

to admit Canadian vessels to American Registry and the coasting-trade, Canada will admit straw hats, mule harness, and rat-traps, free of duty. In this you observe that Canada gets the full advantage both ways, while the United States, for a possible enlargement of petty trade, consents to subordinate and sacrifice an interest that represents our distinctive nationality, in all climes and upon all seas; an interest that has given more and asked less of the Government, than any other of similar magnitude; an interest, more essentially American, in the highest and best sense, than any other which falls under the legislative power of the Government, and which asks only to-day, to be left where the founders of the Republic placed it nearly a century ago.

Against the whole policy of adjusting Revenue questions by the Treaty-making power, I desire to enter on behalf of my constituents an emphatic protest. The Constitution gives to the House of Representatives the sole and exclusive right to originate Bills of Revenue, and this great power should be kept where it can be controlled by the direct vote of the people every two years. It may very well be that sundry articles of Canadian produce should be admitted free, or with diminished duty; it may well be, also, that Canada would find it advantageous to admit certain articles from us free of duty; let each country decide the question for itself independently, and avoid the "log-rolling" feature of a Treaty, in which, it will inevitably happen that certain interests will be sacrificed in order that others may be promoted. Let us simply place Canada on the same basis with other foreign countries—taxing her products, or admitting them free, according to our own judgment of the interest of our Revenue, and the pursuits and needs of our people—always bearing in mind, that in Governmental as in family matters, "charity begins at home," and that "the who provideeth not for those of his own house, is worse than an infidel."

Pardon the length of this letter, and let me indulge in one additional observation. The Republican party, always true to the interests of the Nation, has a peculiar strong claim upon the support of the people of this State. Not only for the steadfastness with which it has upheld the interests of Maine, but especially because now, of the dangers that would ensue from the triumph of an opposing organization holding such pernicious principles as are openly declared by the Democratic party in their State Convention, and by their candidate for Governor. Under all the trials and discouragements resulting from the financial panic of 1873, the Administration of General Grant has carried on the Government most successfully, and with revenues largely diminished by the repeal of taxes, has by right economy paid all demands upon the Treasury and reduced the public debt nearly five millions of dollars for the fiscal year just closed. The Republican Congress, co-operating with the President in the good work of retrenchment, has cut down the appropriations for the next year by the large sum of twenty-seven millions of dollars, thus responding with zealous care to the popular demand for economy.—Faithful in all its great trusts, with achievements grander and nobler than were ever wrought by any other political organization, able and ready to reform abuses in its own ranks and to correct the wrongs of others, the Republican party appeals again with confidence to the people of Maine.

Very respectfully yours,
J. G. BLAISDELL.

By Hon. S. D. Linsley, Chairman,
Messrs. Lane and Lancaster, Secretaries.

Governor Dingley's Letter of Acceptance.

LEWISTON, July 7, 1874.
To Hon. E. F. Wren, President of the Republican State Convention:

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your communication of the 6th inst., informing me of my nomination by the Republican State Convention, as candidate for Governor; and inclosing a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Convention. In accepting the nomination tendered me with such unanimity, and with so flattering an endorsement of the manner in which I have thus far discharged my official duties I desire through you, to thank the Convention and the Republicans of Maine for the high honor conferred upon me; and also to express my approval of the principles enunciated by the Convention. I should do injustice to my own feelings if I did not also express to my fellow citizens generally, my grateful acknowledgments for the generous forbearance and cordial co-operation which have thus far been extended to me in the official position to which their suffrages have elevated me. So long as I may continue in this position, it will be my aim, to the extent of my constitutional powers, to administer the affairs of the State with prudence and integrity, and fidelity to those principles which have so long made this State a home of justice and equal rights; with a constant recognition of the importance of intellectual and moral culture as a basis of free institutions; with a firm faith in the wisdom of bending our energies to such a development of our magnificent maritime, manufacturing and other natural resources as will give a new impetus to the great agricultural interests which underlie true national prosperity; so far as the simple purpose of promoting, so far as possible, the highest moral and material welfare of our beloved State.

Very respectfully yours,
NELSON DINGLEY, JR.

A PROMPT RESPONSE.—On Thursday afternoon we mentioned, as a local item, the loss of Captain Delano's yacht Ella. Friday we received a despatch from York, addressed to this office, stating that the yacht was there, and we were enabled to rejoice the Captain's heart with the news. This little story tells more in favor of advertising than columns of argument.

—Portland Advertiser.

The Missing Insane Man.

Dr. Harlow of the Insane Hospital received a letter last Friday from the Mayor of Taunton, Mass., stating that a man calling himself Melvin Cross, from Boston, Mass., applied for lodgings at the police station June 19th. The Kennebec Journal also has intelligence of the same man at Webster, Mass., July 8th.

Oxford Democrat.

PARIS, MAINE, JULY 14, 1874.

Newspaper Decisions.

1. Any person who takes a paper regularly from the office, whether directed to his name or another's, or whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for the payment.
2. If a person orders his paper discontinued, he must pay all arrears, or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made, and collect the whole amount, whether the paper is taken from the office or not.
3. The courts have decided that referring to take newspapers and periodicals from the post office, or leaving and having them uncollected for, is prima facie evidence of fraud.

FOR GOVERNOR

Nelson Dingley jr.

For Representative to Congress
WILLIAM F. FRYE.

For Senators.
ENOCH FOSTER, Jr., of Bethel.
JOHN F. SWASEY, of Canaan.

For Sheriff.
JOSEPH W. WHITTEN, of Bethel.

For County Commissioners.
BENJAMIN Y. TUELL, of Sumner.

For County Treasurer.
CHRISTOPHER C. CUSHMAN, of Hebron.

Has Democracy Changed?

In a recent editorial in one of the ablest democratic papers in Maine, the *Belfast Journal*, the editor said that there was no difference between the two great parties now, worth mentioning, and that elections were only of use to afford a choice in the candidates. In view of this it urged upon its party, as the only hope of success, to nominate candidates superior, in every respect to those of the opposition.

Since then, the democratic State Convention has been held, and the same editor, as chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, reported a platform with the *free trade plank* in it which is enough to hang a peg on for differences between us. A greater clap-net, ardent humber to catch votes with, has never been started by a party. Indeed, the doctrine is not at all palatable in the national councils of the party. The large sum needed for the support of government is now raised principally by the revenue on silks, velvets, wines, liquors and other luxuries and comes principally from the wealthy classes. What a *howl* there would be should the democrats come into power and raise the amount by a direct tax upon the farms and products of our poor democratic farmers, who now find such hard work to pay their limited money tax.

To show that the Maine democracy are not in harmony with their brethren in other States, we make a few quotations from well known democratic papers.

The *Hartford Times* is unable to approve of that sentence in the resolution of the Maine Democracy, which virtually demands the payment of the revenues by direct taxation. It has the thoughtless, naive to say that "Free Trade and direct taxation was an old cry, but it never prevailed; and, on the whole, the system of a tariff for revenue is the tax system which bears most lightly on the people." The *Cincinnati Enquirer* is even more energetic in its complaints of the specie payment resolution of the same platform. It says: "The money power is supreme in New York and New England. A rule both parties in those States with a rod of iron. As Maine and nearly everything east of Pennsylvania is Republican, a union with the Down East brethren is by no means a requisite for success by the Western and Southern Democracy. At any rate, the Democracy in the campaign of 1876 will not submit to any nonsense upon the part of Eastern capitalists."

—The *Oxford Register* editor, the "nephew of his uncle," Senator Hamlin, puts some questions to us in his last issue, for the avowed purpose of affording us an opportunity "to convert him to our expressed opinions" on the Senatorial question. The inducement is not sufficient. We have no hesitancy in answering such questions; but as the editor says he goes for a democrat for Senator, it is of no consequence to him or his party how the questions are answered. We find no fault with his advocating the election of one of his party to any office, but we do object to his retelling "small talk" of republicans against republican nominees.

—A writer in the *Norway Advertiser* says that the selection of the presiding officer of the Republican County Convention was made without any reference to the U. S. Senator question—which we have supposed to be the case—and so of the selection of Committees, and the nomination of candidates for the offices. Neither the editor of the *Democrat* or any other friend of Mr. Perham, to his knowledge, ever requested Messrs. Foster and Swasey to *pledge* themselves for Mr. Perham.

Mr. Editor:

It is said that Mr. Hamlin's friends have brought him forward as a candidate for reelection to the U. S. Senate. We beg leave to differ from that assertion. We do not believe, and we do not understand that the *real friends* of Mr. Hamlin, or the people, want or desire him to be a candidate for reelection under any circumstances. But see, the friends of Mr. Hamlin, knowing that he has had all the honors that the State could confer upon him, and that he has served his State and nation well and faithfully, and can now leave the public service without an enemy—without one spot or blemish—without anything of any amount to detract his public record—we should most certainly advise him to withdraw from the field and retain his honors, and the friendship of the people that he has so deservedly won.

AN OLD WORKER.

—A man who thinks he knows York county has just returned from a tour in which he visited every town in the county but one. He reports that outside of Kittery and one or two other towns, the mass of the party is anti Hamlin. The Hamlin agents are very active, however, and if their opponents are not active they will be maneuvered out of their proper representation. —Portland Press, 11th.

The Fourth of July in Oxford County.

ANDOVER.

The celebration on the 4th passed off very quietly on account of the rain the day before. The picnic was held in the Town Hall. The exercises consisted of singing by the school, reading of the Declaration of Independence by J. A. Roberts; speeches by Rev. Mr. Merrill and Hilman. Remarks were also made by others. The singing by the scholars, most of whom are under the age of ten years, was truly surprising, and reflects great credit on Miss Merrill and Miss Sewell.

LOVE STAR.

BETHEL.

The bursting of a cannon in Bethel recalls something of interest in its history. During the war of 1812, an American frigate, the John Adams, was chased up the Kennebec river by a British fleet, and to prevent her falling into the hands of the enemy, she was sunk by the captain, and the crew escaped. Some years after the war, her guns were raised, and one of them was carried to Bethel, where it has done service on Independence Day for thirty years. It was a cannonade, a short gun used much on board of vessels during that war, for the purpose of firing a ball at close quarters, but at a slow rate so as to splinter up the vessel struck, instead of making a smooth hole. Most of the naval battles in that war were fought in this manner. —Lewiston Journal.

WEST BETHEL.

The Fourth, "The Glorious Fourth," was celebrated at West Bethel, commencing at sunrise, previous to which all was quiet as a Sabbath morn, with the firing of the cannon, and throwing to the breeze the "Star-spangled Banner." At an early hour people from this and adjoining towns began to arrive at the beautiful pine grove near the village, where seats were prepared and a stand for the speakers erected, in the rear of which stood a table 125 feet long, which was soon loaded with the most tempting eatables, arranged by those in attendance. At half-past ten a procession was formed by Capt. Moses Masou of Gilead, Marshal of the day, who marched, to the sound of martial music, to depot, on the arrival of the train, to meet and escort to the grove some of the speakers who came to address the multitude. At the stand prayer was offered by Mr. Gould of Lewiston, who is supplying the desk at the Free Baptist Church. Geo. H. Brown of Mason, then gave an extempore address, appropriate to the occasion, which was well received. Mr. Brown did not compromise his reputation as a public speaker, which is praise enough to those of us who have heard him so often during the last 20 years. Mr. Brown was followed by C. H. Hervey, Esq., of Bethel, who took for his text the Declaration of Independence, explaining briefly the circumstances of its adoption, the trials of its supporters, and the grand results of its maintenance. Seldom do we see more historical facts presented, more logical conclusions reached, and moral lessons pressed upon the mind more earnestly, than in his short address. On reassembling after an hour's intermission, during which was earnestly discussed, and effectually disposed of, that which had been previously "laid on the table." Mr. Gould gave a very interesting address, abounding in beautiful figures and elevating thoughts. After singing "America," Mr. Brown and Mr. Hervey each made a short speech full of eloquence and wit. The audience was dismissed in the best of spirits, all feeling that they had a good time. The most perfect order prevailed and no accidents occurred to mar the enjoyment of this festive day. Fire works in the evening closed the day's attractions. —Norway Advertiser.

BROWNFIELD.

Fourth of July at Brownfield village, was greatly enjoyed by a large portion of the parents and children of the Sabbath Schools, at the beautiful maple grove belonging to Mr. David Bean, situated near the village. The friends of the Cong. Sabbath School met with tables and fitted up the grove with seats, tables, swings, and a stand for the music, and by ten o'clock, Saturday morning, the tables were loaded with goodies for the children and substantial food for the old and young. Soon the Sabbath School scholars and their teachers marched to the grove in a procession. Then followed music and singing by the choir, swaying by the children, and chatting by older ones until picnic was announced by the Marshal of the day, Major S. B. Bean, to be first sung then eaten, which was done to the satisfaction of all present. Then followed remarks by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Jordan, and others, after which all returned to their homes declaring they had had a first-rate time. In the evening a fine display of fire works was exhibited for the children especially, by visiting friends from Portland. —Bridgton News.

DIXFIELD.

As early as three o'clock A. M., "Young America," at Dixfield was abroad. The boys expended some extra patriotism in powder. About seven o'clock the "Oxford County Night Owls," in good numbers, paraded the streets. They had a band of their own organizing, and with their music and speeches created lots of fun. At nine o'clock the public were all assembled on the Fair Grounds, and listened to an address and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Hon. E. G. Harlow. Next came the first horse race, open to all colts of four years old or under, for a purse of \$15, one-half mile heats, best 2 in 3, which resulted in J. T. Edmunds' Basy Bee winning the race. Time, 1:36 1/2; 1:37; 1:38; 1:35 1/2. The foot race for boys 15 years old or under, a distance of one half mile, was won by L. W. Silver; O. W. Virgin, second. Time, 2:02. Then came the first horse race for a purse of \$30, \$20 to the first horse and \$10 to second, for horses that never had beaten three times. This race was won by B. T. Dudley's Frank. Time, 3:01; 3:03 1/2; 3:00. The contest was really between E. I.

Hutchins' Jack Hazard and W. H. Brookett's Goldberg, for the second money, and was well fought for, but Jack Hazard won by a short length. The horse Frank, 5 years old, was sold on the ground to Eph. Childs, Esq., of Canton, for about \$1000. Immediately after dinner the "Greased Pig" was turned loose, and after a long run of about twenty minutes he was finally captured by Geo. A. Hutchins. At two o'clock was the horse race for gentlemen's horses that had never trotted for money, for a purse of \$15, mile heats, 2 in 3, and was between Ed. Hutchins' Nellie Gray and H. W. Brackett's Goldberg, the former taking the race in 3:04 1/2; 3:08. Next came the "sack race," which always makes fun and good humor. There were four contestants. Geo. Jones coming in first, with Frank Demeritt second. The "potato race" was also won by Frank Demeritt. The old men were too busy looking at the sports of the young to enter for their race. The "greased pole" looked and felt too slippery for any one to contend for that surmise. Last of all came the sweepstakes race, for a purse of \$50, open to all horses, best 3 in 5. The contesting horses were Ed. Hutchins' Sleepy Tommy and G. M. Park's Rocket, the latter winning. Time, 3:00 1/2; 2:56 1/2; 2:51; 2:59. This ended the out door sport of the day, but in the evening the belles and beaux joined in a dance. —Lewiston Journal.

FREYBURG.

The Fourth was celebrated here in a very enjoyable manner. Early morning brought many for miles away, who did not intend to miss the grand parade of the Horribles, who were out with full ranks. The procession was well gotten up and well conducted, and afforded much fun. The leather medal for the handsomest man was given to Private Stokes.

The Sunday schools were the main feature of attraction during the day. The Conway school, Conway Center school, Freyburg Congregational school and Freyburg M. E. School were out in a body while many children from other schools were present. Over three hundred formed in procession at the vestry and marched to the fair ground, where they were received by their superintendents and partook of a fine collation, spread in the Exhibition Hall. After dinner a good choir discoursed some excellent music. An original piece by Dr. Lord, sung to the tune of Auld Lang Syne, caused much amusement. At one o'clock the Sunday schools were convened in the grove and joined in appropriate exercises. The beautiful banner, received of Hoyt & Fogg, Portland, to be given for the best recitation of the Lord's Prayer was awarded to the M. E. school, Freyburg—this and the two Conway schools only competing. The committee consisted of Rev. Mr. Stone, Rev. Mr. Bradley of Conway, and Rev. Mr. Strout of Freyburg. The ceremonies were listened to with deep interest by several hundreds of interested parents and friends. —Press.

STANBURY.

The "Fourth" passed off very quietly in Stanbury and vicinity, nothing occurring to mar the festivities of the nation's happy birthday, not much transpiring to develop the latent patriotism of our peaceful denizens of "Old Oxford." It some of the old heroes of the Revolution could have been recalled to witness the crowd of boys engaged in playing ball, croquet, killing fish, driving squibs, etc., they would have regretted the blood spilled at Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill. Such little quarrels sink into insignificance when compared with the noble deeds of "Young America" trying to shoot. —Lewiston Journal.

A Terrible Tornado.

WASHINGTON, July 5, 1874.

The storm of Saturday night is entirely without a parallel in this section. It resembled in all its essential features the tornadoes of the Western prairies. It traversed the city from the northwest to southeast, embracing about one third of a mile in its track. The tornado spent most of its force in the northwestern portion of the city, near the State Department. Nearly one hundred houses were completely unroofed in that locality alone. Fourteen houses in one block lost their roofs. The house of Senator Morrill of Vermont was much disfigured, having a row of bricks wrenched from its side, and having been apparently twisted from its foundation by the giant grip of the whirlwind. The trees in all the Government reservation are very seriously damaged, especially in the Capitol grounds. Many of them were torn from the earth. Many of the fine old maples in the President's grounds are destroyed. Horses were thrown to the ground; a street car was lifted ten feet from its track, and all without a second of warning. The loss is estimated at at least one million dollars. The trees in front of Mr. Sumner's house were blown down.

A Baltimore special says that on Chesapeake bay the effect of the storm was more disastrous. A great number of excursion steamers were caught in the torrid waves and two ladies died from absolute fright while the boats were laboring under the tremendous sea. There were many yachts in the bay with Fourth of July pleasure parties on board and those belonging to the city managed to make shelter in safety before the storm.

—The Tribune says Rev. Henry Ward Beecher has demanded an investigation by the Plymouth church of the innuendoes against his personal character by Theodore Tilton. The request was promptly made on June 27th, the day of the publication of Tilton's letter, and a special committee was appointed to conduct the inquiry. It has been in progress since the 6th of July, and will probably be concluded in a few days. The inquiry has been conducted in private. Mr. Tilton was summoned as a witness. Mr. Beecher has not yet testified, and it is said, on authority of Mr. Sherman, will not appear.

Paris Hill Items.

Last Thursday, just before noon, Mr. Lawrence, blacksmith to the Paris Hill Mtg Co., met with an accident which nearly proved fatal. He was working some iron pipe with another man; and as he bent his head toward the work his companion raised another piece of pipe, which struck Mr. L. above the left eye. Blood flowed freely from the wound, and after it was wiped from his forehead, he proceeded with his work; but in a moment he staggered and fell senseless. Dr. Brown was immediately called, and when consciousness was partly restored, the patient was carried to his home.

The Mtg Co. has built a brick chimney to the roof at the building, and topped it off with the funnel formerly employed as a chimney. This gives an excellent draft for the engine. They expect to start their large engine during this week.

Andrews & Waldron are placing their shovel handle machinery in position, and will proceed to work on the immense pile of lumber lying on the Company's grounds as soon as the large engine is started.

An effort is being made to secure sufficient funds to enclose a full term in our Academy. Our citizens should respond readily to this call; as it is a matter of interest to every citizen, whether he has scholars to send or no.

West Paris Items.

Cyrus Howe Esq. has sold his hotel to John Dicknell for \$2500 and a lot of land for \$150, making in all \$2650. It is with deep regret that we part with Mr. and Mrs. Howe. Their genial, good nature and great efforts on their part to please and accommodate their guests as well as their neighbors, has made them exceedingly popular as proprietors of a hotel as well as neighbors and friends. The traveling public as well as this community have met with a great loss.

Mr. Socrates Curtis of the firm of A. C. Curtis & Co., has lately been called west to matrimony, and was married the 17th of June to Miss Mary Caldwell of Salem, Mass.

Mr. Greenleaf Dow recently lost eight sheep by their being caught out in a shower or soon after being sheared, and came near losing several others by the same cause.

A. C. Curtis & Co. are busy buying wood.

The people in this vicinity and Woodstock have been contributing liberally to assist the widow of the late Chandler Lurvey, who was left with a large family and in poor circumstances, to means to put up a small stable at her place at South Woodstock, and a sufficient sum has been raised for the purpose. A more worthy donee is seldom met with.

F. A. Young has one of the best arranged gardens in the County, and it will well pay any lover of the beautiful to spend a few leisure moments in looking it over. He has one acre of strawberries under cultivation—some eighteen or twenty different varieties. The ground is literally covered with large red strawberries—a more beautiful sight we seldom see. He is sending off from eighty-five to one hundred quarts every morning. He is also cultivating the raspberries and blackberries, and has several different varieties. He has a large bed of cranberries which look promising. He will have pears and apples ripe by the first of August, sure.—Register.

Oxford Items.

The grass crop is rather backward at present, though we presume an average crop will be secured. Potatoes in general look well and a fair yield is anticipated. Though in some localities Corn looks flourishing and fine, the general complaint is that it is small and backward.

Our roads, which have been very poor during the spring and summer, have been recently improved by the surveyors, who receive the credit of our people.

Mr. George R. Paine, an enterprising citizen of our town, has recently put up a large barn 40x60 feet. During the last three weeks it has been framed, raised, boarded and shingled, and is now nearly ready to receive the hay. Mr. Paine was fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Winslow of Gray, a popular framer, whose fame is spread broadcast throughout our State and the West; his long experience in the art tends to the advantage of his employers, and his genial and social manner was the good will of the workmen. Success to him.

The first annual meeting of the Free-Holmes Library Association, was held July 4th, when the following officers were chosen: President, E. R. Holmes; Vice President, John J. Perry; Treasurer, A. L. Hervey; Secretary, Thomas Baker. This library now contains 835 volumes, with 226 patrons, and the number is constantly increasing. It has been open to the public eight months. None but first class works are allowed on its shelves, thus creating a demand for a high class of literature, that will take the place of trash, so much in circulation. A committee of the Trustees have been chosen to take action in relation to having a course of lectures, under the management of this Association, the coming winter.

The Robinson Manufacturing Company have purchased all the wood on what is known as Jones Grove, to be cut off after laying. By this operation nearly the whole of Thompson Pond may be seen from Oxford Village.

T. L. Robinson is having a large quantity of very nice pine lumber manufactured at his saw mill, which has been fitted up in an excellent manner. It contains a circular saw and cuts out six to eight thousand feet per day. —Norway Advertiser.

—Hamilton Koen Jr., of North Buckfield, has a good stock of Ready-made Clothing, Groceries, Hardware, and all kinds of Fancy articles, which he is selling cheap for cash. Also, connected with his store is a saloon, where all kinds of pictures are taken. He is an enterprising young man, and one who is desirous of increasing his business. Give him a call if you want a bargain.

Norway Items.

The *Norway Advertiser* says: A little son of Geo. Winslow, at the Falls, cut his knee with a draw-shave on Tuesday last, while at work in the Clothespin factory of A. L. F. Pike.

The proprietors of Beal's Hotel have purchased Mr. E. C. Allen's interest in the Billiard Rooms, the same to be run in connection with the house.

I. A. Denison is doing quite a large business in the strawberry line this season. He has engaged 21 of Mrs. Lombard's crop, and finer fruit than those picked from her vines, is hard to find.

We are sorry to learn that Genie C. Crockett, son of Dr. Fred. E. Crockett at West Newton, Mass., was badly bitten by a dog last week.

The entertainment at Concert Hall Saturday afternoon and evening, was well attended, the ladies receiving quite a handsome little sum for the benefit of the Parish.

Mrs. Polly Chase of Eyeburg, died at the residence of A. Oscar Noyes, last Tuesday. Mrs. C. came here to visit her daughter, Mrs. Noyes, some two weeks since, and has been gradually failing up to the time of her death. Her age was sixty-four years.

Mr. John Alley, a workman in the Shoe Factory, jammed one of his thumbs quite badly, Tuesday last.

Crocker & Thayer have lately purchased a Knack coat, two years old, that bids fair to make a valuable bear. He appears to be thin in flesh, yet weighs over 800 lbs., and stands 15 hands high.

Andover Items.

The Free High School will commence Aug. 31st, under the instruction of J. A. Roberts of Andover, and Miss Zillah Howe of Rumford. There will be no examination before the school commences; the grades will be placed very low so that nearly all can attend. Scholars from out of town will be admitted on reasonable terms; a teacher's class will be formed for those wishing to teach. The motto of this school will be useful learning, and every effort will be made to make it practical and profitable.

LOVE STAR.

Buckfield.

The annual installation of the officers of Evening Star Lodge, F. & A. M., took place at the Lodge Hall, Buckfield Village Monday evening, July 6th. The installation ceremony was performed by D. D. G. M. Falkner, 15th Masonic District, assisted by Acting Grand Marshal, Philo Clark. The following officers were installed for the ensuing year: J. W. Whitten, W. M.; H. C. Ricker, J. W.; J. H. DeCoster, S. W.; N. Moore, Treas.; J. R. Whitten, Sec.; A. P. Mason, S. D.; J. F. Gammon, J. D.; Wm. Chase, C.; R. S. Dorman, M.; H. W. Waldron, T.; A. M. Austin, S. S.; D. A. Record, J. S. Select music was furnished by a quartette composed of Mr. O. H. Hervey, basso; Miss Ada M. Tuttle, contralto; Mrs. J. Farrar, soprano, and Mr. J. H. DeCoster, tenor. Prof. Gregg, being in town, presided at the organ in his usual good style. After the installation ceremonies, a collation, consisting of cake, lemonade, etc., was furnished to the Lodge and invited guests. —Lewiston Journal.

Brownfield Items.

L. R. Giles & Co. have purchased of Bradford Cole his house and lot in this village.

Sanborn & Brooks have bought of Chas. H. Fogg all of his handsome timber, and is now having the bark peeled—estimated to be 150 cords.

A. Appleby has also bought of Asahel Thompson a lot of hemlock timber.

A considerable quantity of bark is being peeled in this vicinity, which finds ready market at the tannery of Mr. Appleby, he paying the highest market price for it.

Nathaniel Hill is building a new house near the depot.

The hay crop bids fair to be good. The continued wet weather will prevent its being cut as early as usual.

The *Register* says: As Mr. Eben Norton of Porter, was falling trees a few days since, a tree in falling bent over a small dead spruce. Mr. Norton stepped upon the tree to cut a limb that held the spruce, and after striking a few blows the spruce tree sprung back striking him on the side of his face, which blow, as he says, knocked him fifteen feet from where he stood, breaking his jaw. The wound was dressed by Dr. J. P. Sweet.

Friday afternoon, 3d inst., as Mr. Elias Bickford was riding from Hiram to Brownfield in a gig, some three miles below this village, his horse turned out a little for a mud puddle in the road, one wheel of the gig struck a stump at the side of the road, throwing Mr. B. from his gig into the mud. His horse dragged him some rods, he holding to the reins until the horse stopped. He then had time to sum up his injuries, which were fortunately only a shoulder out of place and a complete suit of mud.

The village of Brownfield is again indebted to Mr. Samuel Tyler and other friends of the Cong. Society and village, former residents of the town, who some years since built and furnished a neat and commodious church edifice and presented it to the society. Also a large, two-story house, stable, and lot for a parsonage, are now repainting the church, painting, shingling and in other ways repairing the parsonage, which will add very much to the appearance of our pleasant village.

—Bridgton News.

Rev. Edward R. Osgood has so far recovered his health as to be able to supply the Congregational church at West Brownfield.

—The citizens of Lovell have novel ideas in regard to the suppression of the rum traffic. The other day they concluded that the landlord of a hotel where rum was sold, deserved to be ridden on a rail, and hired a party to undertake the job. To stimulate his courage they filled him with liquor, but either the quantity was too much or the quality too bad, for the strength all oozed out of him and the landlord escaped. —Press.

Denmark Items.

Rainy weather and peeling hemlock bark is the chief employment of a part of the people. Jared Berry and Stephen Jewett have taken all the bark to peel and the hemlock timber to draw—that is, on the Boston Hill lot—and are hard at it, with a large force. The bark goes to the depot at Brownfield, the timber to the Saw river, and as there are some 1200 acres, it makes business lively.

The mills are doing a good business this summer, and among other things many thousands of ship trunks are turned out by R. Santorn which find a ready market.

The clothing firms are out of work at present. Some forty hands are thus thrown out of employment. Dan'l.

James Head's large house has been treated to a coat of paint, at the hands of T. J. Lowell, who has done pretty much all the house-painting that has been done in town this year.

Silas Bennet is having his house, barn, and outbuildings re-painted.

Alphonso Hilton has put on a new and higher roof to his house, has clapboarded the house, put in new windows and is soon to have it thoroughly painted.

Whitman & Whidden have remodeled the interior of their store at East Denmark; have built a shed and store room on to the same, and erected a barn near by. —Bridgton News.

—Mark Twain announces in the *New York Herald* that he and one Barnum have leased the comet, and propose to fit it up with 1,000,000 state rooms in the tail (with hot and cold water, gas, looking glass, parachute umbrellas, etc., in each) to make a grand excursion among the stars. It will travel at the rate of 20,000,000 miles and upwards per day according to the weather. Every arrangement is to be made for the comfort of passengers, and stops will be made at interesting points on the way. The fare is to be \$2 for every 50,000,000 miles travel, and the comet starts July 20th, and will return on the 16th of December, 1911, which is "at least forty years quicker than any other comet can do it in. Complimentary round tickets have been rendered to General Butler, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Richardson and other eminent men, whose public services have entitled them to the rest and relaxation of a voyage of this kind. For further particulars," says the writer, "see for freight or passage, apply on board or to my partner, but not to me, since I do not take charge of the comet until she is under weigh. It is necessary at a time like this, that my mind should not be burdened with small details."

—The New Hampshire Legislature adjourned *au die Thursday* night, after having unseated every Republican office holder whom they could reach, upset the judiciary system of the State, and re-districted the State so as to make sure of the Senate and House in a reasonably close election. The prohibitory liquor laws stand on the statute book, the House failing to pass the license bill. Thus the Democratic Legislature failed to keep the only pledge its martyrs made to the people. The democrats are much mortified at this, and being in the majority will be held responsible by their dupes, the rum-sellers, who had been promised such a result as a *sure thing*. Many of their own party assert that it will lose them the State.

—We are glad to notice in the Western papers continued evidence of the success of T. A. CHAPMAN, Esq., who is termed the merchant prince of Milwaukee, in the Dry Goods line

