-soie, over which was white dotted veiling. In black, large boules of black velvet ribbon and three ostrich plumes falling toward the back were caught at the center of the crown with a large buckle and a steel dagger. This was one of Lewis' works of art.

A masterpiece by Paul Virot was a large black chip affair, faced underneath with white. Black spangled net covered the brim, and a very high double ruche enclosed the crown, at the extreme base of which was a little twist of rose velvet. A group of Prince of Wales feathers at the side, knots and loops of pink velvet under the brim toward the back and long black velvet streamers which are to be brought round to the front and hang loosely, completes a charming picture hat.

A symphony in color was an almost perfectly flat shape of pale sage green by Caroline Reboux. The brim was encircled with a wreath of the new foliage in russet, brown and sage green, while the crown was literally covered with the new forget-me-not foliage which somewhat resembles heliotrope, and an immense number of high blue chrysanthemums at the side which was caught up a little, and a touch of blue underneath added much to the effect; long sailor like streamers extended from the back.

A decidedly odd effect, but very attractive one, was produced by a covering of black chamois lace over a wreath of crushed pink roses which encircled the crown of a white leg-horn hat, while two aigrette quills starting from the left side and crossing the front gave decided novelty to it. It was caught up at the left side with a rosette of black velvet, in the center of which was a rhinestone buckle.

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BUSINESS GROWTH

All Indications Point To a Better Condition of Things in General.

The rapid growth of the protection sentiment in the south is illustrated by a letter received from a Virginia Democrat published in the New York Sun, in which he declares that the Wilson law was an aggregation of iniquities and that the only objection to the Dingley law is that it does not go far enough in the interests of protection.

A recent dispatch from Nebraska, commenting upon the local elections in that state, says: "The free-silver issue, which was made the leading feature of these elections last year, is being ignored now, old party lines and municipal reforms being the issue. This is accepted as a certain sign of weakness on the part of Nebraska silver men."

That ardent supporter of free silver and free trade, the Cincinnati Enquirer, in a recent issue, says that the glass industry of Indiana "passes under the spring influences with renewed vigor in every department." Orders for May deliveries are being placed freely and are so plentiful as to keep the plant busy. The plate-glass industry is on a solid, better, and more permanent footing than at any time in recent years. And all this under the Dingley law without the free and unlimited cottage of silver.

Coal mining, which suffered such a depression under the low tariff rates and the general manufacturing and business inactivity accompanying the Wilson law, is being greatly benefited by the higher tariff and reviving industries of the Dingley law. Reports from the Maryland mines say that the industry there "is showing greater activity at this season of the year than at any season in its history," while reports from other sections are equally gratifying and show that the coal miners are as well as others interested in the industries of the country made no mistake in voting for protection in 1896.

Southern writers and economists continue to urge a diversification of industries in that section under the stimulus given by the new protective tariff. The Charleston News and Courier in a recent issue calls attention to the fact that although the cotton produced more than 11,000,000 bales of cotton last year, it did not raise enough funds and provision crops to support its own population six months, and has been buying corn, hay and wheat in the west, and concludes that the producers of that section ought to follow the example of those now engaged in the enterprise of diversifying industries which have been so greatly encouraged in that section since the enactment of the Dingley law.

President McKinley's thoughtful and conscientious course in determining the final action of the administration upon the Cuban question is being generally commended by citizens and newspapers, irrespective of party. No president, since Lincoln, has had such a grave problem to solve, including as it does, not only the difficulties, dangers and assured loss of lives of American soldiers and citizens, if war should be undertaken, but with these the danger of the adoption of a protective tariff from Cuba during the summer months by reason of the constant intercommunication which would be absolutely necessary if war should be entered upon and American troops sent to that island.

The attention of gentlemen who insisted that the adoption of a protective tariff would increase prices to consumers is respectfully called to the fact that a late report from Boston shows that print cloths are selling "at the lowest point ever known in the trade, 25c. cents for regular 64x74 cuts. Add to this the fact that the largest sales of shoes ever known have been made this year, that prices of shoes, lumber, tin plate, iron, steel, coal and many other articles are quoted at less than a year ago, and you find how little reliance can be placed upon the statements and arguments of those opposing the protective tariff system under which such a stimulus has just been given to the business interests of the country, and under which such prosperity has prevailed in former years.

The contrast between labor conditions in Europe and in the United States under its protective tariff is pointed out in a recent report from Switzerland by Consul-General Dabois, who shows the average wages of carpenters and joiners in Europe to be 80 cents a day against \$2.37 in the United States, and that as a result of these differences, he is compelled to live cheaply, their chief food being bread and potatoes, seldom using meat, living in tenement houses and in every way less comfortably supplied than those of the United States. Locomotive firemen in Europe, he says, consider themselves well paid if their earnings amount to \$22 per month, while the ordinary locomotive firemen in the United States earn usually \$60 per month. The journeyman tailor in Central Europe gets only \$5 for 65 hours' work, while his fellow-workman in the United States gets \$12 for 60 hours' work. For all foods purchased in Europe, laborers there must pay as much and frequently more than American workmen pay for the same kind and quality in this country.

Secretary Wilson believes the market abroad for American corn can be greatly widened. He says it is surprising how little Europeans know about this great staple and how they insist on considering it suitable only for stock feed. They know nothing about the dozen and one toothsome dishes which can be prepared from it by an American cook, and so long as they are left alone they will never learn. Secretary Wilson hopes to educate them. He has requested Congress to allow him a sufficient appropriation to make an extensive exhibit of corn and its products at the great Paris Exposition, where all Europe will assemble, and to there demonstrate in a thoroughly practical way, even down to the baking of muffins, the value of American corn as an article of table diet. Mr. Wilson says that a mistake has been made in the past in attempting to induce the poorest classes, who live on only one article of diet, to substitute corn meal for wheat or rye flour. They are unable to have more than one staple article on their tables, and corn of itself does not possess enough muscle-making constituents to displace flour. He looks for its introduction rather among a class able to afford more than this single diet, who will appreciate its sweetness and whole someness and its low cost.

IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Newly Notes with a Local Flavor, Gathered from Many Sources.

Among the appointments of mail clerks made in Washington, D. C., on Saturday was that of Charles E. Crosby, of Albion.

Dick O'Brien got the decision in a 15 round go with Dick Moore of St. Paul, before the New Haven athletic club, Monday night.

Judge Enoch Foster of Bethel has presented the York County Bar Association with a finely executed portrait of himself which will be placed on the walls of the library in the court house at Bethel.

Rev. Mr. Mills of Bethel will deliver the Memorial address before E. M. Billings Post, Monroe, May 30. Rev. Mr. Holt of Cushing will deliver the Memorial sermon May 29, before E. M. Billings Post.

The Lewiston Y. M. C. A. netted \$550 from its recent fair, breaking all former records of the association. Here in Rockland the Y. M. C. A. workers are obliged to be satisfied with a little at a time.

The Lewiston Journal says that the college boys will tear "The Spanish Cavalier" from their books. This news will probably afford considerable relief to the people at large who have been obliged to listen.

The New Harbor correspondent of the Damascott Herald announces a birth in that town as follows: March 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Lyman H. McFarland, a daughter. Boys want a free hair cut or shave, now is your time.

The rumors concerning ex-Judge Foster are numerous and interesting. One is that Enoch will seek another vindication of himself by being elected representative to the legislature from Bethel, while the Boston Herald says that he will be the Democratic nominee for governor. It will probably narrow down to his being chosen moderator of the Bethel town meeting again next spring, providing Enoch doesn't go back on him.

The Penobscot river is open to navigation. The ice jam which has hung for several days between High Head and Ayer's mill went out at 4:45 o'clock Saturday afternoon and the river is now ready for business from Bangor to the sea. Above Bangor the ice remains strong, but is fast wearing away. Only four times since 1818 has the port been opened at an earlier date, viz.: In 1842, March 21; in 1871, March 13; in 1881, March 20; in 1894, March 22. In 1891 the ice left on the same date as this year—March 26.

The Lewiston Journal tells this yarn, the scene of which is located in Rockland: "Judge Stearns of Caribou isn't much for style. He wears a slouch hat and while he always has a clean shave he allows his fine head of black hair its freedom. The wearing of it, however, caused a man to follow wherever the general Aroostook attorney appears in places where he is not known. Judge Stearns was 'sized up' as a priest by one Auburn man on Saturday, of which conclusion Judge Stearns was informed. 'That isn't the first time I've been taken for a Catholic priest,' he replied laughing, 'and it won't be the last. A few years ago I was down in Rockland and having a little leisure I strolled down along wharves to inspect the shipping. And the first man I met was a Catholic clergyman. Then, too, I guess I didn't have a very angelic look on my face.'

SOME RAILROAD PLANS

More than \$140,000 in attachments have been laid against the property of the Wisconsin & Quebec railroad within the past two weeks, and more are likely to follow. The parties doing it are mostly connected with the road officially or otherwise. The object of making these attachments has not been made known.

There is a movement on foot to reorganize the Wisconsin & Quebec company, with the ultimate plan of making it standard gauge and extending the road farther north. It is the fact that the largest sales of shoes ever known have been made this year, that prices of shoes, lumber, tin plate, iron, steel, coal and many other articles are quoted at less than a year ago, and you find how little reliance can be placed upon the statements and arguments of those opposing the protective tariff system under which such a stimulus has just been given to the business interests of the country, and under which such prosperity has prevailed in former years.

The proposition is that the present bondholders relinquish their holdings in exchange for new bonds of the reorganized corporation. Then the gauge is to be widened and two routes for extension of the road will be considered. One is by the way of Augusta to Oakland where connection will be made with the Somerset railroad to Bingham, thence extending the road to a connection with the Canadian Pacific road. The other proposed route is to extend the W. & Q. to Pittsfield, thence by the way of the Sebasticook and Moosehead road to Harmony, and from thence pushing on for a connection with either the Canadian Pacific or the Bangor & Aroostook road. The parties interested in this deal, it is said, really mean business.

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On baby's feet
The lady-bug with her children three—
Or hear a cry
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THE NEXT SPEAKERSHIP

Col. Isaiah K. Stetson of Bangor is receiving many assurances of warm and valuable support in his canvass for the speakership of the next Maine house.

Col. Stetson in a number of respects is most fortunate. He has no real enemies, either personal or political. As a member of the staff and an intimate friend of Gov. Power, he has a certain prestige which would otherwise be denied him, while one term in the legislature made him a decided favorite among the lawmakers at the capital. Even those who, by reason of having candidates in their own localities, cannot vote for him have extended to him their cordial good wishes.

Col. Stetson is also on most agreeable terms with the other candidates. He corresponds with them all, and there is no such intense feeling of rivalry as has sometimes marked contests of this time.

As the colonel's friends look at the situation, the removal of Hon. Wm. H. Fogler of Rockland from the list leaves the Bangor man and Judge Warren C. Philbrook of Waterville the most conspicuous aspirants for honors. But how can Judge Philbrook expect to be speaker when Hon. O. B. Clason of Gardiner, another Kennebec county man, is sure to be president of the senate?

As if this were not sufficient to spoil Judge Philbrook's chances, another and more portentous storm-cloud is looming up on his horizon. It is the sturdy form of Hon. Joseph H. Manley of Augusta, who is going into the house this year and whose lieutenants have already put out "feelers" in the state papers to the effect that Mr. Manley is being urged to stand for the speakership.

Manley is believed to mean, not that he wants to be speaker in the winter of 1899 but the following year, and is therefore getting into line this early.

Judge Philbrook couldn't be speaker of the next legislature and be succeeded by Mr. Manley. All the traditional recognition of locality in this matter would be overthrown and trampled upon by such a proceeding, and no one knows this better than Mr. Manley, with his long experience. So it is believed that the custom of local adherence to sectional claims in the allotment of these coveted honors will not be forgotten next January, so that if Mr. Clason of Kennebec is given the senate presidency, Judge Philbrook of Kennebec must forego the speakership. It will then naturally fall to the east for the late speaker was Mr. Larabee of Portland.

Col. Stetson's friends do not regard Carl C. King of Caribou or Wm. R. Pattangall of Macanias, the other eastern candidates, as at all formidable. Mr. King, they say, was a late-comer at the legislature, is little known and has little or no support outside of his own county, while Mr. Pattangall, in spite of his cleverness and his good record at Augusta last year, will not be able to command the united backing of his county, which they believe will be ruinous to his chances.

So they conclude that Col. Stetson is by far the most promising candidate in the field to-day and that complications in local politics are really on his way to Bangor. They predict that the Bangor legislative delegation will be Col. Stetson, Mayor Beal and F. H. Parkhurst, the same combination which every-body thought would win at the caucuses two years ago, but which was overthrown by the late speaker of the anti-federal men, who are still chuckling over the affair and the resulting discomfiture of the mayor, who was very angry about the matter.—C. S. Lunt in Boston Sunday Globe.

The Gardiner Reporter Journal thus relates the story of one of the rare but pleasing incidents of a righteous judge's life: As Judge Larabee was on his way to Bangor on the forenoon train, a young man came in and sat in the seat with him and asked him if he remembered him. The judge could not call his features and the young man remarked, "I was before your court one morning six years ago for drunkenness. It was my first appearance in court and you gave me some good advice and told me to go home and never be seen there again. I profited by that advice and not a drop of liquor has passed my lips since that first rate and date my success from that day."

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MINISTERS AND WAR

Universal Sentiment That Spain Harbor Hereself in Cuba.

"The barbarism in Cuba must be ended,"—Rev. G. L. Perrin.

"In these days of crisis no man who loves his time can stand idly by and see the killing of those too weak to defend themselves. If the people of the United States ignore their duty, their complicity in guilt will rise up in years to come as a rebuke."—Rev. Thomas Van Ness.

"I maintain that it is our duty to send food stuffs to these famished people and if Spain resists our messengers of mercy, if she attacks our ships as they bear succor to the suffering and dying, the right of defense is ours, we are engaged in a holy war."—Rev. J. J. Dunlop.

"All the nations of the earth are looking to us to stop the awful occurrences in Cuba. The entire sympathy of Europe is with us in this undertaking. France, England, Germany, Austria, Italy and Russia have manifested their interest and moral support."—Rev. S. H. Roblin.

"Let us have the new warships. They are excellent peace-makers. Let us fortify our harbor, and set to work the army of the unemployed. Let us cast our great guns and pray God they may not be used. Let us buy the O'Higgins, if she be for sale. If Spain can pay two prices we can pay ten. Let us neglect no wise precaution."—Rev. W. E. Barton.

"Our chiefs seem to lack the courage of their convictions in the light of the past week's events. God compelled us to free the slaves in America. We shall be forced to free the slaves of Cuba. We pray for peace. We cannot forget the battlefields of the South. But dishonor and the triumph of the wicked is a far greater calamity than war."—Rev. Harlan P. Smith.

"I do not believe in war. But anything worth having in this world must be bought with a price. Spain's history is that of blood. She stands for cruelty, ignorance, bigotry, superstition. Anyone who has a dollar to spare do not be afraid to be the instrument by which a few catrines may be bought to speed Cuban independence."—Rev. Leydon.

DIRECTOR CHAPMAN TALKS

Some Points Concerning the Great Maine Festival of 1898.

William R. Chapman, director-in-chief of the Maine Music Festival, was in Bangor on Saturday afternoon and evening, leaving for New York on the late Pullman train. He was on his way home from Aroostook county, where he rehearsed the choruses and was met by an amount of enthusiasm which plainly shows where the strong festival sentiment of the State is to be this season.

In Fort Fairfield, where the big rehearsal was held on Mr. Chapman's last journey into Maine, the chorus is large and will grow, and that handsome town will send one of the finest bodies of singers ever seen in Maine to the festival next fall.

Mr. Chapman told a Bangor Commercial reporter on Saturday afternoon, that the festival of 1898 would be held in October, as was the case last year. He said that for some reasons he would have been glad to have it occur earlier, but that for very many others of equal weight, he could not think of it. October is the month to get the artists, and besides, the cool weather is a good reason for holding it to the date.

Mr. Chapman has closed a contract with the manager of Emma Eames, the great Welsh baritone, for the festival of 1898. This singer will be one of the great features of the Maine event.

The director is in almost constant communication with the manager of Emma Eames, and is hoping to secure her for the festival. Of late he has been cabling about every week in an attempt to make arrangements with her for an appearance here.

Mr. Chapman laughed when the Commercial reporter asked about the paragraph in a Lewiston afternoon publication, and printed on Saturday in the Commercial, which said that an attempt was to be made to "make the festival a permanent institution in this section."

"I haven't opened my mouth to a newspaper man," said Mr. Chapman, "for some weeks, until now. That is a funny story."

The first volume of a new series of historical works, to be entitled "The American Explorers' Series," is announced by Mr. Francis P. Harper. This volume contains the "Journal of Major Jacob Fowler" and describes his travels from Fort Smith to the Rocky Mountains and return in the years 1821-'22. This work, we are informed, is the story of a hitherto unknown American explorer and is printed verbatim from the explorer's original manuscript. Major Fowler was the first white man to travel through and describe much of the Western country. The second volume of the series, now in preparation, is to be "Forty Years a Fur Trader on the Upper Missouri." It is the personal narrative of Charles Larapente, for the first time printed from his original manuscript. Dr. Elliott Coues is editing the series.

The memoir of Chancellor Kent which Little, Brown & Co. are about to publish has been prepared by his great-grandson, William Kent. It is compiled largely from the Chancellor's own correspondence, and contains much interesting historical matter. The passages dealing with Alexander Hamilton, who was Kent's friend, will be looked for with curiosity.

Bordered fabrics, by the yard or imported in robe patterns, are greatly in evidence among both spring and summer dress materials.

IN A CORNER OF THE LIBRARY

It is stated that \$2,000 a week is the sum which Mr. J. M. Barrie is now deriving from the performances in England and America of his play, "The Little Minister."

A new book by W. H. Mallock has not appeared in some time, hence there was much interest in his "Aristocracy and Evolution" which is on the press of the Macmillan Company.

"The Silver Skull" (which means the crest of a great Italian family) is the title of the long novel which S. R. Crockett has contributed to "The Pall Mall Magazine." It will be begun in that periodical after the conclusion of Anthony Hope's story.

It is stated in "The Bookman," of London, that there exists a letter which will probably be printed when the right time comes, giving the story of Mr. Russell's marriage from his own point of view. So far he has certainly not taken the curious course into his confidence.

The New York house of Edward Arnold will no longer be kept up, and the books heretofore held by this publisher will be issued by Harper & Brothers. The new book, by H. G. Wells, "The War of the Worlds," will be one of the first of these transferred work to appear. The Harpers, by the way, will bring out immediately "The Student's Motley," a condensation of the famous history, printed in one volume, with the famous history, printed in one volume, with an introduction and notes by W. E. Griffis.

Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, has written an article for the April Century on "Fights Between Ironclads," with reference to their significance and priority. Mr. Roosevelt's article is supplementary to one by Claude H. Wetmore in the same number on "A Famous Sea Fight." Mr. Wetmore describes the engagement between the Chilean and Peruvian ironclads off the coast of Bolivia in 1879, when the noted Peruvian turret-ship, Huascar, was captured. The article will be fully illustrated.

The Cuban crisis naturally demands more space in the editorial department of the American Monthly Review of Reviews than any other single topic. The whole matter is reviewed in the light of the latest and most authentic information received up to the time of going to press. The Review is convinced that the country desires and will demand intervention in Cuba, that the real question at issue is the relief of Cuba, not the settlement of the Maine incident, and that the Spain's withdrawal from the Western hemisphere will be the only satisfactory termination of the present trouble.

There is a familiar anecdote of Mr. Dodgson which may bear repetition, says Book News. "When 'Alice' was making her first conquest of English readers, the book was brought to the attention of the publisher, who was highly entertained by it, and sent an expression of her approval to the author, with the request that he send her next book when it should appear. Mr. Dodgson expressed his gratitude for this mark of royal favor, and in the course of time sent to his Queen his next book, which happened to be a treatise on quaternions. Whether his royal patron appreciated this whim of his humor, we have never heard."

"The Last Unpublished Robert Louis Stevenson" turns out to be, like some other posthumous Stevenson stories, the story of a thing that he would probably have left in oblivion if he had had anything to say about it. It is a valedictory address which he delivered before "The Speculative Society of Edinburgh" in 1872. Charles Baxter writes an introduction to the volume, and contrasts it with an attractive thing. Alluding to some quaint spelling of Sir Walter's he talks of "that imperfection in the art of spelling which many great men (R. L. Stevenson among them) have shared," etc., etc. But the address itself is the real hero, and adds not a jot to our knowledge of the author.

Each number of Scribner's for 1898 has marked the beginning of a new feature. In January Senator Lodge's "Story of the Revolution" and Page's "Red Rock" began; in February, Captain Mahan's first paper on naval episodes of the Revolution; in March, Mr. Wychoff's new series of his experience among "The Workers;" and in the current issue for April, the feature is the first part of Richard Harding Davis's short story "The King's Jackal." This is the dramatic tale of an exotic king, and the action takes place at Tangier in the space of thirty-six hours. It contains some very good comedy scenes, and the characters are that of cosmopolitan cleverness that Mr. Davis loves to depict. A beautiful American edition of the heroine, and a newspaper correspondent is the real hero. Mr. Gibson will make a full-page drawing for each of the four parts of the story.

Another extremely interesting paper in the April McClure's is a series of heroic stories of the Gordon Highlanders, who crowned themselves with glory last autumn in charging through a deadly hail of bullets, and in almost impregnable position at the summit of the Dargai cliff. This was no new feat for the Gordons, and the article tells the story of a number of the same kind. It is illustrated with views of historic charges, and with other pictures. Four new story writers appear in this number of McClure's; and they appear, too, with great credit to themselves, for four better short stories than they supply are not to be found in any one number of a magazine. Add an exotic king, and the action takes place at Tangier in the space of thirty-six hours. It contains some very good comedy scenes, and the characters are that of cosmopolitan cleverness that Mr. Davis loves to depict. A beautiful American edition of the heroine, and a newspaper correspondent is the real hero. Mr. Gibson will make a full-page drawing for each of the four parts of the story.

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STATE OF MAINE

A FAST DAY PROCLAMATION

In deference to the practice of the early settlers of New England, and following a precedent that has obtained ever since Maine was admitted into the Union of States, and also with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, I do appoint Thursday, the 25th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, as a day of

Fasting and Prayer

It is fitting that this time-honored custom should still be respected, and I earnestly request all the people of our state to properly observe the day in their homes and churches, and to refrain from all unnecessary labor, remembering, reverently, the source from which so many favors have come to us.

Given at the Executive Chamber, in Augusta, this twenty-fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-second.

BY THE GOVERNOR, BYRON BOYD, Secretary of State.

Did you get fooled?

To be or not to be—war.

March died hard and did not go out without a vigorous objection.

The present hours are replete with action and history is being rapidly made.

No patriot should fear that the Maine matter will be lost sight of. Spain will have to pay.

Those who are now shouting for war the loudest will be the last to shoulder a gun and go to the front.

Governor Powers has issued his proclamation for Fast Day. May every true citizen of the commonwealth live up to the true principals of the day.

A deaf ear should be turned to the Senators and Congressmen who are shrieking for war for the majority of them are doing it for political effect. President McKinley will see that the dignity and honor of the United States are upheld.

The members of Tillson Light Infantry showed what stuff Rockland boys are made up of in responding to the false call Thursday night. It was nearly nine o'clock when the call sounded and in less than a half hour every Rockland member was present but three. The patriotism of our local company is beyond questioning.

Latest intelligence conveys the information that war is likely to be declared at any moment. We regret that such a step seems necessary and that Spain could not find a way out of the difficulty with honor, but Cuba has won her freedom and reparation must be made for the loss of the Maine and her two hundred and sixty-six men. If war must come the United States will give a good account of herself.

Without questioning for a moment the sincerity or the patriotism of the persons who have been carrying on the war and maintaining the national honor so heroically for several weeks past, we take leave to suggest that there are still vacancies in the navy, and the enlistments are a little slow. The places remaining open are not particularly showy, but mighty useful. Have they not seen the call, printed in colors, posted in the postoffice.

The "yellow" journals and the political jingoes have had no influence in swerving President McKinley the slightest iota from what he considers his duty to the country and to the world. This country has for its president a statesman whose personal bravery and warmth of human emotions no one would think of questioning, but whose calm determination to exhaust every possibility of peace with honor deserves from his country the highest respect. He has an army and a navy back of him alive with the national spirit and ready for the performance of any duty that may be prescribed for them. And he has the supreme confidence of a people spreading over forty-five states, whom the fearful trial of the Maine disaster has shaken neither in dignity nor in understanding, and who in their sorrow over the loss of the Maine and in their longing to see the United States play its part in succoring a maltreated American state, are more truly united and more intensely fired with a common patriotism than at any time since the making of the constitution.

PRESS COMMENTS

Choice Bits of Sentiments Gathered from All Over the Country

Louisville Courier-Journal.

One priceless thing the conflict has already done. It has wiped out the sectional line forever. But there are thousands of old Confederates who would die happier if, before they are called to the final bivouac of the dead, they could see the North and the South once more in battle array beneath the Stars. The President is an honest and a brave man, and we believe he will show himself equal to this supreme emergency, and in that faith, we await the coming of events with composure and confidence.

Providence Journal.

It begins to look as if the Spanish Government were going to evacuate Cuba without striking another blow. Then the inventor of the torpedo-boat too small to be seen on a dark night, but which could blow a battleship into splinters. When the torpedo-boat became popular this naval genius built a destroyer of torpedo-boats. So that, as it is called upon to invent a destroyer of torpedo-boat destroyers, the genius of naval warfare has elected that these toy destroyers shall have fought to a finish before an armored-clad leviathan shall be safe to come within rifle range of an enemy's coast.

Chicago Record.

The original proposition before the joint committee of the world's navy was to build an armored bulk which a shot would not penetrate. Then this genius invented a gun that would penetrate it. Then the inventor applied and built a torpedo-boat too small to be seen on a dark night, but which could blow a battleship into splinters. When the torpedo-boat became popular this naval genius built a destroyer of torpedo-boats. So that, as it is called upon to invent a destroyer of torpedo-boat destroyers, the genius of naval warfare has elected that these toy destroyers shall have fought to a finish before an armored-clad leviathan shall be safe to come within rifle range of an enemy's coast.

It could have been only a submarine mine, the Naval Court solemnly declares, which dealt the Maine her first and fatal injury.

These terrific weapons are not for sale off hand. Only a few chosen agents understand their fabrication and their use; these are jealously guarded military secrets, infinitely less likely to be betrayed by public knowledge than the details of a contemplated campaign or the plans of an important fortification. For all practical effect Spain is as directly, immediately responsible for the destruction of the Maine and the fearful murder of her 266 brave men as if the names and the rank of the unspeakable assassins who wrought this Satanic work were blazoned on the angry heavens.

New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Spanish Government is responsible for the explosion, and must pay or be made to pay such a reasonable indemnity for the loss of the Maine and the death of the 266 seamen as Uncle Sam may demand. The Spanish Government did not use that "due diligence" in protecting the vessel of a friendly nation which international law and comity require governments so situated to use, and for that fatal lack of "due diligence" the Spanish Government will have to make adequate pecuniary restitution, so far as such a loss can be made good by money.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

The destruction of the battleship Maine is an incident—a big enough one, possibly to bring on a war, but still a side issue. The Cubans have made a good fight. They have demonstrated their right to freedom. Spain cannot put down the rebellion. She can only commit a horror which provokes decent people everywhere. If the Government of the United States is going to play any part in the affairs of the world, now is the time. This is conceded on all hands to be our job.

New York Times.

The Maine was destroyed by malice, deliberately, from outside, in the harbor. It is not possible to understand how that malice could have been operated except through the guilty connivance or the scarcely less culpable negligence of some of those authorities who were charged with the safeguarding of the harbor and all its tenants. That is the terrible indictment. The court of inquiry does not make it. The report does not declare it. It is made by the irresistible logic of events and of established facts. The burden of self-exculpation and the duty of making all possible reparation now rests upon Spain.

New York Journal of Commerce.

We have a right to demand of Spain indemnity for the criminal neglect of her officials in Havana, even if nothing more can be proved against her, and the demand for intervention in Cuba will be much increased by the disclosure regarding the Maine, inconclusive as it is regarding the actual criminal. We can only hope that the Spanish Government will recognize the efforts of President McKinley to curb the excitement and resentment in this country and will make it possible for him to avert hostilities.

New York Tribune.

If Sagasta should agree to the relieving of the starving Cubans by the United States, to a cessation of hostilities and to negotiations looking to peace on the basis of Cuban independence, he would deserve the gratitude of Spain and the honor of the world. It would be ungenerous to call such action on his part a backing down. Rather would it be an advance toward a higher plane of civilization, raising Spain greatly in the estimation of mankind, and placing her within reach of the social and political rehabilitation she so sorely needs.

Army and Navy Journal.

At no time in its history, since the close of the rebellion, has our little army been so alert and efficient as it is at the present moment. True, it may be—has to be—somewhat spread out, but there soon will be at all strategic points a sufficient force to cope with every possible emergency. Our oft-repeated quotation of the adage, "In times of peace prepare for war," and our advice to follow it up, has come into its fulfillment after many days, and if war comes we can face it with courage and equanimity.

New York Sun.

It is well to recall from time to time the exact language of the mandate of the American people to the Administration instructed with the management of affairs relating to Cuba and Spain. Here it is once more: "From the hour of achieving their own independence, the people of the United States have regarded with sympathy the struggles of other American peoples to free themselves from European domination. We watch with deep and abiding interest the heroic deeds of the Cuban patriots against cruelty and oppression, and our best hopes go out for the full success of their determined course. We believe the government of Spain, having lost control of Cuba, and being unable to protect the property and lives of American citizens, or to comply with its treaty obligations, we believe that the Government of the United States should activate

Top Coats

This lot of Men's Top Coats were carried over from last season. They are just as good style this Spring, but there's not a full line of sizes in any one lot, that's why you're saving \$5.00 to \$7.00 on every garment you buy. The lot won't last long and you certainly will appreciate the first choice—although the last choice will be such a value as is likely not to come again for a year. Price comparisons are not guessed at—they're not estimated. The facts are exact. These garments, which have and are yet selling about town for \$12 to \$15 are duplicated here at \$7.70. Such is the basis for the statements made. Folks say the clothing business was never so well done as we are doing it.

J. F. GREGORY & SON,

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PRESIDENT HAS DONE WELL

It is not just to criticize or condemn a public man for misdeeds attributed to him but not declared by him.

Whatever President McKinley may do or leave undone in the near future, he has certainly conducted himself with admirable dignity, self-restraint, prudence and foresight up to the present time.

The preparations for war, if war shall unhappily be the unavoidable issue, have been conducted with great energy and intelligence. Not the most fiery jingo in Congress could have directed this work better than Mr. McKinley has done.

The president has likewise displayed much tact and ability in securing the confidence and co-operation of the leaders of all parties in Congress. So far as now appears our diplomatic affairs have been managed with equal discretion and success. Not a hostile word has been spoken by any foreign power.

If the president has seemed slow, it may be remembered that the same complaint was at the office of the U. S. shipping commissioner, foot of Exchange street, 374 Fore street, for the enlistment of seamen, ordinary seamen and coal passers in the U. S. navy.

There will be an examining board in connection with this work and it is composed as follows: Surgeon Morris of the Essex and Boatwain F. L. Smith, U. S. N.

Applicants for seamen must be between the ages of 21 to 35; ordinary seamen, 18 to 30; coal passers, 21 to 35. They must be of good character, and must be able to read and write.

In addition subsistence is allowed and transportation after enlistment to any point ordered from Portland.

Preference will be given to those who have had naval service and enlistments will be made in any grade to those who hold "honorable discharges."

Persons who have been honorably discharged within three months will be enlisted in the rate in which they held position in the permanent establishment.

The others the conditions presented are embodied in a circular from the U. S. naval service of which the following are the provisions:

The term of enlistment is for three years.

Persons enlisted for the naval service must be of robust frame, intelligent, of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, free from any physical defects or malformation, and not subject to fits.

Physical examinations are made by a naval surgeon at the place of enlistment.

Persons are not enlisted as landsmen if over the age of 25, unless they possess some other qualification which will entitle them to be enlisted as "Machinists, first class," at \$55 per month.

No person will be enlisted as chief machinist unless he holds a permanent position as such.

The examination of candidates for enlistment as machinists, regarding their knowledge of engines and boilers, must be made in engine room of ships; and regarding their knowledge of machine work in the workshops of navy yards.

Chief machinists will have charge of engine room watches and will be paid \$70 per month. Machinists, first class, will, if qualified, be given charge of engine room watch when there are not a sufficient number of chief machinists on board to perform this duty.

Machinists, second class, will be assigned to duty as watch tenders and oilers. All machinists will perform such other duty as will be assigned them.

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OUR BOSTON LETTER

Friend Fales Writes of Interesting Happenings In and Around the Hub.

Boston, March 31, 1898.

The steamer Seaboard, which recently arrived here from Baltimore to run on the route between the city, Rockland, Machias and other Maine ports, left here Monday for New York to secure a new boiler

OPENING!

SPRING, 1898

APRIL 1st

OPENING!



We open the Spring Season of '98 with the most complete line of Ready-to-Wear Garments ever shown in Eastern Maine for Women, Misses, Children and Boys.

The cuts represent a few of the many attractions to be found in our opening display.

Ladies' Suits

First, we show Ladies' Suits in strictly Tailor Made, Blouse and Dress effects. After spending two weeks in the New York markets making our selections, we can show you exclusive styles and effects that will be hard to excel even in Boston. This is strong talk but we will allow our patrons to be the judges. Our prices begin at \$50.00 and go down to \$5.00, and are well worth the prices asked. To describe each suit would take too much space.

\$14.98 is Our Leader for Our Opening Week

Made from every shade of fine quality Cheviot and Serge, fly front jacket, new shape skirt, lined throughout with extra good quality Taffeta Silk, \$14.98. You are not obliged to pay \$16, \$35 or \$50 for a suit. We have in stock 25 suits in Mixture, Green, Brown, Gray, Blue and Tan, style of 988 cut without the strap seam. Opening price and as long as they last at

\$4.98

Jackets for Ladies

Jackets for Misses

SILK WAISTS.

Beautiful are our Silk Waists. Perfect fitting are our Silk Waists. How cheap they are is the expression of all who see them. Another invoice of those Changeable Silk Waists at \$1.98 and our Stripe Taffetas at \$2.98 Plaids at \$3.39

SILK PETTICOATS.

They are not exactly in our department but we shall show them up during our opening. We offer a good Taffeta Silk Skirt for \$5.00, black only; and in Changeable Silks \$5.50

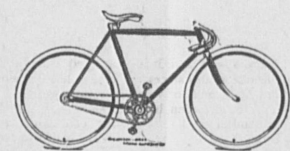
BOYS' CLOTHING.

Mothers of boys can not afford to pass our store in search of clothing for from 2 to 14 years. A more perfect array can not be found in Maine. We even have Overalls for the little boys at 25c and 50c. Think of a 4-year-old kid in overalls. Our K. & E. Blouses are the talk of the town. \$1.25 is all you will have to pay for a nice little Sailor Suit, fancy braid trimmed. Top Coats, Middy Suits, Sailor Suits, Reever Suits, Caps, Blouses, etc.

Little Folks' Jackets.

Think of buying a little Wool Mixed Jacket for the little folks, 3 to 12 years, similar in style to cut 222, braid trimming, \$1.25.

Also a new assortment of Children's Dresses and Sailor Suits. 375 Jackets from 3 to 12 years from which to make your selection.



BICYCLES.

Yes we sell them. We have wheels for Ladies, Misses, Boys and Men, and suits for each with the exception of the men. Ladies' Suits made from the double faced goods. Separate Skirts for the wheel as low as \$9.98.

SHIRT WAISTS.

Our 3 styles, the Derby, Newport, Eagle & Waists

How pretty they are. A lady's wardrobe is not complete without at least 3 to 6 of these so popular articles. We have only half room enough in which to show our 1000 and 1 styles. We do not let them out to be tried on, because our customers object to buying a waist that is all out of shape and perhaps soiled (in fact a second hand waist). We have a room on third floor where our waists can be tried on and fitted. 39c is our price for a regular 50c waist. See our window display.

SEPARATE SKIRTS.

Are one of the leading articles in our cloak department. We take pride in showing them as our styles this season surpass all other seasons. The new ruffled silk skirts, the new Paquet shape dress skirts at \$25 and \$42. They are something startling. The Black Figured Crepon Skirts which we offer at \$8.50 made from \$1.10 per yard goods is a bargain. Only \$5.50 for a good figured silk skirt.



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To Let.

DESIRABLE TENEMENT on Gundy Street, also Eight tenement on Broadway. Apply to C. E. LITTLEFIELD.

For Sale.

FOR SALE—One 5 Valve Double Bell ED. PHONIUM engraved, silver plated; Trombone Bell, gold plated. Cost new \$100. Used very little, in excellent condition. Price \$85. Call on or address J. A. JOHNSTON, Traverser St., Rockland, Maine.

BLACK HORSE, 10 years old, weighs 1050 lbs., sound, kind and used to ladies. Owner has no use for him. Address BOX 261, Vinalhaven, Maine.

FARM OF 80 ACRES in the Town of Cushing, well wooded and watered, suitable buildings, one of the finest places in Knox County for a summer home. Price \$1000. Apply on the premises for further information. JOSIAH MAXEY, Cushing, Maine.

NEW HOUSE—An 8 room house with dry cellar and well graded lot. Pleasant and sunny location at 16 Birch St., near the junction of North Main and Cedar Sts. A desirable residence for anybody. Can be purchased at favorable terms. Six days' work will complete the house and make it ready for occupancy. It will be completed when sold. For sale by J. N. FARNHAM, 22 Cedar Street.

YACHT FOR SALE—A fine nearly new iron keel sloop yacht, 21 ft. over all, 6 1/2 ft. beam, 4 ft. draught. Seat cabin and built on honor. Will sell cheap or will exchange for larger yacht of same style.—GEO. W. BROWN, Warren, 244t

ORGAN, MASON & HAMLIN BEST—Almost new, in first-class condition. Sold at a great bargain. Apply to 162 NORTH MAIN ST.

Wanted.

WANTED—Agents for our method of co-opulative stock speculation which guarantees profits of 12 1/2 per cent. semi-monthly and actually pays more. BETTS & AUBIN, State Agents, Kora Temple Block, Lewiston, Maine. 1m2t

WANTED—Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar players to participate in Pearson's Grand Banjo concert to be held Monday evening, April 11, at Farwell Opera House under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus. Address FRANK O'NEAL'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC, 38 Pleasant St. 21-29

I WANT TO BUY some Pure White Shag Cat, also other colors. Person having such for sale state sex and price. Address Miss MARY H. BAXLEY, Rockland, Maine.

WANTED—One or two first-class parties to board in a private family. Address P. O. BOX 412.

RELIABLE MAN to represent an "Old Line" life insurance company, having large business in force. For city of Rockland and vicinity. Liberal contract to right party. Address P. O. BOX 409, Portland, Me.

Miscellaneous.

WANTED—Boys, Girls and Ladies to sell our Tea, Coffee and Spices and earn a Watch, an Air Rifle or High Grade Bicycle, Tea or Dinner Set. High Grade Bicycle for 100 lbs. Tea; Watch for 6 lbs.; Air Rifle 5 lbs.; Dinner Set 6 lbs., 16 and 100 lbs. Write for catalogue and price list. W. M. SCOTT & CO., Tea Importers, 384 Main St., Rockland, Me.

ATTENTION Boys! Standard Foot Ball FREE! A grand chance for school children. AKE NOVEMBER 20, No. Vinalboro, Me. 25

BOYS AND GIRLS desiring profitable home employment, spare moments, or full time, please enclose stamp and address. W. W. SMITH, Esq., Warren, Maine.

GIRLS for general housework, nurses and the nursery can obtain first-class places by applying at the intelligence office of MRS. R. C. LITTLE, 17 Grove Street, Rockland.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

School begins Monday after a fortnight's vacation.

Mrs. Edna Porter's house on Suffolk street has been repaired.

The church circles are winding up their season in a blaze of glory.

We had quite a little snow-flurry Thursday. It melted as soon as it struck, however.

The Kittredge drug store has undergone some interior alterations and improvements.

The wild geese are on their annual eastern pilgrimage and flocks of them pass over daily.

Roy Knowlton, who is in the employ of the L. E. Shaw Supply Co., had his hand jammed quite severely one day this week, while feeding a press.

In these days of alternate frigidity and warmth, of sunshine and storm, we are reminded of the old saying that "one crowd doesn't make spring."

Mrs. Norwell has moved from the Berry house on Elm street into the Kittredge tenement on the same street, where she will continue to keep a boarding house.

Principal Howard of the Rockland Commercial College was absent from his desk Wednesday for the first time in four years. The absence was caused by illness.

Geo. P. White has resumed his position at the Maine Central depot after a furlough of several months for the improvement of his health. Simeon A. Adams, who has been acting as freight clerk at the depot is again at the Frank Jones wharf in his old position with the Portland, Mt. Desert & Machias Steamboat Co.

The United States government has made a requirement that on or before today (Friday) all mail carriers shall give a bond of \$1000 in place of the personal securities which were formerly required. The cost of such a bond is comparatively little, being only 50 cents a year for \$1000 bond, in most cases. The Rockland letter carriers secured their bonds through the agency of Bird & Barney.

A Rockland young man who was in Belfast a few days ago says that whatever may be said of that city its people are certainly not slow in extending their hospitality. He says too that while there he met a number of talented musicians, one young lady in particular being able to produce soul inspiring music from a sadly discordant piano. The Spaniards he says will do well to steer clear of Belfast for even the ladies are making warlike preparations.

The sporting fraternity will be interested to learn that Corbett the ex champion pugilist, will be a candidate for the nomination for Congress in the 15th New York district. If he gets the nomination he intends making a personal canvass and will rely upon his popularity and in tossing the letters into the pouch. He announces his platform in advance. He is for freeing Cuba immediately and says that President McKinley's course is altogether too conservative.

"The carelessness of some people in placing down money and particularly coin in letters is something remarkable," says a mail clerk who goes out of Rockland. "Oftentimes they will place a quarter or half dollar in the envelope without any covering or protection whatever, and in tossing the letters into the pouch, the coin frequently cuts a little slit in the envelope and falls to the floor. We sometimes find money in the bottom of the mail bags and have to make an examination of the envelopes to see whence it came. Sending a letter by registered letter or money order then is safer in any event."

Flounder fishing is a popular sport just now.

How many times have you been fooled today?

March sustained its record of going out like a lion.

Polo tonight: The Majors versus Bath Juniors. Admission 15 cents.

Steamer Merryconeg will be hauled up for repairs on Monday and her place on the Rockland route will be taken by the Harpswell line boat Aucosico.

The committee on accounts and claims has its first meeting tonight and is prepared to wrestle with two months' business. City Clerk Davies will continue to act as clerk of the committee.

A couple of traveling photographers were along Main street Wednesday taking snapshots of stores and store keepers. He got some fine looking groups down here at the Brook.

Arthur S. Macomber has entered partnership with his father S. K. Macomber in the jewelry business. Mr. Macomber was formerly employed as an electric car conductor and has hosts of friends in the county. He has also had a valuable experience in the watchmaking business.

City government next Monday night. Among the business to be transacted will be the confirming of a city liquor agent, the special police, and board of assistant fire engineers. The salary report will also be received.

The board of health abated a great many nuisances last summer and are planning to continue their good work this coming season. The office is no more. Complaints are coming in thick and fast during the summer months and the board in tracing them frequently find that they were actually by the board of health and often have no foundation at all. The term of Dr. D. C. Perkins, the present chairman of the board, expires this spring and he will undoubtedly be re-elected. The law requires that the chairman be a physician. The other two members of the board at present are Dr. E. H. Wheeler and Charles D. Jones.

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The Western Union hangs out a tasty new swinging sign.

The grand lodge of the New England Order of Protection will be held in Westbrook next Tuesday.

The New Haven and Fall River polo teams are playing a series of three games for a purse of \$400. Fall River won the first game Tuesday night by a score of 8 to 7. McGilvray of the Bath team played second round for Fall River.

Steamer Penobscot made her first trip as far as Bangor Tuesday, the river being too full of running ice before that date to permit of a safe passage. The winter quarters of the company in Railroad block, Exchange street, Bangor, have been removed to the wharf on Front street and the Queen City is again on its toes. The Penobscot after being succeeded by the City of Bangor, Apr. 8, will go to Boston for painting and a general overhauling, preparatory to the rush of summer travel.

John Colson is engaged in taking the school census, this being the 14th successive year which he has taken. He has found that many families have moved out of town since the last school census and the probabilities are that there will be quite a falling off in the number of pupils. This fact is not to be regretted but there will be no help for it. He will add a more factory and mills to her list of industries and thus afford young men and young women encouragement to stay at home.

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The Keene house on Park street has been repaired.

Anton Seidl, the famous musical director, known to every one who attended Maine's musical festival, died at his home in New York Monday night. He was poisoned, probably from eating fish.

Judge Fogler will be tendered a reception by the Androscoggin Bar upon the occasion of his holding court there next week. The Lewiston Sun adds that he will receive a very hearty greeting from the lawyers there.

The last class which graduated from Castine Normal school numbered 42. Thirty-eight have been teaching, including the following from this section: Leonard C. Coombs of Friendship, Kate C. Emery of South Thomaston, Pearl Danforth of Appleton, Eva A. Grant of North Haven, Oscar R. Johnston of Appleton, Lena McFarland of Vinalhaven and Blanche Williams of Rockport.

One week from next Monday is the date of the East Main Midway concert and ball to be given in Farwell opera house under the auspices of the Catholic church and the Knights of Columbus. The concert will be something of a novelty, including a grand chorus of 35 banjos under the leadership of Frank T. Parsons, the instructor. The big easy chair, which will be disposed of by ticket is on exhibition in the window of the Opinion office.

Bangor Commercial: Steamer Penobscot, of the Boston & Bangor Steamship Co.'s line, arrived in port on Wednesday at 12.30 o'clock, (noon), on her first trip of the season. The Penobscot brought an immense freight and a fair number of passengers. She is in charge of Capt. Howard Arrey. On her log she is having been off duty since the first of the month. He is at his home in Rockland. The steamer Mt. Desert, of the Rockland & Bar Harbor line, made her first trip to Bar Harbor from Rockland Wednesday morning. On account of the immense accumulation of freight along the river, it has been found necessary to put the steamer City of Bangor on the Boston and Bangor route much earlier than was expected. She will accordingly leave Bangor next Tuesday night on her first trip east for the season. She will be commanded, as usual, by Capt. Ingraham, and all of the other officers who have been on the line for several years will be found in their old positions. Fursar A. H. Hanson has been making the winter in Portsmouth, and will report for duty in Boston next week.

Rev. F. E. White, who was one of the principal speakers at Monday night's labor meeting, desires a slight correction made in the report which was printed in the Courier-Gazette of Tuesday. In that report we mentioned the incident of the parishioner who wanted to give Mr. White some good advice about voting and who ended by advising him not to go to the polls at all, in which event he would not offend either party. Mr. White states that the incident had no relation whatever to the local context here in March, but was founded upon an experience which he had while preaching in New Hampshire some years ago and that "Brother Follett," the parishioner referred to had no connection with the Follets of Rockland. We gladly make the correction and at the same time wish it distinctly understood that The Courier-Gazette was in no sense at fault in the matter. Mr. White in his speech did not state that the incident occurred in New Hampshire, but on the contrary gave the impression to not only The Courier-Gazette reporter but to everybody in the audience that the recent city election was referred to. Mr. White's speech caused considerable comment and especially the section which has just been discussed.

The steamer City of Bangor goes on the route next Tuesday night, instead of Friday night April 8, as had been announced.

Gilbert Hall has let his house, formerly occupied by himself, on Lisle street to Mr. Coater, and has moved into the Kittredge House, 12 Elm street.

Capt. R. H. Thorndike has gone to Rhode Island where his vessel, the schooner Fly-away, will be placed in commission for the summer coasting business.

Alton Decrow has moved from one of Gilbert Hall's tenements Lisle street, into the old Ingraham house, Thomaston street, which he has recently purchased.

Capt. E. S. Farwell is closing out his grocery stock, corner of Union and Park streets. The building in which this store is located will be converted into a hotel by its owner, Mr. Frank Donohue.

There is considerable speculation as to who will have the law office now occupied by Col. W. H. Fogler. We learn that the Judge will retain his office for some months yet for convenience in setting up his legal affairs. Miss Helen Knowlton his stenographer will have charge during his absence.

Guy, six-years-old son of Andrews A. Mitchell, who resides on Rockland street, fell on a glass bottle Wednesday afternoon, cutting his face severely and mangleing one eye. Drs. Hill and Woodside performed an operation yesterday, removing the remainder of the optic. It is a very sad case.

The house on Knowlton street burned last Monday night was owned by Mrs. R. A. Hanley of Rockport and not by Mrs. G. A. Safford as reported in our Tuesday issue. The house was insured through the agency of F. M. Shaw, while Frank Wheeler and Mrs. Ida Davis, who occupied the tenements each had \$500 insurance with Cochran, Baker & Cross.

It is rumored around the Brook that Charles E. Bicknell has been called to Portland to take command of the monitor Montauk, which will defend the Maine coast. It has been found very difficult to get a crew for the Montauk, owing to the fact that Maine has no naval reserve and Mr. Bicknell's stepping into the breach at this juncture will be warmly commended.

Steamer Catherine, of the Rockland and Ellsworth route enters on her spring arrangement of three trips a week Tuesday. Leave Rockland Tuesday and Thursday for Bluehill and intermediate landings, making a round trip and connecting with the Boston steamer for Boston same day; Saturday leave Rockland for Ellsworth making all landings on the route, returning Monday, connecting with steamer City of Bangor.

A quartette from "Niggstown" arrived in Rockland Wednesday night and made lively music. They filled up with bag juice and about 10 o'clock came careering up Main street in grand style. Officers Spear and East joined in the chorus and the equipage and one of the colored gentlemen were escorted to the station. The other section of the quartette made its escape, but the three men were arraigned before Judge Hicks Thursday and paid some fancy fines.

The pugnacious John Eaton who assaulted Oliver Stewart and wife in the latter's own house Monday night was tried before Judge Hicks Tuesday and held in \$300 bonds on each count. Lillian, sister of the aforesaid John, was a respondent before the same court also on the charge of assault. The complaint was made by Mrs. Lizzie Walker, the alleged assaulted party. Judge Hicks gathered from the testimony that it was a case of six of one and half a dozen of the other, and so acquitted Lillian. John Eaton was committed to jail in default of bail.

Daniel Bean, who has been visiting his home in Rockland, has returned to Togus.

There are rumors of a change in the railroad freight service. As we hear it the freight train will leave Rockland in the night and arrive in the morning, the reverse of the present season.

According to reports there was a finish fight in an old barn on the Thomaston road last Sunday, for a purse of \$25. The scrap was witnessed by a select few, who are understood to be thoroughly convinced they got their money's worth.

The order issued by the postoffice department limiting business addresses printed on the postal cards to the name and address of the firm, and prohibiting the use of any word or words designating specifically the business in which the firm is engaged, has been rescinded. In its first order the department held that the use of such words constituted an advertisement and rendered, unless the government stamp thereon, making the card subject to letter rates. Thousands of protests poured in from business houses all over the country against the order.

Mrs. Elijah Hall died suddenly at her home on Mechanic street just before midnight, Thursday, presumably from heart trouble. Mr. Hall was awakened at 11 o'clock by his wife's heavy breathing and asked if she was ill. Mrs. Hall replied that it was nothing serious but that she found it difficult to breathe easily. In a few moments her condition grew very much worse and Mr. Hall went to the nearest neighbor for assistance. When they returned Mrs. Hall was breathing her last and expired in a few minutes. The deceased was a little over 68 years of age, a motherly woman highly respected in the community. She retired Thursday night in apparently perfect health and her sudden death was a great shock to husband and friends. The funeral will occur Sunday at 2 p. m., Rev. R. W. Van Kirk officiating.

WITH THE CHURCHES

Rev. F. E. White will preach at the engine hall, at the Highlands, Sunday at 2.30 o'clock.

The Rev. L. D. Evans of Camden will preach at the Congregational church tomorrow morning. Mr. Moore will preach in the evening upon "Peter, or the Church as Agent of the Holy Spirit."

The services Sunday morning at the First Baptist church are to be of memorial character, and the pastor, Rev. Robert W. Van Kirk, will preach a sermon touching upon the life and character of the late Manooq Pilgrimage and lessons suggested thereby.

Church of Immanuel, Universalist, Union street, Rev. Thomas Stratton, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject of morning sermon: "Probation and Character." Subject of evening sermon: "Some More Lenten Thoughts."

At the Advent chapel Sunday there will be memorial service for Mrs. Elizabeth Lamb, who was buried Tuesday last. About two years ago she was converted at the Advent chapel, and in summer desired baptism but her feeble health would not permit it. In September, one beautiful Tuesday, she felt able to be baptized and asked her pastor, Mrs. Taylor, if she would go into the water with her; so while sympathizing friends stood singing upon the shore, Dr. and Mrs. Taylor led her into the dark waters, and her feeble body bore testimony to the saving power of Christ. The little church of her choice deeply mourns her loss.

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In Effect Nov. 14, 1897.

PASSENGER trains leave Rockland as follows:

8:20 A. M., for Bath, Brunswick, Lewiston, Augusta, Waterville, Bangor, Portland and Boston, arriving in Boston at 4:15 P. M.

1:45 P. M., for Bath, Brunswick, Lewiston, Waterville, Portland and Boston, arriving in Boston at 9:25 P. M.

TRAINS ARRIVE:

10:40 A. M., morning train from Portland, Lewiston, Augusta and Waterville.

5:10 P. M., from Boston, Portland, Lewiston and Bangor.

GEO. F. EVANS, Gen'l Manager.
F. E. BOOTHBY, G. P. & T. A.

BOSTON & BANGOR S. S. CO.

Steamers will leave Rockland, weather and ice permitting:

For Boston, at (about) 5:30 p. m., Mondays and Thursdays.

For Bangor, (Bangor upon opening of navigation) via way-landings, at (about) 6 a. m. or upon arrival from Boston, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

For Bangor, via way-landings, Saturdays at (about) 6 a. m., or upon arrival of steamer from Boston.

RETURNING TO ROCKLAND

From Boston, Tuesdays and Fridays at 5 p. m. From Bangor, (Bangor when river opens) Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a. m.

From Bangor, Mondays.

F. S. BIERMAN, Agent, Rockland.
CALVIN AUSTIN, General Agent, Bangor.
W. M. H. GILL, General Manager, Bangor.

VINALHAVEN & ROCKLAND STEAMBOAT CO.

SPRING ARRANGEMENT.

STONINGTON AND ROCKLAND VIA Vinalhaven & Hurricane Isle

Commencing Friday, April 1, 1898, the

COV. BODWELL

Will leave Stonington every week day at 6 a. m. and Vinalhaven at 7 a. m. and 1 p. m., for Rockland, via Hurricane Isle.

Returning will leave Rockland, Tilson's Wharf, at 9:30 p. m., for Hurricane Isle and Vinalhaven, and at 8 p. m., for Hurricane Isle, Vinalhaven and Stonington.

Schedule of Fares:

Round Trip Ticket between Stonington and Rockland, 50 cents; Round Trip Ticket between Stonington and Vinalhaven, 25 cents; Round Trip Ticket between Vinalhaven and Rockland, 25 cents.

F. A. TORREY, Agent, Stonington.
F. S. BIERMAN, Agent, Rockland.
W. B. WHITE, Gen'l Agt., 427 Main St., Rockland, Me., March 28, 1898.

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ALVAN HARBOR, Captain.

On above date, wind and weather permitting, will leave Swan's Island every week day at 6:45 a. m., Stonington about 7 a. m., Vinalhaven about 8:20 a. m., arriving at Rockland about 9:35 a. m.

RETURNING, will leave Rockland every week day at 4 p. m., Vinalhaven at 5:20 p. m., Stonington at 6:45 p. m., arriving at Swan's Island about 8:45 p. m.

Connections at Rockland with 1 p. m. train of the M. C. R. R., arriving at Portland at 5:20 p. m., and Boston at 9:30 p. m., same day.

Round Trip Ticket, between Rockland and Vinalhaven, 25 cents; between Rockland and Stonington, 50 cents.

J. R. FLYE, Gen'l Agt., Rockland.

Portland and Rockland Route.

Commencing Monday, April 4, 1898, until further notice, Steamer

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LEAVES PORTLAND MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, Portland Pier at 6:30 and Boston Boat Wharf at 7:00 a. m., for Rockland, touching at Boothbay Harbor, New Harbor, Round Pond, Friendship, Fort Clyde and Tenants' Harbor, arriving in season to connect with steamer for Boston.

Leaves Rockland TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, Tilson's Wharf, at 6:30 a. m., for Portland, making way-landings as above, arriving in season to connect with Boston and New York steamers same night.

Time table subject to change.

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alternately leave FRANKLIN WHARF, Portland, every evening at 7 o'clock, arriving in season for connections with earliest trains for points beyond.

Returning leave Boston every evening at 7 o'clock and at 8:45 p. m., arriving at Tilson's Wharf at 11 a. m. and 12 p. m.

SUNDAYS

Leave Warren at 8:45 a. m. and 5:45 p. m. Leave Thomaston at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.

All orders to be left at Geo. Newberry's store at Warren and the waiting station for electric at Thomaston.

J. F. LISCOMB, General Agent.

Warren and Thomaston Stage Line

Will leave Warren for Thomaston at 7:45 a. m. and 12:45 p. m., connecting with electric cars for Rockland at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. Returning will leave Thomaston for Warren at 11 a. m. and 5:00 p. m., except Saturdays.

Saturdays will leave Warren at 7:45 a. m., 12:45 p. m. and 5:45 p. m., and will leave Thomaston at 11 a. m. and 12 p. m.

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Georges Valley Railroad.

Leave Union at 7:30 a. m., 1:30 and 3:15 p. m. Arrive at Union 10:30 a. m., 2:30 and 4:15 p. m. Connect at Warren Junction with Maine Central.

BLIND TOM SILENT.

THE FAMOUS NEGRO PIANIST NOW IN RETIREMENT.

Interesting Phases in the Career of the Slave Boy Whose Musical Genius Has Been the Marvel of the World—Lives With His Favorite Instrument.

People have been asking: "Is Blind Tom dead? Where is the famous master of melody? He who pleased our musical ear and aroused our incredulity! The wholesome-looking negro, who applauded his own performances; in whom the sense of imitation was enlarged to the disadvantage of other senses. He whom the world justly regarded as one of life's phenomena."

Blind Tom is not dead; he is not aged; he is not even passing away as many declare. I happened upon a day chapter of his late life week and found "the plaything of the gods" passing his days out of the public eye, in strict hermitage, writes a contributor to the Philadelphia Press.

He lives in the wooded, sea girt acres of the highlands of Navesink, where one can see the great ships grow down to the sea and watch the seasons grow and fade in leaf, bud and blossom of glorious woods. He sits in the open and mimics bird and beast. When weary of nature, he goes back to his life's solitary star that rose in his heaven at his birth. For hours he sits at the piano playing his old pieces, without technical knowledge of time or note or harmony, yet remaining apart in his genius from all others—the untutored master of melody.

Blind Tom was for twenty-five years part of America's sentiment. He was born in America's slavery; he was one of a numerous tribe who adored him; he was the awe of his masters, the admiration of his equals.

He was the product of the plantation. While never a master of classic music he played to the people; that satisfied majority to whom Wagner is as sound in brass and Chopin as tinkling cymbals. His melody was essentially sentimental.

Everyone remembers his performance. The crowded playhouse; the audience hushed by admiration dashed with superstitious awe; the imbecile negro, robust, wholesome, hopelessly blind, who walked to the piano and played brilliantly the tunes of the people. Wild applause which he, poor soul, echoed as he bowed. The manager stepping forward asks pianists to come up and play. One after another complies. Blind Tom listens without interruption. At the final chord he is led to the piano, and striking splendidly into the selection, imitates his predecessor with every shade of feeling revealed. Such was his triumphal touring through the United States.

The piano in the hallway is his resting place for hours. For years he has lived his public life over in daily private rehearsal, makes his bow, goes to the instrument, plays the old tunes, and jumping up, bows and applauds and "bravos" heartily.

In the pleasant weather he tires of the piano, and sitting in the grounds plays an imaginary pianoforte in the air, imitating perfectly the sound. He bows his thanks to the birds and dogs—and incidentally scares the passerby out of his senses.

In body he is as wholesome as ever. Eats three meals a day, which for length, breadth and thickness the gentleman with whom he lives assures me, could not be surpassed.

I was surprised to learn that he was only 43 years old. It is currently believed he is fully 60. Whether he will ever appear again in public is a question.

THE BIRD'S BALANCE OF POWER.

In a recent lecture Professor Wilmer Stone of Philadelphia cited many facts to show that birds are nature's great check on the excess of insects, and that they keep the balance between plants and insect life. Ten thousand caterpillars, it has been estimated, could destroy every blade of grass on an acre of cultivated ground.

In thirty days from the time it is hatched an ordinary caterpillar increases 10,000 times in bulk, and the food it lives and grows on is vegetable. The insect population of a single cherry tree infested with aphides was calculated by a prominent entomologist at no less than 12,000,000. The bird population of cultivated country districts has been estimated at from 700 to 1,000 per square mile. This is small compared with the number of insects, yet as each bird consumes hundreds of insects every day the latter are prevented from becoming the scourge they would be but for their feathered enemies.

All About Genus.

The three first questions of genius—an eye to see nature, a heart to feel it, and a resolution that dares to follow it.

The three things indispensable to genius—understanding, meditation and perseverance.

The three things that ennoble genius—vigor, discretion and knowledge.

The three tokens of genius—extraordinary understanding, extraordinary conduct and extraordinary exertions.

The three things that improve genius—proper exertion, frequent exertion and successful exertion.

The three things that support genius—prosperity, social qualifications and applause.

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There are so many departments in a Boston store that the boy who jabs mullage on the address slips that are put on bundles calls himself the adhesive department.

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STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

It Contains Some Facts and Figures of Interest to Knox County People.

The annual report of State Treasurer F. M. Simpson was received at this office recently and a careful examination of its 92 pages reveals a number of facts which can hardly fail to interest Knox county taxpayers.

The semi-annual tax assessed on savings banks for the year of 1897 affected our county institutions as follows: Tax for half year ending April 24—Camden Savings Bank, \$479.08; Rockland Savings Bank, \$3,672.97; Thomaston Savings Bank, \$1,143.54; tax half year ending Oct. 30—Camden Savings Bank, \$458.44; Rockland Savings Bank, \$3,672.97; Thomaston Savings Bank, \$1,176.09; total tax—Camden Savings Bank, \$937.52; Rockland Savings Bank, \$7,345.96; Thomaston Savings Bank, \$2,319.63. The total tax assessed on the savings banks of Maine for the year 1897 was \$879.74.

The tax on the four railroads doing business in the county was as follows: Georges Valley R. R., \$28.84; Line Rock R. R., \$1,245.50; Rockport R. R., \$54.83; Rockland, Thomaston & Camden street railroad, \$225.66. The total railroad tax in Maine was \$1,610.83.

The tax assessed on collateral inheritances and paid into the state treasury during the year was \$28,684.24. Knox county figures but once in this list; Knox County, \$25.97.

The railroad and telegraph tax was appropriated in Knox county as follows: Camden, \$154.33; North Haven, \$12.13; Rockland, \$1,073.96; Rockport, \$84.99; Thomaston, \$1,668.81; Vinalhaven, \$121.25; Warren, \$11.36; Washington, \$9.25.

The amounts received during the year of 1897 for dog licenses were as follows: Appleton, \$56; Camden, \$163; Hope, \$26; Hax, \$187.77; Isle au Haut, \$11; North Haven, \$30; Rockland, \$417; Rockport, \$161; South Thomaston, \$85; Thomaston, \$161; Union, \$104; Vinalhaven, \$59; Warren, \$224; Washington, \$47. The amounts paid out for damage by dogs to livestock animals were as follows: Rockport, \$27; Warren, \$24. It will be seen from these figures that Warren has the largest percentage of dogs according to its size of any town in the county—or else the smartest collector.

Knox county did not get rich from bounty paid its inhabitants for killing animals and seals yet some one earned a little spending money. The different towns are reported as follows: Camden, for seals, \$32; Cushing, for seals, \$2; North Haven, for seals, \$29.85; Rockland, for seals, \$4; St. George, for seals, \$7; South Thomaston, for seals, \$5; Vinalhaven, for seals, \$93. The total bounty paid out in the state was \$2,090 for animals and \$2,054 for seals.

Here are the figures in relation to schools: Appleton—Scholars, 322; school fund and mill tax, \$780.40; state tax, \$768.68; Camden—scholars, 728; school fund and mill tax, \$1,764.36; state tax, \$1,590.94; Cushman—scholars, 396; school fund and mill tax, \$2,244.1; Cushing—scholars, 198; school fund and mill tax, \$479.87; state tax, \$360.77; Friendship—scholars, 267; school fund and mill tax, \$647.08; state tax, \$543.55; Hope—scholars, 160; school fund and mill tax, \$387.77; state tax, \$399.89; Isle au Haut—scholars, 91; school fund and mill tax, \$108.81; Matineus Isle Plantation—scholars, 49; school fund and mill tax, \$118.76; state tax, \$134.08; North Haven—scholars, 165; school fund and mill tax, \$399.89; state tax, \$549.74; Rockland—scholars, 2,263; school fund and mill tax, \$5,484.53; state tax, \$1,560.95; Rockport—scholars, 687; school fund and mill tax, \$1,664.99; state tax, \$3,274.13; St. George—scholars, 870; school fund and mill tax, \$2,108.03; state tax, \$1,405.39; South Thomaston—scholars, 461; school fund and mill tax, \$1,117.26; state tax, \$982.35; Thomaston—scholars, 766; school fund and mill tax, \$1,850.45; state tax, \$3,907.86; Union—scholars, 396; school fund and mill tax, \$959.13; state tax, \$1,591.93; Vinalhaven—scholars, 915; school fund and mill tax, \$2,217.57; state tax, \$1,676.60; Warren—scholars, 636; school fund and mill tax, \$1,541.39; state tax, \$2,300.53; Washington—scholars, 81; school fund and mill tax, \$23.38; state tax, \$85.23.

The rate of state taxation for the year 1897 was two and three-fourths mills, on the dollar of the state valuation, yielding a total revenue from this source of \$905,179.49.

The total receipts of this department for the year 1897 were \$1,749,738.32 and the disbursements were \$1,800,888.68. The cash balance in the treasury at the close of the year was \$152,350.22.

The taxes assessed against cities and towns for the year 1896 have been paid in full.

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Twenty-third street, near Woodland. Attorney George Jones, representing the city, said all through the trial that the step was no more than the step to the witness chair in front of the jury, and a person would be no more liable to stumble over it.

"And you know, gentlemen, that no person would be likely to trip over that step there," said Mr. Jones, pointing to the step before him.

A moment later Mr. Jones started to go to the witness chair and stumbled over that very step and fell sprawling.

Revelation Concerning Soup.

The proprietress of a Brighton boarding house was musing over her menu. In her company sat the lady who had just sunk \$5,000 in the concern and who was being initiated into the mysteries of the profession.

"Now, then, dear," said the principal, "soup—what shall we call it?" "Well," replied her companion, "I suppose that depends upon what it is made of."

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"Then I think you had better put it down as 'potage a l'omnibus'."

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There are in the United States street railway and traction lines, city, suburban and inter-urban, aggregating 15,956 miles in length, or enough to make nearly five complete lines from New York city to San Francisco. These figures which are corrected up to December 1, show an increase in mileage of 2,780 within two years. To operate these roads requires 28,154 passenger cars, 207,777 motor cars, 206 dummies and 28,621 horses. Since 1891 the number of horses has declined 162,000 or 80 per cent.

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My Dear Jennie:

Your ever welcome letter came yes-
terday, and as you want to know about
the lunch for your whist party, I hasten
to reply. Above all do not make it elab-
orate, because your guests are not there
to be overpowered and if one can in duty
bound to do as much whether they wish
to or not. Make it as simple as possible.
Have about the rooms little bon-bon
dishes filled with candied nuts. It is a
very pleasant and natural thing to take
a few nuts from a convenient dish as you
change from one table to another, and
all these little things help to make a
successful evening. To candy the nuts or
fruit take three cups of sugar and one
cup of water boiled until it hardens
when dropped in cold water, then place on
lemon. It must not boil after the lemon
is put in. Dip the nuts by holding
them on the point of a fine knitting
needle, take them out and turn on the
needle until cool. Malaga grapes and
candied oranges may be candied in the
same way. This will be found to be a
very satisfactory recipe, and the nuts
and fruit are very generally liked.

For the lunch itself I should not advise
having less for such an informal affair.
Have cakes baked in sheets and about
an inch thick. Cut these sheets into
pieces about the size of a small playing
card. Frost with white frosting and
mark out on them with raisins the spots
so that the effect will be that of a play-
ing card. Use raisins for the spades
and clubs and candied cherries for the
diamonds and hearts. This will be a
novel and also a pleasant indication of
the evening's entertainment. Mix in
with these some

PEANUT WAFERS.
Stir to a cream one-half cup of butter
and one cup of sugar, add three-quarters
of a cup of milk, two scant cups of flour
into which has been sifted one teaspoonful
of baking powder, and a teaspoonful
of vanilla. Turn a baking pan upside
down, wipe it very dry, heat and spread
the mixture over it, using a knife to
make it smooth and even. Sprinkle
this thickly with finely chopped or roll-d
peanuts, and bake in a moderate oven
until brown. As soon as the tin is taken
lift carefully from the tin and place on
the moulding board to cool. Keep in a
tin can to preserve their crispness.

For other cake, I should use only the
plainest kind. Do not, as many hostesses
do, send your guests home, to certain at-
tacks of indigestion from having eaten
highly seasoned and ornamented food.
Lemonade is a very necessary as well as
desirable adjunct. Serve in the regula-
tion glasses from the punch bowl. If
preparation can be served coffee or choco-
late or both, but in these days of warm
furs and wraps, it is hardly necessary
to fill your guest up with hot coffee in
order to insure his not freezing on the
way home. A rabbit is next in order.
A mock rabbit is a new idea.

MOCK RABBIT.
Soak one cup of stale bread crumbs in
one cup of milk 15 minutes. Melt one
teaspoonful of butter in the top of a
double boiler and add one-half cup of
soft mild cheese cut fine. Stir until
melted, add the bread and milk, one
egg, one-half teaspoonful of salt, and
a few grains of cayenne. Cook three
minutes and pour over slices of toast.
The chocolate is as follows:

CHOCOLATE.
Melt one and one-half squares of
chocolate, add two tablespoonfuls of
sugar, a few grains of salt and gradually
one cup of boiling water. Let it boil one
minute, then pour into three cups of
scalded milk. Beat two minutes with
an egg beater and serve in chocolate
cups with whipped cream.

Here are three drinks which are some-
times used in addition to the lemonade:
FRUIT BEVERAGE.
Mix together two cups of sugar, one
pint of the juice of strawberries, one-half
cupful of orange juice, one-half
cupful of lemon juice and some grated
pineapple. Add the water and ice and
serve.

ORANGE DRINK.
Use ripe, thin-skinned oranges.
Squeeze the juice through a sieve. To
every pint of juice add one and one-half
pounds of sugar. Boil and skim as long
as scum rises, then take it off and bottle.
A little of this in a glass of iced water
makes a delicious drink.

MULLED WATER.
One egg, one-half pint of boiling water,
sugar to taste. Beat the egg well and
pour the water carefully over it, being
sure to stir it all the time. Serve with
wafers.

For additional dishes either of the fol-
lowing is good:
STRAWBERRY GELATINE.
Soak half a box of gelatine in a cupful
of cold water for 20 minutes, then add
two cupfuls of boiling water and a half
cupful of sugar. Stir until the gela-

tine and sugar are dissolved. When
lukewarm add the juice of two small
lemons and the grated rind of one. Set
the mixture in a cold place to stiffen.
When it commences to stiffen, the beaten
whites of two eggs are whipped into it,
only a small portion of it at a time being
added, until all is quite smooth. A half-
pint of strawberries are then added and
the gelatine is turned into a mould and
set on ice to harden. Serve with cream.

COFFEE CUSTARD.
One-half pint of rich cream, one-half
cup of cold coffee, four eggs and four
tablespoonsful of sugar.
I think you can, with minor additions,
make this a very dainty and successful
lunch, and one which will be remem-
bered for its novelty as well as relish.
"Come again" when you need more ad-
vice and believe me always,
Your friend,
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OATMEAL COOKIES.
Three cups of oatmeal, sifted, three
cups of flour, one cup of sugar, one cup
of lard, one cup of hot water, one tea-
spoonful of soda. Mix the flour and oat-
meal together and work in the lard,
then add the sugar, and lastly the water
with the soda dissolved in it. Roll thin
and bake quickly.

PUMPKIN BREAD.
(Mrs. Owens.)
Two cups butter milk; three cups wheat
flour; three cups of cornmeal; one cup
of sugar; one cupful of molasses; two
heaping tablespoonfuls of Cottole; two
eggs; one-half tablespoonful soda. Steam
2½ hours and brown in the oven.

WHITE PUDDING.
Four cups of milk, in which dissolve
a bit of soda, the juice of a pea, one cupful
of sugar, one cupful of butter, two
eggs, one heaping tablespoonful
of cornstarch, a pinch of cinnamon and
the grated peel of a lemon. Bring the
milk to boiling in a double boiler, then
add the sugar and the cornstarch, wet
with cold milk, and beat until the
beaten yolks of the eggs and return with
these to a saucepan. Stir in the rice,
cook until it thickens, remove from the
fire, season and pour into a buttered
pudding dish. Bake until firm and then
spread with a meringue made of the
whites of the eggs, beaten stiff with
sugar. Brown delicately and eat very
cold with cream and sugar.

RYE PANCAKES.
One cup of Indian meal, two cups of
rye flour, one-half tablespoonful of mo-
lasses, two eggs, beaten light, and
enough hot milk to make an ordinary
batter. Scald the meal with the milk,
stir in the rye flour and molasses, add
the eggs, beat hard and fry.

MOCK CREAM.
A substitute for cream to eat on fresh
fruits may be made by beating together
the whites of two eggs, a teaspoonful of
sugar, a small piece of butter and one
teaspoonful of cornstarch. Stir in half
a cupful of milk and beat hard.
Put one cupful of milk on the stove and
when it boils draw the dish to a cooler
part of the range and pour in the egg
mixture. Let it simmer until it thick-
ens a little. When cold strain through a
sieve.

CREAMED OYSTERS.
Put one pint of cream over the fire in
a double boiler. Stir smooth a generous
tablespoonful of flour with a little cold
milk and add to the boiling cream.
Season with salt, a little cayenne pepper
and a teaspoonful of onion juice. Heat
the oysters in their own liquor, drain
and pour the creamed mixture over the
oysters. Have on a hot plate square
pieces of toast well buttered. Turn the
mixture over them and serve at once.

CORN SOUP.
One can of corn, one quart of sweet
milk, put together in a kettle with a little
hot water to keep it from scorching.
Let it boil slowly for 15 minutes or until
the corn is cooked. Season with pepper,
salt and a little butter.

BAKED QUINCES.
Wipe ripe quinces and place them side
by side, stems upward in a pudding
dish. Pour over them a cupful of
boiling water into which has been stirred
four tablespoonfuls of sugar. Heat the
dish and bake until quinces are tender.

VANITY.
Mix with one egg as much flour as you
can. Divide into 12 pieces, roll as thin
as paper. Lay one at a time in a skillet
of boiling lard and with a spoon dip the
boiling lard and pour over the top. File
on a plate with sugar and cinnamon
sprinkled over each.

ALBION

McDONALD.—Augustus Runnels of Water-
ville was a guest at James Hussey's Saturday
night and Sunday.—Lillian McCurdy calls
on friends here Monday.—Mrs. H. G.
Robinson has been quite sick but is better at
this writing.—Charles Littlefield has been
very sick with rheumatic fever and is still con-
fined to his bed. He is gaining very slowly
toward recovery.—Sadie Shorey spent Sunday with her
parents.—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hussey is
rejoicing over the arrival of a girl baby, born
Saturday the 26th.—Katie Smiley is mak-
ing some repairs on his house.—Baby
Earl Erasmus had a birthday Saturday.—
Arthur Drake went to Palermo Sunday.—
Mrs. Temperance Drake spent Saturday with
her sister, Mrs. Martha Clark.—Frank Hus-
sey went to Albion Corner Saturday.—Mr.
and Mrs. Charles Drake have returned from
their visit in Portland.—Emma J. Sanford
of Palermo has the heartfelt sympathy of her
friends here in the death of her dear mother.
Mrs. Sanford has left many friends to mourn
her loss but our loss is her gain. The children
will miss their dear mother face, she was so
good, kind, loving.

Dwight, Illinois, Oct. 13, 1896.

To whom it may concern.

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(signed) Curtis J. Judd,
1881st Secv. and Treas.

APPLETON

EAST SENNEBEC.—A. Z. Henderson is in Bos-
ton, Mass., this week.—W. S. Counce
is home from Beverly, Mass., where he has
been at work for the past year.—Nathan
and Luella Pease visited their sister, Mrs.
Grace Gushue, Sunday.—Mrs. Carrie Gray
of Cape Reier spent last week with her
grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Simmons.
G. A. Ames recently sold ten fine pigs
to W. O. Norwood of Hope.—Zerah Rob-
bins is painting his house a beautiful shade
of brown with dark brown trimmings.
Mrs. Mabel Erskine of Lowell, Mass., is vi-
siting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Erskine.
—David Cummings was in Warren Sat-
urday.—Alden Robbins has a sow which
gave birth to seventeen pigs last Wednesday,
and this isn't much of a year for pigs either
side of the rapidly leaving the Sennebec
pond. If the weather continues to be what
it is, it will be out in a few days.—Horatio Hall
of Glen Cove recently called on relatives and
friends in town.—Thomas Robbins planted
peas March 28.

NOT ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD

A fact often overlooked, or not always un-
derstood, is that women suffer as much from
distressing kidney and bladder troubles as the
men. The womb is situated back of and very
close to the bladder and for that reason any
distress, disease or inconvenience manifested
in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary pas-
sage is often by mistake attributed to female
weakness or womb trouble of some sort.

The error is easily made and may be as
easily avoided by setting urine aside for
twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling is
evidence that your kidneys and bladder need
doctoring. If you have pain or distress in
the back, pass water too frequently, or
scanty supply, with smarting or burning—
these are also convincing proofs of kidney
trouble. If you have doctored without bene-
fit, try Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Koot, the great
kidney remedy. The mild and extraordinary
effect will surprise you. It stands the highest
for its wonderful cures. If you take a medi-
cine you should take the best. At druggists
fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a
free trial of this medicine, with self sent free
by mail, upon receipt of three-cent stamps
to cover cost of postage on the bottle. Men-
tion The Courier-Gazette and send your ad-
dress to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.
The proprietors of this paper guarantee the
genuineness of this offer.

SO. THOMASTON

Miss Cretia M. Coombs is visiting friends in
Thomaston.—Miss Rosa Shea is confined to
the house by sickness.—W. J. Butler, of
Seattle arrived here Saturday night. His
many friends are very pleased to see him
after so long an absence.—Henry Wiggin
spent Sunday at home.—Edward Wade
and William Warren were here Wednes-
day, they have obtained employment.

Mrs. I. C. Pert of this place went to Blue Hill
Saturday, being called there by the illness of
her niece.—Winfield Clark of the life sav-
ing station was at home Thursday.—Mrs.
John Ingraham was confined to the house by
sickness last week.—Mrs. Ada Hewitt of
Ingraham's Hill visited friends here last week.
A sociable will be held at the home of
Mrs. Charles Hayden Monday evening.
Mrs. Katie Wade of Rockland is visiting her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wade.

**INFAMATORY RHEUMATISM Cured in 3
Days.**

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says:
My wife had Infamatory Rheumatism in
every muscle and joint, her suffering was ter-
rible and her body and face were swollen al-
most beyond recognition; had been in bed for
six weeks and had eight physicians but re-
ceived no benefit until she tried the MYSTIC
CURE FOR RHEUMATISM. It gave im-
mediate relief and she was able to walk about
in three days. I am sure it saved her life."
Sold by W. J. Cookley, Druggist, Rockland

SMITHTON

Mrs. A. H. Thayer is on a visit to friends in
Augusta.—Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Overlock
visited at E. W. Griffin's Sunday.—R. L.
Overlock was at home Sunday.—Thomas
Carr was here business Friday last week.
—J. W. Morrison's home made a quick
trip from Smithton to his home in Montville
recently leaving his owner with empty milk
can to walk home. A lame horse the result.

**Awful Experience With Heart Dis-
ease.**—That Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart
works like magic and cures, is proven by the
testimony of Mr. L. J. Law, Toronto, Can-
ada. "I was so sorely troubled with heart dis-
ease that I was unable for 18 months to lie down
in bed at all. After taking one dose of
Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure, I retired and
slept soundly. I used one bottle and the
trouble has not returned."—Sold by W. J.
Cookley and C. H. Moor & Co.

Orway's Plasters Cure Cold Feet.

WARREN

No. WARREN.—Don't forget the dance in
Grange Hall Tuesday evening, April 5.—Al-
ton Russell has been at work for Ephraim
Caldwell.—Miss Hattie Young is quite sick.
She is attended by Dr. Wassett of Union—
Miss Lizzie Pendleton is improv-
ing fast.—Mr. and Mrs. Alton Russell
left Thursday morning for Westbrook,
Mass., where he has employment.—Will Hunt
was in So. Thomaston Saturday.—Revel
meeting were held on the back road last
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.
—Miss Ida Cummings came home from
Rockland last week.—Albion, Mass. is im-
proving very slowly.—Maynard Post came
home from So. Thomaston recently.

HIGHLAND.—Alvin Richards of Rockland
visited his sister, Mrs. Wm. Hall, last week.—
Chas. Brown is cooperating for B. J. Dow.
Mr. Dow has his four shops now turning out
line cases.—Bernie Watts and wife called on
their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cates, last
Sunday.—Blanch Crawford is visiting relatives
in Rockland.—Mrs. Leslie Packard and babe,
who have been under the skillful care of Dr.
Wickfield the past winter, have much im-
proved.—Theophilus M. Packard's mother,
Mrs. J. A. Clark, left Friday.—The many
friends of Mrs. Mary Watts are glad to know
she is improving in health.—Elder John Brown
and son Laforest were in Rockland Monday
and Lena Crawford is visiting relatives in
Thomaston.—Packard Bros. will start their
steam mill Monday.

EAST SEARSBOROUGH

Stephen Cables of West Rockport has
bought the Henry Heald farm, formerly
known as the Abel Mariner farm.—Don C.
Thomas of Camden has bought the Benjamin
Mixer farm.—Mrs. Abbie Mariner has re-
turned from Northport.—Mrs. Lewis Morse
has been away for a week's visit.

A lazy liver makes a lazy man. Burdock
Blood Bitters is the natural, never-failing
remedy for a lazy liver.

CITY OF ROCKLAND.**ASSESSORS' NOTICE.**

The subscribers, Assessors of Taxes of the City
of Rockland, hereby give notice to the inhabi-
tants of said city, and other persons having Taxable
Property within said city, to make and bring in to
said Assessors, true and perfect lists of their prop-
erty, and all other taxable property, to be written
including money on hand or at interest, and debts
due from others, and all property held in trust
as guardian, executor, administrator, trustee or
otherwise, (except such as is by law exempt from
taxation) which they were possessed of on the first
day of April, 1898, and to be prepared to make
oath to the truth of the same. And they are par-
ticularly requested to notify the assessors of the
names of all persons of whom they have bought,
or to whom they have sold Taxable Property since
the first day of April, 1897.

And for the purpose of receiving said lists, and
making returns of the same, the Assessors have
appointed the following day for the receipt of the
underwritten list of all property bought or sold,
or otherwise transferred, since the first day of
April, 1897, to the Assessors or County
Commissioners, for any abatement of taxes, unless
such non-compliance with the law, and the failure
to satisfy the Assessors that he was unable to
offer it at the time appointed.

K. C. BROWN,
OSCAR E. BRIDGTON,
Assessors of Rockland.
Rockland, March 16, 1898. 24-26

KNOX COUNTY.—In Court of Probate, held at
Rockland, on the fifteenth day of March, 1898.
Robert L. Weymouth, administrator on the estate
of John L. Weymouth, late of Appleton in
said county, deceased, having presented his first
account of administration of said estate for allow-
ance.

ORDERED, That notice thereof be given, three
weeks successively, in The Courier-Gazette,
printed in Rockland, in said county, that all per-
sons interested may attend at a Probate Court to be
held at Rockland, on the nineteenth day of April
next, and show cause, if any they have, why the
said account should not be allowed.

C. E. MESERVEY, Judge.
A true copy.—Attest:
EDWARD K. GOULD, Register.

KNOX COUNTY.—In Court of Probate, held at
Rockland, on the fifteenth day of March, 1898.
L. E. Smith, administrator on the estate of Jane
C. Smith, late of Vinhaven in said county, de-
ceased, having presented his first and final account
of administration of said estate for allowance.

ORDERED, That notice thereof be given, three
weeks successively, in The Courier-Gazette,
printed in Rockland, in said county, that all per-
sons interested may attend at a Probate Court to be
held at Rockland, on the third Tuesday of April
next, and show cause, if any they have, why the
said account should not be allowed.

C. E. MESERVEY, Judge.
A true copy.—Attest:
EDWARD K. GOULD, Register.

STATE OF MAINE.

KNOX CO.—At a Probate Court held at Rockland
on the third Tuesday of March, 1898.
Frederick W. Stackpole, administrator on the
estate of Harris Stackpole, late of Thomaston, in
said county, deceased, having presented his first
and final account of administration of said estate
for allowance.

ORDERED, That notice thereof be given to all per-
sons interested, by causing a copy of said peti-
tion to be published three times successively in
The Courier-Gazette, in said county, that all per-
sons interested may attend at a Probate Court to be
held at Rockland, on the third Tuesday of April
next, and show cause, if any they have, why the
said account should not be allowed.

C. E. MESERVEY, Judge of Probate.
A true copy.—Attest:
EDWARD K. GOULD, Register.

**PLEASE
TRY**

Washburn's
CANDY CATHARTIC

AROUND THE COUNTY.

For over a hundred years the bell in the old church at So. Thomaston did active service. For weddings, for funerals, for church and divers other occasions it was called into service and never failed to respond. But disaster came, fire destroyed the church and the old faithful bell tumbled to the ground. The people of South Thomaston, however, were determined that the memory of the bell would not die and pieces of the bell have been gathered for mementos. Some of the gentlemen have had finger rings made from the metal which make a most desirable ornament indeed. And our deeds live after us.

Thomaston rapidly getting into the social swim. The latest in this town is the organizing of a silent club and the members of which pay three dollars a plate when they have a club supper. We are not informed, however, as to the frequency of the meetings of either club. The information needs verifying unless the silent club is composed of inmates of the state institution and the other only lives in the imagination of some jokester.

There is an old saying that "every dog has his day." If this be true then the dogs of Knox county have had their day for in many of the towns laws have been passed compelling them to be chained from four to six months in the spring and summer. This has been brought about by the gunners, who claim that dogs running at large have placed much damage to game in close time. It seems to be to dog gone bad for the poor canines.

Statistics show that Warren has the largest percentage of licensed dogs of any place in the county. The number of licensed dogs equals almost that of Rockland. Can this be because there are more dogs in Warren than in Rockland? The assessors assess them and the town clerk collects the money? It is one or the other, more probably the latter. According to here there are lots of dogs running around loose without a home, and yet all of them look to be well fed.

The Spaniards will do well to steer clear of our shores for if they make their appearance they will meet with a warm reception. The Grand Army Posts are eager for the fray, we have Tilton Light Infantry, Camden has her Home Guards and the people are getting ready to organize. It is a pity that a Maine man knows not such a word as fear.

The good news comes from Warren that building prospects for the season are excellent as contracts for several new houses have already been made. Warren's woolen mill, shoe factory and productive farms keep the town well supplied and the people can form no conception of what hard times are. The people live in peace and contentment, are up-to-date in their ideas and believe in progression.

The decree has gone forth. Vinalhaven selectmen have decided that no one but residents will be allowed to dig claims in the flats around the island. This may not be of any importance to the world at large but those of us who have enjoyed the bivalves are cognizant of its significance. The Vinalhaven claim is as good as can be obtained anywhere and rather than have the bivalves depleted the selectmen felt compelled to issue the edict mentioned. But then there will be nothing to prevent enjoying one of Capt. Peniston's choice chowders when his friends visit the island.

Rockport's line vessels have been hauled out of winter quarters and are now plowing the seas between Rockport and other ports. Owing to the strike in Rockland line is being hauled out of Rockport in large quantities illustrating the adage that "what is one man's meat is another man's poison." These vessels will be kept busy now until snow falls again.

ITS MAGIC FELT

In Rockland a Citizen Tells of the Working in Her Family.

Many Rockland people will read the following statement of a citizen who has lived here for over 18 years, with much interest. Wm. McDougall resides at No. 49, Thomaston St.; his wife, Mrs. McDougall, gives the following account for publication: "My son James, fifteen years of age, was troubled with a skin disease that broke out on his body in patches as large as my hand. It almost drove the boy mad with itching both day and night. It would heal up and then break out in another place and would be annoying as ever. He could not help but rub or scratch it to allay the itching and then it would irritate and inflame making it sore. I had him apply various remedies that I thought good for such complaints but without any beneficial result so at last I got Doan's Ointment at Doushabe's Drug Store. He used it a few times and all signs of the humor left him. I have asked him several times if he ever feels anything of it but he says he does not. Doan's Ointment is an excellent remedy for skin disease and I cannot speak too strongly in its favor. I am sure there are many others that would be glad to use it if they knew what a wonderful remedy it is. It is very quick to take effect. In my boy's case it just passed away as if by magic."

Doan's Ointment, price 50 cents per box; for sale by all dealers or mailed by Foster-McBarn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S.

A church in Augusta, in order to increase its revenue, is getting up some theatricals, which will be put upon the boards in April. And the strange report is circulated that the rehearsals are held in the church parlors, and on Sunday evening, but the Augusta correspondent of the Lewiston Journal trusts this report is untrue.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth, Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children's teething. It soothes the child, cures the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

PINE TREE CONES

The four tramps now in Belfast jail are kept busy cleaning house and whitewashing.

The first arrest for bicycle riding on the sidewalk is claimed by South Portland. It cost the enterprising wheelman just \$2 and costs.

The Ohio state senate has passed a bill creating a state highway commission. This question is likely to come up in Maine again next winter and if the Ohio house concurs in the measure the result of the experiment will be of interest here.

A West Bath man lost two dozen eggs from a load he was carrying to market last week, a basket containing thirty dozen having been jostled off, owing to the rough state of the roads. There are lots of people who pay heavy toll for the loss of a few eggs.

A lady who lately moved from Phippsburg to Bath, paid her native town the involuntary and indirect compliment of becoming ill, and having to lie down at the sight of the first drunken man she met. She explains that the never had seen an intoxicated person before.

When the remains of the late James G. Blaine are removed from the cemetery in Washington to their last resting place in August, there doubtless will be fitting public demonstration, although it is Mrs. Blaine's expressed desire that the affair should be a quiet one. The remains were much dolored by the people of this section to permit that. The lot which Mrs. Blaine has purchased contains about ten acres, is situated on one of the charming hillsides leading out from "City of the dead" Forest Grove cemetery. Standing there in the summer season on the green turf beneath which Mr. Blaine's ashes will rest, a most charming panorama is unfolded. Near by are the white monuments marking the graves of those great statesmen, the friends or associates of the great statesman—Anson P. Morrill, Lot M. Morrill, Samuel Cony, James W. North, Samuel Titcomb, and the modest headstone of Luther Severance.

At your feet is the fair city of Augusta, which Mrs. Blaine so fondly loved, and the winding Kennebec sweeping through the valley, ten or twelve miles of which are clearly discernible to the naked eye from this commanding height. It was Mrs. Blaine's habit to take all strangers and visitors whom he entertained to the hills above Augusta and let them feast their eyes on the entrancing prospect. Had the selection been made by Mr. Blaine himself he would have preferred one of the hillsides for his final sleep. The remains will be removed here in the course of a year or two, and the measures will be taken for the erection of a suitable monument.

How's This

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKING, KINMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The Cape Elizabeth Sentinel is informed that not a cabbage of the entire Richmond island crop, consisting of over 100 tons has been sold. He says that of the whole bulk of three-fourths of his own last season about four hundred tons of cabbage, though a few loads are still finding their way to market at \$5 and \$6 a ton. Some farmers say they are at a loss to know what crops to plant the coming season. And no wonder.

Many men fool with sickness just as a bear fools around a trap. A man doesn't like to own up that he is ill. He says "O, it amounts to nothing. I shall be all right to-morrow." But he isn't all right to-morrow; nor the next day. Pretty soon the trap snaps to; and he has some terrible trouble.

The only sensible course is to keep away from the trap, and not allow sickness to get on you. It is a frightful mistake to trifle with indigestion and bilious troubles in the belief that they will cure themselves. On the contrary they drag the whole system down with them.

When the appetite and digestion are irregular it shows that the machinery of the body is out of order and is not doing its proper work; the blood-circulation is poorly supplied and is being gradually debased by bilious poisons.

The proper alternative for this condition is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It acts directly upon the digestive functions and the liver; and enables the blood-making glands to supply an abundance of pure blood, rich with the nutritious vital elements which build up healthy flesh and enduring strength.

In all impoverished and run-down conditions the "Discovery" is far better than "extracts" or "nutrients" or "emulsi-fications." It does not make dirty fat but builds muscle. It is a perfect tonic for corpulent people.

A full account of its properties and marvelous effects in many so-called "hopeless" cases, verified by the patients' own signatures, is given in one chapter of Doctor Pierce's thousand-page illustrated book, "The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser." This splendid volume will be sent free of charge to all who send 21 one-cent stamps to pay mailing cost only. Address, Dr. R. V. Pierce, 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y. For a complete copy send 31 stamps.

Having suffered for several years with indigestion, writes Dr. Walker, East Portland, Me. "I was cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. After taking five bottles I was entirely cured. I also suffered from bladder trouble, which was also cured by the 'Discovery.' I feel like a new man."

A Woman's Burden.

This is a story of a woman addressed to women. It is a plain statement of facts too strong in themselves to require embellishment, too true to be doubted, too instructive to be passed over by any woman who appreciates the value of good health.

The women of to-day are not as strong as their grandmothers.

They are bearing a burden in silence that grows heavier day by day; that is sapping their vitality, clouding their happiness, weighing them down with the weight of ill health.

Mrs. Alexander B. Clark, of 417 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, is a typical woman of to-day. A wife with such ambition as only a loving wife can have. But the joys of her life were marred by the existence of disease.

Suffering as thousands of her sisters have suffered, she almost despaired of life and yet she was cured.

To-day she is well! She wants others to profit by her experience; to grow well; to enjoy health; to be as happy as she is now.

"For five years I suffered with ovarian trouble," is Mrs. Clark's own version of the story. "I was not free one single day from headache and intense twitching pains in my neck and shoulders."

"For months at a time I would be confined to my bed."

"At times black spots would appear before my eyes and I would become blind. My nerves were in such a state that a step on the floor unsettled me."

WITH MADAME FASHION

Some of the Many Things to Make Us Look and Feel Better.

Silk shirt waists are completed with a stock and long tie of the same silk.

A novelty in long watch chains is made of black sewing silk with either gold, coral, turquoise or other gem stones, and set at short intervals the entire length.

Neckties of white chiffon trimmed around the ends with gathered narrow white satin ribbon are the latest fad.

Purple in one or other of its many tints and tones, including plum, violet, orchid, heliotrope, petunia, iris, lilac and wistaria, is everywhere in evidence in the exhibit of spring dress fabrics, ribbons and millinery.

Never were finer woven or more daintily fascinating designs and lovely color blends produced than are shown in the organidies brought to view for the summer of '98.

The big dotted veil is a thing of the past. It is not even carried in stock at really well places. The complexion veil has ousted it. This is very properly named, but it might be even better to call it the complexion beautifier. It is astonishing how a piece of plain black jet of crisscross or diamond design can enhance a plain woman's looks.

Corsets grow more gorgeous every day. It may seem hard to believe, but women of really refined taste are wearing stays made of plaid silk and flowered satin that would shame the rainbow tints. Blue, green, yellow, orange and red are mixed together in a conglomerate, kaleidoscopic mass, and these giddy thought-strangers, as anti-corset people call them, are calculated to make our great-grandmothers, who thought that woman should dress in pure white, turn over in their graves. Many women have these loud corsets made to match their silk petticoats.

Stylish street dresses are made of black and white checked tulle, with a green glass silk blouse vest for a note of color and an inner vest of white corded peeping on either side.

Some of the blouses and other fancy waists are made with double fronts, like two blouses, one cut down in a round or square shape in the neck, and added to this the outer one is very often slashed in places, showing glimpses of the waist beneath, which is always made of some pretty contrasting material. Just at the moment dark green, blue, brown, red or black cloth blouses are being made with unbecomingly of shepherd's check silk or brilliant Roman-striped or plaided taffetas.

Circular-shaped cape collars and pelerines, with and without scarf ends, are worn just now in place of the fur and beaver cloaks and coats. These are satin-lined and are made variously of heavy reppé, silk, lace, or of material matching the gown.

The very prettiest and most attractive waste paper baskets to be found are Swedish. They are made of splints, and are in the shape of a big, square, thick envelope. The basket is painted in bright colors in crude designs of clover leaves and bears, and ornamented further with rosettes of flannel in various colors, while bits of flannel are tacked onto the basket in different places. The description is not attractive, but the picturesqueness and effectiveness of these baskets make them well worth having. They hang by a twisted cord on the side of the desk, on the wall, or on a convenient table.

Chiffonne straw hats are already worn with new spring costumes.

Dainty ribbons with gauze borders come in all the pretty colors.

A novelty in dress trimmings is a fine fawn-colored batiste embroidered all over in a minute design of cheville. This is used for cuffs, collars and revers on silk waists. Oriental embroidered insertions, set in between groups of tucks, form another mode of trimming.

Waists of plain silk in medium and light colors are striped up and down diagonally across the sleeves with velvet ribbon of a darker shade.

Pile's Pile's Itching Piles.

Symptoms: Mucous, intense itching and stinging; most at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue, tumors form, which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. SWAYNE'S Ointment stops the itching and bleeding, heals ulcerations, and in most cases removes the tumors. At drug stores, or by mail, for 50 cents. Dr. Swayne & Son, Philadelphia. Avoid all substitutes.

SANITARY WALLS.

The Michigan State Board of Health had a paper published with their annual report, in which the use of paper and kalsomine on the walls of a room is strongly condemned and Alabastine is recommended. And the State once published a book entitled, "Shadows from the Walls of Death," with samples of arsenical wall paper, and placed it in all public libraries of the State.

IT IS EASY.

It is easy for any one to understand that Alabastine, the base of which is a cement when applied to any clean solid surface goes through a process of setting and grows hard with age, should be durable, that is, not rub and scale off, but admit of recasting from time to time, without having to wash and scrape off its old coats before renewing. It is equally plain that all kalsomines are the



ASTRODE THE WHEEL

Low Cost Brings the Wheel Within the Reach of All. The wheels are going round.

There will be more going round this season than ever before in the history of bicycling.

The high grade wheel of a few years ago can now be purchased for about one-third the money, and what is more the bicycles are better.

Who will own the first chainless? Several are talking of buying.

J. F. Gregory & Son have already this season sold more than sixty wheels with a large number of prospective buyers in sight. Who was it that said that money was scarce and we hadn't got over the hard times?

There will be fully as many agencies this year as last.

Contributions for this column is solicited. We desire to make it readable for those who don't as well as those who do ride.

There are faint whispers of a big meet here during the summer. If properly managed it would mean big money to the promoters. The whispers will grow to such a volume as to be heard all over the state. Everybody is interested now. Talk it up, you bicycle cranks.

The municipal authorities of Rochester have adopted the bicycle for various uses in connection with the city government, including the mounting of a police squad.

The story is told of a Montana man who traded his second-hand bicycle for a half-interest in a mining claim which has already paid him \$3,000 in profits, with enough ore in sight to assure him a fortune. The incident is said to prove the value of a wheel as an investment, and also to show how bull luck will chase a man around until it gets him cornered.

The Higbie-Armstrong good roads bill has passed the New York Assembly and is ready for the governor's signature. It makes no appropriation for highway improvement, but authorizes county supervisors to act upon the petition of property owners. The state pays half the expense, the county 35 per cent, and the town or property owners 15 per cent.

Cycle racing will have a boom in Rochester this season, owing to the building of a new track there.

Chairman Mott of the National Racing Board has made up a partial schedule of National Circuit dates for the season.

Shanghai is the only Chinese city where the native women have ventured in public upon the wheel and they are seen there occasionally, while the native Japanese women long ago succumbed to the fascinations of the bicycle. Undoubtedly the reason for this lies in the fact that Chinese women do not take as kindly to foreigners and their customs as the Japanese women do, and then, too, the feet of the Chinese girl suit her for the joy of propelling a bicycle, while her more lucky cousin, the Japanese girl, labors under no such difficulty.

There are a dozen or more American women cyclists who have one line shorter than the other. Enterprising dealers have fitted up wheels with cranks of different lengths to fit those who suffer from this deformity, and who have supposed that this pleasant pastime was not open to them. The women not only wheel as well as and as rapidly as their stronger sisters, but their physical defect is almost hidden from public view.

That demands a cycle in the streets of a large city requiring a cool head and thoughtful regard for the welfare of others, is shown by the fact that ambulances are often needed to care for persons injured by collisions. He who thinks, as soon as he mounts a bicycle, that he can dart off in any direction as fast and as carelessly as he pleases, is liable to get into serious trouble before he knows it.

A police justice of Cincinnati has given instructions to the police of that city to arrest any woman not possessing the best of reputations who dares to ride a wheel upon the public streets. She may ride in a carriage or walk, but no matter how proper her conduct or dress, a taste of the workhouse is the result of her first venture a wheel. This is an appreciated and valued protection for wheelwomen and might well be enforced in other cities.

Letters from the McIlraiths, who have reached Asia Minor in their cycling tour of the globe, report the most serious mishap yet encountered. They were lost in a severe storm in the mountainous district of Persia and Mrs. McIlraith's feet were frozen. It was at first thought that amputation would be necessary, but this was avoided by skillful nursing.

The more riders the easier it will be to get better roads.

There are riders enough to organize a good big club. Why not do it?

"Where will the Maine division of the league hold its spring meet this year?" was the question put to Chief Consul Abner W. Low of the Maine wheelmen.

The chief consul knitted his brows. "I

A SERIOUS AFFECTION.

Catarrh of the Liver Dangerous, but Can Be Cured by Pe-ru-na. The Case of Mrs. Robbins One Example.



POSITIVE danger threatens one when catarrh reaches the liver. This is one of the vital organs that cannot be lightly trifled with. Pe-ru-na cures catarrh of the liver as effectively as it cures catarrh located elsewhere. Mrs. S. E. Robbins of White Wright, Tex., had catarrh of the stomach and catarrh of the liver. She writes us as follows: "Gentlemen—I feel it my duty to tell what Pe-ru-na did for me. Eight years ago my liver and stomach began to give me trouble. This developed into a colic which troubled me every day. About six years ago I got so bad I had to take medicine. Five years ago I was in such a condition that it seemed to me I was diseased from head to foot. For weeks I could not sit up. I was as yellow as an orange. Last spring I was confined to my bed for weeks. Suffered with colic, sick stomach and nervous chills. Finally I took Pe-ru-na. I had eaten nothing for several days and was under a doctor's treatment. I quit taking his medicine and took Pe-ru-na instead. It cured me. I have gained twenty-five pounds. I can eat anything I want and my skin is clear. I have no signs of jaundice. Mrs. S. E. Robbins."

The many serious symptoms that accompany liver troubles are of such a nature as to lead the sufferer to believe himself afflicted with almost any disease. Dizziness, despondency, sleeplessness, and a general feeling of hopelessness show a disordered liver. Consider your own condition. If you are such a sufferer, do not hesitate. You cannot begin to take Pe-ru-na too soon. It will cure you, and you are only wasting valuable time by waiting. Get Pe-ru-na at once of your druggist. Write to Dr. S. B. Hartman, of Columbus, Ohio, who will advise and treat you, absolutely free.

can't tell you today," he replied, "but I expect in a few days to be able to say where our spring meet is to be held. I have three lines out just at present. The Waterville boys would like to entertain us, so would Brunswick, but Brunswick has no club, and I am afraid that the long drawn-out stick in the cotton mills there has dampened the individual ardor. The Lewiston and Auburn club, by whom we were so well entertained last spring, is willing to take us again, if we will be ignored in vessel measurements, and at either of these places we could be sure of having a good time."

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WITH THE FISHERMEN (Fishing Gazette.) Canada used \$384,219 worth of bait for fishing in 1897.

Every week 9,000,000 oysters are swallowed by the people of London. Half of the shells are broken up and used for asphalt paving.

Fish Warden Gribben, of Portland recently seized a barrel of short lobsters which contained twenty-seven that were below the legal requirement.

A firm of oyster dealers in Washington will ship to the Klondike 6,000 gallons of fresh oysters frozen in 5-gallon cans.

The Treasury Department has notified customs officers that in future fractions of a ton will be ignored in vessel measurements, to take effect on July 1.

The discovery that fish do not migrate, but spend the winter in depressions near the shore is reported to have been made by the coast fishermen in the vicinity of Beaufort, N. C.

It is reported from Boston that the fish dealers on that wharf will organize a corporation to fight the Gloucester Fish Fish Company. This is the only way they can compete successfully against the loss of trade by the Gloucester company.

The receipts of fresh fish at Gloucester for the week ending March 19 was unprecedented. It reached almost a total of 4,250,000 pounds. Prices were low and salt fish receipts were large, aggregating 1,053,000 pounds. Three hundred and fifty thousand pounds of halibut were received. The salt fish dealers are taking advantage of the low price and are buying largely.

The fishermen and fish dealers throughout the country who are anxious for war will soon regret it should hostilities break out. Capital will be withdrawn from all enterprises and new schemes will be held in abeyance to await the result. The fishing fleet would be hampered by privateers, men to fish would be scarce, prices would be high, and the masses, the great consumers of fish, would be the first to feel the effect. Work of all kinds would be scarce, and the country would suffer generally. We do not want war.

Since the inception of the bounty system \$5,250,000 has been paid to encourage Canadian fishermen in developing the deep sea fisheries of Canada. Canada's fisheries are the most extensive in the world. The eastern sea coast is given as 5,600 miles, and that of British Columbia as 7,180 miles, or more than double that of Great Britain and Ireland.

While salt water area, not including indentations, covers more than 1,500 square miles, the fresh water area of that part of the great lakes belonging to Canada is computed at 72,700 square miles, not including the numerous lakes of Manitoba and the territories, all stocked with excellent species of food fish.

Who Grows Sweet Peas? The Courier-Gazette will give a year's subscription of its paper to the person in Rockland who this summer makes the finest showing of growing sweet peas. The points to be considered will be extent, height, luxuriance of vines and luxuriance of blossoms.

It's the little colds that grow into big colds; the big colds that end in consumption and death. Watch the little colds. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

Here is one of the instances that show the quality of Maine patriotism. The members of Meade Post, No. 49, G. A. R., of Eastport held a meeting recently and agreed to allow the government to deduct 5 per cent of their pension money for one year, the proceeds to be used to build or buy a battleship to replace the lost warship Maine. The commanders of all G. A. R. posts in the country will be notified and if the small reduction is made all over the land among the veterans of the late war, who receive a pension, a large sum can be obtained.

Is Catarrh Your Life's Cloud?—Eminent nose and throat specialists in daily practice highly recommend Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder, as safe, sure, permanent, painless and harmless, in all cases of Cold in Head, Tonsillitis, Hoarseness and Catarrh. It gives relief in 10 minutes, and banishes the disease like magic. Sold by W. I. Coakley and C. H. Moor & Co.

All affections of the scalp, such as sores, eczema, dandruff, baldness, and falling hair can be cured or prevented by the timely use of Hall's Hair Renewer.

MUCH SICKNESS

Particularly throat and lung difficulties, wrongly attributed to other causes, is the result of unsanitary conditions of walls and ceilings. Think of a room coated with porous Alabastine, which is re-lined with but little trouble or expense, and is purifying and sweet-swelling and fills cracks. Wall paper free would be dearer than Alabastine if cost of removing paper is considered.

ded, like a colored shirt, to hide the dirt;

then think of "the nasty practice" of repeating this papering, without removing the old, and a number of times at that, as many do. Then think of a room coated with pure, porous Alabastine, which is re-lined with but little trouble or expense, and is purifying and sweet-swelling and fills cracks. Wall paper free would be dearer than Alabastine if cost of removing paper is considered.

SANITARY WALLS.

The Michigan State Board of Health had a paper published with their annual report, in which the use of paper and kalsomine on the walls of a room is strongly condemned and Alabastine is recommended. And the State once published a book entitled, "Shadows from the Walls of Death," with samples of arsenical wall paper, and placed it in all public libraries of the State.

IT IS EASY.

It is easy for any one to understand that Alabastine, the base of which is a cement when applied to any clean solid surface goes through a process of setting and grows hard with age, should be durable, that is, not rub and scale off, but admit of recasting from time to time, without having to wash and scrape off its old coats before renewing. It is equally plain that all kalsomines are the

reverse of this, being manufactured from whitening, chalks, clays, etc., for a base, and being stuck on the wall with glue, which when exposed to the air, moisture, etc., soon decays, and the rubbing and scaling then commences, leaving the wall in a terrible condition. See that the Alabastine is in a package and properly labeled, taking note of being as "just as good" or "the same thing." Druggists and paint dealers sell it.

TO DEALERS.

Do not buy a law suit or an injunction with cheap kalsomine, which are all imitations of Alabastine. Dealers assume the risk of a suit for damages by selling an infringing imitation. Alabastine Company own the right, covered by letters patent, to make and sell wall coatings adapted to be mixed with cold water. Alabastine Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.

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