

Newspaper Decisions.

1. Any person who takes a paper regularly from the office—whether directed to his name or not, 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 carrier has decided that refusing to take newspapers and periodicals from the post office, or removing and leaving them uncollected for some time, is evidence of fraud.

—J. S. Hobbs of Augusta, has been appointed State Librarian.

—An interesting letter from Greeley, Colorado, will be found on the 4th page of this paper.

—Quite a number of local letters were delayed by the storm, last week, and so did not reach us in season for publication. Most of them appear this week.

—We call special attention to the advertisement of Farmington Normal School. A large number of Oxford young folks should avail themselves of its free instruction.

—We notice that our exchanges are putting Lieut. Col. Robert A. Frye of Bethel, on Governor Plaisted's staff as Aid. This is wrong. The new Aid is Hon. Richard A. Frye, Judge of Probate for Oxford County.

PARIS CENTENNIAL.—We propose to issue a pamphlet containing a full report of the doing and speeches of Paris Centennial celebration, which took place in the fall of 1879. The book will be issued late in the spring. Parties who desire copies will confer a favor by sending in their orders early. We do not wish any money to be sent until the book is ready for delivery. The price will not be over 25 cents per copy.

—Most of the papers are saying pleasant words about Joseph Wood's new paper "The Riverside Oracle," which he has just started at Skowhegan. We are going to vary the monotony and tell a few truths about it. The paper is a pretty little sheet, but it is so pretty that it will prove a failure. No paper can pay for putting so much work into its composition. We wish the people were educated up to Wood's taste, but they are not. They buy cheap papers, and will not pay for nice work. If a man has a fortune to spend, editing and publishing such a paper would prove a very gratifying amusement to a man of taste. As a business venture we place it beside the famous "Seaside Oracle," from whose remains this sheet has evidently sprung.

THE ANDOVER JURY.

ANDOVER, Jan. 29, 1881.

Mr. Elinor.—In regard to the death of Fred Virgin at Andover Corner, on the 9th inst., there has been much said both here and elsewhere, without stating or knowing much about the facts. Young Virgin was found Sunday at near eleven o'clock, a. m., in a sitting posture, leaning against the bank of the road, insensible, with fingers frozen up to the knuckles, and one foot some frozen. This was near three-fourths of a mile from J. Thurston's camp in Andover North Surplus, about six miles from Andover Corner where he was brought by Mr. Thurston to the hotel where he was faithfully cared for until death ensued, at near ten o'clock, p. m. The facts brought out at the inquest were that he came from the camp Saturday evening with others to the Corner, purchased some yarn and started for the camp with two young men that lived on the road some two and one-half miles from the Corner, at about nine. He left the young men at their home at ten o'clock, and was not seen again until found as above stated. How and where he spent that bitter cold night without freezing, is a wonder to all. As the wind blew that night his tracks could not be seen until he came to the woods, which is a mile or more. After he reached the woods his tracks indicated that he walked steadily and direct for a mile or so, where his mittens were found. From there his steps were not regular for some eighty rods where a bottle was found, and from there to where he was found, some 20 or 30 rods, it appeared evident that he was on his hands and knees as the marks of his knuckles were plainly to be seen, showing that he must have spent that night and part of the next day struggling to get on towards the camp, being out on one side then the other. The road showed that he had a fearful encounter with some foe that was stronger than himself, there alone. Some four or five men that were there and helped him into the sleigh, testify that the scent of liquor was clearly discerned. The Post Mortem examination found the lungs badly congested, the heart normal, and the brain nearly normal. And now, Mr. Editor, what could have been the cause of his death? Not rum surely, for they say that he was only an occasional drinker, and Dr. A. says that he died a natural death because he had doctored him in years past for the heart trouble; and also Chancellor Crosby says that the moderate use of fermented and brewed liquors are beneficial and do not tend to drunkenness. What then should be the verdict of the jurors? congestion of the lungs produced by chill, and there stop? Would that be a true and honest verdict? I think not. What say you Mr. Editor. Should not they say that intoxicating liquor produced the whole.

—We entirely agree with our correspondent. If intoxication led the young man to expose himself, that fact should be given as a warning to the public.

INSTALLATION SERVICE.—Rev. W. W. Hooper will be installed over the Universalist parish of Norway and Paris, at Norway, Thursday evening next, Feb. 10th, the service beginning at 7 o'clock. There will also be a meeting on Wednesday evening addressed by several ministers, and a preaching service Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. G. W. Quimby, D. D., of Augusta, Rev. G. W. Perry of Auburn, G. W. Haskell of Lewiston, A. Bosserman of Bethel, and H. S. Whitman of Mechanic Falls, will be present, and interesting exercises are expected. All are invited.

From the Lewiston Journal.

MECHANIC FALLS SWINDLE.

ARREST OF TWO EMPLOYEES OF T. B. SWAN.—Mr. Swan wanted by the officers, BUT NOT TO BE FOUND.—PARTICULARS OF THE SWINDLING OPERATIONS.

We have refrained from publishing various communications giving an account of the alleged swindling operations at Mechanic Falls, involving T. B. Swan, Esq., fusion representative from Minot and Poland, in the hope that further information would show that the suspicious were not well founded. But the matter now too well known to justify further silence.

ARRESTS MADE.

For about three weeks special United States detective Bigelow of Augusta has been seeking to unearth a mysterious bogus concern that has been operating at Mechanic Falls. From certain peculiar circumstances the case was difficult to handle, but the investigations of the officers resulted in the arrest on Tuesday of Charles York of Mechanic Falls and one Davis of Empire Station on the charge of complicity in a swindling scheme. These men have been in the employ of T. B. Swan, fusion representative from Minot and Poland, who is charged with being the principal in the alleged swindle.

The *Journal* says: Mr. Swan came home from Augusta Saturday night, and then learned that his operations were being watched by a special agent of the Postoffice Department. Monday morning he left home, and it was supposed he was going to Augusta to attend to his duties as representative, but it has since been learned that he was seen that day on the cars between Portland and Boston, and the officers have not been able to find him.

CHARACTER OF THE SWINDLE.

The swindle was this: The swindler would send to town clerks all over New England circulars asking them to forward him the names of 25 ladies and 25 farmers, whom he could employ as agents for useful agricultural implements that the "Eastern Manufacturing Company" was about to manufacture. In return the swindler volunteered to send the town clerk one cent for each name sent him. For 20 names sent the "Kicker Rake Company" he would pay 30 cents.

The various town clerks improved the opportunity to do a favor and at the same time put a few cents in their own pockets as perquisites, and thousands of names came pouring into the post office, at Mechanic Falls. To provide for this, the swindler had printed circulars sent him from Portland by the box full, which were immediately taken in hand by parties in his interest and mailed to every person whose name had been obtained. Twelve thousand circulars were obtained from the "Eastern Manufacturing Company," one thousand from the "Mechanic Falls Jewelry Company" and two thousand from the "Poland Manufacturing Company" and "Kicker Rake Company."

THE SWINDLING CIRCULAR.

The following is one of the circulars sent out.

EASTERN MANUFACTURING CO.

THE EXCISE.—THE AMERICAN COIN SHARPENER. ENERGY MOVING MACHINE. Simple, Effective. KNIFE SHARPENERS. Sharpen all Edge Tools. Price only \$4.50. Price \$5.00.

MECHANIC FALLS, ME., DEC. 27, 1880.

DEAR SIR.—You have been recommended as a suitable person to introduce our Excise Coin Sharpener and American Moving Machine to your friends and neighbors. We will send you a Sharpener and a Moving Machine, and we will supply you with a list of names of persons to whom you should sell them. We will also send you a list of names of persons to whom you should sell them. We will also send you a list of names of persons to whom you should sell them.

If you will show the Sharpener and Sharpen to your friends and neighbors, we will send you a list of names of persons to whom you should sell them. We will also send you a list of names of persons to whom you should sell them. We will also send you a list of names of persons to whom you should sell them.

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MONEY PUTTING IN FROM GUILDED ONES.—These circulars brought the dollars in a continuous stream, and the swindler was in high glee, rubbing his hands and chuckling at the immediate prospect of rolling in wealth. But as he had omitted to forward the town clerks the moiety due them, the matter began to be noticed around, but in the meantime the parties at Mechanic Falls began to fill the order.

JEWELRY FOR "POOR MEN."

The jewelry circulars were in substance like the above, claiming that large works had been erected for the manufacture of the tripe-plated gold jewelry, and were in substance as follows:—

"You have been recommended to us as a suitable person to introduce our new jewelry to your friends and neighbors. We will send you a heavy tripe-plated gold watch chain, price \$10, and one heavy tripe-plated gold watch, price \$15. We will send one dollar for packing the same."

The circular requested the receiver to wear the jewelry in sight that others might see, and thus send for the same. These circulars were sent to Salmon Falls, Great Falls, Dover, Manchester and other manufacturing localities, in the hope that the operatives might respond and thus the poor be made poorer and the would-be rich richer. Between 1,000 and 2,000 answers were received from these, containing dollar measures, but few if any of them received in return the jewelry promised, proof of which Detective Bigelow has in his possession in the form of letters from some twenty or thirty of the parties swindled.

THE PROOF AGAINST SWAN.

The officers say that they are prepared to show the following circumstances as implicating Mr. Swan: That when Swan came to Augusta to take his seat in the Legislature, he gave the postmaster at Mechanic Falls express orders to retain all letters till he returned at the close of every week, and consequently that Swan, himself, signed for all registered letters to any of the bogus concerns which have been mentioned. Mr. Bigelow says he has in his possession, beside the useful (?) agricultural tools mentioned, three signatures for registered letters sent the "Eastern Manufacturing Co.," and which signatures are, he says, in Swan's own hand-writing. It is thought that these enterprises, especially the "Eastern Manufacturing Company," are not original with Swan, for such concerns are usually nomadic or else have several branches. Moreover in the last U. S. postal guide, among the list of bogus concerns which have been using the name for swindling purposes, is an "Eastern Manufacturing Company," with headquarters severally at Boston, Mass., Rockland, Me., and Chicago, Ill. It was the name of the company that has caused the Mechanic Falls swindle to be stepped in its incipency, for as soon as its circu-

lars fell into the hands of the postmasters, the Postoffice department at Washington was notified, and the case placed in the hands of Detective Bigelow to investigate as to its reliability.

Speaking of the matter, a special to the *Portland Argus* says:—

"Mr. Swan has been a very prominent politician in this State, and was the candidate of the Union party for speaker of the Maine House this winter. He has been treasurer of the town of Minot for two years, but it is not known at this time whether he has misused the town's money or not. Many assert that his accounts are right, and that the alleged fraudulent transaction will only be shown to be a legitimate business affair in which he sought to make an excessive profit in the sale of useful though intrinsically cheap articles."

OXFORD COUNTY LOCALS.

ANDOVER, Jan. 27th.—Continued cold weather with five inches more snow 21st. It is said, snow is four feet deep in the woods.

We are pained to hear of so many sudden deaths of late. Mrs. Jas. Roberts of Hanover, died very suddenly this week, and her husband died in an hour after her funeral services were over, both enjoying good health apparently, and very much respected. He was the last survivor of a highly esteemed family of nine children, and youngest brother of the late Dr. Roberts of Rumford.

While at Bryant's Pond recently, we counted a string of fifteen teams driven into the village laden with poplar, potatoes and wood, that reminded us of the olden time when farmers used to take their produce into Portland, only in those days paper pulp wasn't made from poplar wood. A prominent man informed us he considered a thrifty growth of birch or poplar, as valuable as a growth of pine or spruce.

Mr. Ansel Dudley has a contract for 5,000 cords poplar wood for paper pulp. He is in company with Frank Cole, who is running a business buying potatoes, sending them to Haverhill, Mass. One car load sent there from Andover, liked so well, another car load was ordered of Andover potatoes—a good showing for Andover products.

ANDOVER, Feb. 3.—We have had fearfully cold and windy weather the past week. Friday and Saturday, 28 and 29th ult., it was so rough men could not work all the time in the woods, and it was with great effort supplies could be taken to camp, and again last Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday was called the coldest day yet of the season. The high winds did much damage; in one case blowing down the grainery of Gordon & Halls, spilling and blowing away the oats and other grains.

There is quite a call for hay to supply the demands of lumbermen. We look for high prices in hay the coming spring, for various reasons.

Mr. Alfred Rowe is drawing birch from H. L. Newhalls farm to Mr. Ronello Green's mill. R. B. Merrill is drawing poplar to the river, for the Canton pulp mills.

The late high winds have swept off the snow from fields to a mere crust, and in places piling up the snow many feet deep, and solid enough to bear up a team.

Don't look much like a January thaw for 1881.

MORE ANOX.

BETHEL, Jan. 27.—At the annual communication of Bethel Lodge No. 67, F. & A. M., held Jan. 13th, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: W. E. Skillings, W. M.; M. W. Chandler, S. W.; W. Hammons, J. W.; W. E. Willard, Sec.; G. O. Bean, Treasurer; J. C. Billings, S. D.; N. E. Richardson, J. D.

The M. E. circle met with Mrs. Dustin on Church street last Thursday evening. Some over fifty were present. A very pleasant time was enjoyed.

The ladies connected with the M. E. society are making arrangements for a festival and supper to be held at the house of Horatio R. Godwin, Esq., and to come off in about two weeks. Due notice will be given.

One of the most beautiful lives I ever saw was at the residence of one of our citizens a day or two since, making a large bay window look like a bit of summer broken out of a July day and set right down into snarling January. This lady was trained in the form of a cross, its body occupying the center of the window sash and its arms reaching athwart the ceiling.

John Swan has shipped from our station since last October, forty-six car loads of potatoes.

The fifth anniversary of the Dixfield Reform Club will be held at Dixfield village on Friday, the 18th day of February, 1881. Many prominent temperance workers will be present, including R. W. Dunn, Esq., of Waterville, Paul R. Sevey and Chris. Page of Bangor, Frank Kendrick of Fairfield, and B. S. Kelly of Winthrop. All are cordially invited to attend this occasion to help make it both pleasant and profitable. Those from a distance will be hospitably provided for.

FRYEBURG, Jan. 28.—Ex-Congressman Abraham Barker of Pennsylvania, a native of Lovell, is spending a few days in town. There is now fully four feet of snow in the woods, but it offers no obstruction to the many who are engaged in hauling all kinds of lumber to the river and mills.

Col. E. C. Farrington of the State Valuation Commission, is spending the winter with his family in Augusta.

We hear that the farm house at Highland Park is to be enlarged for the accommodation of summer guests, and that the poet Whittier, Lucy Larcom and other literatures are wistfully turning their eyes in that direction for a summer home. The Doctor and wife know how to make their guests happy.

Mrs. Jacob Lewis of East Conway, died last Monday morning of heart disease, aged 75 years. Her son, C. W. Lewis of the *Boston Herald* staff, is confined to his house with the measles.

The Tourge Foreign Tourists held their second "Reunion" Feb. 16th, at the Revere House, in Boston.

We learn that there is to be a change in the Postoffice in this village. Miss Jane W. Frye resigned the position she has held the two past years, deeming the cares and duties of the office greater than its honors and emoluments. A petition has been circulated, and generally signed, asking that the office be given to Tobias L. Eastman, late mail agent on the P. & O. R. R. No doubt Mr. E.'s long experience as mail agent, coupled with his courteous manners will render him a very acceptable and efficient Postmaster.

It is stated that Mr. Amos C. Frye, now in the Portland Postoffice, will succeed

metropolitan life. They are artists in their line, of whom the city may feel proud.

The M. E. Society will hold a Mum Festival on Monday evening, Feb. 14th, at the house of Mr. Horatio R. Godwin. Antiquarian supper will be served. Come one, come all.

CANTON.—A fearful gale set in Thursday night, Jan. 27th, and continued until Saturday afternoon, rendering the roads at Canton almost impassable, making huge snow drifts about the dwelling houses in the village. W. H. H. Washburn takes the premium on drifts having one a hundred feet in length about his buildings and ten feet deep. Mr. O. O. Fuller's house was nearly covered with snow, he being obliged to make his exit Saturday morning by way of the chamber window. E. Thompson's chimney was blown down and two windows smashed in by a board being blown against them. Friday night about 12 o'clock the school house caught fire from some unknown cause and was totally destroyed; loss \$2500, insured for \$1500, Springfield Co., Holman's Agency, Lewiston.

The passenger train on the R. F. & B. Railroad was snow bound Friday night when within about one-half mile from Canton station, and did not reach the station until Saturday noon. Through the courtesy of Conductor Spaulding the passengers were made as comfortable as possible during the night on the trains. He kindly offered to show them their rooms if they wished to retire. Both engines with snow plow, started out Sunday morning to clear the track from Sunday, and when a short distance from the station they met with an accident which threw one engine off the track into the pond. Fortunately no one was hurt. Engineer Davis and his fireman made their escape from the engine through the window of the car. They at once set to work to clear the wreck and repair snow plow, and started for Mechanic Fall, Monday morning, reaching there Tuesday in time to make connections with G. T. R. R. The wrecking train from Grand Trunk Fall road is expected to take the damaged engine to Portland for repairs. The injury to the engine, it is hoped will not be large.

—Journal.

DIXFIELD.—As in all parts of the State and county, the weather is severely cold. Fiercely the wind blew during Thursday night. Friday, North Jay stage could not make its usual trip. Several teams tried the Valley and Weld roads but found them impassable. All roads were very much drifted.

The general health of the place is good. Captain Holmes, now in his 84 year, is rather unwell this winter. Mr. H. Austin, who has been sick for some time, is still out of health.

The Reform Club holds its weekly meetings. And excellent paper was read by Miss Lena Lane, last Thursday evening. Several of our young reformers took part in the exercises. Lately a generous donation, to help carry on the reform movement, was made by Mrs. H. C. Bardwell of New York City. The Club hires a hall and makes the best use of it. The Ladies Aid continues its excellent work. A few weeks ago, this society, wishing by something tangible, to express its appreciation of the ministers hearty co-operation in the temperance cause, presented Rev. James Paterson, of this place, a handsome gift. The recipient is proud of the useful gift, and by it will remember the noble christian endeavors put forth by "The Aid." Long may they continue to "work for God and humanity." The club holds its 5th anniversary next month. Due notice will be given through the columns of the *Democrat*.

A hulled corn and social festival, was held in Temperance Hall Tuesday.

The Ladies Sewing Circle met with Mrs. Trask, Thursday. The church work is in a prosperous condition. Rev. J. Paterson is hired for another year.

The Dixfield winter school closes next week. This has been another successful term. Principal, H. H. Bryant, is doing yeoman services in this place. His labors are being duly appreciated. We are glad to report efforts are being made to have another High School during the spring. Success attend the effort. From the fact that Mr. Bryant has taught about 32 successful terms of school, Dixfield cannot do better than keep the right man in the proper place.

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D. S. Sanborn's house in Gorham, N. H., was destroyed by fire last Wednesday evening. Caught from ashes. No insurance.

NORTH FRYEBURG.—The commotion caused by "letting loose the various winds of heaven at Juno's request, has been limited in this town and vicinity. The mercury has gone 16 and 20 deg., below zero, the wind blown in gales; the snow drifted to a great depth, and the roads have been impassable. The Lovell stage, for the first time in years, was unable to make its usual morning trip to Fryeburg, and Stow and Chatham were separated from communication with their neighbors. We are quite ready to cry, "Hold, enough."

The school at Fryeburg Centre, under the instruction of Nelson McIntire, seems pleasant and profitable. Occasional spelling schools, rhetorical exercises, etc., have added to the general interest.

The school at the Harbor, closes this week; the teacher, C. W. Charles, going immediately to continue his studies at the Maine Medical College in Brunswick.

Mr. A. V. Stevens has been spending a few weeks with his children in Gorham, N. H. Two of his sons are engineers on the G. T. R. R., and one on the P. & O. They have served as firemen and gained their present positions by years of patient toil and faithful attention to duty.

The members of the Good Templars Lodge at Stow, gave a very creditable entertainment at the town hall in this place, Jan. 31st. The music deserves special praise. The drama, "Above the Clouds," was put upon the stage in good taste, and the characters were well sustained. Stow can boast of a Brass Band that has acquired by dint of perseverance, a great degree of proficiency, and a Dramatic Club that possesses much talent.

HARTFORD, Feb. 7.—The following officers were elected by the Crystal Wave Good Templars, for the fifty-third quarter, on the eve of the 27th of January:—Virgil P. DeCoster, W. S. C. T.; Mrs. Osmon Warren, W. V. T.; Miss Cleora DeCoster, W. S.; Fred Warren, W. F. S.; Leander Hodgdon, W. S.; Mrs. George W. Shaw, W. C.; Russell Pratt, W. M.; Sullivan DeCoster, W. G. Delegation to the District Lodge, Russell Pratt, Walter H. Purkins, Jonah Forbes, Leander Hodgdon. Owing to the blockade by boreas, the members did not partake of the annual supper on the 29th, in the Lodge room; being the first failure for thirteen years. Many of the members noticed the evening by an extra supper in their dwellings.

The Irish Brothers of the Line district of Hartford, fired up their steam mill on the 25th, for the first time for many months, to convert wood into articles of merchandise.

Apples are leaving some cellars for Europe, in this vicinity.

It is with much regret, I notice the death of your faithful correspondent in the *Democrat*, A. L. H. HARTFORD.

CENTRE LOVELL, Feb. 3.—We are pleased to inform the community that the mill of Hamble and Fox is completed, and certain portions ready for business.

A late issue of the *Democrat* contained an item which represented Charles G. Andrews and Henry Gerry as cutting, marking and surveying 1050 feet of pine in a single day. Probably the error was that of the writer rather than compositor, and we beg that the Messrs. Andrews and Gerry will excuse this apparently sarcastic statement and diminutive estimate of muscular powers, as this ludicrous remark was due to the ignorance of the correspondent who is somewhat inexperienced in the business of lumbering and had the impression that 1050 was a very flattering report of which any two might well be proud.

The Christian Social Circle convened with Mrs. Chas. Hamblen on the 2d inst. A reorganization and season of musical enjoyment was in anticipation, but the low range of mercury made it require a most vigorous exercise of the physical organism to keep ourselves and the plants above the freezing point, even in doors, so the correspondent will have to rely on the more courageous residents of the vicinity for particulars.

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MARRIED.

In Woodstock, Feb. 1, by Alden Chase, Esq., Mr. Joseph H. Akley, of Woodstock, and Miss Hattie A. Thurlow, of Woodstock, both of Canton, by Rev. W. P. Huntington, Mr. Russell A. Chase and Mr. Cornelia E. Newton, both of Dixfield.

In Senner, Jan. 26, by Rev. G. Rice, Mr. Wellington H. Eastman, of Auburn, and Miss Rachel W. Weston of Senner.

The Ladies Social Circle will meet with Miss Eliza Butterfield and Mrs. A. Doble next Friday evening, Feb. 11. All are invited.

SOUTH PARIS.—It is now understood that the rail shop will not be rebuilt here, but the old shop at Gorham is to be remodeled, and work is to be resumed there.

Mr. Harry B. Stone finds it convenient to pursue his studies of Latin and Greek, and attend to the duties of Assistant Postmaster at the same time. This is a very commendable move.

There will be a grand Ball at New Hall, Tuesday eve, Feb. 8th.

The humane man will take the frost out of his horse's bits, while the man who will put a frosty bit into the sensitive mouth of his horse, is in danger of hell fire.

E. S. Stone and W. W. Blake, have removed to Kennebunk.

A horse belonging to Mr. Geo. Titcomb, started to run away one day last week, but Mr. Titcomb succeeded in getting hold of the lines, and although thrown down and dragged several rods, he held fast his grip, and thus saved a runaway.

Judge Deering, although eighty-three years of age, reads readily without the aid of glasses of any kind. The Judge used glasses several years ago, but his sight having returned to him, he laid them aside.

Mr. A. E. Shurtleff has moved into the Burnham store near the Post Office.

Mr. C. W. Parsons, our popular tailor, is soon to remove to Gorham, N. H., and connect himself with the firm of Stahl Brothers, tailors. During Mr. Parsons' stay in South Paris, he has given his customers the latest styles and the best of fits. He proposes to visit this place semi-annually, with samples, and take orders.

Messrs. Monnehan, Penfold and Farr, are going to Gorham to work.

Now is a good time to agitate the water-trough question.

Dr. Holden, who recently bought the drug store of Geo. E. Wilson, keeps a good stock, and reports a good trade. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are in Brunswick, visiting friends.

The heaviest man in the village, is Mr. Samuel Briggs; weight, 328 lbs. The lightest man is Mr. Charles Shurtleff, who tips the beam at only 98.

D. H. Colby & Co., have closed their dry goods business here and will return to Lewiston.

The Winslow farm is offered for sale. See advertisement.

Master Frankie Knapp promises to become an artist with the cornet. His expression is wonderful.

Work in the shoe shop was partially suspended last week, owing to the severe cold.

Saturday morning some venturesome children—two girls and a boy—got into a punge belonging to A. M. Trull of Norway, the horse took fright and dashed toward home, but before he had proceeded far he collided with another team, tipping the punge over, and spilling the mischievous occupants into a snow drift. The frightened horse cleared himself from the punge, but was soon recovered. The children were not seriously injured, though badly frightened. Better let other people's horses alone, boys, for next time you might not be so fortunate.

A goodly number attended the Methodist socible Thursday eve, at the parsonage. Rev. Mr. Simons says it is surprising to see the number of persons a Methodist parsonage will hold, which is quite true. We would offer a mild suggestion to those who are in the habit of singing, to bring their books next time.

WEST PERU.—Died at West Peru, Maine, Jan. 16th, 1881, aged 25 years 6 months and 24 days, Mrs. Ida M., wife of Dexter Lord of Waterville, Me. A truly fond and loving wife and mother; one whom all knew but to love. Her death will be deeply felt by her bereaved husband and child, and by a large circle of friends, who sincerely mourn the loss of one who, in sickness and trouble, was ever ready to assist them. Truly, her life was enriched by charity, and death possessed no terror for a life always pleasing to God. She calmly and resignedly met her death with that sweet smile of peace which the world cannot give, and we know that she who was so fondly loved and sadly mourned, we shall meet at that heavenly home, redeemed, glorified, and immortal; for our dear Lord, whom she so dearly loved, and while on earth so faithfully followed, rewarded her at the last, as fortified and strengthened by the rites of her church, she, with a pious resignation to the will of God, yielded her pure spirit to Him who doeth to redeem us.

PONTOON.—The dwellings of Frank York of Porter, consisting of double house, porch on one end, 11, woodhouse and out buildings on the other end, together with all of the provisions, 2 barrels of pork, 8 bushels of beans, 50 bushels of potatoes, 7

