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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS THIS WEEK.

In bankruptcy—Geo H King. Ellsworth Loan and Building Association—Notice of foreclosure. Henry O Staples—Notice of foreclosure. Lost—Fraternity pin. Stanwood—Photographer. R. C. Haines—Undertaking and furniture.

LOSING:
Non-resident tax notice.
WINTER HARBOR:
Non-resident tax notice.
Walter B Harrington—Freedom notice.
Loring Band, Lewis E Bickford—Notice of foreclosure.

SCHEDULE OF MAILS.

AT ELLSWORTH POSTOFFICE.
In effect Oct. 5, 1908.

MAILS RECEIVED:
FROM WEST—7:15 a.m.; 4:30 and 4:40 p.m.
FROM EAST—11:07 a.m.; 12:06, 4:35 and 10:25 p.m.

MAIL CLOSURE AT POSTOFFICE:
GOING WEST—10:45, 11:30 a.m.; 5:30 and 9 p.m.
GOING EAST—4:25 a.m.; 4 and 4:30 p.m.
No Sunday mail.

Miss Helene Bellatty is at home from Colby college for the holiday recess.

John O'Brien, of Dublin, Ireland, is visiting his brother, Rev. J. D. O'Brien.

Miss Theresa Emery is visiting friends at Clinton, during the Christmas holidays.

The Literature club will meet with Mrs. Hodgman Monday evening, December 28.

Dr. J. H. Patten and Sheriff-elect Forrest O. Silsby, of Amherst, were in Ellsworth Monday.

Mrs. C. J. Swan, of Boston, is in the city to spend Christmas. Mr. Swan is expected to-morrow.

George E. Packard, of New York, is here to spend Christmas with his parents, A. W. Parkard and wife.

E. K. Hopkins and wife are spending Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. S. T. Campbell, at Island Falls.

Monaghan's dancing school at Society hall will meet next Monday evening at 8.30 instead of 8 as usual.

Edmon Eno and wife, of Searsport, formerly of this city, are spending the holidays here among relatives.

Rev. C. J. Cassidy, who has been assistant pastor of the Catholic church here for a short time, has returned to Portland.

Among nominations by Gov. Cobb announced yesterday was that of Embert C. Osgood, of Ellsworth, as notary public.

Rev. P. A. Hayes, of Milo, was in Ellsworth for a short visit last week, receiving a warm welcome from his many friends.

On Christmas Day the postoffice will be open until 8 a. m., and after the distribution of the evening mail—about 6.30.

Edwin L. Clark, of Clark university, Worcester, Mass., is spending the holiday recess with his grandmother, Mrs. A. W. Clark.

Miss Bertha Giles returned to New York last Wednesday, after a short visit home. Her sister Hazel accompanied her to spend the holidays in New York.

Miss Leah B. Friend, who is teaching in the high school at Natick, Mass., is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, David Friend and wife.

Miss Bernice J. Macomber, of Hall Quarry, a student at the Bridgewater, Mass., normal school, is spending her vacation here with her aunt, Mrs. F. R. Moore.

Henry W. Cushman, treasurer of the Union Trust Co., is home from a week's business trip to New York. While there he was a guest at the Wolcott, 5th avenue and 31st street.

At the Sunday morning service at the Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. P. A. A. Killam, announced the receipt of a gift of \$25 from Hon. John DeLaitre, of Minneapolis, to be devoted to the current expenses of the church.

In last week's issue it was stated that the houses then under quarantine would probably be released and the restrictions removed from Sunday schools, the public library and the theatres before the end of the week—which was done.

A concert and ball under the auspices of the Village improvement society will be given at Hancock hall next Tuesday evening, Dec. 29. Music will be furnished by Pullen's orchestra, of Bangor. Refreshments will be served during intermission.

The third in the series of private dancing assemblies was given last evening at Society hall, and like the others of the assemblies it was a very pretty and pleasant affair. The fourth and last of the series will be given Tuesday evening, Jan. 5.

At the regular monthly meeting of the governor and council last Friday, hearing was ordered for the next meeting of the council on the petition for the pardon of George Groves, of Winter Harbor, who is serving a sentence of two months in the Hancock county jail at Ellsworth for an infraction of the sea and shore fisheries laws.

At a meeting of the official board of the Methodist church yesterday afternoon it was voted to proceed at once with the work of finishing the basement of the church, in order to have the work completed in time for the conference next April. An outline of the important improvements to be made has already been given in THE AMERICAN.

Walter, eleven-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frazier, died last night of membranous croup, at his home on Water street. The boy had been ill but a few days, receiving medical attendance for the first time Tuesday morning, when anti-toxin was administered, but too late to be effective. The house has been quarantined by the board of health.

Last Sunday was observed as Christmas Sunday at the Ellsworth churches. There were Christmas sermons by the pastors, and special music. The Baptist Sunday school will have a Christmas entertain-

ment and tree at 7.30 o'clock to-morrow evening. At the Methodist and Congregational churches there will be no public celebration this year. The Sunday school teachers of the Congregational church will distribute the usual gifts to the children at their homes. There will be a service at the chapel Christmas morning at 10.30, with sermon by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Mathews. At St. Joseph's Catholic church there will be the usual Christmas Day services—low mass at 7.30, high mass at 10.30 and vespers at 7.30. The children of the parish will have a tree in the afternoon.

Columbo, E. H. Greeley's famous stallion, and one of the best-known sires in this section of the country, broke his right forward ankle Friday morning while being driven in Bangor. The accident occurred about 11 o'clock. Mr. Greeley's manager was driving the stallion for exercise, when an electric car came up behind him. Columbo started up quickly, and in doing so hit his right forward ankle with one of his hind feet. The blow staved the bone of the ankle. The stallion was taken into the Bangor horse stables, and later was carried on a sled to the Greeley stable at Maplewood. The ankle has been put in a plaster cast, and Columbo is in slings. It is hoped he can be saved. Columbo is considered the best bred and most valuable horse in Maine. If it is found necessary to kill him, it will be a great loss to the State, as the location here of such a horse for breeding purposes has already raised the standard of horses in this section. If saved, his value for breeding purposes will not be impaired.

CROSSING ACCIDENT.

Fred L. Moore narrowly escapes death at Ellsworth Falls.

The worst crossing accident that has ever happened at Ellsworth Falls occurred Saturday afternoon about 5.30 o'clock, when Fred L. Moore, driving a pair of horses hitched to a sled, in crossing the track at the rear of Whitcomb, Haynes & Co.'s store was struck by a locomotive.

An engine and caboose, on its way to Bangor, was travelling rapidly, and was not noticed by Moore until he was well on to the track. Seeing that he could not get across, he tried to rein the horses to one side, but had not time. The locomotive struck the sleds, throwing Moore off. When the train stopped, it was found that Moore was pinned by the legs between the forward part of the engine and the rail. He had been dragged 200 feet from the crossing where the accident happened.

Moore was released with difficulty, it requiring several minutes to get him from under the engine. He was taken home where he was attended by Dr. Simonton, who was very badly shaken up, but no bones were broken. It seems little short of miraculous that he was not killed. He is suffering considerable pain about the arms and shoulders, but, barring any serious development from internal injury, it is believed he will soon be about.

The horses were thrown to one side when the crash came, and, except for a few scratches, are all right. The sleds were badly broken.

While this accident was taking place, Dr. Simonton's horse, frightened by the same train and the noise of its sudden stopping, started from Mill street, where he had been left standing, and ran up through the square, overturning the sleigh. Dr. Simonton was thrown out, but not injured. The horse was caught before any damage was done.

The accident will probably lead to some steps being taken by the railroad company for the protection of the public on this crossing. The city recently requested the company to station a night and day flagman at the Falls, but the request was denied.

THE BUCKMORE CASE.

Judge Redman Decides that Warrant for Deportation May Issue.

Judge John B. Redman, of the Ellsworth municipal court, has rendered his decision in the Buckmore, or Reynolds, pauper case, to the effect that a warrant for deportation may properly issue. At the hearing in the municipal court, E. J. Walsh appeared for complainants and L. F. Giles for defendant. In a summary of the case accompanying the decision, Judge Redman says:

In the case of the overseers of the poor of Ellsworth, complainants, vs. Clara D. Reynolds, heard in the municipal court at the December term, decision being reserved in order that complainants' counsel might be given time to secure evidence in regard to the death of Leander B. Avery, the first husband of the said Clara D. Reynolds, and the evidence having been produced, it appears that Clara D. Reynolds (then Clara D. White) was married to Leander B. Avery at Lynn, Mass., June 8, 1882; that Avery died at Melrose, Mass., March 21, 1884; that Clara D. Reynolds (then Avery) married Horace Reynolds at Lynn, Mass., Oct. 19, 1884, from whom she was never divorced. Said Clara D. Reynolds married William H. Buckmore, of Ellsworth—Reynolds being still living and undivorced—on Aug. 13, 1892. Buckmore died Dec. 9, 1899, and Horace Reynolds died at Laconia, N. H., March 16, 1906.

Clara D. Reynolds received aid from the city of Ellsworth in November, 1904. She had not resided here continuously, having lived at Yarmouthville, Me., a portion of the time between the death of Buckmore and the filing of the complaint.

The court holds that as her marriage to Buckmore was illegal, while she had a legal husband living, she could acquire no rights under that association, and her marriage to Buckmore being void, her settlement remained unchanged.

An affidavit signed by George H. Reynolds, son of Horace Reynolds, states that his father resided for sixteen years prior to his death at Alton, N. H.

Under the evidence in the case the court decides that a warrant for deportation may properly issue.

GREEN LAKE.

Mr. Carlisle, of East Eddington, will haul wood for W. F. Chute.

Sandy MacPherson and family, of Bangor, will occupy Al. Higgins' house.

Al Harding and family, of Bar Harbor, are occupying the A. White camp for the winter.

Annie Louise Lord, of Ellsworth, spent Thursday with her parents, Capt. Horace F. Lord and wife.

Capt. Chapman, Mrs. Harry Chapman, son Horace and a few friends will spend a week or ten days at their cottage.

The arrivals were many the past week. At the Hardy cottage were Amos Hardy, Messrs. Friend and Harlow, who made quite a catch of pickerel at Rocky pond. At the Kirstein were B. Kirstein, H. Buck, J. Wilson, E. Pierce, V. Brett, Capt. Guernsey and Mr. Glass.

WEST ELLSWORTH.

Miss Mildred Seeds is teaching at East Orland.

Leon Grindle and wife were the guests of James W. Carter and wife Sunday.

Mrs. Clara I. Carter, of Harvest Home grange, has been appointed to install the officers at Arbutus grange, Surry, the first Friday in January.

Fred Floyd, of Searsport, visited his parents, G. B. Floyd and wife, last week.

Mrs. Amanda Meader, who has been very ill, is able to be around the house again.

MOUTH OF THE RIVER.

Freeman Closson is at home for the winter.

Capt. W. L. Pratt is suffering with blood poisoning in his arm.

Capt. Fred Sadler has hauled his vessel up in Bangor, and is at home.

George Day, who has been cook on a steamboat at Portsmouth, is at home.

The many friends of Mrs. Mary Sweet Favro, of Lowell, Mass., formerly of East Surry, were pained to hear of her death, more extended notice of which appears in the East Surry items.

Business Notices.

PARKER PIANO CONTEST.

Following is the standing in the piano contest at W. B. Parker Clothing Co.'s store at noon to-day:

1. Miss Annie Emery, Ellsworth.
2. Bayside grange, Bayside.
3. Harvest Home grange, West Ellsworth.
4. Arbutus grange, Surry.
5. Pamelis grange, Hancock.
6. Mariaville grange, Mariaville.
7. Nicollin grange, Nicollin.
8. Methodist church, Franklin.

Special sale of Christmas pies at H. F. Hopkins' store, Thursday afternoon.—Adet.

WILL ENFORCE THE LAW.

Sheriff-Elect Silsby Allows No Uncertainty to Exist.

Sheriff-elect Forrest O. Silsby, of Amherst, who will assume office on January 1, issues a straightforward letter to the people of Hancock county, which leaves room for no uncertainty as to his attitude toward the prohibitory law. He said during the campaign, and repeats now, that he will enforce the law to the best of his ability. Mr. Silsby also announces the names of those deputies whom he has so far decided upon. His letter follows:

To the People of Hancock County:

Before assuming the duties of sheriff, I wish to say that I am deeply grateful for the confidence you have shown in me, and that I realize the great responsibility that will rest upon me during the coming two years. I shall endeavor with all the energy and tact I possess to enforce and execute the laws of the State, without fear or favor.

To prevent any and all misunderstanding in regard to the enforcement of the prohibitory law, I say now, before I enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office of sheriff, that I shall use all the means in my power to give this county a strict and impartial enforcement. To this end I call upon the people who believe in prohibitory enforcement to aid and assist me and my deputies. Remember, without popular endorsement no law can be successfully enforced.

I shall require each and all deputies who serve under me to use their best endeavors to enforce this law. As soon as I am satisfied that any deputy falls in this duty, I shall have no further use for him, and shall dismiss him from my force. I have not completed the selection of all my deputies, but the following have been decided upon:

Bar Harbor..... Clarence Madden
Winter Harbor..... H. G. Smallidge
Sullivan..... Fred A. Patten
Bluehill..... Ward W. Wescott
Sedgewick..... Henry A. Small
Deer Isle..... Paul W. Scott
Amherst..... Cecil W. Crosby
Brooklin..... Rodney W. Smith

Respectfully yours,
F. O. SILSBY.

COMING EVENTS.

ELLSWORTH.

Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Hancock hall—Concert and ball under auspices of Village improvement society. Concert tickets, 35 cents; dance tickets, 75 cents per couple; admission after concert, 25 cents.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Prayer Meeting Topic for the Week Beginning Dec. 27, 1908. By REV. S. H. DOYLE.

Topic.—Foreign missions. The new life in China.—Ezek. xxxvii, 1-14.

China is the most ancient nation in the world that is still playing an important part in the present day history of the world. It was once surrounded by a great wall to prevent association with the other peoples of the world, and though the wall perished, the desire for seclusion still remained, and in their mysterious beliefs and methods of living the Chinese continued a secluded nation and an enigma to the rest of the world. But China is awakening. This mighty kingdom, with its millions of people, is beginning to see the light of a new day and to desire to advance along the lines of more modern civilization. The ground once considered so sacred now trembles beneath the weight of passing trains. The hatred of foreigners, which once seemed indigenous to the soil, is losing its hold upon the people. Missionaries are no longer so bitterly opposed, but the high places at least they are very much encouraged. The political condition of China is also rapidly changing. Moreover, the tendency of China seems to be to strongly affiliate with the United States. This fact will, if continued, bring a great opportunity to the Christians of America and place a great responsibility upon us. China is also adopting up to date educational methods. So that quietly, but surely, the great masses of China are beginning to move forward. How will the result affect the world's history? Not for evil, for God's hand is in this movement. The "yellow peril" is a bogaboo, and no one need be frightened by it. Instead we should rejoice in this movement from darkness to the light and should do all in our power through the gospel to hasten it.

The Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Manual gives the following "Mission Notes From China" illustrating its new life:

The nations that have wronged China may well fear the awakening of the giant to a realization of its vast power and hasten to make right, so far as possible, what has been wrong.

It was the great success of Japan that finally led China to see its weakness, and Japan is now leading China into a military prowess that will enable her also to conquer the mighty nations of Europe.

The first woman's newspaper in China shows the changed attitude toward women. So do the rapidly increasing number of girls' schools.

One of the most significant changes in China is the adoption of European dress, especially by the young business men. With this goes the cutting off of the cue.

About ten years ago a young Chinese in California received a letter from his father disowning him because he had become a Christian. A short time ago a young Chinese in Los Angeles wrote to his father the story of his conversion and asked him to paste the letter on the walls of his ancestral hall, so that many others, reading it, might turn to the Saviour. His father did so and replied, "When I know how I will tear down my idols and worship Christ with you."

The most powerful official in China, Yuan Shih Kai, viceroy of the capital province, though himself a Confucianist, wrote a book pleading for the most respectful treatment of the Christian missionaries, "since they come to persuade men to the practice of virtue."

Dr. J. Walter Lowry declares that more has happened in China during the last two years than during the previous thousand years.

The Chinese president of the Chinese Reform association says that more than 20,000 Chinese students are pursuing advanced modern courses of study, that more than 4,000,000 Chinese can speak English, that more than 10,000 American, English and European works have been translated into Chinese and that the courts are being remodeled after the English system. Some 5,000 common schools have been started in the one province of Canton.

NIBLE READINGS.

Isa. iii, 1-7; Nah. i, 15; Matt. xxviii, 19, 20; Luke xv, 1-10; John iii, 16; Acts i, 8; xiii, 1-3; Rom. x, 14, 15; Ps. ii; Rev. xxii, 17.

In Duty.

I am a Christian Endeavorer because I want to do something. A reverend and much loved brother walked into my study one day and asked me the meaning of "Endeavor." I immediately turned up my big lexicon and found that it comes from two French words—(in), devote (duty). What a splendid motto for a society—in duty, in duty. Duty is that which I am bound to do. Young men and women around me, boys and girls, old and lonely, sick and poor, are crying to me for help. The Christian Endeavor shows me how I can help them. I never allow my Christian Endeavor meetings to be frittered away over useless tattle or matters of business. Time is too precious. Lives are at stake. Soul lives are being thrown away. Men and women are perishing, and I am "in duty." I must find work in God's world. No one can find it for me. If there is not an open door, I must knock a hole in the wall. There is a word of praise to be given, a buttonhole of flowers to be placed in the gupit, a token of love for some one who wants it, and because I love to be always "in duty" therefore I am a Christian Endeavorer.—Australian Christian Endeavor Link.

A Training School.

Christian Endeavorers are "Christ's agencies." The Christian Endeavor society is the training school.—Christian Endeavor News (England).

Mutual Benefit Column.

EDITED BY "AUNT MADGE."

Its Motto: "Helpful and Helpful."

The purposes of this column are succinctly stated in the title and motto—it is for the mutual benefit, and aims to be helpful and helpful. Being for the common good, it is for the common use—a public servant, a purveyor of information and suggestion, a medium for the interchange of ideas. In this capacity it solicits communications, and its success depends largely on the support given it in this respect. Communications must be signed, but the name of writer will not be printed except by permission. Communications will be subject to approprate rejection by the editor of the column, but none will be rejected without good reason. Address all communications to THE AMERICAN, Ellsworth, Me.

Dear M. B. Friends:

In place of the regular poem, I am using some gems of thought which came to me during the past year, on Christmas cards or in booklets from different members of our large family. I could fill the entire column with such selections, but will only insert a few. The first was sent by Bea, who made glad so many hearts by her remembrance of them in the holiday season.

"Anthem of Heaven! Oh may it awaken. Chords in our hearts till responsive they ring. Right from their depths, hallelujahs of gladness. Welcoming Christ as their Saviour and King!

Flowers of the summerland, blossoms unfading, Laden with memories of mountain and shore, Bear on this winter's day, sweet Christmas greeting. And whisper of many bright pleasures in store.

—From B. J. A.

Ye who have loved each other, Sister, and friend, and brother, In this fast-fading year; Mother, and sire, and child, Young man and maiden mild, Come, gather here; And let your hearts grow fonder As memory shall ponder

Each past, unbroken vow; Old loves and the younger wooing Are sweet in renewing. Under the holly bough.

—From Janet.

No more selections this time, because there are several nice letters for you to enjoy. I hope N. and Melissa will accept my grateful, though tardy, acknowledgment of their pretty Thanksgiving remembrances.

CLOVERDALE, CAL., Dec. 7, 1908.

Dear Aunt Madge and M. B.:

Thought perhaps you might like a word or two from this little corner of the world. Well, to begin with, our rainy season has set in, and we have had several soaking rains, with snow on the surrounding hills, something I have never seen so early in the season during my long residence in California. The mornings and evenings are quite cool; quite a frost last night, although most of the flowers are blooming out of doors yet.

We have our second growth of hollyhocks. They grew up very tall and bloomed this summer, went to seed and we cut them down to the ground. They have grown up again and are now in bloom. The grass is getting quite tall and the farmers are busy sowing their grain and hay and pruning their orchards and vineyards. Persimmons are hanging ripe on the trees, oranges and lemons are beginning to ripen, and they will begin picking olives this month. Cloverdale picked olives and olive oil each were awarded a gold medal at the Portland (Ore.) fair.

If anyone wishing to know more about Sonoma county, with a view of buying real estate here, will send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope, I will give them a truthful account of everything that they might wish to know. I am not in the real estate business, and have none to sell. I like Sonoma county better than any place I have lived in since I came to California. Have lived in three other counties. Southern California I know nothing about, having never been there.

Have received several letters from M. B. C. sisters, which I enjoyed very much. I always turn to the M. B. column the first thing on receiving THE AMERICAN, and find so many good and helpful things there.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the M. B. C.'s, I will close.

Mrs. DAVID DARR.

There is a vivid contrast between Mrs. Darr's surroundings and ours at the Christmas season.—December has already given us some fine sleighing.

Dear Aunt Madge and Sisters: "One of the joys of Christmas, And a very true joy to me. Is the pleasure of remembering Those friends I cannot see; And in sending hearty greetings, With a message of good cheer, For a very Merry Christmas, And a Happy New Year."

So I come into the circle this evening to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I have been out calling on friends this afternoon, not formal "card cases" and "kid glove" calls, but just "run in" to see what they were doing for Christmas, and everywhere I found them fashioning gifts as I think we all like to do. I wish I could pass on to the Mutuals all the ideas I received, but they would be too late for this year's gifts, so I will only mention a few.

One friend was working dainty handkerchiefs of pieces of white muslin, lawn or batiste saved from waists. She cut them in different sizes, according to her pieces, and after hem-stitching them, edged them with fine lace. This same friend had knitted several pairs of white worsted sleeves which are so useful to wear with short-sleeved waists.

Another, an elderly lady, was knitting a very pretty hood, and when she asked me for new ideas in knitting I was very glad to be able to tell her of the sleeves, and she will knit several pairs of them. The daughter was making lovely gifts in the burnt-wood work—glove and handkerchief boxes, broom holders, panels, calendars, etc.—and I at once decided to add a pyrography set to my list for the boy.

I think I will describe the calendars the boy and I are making. As these need not be given until the new year, perhaps some one may like to make some like them. I bought a

A Personal Appeal.

If we could talk to you personally about the great merit of Foley's Honey and Tar for colds, coughs and influenza, you never would be induced to experiment with unknown preparations that may contain some harmful drugs. Foley's Honey and Tar costs you no more and has a record of forty years of cure. G. A. PARSONS.

sheet of card board which cut into nine books, some 5 x 7 and some 7 x 9. These were decorated with a pen-and-ink sketch or water color picture. A picture or photograph may be used if one doesn't paint or sketch. Then we attached a calendar pad, of which I bought a variety. Beside these we are making post card holders, blotters and shaving paper cases. Although I do not come very often, I hope I am still counted one of the circle, for if the reunion should ever be in Bangor I could and would be with you. I will close for this time, with the words of "Tiny Tim": "God bless us, every one!" EILLEN.

Dear Aunt Madge: I was disappointed not to be at the reunion, but I had company each year. I plan to go, but get disappointed. I would like very much to meet with the M. B. family and get acquainted.

What nice, pleasant weather! When the cold weather was upon us, it had been such mild weather through the fall. But now Christmas is nearly here.

I am glad that E. A. G. enjoyed her shower of Thanksgiving cards. I always feel badly for those who are not able to go about. I often think how little we appreciate our blessings until they are taken from us.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A. A. B.

Dear Aunt Madge and Mutuals: I have been trying for the past two months to write a few words for the M. B. C. so that it would not be omitted altogether. I wanted to ask Aunt Madge if she did not think that it would be interesting to have a roll-call of the Mutuals, so that we might all know how large the circle is. I intended, to have mentioned the subject sooner, so that there might have been time before the close of the year, but I have been hindered from writing.

Another Thanksgiving is numbered with the days that are gone, but the memories will be pleasant to me, as I spent the day happily at a family gathering.

I was very glad to hear that Deb was so prosperous in her new western home. I have visited her old store many times. I would like to see the new one, and also her new John.

I was pleased to learn that the reunion was a success this year. It was such a "fey time" in this vicinity that I feared that it might prevent the meeting.

I think that Aunt Maria had good courage to go again after having had such an experience last year, and judging from her letter, I should say that she enjoyed the meeting as much as ever.

It was with regret that I read that Day had crossed the "silent river." Although never having had the pleasure of meeting her, I shall miss her helpful letters, and some day, at the "grand reunion," I trust that we shall meet her.

Now, wishing you all a Happy Christmas, and inviting you to watch the old year out with me, I will bid you good bye until next year. ALEXIA.

Isn't it a rare treat to hear from so many old friends of the column? It is like having the children come home for the holidays. Welcome Alexia, Are, Eillean and Mrs. Darr. I count all who have ever written us as members of the family, and to each send cordial Christmas greetings. AUNT MADGE.

PENOBSCOT.

Horace Perkins, aged sixty-nine years, formerly of this place, died at his home in Waterville Sunday, after a long illness. During a visit here last May Mr. Perkins suffered a stroke of paralysis that rendered him partially helpless, and since then he had been confined to his home. Mr. Perkins was born in Penobscot and spent the greater part of his life here. In his young days he followed the sea and commanded a number of ships. Later he engaged in business on shore, operating a large general store very successfully. About eleven years ago he moved to Waterville, and became prominent in affairs there, engaging in the real estate business and becoming a heavy investor in Waterville property. In Penobscot Mr. Perkins had held nearly all the town offices, and in Waterville had been a member of the city council. Mr. Perkins is survived by a widow, one son—Carroll N., who began the practice of law in Waterville a short time ago, and two daughters—Miss Florence M., of Waterville, and Mrs. W. E. Skillins, of St. Martins, N. B.

Mrs. M. A. Wardwell has returned from a visit in Ellsworth.

Bernard E. Varnum attended State grange at Waterville.

Arthur Perkins has purchased a fine pair of horses at Rockland.

Miss Muriel Hutchins, of Bucksport, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Helen Grindle.

Stephen Salisbury, of Salisbury Cove, was a guest at the home of B. H. Leach and wife over Sunday.

Mrs. Cora L. Jones, past D. D. G. M., of Castine, was here Saturday evening and installed officers of Penobscot chapter. After installation, ice cream and cake were served. There was a large attendance, and all enjoyed a fine time.

Dec. 21. WOODLOCKS.

CASTINE.

The masonic convention of the fourth district was held at Emerson hall Wednesday afternoon and evening. The weather combined with all the other forces to make it the most successful convention ever held in this district. Much credit is due D. D. G. M. Hooper for the work he has done in creating a sentiment that brought 200 Masons together. The quality of the work done by Eggemoggin, Rising Star and Hancock lodges was excellent. Visiting Masons had dinner at the Castine house, and at 6 p. m. supper was served at Emerson hall, about 200 being at the tables. A lunch was served at 11.30 p. m. The oldest member present was Past Master William H. Sargent, ninety years old. After the work of the convention was over, P. M. Elmer F. Spofford gave an interesting talk on masonry.

BROOKSVILLE.

James Roper is at home for the winter. He has been in New York the past summer, yachting.

Mrs. May Wescott had a party at her home Monday evening in honor of Miss Daisy Bowden, who has been so faithful in caring for her sister.

Dec. 14. A.

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Among the Grangers.

This column is devoted to the Grange, especially to the granges of Hancock county. The column is open to all grangers for the discussion of topics of general interest, and for reports of grange meetings. Make letters short and concise. All communications must be signed, but names will not be printed except by permission of the writer. All communications will be subject to approval by the editor, but none will be rejected without good reason.

DATE.

Friday, Jan. 8—Meeting of Hancock Pomona grange with Sedgwick grange.

Wednesday, Jan. 13—Meeting of Green Mountain Pomona grange with Bay View grange, Salisbury Cove.

The report of Secretary Libby, of the State grange, shows the total grange membership in the State to be 55,561. In Hancock county there are 3,663 grangers, and thirty-two granges.

GOOD WILL, AMHERST.

Good Will grange has elected the following officers: Harry Silsby, master; W. H. Dunham, overseer; Beulah Kenniston, lecturer; N. H. Grover, steward; Lawrence Johnston, assistant steward; Oella Silsby, chaplain; Roscoe Grover, treasurer; Horace Watts, secretary; Lattie Hanscom, gatekeeper; Abbie Patterson, Ceres; Mabel Giles, Pomona; Ella Archer, Flora; Rita Johnston, lady assistant steward; Mabel Giles, pianist. An interesting grange paper was read by Beatrice Jordan.

GREEN MOUNTAIN POMONA.

The program for the meeting of Green Mountain Pomona grange with Bay View grange, Salisbury Cove, Jan. 13, is as follows: Opening in form; singing, choir of Bay View; address of welcome, master of Bay View; response, Sara J. Young, Lamaine; report of granges; paper, Mrs. Henry Estey, of Bayside grange; topic, "Should the State Master be limited to two terms as is the governor; or is it better to let the present method continue?" opened by Julien Emery, of Bay View; recess; call to order; song, choir; fifth degree; topic, "At what price can a Hancock county farmer make a profit in potato cultivation?" opened by Chester Stratton, of Pamola; topic, "What assistance did you get from the meetings of the State grange, either by attendance or from report gleaned from those who did attend or from newspaper reports?" Mrs. A. I. Foss, of Pamola, and Mrs. D. G. Hall, Mountain View; entertainment by host grange; music by Bay View; closing in form.

HARBORSIDE, SOUTH BROOKSVILLE.

Harborside grange met Dec. 16, with a fair attendance. After some necessary work in regard to heating their hall, officers were elected as follows: master, M. L. Chatto; overseer, Mrs. Lettie Duffy; lecturer, Caroline F. Harvey; steward, H. Orcutt; assistant steward, Alfred Chatto; chaplain, Eliza Gray; treasurer, T. T. Harvey; secretary, L. B. Coombs; gatekeeper, Jay Condon; Ceres, Elva Green; Pomona, Louis Condon; Flora, Alice Howard; lady assistant steward, Blanche Robertson.

It was voted to have an entertainment and supper at the next meeting. An invitation was received from Rainbow grange to attend its installation of officers Jan. 7.

SCHOODIC, FRANKLIN.

Schoodic grange held its regular meeting Dec. 19, with twenty-eight members and four visitors present. In absence of the master, the chair was filled by John D. Perkins. The grange voted to have the officers installed for 1909 at the next regular meeting, Jan. 7. Cake and coffee will be served.

PAMOLA, HANCOCK.

Pamola grange held its regular meeting Saturday evening, Dec. 19, with fifty-seven members and two visitors present. There was work in first and second degrees. The program consisted of "The Grange Outlook", edited by the December committee. Worthy Master A. I. Foss gave an interesting report of State grange at Waterville. At the next meeting, Dec. 26, the brothers will furnish the program, and there will be work in the third and fourth degrees.

HARVEST HOME, WEST ELLSWORTH.

Harvest Home grange held its regular meeting Dec. 19, with thirty-two in attendance, and one visitor from Lakeview grange. After business, three candidates received the first and second degrees. After a brief recess, the "old women" gave their program, far surpassing the score of the "old men". At the next meeting the young people will entertain. The side

having the lowest score will furnish a treat for the winning party. The contest has been interesting. At the next meeting the third and fourth degrees will be in order.

BAY VIEW, SALISBURY COVE.

There were many patrons present at the grange Wednesday evening. The brothers filled the chairs and furnished an admirable program. This week the ladies will fill the chairs and also furnish program, in which they are anxious to excel the brothers.

MARIAVILLE.

Mariaville grange met Saturday evening, with forty members and four visitors present. There was an election of officers, and it being late the program was postponed. Some interesting remarks were given by the worthy master, Martin A. Garland, in regard to the State grange meeting. Two members were reported on the sick list.

The newly-elected officers are as follows: Daniel G. Young, master; Fannie E. Young, overseer; Clara E. Jordan, lecturer; Lynnwood Jordan, steward; Irving L. Wilbur, assistant steward; Mrs. C. V. Leland, chaplain; Thomas C. Nevills, treasurer; Lora C. Young, secretary; John Jordan, gatekeeper; Nora S. Warren, Ceres; Nellie Dority, Pomona; Edna Warren, Flora; Tressa M. Young, lady assistant steward.

NICOLIN, NORTH ELLSWORTH.

Nicolin grange held its regular meeting Saturday evening, with about forty-five patrons present, including four visitors. The fourth degree was worked on four candidates, followed by a harvest supper. The master gave an interesting report of the State grange. The officers-elect will be installed at the next meeting, Jan. 2, the worthy master to act as installing officer.

SEDGWICK.

Sedgwick grange met in regular session Dec. 18, with a small attendance owing to storm. After the usual business, the following officers were elected: Roy P. Allen, master; Fred H. Allen, overseer; Beulah T. Allen, lecturer; Malcolm Allen, steward; Eddie Anderson, assistant steward; Rose H. Elwell, chaplain; Sadie W. Allen, treasurer; Cora H. Allen, secretary; Horace H. Allen, gatekeeper; Ella M. Thurston, Ceres; Hattie C. Allen, Pomona; Maud Smallidge, Flora; Bertha Orcutt, lady assistant steward.

The grange will hold its next regular meeting in Union hall.

MASSAPUQUA, SOUTH BLUEHILL.

At the meeting of Massapauqua grange Dec. 17, about thirty-five were present, including visitors from East Bluehill and North Sedgwick. After business, the lecturer presented her program as follows: Reading, Hulda Henderson; tree puzzle, quotations, Vieta Duffy, Beulah Eaton, Hulda Henderson, Alice Eaton; music, violin, piano, bones and tambourine; original story, Roy Henderson; debate, "Is it a loss of time for farmers' wives to do fancy work?" songs, Roy Henderson.

LAKE VIEW, HAPPYTOWN.

Lake View grange held its regular meeting Dec. 19, with a small attendance. One candidate was instructed in the first and second degrees. Deputy Mary Burrill and Bro. Burrill, from New Century grange, visited the grange. There was no literary program. The next regular meeting will be Jan. 2.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, WEST EDEN.

Mountain View grange held its regular meeting Friday evening. Although the evening was stormy, about fifty patrons were present. After business, officers were elected. The installation will take place on the evening of Jan. 8.

CUSHMAN, GOULDSBORO.

Cushman grange held its regular meeting Dec. 16, with twenty-five members and visitors from Pamola and Natural Bridge granges present. The first and second degrees were conferred on two candidates. Candy and corn balls will be served at the next meeting.

GOULDSBORO.

Mrs. Hannah Johnson, of Sullivan, has been spending a few days with her niece, Mrs. Lucretia Dyer.

Mrs. Phoebe Spurling, who has been spending two weeks at Herman Young's, East Sullivan, is home.

Schools commenced this morning, with Miss Addie Gupit, of this place, as teacher in the primary, and Miss Mary Cunningham, of Ellsworth, in the grammar.

Dec. 14. JAN.

ELLSWORTH MARKETS.

The quotations below give the range of retail prices in Ellsworth.

Country Produce. Butter, Creamery per lb. 15.40, Dairy 15.40. Eggs, Fresh laid, per doz 45, Storage 35. Poultry, Chickens 15.25, Fowl 12.15. Hay, Best loose, per ton 16.15, Baled 12.00. Straw, Loose 6.11, Baled 15.

Vegetables. Potatoes, pk 30, Turnips, 20, Beans, 20, Lettuce, head 10, Cabbage, lb 10, Squash, lb 10, C lery, bunch 1.25.

Fruit. Oranges, doz 15.00, Lemons doz 15.00, Cranberries, 15.

Greengroceries. Celery, per lb 10.00, Spinach, gal 10.00, Peas, 10.00, Beans, 10.00, Carrots, lb 10.00, Turnips, lb 10.00, Onions, lb 10.00, Potatoes, lb 10.00, Apples, lb 10.00, Grapes, lb 10.00, Strawberries, lb 10.00, Raspberries, lb 10.00, Blueberries, lb 10.00, Currants, lb 10.00, Cherries, lb 10.00, Peaches, lb 10.00, Plums, lb 10.00, Nectarines, lb 10.00, Apricots, lb 10.00, Pears, lb 10.00, Apples, lb 10.00, Peaches, lb 10.00, Plums, lb 10.00, Nectarines, lb 10.00, Apricots, lb 10.00, Pears, lb 10.00.

Meats and Poultry. Beef, 15.00, Pork, 15.00, Mutton, 15.00, Lamb, 15.00, Veal, 15.00, Chicken, 15.00, Turkey, 15.00, Duck, 15.00, Geese, 15.00, Swine, 15.00, Hams, 15.00, Bacon, 15.00, Sausages, 15.00, Lard, 15.00, Tallow, 15.00.

Fresh Fish. Cod, 15.00, Haddock, 15.00, Halibut, 15.00, Sole, 15.00, Clams, qt 15.00, Oysters, qt 15.00.

Flour, Grain and Feed. Flour, per bb 15.00, Oats, bu 15.00, Corn, 15.00, Barley, 15.00, Rye, 15.00, Wheat, 15.00, Bran, 15.00, Middlings, bag 15.00, Cracked corn, 140 lb 15.00.

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TAXATION.

REPORT OF THE STATE TAX COMMISSION.

RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH IF ADOPTED WOULD MEAN MANY RADICAL CHANGES.

In a lengthy report submitted last Friday the special tax commission appointed last year gives the results of its efforts to devise methods whereby tax burdens may be more justly apportioned in Maine. The significant feature of the report is the recommendation that the State tax be apportioned on land values—a direct method of largely increasing the tax on wild lands.

In presenting their report, the commissioners say: "We believe the adoption of these recommendations will result in such an increased State revenue from indirect taxation that the legislature can prudently reduce by one-half the amount of direct State tax. Should this be apportioned to land values alone, the State tax on cities and towns would be reduced from \$1,000,000 to \$500,000."

Following is a summary of the report: The State, county and municipality must have money with which to carry on the several functions of government. The amount to be raised is discretionary with the people or their duly elected representatives. The people have no right to complain of the amount raised, for this amount they themselves determined; but they do demand that whatever the amount to be raised by taxation, which in some form is the sole source of revenue, it shall be raised "justly and equitably."

That is, that the same subjects of taxation shall be taxed in the same manner and at the same rate. The revenue might be more easily obtained if all taxpayers would honestly render to the taxing officers a true and perfect list of all their property, but his is not the fault of the government, but of the citizen. The government may live—but the moment peace is declared he busies himself with schemes to evade his just contribution to the maintenance of the government for the existence of which he was willing to sacrifice his all when confronted by the necessities of war.

At the present time the state of Maine receives its revenue from two systems of taxation. The larger part of our revenue is derived from the taxation of certain classes of property in a manner in sharp contrast to that which is in vogue in the taxation of general property held by the citizens of the State.

The State taxes railroads, savings banks, insurance companies, express companies, building and loan associations, telegraph and telephone companies, and general corporation franchises by principles in force for the taxation of the property of private individuals. The State taxes the franchises of these corporations, rather than their property on an ad valorem basis. The money thus raised may properly be called the amount raised by indirect taxation. Last year the State received about \$1,500,000 from these sources. The balance of the State's revenue, about \$1,200,000, was raised by a direct tax upon the general property within the State.

There are many who advocate a separation of the source of State and local tax, as complete as the separation of the source of the State and local tax. To secure this result there are many who hold that the State should receive its entire revenue from special taxes levied on selected classes or subjects of property within the State from the burden of contributing any sum for State expenditures.

Others would secure such separation of sources in another way. They would retain the State tax, but hold that it is more "just and equitable" to apportion it to municipalities in the proportion which the amount raised by the given municipality for its local purposes bears to the total amount for such purposes to be raised in the State.

Both of the systems have many advantages but they also have serious defects which we feel outweigh the advantages—at least as applied to the situation in Maine.

The great advantage to be gained by the adoption of either of the above systems would be to take away the present incentive to local assessors for violating at least the spirit of the constitution in valuing property at small and varying percentages of the just value thereof. It is not "just and equitable" for the town to value property at 50 per cent. of its true value and another town at 65, 75, 85 or 100 per cent. of its value, if a State tax is to be apportioned on the basis of these local valuations.

The commission has devoted a great deal of time and expended a considerable sum of money in trying to find the exact conditions in this respect that prevail in our State.

The result of these labors and investigations show conclusively that the assessors do not adopt the true market value as the "just value thereof."

We are forced to the conclusion that many towns adopt a low basis for the express purpose of gaining an illegitimate financial advantage over their sister towns by way of avoiding their proper share of the State tax. There is utterly no excuse in law, good morals or common honesty for town assessors to value property other than at its true market value. To obtain a uniform basis for valuing property for assessment of taxes should be the aim of every legislator.

To raise all our State revenue by taxing franchises would tend to extravagant legislation. If no part of the revenue was to be raised by taxation of the general property of the State the people would not have that keen financial interest in legislation that is so essential to economical appropriations and to a wise and judicious administration of expenditure.

MORE TAX ON WILD LANDS.

In Maine we have municipal, county and State government. The far greater part, on the average more than three-fourths, of the taxes goes to the support of the local government. About one-half of our territory lies in unincorporated places and is taxed only for county and State purposes. Approximately the total tax paid on this property is five mills on the dollar.

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This class of property is generally known as "wild lands." There can be no question of the ability of wild lands to bear a much greater share of the public burden than they now do under the present system. In the last ten years they have increased in value, according to the report of the board of state assessors, about 120 per cent.

These figures and facts would seem to demonstrate beyond a shadow of doubt that land in unincorporated places should and ought to stand a larger tax and thus relieve the property owners in cities and towns who are obliged to pay 20 mills or more on their property.

We have urged to recommend a so-called "stampage tax." The friends of this tax advocate the practical exemption of wild lands, as such, from taxation and in lieu thereof, the taxation of the annual cut. It is urged that so long as the owner received no income from cutting timber he should not pay taxes, as he is a public benefactor in that he is allowing the trees to grow, the more to protect our watersheds.

The manufacturers of lumber, as a rule, object to the "stampage tax." The land owner generally sells or "permits" the right to cut, charging therefor an agreed sum which he should not be allowed to deduct from his income. Mill owners or manufacturers make all the hazard incident to their precarious business, and they urge that if wild lands were exempt from taxation and a stampage tax levied, it would be more difficult than now to obtain a permit or license to cut. They further urge that the land owner would be in the position of his logs or stumpage were worth such and such a price, and that the State levies a stampage tax of 50 cents per thousand—and that the licensee or mill owner must pay that tax in addition to the price of the regular stampage.

Nevertheless, we have doubts as to the constitutionality of such a law. It might possibly be worked out by extending the doctrine that the State has the right to regulate the size of the logs to be cut, so as to hold that the State has the right to prohibit all cutting without first obtaining a license therefor. If this is so, the State might possibly charge a license of a fixed amount per thousand cut. Could this be done, and the State collect say, 50 cents per thousand feet, assuming the annual cut to be from 500,000,000 to 600,000,000 feet as we estimate from such information as we have, the State would produce an annual revenue of between \$250,000 and \$300,000. This is in contrast to \$112,761.58, the amount of State tax paid on wild lands for the year 1907.

We have been urged by others to recommend that the State assume more of the municipal functions such as public schools and roads and bridges—thereby necessitating a large State tax rate of possibly ten mills on the dollar. This would certainly increase the amount to be paid by owners of property in unincorporated places, but at the same time it would increase the State tax on our cities and towns seven mills. The grave question to be determined would be whether the cities and towns would receive just and equitable benefits to compensate them for the extra tax of seven mills. The disposition of this additional sum collected by the State, so that it would be for the benefit of the cities and towns, would be a most complex and difficult problem.

If it is true that the assessors to-day are adopting the policy of undervaluing property for the purpose of relieving their respective towns of their just and equitable share of the public burdens, when the tax is only three mills, what may we expect should the State tax rate be raised to ten mills? The present incentive would be intensified three-fold.

For the above stated reasons we do not recommend the adoption of either of the above mentioned systems as a relief to the overburdened taxpayers in the cities and towns. It will be noted that we as yet have said nothing about taxing land value. We have discussed only the apportionment of the State tax. Our idea is that we shall use the land values of cities, towns and townships solely for fixing the amount of the State burden that each city, town and township shall pay as State taxes. After this is determined by the legislature, upon the report of the State assessors, then it simply passes a bill assessing the amount of tax that each shall pay. We do not intend to disturb the method of the state treasurer in issuing his warrant to municipal assessors. The warrant having been issued, then the amount apportioned to the city or town is to be assessed and raised just as it is to-day, on all classes of taxable property within the municipality. The method suggested does not involve a change of any law relating to the assessment and collection of taxes in the several cities and towns.

The owners of wild lands may plead that the tax imposed by the adoption of this method is excessive, and that as a result the land would be denuded—stripped of timber for the purpose of making them less valuable. Is it at all probable that the owners of wild lands would despoil their property for the sole purpose of escaping the increase of two cents per acre in taxes?

In view of the present "mill tax" we recommend that the legislature enact a law to the effect that the school fund shall annually receive an amount equal to three or four mills on the land value of the State, or make a direct appropriation for an amount equal to the sum now received by the school fund, likewise as to the militia fund.

CORPORATION TAXES. As stated, the greater part of the State's revenue is derived from excise taxes levied against certain corporations. This class of property consists of steam and street railroads, express companies, telephone and telegraph companies, parcel, sleeping and freight car lines, electric light, heating and power companies, gas companies and water companies—and may well be treated differently from general property by the State for the purpose of taxation. They are created by legislative authority, are owned by substantially a monopoly in their respective fields, and must give the public good and adequate service at reasonable rates. Their rates or charges must be paid by the public, and are their sole source of revenue.

In our opinion all of the above-named corporations, broadly speaking, are similar as to their creation, functions, rights and obligations to the public, and should be treated as one distinct class of property and be taxed in accordance with a uniform system. We cannot understand by what process of reasoning one comes to the conclusion that a steam railroad should be taxed on a percentage of gross transportation earnings per mile, and an electric lighting company on its physical value—and we may say the same as to telephone and gas companies, and the same as to the express and water companies. All of these corporations are created by legislative authority and are engaged in serving the public.

Our recommendation is, that for the system be substituted one that can be defined as "just and equitable and consistent," a system whereby the value of the property instead of its earnings shall be the basis of taxation.

ON SAVINGS DEPOSITS. The State taxes savings banks on their deposits. With certain exceptions the rate is five-eighths of one per cent. on the

deposits represented by investments without the State and three-eighths of one per cent. on deposits represented by investments within the State. This discrimination is in favor of investments within the State since the settled policy of succeeding legislatures, and we recommend no change.

The State levies a tax of one-half of one per cent. on savings deposits in trust companies, with the same exceptions. Within recent years national banks have opened branches in Maine, and have competed for the deposits of money with the institutions chartered by our legislature. These deposits in national banks are taxable under our statutes, to the individual depositor, where he resides, at the local rate of taxation, but as a matter of fact, very small part, if any at all, is listed and taxed.

Under our laws, if a thousand dollars is deposited in the savings department of a trust company, the State receives an annual tax of \$5, but if the money is deposited in a national bank the State loses the tax of \$5.

The local assessors in turn are to notify the State officer of the amount of the deposits returned to them. On these deposits the individuals are to pay a tax of seven-tenths of one per cent. direct to the State. The tax is to be collected in lieu of these returns by the depositors. The banks may elect to file an affidavit stating the aggregate amount of such deposits, and voluntarily offer to pay the tax deducting it from the depositor's account, and upon the payment of the same the accounts are to be exempted from local taxation the same as deposits in trust companies and State banks.

We recommend that such a law be enacted in this State, except that the rate be fixed at one-half of one per cent. instead of seven-tenths, thus putting such deposits on a parity with like amounts in savings banks and trust companies.

We also recommend a law requiring cashiers to return to the board of State assessors an itemized list of such deposits which shall include the name, residence and amount due each such depositor, unless the bank itself shall elect to pay the tax.

MERCANTILE CORPORATIONS. Under this heading we include all corporations other than public service corporations. Under the present law the State exacts certain fees at the time of incorporation and a small graduated annual franchise tax. The corporations of this class, in our minds, are the only corporations that pay no legal taxes, and franchise tax, inasmuch as the payment of the State tax does not carry with it any exemptions in respect to their property, as is the case with public service corporations.

During the year 1907 the State received from the organization of new corporations \$138,782.40, and from the annual tax on the franchises of such corporations \$145,315, making a total of \$284,097.50. As to the advisability of granting charters to this class of corporations it is not within our province to discuss, but from the point of view of producing revenue, we do not advise any change in the rates.

We would suggest the advisability of levying a small annual tax on foreign corporations doing business in our State, and also a provision that such foreign corporations appoint by power of attorney some State official upon legal notice to be made. This is for the protection of Maine citizens doing business with such companies.

MAKE AUTOS PAY FOR ROADS. At the present time the State requires owners of automobiles to register their cars and pay a license fee. The license fee to pay a small license fee—the registration remains in force until the machine is sold. We would suggest to the legislature the advisability of requiring an annual graduated license fee, based upon the horse power of each machine, the amount so collected to be added to the so-called "State road fund." It must be conceded that the larger the machine the greater is the injury to the highways and it therefore seems to us that if an annual license is to be exacted, the owner of a 40-horse power touring car should pay more for the use of the road than the owner of a light runabout.

The existing special provisions applicable to dealers should be revised to correspond with the foregoing recommendation.

WATER POWERS. The taxation of water powers should be carefully and thoughtfully considered by the legislature. We have not sufficient facts at our disposal to make a definite subject. We would suggest, however, the advisability of levying annually a special State tax on each developed horse-power and of expending the amount so received in the execution of a broad general scheme of scientific storage of these waters and the regulation of their flow.

MUNICIPAL TAXATION. Should the legislature adopt our recommendations for raising State revenue, the taxpayers in the cities and towns will be benefited the additional amount to be assessed against wild lands, and the taxpayers in the cities and towns will be benefited the additional amount. The increased amount to be assessed on public service corporations will be determined by the rate fixed by the legislature. An increase of \$200,000 would seem to be an ultra-conservative estimate. The income tax ought to yield an increase of \$200,000; the tax on savings deposits in national banks, \$60,000; the tax on insurance companies, \$50,000; the automobile tax, \$20,000, making a total increase of revenue from indirect taxation of \$530,000, which with the additional amount to be assessed on wild lands should reduce by at least one-half the present aggregate amount of direct State tax to be levied on cities and towns. This reduction is based on the assumption that future legislatures will not appropriate sums in excess of our amount granted by the legislature of 1907.

The result of our recommendations will be a largely increased State revenue without depriving our cities and towns of any of the present sources of revenue.

We shall now consider under appropriate headings the taxation of certain classes of property from which cities and towns derive revenue for purely municipal purposes.

LIGHT, POWER, GAS AND WATER.

Electric light, heat and power companies and gas and water companies are taxed locally in the municipality where their property is located. Many of them serve several municipalities and as a result no one board of assessors values them as a unit.

We, therefore, suggest that the board which is to value public service corporations shall determine the entire value of the property of all such electric light, heat and power companies, gas and water companies as are located in more than one municipality, and apportion to each town such part of the entire value as they deem just for the local taxation.

MONEY AT INTEREST. The application of the general property tax to the form of property variously known as "intangible personal property," "rights in credits," "moneys and securities," or "money at interest," has at all times presented an almost unsolvable problem. On theoretical grounds the very proposition that such property should be taxed at all has been vigorously disputed, and in practice, a satisfactory method of levying the tax has yet to be found.

That in many cases the enforcement of the tax on "money at interest" would result in confiscation is well shown by the situation in respect to State, county and municipal bonds. It is fair and equitable for cities and towns to sell bonds at a rate

of interest so low and then exact a tax of 2 per cent. annually from the purchaser. There is another and peculiar consideration in the case of this class of bonds. The proper administration of State, county and municipal requires not only citizens to discharge the duties of certain offices, but also money for improvements. Both men and money are equally necessary, both are agencies for the maintenance of the government. The money loaned a town is performing a service as necessary in the administration of the town as the services rendered by the selectmen, and neither should be taxed for the assistance rendered.

To all intents and purposes the stocks and bonds of a corporation are merely evidences of ownership in its property and should be treated alike for taxation. If the corporation itself pays taxes on all its property within the State, we can see no sound reason why the individual owners should be subject to a further tax, whether the particular ownership is represented by a certificate of stock or by a bond.

The present law if stringently administered would result in gross injustice. "We think it is 'unjust and inequitable' to exempt from taxation a class of securities yielding a large annual return and to tax another class in the same corporation, yielding a smaller income. It would seem to us that it is to be charged it should be the one yielding the larger returns."

"DOUBLE TAXATION."

Mortgage credits are taxable to the mortgagee as "money at interest." The more seriously we study this subject, the more strongly are we convinced that any tax upon a mortgage credit results in double taxation.

The total amount of "money at interest" taxed locally according to the report of the State assessors for the year 1907, is \$1,435,686.

It is conservatively estimated that we have a class of property taxable as "money at interest" amounting to more than \$1,000,000, but that \$1,435,686, or about 10 per cent. of the estimated amount, is not by law taxable. Do not these figures prove conclusively that the present law which attempts to tax this class of property is an utter failure?

Careful examination of the statistics from the direct tax registers of 1907, the amounts actually listed by the assessors, and information gathered from the records of probate courts and other sources, forces us to the conclusion that the tax on this class of property is unjust and inequitable inasmuch as there is not the semblance of uniformity in taxing the owners thereof.

In Maryland "intangibles" are taxed at a very low rate. This is called the "Baltimore plan." We recommend that the legislature give serious consideration to the Baltimore plan for the taxation of bonds and other forms of credit now specifically discussed herein. Viewing the subject in its entirety, for the various reasons stated—we recommend that our State, county and municipal bonds, together with the bonds of such corporations as pay an ad valorem property tax on the bonds secured by mortgage, be exempt from local taxation.

The tables further show that during the last ten years there have been recorded trust deeds securing bond issues amounting to \$388,853,512. This makes a grand total of 110,138 mortgages amounting to \$478,719,849 recorded in Maine during the last ten years. To compensate for the loss in revenue sustained from this inequitable and ill administered tax, we have already recommended an inheritance tax, which is easily administered, and we also recommend a recording tax, similar to the tax now in force in New York. We cannot state exact results to be expected from such a tax, since a certain portion of recorded mortgages, especially those securing bond issues, include property outside of the State, and there are certain duplications of mortgages recorded in several counties. We recommend that the law permit the recording of any mortgages now in force, and that all mortgages and bonds secured by trust deeds recorded be exempt from taxation when held by individuals. We do not recommend, however, any change in the method of computing the franchise tax upon such companies and savings banks as own mortgages subject to the recording tax. The privilege of putting together individual deposits of investment in a large number of securities under State supervision involves a valuable franchise which should be taxed, even though the investments made are in securities which would not be taxed to an individual.

STEAM AND POWER BOATS. With the exception of boats owned by railroads all steamers are taxed locally by the municipality where the owner resides. There is no uniform system of determining the value of such boats, and as a result companies owning any considerable amount of this property in the State, and domiciled in such towns as will place small valuations on their boats. This can readily be done by the stockholders voting to change the principal place of business of the corporation from one town to another. We would suggest the advisability of a law defining a uniform method of computing the value of steamboats based on their age and tonnage.

Many assessors of towns along the coast assert that the present statute does not explicitly authorize the taxation of power and other pleasure boats owned by non-residents. There are many of these boats in Maine at the time of our assessment, and we recommend a law taxing them locally where found the first day of April.

BANK TAX REFORM NEEDED. The real estate of national banks, trust and banking companies is taxed by the municipality where it is located. Real estate is assessed direct to the bank, while the shares, representing ownership in its capital stock, are taxed at the local rate to the shareholders, if a resident of the State, in the town where he resides. The shares of a non-resident are taxed in the town where the bank is located.

The shares in a bank are certainly of the same value and should at least be uniformly valued throughout the State. It is seldom that the assessors of two municipalities place the same value on a given number of shares in the same bank. As a result owners of a large number of shares often have the record title of their shares stand in the name of a resident of a town where the tax rate is low, and where the assessors agree to place a small value on the shares.

Shareholders probably justify these fictitious transfers, because of the fact that the income received from this class of investment is not to their minds sufficiently remunerative to warrant a tax rate of twenty mills on the full book value of the shares. Twenty-one million, two hundred twenty-three thousand, six hundred and thirty-two dollars is the actual book value of the investment in this class of property. Last year the stockholders received dividends \$58,136, which is equal to 0.418 per cent. on their total investment. If this class of property is listed at its full book value and taxed at the local rate the figures show that the owners realize two per cent. net from their invested capital. This return to us a very small one, especially when we take into consideration the double liability of the stockholders.

This is a class of property that ought to be and can be valued and taxed uniformly throughout the State. We can see no sound reason why every owner of shares in a particular bank should not bear the same tax burden as the bank itself.

If it should be deemed unwise to deprive the municipalities of the revenue

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now received the State could collect the tax and reimburse the cities and towns by way of credit on their State tax.

LIST PROPERTY AT FULL VALUE. The commission regrets that it is unable to recommend measures that will further directly relieve the taxpayers in cities and towns. Under our New England system for municipal government, each municipality determines how much shall be assessed each year for purely local expenditures. If the amount is not assessed justly and equitably, it is the fault of their officials rather than of the present system.

The chief cause of inequity is lack of uniformity in valuing taxable property. This can only be corrected by listing each piece of property at its full value. We believe that publicity would tend to a more uniform valuation and we suggest that municipalities publish a full inventory of listed property at least once in five years.

DISSENTING REPORTS.

While the report is signed by the full commission, there is a note of explanation that Commissioners White and Morrill file statements of their views upon such questions as they are unable to agree with their associates. Mr. White disagrees with his associates on the proposed ad valorem system of taxing railroads, saying: "When the municipalities have taken their tax on the physical property found within their borders, and the State has taken from the corporations what it deems proper as a tax upon the value of its franchise in form of an income tax, it appears to me that all the rights of taxation have been exhausted."

Mr. White does not approve of the present system of tax on gross earnings, but favors a tax on the net income of the public service corporations. He opposes the creating of a public utilities commission, believing that the railroad commissioners joined with the board of State assessors would serve as well.

Mr. Morrill is not in favor of exempting stocks and bonds and money at interest from taxation. He is opposed to a change in the present method of taxing railroads and desires the present system retained. He is also opposed to a tax on land values. He favors reaching the wild lands by having the State take over the maintenance of schools, highways and other public works.

BEECH HILL. Elmer Lunt is home from Stonington. James Shaw is erecting a fine new barn. Mrs. Mable Shaw is home from South Thomaston.

Miss Florence Taylor has gone to Boston, where she has employment. School closed Friday, after a pleasant term of eleven weeks taught by Mrs. E. T. Richardson. Miss Alice Mason has closed her school at Seal Harbor and is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Ella Mason. Mrs. George Ray and daughter Georgia visited Mrs. Ernest Richardson recently. Guy Lunt, wife and infant daughter Ethel are home, after an absence of several months visiting friends at South Thomaston.

Dec. 14. R. SOUTH DEER ISLE. Wallace Stinson has the R. F. D. route this week. Guy Cleveland is entertaining his sister from Manset. Lyman Stinson went to Waterville Monday as a delegate to the State grange.

Mrs. Robertson, of Bar Harbor, who was here visiting her son, Guy Cleveland, was called to Boston by the illness of her daughter. Miss Elizabeth Judkins went to Appleton Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. William Newbert.

M. P. Gray and wife, who have been married fifty-nine years Dec. 16, were pleasantly reminded of the event by a little gathering of relatives on that day. Dec. 18. H.

KITTERY TO CARIBOU. Patent has been granted to E. G. Day, East Millinocket, for builder's bracket. Frank R. Davis, aged five years, son of Charles F. Davis, of Searsport formerly of Brewer, was killed Thursday while counting. He lost control of his sled and ran under the feet of a horse which trampled upon him. The boy arose, walked a few feet and fell dead.

During the Maine hunting season which closed Dec. 15, thirteen persons met their death—twelve by the use of firearms and one by drowning. Two were shot by brothers, two by companions, five shot themselves by the accidental discharge of their weapons, two were shot by being mistaken for a deer, and one was shot by a hunter, when he was aiming at a deer.

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In another column Sheriff-elect Sibley gives further assurance to the people of Hancock county of his determination to enforce the prohibitory law to the extent of his ability. The appointments he has thus far made afford cold comfort to those—if there are any—who are hoping for a return to nullification.

An extended summary of the State tax commission's report may be found in this issue. The subject is probably the most important of all which will command the attention of the incoming legislature. The report deserves most careful reading and respectful consideration, whether or not all the conclusions arrived at are approved.

William H. Taft, President-elect, has announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, as secretary of state in his cabinet. The announcement followed the receipt by Mr. Taft of a telegram conveying the information from Mr. Knox that he would accept the premiership of the Taft cabinet.

The fine weather thus far this week and the excellent travelling have combined to make Christmas shopping unusually lively. So far as receipts at the postoffice in Ellsworth are an indication of a brisk business, the week is proving an excellent one. The sales of stamps for the third and fourth days before Christmas are the largest in the history of the office, exceeding those of last year by nearly fifty per cent., and those of the year before by nearly 100 per cent.

President-elect Taft made a visit to the capital one day this week, but left the same evening for his temporary southern home at Augusta, Ga. It is said that he came in answer to a request of President Roosevelt, who wished to consult him particularly with reference to his proposed trip to the Isthmus of Panama for purposes of canal inspection. At the White House it was decided that the trip should be made in two cruisers of the navy, and that Mr. Taft will set sail from Charleston on January 25. The distinguished civil engineers, Alfred Nobel, of the Pennsylvania railroad, and Frederick P. Stevens, of Boston, will accompany Judge Taft, and consult and advise with him with reference to the condition of the canal, especially as relates to the foundations of the Gatun dam.

Judge Taft expresses the belief that the House of Representatives will make an honest and thorough revision of the tariff at the extra session which he is pledged to call for tariff revision immediately after his inauguration. He bases this statement on an interview with the republican members of the ways and means committee. Mr. Taft has not yet consulted republican senators, who will no doubt have something to say about the tariff bill after it comes from the House, but he gave an intimation that he might even veto a bill that had received the imprimatur of both the House and the Senate if it did not conform with his views as a fulfillment of the pledges made in the republican platform at Chicago and by himself, when he said: "I expect to use the influence that I have by calling immediately a special session and by recommending to Congress to secure a genuine and honest revision of the tariff in accordance with the principle of protection laid down in the platform, based upon the examination of appropriate evidence and impartial as between consumer and manufacturer."

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COUNTY GOSSIP.

Rodney L. Allen, of Brooklin, claims the honor of killing the largest hog this year. He killed his hog Dec. 14. He was eleven months old, and his meat and hams weighed 540 pounds. Oliver J. Young, of Gouldsboro, killed a little fellow ninety-two days old, eighty-four pounds. Can anyone beat these records?

E. B. Hodgkins, of Trenton, will on Jan 4 begin his 100th term of school. Mr. Hodgkins arrived home Saturday from Larrabee, after an enjoyable term, for a vacation of two weeks. At the close of school he received a beautiful gift from the school, and other presents from the pupils individually. In the evening the pupils and others met at his boarding-place and enjoyed a few hours in games, music, etc., and closed with a good treat.

Mr. Hodgkins will return to Larrabee to begin his 100th term on Jan. 4, in the grammar school. A. B. Hodgkins will go at the same time to his school in the same town.

AID-MEN MAKE MERRY.

Two Men Known in Ellsworth Figure in Wild Melee.

There was "something doing" at the Boston advertising men's club dinner last Wednesday, and two men well known in Ellsworth figured conspicuously in the disturbance—C. E. Bellamy, a son of Ellsworth, and Carroll J. Swan, a son-in-law of Ellsworth. Mr. Swan was billed as the "merriment dispenser" of the evening, and Mr. Bellamy as the peace disturber.

One "Chichester" was introduced and began the delivery of a carefully written extemporaneous speech. But the program of fun went on just the same. Once in a while a sentence from the long-suffering Chichester was heard above the uproar. But when the peace-disturber rose to his feet, he precipitated trouble. A Boston paper recites the outrageous incident as follows:

At the most tense moment in his address, an Italian member of the club—Carlo Bellamy, employed in the foreign language department of the H. B. Humphrey O'Sullivan advertising agency—rose to his feet and, in a most insulting manner, moved that since it was near Christmas eve, an occasion for jollity, business should be out of the meeting. He continued in the same tone, and finally suggested that Mr. Chichester be authorized to print a digest of his remarks on a South Boston souvenir postcard.

Someone cried: "Throw him out." W. E. Hall, a Lowell vander of stockings, and Arthur B. Harlow, compounder of Mary Ellen's Dope for Warm Babies, two of the largest advertisers in New England (each weighing over 200 pounds), took prompt action. They seized the hot-headed gnat and threw him bodily down a full flight of stairs. Bellamy landed on the wharf amid a shower of glass, but was able to pick himself up, and when last seen was boarding a subway car for the South station.

Mr. Chichester attempted to continue his address. President Bell politely suggested that there was some sense in what the ejected member said, and that it might be just as well if other persons, whose names appeared on the long program, might be heard. Losing his temper, Mr. Chichester reminded the club that he was speaking by special request, and culminated his speech in a most dramatic manner by telling the president to "go plumb to—"

Well, THE AMERICAN declines to quote from that Boston yellow journal any further. Within fifteen seconds after the incident, newspapers dashed into the banquet hall with extras containing full and detailed account of the deplorable incident, from which the extract above is taken. As THE AMERICAN has received copies of the paper from Mr. Bellamy since the banquet, it is presumed his injuries were not serious.

Keith's Theatre, Boston.

A newcomer in vaudeville has been announced for Keith's the week of Dec. 28, in Claude Gillingwater, who created widespread attention as "Hiram Bent", the American millionaire in "Mlle. Modiste", with Fritz Scheff. In vaudeville, however, he will have a one-act comedy written by himself in which he assumes the part of an actor-manager, willing to take the task of training ambitious amateurs.

Another newcomer is Maude Wulf in a remarkable equestrian act. Miss Wulf rides a beautiful horse and introduces in the act a Siberian hound. Also on the bill are Edward Wulf, animal trainer; and Will Macart, the comedienne, in a new monologue.

Others on the bill are McConnell and Simpson in a sketch called "The Stormy Hour"; the Willy Pantzer troupe of acrobats; Cook and Stevens, colored singers and dancers; Leipzig, the card manipulator; the Gleasons and Fred Houtjian; the Wood brothers, Irish athletes; Younand Wardell, the Japanese jugglers, and the kinetograph.

Seagirt Grange.

Seagirt grange met Saturday evening, Dec. 19, and elected officers. It was voted to have a contest, with Charles Bye and Katie McCauley as captains, and C. M. Pert as judge. Worthy Master Stinson gave an interesting report of the State grange.

The newly-elected officers are as follows: C. M. Pert, master; Austin Smith, overseer; Ida M. Pert, lecturer; Lyman Stinson, steward; Maynard Stinson, assistant steward; Kate Stanley, chaplain; Hattie M. Smith, treasurer; B. D. Tracy, secretary; Ansel Stanley, gatekeeper; Josie Stanley, Ceres; Blanche B. Pomona; Annie Tracy, Flora; Nina L. Pert, lady assistant steward.

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Very Patient.

A doctor, now eminent, was at one time serving as interne in one of the Philadelphia hospitals as well as holding his own with a coterie of rather gay friends. On a certain morning the physician awoke to find that he had sadly overstept. Sleepily donning his attire, he hastened to the hospital and soon a stalwart young Irishman claimed his attention.

"Well, my man, what seems to be your trouble this morning?" inquired the doctor, concealing a yawn and taking the patient by the hand to examine his pulse.

"Faith, sor, it's all in me breathin', doctor. I can't git me breath at all, at all."

"The pulse is normal, Pat, but let me examine the lung action a moment," replied the doctor, kneeling beside the cot and laying his head on the Irishman's chest. "Now let me hear you talk." He continued, closing his eyes and listening attentively for sounds of pulmonary congestion.

A moment of silence.

"What will I be sayin', doctor?" finally asked the patient.

"Oh, say anything, Count. Count me, two, three and up, that way," murmured the physician drowsily.

"Van, two, three, four, five, six."

When the young doctor, with a start, opened his eyes, Pat was continuing weakly, "Tia hundred an' sixty-nine, tia hundred an' sixty, tia hundred an' sixty-one, tia hundred an' sixty-two, tia hundred an' sixty-three, tia hundred an' sixty-four, tia hundred an' sixty-five, tia hundred an' sixty-six, tia hundred an' sixty-seven, tia hundred an' sixty-eight, tia hundred an' sixty-nine, tia hundred an' seventy, tia hundred an' seventy-one, tia hundred an' seventy-two, tia hundred an' seventy-three, tia hundred an' seventy-four, tia hundred an' seventy-five, tia hundred an' seventy-six, tia hundred an' seventy-seven, tia hundred an' seventy-eight, tia hundred an' seventy-nine, tia hundred an' eighty, tia hundred an' eighty-one, tia hundred an' eighty-two, tia hundred an' eighty-three, tia hundred an' eighty-four, tia hundred an' eighty-five, tia hundred an' eighty-six, tia hundred an' eighty-seven, tia hundred an' eighty-eight, tia hundred an' eighty-nine, tia hundred an' ninety, tia hundred 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JORDAN WILL CASE.

COUNTY NEWS.

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FRANKLIN.

Mrs. Lettie Williams, who has been ill, is improving. Mrs. H. F. Collins left for Washington, D. C., Friday.

Mrs. Evelyn Clough has gone to Boston for the winter. Miss Della Bragdon has returned to Jonesboro to teach.

Miss Maria Bunker was home from Boston a few days recently.

Mrs. A. B. Fernald and daughter, Miss Vera, leave this week for a visit in Waltham, Mass.

Miss Fannie Dunbar, of Sullivan, is with her mother, Mrs. Elvira Clark, for the winter.

Robert H. Blaisdell, of East Sullivan, was a recent guest of his brothers, Frank and Enoch.

Mrs. John Homer, of Newburyport, Mass., was the guest of Mrs. H. H. Homer Monday night.

Mrs. Harry Wooster, who spent a few days last week with Henry G. Wooster and wife, left for Caribou Friday.

Miss Edith M. Bragdon, of Portland, will spend her Christmas recess with her parents, W. E. Bragdon and wife.

Miss Mabel Donnell, who has been spending some time with relatives in the West, is expected home this week.

A pleasing innovation at the Methodist Sunday school was the awarding of gifts for continuous attendance to several scholars Sunday.

The musicale by the Baptist society, postponed from Saturday evening, took place Monday evening. Mrs. Luis Crabtree, of Hancock, was heard and enjoyed in several recitations.

Robert Lawrie, an elderly resident of Eastbrook, died Thursday night. Funeral was held at the Eastbrook church Sunday.

Pastor Macomber officiating. Six children survive—Mrs. E. F. Bartlett, with whom the father lived; Mrs. George Dyer, of Franklin; Andrew, Robert, William and Walter Lawrie, all living near the homestead. Mr. Lawrie was an active, industrious and honored citizen, a man who read much and kept informed of passing events. The sons and daughters have been kind and thoughtful for the welfare of their parent, and in their bereavement, feel that he is freed from the bodily ills that burdened his later years, and has rejoined the wife and mother who died several years ago.

Dec. 21. B.

The record of the probate court is not necessarily knowledge of any facts constituting grounds for the annulment of a decree of the probate of a will.

The death of the person named as executor and residuary legatee in the will does not deprive the estate of an essential witness to proceedings for annulment of the probate of the will.

The fact that such deceased executor and residuary legatee under the supposed will had assigned the estate of his decedent to his own does not bar a petition for the annulment of the probate of the will.

Upon a petition for the annulment of a decree probating a will, the decree should be simply that the former decree be vacated and annulled, even though the petition was also a decree that the instrument probated is not the will of the decedent and that the decedent died intestate. Of these latter questions, the first is not to be determined until the instrument is again presented for probate, and the second is not to be determined until a petition for the appointment of an administrator is presented.

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE.

Outline of General Program for Evenings.

The sixty-second annual session of the East Maine Methodist Conference, will be held in Ellsworth next April, opening Wednesday, April 7, and closing Monday, April 12.

The conference will bring to Ellsworth a large number of people who will remain throughout the conference. All the Methodist ministers and district superintendents from the eastern half of Maine will be present, and most of them will bring their wives or other members of their families.

Some of the most eminent men in the Methodist denomination will be present during the conference. Bishop Luther B. Wilson, D. D., LL. D., will preside.

Rev. W. F. Emery, pastor of the Ellsworth Methodist church, announces the following program for the evenings during the conference:

Tuesday evening—Temperance anniversary; Bishop Luther B. Wilson, president of the Anti-Saloon league of America.

Wednesday evening—Lecture, "Did Man Make God, or Did God Make Man?" Rev. John P. D. John, D. D., LL. D., former president of De Pauw university.

Thursday evening—Foreign missionary anniversary; Rev. Homer Stuntz, D. D. Home mission and church extension anniversary; Rev. Robert Forbes, D. D.

Friday evening—Education; Rev. Thomas Nicholson, D. D. Freedmen's Aid, Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D.

Saturday evening—Conference claimants; Rev. J. B. Hingley, D. D.

Sunday evening—Sunday schools; Rev. David G. Downey, D. D.

These men are all of world-wide reputation, and specialists in their line of work.

The local committee on entertainment for the conference is composed of Dr. F. Simonton, Rev. W. F. Emery, B. T. Bowie, Capt. John Kief, Walter Bosney and Charles Fuller.

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FRANKLIN.

E. W. Sherburne, of Newport, and Mr. Miller, of Bangor, were guests at Lily Lake house last week.

From a supper and social at the hall Monday evening, Dec. 14, for the benefit of the hearse fund, about \$12 was realized. Dec. 19. N.

BROOKSVILLE.

Miss Hettie Carter, of Sedgwick, is working for Mrs. Jane Walker.

William York, of Ellsworth, is spending a few days with his family here.

Mrs. J. E. Staples is very ill of nervous prostration. Her son James, of New York, is with her.

Mrs. L. M. Roberts is at home from South Brooksville, where she has been caring for her granddaughter, Mrs. O. M. Gray.

J. H. Billings and Mrs. Harriet Salisbury went to Ellsworth Wednesday. Mrs. Salisbury remained with her daughter, Mrs. Vesta Crawford. Dec. 21. A.

SOUTH BROOKSVILLE.

Walter Harvey, who has been away since September, is home.

Madeline Harvey is attending the normal school at Castine.

A. L. Clark, of Castine, has been putting a steam heating apparatus into the Chateau.

Pearl Wardwell has moved his family into the house recently occupied by Mrs. Haskell.

Harry Chatto and Bea Condon, who have been at school in Castine, are at home for the holidays.

The schooner Hattie Duane, Capt. Holbrook, of Tenants Harbor, is loading out stone for V. Carter & Sons, New York. Dec. 21. C.

BLUEHILL FALLS.

All the farmers are cutting their wood. Two or three of the boys in this vicinity got portions of deer meat as the result of their hunt last week.

Capt. Eaton went to East Bluehill Friday to light the schooner Ben Hur of her load, as she was in a sinking condition. Dec. 14. CRUMBS.

The clam factory closes this week. Wilbur Friend visited his brother Charles at Camden last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester, of California, formerly of this place, have the sympathy of the community in the loss of their daughter Sadie. Dec. 21. CRUMBS.

EGYPT.

Frank Jordan is spending his vacation with his parents, George Jordan and wife. Lafayette Butler, who is employed by E. G. Burnham at Cutler, is visiting relatives here.

Friends of Miss Edith Clark are grieved to learn that she is quite ill at the home of her father, John F. Clark.

Miss Evie Clark, who has been employed at Waukeag, is spending a short vacation with her parents, Amos Clark and wife.

Prof. Wilson R. Butler and son Chauncey, of New Bedford, Mass., are spending the holidays at their summer home at Butler's point. Dec. 21. W.

SALISBURY COVE.

Miss Sadie McFarland has returned to Castine for the winter term, after spending her vacation with her parents.

Sherman P. McFarland has returned from Waterville, where he attended the annual session of the State grange.

The Sunday school classes taught by Miss Bates and Mr. Lorimer were pleasantly entertained at the Baptist parsonage Saturday evening.

The Central school closed Friday for a two-weeks' vacation. Principal Flye and his assistant, Miss Bates, will visit their homes during the recess. Dec. 19. R.

SWAN'S ISLAND.

Mrs. Emma Prock, of Portland, is here for the holidays.

Mrs. N. G. Stinson and daughter Mae have gone to Rockland for the winter.

Rev. Mr. Parrington held Christmas services at the Methodist church Sunday.

Bridges Bros' new engine arrived last week, and they will soon be sawing laths.

Basil Stinson and Harold Smith are home from Yarmouth academy for the holidays.

The I. O. R. M. will dedicate their hill New Year's eve. Alexander's orchestra, of Camden, will furnish music. Dec. 21. SPEC.

SOUND.

Mrs. Clarence Higgins has been quite ill, but is much better.

Miss Alice Higgins is visiting her cousin, Miss Rubie Tracy, at Seal Harbor.

School closed Saturday, Dec. 5, after a successful term of eleven weeks taught by Miss Nellie Whitmore, of Seal Harbor.

Mrs. E. M. Higgins, who spent last week at Southeast Harbor, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. George Dunton, is home.

Mrs. Sidney Higgins and Masters Pearl and Donnell are spending Christmas week with Mrs. Higgins' parents, H. H. Young and wife, at Bar Harbor. Dec. 21. H.

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NORTH HANCOCK.

Wesley Ford has hauled his boat up, and is home for the winter.

Fred Stratton has moved his family home from Marlboro for the winter.

There will be a concert and Christmas tree at the union schoolhouse Christmas eve.

Friends of Miss Blanche McFarland regret to learn of her serious illness in Washington, D. C., where she has been the past two years.

Mrs. Nelson Stewart, who has been seriously ill the past few weeks, was operated upon Friday by Drs. Simonton and Hodgkins, of Ellsworth. Her many friends hope for a speedy recovery. Dec. 21. AMON.

AMHERST.

Ervin Roberts is ill with the grip. F. O. Silsby and wife were in Bangor last week.

Miss Helen Jewett has gone to South-west Harbor to teach.

Mrs. W. G. Orout saw a cow moose near her house one day last week.

Mr. Tolman and wife, who spent a week in Iowa, have returned to their home in Newburg.

Hugh Short and granddaughter, Mrs. Hanson, and little daughter, who have been spending the summer here, have returned to Elgin, Ill. Dec. 21. O.

OTIS.

Hannah H., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Black, formerly of this place, died at her home in Bangor, Saturday, aged twenty-three years, after a long illness of tuberculosis. She had been employed in the telephone exchange in Bangor, and was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. Besides her parents she leaves three brothers—William, Morris and Clarence, and two sisters—Agnes and Mildred, all of Bangor. The remains were brought here, where funeral services were held at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Arden Young, Monday. Dec. 21. O.

BAR HARBOR.

County-attorney Wood is one of the season's successful hunters, returning from a trip to Mattawamkeag with two deer.

The new swimming pool at the Y. M. C. A. building was formally opened last Thursday. The pool is forty-one feet long and fourteen and one-half feet wide, with a depth varying from three and one-half feet in the shallowest part to seven and one-half feet. The water is to be heated to an average temperature of sixty-eight degrees. The pool cost about \$3,000.

DEDDHAM.

J. A. McLaughlin was home to spend Sunday.

E. W. Burrill and wife attended State grange at Waterville.

Mrs. M. W. Ginn, of Orland, visited her daughter, Mrs. O. C. Grindland, last week.

Mrs. Arie Burrill and daughters Gertrude and Bertha are visiting relatives in town. Dec. 21. B.

WEST GOULDSBORO.

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Shaw is in Bangor for a few days.

N. Noyes, jr., who has been in Portland a few days, returned home Sunday.

E. M. Stevens' buildings were burned Friday night. The contents of the house were all burned. A few things were saved from the barn. There was some insurance. Dec. 21. L.

MARLBORO.

Gardiner Bowden has moved into his new house.

Melvin Wilbur has gone to Greenfield to work in the woods.

Leslie Gray, of Dedham, is with F. T. Hodgkins for the winter. Dec. 21. ARE.

MT. DESERT FERRY.

Rev. Gideon Mayo gave an interesting discourse in the Ferry schoolhouse Sunday evening.

Miss Gertrude Bickford, of Winter Harbor, spent Thursday night and Friday with Lizzie Jollison.

V. M. Carter, of North Ellsworth, recently made a short visit to his parents, Augustus Carter and wife.

Lewis Jordan spent a few days in Bangor last week. Mr. Jordan is shingling his house and having a dormer window built.

Miss Sadie Higgins is at home from Charleston and Miss Mabelle Bennett from Bucksport, where they have been attending school. Dec. 21. C.

CASTINE.

There will be a mask ball at Emerson hall Thursday evening, Dec. 31. Music by Monaghan's orchestra, of Ellsworth.

To Extract a Splinter. When a splinter has been driven deep into the hand, it can be extracted without pain by steam. Nearly fill a wide-mouthed bottle with hot water, place the injured part over the mouth of the bottle, and press tightly. The suction will draw the splinter out, and in a minute or two the inflammation will disappear.—Woman's Home Companion.

A Remarkable Will.

A remarkable will which contains many public bequests and provides generously for practically every employee of one of Boston's largest business houses, was left by the late Caleb Chase, senior member of the firm of Chase & Sanborn, grocers, who died recently. The gifts aggregate more than \$300,000, the remainder of the estate, the total value of which is not stated, being left in trust for the widow, at her death to be divided among certain specified relatives.

The will, which will be probated Saturday, provides the following bequests to employees:

To certain members connected for many years with the firm of Chase & Sanborn, \$2,000 each.

To the fifty-five traveling salesmen, \$1,000 each.

To the members of the sales and office departments, \$500 each.

To members of the shipping department and factory, \$200 each.

All of the above must have been employed one or more years by the firm.

To widows of four deceased salesmen, \$5,000 each.

The remainder of the \$300,000 is left to charity.

A man who lives right and is right has more power in his silence than another has by his words. Character is like bells which ring out sweet music, and which, when touched, accidentally even, resound with sweet music.—Phillips Brooks.

He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has.—Epictetus.

A doctor's wife once attempted to move her husband by tears. "Ann," said he, "tears are useless. I have analyzed them. They contain a little phosphate of lime, some chloride of sodium, and that's all."

BORN.

COOMBS—At Franklin, Dec. 4, to Mr and Mrs Eugene S. Coombs, a daughter.

COOMBS—At Franklin, Dec. 15, to Mr and Mrs Pearl L. Coombs, a daughter.

DODGE—At Castine, Dec. 1, to Mr and Mrs George H. Dodge, a son.

FARNHAM—At West Brooksville, Dec. 15, to Mr and Mrs Cecel Farnham, a son.

HARDISON—At Franklin, Dec. 8, to Mr and Mrs George B. Hardison, a daughter.

HAVEY—At East Sullivan, Dec. 18, to Mr and Mrs Eugene Havey, a son.

HAWKES—At Ellsworth, Dec. 7, to Mr and Mrs John A. Hawkes, a daughter.

HOOPER—At North Sullivan, Dec. 20, to Mr and Mrs W. W. Hooper, a son.

M'PHEETERS—At Sedgwick, Dec. 5, to Rev and Mrs Eugene F. McPheeters, a son.

ROBINSON—At Long Island, Dec. 19, to Mr and Mrs Walter M. Robinson, a daughter.

MARRIED.

BOWDEN—MARKS—At Orland, Dec. 18, by F. W. Gross, esq., Maggie B. Bowden to Adelbert F. Marks, both of Orland.

LUNT—WALLACE—At Long Island, Dec. 16, by Wm. A. Van Norden, esq., Miss Ananah M. Lunt to Charles L. Wallace, both of Long Island Pt.

PEET—DOUGLASS—At Sedgwick, Dec. 15, by Rev. A. B. Carter, Miss Edna M. Peet, of Sedgwick, to Edward A. Douglass, of Castine.

ROBBINS—GRAY—At Sedgwick, Dec. 11, by Arthur H. Sargent, esq., Miss Albra Robbins, of Sedgwick, to Mark H. Gray, of Deer Isle.

ROBERTSON—SPRINGER—At North Sullivan, Dec. 17, by Rev. C. A. Purdy, Miss Minnie E. Robertson, of North Sullivan, to Wallace J. Springer, of Franklin.

SCOFIELD—BRIDGES—At Prospect Harbor, Dec. 16, by C. G. Larrabee, esq., Miss Fannie Scofield, of Prospect Harbor, to Irving Bridges, of Corea.

BLACK—At Bangor, Dec. 19, Miss Hannah H. Black, aged 23 years, 8 days.

CAMBERG—At Bangor, Dec. 21, Charles J. Camberg, formerly of Dedham, aged 52 years.

CANDAGE—At Barry, Dec. 14, Mrs. Nellie M. Candage, aged 83 years.

CARTER—At West Brookline, Dec. 19, Alvah S. Carter, aged 67 years, 8 months, 19 days.

COUSINS—At Stonington, Dec. 15, Courtney E. Cousins, of Brookline, aged 21 years, 5 months, 7 days.

DAVIS—At North Sullivan, Dec. 11, Ida May, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs James H. Davis, aged 6 days.

DOW—At Stonington, Dec. 14, Wallace T. Dow, aged 5 years, 5 months, 5 days.

FRAZIER—At Ellsworth, Dec. 22, Walter Frazier, aged 11 years.

LAMPSON—At Franklin, Dec. 19, Bridget Lampson, formerly of Ellsworth, aged 67 years, 10 months, 19 days.

LOWE—At Deer Isle, Dec. 12, Edith L., wife of William F. Lowe, jr., aged 32 years.

LOWRIE—At Eastbrook, Dec. 17, Robert Lowrie, aged 85 years, 8 months, 24 days.

PERKINS—At Waterville, Dec. 20, Horace Perkins, formerly of Penobscot, aged 69 years.

SMALLIDGE—At Northeast Harbor, Dec. 20, Stephen Smallidge, aged 82 years.

STAPLEC—At North Brooksville, Dec. 18, S. P., widow of John A. Staples, aged 81 years.

Advertisements.

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"I was near to death's door. The doctor said he had done all he could; that my stomach was old and worn out. I was so weak I could not walk. I took Mi-o-na tablets, and have been eating heartily ever since, and I am able to work like a tiger. I wish I could go and thank you myself. I send you my picture, and you can use my word and my picture, and I thank you again."—Mrs. Nelson Lucier, 112 Fisk St., Athol, Mass.

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Snow in Place of Eggs. Do all of the sisters who live in places having snow in winter know this: "When eggs are scarce, a tablespoonful of snow will take the place of one egg?" Try it and be convinced.—Harper's Bazar.

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WEST TREMONT.

L. W. Rumill sold his valuable horse, Jerry, this week, to C. Campbell, of Center. Mrs. Sadie Lacont, who has been working for Mrs. G. Tolman at Southwest Harbor, is home. Leola Rumill and Hazel Reed are home from Manset, where they have been visiting relatives. Mrs. Sarah A. Reed left Thursday for Owl's Head to visit her daughter, Mrs. John Clarry. Schools began to-day. Miss Addie Ingalls has the primary and Miss Lettie Carter the grammar. W. D. Thurston and daughter Edith and Henry Thurston and wife came home from Bangor Thursday. Herbert Lacont spent last week with his mother. He has been working for L. W. Rumill the past year. Miss Kate Pomroy, who has been at Owl's Head visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lettie Marshall, came home this week. Otis Ingalls went to Lamolne Saturday to get his sister, Miss Addie Ingalls. She will board with him while she teaches here. Frank Rumill and Miss Josie Reed, of Ebbeton, were married last week, and will keep house in Mr. Rumill's father's house at Seal Harbor. Capt. George W. Murphy came home Sunday from Stonington, Conn., to visit his family. His schooner, Levi S. Andrews, is discharging there. Mrs. Murphy's health is not improved. Dec. 14. THELMA.

Charles Rumill is home for his vacation. The new piano for the K. of P. hall was put in last week. The hall will be dedicated soon. Eugene Thurston, wife and children, of Southwest Harbor, are visiting Mr. Thurston's parents, Charles Thurston and wife. L. W. Rumill has bought the old homestead on Rumill's point of his brother, Robie M. Rumill. Mr. Rumill will start a piggery the coming season. Fred Bridges' gasoline engine exploded recently, completely ruining it, but doing no other damage. He has been in Ellsworth the past week having a new one put in. Dec. 21. THELMA.

BROOKLIN.

Schools began Dec. 14. Mrs. R. C. Stewart, who has been ill, is improving. Harvey Wells has gone to Boston to seek employment. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tyler Dec. 12. Miss Martha Stanley returned from Boston Thursday. Oscar Ford, who has spent the past week at Sunshine, is home. Will Cousins leaves to-day for Lawrence, Mass., where he will be employed. Capt. R. C. Stewart, schooner Maine has gone to Orland for a load of bricks. Invitations have been issued for the McFarland-Morrage wedding, Dec. 31. Miss Gertrude McFarland has returned to West Rockland to resume teaching. Capt. Pearl Tapley, of the schooner Atlanta, is in town, accompanied by his sons. Miss Mary Wilson, principal of the high school, has gone to her home in Solon for medical.

Rest Made Easy. There Will Be Less Sleeplessness When Ellsworth People Learn This. Can't rest at night with a bad back, A lame, a weak, or an aching one. Doan's Kidney Pills are for bad backs. They cure every form of kidney ills, From common backache to diabetes. They are endorsed by Ellsworth people: Mrs. George W. Day, Bayside road, two and one-half miles from Ellsworth, Me., says: "I had many symptoms of kidney trouble. My back ached most of the time, and every move I made caused sharp twinges to dart through my body. I could not rest at night, as no position I assumed was comfortable. In the morning I arose feeling tired and unrefreshed. Though I used remedies of various kinds, I received only temporary relief, and when Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my attention I resolved to try them, and procured a box at Moore's drug store. They acted directly on my kidneys, and as a result I was relieved in a remarkably short time. I have appealed to Doan's Kidney Pills several times since and have never failed to obtain the same prompt and satisfactory relief." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

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three week's vacation. She was accompanied by her sister. Capt. J. M. Tibbetts has returned from New York, where he has been visiting his daughter. Mrs. R. W. Nutter and granddaughter Georgia Blance came home from Bluehill Saturday. Miss Edith Allen returned from Sargentville, Thursday. She will teach the winter term at Haven. Mrs. Charles Parker and Miss Geraldine have gone to Boston. Miss Geraldine will enter a business college. Harry Bridges has gone to Arlington, Mass., to spend his vacation with his grandmother, Mrs. T. C. Tolcott. Dec. 14. UNE FEMME.

Miss Alice Judge has gone to Boston for the winter. A. E. Farnsworth came home from Boston Thursday. Mrs. Roswell Eaton returned from Rockland Thursday. Dr. E. H. Baker has gone to Allentown, Pa., for the winter. O. L. Flye is spending two weeks vacation at home from Eden. Miss Alice Allen is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ada Shea, at Bar Harbor. Miss Verna Conary, of Sunshine, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Warren Ford. Mrs. Frank Staples and Miss Dorothy spent the week's end in Rockland. George Hall is visiting his daughter, Mrs. G. W. Herrick, in Dorchester, Mass. Miss Joy, who has been the guest of Miss Alice Judge, has returned to Bangor. Will Nutter, principal of the academy at Bluehill, is spending his vacation at home. Mrs. Weston Gott and Mrs. Victor Gott and son visited friends in Rockland last week. Mrs. Eugene Caudage, of South Bluehill, was the guest of Mrs. A. W. Bridges last week. Courtney Cousins, elder son of Emery Cousins and wife, died at Stonington Tuesday. Mrs. Samuel Wardwell, with daughter Effie, of Avon, Mass., is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. J. Jordan. E. E. Lurvey has returned from Lewiston, accompanied by his son Lawrence, who has been visiting there. Roy Bowden, who injured his eyes last week, went to Bangor Wednesday, accompanied by his father, F. A. Bowden. Dec. 21. UNE FEMME.

Miss Sylvia Rich arrived home from Rockland Tuesday. School commenced here Monday, taught by Miss Millie Farley. Miss Myra C. Gott, of West Tremont, is employed at Mrs. Rosanna Rich's. Mrs. Pearl Murphy, of Seal Cove, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Evelyn Rich. Lillian Rich and Ida Kelly left Wednesday to enter Castine normal school. Mrs. May A. Johnson is keeping house for her sister, Mrs. Linda Mitchell, for a few days. Sidney Wallace returned home Wednesday, after a week's sport in Trenton woods hunting for deer, but, alas, "the venison that we longed for never came." Mrs. Julia Newman is keeping house for Mrs. T. S. Tapley, who accompanied her husband to Belfast, where he was called by the serious illness of his father. Mrs. Linda G. Mitchell went to Rockland Monday for medical treatment. Mrs. Mitchell has been in failing health for the past year with a serious throat trouble. Her many friends hope for her recovery. Dec. 17. KIN.

Mrs. McManey's Experience. Mrs. M. McManey, Frontis, Me., writes: "I was confined to my bed for three months with kidney and bladder trouble, and was treated by two physicians, but failed to get relief. No human tongue can tell how I suffered, and I had given up hope of ever getting well until I began taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. After taking two bottles I felt like a new person, and feel it my duty to tell suffering women what Foley's Kidney Remedy did for me." G. A. FARGHER.

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BLUEHILL. The academy closed Dec. 18 for a two-weeks' vacation. John Philip and family left for Vancouver Dec. 13. Lester Veazie and wife returned from Stonington last week. Miss Mary Chase is home from University of Maine for the holidays. The Sunday schools will have concert exercises and trees Thursday evening. Miss Estelle Hinckley, of the Bluehill house, is spending a few weeks in Boston. Miss Mabelle Babson, who visited friends in Bangor on her way from Colby, is home. Wendell Clay is at home, and he and his sister, Miss Nettie Clay, are again house-keeping at the Granite. Mrs. H. B. Darling recently returned from a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. N. Lord, in Waltham, Mass. The following are attending the winter term at Castine normal: Misses May Curtis, Hittie McLartyre, Belle Butler, Ida Morse and Carrie Sargent. Miss Allie Osgood will enter as soon as her school at South Bluehill closes. News was received Saturday of the death Dec. 18 of Paris Tenney, in Boston, and Saturday Miss Emma Jean McHowell left for that city. Mr. Tenney was a son of the late Mrs. Emma Tenney Chase. Capt. Pearl Tenney, his twin brother, died a year or two ago in Portland. Mr. Tenney had been in business in Boston nearly fifty years. He was cordial in his manner, kind and accommodating in his disposition and will be missed by many friends. The drama, "Mrs. Briggs, of the Poultry Farm," was presented by the senior class on the evenings of Dec. 11 and 17, in a most creditable manner. Those taking parts were Margaret Hinckley (as Mrs. Briggs), Annie Veazie, Euzilla Leach, Bertha Parker, Corinne Clark, Ruth Stover, Marion Miller, Everett Chase, Carl Hinckley, Ward Leach and Raymond Stover. Piano music was furnished by Misses Veazie, Parker, Snow and Leach. The whole entertainment was a great success. Dec. 21. M.

SARGENTVILLE. Miss Edith Allen has returned to Brooklin. Clarence Chatto left Saturday for Northport to teach. Miss Mildred Chase, of Bluehill, is teaching in district No. 8. Mrs. Inez Grindle has returned to her home at South Penobscot. Addison Sargent, of Newton, Mass., visited friends in town recently. Fred J. Sargent and wife spent part of last week with friends in Bangor. Mrs. John Bennett is spending a few weeks with her son at Somerville, Mass. Mrs. Annie Andrews, of Sedgwick, is spending a few weeks with Mrs. William Sinclair. Miss Vera Harding has returned to Pittsfield, where she is attending the Maine Central institute. Miss Flora Bowden, of Hull, Mass.; Mrs. Waldo E. Kingsbury, of Medfield, Mass., and Ellery Bowden, of Winterport, were called home last week by the death of their sister, Miss Vesta Bowden. Miss Vesta Bowden died at her home in this village Saturday, Dec. 5, after a long illness borne with rare fortitude and cheerful hope. During her residence here of five years, she has won the love of many warm friends who will long remember her gentle ways and beautiful Christian character. The members of her family have the sympathy of the community in this sad loss of one so dear and whom they

SOUTH GOULDSBORO. Mrs. Joan Sargent is spending a few days in Winter Harbor. Will Cook and wife are spending the winter in Eastport. Miss Nora Sargent is the guest of Miss Bessie Young in Eastport. W. R. Hanna, wife and two daughters recently visited relatives here. Harris Tucker and Miss Clara Ludley are guests of Mrs. Mabel Myrick. William Sperry, of Ashville, has been visiting her children, Horace and Elliott Sperry. Leonard Butler, of Avon, Mass., has been called here by the illness of his mother. Miss Doris Hooper, of West Sullivan, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Abbie Hooper, and other relatives here. Mrs. Ezra Butler is thought to be recovering from her recent illness. Her niece, Mrs. Nellie Martin, of Avon, Mass., is caring for her. Dec. 14. H.

WEST STONINGTON. Rev. B. S. Fifield, of Rockland, is in town this week. Frank Simpson and family have moved to Portland for the winter. School in district 4 began Monday, taught by Miss Isabel Walker, of South Deer Isle. Ervin Thurston, Archie Barbour and Eben Gott left for Bucksport Wednesday, to find employment. Dec. 14. MUM.

Itching, bleeding, protruding or blind piles yield to Doan's Ointment. Chronic cases soon relieved, finally cured. Druggists sell it. -Adv.

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have so tenderly cared for. The burial was in the family lot at Penobscot. Dec. 15. SIM.

SEDGWICK. M. F. Leighton and family have returned from Sargentville. Dr. Hagerthy is expected home from New York Wednesday. J. H. Hooper and wife will leave soon for a stay of several weeks in Washington, D. C. Arthur N. Dority has purchased several horses, and is running the livery stable at the stand of his late father. The officers of Minnewaukon R. A. chapter were ably installed Saturday evening, Dec. 12, by Past High Priest Dr. F. S. Herrick, as follows: J. H. Hooper, H. P.; J. P. Gray, K.; A. H. Sargent, S.; C. Bridges, chaplain; R. W. Smith, secretary; J. W. Paris, treasurer; F. S. Herrick, P. S.; T. A. Smith, captain of host; C. W. Pert, R. A. captain; keeper of the veils, Benjamin Sylvester, third; Isaac Mayo, second; F. S. Sargent, first; L. W. Guphill, sentinel. At the close a banquet was served by Mrs. S. H. Dority. Dec. 14. H.

Miss Belle Smith is home from Hebron for the holidays. Columbia chapter, O. E. S., will hold its installation Dec. 30. There will be a Christmas concert at the church Sunday evening. G. S. Bridges and B. R. Stanley arrived home from Wolcott, N. Y., Saturday. Roy Dority came from Boston Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, A. H. Dority and wife. Mrs. J. E. Wilson left Thursday for Dorchester, Mass., to spend the winter with her son, W. H. Wilson. The last deal to close up the Watson estate was made to-day, when the lot on Main street was sold to Mrs. H. A. Small. Clifford Henry, wife and little son, who have been visiting Mrs. Henry's parents, E. C. Cole and wife, have sold their farm in Aroostook county and left last week for California. Ned Douglas, of Castine, and Miss Edna Pert were married Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. L. Ferguson. They left Wednesday for Castine where they will reside. Dec. 21. H.

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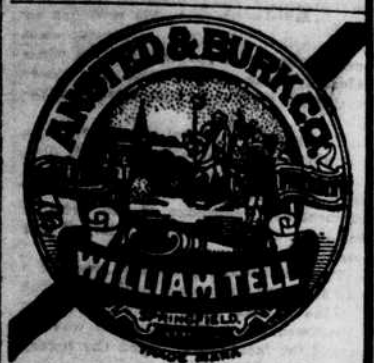
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PROSPECT HARBOR. Steamer Grace Stevens is discharging freight for the various stores. Dr. L. L. Larabee, of Ellsworth, visited his father a few days recently. Will Colson and wife, of Steuben, are at Bert Weston's for the winter. Mrs. Harvey Newman and Miss Susie Over have returned from Bangor. Clarke Blaine, Colby, 12, arrived home Saturday for the Christmas recess. The Willing Workers of the Methodist church gave a baked bean supper at Columbus hall Thursday evening, which received a generous patronage. Several members of Winnetka council, Degree of Pockhonias, accepted an invitation to the Hancock council on Monday evening, and nothing but words of praise were heard of the fine entertainment given there. Dec. 14.

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Railroads and Steamboats.

Table with columns for destination (BAR HARBOR, BANGOR, etc.), departure time, and arrival time.

Trains leaving Ellsworth at 7:13 a.m. and 3:40 p.m. and arriving at Ellsworth 11:07 a.m. and 5:52 p.m. connect with Washington Co. R.R. Stops on signal to conductor. Stops to leave but not to take passengers. Stops only to leave passengers from points east of Washington Junction. These trains connect at Bangor with through trains on Main Line, and from Portland, Boston and St. John. Passengers are earnestly requested to procure tickets before entering the trains, and especially at Ellsworth to Falls and Falls to Ellsworth. E. E. BOOTHBY, Gen'l. Pass. Agent. MORRIS McDONALD, Vice-Pres. and Gen'l. Manager. General office, Portland, Me.

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RETURNING. Steamer leaves Boston at 5 p.m. Tuesday and Fridays for Rockland. Leave Rockland at 8 a.m. or on arrival of steamer from Boston, Wednesday and Saturday for Bar Harbor, Bluehill, and intermediate landings. All freight, except live stock, via steamers of this company, is insured against fire and marine risk. E. S. J. MOHAR, Agent, Bar Harbor.

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Subscriptions. Pauper Notice. HAVING contracted with the City of Ellsworth to support and care for those who may need assistance during the next five years and are legal residents of Ellsworth, I hereby demand payment of the same for each month, as there is plenty of room and accommodations to care for them at the City Farm house. M. J. DAUMERY.

If you want knowledge, you must toil for it; if food, you must toil for it, and if pleasure, you must toil for it. Toil is the price of pleasure. Through toil and not by self-indulgence or indolence, when one gets to love work his life is a happy one.—Busch.



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Legal Notices.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereafter mentioned, notice is hereby given that a probate court will be held at Bangor, Me., on the first day of December, a. d. 1908. At a probate court held at Bangor, Me., on the first day of December, a. d. 1908, the following matters having been presented for the action thereon herein after indicated, it is hereby ordered that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Ellsworth American, a newspaper published at Ellsworth, in said county, that they may appear at a probate court to be held at Ellsworth, in said county, on the fifth day of January, a. d. 1909, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause. Robert F. Trim, late of Orland, in said county, deceased. A certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, together with petition for probate thereof, presented by Betsy Trim, the executrix therein named. Lucy J. Jones, late of Brooksville, in said county, deceased. A certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, together with petition for probate thereof, presented by Fred D. Jones, the executor therein named. Jeremiah Jones, late of Brooksville, in said county, deceased. A certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, together with petition for probate thereof, and for administration with the will annexed, presented by Fred D. Jones, executor of said will. Elbridge G. Marks, late of Orland, in said county, deceased. First account of Ernest L. Marks, executor of said will. Charles H. Clowson, late of Sedgwick, in said county, deceased. Final account of Henry W. Sargent, administrator with the will annexed, filed for settlement. E. Jeannette Hatch, late of Castine, in said county, deceased. First and final account of Jonathan Hatch, administrator, filed for settlement. Samuel Royal, late of Ellsworth, in said county, deceased. Final account of Sewall T. Royal and John F. Royal, executors, filed for settlement. Abbie J. Sacy, a person of unsound mind, of Ellsworth, in said county. Third account of A. F. Burnham, guardian, filed for settlement. Jack C. Parker, a minor, formerly of Tremont, Hancock county, Maine, but now of Bangor, in said county. Final account of Ada E. Parker, guardian, filed for settlement. Arno W. Cough, a person of unsound mind, of Tremont, in said county. Final account of A. Bird Cough, guardian, filed for settlement. Ambrose Springer, late of Franklin, in said county, deceased. Petition filed by Onis Springer, executor, for license to sell certain real estate of said deceased, as described in said petition. Curtis and Ralph Curtis, minors, of Surry, in said county. Petition filed by Clara A. Carter, guardian, for license to sell certain real estate of said minors, as described in said petition. Ansell P. Goodell, late of Ellsworth, in said county, deceased. Petition filed by Fred L. Mason, administrator, for license to sell certain real estate of said deceased, as described in said petition. Arno W. Cough, a person of unsound mind, of Tremont, in said county. Resignation of A. Bird Cough, guardian, filed. Jane P. Dennison, late of Columbus, Ohio, deceased. Petition filed by Herman G. Dennison, executor, for license to sell certain real estate of said deceased, that the amount of collateral inheritance tax upon said estate is determined by the Judge of Probate. Curtis and Ralph Curtis, minors, of Surry, in said county. Petition filed by Percy E. Homer or some other suitable person to be appointed administrator of the estate of said deceased, presented by John Homer, a son of said deceased. EDWARD E. CHASE, Judge of said Court. A true copy of the original order. Attest:—T. F. MAHONEY, Register.

STATE OF MAINE.

Hancock ss.—At a probate court held at Bangor, in and for said county of Hancock, on the first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight. A certain instrument purporting to be a copy of the last will and testament of A. Bird Cough, deceased, and of the probate thereof in said District of Columbia, duly authenticated, having been presented to the Judge of Probate for our said county of Hancock for the purpose of being allowed, filed and recorded in the probate court of our said county of Hancock. Ordered, That notice thereof be given to all persons interested therein, by publishing a copy of this order three weeks successively in the Ellsworth American, a newspaper printed at Ellsworth, in said county of Hancock, prior to the fifth day of January, a. d. 1909, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, against the same. EDWARD E. CHASE, Judge of Probate. A true copy of the original order. Attest:—T. F. MAHONEY, Register.

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Fisherman's Love.

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"Oh, if you don't mind," said the fisherman in the broad hat, "would you put this worm on for me?"

Halleck looked up. She was dangling a line in front of his nose, and she held out to him a tin can.

"I simply can't put them on the hook," she said, with a little shudder. "I hate to see them squirm."

Halleck looked at her again. She didn't seem at all the type of young woman who made acquaintances promiscuously. She had a grave, direct glance, and at present her mind was bent seriously on the question of fishing.

In silence Halleck impaled the worm. "Thank you," she said and dropped the line into the water.

In a moment there was a splash, and with a little cry the girl landed a fish.

"Please take it off," she said, and Halleck found the line again dangling in front of his nose, but this time with a golden, jewel spotted fish at the end.

Without harming the charming creature Halleck slipped the hook out of its mouth. "You'd better throw it back," he advised. "It's too small to eat."

"Very well," she said and watched the little sunfish as it swam through the liquid water to freedom.

Then once more she held out the tin can.

"Please put one on," she said.

Again Halleck patiently laid aside his hand net and baited her hook, and again she dropped her line in the water, to bring it out again with another infinitesimal fish.

"This one is too small, too," Halleck said. "You can't catch any fish worth keeping on the pier."

"Why are you fishing then?" she questioned.

"I am catching bait," was Halleck's explanation, "and when I have enough I am going out in my boat for pickarel."

Her eyes shone. "Oh, I should love to catch a pickarel," she said eagerly. "Do you know, those two little fish that you took off of my line are the first I ever caught?"

Halleck looked at her with a speculative eye. "I could take you out—He hesitated.

"Could you?" Then in a business-like way, "How much do you charge for an hour?"

Halleck stared at her.

"I don't understand," he said at last. The grave eyes met his in a direct gaze.

"Aren't you the man who rents the boats?"

"No."

"Oh?" Her tone was startled. "Oh, a beg your pardon. I thought—"

"That's all right," Halleck assured her.

But her face was stained by a burning blush.

"I must have seemed very—troublesome—"

"Not a bit. I am one of your fellow guests at the hotel. I sit at the table next to you. I saw you last night with an elderly lady."

"Yes, my aunt."

She spoke abstractedly as she gathered up her rod and little basket. "I don't think I will fish any more," she remarked.

"Please don't run away on my account," Halleck begged. "I am going out in a few minutes, and you can have the pier all to yourself."

He did not offer to take her with him. He knew now that she was not that kind of girl, and he was glad she was not.

He put his traps into his boat and pulled out, lifting his white linen hat gravely as his boat shot into mid-stream.

That night he saw her again at the table. She was in pink, and she wore her hair in pretty golden puffs all over the top of her head. He liked her little stately manner and the deferential way she had with her aunt.

The older lady was tall and thin, with sparkling brown eyes. The sparkling eyes rested often on Halleck during the meal, and when dinner was over and the two ladies passed him at the table the aunt stopped.

"You are Mr. Halleck?" she questioned.

"Yes," Halleck rose and stood beside her.

"I asked at the office," the lady explained. "My niece has been telling me that she took you for a boatman. She feels badly that she should have spoken as she did. But I am glad it happened. I am Mrs. Evans. I know your mother well, Mr. Halleck, and I might not have met her son if I hadn't fancied she had offended."

Halleck walked to the door with her, where the girl in pink waited for him.

"This is Mr. Halleck, Helen," Mrs. Evans said. "He isn't a bit offended, and he writes delightful books, as his mother did before him."

Helen surveyed him with the grave eyes that had delighted him that morning.

"Did you catch any pickarel?" she asked.

"Four," he informed her, "big ones."

"Helen is simply crazy over fishing," Mrs. Evans stated. "She has always lived inland, and now she spends mornings, noon and night on the lake."

"I'll tell you," Halleck planned, "we

will go tomorrow, and we will catch our fish and cook them on the island."

And they went, the three of them, in Halleck's boat, and for bait they had minnows, and their prey was pickarel, and before noontime Helen had caught two shining, slender beauties, and Mrs. Evans, who, in a broad hat and with a magazine, had made herself comfortable, was moved to enthusiasm.

"Helen," she said, "we will come every day."

"Mr. Halleck may think we are troublesome, auntie."

"Mr. Halleck will think he has been blessed by the gods," said that gentleman, and Helen laughed a little.

"I am starved," she said. "Let's go and cook our fish."

So Halleck took them to a green, cool, shadowy spot in the center of the island, and there they broiled their fish and ate their lunch in delightful solitude.

That was the beginning. Helen, under Halleck's guidance, learned to catch pickarel. But she learned more than that, for Halleck was teaching a lesson of lips and eyes and heart, and Mrs. Evans watched the two with shrewd but satisfied eyes.

It was in the third week that Halleck unconsciously launched a thunderbolt.

"Every time I come it seems lovelier," Helen said as they explored the island together, while Mrs. Evans napped under a newspaper.

"Yes," Halleck said. "Mrs. Halleck always insists that it is the garden spot of the world."

There was a dead silence, and presently Helen complained of a headache, and they went home.

Halleck found it impossible to get a word with her that night.

"I don't know what is the matter with her," Mrs. Evans said when he sought her disconsolately. "She just sits up in her room and mopes."

That night she said to Helen, "I think Mr. Halleck feels very bad at the way you are treating him."

"I don't see why he should," Helen said in a pale blue negligee was curled up in the window seat. "I don't see why he should. I don't think it is the proper thing for a married man to take us boating, auntie."

"Married fiddlesticks!" ejaculated Mrs. Evans.

"Well, he is," Helen insisted. "He spoke to me the other day of Mrs. Halleck."

"Never heard of her before," sniffed Mrs. Evans. And the next morning she sought Halleck. He threw back his head and laughed when she told him, and that afternoon Helen, fishing languidly on the pier, heard a voice behind her.

"Can you put on your worms?"

"Yes," she said. "They wriggle dreadfully, but I—I prefer to do it myself."

"Of course," Halleck said, "if you wish. I wouldn't deprive you of the pleasure." He sat down beside her.

"I thought you had gone out in your boat," she told him.

"No. I expect Mrs. Halleck this afternoon, and I wanted to make arrangements."

"Oh," Helen said and pulled her hat deeper over her eyes.

"She will bring both of the children," he went on.

"Indeed!" indifferently.

"And her husband, if he can come." He was watching her out of the corner of his eye.

The line gave a spasmodic jerk.

"Her husband?" Helen quavered.

"My brother. Funny, isn't it, that I don't call her by her first name. But you see my brother is a lot older than I, and when I was a kid I always called her Mrs. Halleck."

"It is awfully funny." But there was a queer little quiver in Helen's voice. Halleck's face grew very tender as he watched.

She drew in her line.

"There isn't any bait on your hook," he told her. "Let me put it on." Her eyes met his adoring ones, and then their hands met.

"Let me do things for you always, dear," Halleck begged. And Helen, with grave eyes and smiling lips, whispered, "Yes."

Destroying the Point.

Every one knows the man who is notorious for so telling a story as to destroy its point. An English nobleman, Lord P., was noted for his success in thus ruining the prosperity of a story. The author of "Collections and Recollections" exhibits a specimen of his lordship's peculiar art.

Thirty years ago two large houses were built at Albert gate, London, the size and cost of which seemed likely to prohibit tenants from hiring them. A wag christened them "Malta and Gibraltar" because they can never be taken.

Lord P. thought this an excellent joke and ran round the town, saying to every friend he met:

"I say, do you know what they call those houses at Albert gate? They call them Malta and Gibraltar because they can never let them. Isn't it awfully good?"

Some one told Lord P. the old riddle, "Why was the elephant the last animal to get into the ark?" to which the answer is, "Because he had to pack his trunk."

Lord P. asked the riddle of the next friend he met and gave as the answer, "Because he had to pack his portmanteau."

His Excuse.

"Look here," thundered the captain of the suburban hose company, "why don't you turn out? Brown's barn is on fire."

"I—I can't," responded the dode fireman.

"And why not?"

"Because I have just discovered that a red shirt does not suit my complexion, sir."—Chicago News.

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SOUTHWEST HARBOR.

Again Rowena Babekah lodge has been addressed by the loss of one of its members, Sister Lena Worcester, whom our Heavenly Father has seen fit to take from us.

Resolved, That the sorrowing family of our sister have the heartfelt sympathy of the lodge.

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days, a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our absent sister, a copy sent to THE ELLSWORTH AMERICAN for publication, and a copy spread on the records of our lodge.

JULIA GILLEY,
EDITH GILLEY,
LESLIE HOUSMAN,
Committee.

Mrs. Jennie M. Mason has been seriously ill for three weeks.

Leon Wilson is spending the holidays at the new home with his father and sister.

Miss Gladys Mayo and Miss Cora Mills are at home from their studies at Kent's Hill for the holidays.

The churches here are to unite for Christmas tree exercises at the Congregational church Thursday evening.

Mrs. A. W. Clark gave one of her pleasant white ribbon teas Friday evening. The social hour followed a meeting to discuss W. C. T. U. plans for the winter.

Lloyd Carroll, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Thornton, in Houlton, indulged in a hunting trip and brought home two deer. Sylvester Brown, of Northeast Harbor, had his usual success up river, getting two.

Rowena Babekah lodge held a fair at the banquet hall Wednesday, Dec. 16, with very good success. A fine program was given in the evening in the lodge room. The proceeds, a neat sum, are for furnishing a reception room.

Dec. 21. SPRAY.

WEST BROOKLIN.

Edward Gray lost his horse recently.

Miss Lettie Carter has gone to Tremont to teach.

Henry Bridges and family are home from South Burry for the winter.

School commenced to-day, Miss Jennie Clifford, of Sandy Point, teacher.

Frank Bowden and wife, of Naskeag, visited Mrs. R. C. Bridges last week.

Dec. 14. B.

David Bridges was in Rockland last week.

Mrs. Lizzie Staples and little daughter, who have been in Rockland, are home.

Frank Spear, who is employed on the steamer Pemaquid, is at home for a month.

Mrs. Grace Eaton, of South Bluehill, visited her parents, Frank Bridges and wife, last week.

Alvah S. Carter, who had been ill some time, died Saturday. He was about sixty-eight years of age. He leaves six daughters—Mrs. John Closson, Mrs. L. B. Bridges, and Mrs. Harry McFarland, of Brooklin; Mrs. Edwin Parker, of Bluehill; Mrs. Joseph Page, of North Sedgewick, and Mrs. Almond Atherton, of Lynn, Mass.; also two sisters—Mrs. Benjamin Fogg and Mrs. Addie Graves.

Dec. 21. B.

EAST BURRY.

Clarence Winchester, of Brewer, is visiting his father.

D. W. Winchester lost one of his team horses last week.

Harvey Trowery is at home from the Bluehill academy for the holidays.

Mrs. Lizzie Stone has gone to Rockland to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mrs. Mary Favro died at Lowell, Mass., recently, aged about fifty years. She was born in Burry, the daughter of Charles and Hannah Swett. She married Hale Esington, of Ellsworth, who lived but a few years. Her last husband died a year or two ago. She leaves one son and three daughters—Charles E., Little G., Cora M. and Inez M. Mrs. Favro had been a great sufferer from cancer. She was tenderly cared for by her children and her only sister, Mrs. Hattie Mayo, of Lowell, Mass. She leaves also two brothers—E. E. Swett, of Burry, and Frank Swett, of Bayside, Ellsworth.

Dec. 21. C.

WEST FRANKLIN.

Mrs. Maed Goodwin is poorly this winter.

Miss Mamie Clark is working at Pearl Coombs'.

Frank Bresbury was in Bangor Thursday on business.

Moses Abbott is on the road with a cart for Bunker Bros.

Miss Hallie Young, of Surry, is with her sister, Mrs. Eva Scammon.

Mrs. Georgia Trowery, of Bluehill, is boarding with her father, Warren Clark.

S. S. Scammon is building a hotel near the Burnham camp, where he will have a small crew lumbering this winter.

Dec. 19. CH'S EX.

NORTH LAMOINE.

Miss Annie Louise Lord and a young lady friend, of Ellsworth, were guests of Miss Eunice Coggins Saturday.

Willard Young and sister Margaret, who are employed at Northeast Harbor, are expected home for Christmas.

Dec. 21. Y.

NORTHEAST HARBOR.

Capt. Stephen Smallidge, one of the oldest residents of this place, died Sunday morning, of pleuro-pneumonia. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, following prayers at the house at 2 p. m.

BROOKLIN.

There will be a dance at Odd Fellows hall Thursday evening, Dec. 24. Music by Monaghan's orchestra, of Ellsworth.

EAST FRANKLIN.

Bridges Lampron, who has been ill with cancer of mouth and throat, died Saturday night at the home of his sister,

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Mrs. S. Rooper, who he had been tenderly cared for the past two weeks.

F. E. Blaisdell, who has been employed in Bar Harbor this fall, is home.

Gilbert Crabtree, a war veteran, who is boarding at Oscar Harriman's, is quite ill.

Miss Harriet M. Blaisdell, who has been teaching in Presque Isle, is home for the holidays.

Hattie, daughter of Oscar Harriman and wife, has been quite ill, threatened with pneumonia.

There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment by the Free Baptist and Methodist societies at the Free Baptist church. The children are being drilled by Miss E. Springer.

Dec. 19. B.

EAST BLUEHILL.

Frank Westcott is home from Madison.

Charles Youtman came home from Buck's Harbor Saturday, returning Monday.

Mrs. Charles Youtman, while feeding her hens Saturday, fell, hurting her ankle badly, Miss Elsie Young is caring for her.

The shutting down of the Granite works at Stonington has thrown many of the East Bluehill men out of employment, as most of the granite workers had employment there.

The schooner Ben Har, loaded with wood, went ashore on York's head here last Monday during the gale. Capt Long got her off and the schooner Kate Fry took her deckload last week, sailing Sunday for Vinalhaven. The extent of the damages are not known at this writing.

Dec. 6. B.

WEST EDEN.

Miss Octavia Hamor, who is attending Bar Harbor high school, is at home for two weeks.

The West Eden Sunday school will have its Christmas tree and concert Friday evening.

D. G. Hall and wife and George W. Mayo and wife attended the State grange at Waterville.

Mrs. C. M. Rich and Miss Alice Ray, who have been in Stonington the past month, are home.

Mrs. Lela Tripp, with her two little daughters, Muriel and Janet, will go to Sullivan Monday. Miss Janet will stop with her aunt, Miss Carrie Tripp, for a while. Mrs. Tripp and daughter Muriel will return Tuesday.

Dec. 19. M.

NORTH SULLIVAN.

Mrs. F. G. Robinson, of Boston, and Mrs. Harry Wakefield, of Hyde Park, leave this morning for their homes, after a week's visit with relatives and friends here.

An error was made in the item last week concerning two of North Sullivan's young men who are to go into business in Dover. The partners are W. L. Carpenter, jr., and Frank Springer (not Spurling).

Miss Minnie H. Robertson and Wallace J. Springer were quietly married Thursday evening, Dec. 17, at the Methodist parsonage, by Rev. C. A. Purdy. Both young people are popular, and a host of friends extend congratulations. They will go to housekeeping at once, in a home furnished for their occupancy.

Dec. 21. M.

SUNSET.

Mrs. Abbie Green has moved into her new house at the harbor.

Walter Small fell on the ice a few days ago and sprained his wrist.

Ralph Lufkin is at home from Boston, where he has been employed. He is in poor health.

Mrs. Lucy Raynes, who has been ill six weeks, is able to go out again, and is visiting Mrs. Olive Frasier.

Dec. 21. E.

MANSET.

George E. Davis and wife are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter. [Alice Janette.]

Henry Smith and bride, of New York, are spending their honeymoon with Mr. Smith's parents, F. L. Smith and wife.

Schools open to-day. Miss Laura V. Mayo, of Southwest Harbor, is teaching the grammar, and Miss Helen Jewett, of Amherst, the primary.

Dec. 21. MAD.

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SEAL HARBOR.

Samuel Dodge has gone hunting.

School closed Friday, after a successful term.

Work on the Prichard cottage is progressing well.

Mrs. Fred H. Macomber is spending the winter in Ellsworth.

Mrs. Everett Higgins has bought the Wait Hamor cottage.

Samuel Candage has put up a new derrick on the Hanna job.

John Gatoomb is taking charge of the blast gang on the Hanna job.

The Episcopal church had an ice-cream sale at Mrs. Vesta Clement's. Proceeds about \$25.

Irving Clement has a new fish market on the Eastern Steamship wharf. He shipped two tons of fish Monday.

A. E. Clement has widened the road and built a sidewalk between the homes of William Smallidge and E. W. Candage.

Dec. 14. MELVINA.

Clarence Raynes is home from school.

Everett Jordan has bought the Island lot.

E. W. Candage is having a coal wharf built.

Eddison Higgins, who has been ill, is gaining.

There is talk of a boat from Bangor to Seal Harbor next summer.

Merrill Taylor and wife will spend Christmas with his mother at Bangor.

Miss Phyllis Macomber is home from Ellsworth high school for the holidays.

George Kelley, who has been employed here, has returned to his home at Seal Cove.

Harry Conary, who has been in Boston learning to run an auto, is home for Christmas.

Irene Parker has returned from Bar Harbor, where she has been visiting her grandmother.

Miss Inez Liscomb has returned home to spend Christmas. She has been attending high school at Somerville.

The Congregational circle had an ice-cream social at Mrs. Carrie Jordan's last Tuesday evening. About \$80 was made.

Dec. 21. G.

HANCOCK POINT.

Livonia Phillips is ill.

Arthur Crabtree has had a telephone put in his house.

Miss Winifred Smith has been spending a few days at H. D. Ball's.

Mrs. George P. Dutton has gone to New York to spend Christmas with her daughter.

The Sunday school will have a Christmas tree in the schoolhouse Friday evening.

Sarah Mitchell, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Phillips, has returned to Cherryfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Tabbutt and daughter Helen, of Addison, spent Sunday with Mrs. Tabbutt's sister, Mrs. W. H. Phillips, on their way to Boston for the winter.

Dec. 21. E.

MOUNT DESERT.

High school closed Friday for the holidays.

E. W. Richardson is visiting his parents, Austin Richardson and wife.

There will be a Christmas concert in Union church Sunday evening, Dec. 27.

The Mount Desert Supply Co. has sold its mill equipment to parties in Kingman.

Richard Allen spent last week visiting his uncle, L. E. Holmes, at Northeast Harbor.

Elsie Holmes, of Northeast Harbor, is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. M. L. Allen.

The community was pained to hear of the death of Stephen Smallidge, of Northeast Harbor, on Sunday morning. His family have the sympathy of their many friends here.

Dec. 21. REK.

DEER ISLE.

A. O. Gross is in Boston on business.

Hoyt Foster has gone to Jonesport to teach.

Harbor View chapter meets next Wednesday to elect officers.

Theodore Dow cut his foot quite badly while chopping wood Saturday.

Mrs. Lucy J. Staples, of Atlantic, is spending a few days at Dr. Small's.

Mrs. Ed. A. Richardson and daughter Mattie left Thursday for Boston, where they will spend the winter.

Edith L., wife of Will P. Lowe, died Saturday of consumption. She leaves a husband and three children.

The Deer Isle basketball team played the Islesboro team at Islesboro Saturday night. Score, 25 to 19 in favor of Deer Isle.

Dec. 21. REK.

ISLANDS.

Burton Stanley is home to spend Christmas.

Daniel Ham and family have gone to Bath for the winter.

A. M. Spurling has just had a hot water furnace placed in his home.

Miss Emma Jordan, who has been attending business college at Bangor, is home for a vacation.

Sixteen of Mrs. Franklin Stanley's family and neighbors gave her a complete surprise on her birthday. A fine time was enjoyed.

The lobster season has about closed. But eleven days more remain before close time. Some of the boats are already traveling, and the rest will soon start in.

Dec. 23. G.

SULLIVAN.

On the death of the late Daniel S. Emery, of Boston, a native of Sullivan, the family arranged for a completion of a memorial

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volume as a historical reference, the volume to contain all that the newspapers printed concerning the life and career of the deceased. The memorial has been completed, and delivered to the family. Every newspaper in America which printed items concerning the deceased is represented, a prominent position being given to THE AMERICAN. The memorial is ten by twelve inches in size, the leaves are of Irish linen paper with black border, and the binding is of black seal, lettered in gold. The work in its entirety is looked upon as an historical record which should be preserved for all time.

HANCOCK.

There will be a grand ball at the town hall Tuesday evening, Dec. 29. Music by Kelley's orchestra. Supper will be served.

Miss Gertrude Crabtree is home from Portland for the holidays.

W. H. Eaton, of Charleston, is the guest of H. C. Crabtree and wife.

Mrs. Mary Abbott has gone to Lawrence, Mass., for the winter.

Mrs. C. H. Abbott and son Theodore, of Bangor, are guests of O. W. Foss and wife.

Mrs. O. W. Foss, Mrs. Charles Anderson and O. W. Foss, jr., visited friends in Bangor last week.

Mrs. Beattie Walker returned home Saturday from a brief visit with friends in Rockport, Mass.

Miss Edyth Foss is home from Higgins classical institute, Charleston, for the Christmas recess.

The members of the Sunday school are arranging a Christmas concert and tree to be held at the church Thursday evening, Dec. 21.

GOTT'S ISLAND.

School commenced Monday, Miss Vira Joyce, of Atlantic, teacher.

The lobster smack Eva and Belle was here last week, paying twenty cents.

Dec. 21. CHPS.

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