

Oxford Democrat.

PARIS, MAINE, NOV. 5, 1872.

STATE OF MAINE.

BY THE GOVERNOR.

A PROCLAMATION.

Acknowledging with gratitude the past year's blessings which a kind Providence has vouchsafed to our State and Nation during the past year, and in contemplation of the practice of our ancestors, and the recommendation of the President of the United States, I do, with the advice of the Executive Council, appoint:

Thursday, the 28th day of November, as a day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer.

And I hereby recommend to all the people of this State that they unite on that day, in their places of public worship and family circles, in offering heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for the peace and plenty which we enjoy; for the success of our efforts to shield the helpless, to assist the weak, to lift up the fallen, and for all the mercies that have crowned the year. We give thanks, not to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Given at the Council Chamber, in Augusta, this 5th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and of the independence of the United States the ninety-seventh.

SIDNEY PERHAM, Governor.

GEORGE H. STACY, Secretary of State.

VICTORY!



GRANT AND WILSON

Sweep Everything!



Electoral Votes,
GRANT, 287
GREELEY, 56!



New England a Unit.

GRANT, 29 States, GREELEY, 6
and a few doubtful!

We have no time for comments, and can only announce our glorious victory in sentences. The following majorities appear:

Maine,	30,000
New Hampshire,	4,000
Vermont,	31,000
Massachusetts,	70,000
Rhode Island,	8,500
Connecticut,	5,000
New York,	35,000
Pennsylvania,	105,000
Ohio,	30,000
North Carolina,	10,000
Wisconsin,	15,000
Indiana,	5,000
Michigan,	30,000
Nebraska,	10,000
Iowa,	50,000
Illinois,	10,000
New Jersey,	7,000

Grant's popular majority will be the largest ever received by a Presidential candidate.

Hawley is elected to Congress.

Gen. Banks defeated by 4,100 majority.

Havemeyer elected Mayor of New York.

Greeley runs behind in his own State.

A Gain of Five Members of Congress in New York State.

On the 'Home Stretch.'



Election in Town!

The horse disease had a decided effect on the vote here, and probably in other towns throughout the State. The day was a fine one for pedestrians, otherwise the vote would have been very light. Hundreds of voters had to foot it from three to nine miles and back, to vote. Our vote falls off, from September, only 133. The vote was, for Grant Electors, 376—Greeley, 166—Republican majority, 210—Republican gain since September, Fifty Three! Upon this ratio of gain, the majority for Grant in the State will reach about 25,000!

Editorial Correspondence.

BANGOR, Nov. 1, 1872.

Another week in Bangor, to attend the semi-annual session of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars. Oxford County had only two representatives present, owing probably to the fact that the Fall session is not so important as the annual session in the Spring, and the expense of going so far as Bangor to attend it. The session was not full, but sufficiently so to give interest to the occasion.

Most of the prominent temperance men in the State were present, among whom were Joshua Nye, N. G. Hildborn, Rev. D. B. Randall, Rev. David Boyd, O. G. Hall, Esq., and B. F. Hamilton.

As Rev. David Boyd, G. W. C. T., has been installed over a church in Rhode Island, it was supposed he would resign during the session, and the second officer in the Grand Lodge, Judge Hall, G. W. C., would be elected to the vacancy. Mr. Boyd presided during the session and in the haste of adjourning, the resignation was overlooked, but will be tendered at meeting of the Grand Council next week. In his Report, he said that the cardinal principles of the Order are total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the State, and there must be no letting down in these principles which the experience of a quarter of a century has proved essential to any real progress in the work. The policy of the Order should be to cultivate friendly and fraternal relations with all temperance societies, but the interests of the Order should be specially guarded and cherished. The recommendation is made that a State Lectures shall be employed without delay, who shall also be a missionary agent, to go among the lodges and give them encouragement and counsel. The assessment of a per capita tax is suggested to sustain such an enterprise.

The Secretary reported the number of Lodges at the commencement of the six months, 277; number instituted since, 4; two have surrendered their charters, so that the number now existing is 279; number of members at the commencement of the six months, 23,603; initiated during this time, 2,094, and 197 admitted by card; estimated number of members of new Lodges withdrawn from the Order, 275; withdrawn by card, 290; died, 62; expelled, 650; number now in good standing, 23,507. New Lodges have been instituted as follows: Oak Lodge, No. 167, Brewer; Scott, No. 207, Industry; Youth's Safeguard, No. 52, Ellsworth; Centre, No. 206, Easton.

The sum of the appropriations for the current year amounted to \$4,095, and under the several heads of these appropriations, the report of the G. W. Treasurer shows that there has been paid out since the annual session the following sums: Salary of the G. W. Secretary, \$250; Good Water Temples, \$148; County Lodge drawback, \$98 17; Postage, incidental and expense of Grand Council, \$187; Grand Lodge Printing, \$26 28; Right Worthy Grand Lodge tax, \$23 84; County Dues, \$99 82; Orders drawn from bills outstanding at the last annual session, \$191 15; making a total expenditure of \$1314 41, and leaving on hand \$2780 59.

Rev. O. M. Cousins, General Superintendent of the Cold Water Temples, presented a very interesting report of this branch of temperance organization. His report shows that eighty-one Temples are now existing. Mrs. C. H. Fitzgerald of Gardiner, has instituted sixteen Temples, numbering about six hundred members. The membership of the eighty-one Temples which have reported, is about ten thousand. The expenditures in this department amount to \$5.26. The unsettled matter of the late Treasurer, Mr. Starbuck, came up, and was referred to a Committee for adjustment, consisting of F. E. Shaw, W. L. Hathorn and C. A. Farwell, who are to report their findings at the next session.

A good public meeting was held on Tuesday evening, presided over by May or Wheelwright, which was addressed by Judge Hall, of Rockland, Mr. Bryant, of Lewiston, one of the Reform men, T. S. Simbourn, Esq., of Camden, Hon. N. G. Hildborn and Hon. Joshua Nye.

The Committee on Constitutions recommended a change as to the age of membership, making it 14 instead of 15. It goes over to the next session.

The committee on the Prohibitory Law introduced a very stringent and important law. Another committee reported the following with reference to the cider clause of the present statute:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the prohibition of the sale of cider at retail should apply to the manufacturers as well as others.

Considerable discussion was had upon the proposition to place a State lecturer in the field, but the question was finally left to be decided at the next meeting of the Grand Council, which occurs at Brunswick on Friday, Nov. 8th.

It was proposed to raise an endowment fund for the Grand Lodge, which will probably be done, as several of the members expressed their willingness to subscribe liberally.

During the afternoon Mrs. C. V. Crossman, in behalf of the ladies, presented Rev. David Boyd, Grand Worthy Chief Templar, with an elegant silver tea set, as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his labors in the cause of temperance. Mr. Boyd responded, expressing his thanks for this token of remembrance, in appropriate remarks.

The session was adjourned to meet in April next at Augusta.

In the evening the members held a social meeting.

—The Belfast Free Press, Democratic, has a fling at Gov. Perham's Proclamation for Thanksgiving-day, because he recognizes as one of the reasons for observing the day, the recommendation of the President of the United States, and objects to the President's usurping the power of selecting the day of Washington. It is another terrible case of centralization, to frighten democratic simpletons with.

Boston Correspondence.

BOSTON, Nov. 1, 1872.

The east winds are blowing, furs are displayed—flowers still flourish in the Public Garden seemingly bound to throw something of beauty over the otherwise barren outlook. Campaign banners, and songs—processions, and speeches, receptions and openings are the order of the day.

Some predicted that the Jubilee would give Bostonians such a surfeit of music that the very echo would suffice for years, and consequently Musical Managers, and Artists would strike the Modern Athletes from their route, but the rule of contraries proves true this time, and the array of literary and musical artists that are booked for the winter courses is a dazzling line which carries all hearts by storm, and even in anticipation gives abundant pleasure.

First comes Patti with her incomparable voice and winning gaiety. Maria the tenor, whose years of success in the musical world, entitle him to the appellation "King of Tenors." He is sixty-two years old, and his voice in the lower register is grand and powerful, but the least approach to high notes, proves that the full free scope of voice that was his twenty years ago, is painfully shortened. Annie Cary, the Boston favorite, is much improved in voice, since last season, there being an added richness and power throughout. Rubinstein, the pianist is here, defying all reporters to do him justice, and throwing his audience into a furor of enthusiasm by his magic touch, and bringing from the piano sounds which, were the eyes closed, would be voted an Orchestra or Brass Band. The Handel and Haydn Society are to bring out some fine Oratorios this winter. The Boston Chorus under Carl Zerrahn will also rehearse Oratorio and Symphony.

Geo. McDonald is delighting the lovers of Scottish poetry by his lectures on Robert Burns. Harvard still folds its arms around the elect, and refuses to believe that girls desire or need broader culture, openly declaring "They care nothing for the deeper insight which is needed by men." The course of lectures on English Literature to "ladies only" are well attended, the opening lecture being given by Mrs. Edna D. Cheney, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 5th, and on the following Saturday, one by C. P. Whipple. On both occasions the hall was packed, and many were unable to gain admittance. The course was planned and brought about by Jas. T. Fields, Esq., who desires to ascertain whether or not the assertion of some college professors is correct, that "Women are not interested in these things," and whether a Female University is not headed beside Harvard.

OCT. 31.—The largest demonstration of the campaign was the torch-light procession of last evening. Grant and Wilson regiments of "Tanners" formed in solid line, presenting a fine appearance. The whole number of torch bearers was estimated at twenty thousand. Along the route intense enthusiasm prevailed, the houses being for the most part, brilliantly illuminated, and the streets thronged with an immense concourse of people. The bursting of a shell on board the Frigate Constitution, (which was a marked feature of the evening) severely wounded two men. But little disturbance, and in fact of a petty character, was noticed; in that the demonstration shows well who are ready for the hard work soon to be done.

The horse distemper is abating, and travel and teaming are resuming away.

Maine Industrial School for Girls.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the persons mentioned in an act of incorporation, passed by the Legislature of Maine, and approved by the Governor, February 29, A. D. 1872, under the name of the Maine Industrial School for Girls, will be held at the Mayor's office, in the city of Portland, at ten o'clock of November, A. D. 1872, at ten o'clock A. M., to organize said corporation, adopt by-laws, and transact such other business as shall be necessary and proper.

The incorporators named in the act, in addition to the undersigned, are: Charles E. Spring, John L. Stevens, Thomas S. Lang, Mrs. C. A. L. Sampson, Mrs. Julia Hines, John G. Mayo, A. H. Abbott, M. D. Lane, Charles J. Talbot, Charles R. Whidden, Miss E. G. Longfellow, Nelson Dingley, Jr., Samuel F. Perley, Lyndon Oak, David Barker, Alonzo Garcelon, A. F. Holt, Eli Jones, C. M. Bailey and Alden Chase.

B. Kingsbury, Jr., Sidney Perham, Edwin R. French, Samuel F. Hersey, Samuel G. French, Samuel F. Dike, William Deering, Joshua Nye, John B. Neely, Harrison J. Libby, John B. Coyle, Augustus E. Stevens, Mrs. E. Fernald, Mrs. Dr. Gilman, A. S. Kingsbury, Anna Burr, S. H. Kingsbury, Mrs. St. John Smith, George B. Barrows, John J. Perry, P. S. All papers in the State interested in this measure are requested to copy the above.

Portland, Oct. 26th, 1872.

Mail Robbery.

On Tuesday night last, Inspector King of the Dominion Post-office Department arrested Mr. Currier, mail agent between Island Pond and Montreal, for robbing the mails. Mr. Currier is a Frenchman, about fifty years of age and a short time ago married a young lady, daughter of another mail carrier, about eighteen years of age. It seems that for over two years he has been in the habit of opening letters directed to parties in the Dominion by French Canadians resident in the United States, and purloining their contents, keeping lists of the same with the intention of returning the money if he proved successful in his speculations. He confessed the whole affair to Mr. King and handed him the lists of letters he had opened. He will probably be sentenced to thirty years imprisonment.

—See advertisement of Andrews & Dean, West Paris.

The Paper Credit Law Suit.

The first paper credit case ever brought before a jury, in this State, has just been tried in Wiscasset, at the present session of the Supreme Judicial Court for Lincoln County. Chief Justice Appleton presiding, and has resulted in a verdict for Plaintiff, after a hard fought contest of five days. The suit is a most important one, and the facts as shown by evidence produced, are briefly as follows: Jason At Carleton, of Whitefield, acting for that town, made a personal bargain with Daniel T. Pike, of Augusta, for fifteen men, in anticipation of a call by the government upon that town. When the call was made, the town put the furnishing of men up at public auction, and a contract was made with Carleton, who entered in an obligation to furnish the town's quota. He paid Pike \$5,000 to furnish the fifteen men. Pike furnished what is understood to be paper or marine credits, although these were in filling the town's quota. The jury decided they did not fulfill the contract which Pike had made with Carleton, and a verdict was rendered that he should pay back the money and interest, which in all amounts to \$5,567.37. Exceptions were taken, and a motion was made to set aside the verdict, by Pike's counsel. The result will be watched with great interest throughout the State, for should the decision of the lower court be sustained, it may occasion wholesale litigation over paper credits in our courts.

Death of Mrs. Horace Greeley.

Mrs. Greeley died at four o'clock Wednesday morning, at the residence of Alvin Judson, New York city. Her symptoms Tuesday evening inspired some faint hope of her recovery, but during the night she had two chills, after which she was very unwell until four, when she passed peacefully away. The funeral took place at Dr. Chapin's church, Friday.

The Horse Disease.

Since our last issue, this remarkable disease has spread wonderfully, and all the country towns have numerous cases. The cities are suffering most, both in the loss of horses and interruption of business. While in Bangor and Portland, last week, horses were hardly seen on the streets, oxen being substituted. One provision dealer in Portland, made his cow do service in delivering beef, which was decidedly comical. Every expedient is resorted to, to overcome obstacles, and the pull-men teams are quite popular.

John Cummings, Livery Stable, at So. Paris, says his horses are sick. Another stable has all sick, and lost one. Mason's stable horses all sick. Alexander Thayer, on the Hill, has had all of his sick, and they are doing so well that he has commenced using them. All of Mr. Harris's are sick. At North and West Paris, most of the horses are sick, but we do not hear of any losses.

The disease takes hold of the racing horses. "Mumum," Dr. Tewksbury's trotter, and "King William" are said to have it. "Gentle Annie" and "Sherman Knox" are also affected by it, and no horse races can take place, which is not important, if true.

Ordination—Canton.

In response to a call from the Baptist church in Canton, Me., a council assembled Oct. 16th, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to consider the propriety of ordaining to the work of the gospel ministry Bro. A. C. Herrick. The council organized by the choice of Rev. J. T. Champion, D. D., Moderator, and Rev. I. Record, Clerk. After listening to the candidate's Christian experience, call to the ministry and views of doctrine, the council voted unanimously to proceed to ordination. The following was the order of exercises adopted: Anthem, by the choir; Reading of the Scriptures, Rev. H. V. Baker; Reading of hymn, Rev. Mr. Phillips; Introductory prayer and reading of hymns, Rev. Mr. Perkins (Free Baptist) of Canton; Sermon, Rev. J. T. Champion, D. D.; Text, 2 Tim. iv. 2, Preach the Word; Ordaining prayer, Rev. C. Parker; Charge to the candidate, Rev. I. Record; Hand of fellowship, Rev. H. Linsley; Charge to the church, Rev. C. Parker; Anthem, by the choir; Benediction, by the ordained. Bro. Herrick has been a successful teacher, and enters upon his work at Canton under very favorable circumstances. He has supplied the pulpit at Canton hall of the time for nearly a year, and during this time has gained the love and esteem of both church and society.

Fire at West Paris.

The farm house and buildings occupied by Mr. J. W. Willis at West Paris, who recently moved from Paris Hill, were entirely destroyed by fire the 28th inst. Mr. Willis was at work in his field at the time the fire was discovered, gathering his apples. He saw smoke rising in the direction of the house that attracted his attention, and was attributed to a passing train of cars. It was immediately discovered, however, that the house was on fire, and that the flames were spreading rapidly. Those on the train also saw the flames, and carried the news to the village, giving the alarm there, whereupon engineer Stevens of that place ran up to the fire with his engine, carrying men and fire to the rescue of what personal property might be within their means to save. They all worked skillfully and bravely in saving property, saving nearly all of the household goods not then consumed. Much credit and thanks are due to Mr. Stevens and his party. The loss will probably reach \$2,000 or more, and was insured for a part. The fire is supposed to have originated from the chimney. The barns contained about thirty tons of hay.—Register.

—The Post Office Department solicits Proposals for carrying the mails on all the routes excepting Railroads, from July 1, 1873 to June 30, 1877, to be made by Feb. 3, 1873. Decisions to be announced on or before March 3, 1873.

Fair at Lovell.

There was a large attendance of people of both sexes, the day being one of the fairest and best of October. The Show, like the day, cannot be held comparatively with the time of notice. We think that the cattle show in all respects has not been better in the County; a very nice lot of oxen; the cows were good but not so numerous as were in hopes they would be. Some of the Committee not attending to their duties the several articles were not reported, but will give a notice of them as much as we can from memory.

Best matched in town, Nathan Andrews; do, out of town, Paul Chandler, of Chatham, N. H., who has a very nice appearing pair of horses 6 and 7 years old, well broke to carriage and farm, and think that money might be made from the cost of the pair together. Both pairs matched well and made a good show. Best speed shown was by Barnes Walker's horse, Lovell; 2d, Ira Smart; 3d, Moses Eastman; best horse for all work, Abel Heald; best 1 yrs old colt, Moses Eastman; best 2 yrs old colt, J. F. Charles; 2d, S. H. Jones; 3d, Abel Heald; best 2 yrs old, David Benson; best 1 yr, Jas. B. Gile; best 4 months old colt, Elbridge G. Charles; 2d, S. W. Cushman; 3d, Freeman Andrews.

NEAT STOCK.

Best matched oxen, Rouben Morrison; 2d, George Plummer; best working oxen, Henry G. Walker; 2d, Henry Gerry; best best oxen, Wm. Saunders; 2d, John Plummer; best matched 3 yrs old, William Farrington; 2 yrs old, Wyman Sones; best 2 years old, Alvin McKean; 2d, John E. Emery; best pair in all respects, Samuel Plummer; best matched 1 yr old steers, Henry G. Walker; second Frederic Kimball; best bull, John E. Emery; best two years old, John N. G. Harriman; best pair of calves, N. G. Harriman; best draft, on drag of 7 ft. oxen, Reuben Morrison; 2d, John Elliot; best under 7 ft., Abel Heald; 2d, Samuel Plummer; best lot of cows, Abel Heald; best fat cow, A. Heald; best milk cows, Abel Heald; 2d, John E. Evans; best town team Sweden; 2d, Lovell. There were some very good cattle from Fryeburg (Harbor) so-called, and Stows, but there were so many on the ground from Sweden, Lovell and Fryeburg, that it would fill one side of your paper to notice them all. Will say we congratulate you all for your prosperity, good judgment and fairness in the selection of your oxen, and we know that it must be that you are all on the right track, and if you continue in your ambition in this way you will make your mark. There were 105 pairs under yoke beside the cows and other cattle.

POTTERY.

There were three lots shown by Geo. W. Brackett, all full blood—Black Spanish, White Leghorn and Brahma; as there were none others on exhibition, he gets the premium.

CROPS.

Best trials of 12 rowed seed corn, Andrew Libby; 2d, Samuel Plummer; best 8 rowed, Isiah Lord; 2d, N. G. Harriman; 3d, J. F. Stearns; best potatoes, Frank A. Jones; best corn on stalk, R. Morrison.

BREAD AND DAIRY PRODUCTS.

The Committee were given rather reluctantly, viz: best to Mrs. Daniel Knight; 2d, to Mrs. M. F. Grant; 3d, Mrs. Henry Nichols; Mrs. Daniel Warren exhibited some nice jellies—cider and current, splendid to the taste.

HOUSEHOLD MANUFACTORY.

Best drawn rug, Mrs. N. D. Smart; 2d, Miss Eliza G. Knight; 3d, Mrs. Joseph Dresser; best braided rug, Mrs. Kate Farrington; best quilt, Mrs. Mary Palmer; 2d, Mrs. Mary O. Jewett; 3d, Mrs. S. E. Grant; best watch-case, M. F. Grant; 2d, Cynthia W. Coffin; best set of clothes, T. Knight; best tatting and trimming, Mrs. John Chase; 2d, Miss Ella M. Knight; best patcher serap-bag, Mrs. Carrie Ginnage; 2d, Miss Mary Walker; best lamp-mat, Mrs. E. Fox; best coffee-basket, Mrs. E. Fox; best old relic, a china plate 152 years old, brought from Bradford, Mass., Daniel Knight; Leonard K. Andrews exhibited a nice variety of replicas from the tropical region, which he gathered while in Texas, being worthy of great notice, and would be valuable, except to the lover of such a naturalist. There was nice statuary on exhibition by Mrs. Hannah Wood, called "Marriage Ceremony," which exhibits to the public the feelings of the first sex—"Want to, but do not dare to." A good chromo picture by T. Knight.

FRUIT AND GARDEN PRODUCTS.

Best squash, Nathan Andrews; do, best beans; best pumpkins, Isiah Lord; best apple slices, T. Knight; best cabbage, Hollis Moore; 2d, N. G. Harriman; do, best beets; 2d, John Elliot; best turnips, Samuel Perry; 2d, Otis Pinyne; best variety apples, Nathan Charles; 2d, 3 kinds, Fred. Kimball; 3d, Aaron Jones; best cranberries, Osie Andrews; best grapes, Frank A. Jones.

[The writing was rather obscure for proper names, and we may have made some mistakes.—Printer.]

Porter and South Hiram Cattle Show.

The town Cattle Show of Porter and South Hiram came off at Kezar Falls, Thursday, Oct. 24th. This was the first Cattle Show held by these towns alone, and there was but an informal organization, with but a very short notice, it was not supposed there would be a very large exhibition of stock, but the day proved to be one of those fair ones, and the long lines of fat, sleek looking oxen, steers and colts that were presented to the eyes of lovers of nice stock, more than answered the expectation.

Many entries were made for premiums of which we will not go into particulars, simply giving below a list of premiums as reported by the several committees. The trials of strength, discipline and skill of oxen at the drawing match were remarkably good, spirited and close.

Nathaniel Warren, Esq., of Hiram, was awarded first premium, and Samuel Reddon of Porter, second premium.

The horse race was not very brilliant, but very exciting for a while. There was but one entry from either town for speed, and that was by Capt. Moses N. Stanley, of Porter; but after much discussion his horse was matched by one owned by Freeman Pugsley of Cornish. They raced, but not in a fair and square trial. The committee gave Stanley's horse the preference.

The following is a list of the premiums awarded:

Breeding mare, Daniel Wentworth, of Porter, 1st premium; family horse, same, 1st; horse of all work, Capt. Randall Libby, Hiram, 1st; four year old colt, G. F. Gould, Hiram, 1st; three year old colt, Calvin O. Fox, Porter, 2d; two year old colt, Capt. Moses N. Stanley, 1st; Edwin Lord, Hiram, 2d. One year old colt, D. Wentworth, 1st; town team of oxen from Hiram, 1st; town team of three year old steers, Hiram, 1st; town team of two year old steers, Porter, 1st; bull, cross between Hereford and native, Jos. Lord, Hiram, 1st; working oxen, Geo. W. Fox, Porter, 1st; beefing oxen, Samuel Reddon, Jr., 1st; best Frank and niece three year old steers, Frank Huntress, Hiram, 1st; do, do, two year old, John R. Smith, Hiram, 1st; do, do, one year old, Jos. Lord, Hiram, 1st.

There were many other oxen and steers on the grounds that were deserving of much praise.

Daniel Brooks, of Eaton, N. H., exhibited a very nice pair of oxen and a splendid pair of three year old steers, measuring 7 feet. Gardiner Norton of Linington also had on exhibition a pair of oxen that we think their equal would be hard to find—matched and smooth—seven years old, and measuring 7 feet 7 inches.

We think this stock is worthy of much notice and commendation, and Messrs. Brooks and Norton have the Society's sincere thanks for their trouble in presenting it.

A military company, the "Washington Greys," commanded by Capt. Jas. French, Jr., of Porter, was in attendance, reflecting much credit to themselves, both officers and privates, by the good order they preserved and the exactness in which they drilled. But we could not help being reminded of the dark days of the rebellion by the sight of their glistening fire-arms and the sound of their martial music.

A large crowd gathered, and every thing would have passed off quietly and in good order had it not been for two or three "roughs" who procured, as we are informed, rum from out of town, brought it to the fair ground, became intoxicated and fighting crazy and created much disturbance, until they were taken into custody and carried away.—Register.

The Fire in Buckfield.

We are furnished further particulars of the fire in Buckfield, by a correspondent of the Register, as follows:

A destructive fire occurred here early Sunday morning, which completely destroyed the Baptist church and the school-house. The fire was discovered a little before two o'clock, and the alarm was immediately given by shouting in the streets. There was no bell to warn the people, for the one in the church, on fire was the only one in the place.

When the people reached the scene of the fire the flames had made such rapid progress that nothing could be done to stay them. There was barely time to get the books and a part of the benches from the school house, and then the people could do nothing but gaze upon the work of destruction.

The fire caught in the church, and when first seen, it had worked its way to the belfry and was bursting out in many places from the interior. From the church it was communicated to the roof of the school-house which stood a little south of it. In less than two hours after the fire was first discovered the two buildings were in ruins. Of the school house only a portion of its brick walls remains, and of the church not a vestige remains above its foundation. The loss of both buildings is estimated at five thousand dollars. A flourishing High school was in progress in the school-house, and the fire not only seriously interrupts that, but also leaves us without a suitable place for the winter schools. The school house will be rebuilt in the spring, and possibly the church. This is a very severe loss to our village, and feeling at this season of the year, we feel it most sensibly. There had been no fire in either building for several days, and the origin of this conflagration in the dead hours of night, is shrouded in mystery.

Brownfield Items.

The work on the new Universalist church in this place is progressing finely, it being all boarded and shingled, and will soon be ready for the inside workmen.

Timothy Gibson has sold his farm to Wm. Warren, and, with his family, is to remove to the West. Mr. Warren sold his farm to Mr. James Stewart.

Dr. Sweet has bought the Samuel Tyley stand. Mr. Tyler removed to Portland some years ago.

James Edgecomb has sold his house and lot to Jay L. Frink, and his land back of the village to Andrew Martin, and has moved on to his farm in Hiram, says the Bridgton News.

Brant's Pond Items.

It is estimated that at least ten thousand bushels of Potatoes will be shipped from this station, between the 20th of October and 1st of December.

O C and H F Houghton are loading a car of potatoes a day, for Portland and Boston. They pay fifty cents a bushel, and as the Starch factories only pay 25 cents, they are drawing from the towns as far back as Andover, from whence they can be hauled for 15 cents, and thus net the producer 35 cents.

More than half the horses in the neighborhood are sick. Dresser has nine sick, and one has died. The stage horses are all sick, and a one horse wagon only is used to transport the mail to Rumford, Andover, &c.

South Paris Items.

The morning passenger trains on the Grand Trunk are discontinued above So. Paris, and mixed trains substituted.

Three thousand barrels of apples were shipped from this place of the week ending Oct. 26th. Messrs D. N. True and W. R. Howe will ship 6,000 bushels during the season. They have generally shipped large quantities of potatoes, but do not intend to do much with them this year, on account of the danger of rotting.

A meeting of the citizens of the town was called to meet at Engine House Hall at this place, Saturday evening, to see what measures would be taken to increase manufacturing here.

The horse disease has taken down some twenty five or thirty horses, and Andrews of the Andrews House, has lost one of his best horses by it. Most of the cases are mild.

The Soldiers' monument has been improved, by the curbs of granite, about eighteen inches thick, which have been set by Messrs. Perry & Jacobs. They are in the form of an octagon, and when the contemplated iron fence is completed, will be a great improvement.

Mr. Geo. T. Dresser has bought out the blacksmith establishment of Frothingham & Newhall, where he is prepared to do all kinds of work in the best manner.

MANUFACTURES.

The village is awaking to the importance of securing its share of the industries which are looking Maineward for investment. A large and enthusiastic meeting was held at Engine Hall, on Friday evening last, to consider the matter. Capt. H. N. Bolster was called to the chair, and W. H. Wheeler chosen Secretary. After some interchange of views, a committee was raised by the chair, to nominate a Committee to investigate and report at a future meeting. The Committee was Jas. Deering, S. Richardson and G. G. Phelps, who reported the names of Alvan Sturtell, H. N. Bolster, G. G. Phelps, W. A. Frothingham and G. A. Wilson.

Editorial and Selected Items.

—There was snow in the air Sunday—several snow squalls occurring. Three days of stormy weather, last week, was bad for the Epizootics.

—Rev. Mr. Ford of Pine Street Congregational church, Lewiston, gave notice to his people last Sunday that he had accepted a call to Charlestown, Mass.

—Forest Lake Lodge, I. O. of G. T. will hold a Levée at their Hall, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 18, at Hartford Centre. A good time may be expected.

—The Good Temple of Oxford County will hold their Public Monthly Temperance Meeting at Buckfield, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at two o'clock P. M.

—Raw onions, mashed, put into the cribs of horses suffering from the horse disease, are said to be highly beneficial. We have tried them and think they operate well.

—Messrs. Glimes & Western, the well known cattle dealers of Fryeburg, arrived there from Canada, with a drove consisting of over 400 cattle, and started on their way for Brighton last week.

—The Andover Baptist Quarterly Meeting holds its next session at North Livermore, Tuesday, Nov. 12th, at 2 P. M., and continues through Wednesday and Thursday. Sermon by Rev. G. W. Fuller of Jay.

—J. K. Martin, Esq., of Rumford, will sell at his residence on Wednesday, Nov. 13th, at 1 o'clock P. M., one hundred head of good cattle, consisting of oxen, cows, and 2 and 3 year olds. Some 25 of the cattle are good beef. Will also sell 2 nice horses, 3 and 6 year olds.

—G. R. Bean of Denmark, met with a serious accident Tuesday, while assisting in setting the underpinning under a new house which he is having built. A piece of the stone underpinning fell upon an iron bar which he was using, striking him on the shoulder, breaking his collar bone in two places.

—The Farmers' Club in the White more District, after an interesting discussion last Saturday evening, decided that a smart woman, though a sinner, was preferable to an easy, slack one. Next Saturday evening, the men are to be tested, the question being which is the most desirable husband, the smart, cross one, or the contrary. It ought to be left to the women to decide.

—President Grant expresses himself pleased with the result of the Alabama Claims Arbitration settlement. The contest, in his opinion, was not for dollars and cents, but preservation of amity between the two countries, with a full and firm maintenance of our national dignity. This has been achieved, and our nation should be satisfied.

—A. W. Hopkins, recently from France, in Plantation, has moved into the Crocker-Heintzmann, vacated by J. K. Weeks.

—The Union Conference of Congregational churches met at Bridgton last Tuesday. Sermons were preached by Rev. Dr. Thurston of Searsport, and Rev. N. Lincoln of North Bridgton. Various religious topics were discussed. The attendance was large and the meetings interesting. Fifteen of the seventeen churches in the Conference were represented. The next meeting is to be held at Fryeburg. Rev. John S. Sewall of Bowdoin College, and Rev. A. J. Smith, of Watford, are to preach the sermons.

—The new time table of the Grand Trunk road, which went into effect on Monday, establishes the trains as follows: from Portland, the local morning train leaves at 7:30; the mail at 1:30; accommodation at 5 P. M. The latter only goes to South Paris.

Trains from South Paris leave at 6 A. M. 12:25 noon, 1:55 P. M., and 7 P. M. The noon mail in our village will close a quarter of an hour earlier, as Rawson's Hack will leave about quarter of 12, instead of 12. This gives us about a half hour to answer letters received by the morning mail.

—We understand that Capt. Jerre Howe, of Sumner, a well known citizen and one of the old settlers, dropped dead, on Sunday last, while conversing with a neighbor.

—J. S. Hobbs, Esq., will have an auction sale of Furniture—all some very desirable articles, and all in good condition, at his house next Tuesday, Nov. 12th, at 10 o'clock. A Sofa, Lounge, Secretary, Stoves, Bedsteads, Chairs, Tables, &c., will be sold.

—The annual donation for the benefit of Rev. Ira G. Sprague, pastor of the Methodist church, occurs on Thursday, Dec. 12th, in the afternoon and evening, at the residence of Samuel R. Chapman, Esq. A general invitation is extended to the friends of different religious denominations, and all others in the place, as well as in adjoining towns, to be present and enjoy the occasion.

A Subscribers' Andover, Me., Nov. 2, 1872.

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Upton Items.

Though long absent, your correspondent is not dead. Summer travel is past, but the trappers and hunters are active in their work. The starch mill has ceased its grinding, after devouring about a thousand bushels of potatoes; but the other mills are moving, and public spirit is on the increase. Several buildings are receiving the attention of the carpenter and mason,—and, among others, the Union Church, now in process of erection. The frame-work of this house of worship is nearly complete, and the building committee propose to raise, shingle and board the church before the inauguration of winter. The unquestioned liberality of the people, and the growing religious interest among Christians in the community, will, no doubt, speedily secure the success of this much needed enterprise. Let all the people rejoice in the glorious prospect, and "bring the tithes into the storehouse," as we are commanded in Malachi 3:10. Though the climate here is growing cold, the hearts of the people are growing warmer. Brother Sprague has been here for over two weeks, preaching nearly every evening, holding afternoon meetings, and visiting from house to house. The result has been a full attendance, increasing interest, a closer union between the evangelists, and a "revival of the spirit in the land of peace," and requests from over twenty persons, seeking pardon, for the prayers of Christian people; and nearly all, we have reason to believe, found the witness of their salvation. Sunday, Oct. 27th, the closing day, was an interesting occasion among us. At the close of the morning service, Bro. Sprague was surprised with a present, from the people, of an overcoat valued at \$24.00, and a \$10 bill, which accompanied it, with a list of the names of the donors, for which he returned his heartfelt thanks, after which the audience repaired to the Umbagog Lake, where nine persons received baptism by immersion. An interesting prayer-meeting closed the services of the day. May the interest increase, in the prayer of your correspondent, until all the people shall receive the peace of the gospel. Thankful for the blessings of the past, and cherishing bright hopes for the future, I remain ever,

Oxford, Oct. 28, 1872.

Mexico Items.

William Brackett, killed by the falling walls of a building, at a recent fire in Bangor, was the son of Peter Brackett, formerly a blacksmith at Bangor Falls.

J. W. Bennett, of Rumford, is going to move his salt box manufactory from Rumford.

The officers of Blazing Star Lodge of Masons were installed by Past Master Peterson, last Thursday evening. After the installation, which was public, the brethren, with wives, mothers, sisters and sweethearts, repaired to the hotel kept by Dexter M. Abbott, where an oyster supper was served; then they returned to the hall, and spent a few hours in social intercourse, and returned home at midnight.

Thomas Bessie, who for a few years past has been over-seer of the Wayne poor farm, but who last spring moved on to a farm he purchased in this town (Mexico) raised this year, on twenty rods, less than an acre of ground, one hundred and forty bushels of ears of corn, only six bushels of which were unsound.

FLAXES.

Andover Items.

A series of evening meetings, lasting two weeks, are to be held in town, commencing Monday, Nov. 11, at 6:12 o'clock. The preaching appointments are as follows: Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 11th and 12th, Cutting School-house; Wednesday and Thursday, 13th and 14th, in School-house at South Andover; Friday, Nov. 15th, in School-house on Farmer's Hill, and Saturday, the 16th, in the Chapman District. Sabbath service, Nov. 18th, in the churches, with meetings in the Methodist church every evening during the week following. All who can be invited to be present at the services.

Union Thanksgiving service in the M. E. Church, Thursday, Nov. 28th, with preaching at 11 A. M.

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Fun Ahead!

Frank Thayer and Henry Pierce, of South Paris, made a bet a short time since on the result in New York State. If it goes for Grant, Pierce is to wheel Thayer from Troy's store over the bridge, up the Foundry Hill, and back through the Village to the Telegraph office, and if George carries it, Pierce will ride. As they are young men of pluck and muscle, they will perform the bet, and have some spectators. It is to come off Friday afternoon, and there will be music among the boys.

Lectures on Phrenology.

Prof. L. C. BATEMAN, who comes highly recommended, will deliver a course of lectures at Andrews Hall, South Paris, on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. Lecture to commence at 7—the first one free.

Public examinations at the close of each lecture, and Laughing Gas administered. The lectures will be illustrated by magnificent Paintings, &c., and a Royal Egyptian Mummy, over 3000 years old.

North Newry Items.

Marcus W. Killgore is putting in a mill at North Newry, and intends to have it running within a fortnight. The community has long felt the need of one.

There has been considerable thieving in this place recently. One case worthy of note is the theft of a goose from Chas. E. Ryerson; the thief being detected paid \$20. Everything is not quite level, but the goose is high.—Register.

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MARRIED.

In Albany, Oct. 28, by Rev. S. D. Brown, Jacob F. Hill, of Greenfield, and Miss Lillie A. Brown, of Albany.

In Oxford, Oct. 28, at the residence of the bride's father, J. H. Whittier, Wm. H. Stone, Esq., of Portland, and Miss Elizabeth E. Stone, daughter of Hon. Geo. F. Whittier, of Oxford.

In Andover, Oct. 28, by Rev. T. A. Sprague, Mr. Farnum A. Hill and Mrs. Mary Burgess, both of Andover.

In Bangor, Oct. 28, by Rev. E. M. Foster, Edmund C. Farnham and Miss Fannie S. Farnham, both of Bangor.

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Agricultural.

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Maine Board of Agriculture.
Farmers' Convention at Skowhegan.

Report on the National Agricultural Convention.

The first paper of the morning session of the convention, was a report by Prof. M. C. Fernald, Delegate from the Board to the National Agricultural Convention at Washington, concerning the objects and work of that convention. This report occupied about half an hour, and was devoted to a review of each of the subjects deliberated upon by the convention. As the results of that convention have been already extensively published, and as the interesting report of Prof. Fernald embraced no new ideas or suggestions, we do not deem it necessary to give an abstract of the same.

Mr. Gilbert on "A New Departure."

Mr. Z. A. Gilbert, President of the Board, next read an able and carefully prepared paper having reference to the general topic decided upon, for a chief theme for consideration. We present a brief abstract.

It is claimed that agriculture in our State is in a decline, that farms are being abandoned, the rural population gradually decreasing—and it must be admitted that some of these claims are grounded on facts. Average farming in the older sections of the State is not being rewarded with so bountiful returns as formerly by the same efforts, but these efforts of the average farmer are not well put forth. A comparison of the statistics of production in Maine for the last three decades will show that horses have considerably increased and hogs decreased, while other kinds of stock have remained about the same. Of crops, corn has fallen off 700,000 bushels, wheat and oats slightly; rye two-thirds; potatoes doubled; barley largely increased; orchard products more than doubled. We produce nearly 300,000 more tons of hay, but keep no more stock. The increased value of orchard products is due to better transportation, which enables the producer to realize more money from the product, than from any increase in the number of bushels raised. These figures show that the premises assumed in relation to the decline of agriculture are correct—for while we barely hold our own, and hardly that in stock, and are falling off in corn and grain, we have at the same time, enlarged the number of acres of improved land by bringing under cultivation many acres of newly cleared lands—and that the agriculture of to-day in our State, does not essentially differ from the agriculture of thirty years ago, in kind. We keep no more stock, no less; we cultivate the same acres, grow the same kinds of products and raise less every year. A new departure from this course is demanded; and yet farmers should not change their productions and stock with every slight turn in the tide of events. It does not follow that because some sections of our country can produce certain articles of consumption, at a much cheaper rate than we can, that it is the best policy for us to go there and purchase them. [The speaker here alluded at length to the large sums wrung from our farmers by shippers of various kinds, concluding by endorsing the remark that our farmers are the most gullible people in the country.] One great trouble with us is we have used the mind in searching for a chance to play the winning card in some enterprise outside the farm—while our hands have been left to do the farming alone. It has been required of the hands to earn the living by working the soil while the mind was engaged in other enterprises. This must be stopped and we must make our farming a business, and learn that the farm is the best savings bank. There is too much aimless farming in the world—we must have a clear idea of what we would aim to do, and a definite plan of operations by which to secure it. When we have decided what course to follow, and have an object in mind, all our energies in that direction must be put forth to make the plan successful. And such farming will be successful. Our farming must be essentially modified or the farmers cannot prosper. We must, to a large extent, turn our attention to supplying our own wants, in addition to the great staples grown to be sold out of the State; and to the extent of the demand our attention should be directed to those productions which come least into competition with other more favored locations. As the business of raising and selling beef has been managed by most of our farmers, it has been ruinous—because we have sent half grown hogs and muscles, and hide to market without any fat to go with it. We can make it pay to grow fat oxen and choice steers. In dairy products we shall be perfectly safe, instead of barely holding our own in the number of cows kept, we largely increase them till at least the home trade is supplied with butter and cheese made in our own State. In vegetables we buy onions, pickles, and even cabbages from other States. We can grow onions and pickles as well as Massachusetts. All that is necessary is to change rough potato culture to the smaller kinds, nicer work and more money of the onion bed and cucumber patch. Lewiston and Auburn consume one thousand barrels of pickles annually worth on an average \$14 per barrel—and the larger part of this goes out of the State. Could the money that has gone out of our State during the past ten years for fruit trees have been kept in Maine, what a change would have been produced. If we cannot grow corn and grain to a greater extent than is now being done we must grow a substitute. We must keep our stock better—we cannot do it on hay and grain alone, and must not depend wholly upon the west for this additional feed. What shall be done; here is a subject for broad investigation.

Discussion following Mr. Gilbert's Paper.
J. F. LAWRENCE of the New Hampshire Board of Agriculture, followed in some most interesting and pertinent remarks, highly commending the paper that had been read, and alluding to the great value of such meetings and discussions to the farmers of the State. He believed the feeling of despondency among the farmers of the State and of New England generally was to pass away, and that they were even now standing at the threshold of a new era, one that would make our fields and pastures more productive, and give us better crops of all kinds. In alluding to the exercise of the previous evening he complimented the part the students of the State College had taken in the proceedings, and left sure the instruction of the College was in good hands when it could show such results as it had in the words of the students had given to the elements of Agriculture. He made some allusions to farming in his own State, and to the work of the State Board of Agriculture, which had been of great benefit to the agriculture of the State.

Mr. LUCAS of Somerset, in some general remarks upon the subject of the paper said he thought our State was cursed by more than half the horses needed. Believed it against our interest to raise and sell so many of them as we do at such times as do not return to us twenty-five per cent. of their cost of production. On the other hand we could raise and put into the market neat stock that would give to good profit for the expense of raising. He next alluded to the bad practice of late cutting of grass for hay, which should be abandoned for early cutting, and the improvement and renovation of our pastures should be made a matter of more concern among farmers. Mr. FOSBROOK of Skowhegan—a former member of the Board—and President Allen of the State College, made some brief general remarks and the meeting adjourned.

Exhibition Drill of Coburn Cadets.
At one P. M. the Coburn Cadets gave a drill and parade in the street, under the charge of Lieut. Dean, military instructor at the college. Their correct evolutions, fine military bearing, and excellent discipline gave much satisfaction to the lookers-on. Especially was the "silent drill" praised and applauded. Ex Governor, on the Bloomfield side, and received from him a kind salutation as he sat at the closed window of his sick room.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Goodale on the Changes in Farming.

At the commencement of the afternoon session, Mr. S. L. Goodale, Secretary of the Board, presented an elaborate and exhaustive paper on the general changes in farming, during the past dozen years and the demands which these changes make upon the farmer. In his introduction he alluded to the fact that while our large towns and cities have been increasing in wealth and population, the rural districts have been diminishing in the numbers of their inhabitants, as one demanding a full and careful investigation. Notwithstanding this fact could not be put aside, he yet believed that it had in it something beside cause for despondency. The census returns show that our farming lands have been improved at the rate of eight per cent. in twenty years, and their increase in value for the same time has been at the rate of thirty per cent. It may be true that we keep less stock, but it is of greater value than that kept formerly; we keep fewer sheep, but we grow more wool, and the difference in farm crops is greatly due to differences in season. The speaker next alluded to the changes brought on by the war the great amount of money it called into circulation, the new demands it created, and the means it gave men of paying for that they never dreamed of possessing. It should not be forgotten also that this money did not come from a general increase of productive industry. With the almost unlimited call for labor with high rates of pay, in every department of industry, it is strange that young men leave the farm? What the agriculture of Maine wants is a good home market;—this is what has made the agriculture of Great Britain the best in the world, enabling her to spend vast sums for labor, and go to the ends of the earth for fertilizers and concentrated cattle food with which to make better manure. An increase of consumers makes an increased demand. Mechanics don't want competitors, neither do farmers. The former are the customers of the latter; and our farmers must be made to realize that a diversified agriculture and horticulture, and the means of selling something to obtain a fair return for that purchased from abroad, is their best course. They must remember that where one man succeeds in mercantile life hundreds fail, and that in farming there are few failures and few losses.

Farming to be pursued as a business must be so conducted that it will return a profit besides the interest on the land, stock, &c. Generally speaking, a man should engage in that business with which he is best acquainted, for which he has some fitness and some lore. In farming he should have capital; the means of adapting his wares to the market and a knowledge of the wants of his customers. He should also know the cost of what he produces, and how to produce it cheaply. Farming resembles manufacturing; and the farmer resembles the manufacturer more than any other person. Both are consumers of raw material, and with the aid and skill in the manipulation, both are striving to produce good articles. The farmers raw material is soil and seeds. Both employ machinery for the conversion of the lower grades of material to the higher. Animals are the farmer's machines, and the food they consume which is necessary to maintain life, may be called the food of support—that above this the food of pro-

duction. The more increase of the latter the greater profit. It may be safely estimated that two per cent. of the live weight of an animal is needed as the food of support, and as much of this is required for a poor animal as for a good one. It is better to slaughter ten profitable animals than ten thousand unprofitable ones. A cow that will yield \$100 per year, is better than one that will yield \$50 per year, and it will cost no more to keep her; and this real improvement is within the reach of every farmer. He mentioned an instance where the hay fed to a small herd of cows the past winter had paid \$35 per ton besides the manure.

The energies of the farmer should be directed in that branch in which he will best succeed and for which his farm is adapted. If it is best for grass, grow grass—if for apples then grow apples. The most successful farmers are those who follow this practice. Keep accounts of labor and expenses; if there is a profit to your business increase it, if a loss stop it. Of all changes needed in farming no one is so much needed as the introduction into it of business principles. Poor or middling farming or stock raising will not pay—abundant crops, and superior products alone pay.

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