

## Advertisements

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H. C. AUSTIN & CO.

When you are doing your

### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

be sure you visit the most attractive store in the city.

What is More Practical than a Fancy Chair

We have them in all finishes

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## H. C. AUSTIN & CO.

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Now is your chance to secure bargains in

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**A. I. RICHARDSON,** Upper Main St. Near Station, Ellsworth.This is an invitation to Christmas shoppers to visit the **Ellsworth Greenhouse**

There must be some on your list of friends who would enjoy a few flowers more than anything else at Christmas—or perhaps a beautiful plant in bloom would seem more suitable. You will find an attractive lot of those just suited for the holiday season and ready to take your greetings to your friends. You will find prices to suit you also, for they extend from

10c to \$1.50 and \$2.00

We shall also have wreaths of Holly and other evergreens, and Holly in bunches

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Bangor Office: 12 Grove St.

### LOCAL AFFAIRS.

#### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS THIS WEEK.

W. R. Parker Clothing Co.—Mark-down sale.  
Harry O. Austin & Co.—Furniture and undertaking.  
J. A. Haynes—Cash-down store.  
Burrill National Bank—Statement.  
Timothy L. Robbins—in bankruptcy.  
David James King—Legal notice.

#### LANCONE:

Non-resident tax notice.

#### SERRY:

Non-resident tax notice.

#### BLUERHILL:

William S. Robertson—Freedom notice.

#### ORLAND:

Non-resident tax notice.

#### TRIMONT:

Non-resident tax notice.

#### BUCKSPORT:

Non-resident tax notice.

#### SWAN'S ISLAND:

Non-resident tax notice.

#### NORTH BROOKSVILLE:

G. M. Limeburner—Infants' booties.

#### BANGOR:

C. C. Morrison, M. D.

Eastern Trust &amp; Banking Co.

#### SCHEDULE OF MAILS

AT ELLSWORTH POSTOFFICE.

In effect Dec. 3, 1911.

#### MAILS RECEIVED.

FROM WEST—7:13 a. m.; 4:14, 6:25 p. m.

FROM EAST—11:06, 11:57 a. m.; 5:47, 10:52 p. m.

#### MAIL CLOSERS AT POSTOFFICE.

GOING WEST—10:28, 11:30 a. m.; 5:15, 9 p. m.

GOING EAST—6:45 a. m.; 3:45, 6 p. m.

Registered mail should be at postoffice half an hour before mail closes.

No Sunday trains.

Postoffice open on Sunday from 9 to 10 a. m.

The Ellsworth boy scouts have organized a basket-ball team.

Mrs. J. A. French, who has been seriously ill of the grip, is now improving.

M. S. Smith has gone to New York to spend the winter with his daughter Florence.

Miss Helene Bellaty is home from Lincoln, where she is teaching, for the Christmas recess.

The high school closed last Friday for the holiday recess. It will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Arthur E. Moore and wife are receiving congratulations on the advent of a daughter, born Dec. 18.

F. L. Mason and wife left to-day for Bloomfield, N. J., to spend the holidays with their son Fred.

E. K. Hopkins and wife have gone to Island Falls to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Seth T. Campbell.

Little Miss Louise Alexander is being entertained for a few days by Miss Annie E. Gray at her home in East Surry.

Mrs. F. H. Macomber and son, of Seal Harbor, are in Ellsworth for the winter. They are at Mrs. F. H. McFarland's.

Juan T. Rosello, who is attending a medical school in Philadelphia, is the guest of Roy C. Haines for the holidays.

John A. Scott and family, of Monson, are the guests of Mrs. Scott's parents, George E. Davis and wife, during the holidays.

Mrs. E. D. Carr, of Pittsfield, is with her sister, Mrs. George W. Whiting, who is seriously ill of peritonitis. Mrs. Belle Burrill is nurse.

Fred Gerry, formerly of Ellsworth, has been appointed chief of police at Bar Harbor, to succeed Otha H. Jellison, recently appointed sheriff.

City Marshal John A. Stuart, who has been appointed deputy sheriff, will continue to serve as city marshal, without pay, until his successor is appointed.

Mrs. F. G. Allinson, of Providence, R. I., is with her parents, Judge L. A. Emery and wife. Their son, Henry C., who is chairman of the tariff board, is expected home to spend Christmas.

The chicken supper and sale of the kindergarten of the Methodist Sunday school last Wednesday evening was a success in every particular. The class expresses its appreciation of help given by friends.

Mrs. Lena Phillips, who has been housekeeper at the Catholic rectory on Chapel street, left yesterday, accompanied by her little son, for Spokane, Washington, where she will join her parents, John Maloney and wife.

For the accommodation of customers, the Union Trust Co. and the Burrill national bank will have new bills and gold for Christmas. Further to accommodate customers, the banks will remain open next Saturday afternoon.

The O. L. H. class and the B. of H. class of the Methodist Sunday school, to the number of about twenty, had a pleasant time at the suburban home of Mrs. Grace Barron Friday evening. Games, music and refreshments were enjoyed.

Acadia chapter, E. A. M., received an official visitation from Deputy Grand High Priest Charles E. Davis, of Waterville, last evening. Supper was served at 6:30 o'clock. In the evening the Royal Arch degree was worked on one candidate.

The knitting mill men are in Ellsworth to-day in further consultation with the local committee, and looking over the situation. They have expressed themselves as much pleased with this city as a location, and will give a definite answer to the Ellsworth proposition by January 1, after

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#### FOR CHRISTMAS

50 Styles of Ladies' Pocket-Books

Moore's Drug Store. Cor. opp. P. O.

which they will allow ten days to obtain subscriptions to stock to the amount of \$15,000. A meeting with the Merchants' Association, board of trade and business men of Ellsworth was held at Hancock hall this afternoon, when the matter was pretty thoroughly discussed.

Arthur H. Parober, son of George A. Parober and wife of this city, was one of the candidates initiated in Gamma Gamma chapter of Phi Chi, the undergraduate fraternity of the medical school of Maine, in Portland Saturday. The annual banquet took place in the evening at the Congress-Square hotel.

Work was begun this week on the foundation for the new garage to be built by the Ellsworth Foundry &amp; Machine Works, fronting on Water street, just south of the entrance to the foundry yard. The garage will be completed in the spring. It will be of most modern design and equipment.

Hon. John A. Peters, of this city, will be one of the speakers at the annual meeting of the Maine league of loan and building associations, which will be held at the Penobscot Exchange, Bangor, Wednesday, Jan. 17. The other speakers are Hon. Robert F. Dunton, of Belfast, State bank commissioner, and Hon. Edward C. Reynolds, of Portland.

At the regular meeting of the Ellsworth Merchants' association Monday evening, C. L. Morang, of the committee on the knitting mill project, reported progress so far made, which is most encouraging. He expressed himself as much encouraged at the prospect of securing the mill. The association voted to have a banquet in connection with its annual meeting next month. A. R. Hagerthy was elected a member of the association.

To avoid the congestion at the postoffice on Christmas morning—next Monday—the postoffice will be open on Sunday from 9 a. m. until 8 p. m. Beginning to-morrow evening, the office will be kept open every evening for the rest of the week until 9 o'clock instead of closing, as is usual, at 8 o'clock. On Christmas day the office will be closed from 9 a. m. until after the distribution of the evening mail.

The food fair committee of the Merchants' association is busy with preparations for the third annual fair at Hancock hall, the week beginning Feb. 19. Spaces are selling well, and the hall will again be taxed to its full capacity to accommodate all applicants. The food fair orchestra of ten pieces, with C. E. Monaghan leader, will be in attendance. The decorations will include some novel features.

#### Christmas at the Churches.

There will be the usual Christmas services at the Ellsworth churches and exercises and trees for the Sunday school. Next Sunday will be generally observed as Christmas Sunday.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. R. B. Mathews, will deliver a Christmas sermon. There will be special music. The Congregational Sunday school will have its Christmas entertainment Monday evening. Supper will be served to the children at 8 o'clock, followed by a Christmas tree.

At the Baptist church Sunday the pastor, Rev. P. A. A. Killam, will preach a Christmas sermon in the morning. There will be special music. Sunday evening there will be a Christmas concert. Both senior and junior choirs will assist with the music. The Sunday school of this church will have its Christmas entertainment and tree Monday evening. The public is invited.

At St. Joseph's Catholic church the pastor, Rev. P. F. Flanagan, will celebrate low mass at 7:30 a. m., and high mass at 10:30, with Christmas sermon. There will be vesper at 7:30. The children of the parish will have a tree at the vestry Sunday afternoon.

At the Methodist church the pastor, Rev. Edwin D. Kizer, will deliver a Christmas sermon Sunday morning. Subject: "The Smile of the Christ Child." In the evening at 7:30 there will be a Christmas concert at the church. The Sunday school will have its tree and entertainment Monday evening at 7:30.

#### New Deputy Sheriff.

The nomination of Otha H. Jellison, of Bar Harbor, as sheriff to succeed John E. Webster, deceased, was confirmed by the governor's council last Thursday. Sheriff Jellison on Friday announced the appointment of the following deputies:

John A. Stuart, Ellsworth; Bion E. Whitney and William H. Fuller, Jr., Bar Harbor; Joseph J. Roberts, Winter Harbor; Joseph T. Snow, Stonington; Fred P. Sargent, Gouldsboro; Charles A. Arey, Bucksport; William H. Greene, Bluehill; Roland A. Flye, Brooklin; Frederick A. Noyes, Sullivan.

Sheriff Jellison will not move to Ellsworth until early spring. Mrs. Webster will remain as housekeeper at the jail-house until spring, when she expects to return to her home in Bluehill.

#### Sandford's Sentence, Ten Years.

Frank W. Sandford, leader of the Holy Ghost and U. S. society, found guilty of manslaughter in causing the death of six persons on board the yacht Coronet by failure to provide sufficient food, was sentenced Monday to ten years in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga.

#### Business Notice.

Dr. C. C. Morrison has moved from Bar Harbor to Bangor, where he will continue special work on the eye, ear, nose and throat. Fifteen years ago he studied the eye in Vienna, taking courses under the best specialists in Europe. He has just returned from Boston with the latest devices and instruments for his office, which is at 34 State street, Bangor.

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## STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE  
**UNION TRUST COMPANY**  
ELLSWORTH

November 20, 1911

**OFFICERS**  
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ORGANIZED JULY 15, 1907.

**LIABILITIES.**  
Capital Stock..... \$100,000.00  
Surplus..... 50,000.00  
Undivided Profits..... 41,493.28  
Savings Deposits..... 680,922.84  
Demand Deposits..... 520,922.37  
Certificates of Deposit..... 45,723.57  
Due to other Banks..... 4,591.10  
\$1,443,453.16**RESOURCES.**  
Loans and Discounts..... \$622,374.26  
Loans on Mortgages of Real Estate..... 170,506.05  
Overdrafts..... 11,469.81  
Bonds and Stocks..... 485,592.14  
Real Estate Owned..... 10,500.00  
Furniture and Fixtures..... 10,000.00  
Cash on Deposit..... 109,980.89  
Cash on Hand..... 25,030.01  
\$1,443,453.16

ROBERT F. DUNTON, Bank Commissioner.

#### ELLSWORTH FALLS.

Mrs. Nettie DeBeck, of Waltham, was here a part of last week with her sister, Mrs. Eugene Clough.

Mrs. Martha Gowell, of Lynn, Mass., came Saturday evening for a visit with her sister, Mrs. William P. Dorr.

Stephen E. Grindle, of West Surry, is visiting here this week, and will remain over Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Frank E. Cottle.

Mrs. M. H. Haynes and Misses Lura and Ruth Trewoy went to Bangor Monday noon. Mrs. Haynes and Miss Lura remained over Tuesday, guests of Miss Emma Wood.

Mrs. Harriet Hastings left Saturday for Brookline, Mass., to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Morgan. She was accompanied by Mrs. Frank Holden, of Bar Harbor, who goes to join Mr. Morgan and son Robert, already there.

There will be a special Christmas service in the church Sunday evening; also a Christmas tree on Monday evening, to which all are invited. The committee having the tree in charge is composed of Mrs. Hastings' Sunday school class.

#### MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

An event of more than usual interest was the supper given in the vestry last Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, by the men's bible class, to its charter members. The class numbers more than thirty, most of whom were present at the supper. The supper was of the New England style—beans and brown bread, cold meats and plenty of pies and cakes. It was nicely served by Mrs. Hastings' Sunday school class. After supper Mr. Guptill called the class to order, and after giving a fifteen-minute talk presented a constitution and set of by-laws for governing of the class which were discussed and adopted. The question of an appropriate name was presented, and it was voted that the class should be called the "Hartshorn bible class", in honor of one of the former residents, F. E. Hartshorn, now of New Haven, Conn., who while here did much for the Sunday school.

The nominating committee previously appointed was called upon and presented for the class consideration the following officers, all of whom were elected: President, Martin H. Haynes; vice-president, Herbert A. Ash; secretary, B. S. Jellison; treasurer, Henry Lord; chairman of committee—membership, George Hamilton; reception, J. O. Whitney; devotional, B. B. Whitcomb; entertainment, Charles A. Joy; visitation, Albin Carlisle.

A reading and club room, to be run in connection with the class, for use by its members, is projected, and is now in the hands of a committee for investigation, to report at the next meeting of the class cabinet.

#### WEST ELLSWORTH.

Howard H. Hooper and wife visited Mrs. Hooper's parents, James W. Carter and wife Sunday.

Mrs. Rose Carter has been spending the last week with her daughter, Mrs. George M. Cunningham, before going to Old Town for an extended visit with her daughter Verne.

At the regular meeting of Harvest Home grange Dec. 18, officers were elected as follows: Master, George M. Cunningham; overseer, Henry W. Glass; lecturer, Lettie A. Guptill; steward, Oscar H. Guptill; assistant steward, Percy Guptill; chaplain, Amos W. Buzzell; treasurer, Agnes M. Cunningham; secretary, Clara I. Carter; gatekeeper, Ora Carter; cores, Belva Buzzell; Pomona, Nettie B. Guptill; Flora, Lillian Conary; lady assistant steward, Albie Cunningham. Officers will

be installed the first regular meeting in January, or as soon after as practicable. F. W. Rollins was appointed installing officer.

#### NORTH ELLSWORTH.

Mrs. Mary Patten, of Ellsworth Falls, was the guest of friends here Tuesday night.

Miss Myrtle Marr, of Saco, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. A. W. Nason, Sunday.

The calico ball given at the grange hall Tuesday night was a success socially and financially, in spite of the bad traveling. Proceeds \$15.

The ladies' aid society met at the home of Mrs. Arrie Higgins Thursday, with twelve present. A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed.

#### COMING EVENTS.

##### ELLSWORTH.

Thursday evening, Dec. 21, at Bayside grange hall—Dance and supper.

Friday evening, Dec. 22, at society hall—Dancing school.

Thursday evening, Dec. 28, at Hancock hall—Concert and ball under auspices of Village improvement society. Concert at 8 o'clock. Admission to concert, 35 cents (no reserved seats); dance tickets, 35 cents, ladies free; ice-cream and cake, 10 cents. Tickets at Moore's drug-store.

February 19-24, at Hancock hall—Ellsworth food fair, under auspices of Ellsworth Merchants' association.

Friday, March 22, at Mechanics' building, Boston—Ellsworth reunion.

##### COUNTY.

Farmers' institutes—Dec. 21, with Alamoook grange, East Orland; Dec. 22, with Halcyn grange, North Bluehill; Dec. 23, with Nicolin grange, North Ellsworth. Sessions at 10:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

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## Hancock Co. Savings Bank

Ellsworth, Maine  
ORGANIZED 1873

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Why not test your ability by opening an account with this bank?

#### CHRISTMAS STATIONERY

Perfumes, Military, Cloth and Hair Brushes, Mirrors.  
Moore's Drug Store. Cor. opp. P. O.**GEORGE S. OBER,**  
**BLACKSMITH**  
Horse Shoeing and Jobbing of all kinds.  
Water Street, Ellsworth.



CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Dec. 24, 1911.

Topic.—The gift that transforms the world.—II Cor. 12, 15; Luke 1, 46-55 (Christmas meeting). Edited by Rev. Sherman H. Doyle, D. D.

The gift that is transforming the world is Jesus Christ. And as we look upon the world at this joyous season of the year, when the anniversary of His birth is being celebrated, we can see many of the transforming influences of the religion of Christ. Nations have been transformed. The social relations of life have in many respects been changed. Never before were the doctrines of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man so universally and so practically believed. Between man and man the world over there is a feeling of peace and of good will, exemplifying the transforming influence of Christianity. Millions of homes and individual hearts and lives have been transformed by Christ, and there are joy and thanksgiving to God for "His unspeakable gift."

Christ is the gift of God to the world. "Every good and perfect gift cometh from above," and Christ is no exception. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." It was the love of God for a lost and ruined world that inspired Christ's coming into the world. What matchless, wondrous love! The world has never been able to fully comprehend the love that could lead an infinite being to give His only Son for it. It never will be able to do so, but if we cannot fully comprehend it we can, to the extent of our comprehension, appreciate it and be thankful unto God for it, and into our hearts there may be born a love that will enable us to more fully comprehend the love of God for us. Love alone is the interpreter of love.

Christ is indeed an unspeakable gift. By no power of speech can we declare what the gift of Christ meant to God or what it meant to the world. No words can express the world's need of Christ or the full measure of His ability to satisfy every want and need of the human heart and of mankind. What Christ is to the saved soul nor tongue nor pen can tell.

The love of Christ—what it is None but His loved ones know. And this knowledge is experimental. It is heart knowledge, impossible of expression or utterance in human language, but all the more real and precious to us because we cannot express it.

Christ, the gift of God to the world, should be accepted. What would we think of a child who would reject a valuable, loving gift from a parent of this season of giving gifts? It is not probable that any such child exists. Yet how many reject God's unspeakable gift? "He came to His own, and His own received Him not." Of how many this can be said today, as well as of ancient Israel? "We are all God's children." "We are His people and the sheep of His pasture." Let us therefore show our appreciation of His great love by accepting Christ and by giving ourselves absolutely and unconditionally to Him.

BIBLE READINGS.

Isa. vii. 14; ix. 6; Matt. i. 20-23; H. 1:12; Luke ii. 1-20; xv. 1-10; John iii. 16; Rom. vi. 23; viii. 32; xii. 1, 2; II Cor. iii. 18; I John iii. 1, 2.

The Training of Officers.

Those of us that travel widely have the common experience of meeting many a young man and woman in active Christian work—for example, secretaries in the Y. M. C. A.—who gladly acknowledge that they were led into that work by the training that they received in the Christian Endeavor society. It was there they got their chance.

So the Christian Endeavor society is in fact a training school. Here and there, however, one hears murmurings of inefficiency. Why does not the society train well more? One reason is that real training can be expected only when there are trainers who give time and thought to their work.

It is notorious that the Christian Endeavor society is often allowed to struggle along as best it can. I know churches that have paid helpers for the Sunday school, but never dream of the necessity of pedagogical work in the Christian Endeavor society.

We need officers' training classes. Suppose the pastor or some other capable worker held a regular training class for Christian Endeavor officers and taught them their duties. Suppose he at the same time held a class for committee chairmen and studied their work with them, suggesting things that might be done and ways to do them. Is it not evident that this instruction would tell upon the efficiency of the whole society?

Christian Endeavor would be a training school indeed. The fact is that most societies need a Christian Endeavor supervisor who will do just this kind of work and do it all the time.

If the pastor cannot undertake the task it might be made the duty of former presidents, for whom it seems to be difficult to find positions. They know the work. They can show the younger members "how."

We have pastoral counselors for unions. We need counselors or supervisors for societies.—Rev. R. P. Anderson.

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 personal request. Communications will be subject to approval or rejection by the editor of the column, but none will be rejected without good reason. Address all communications to THE AMERICAN, Ellsworth, Me.

Smiles on the faces as people go past. Squeaks in the snow where they hurry so fast. Meetings and greetings, so merry and glad. Winkings and winkings—all "Santa Claus mad."

Laughter that bubbles and dancing we feet; Holly wreaths hung all the way down the street; See the green Christmas trees frostily perched— Christmas is coming; there's joy in the world!

Loving hands busy by day and by night. Loving hearts beating all buoyant and light. Secrets and whispers and mystery rife. Doors that dare close 'tween man and wife; Parcels and packages, bundles and boxes; Can't some one hurry these stupid old clocks?

Santa Claus waits on his trip to be whiffed— Christmas is coming; there's joy in the world! —S. Nichols.

Dear Members and Readers of the Column: To each and all Aunt Madge wishes a pleasant, happy, peaceful Christmas. May some new brightness come into the lives of each one of you!

Dear Aunt Madge and Mutuals: After long months of silence, enforced, I will try to send in a few lines to the dear old M. B. column. There is so much to want to say, so many things I want to touch on, that I fear it will be rather a rambling letter.

First, I have been unable to write for a long time, as I have sickness in my home. A dear aunt has been a helpless invalid for four long months, following a stroke of paralysis. There is still no improvement in her case and owing to advanced age, we cannot look for much in that line. It keeps me busy, and I am confined at home closely. Have very little time to read or write, have been to church once in that time. Many of my M. B. friends know what sickness is; I know they can sympathize.

I want to mention a letter in the M. B. column nearly four months ago. It was written from some place in California; the gist of it was kindness and mercy toward animals. I wish the one who wrote it would favor us with another communication. I would like to grasp the hand of the writer. I know it is the hand of a Christian, for no Christian ever yet abused or mistreated the most inferior of God's creatures. I cannot ever recall the name signed to the letter, nor the place where written from, and of course the paper has been mislaid.

I wonder if our readers are interested in the fine studies of birds given in The American from week to week. They are worth the subscription price of the paper to any one who wishes to study bird life as portrayed by able writers. I am strongly with the Audubon society; the ruthless slaughter of birds for the adornment of women's hats is a blot in the escutcheon of womanhood. I would about as soon wear a human scalp to decorate my hat as a tuft of feathers torn from the body of a living bird, and the beautiful creature left to die a lingering death. Shameful! And I am as strong an anti-vivisectionist, too.

I want just a word on temperance. How glorious it is to think prohibition is still on the statutes, and we must all combine to make that prohibition prohibitive. I wonder if our temperance friends know the evil the country stores are doing, and what classes it is graduating for the reformatory and prisons. I mean the country store that sells "essence" to boys and young men. All the essences are loaded with alcohol, and the fumes fire the young brains, as they always manage to get enough to get "boozy" on.

Pity "his" true, that some who claim to be temperance people, by tag, show such drugs to be sold in their stores, and sell it themselves. They belong in the same class as the saloonkeeper. I am writing this from personal knowledge, not drawing on imagination.

I am glad to hear again from Sadie. She sent me a card written by a friend, saying she was very busy. So glad to know she recovered. A long time ago I received a card from Joan. She, too, had been ill. I have mislaid all of the papers and letters and cards, so cannot recall an address, but I haven't forgotten them, and I know they have not forgotten me. I always look for the old familiar names in the M. B.—Uncle Dudley, M. V. B., Janet. I do hope Susan will remember the post-card collectors in the delightful journey she is taking. Where is A. M. D. and don't Mrs. Dieter and Mabel ever think of their eastern friends?

Dear Aunt Madge, I must close by wishing a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and all others, and want you all to remember me in my prayers and perplexities. Faithfully yours, N.

Your letter, N., full of good thoughts, is very welcome. We have missed you, and many will sympathize with you in your cares and busy days.

Ann comes with a request which I trust someone will answer, for she has given us all many helpful hints and rules.

I hope when the busy holiday season is over we shall hear from those who have been called for and all other old friends and mutuals.

Dear Aunt Madge and all M. B.'s: Now I am in wash, so will see if any one of these good cooks can tell me about cooking macaroni. We love it, but it always boils over and catches on the dish so quickly that I think each time I cook it will be the last. So do tell me how I can remedy it, please.

I am so glad to know that Dell and all the other who are on the sick list are gaining. In regard to Christmas presents, a card or letter is enough for me; only a word that I am

The quacking cold is gotten rid of the less the danger from pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall, of Waverly, Va., says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by all dealers.

Among the Grangers.

This column is devoted to the Grange, especially to the grange 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.

FRIDAY, JAN. 5—Meeting of Hancock Pomona grange with Sedgwick grange, North Sedgwick.

Wednesday, Jan. 10—Meeting of Green Mountain Pomona with Bayview grange, Salisbury Cove.

LANOINE, 264. Lanoine grange held its regular meeting Dec. 12. Number present, twenty-one. After a business meeting officers were elected as follows: Clarence Young, master; W. R. King, overseer; Shirley T. Holt, lecturer; Melvin Wilbur, steward; Maynard Young, assistant steward; Edith C. Rice, chaplain; Homer Wilbur, treasurer; Elvira Young, secretary; Grafton Covey, gatekeeper; Julia Covey, Ceres; Nellie K. Stratton, Pomona; Alice Young, Flora; Grace Stratton, lady-assistant steward.

SEAGIRT, 471, SOUTH DEER ISLE. Seagirt grange met in regular session Dec. 9. There was work in the first and second degrees, after which the grange proceeded to elect officers. The lecturer presented a fine program of songs, readings, etc.

The newly-elected officers are: C. M. Pert, master; Ralph Saunders, overseer; Mrs. Josie Stanley, lecturer; Roy Snowden, steward; Harry Bye, assistant steward; Mrs. Kate Stanley, chaplain; Mrs. Myra Saunders, treasurer; Mrs. Ida M. Pert, secretary; Floyd Colby, gatekeeper; Mrs. Jennie Turley, Ceres; Mrs. Sadie Stanley, Pomona; Miss Lena Dow, Flora; Miss Celeste Hendrick, lady-assistant steward.

A special meeting of Seagirt grange was held Dec. 12. Deputy A. I. Foss was present on his annual visit, and was accompanied by Mrs. Foss. The grange was found in a flourishing condition. New members are coming in at about every meeting, two taking the fourth degree at this meeting. At recess ice-cream, cake and coffee were served.

After recess the lecturer presented an interesting program of songs, recitations, readings and anecdotes. After the program, Bro. Foss and wife were called to the altar, where they were met by Bro. C. M. Pert, who in a brief speech presented them with a chaffing dish. Bro. and Sister Foss both expressed their thanks in a pleasing manner, after which Bro. Foss gave some interesting and helpful remarks on grange work.

Bro. Foss has many warm friends in Seagirt grange. He has installed its officers three times, and with his annual inspection he has almost become one of us. This was the first visit here of "Sister Foss, and she found a warm corner in our hearts. Seagirt wishes them a long and prosperous life.

HANCOCK POMONA, 12. Following is the program for the meeting of Hancock Pomona grange with Sedgwick grange, North Sedgwick, Friday, Jan. 5: Opening exercises; music; Address of welcome—Mrs. Clara Clapp; Response—B. F. Leach; Business; Report of granges; Question: The Hen as a Business Proposition. D. Edwin Allen; From a Woman's Point of View, Mrs. Bertha Grant.

Call to order; Considering 5th degree; Solo—Mrs. Ella Thurston; Paper: Influence of Money; Mrs. Nellie Friend; Topic: What piece of farm machinery has given me the most satisfaction the past year, and why? Abe Duffy; Brocks Grindle; Program of host grange; Closing.

RAINIER, 478, ELLSWORTH. Rainier grange, No. 478, held its regular meeting Wednesday evening, Dec. 12, with eighteen members present. Two candidates were instructed in the first and second degrees. After a short program, it was decided to have installation of officers Jan. 2.

NICOLET, 280, NORTH ELLSWORTH. Nicolet grange held a regular meeting Saturday evening with twenty-seven members and one visitor present. Worthy Master M. E. Austin and wife will attend the State grange. The grange voted to pay notice of the secretary to State grange in acknowledgment of four years' service.

A farmers' institute will be held at the grange hall Saturday, Dec. 23, sessions to be held at 10:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. A picnic dinner will be served. A New Year's ball will be held New Year's night. The newly-elected officers of Nicolet grange are: Charles J. Chamber, master; George E. Davis, overseer; Minnie H. Danlos, lecturer; Eugene H. Moore,

steward; Percy L. Fernald, assistant steward; Helen F. Maddocks, chaplain; C. Irvin Merrill, treasurer; Beale L. Patten, secretary; Libbons D. Patten, gatekeeper; Annie J. Chamber, Ceres; Fricilla A. Davis, Pomona; Assenath McGown, Flora; Carrie M. Moore, lady assistant steward.

MARIVILLE, 441. Mariaville grange met Saturday evening with thirty-nine present, including visitors. One candidate was instructed in the third and fourth degrees. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Daniel G. Young, master; Roland S. Salisbury, overseer; Clara E. Jordan, lecturer; Ora Frost, steward; Harold B. Salisbury, assistant steward; Fannie E. Young, chaplain; James O. Jordan, treasurer; Lora C. Young, secretary; Howard W. Kincaid, gatekeeper; Isabell Frost, Ceres; Nellie Dority, Pomona; Mattie L. Frost, Flora; Mabel Salisbury, lady assistant steward.

VERONA, 205. The newly-elected officers of Verona grange are as follows: Sidney T. Ripley, master; John Churchill, overseer; Flora Allen, lecturer; George M. Hall, steward; Arden Barnard, assistant steward; Elliot Hall, chaplain; Bradbury Leach, treasurer; Jennie Whitmore, secretary; Archie Ripley, gatekeeper; Grace Ripley, Ceres; Aura Jones, Pomona; Mary Saunders, Flora; Mary Bennett, lady assistant steward.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, 484, WEST EDEN. The regular meeting of Mountain View grange was held with about thirty patrons present. There was work in the initiatory degree on two brothers and three sisters. Two applicants were accepted.

It was voted to have a Christmas tree in connection with the grange Monday evening, Dec. 25.

LAKE VIEW, 451, HAPPYTOWN. The newly-elected officers of Lake View grange are: Walter C. Ingalls, master; Byron E. Davis, overseer; Leslie B. Johnson, lecturer; Hubert White, steward; Lester Crockett, assistant steward; Flora E. Davis, chaplain; Carrie E. Ingalls, treasurer; Jessie L. Billings, secretary; James Gibbons, gatekeeper; Addie Gray, Ceres; Ruby Gibbons, Pomona; Josie Harper, Flora; Viva Crockett, lady assistant steward.

MASSAPQUA, 477, SOUTH BLUEHILL. The newly-elected officers of Massapqua grange are: B. E. Sylvester, master; Elmer E. Day, overseer; Alice Eaton, lecturer; Raymond Emerton, steward; Gancelo Herrick, assistant steward; Mrs. Laly Candage, chaplain; Fred Sylvester, treasurer; Mrs. Emogene Bickford, secretary; Henry Henrikson, gatekeeper; Mrs. Estelle Henrikson, Ceres; Mrs. Flora Hodgdon, Pomona; Mrs. Bertha Colson, Flora; Mrs. Vieta Duffy, lady assistant steward.

CUSHMAN, 371, GOULDSBORO. The newly-elected officers of Cushman grange are as follows: Frank S. Libby, master; John Whitaker, overseer; Lizzie Libby, lecturer; Fred Tracy, steward; Gilbert Moore, assistant steward; Lorina Guphill, chaplain; Jimmie Tracy, treasurer; Florence Young, secretary; Winslow Perry, gatekeeper; Minnie Handy, Ceres; Geneva Wilkinson, Pomona; Carolyn Perry, Flora; Beulah Moore, lady assistant steward.

ARBUTUS, 450, SURREY. The newly-elected officers of Arbutus grange are as follows: Howard H. Clark, master; Edwin D. Smith, overseer; Mary Billington, lecturer; Reuben Osgood, steward; Paul Clark, assistant steward; Alice M. Coulter, chaplain; Sadie McKay, treasurer; Lena A. Sperry, secretary; Jasper Carter, gatekeeper; Lena Ellis, Ceres; Mira Lord, Pomona; Ethel Lord, Flora; Iva Trowory, lady assistant steward.

HARVEST HOME, 403, WEST ELLSWORTH. Harvest Home grange elected officers at the last meeting. Only a few changes were made—secretary, chaplain and Ceres. The master, George M. Cunningham, was elected as a delegate to the State grange at Lewiston.

SEDGWICK, 264. On Dec. 15 a regular session of Sedgwick grange was held. Fifty-seven members present and two visitors, one from Brookline and one from South Bluehill. Two applications were received and four elected to membership. The first and second degrees were worked on a class of four. The first and second degrees will be worked next Friday evening. No program was presented.

ALANCOOCH, 408, EAST ORLAND. At the regular meeting of Alancooch grange Dec. 15, the first and second degrees were conferred on one candidate. There was a good attendance, considering the storm.

HELAND, 394, NORTH PEGUEBOOT. Heland grange held its regular meeting Dec. 15. Although the night was very stormy, about forty-five members were present and one visitor. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on two candidates. At recess a beautiful harvest supper was enjoyed. A program of readings, clippings and songs was presented by the lecturer.

RAINBOW, 282, NORTH BROOKSVILLE. Rainbow grange met in regular session Dec. 14, with thirty-five members present. Grange voted to send Herbert Grindle as delegate to Lewiston to the State grange. On Dec. 23 officers will be elected. Every member should be present.

GOOD WILL, 376, AMHERST. Good will grange met in regular session Saturday, Dec. 9, with a good attendance. The gentlemen furnished the entertainment. As this closed the contest between the sisters and brothers, of course the brothers worked hard to come out ahead, and did so. The sisters had to furnish the supper.

At the regular meeting Dec. 16, officers were elected as follows: E. E. Crosby, master; Fred Blaby, overseer; Agnes Ritchie, lecturer; Harry Blaby, treasurer; Gertrude Nickerson, secretary; N. H. Grover, steward; Arthur Treadwell, gatekeeper; Marion Crosby, lady assistant steward; Floyd Chamber, Ceres; Mary P. Orcutt, Pomona; Hildred Sumner, Flora. A harvest supper followed.

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Bird Neighbors.

Under this head the AMERICAN will from time to time print short articles relating to birds, and especially their relation to agricultural interests.

The Herring or Harbor Gull.

By Mabel Osmond Wright. Published by the National Association of Audubon Societies.

The sandpipers have ended their pretty courtships, and no longer patter to and fro upon the beaches and river edges.

If there is any one kind that deserves the title of our national water-bird it is this harbor gull, for it is to be found in the northern hemisphere wherever there is a sufficient body of water to yield it food.

The harbor gull, like some of its land brothers, has two changes of plumage in the year. The full-grown bird in summer wears a beautiful pearl-gray cloak, with black and white markings on the wings.

The eggs are very interesting because no two are the same color, being of every shade of blue and gray, from the color of summer sky and sand to the tint of the many-colored, water-soaked rocks themselves.

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Nature never creates a useless type, and even so wise a man as our scientific and far-seeing Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes was mistaken when he wrote of this bird:

"Such is our gull; a gentleman of leisure, Less fleshed than feathered; bagged you'll find him such; His virtue, silence; his employment, pleasure; Not bad to look at, and not good for much."

This verse is doubly surprising when

you realize that our medical post must have daily seen the gulls at work as scavengers in the nearby Charles river. It is another warning about careful seeing, for to overlook an important point is as misleading as to get the habit of seeing what you would like to see in nature, rather than what is there.

As a gull's chief food is gleaned from the sea, it must nest as close as possible to its source of supply. You can easily see that so large a bird could never be free from annoyance on our bathing beaches or off-shore islands that are used as summer resorts; so, as people flocked to the shore, more and more, the places where gulls might nest in comfort grew fewer and fewer, and they were driven to the remote islands like those off the Maine coast.

But even here and on many lesser islands, with only lighthouses and their keepers for company, where there were no summer cottages or pleasure-seekers, until a few weeks ago, the gulls were not safe, for they, like the white herons of the South, were bonnet-martys. These beautiful white breast-feathers were made into feather turbans. Perhaps, on one side of these, a smaller cousin of the gull, the tern, or sea swallow, with its coral-red beak, would be perched by way of finish.

Not only were these feathers sold wholesale to the plume merchants and milliners, but people who went to the coast resorts would buy them of the sailors simply because they were pretty, without giving a thought to the lives they cost, or of how desolate and lonely the shores would be when there were no more gulls.

They are very sociable birds at all times of the year, keeping in colonies even in the breeding season, a time when song and other land-birds pair, and prefer to be alone. Trees are sometimes used for nesting, but the ground is the usual place. The nests, when on the ground or upon flat rocks, are built of grass, mosses, seaweed, and bits of soft driftwood formed into a shallow bowl.

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On the sea beaches, squids and marine refuse are fed to the young gulls, but where they have nested near fresh, instead of salt, water many insects gleaned from the fields are eaten.

It was in the gulls' nesting season that the plunderers chose to go to their island haunts, steal the eggs, and kill the parent birds, whose devotion, like that of the white heron, left the old birds at the mercy of the plume-hunters.

At the end of summer, the young, wearing their speckled suits, are able to join the old in flocks, and it is then that they scatter along the coast, some going from the northern borders down to the Great Lakes. In and about New York city, they are one of the features of the winter scenery, as they fly to and fro under the arches of the great bridge, and follow the ships the entire length of the harbor, and out to sea.

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Her Santa Claus And the "Happy Man" Are One and the Same

By Clarissa Mackie

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The hall on the third floor of Mrs. Ramsell's boarding house stretched a dark and gloomy tunnel from front to rear. Halfway down its length a small nimbus of light surrounded a tiny gas flame. There was an undiscoversed leak in the pipe here, and the air was always foul with the escaping gas.

White painted doors led from the hall into rooms at front and rear and on the west side. The stairway went down the eastern blank wall into the dimly lighted Brussels carpeted gentility of the second floor. Up here, however, there was merely brown oil-cloth on the floor, and it was worn into uneven hillocks and was slippery with age.

Honora Burr came up the stairs and thrust a key into the lock of the third floor rear room. The door swung back against the wall and made a passage for her to squeeze in between the narrow white iron bedstead and close the door. In one corner was a battered oak bureau with a distorting mirror above it. There were a washstand and a rocking chair and Honora's shabby trunk. That was all.

When she had removed her hat and cloak and hung them in the tiny closet Honora attached a piece of gas hose to her jet and lighted a small gas stove. On this she placed a saucepan of water and then sank wearily into the chair. With the stove lighted there was a dim bluish glow in the room, and Honora sat there waiting for the water to boil and looking out of the window at the dreary prospect of tall brick structures and distant blinking lights. From the next block came the clatter and bang of elevated trains.

Suddenly all the view from the window was blotted out in a mist of tears. Honora's bright head pressed heavily against the back of her chair, and she placed her hands against her eyes.

"I can't stay here," she sobbed. "I can't stay all alone in this big city at Christmas and know that there is nobody to care whether I have a good time or not, nobody to give any presents to, nobody to say 'Merry Christmas' as if it were really meant!"

Honora Burr's position was a peculiar one. She had been delicately nurtured in a comfortable home in a pleasant suburb. She was the only child of parents who had no relatives except very distant cousins in another city who were almost strangers to the Burrs. Honora's father had been confidential man in a large city house, and two years before this Christmas eve he had been arrested for embezzling money from his employers and in despair had killed himself, leaving his wife and daughter almost penniless.

The disgrace of the affair, combined with the shock of her husband's death, ended Mrs. Burr's life within another year, and Honora was left to face the world alone. After she had sold off most of the household effects and stored the remaining few with a friend Honora paid the debts and went to New York to seek a situation.

She had keenly felt the humiliation and disgrace attendant upon her father's death, but nevertheless Honora Burr never believed that he was entirely guilty. That he had not lived to make a fight for his honor was his weakness. Honora was proud, and she would not approach any of her father's friends or acquaintances in her quest for work. She would not embarrass them by courting a refusal.

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Somebody came up the stairs three steps at a time whistling merrily, tramped noisily down the hall and the door of the large front room opened and closed. The whistling continued. "It's the happy man," said Honora to herself as she extinguished the stove and turned on the gas light.

This was the worst Christmas eve Honora had ever spent. Last year it had been sad, but her dear mother was alive. Now she was all alone, and the horror of loneliness seemed almost more than she could bear.

"In the story books," said Honora forlornly. "If one is unhappy on Christmas eve they go out and do some good to the poor and unfortunate, but when one hasn't got but a dollar and forty

cents to last until next pay day I wonder what one ought to do?"

The question was answered at once. The door of the front room opened again and the "happy man," as Honora had designated the good looking lodger who ran up and down the long stairs of Mrs. Ramsell's gloomy house, whistled through the hall. He started down the stairs and Honora heard a ripping sound, a sharp exclamation and the thud of a heavy fall. Then all was quiet for a moment.

By the time she had reached the foot of the stairs there was an excited gathering of women about the prostrate form of the "happy man."

Mrs. Ramsell was loud in her lamentations. "As if I didn't have enough on my hands tonight," she wailed, "without him falling downstairs and killing himself!"

"It might be cheaper if you'd put a new carpet on those stairs," Mrs. Ramsell, said a bleached looking woman in a red silk waist.

"That carpet was new last spring," retorted Mrs. Ramsell, quick in defense of the tattered furnishing of the third floor. "He oughter looked where he was going."

"Has any one sent for a doctor?" asked Honora quietly.

"No. Mary, you telephone to the hospital for an ambulance!" screamed Mrs. Ramsell over the banisters to the floor below.

"Why not send for a doctor," urged Honora, bending over the unconscious man. She had noted his evident refinement, and the quality of his clothing indicated that he must have known better days, although his presence in the cheap boarding house was a mystery.

"Who's going to pay a dollar for a doctor?" demanded Mrs. Ramsell shrilly. "How do I know I'll ever get it back from him?"

"I'll take the risk," said Honora impatiently, and Mary was directed to telephone for the nearest physician. Mr. Ramsell was rooted out of some lower basement retreat, and together with the stout armed Mary and the lesser efforts of Honora and a pale faced youth from the third floor front room, the still form of the no longer "happy man" was conveyed to his room on the floor above and laid on the bed.

After that Mrs. Ramsell announced that she left the case in the hands of Miss Burr, "who didn't seem to mind meddling in other folks' affairs," she acidly remarked, and at once disappeared to attend to the interrupted supper. The other boarders scattered to forget the affair in the more absorbing topic of approaching Christmas, and Honora was left alone with Paul Davis.

The doctor arrived five minutes afterward and announced that the patient was merely stunned and would recover under the application of certain restoratives, which, with Honora's help, he proceeded to employ. Their efforts were rewarded by the opening of a pair of dark eyes, followed by a prolonged stare and dazed questioning. "It's a miracle that your husband did not break his neck," said the doctor genially as he pocketed his fee and hastened away, for it was Christmas eve, and he was in a hurry.

Honora blushed crimson and a look of concern came into Paul Davis' face. "I'm under the greatest obligation to you," he said frankly, "and I am sorry to have been the cause of any embarrassment. Please tell me who you are so that I can realize the situation. The doctor has ordered me to keep in bed till morning, and I feel dizzy enough to never get up!"

Honora told him briefly that she was his neighbor on the same floor and that as she had more leisure than any of the other boarders she had merely undertaken to look out for him until the doctor came. "The others had so many things to do. Tomorrow will be Christmas, you know," she ended.

"It's Christmas for you, too, isn't it?" he asked sharply.

"It used to be, but it isn't any more," she said sadly. The pale faced young man thrust his head in the door to say that he would sit up all night with Mr. Davis, and so Honora, with a warm hand clasp from the "happy man," who looked especially happy whenever he glanced at her charming face, went back to her little room to face Christmas alone.

Morning brought a delightful surprise. From her door handle there hung all sorts of gifts perhaps purchased in haste that morning, but selected with taste. Just the presents that Honora could accept too. A big box of roses and a glorious potted azalea, a five pound box of candy, a basket of fruit, a book and an envelope containing a couple of matinee tickets. "This should keep you busy on Christmas day," was scribbled on a blank card, for the donor was anonymous, but of course, Honora knew who it was.

It was a happy Christmas for Honora, after all. The dollar she had emptied from her scanty purse to pay to the doctor brought her the happiness of her life. It developed that Paul Davis was a newspaper man temporarily out of a situation, and on Christmas eve he had been appointed to the staff of a great New York daily and, as he explained afterward to Honora, was "on Easy street." But he did not leave Mrs. Ramsell's shabby boarding house, which had been a refuge for him while out of work. He stayed on, there and on until at last Honora could no longer withstand his pleading and so they were married.

"I call my husband 'Santa Claus' because he brought me the greatest happiness I have ever known," explained Honora to a friend one day. "And I call Honora 'Mrs. Santa Claus' for the same reason," averred Paul Davis proudly.

KITNEY TO CARIBOU.

William Stackpole, sixty-one years of age, postmaster of Iscoo, died last week of pneumonia. He had been postmaster for seventeen years, and had served in both branches of the city government.

Samuel H. Stackpole, aged forty-two, station agent at Farmington, was struck by an engine in the freight yard at Farmington Thursday, receiving injuries from which he died a few hours later at the Lewiston hospital.

Burglars made a descent on South Waldoboro Wednesday night, blowing open the safe at Edwin Carle's store and securing \$25, a dozen watches and two of three fur coats. They also entered the postoffice, where about \$50 worth of stamps were taken.

Gov. Plisted Saturday appointed W. T. Gupitell, of Topsham, State dairy instructor in place of Henry C. Black, resigned. Mr. Gupitell was born in Bethel about forty-nine years ago. He was graduated from Amherst college in 1889. He owns a farm of 185 acres, and has a fine herd of cows. He is well posted in dairying.

Edward P. Boutelle, postoffice inspector, has been appointed assistant postmaster in Bangor, and will assume his new duties on Jan. 1. Alfonso H. Pierce, for fourteen years occupying that position, will assume also on the first of the year, the duties of postoffice inspector, to which he was appointed on Nov. 27. Mr. Boutelle has been inspector for eleven years and in that time has traveled many miles and figured in more than one important case.

WELLSFORTH MARKETS.

The quotations below give the range of retail prices in Wellsforth:

Table with columns for Country Produce, Vegetables, Groceries, Meats and Provisions, and Flour, Grain and Feed. Lists various items and their prices.

Advertisement for Scott's Emulsion. Text: 'By This Sign you know that you are getting the one preparation that has stood the test for over thirty-five years and still remains the Standard tonic-food-medicine, used and recommended by the medical profession the world over.' Includes an image of a man carrying a large fish.

Advertisement for William Tell Flour. Text: 'Sponge cake, cup cakes, angel cake—all cakes that are not overrich in butter and heavy icings are splendid foods for growing children. Make them from William Tell Flour and you double their food qualities.' Includes an image of a cake.

Advertisement for Patents. Text: 'PROCEDED AND DEFENDED. Send model, drawing or photo. for expert search and free report. Free advice, how to obtain patents, trade marks, copyrights, etc., IN ALL COUNTRIES.' Includes the name 'CASHOW'.

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Advertisement for Tuttle's Family Elixir. Text: 'Stop That Everlasting Pain! Are you burdened and held captive by "kinks in the joints," bruises, sprains, lameness and pains in the cords and muscles? If you only knew the value of Tuttle's Family Elixir as thousands of others know it—if you could only talk with those who have benefited by its use in the past fifty years—you would get a bottle at once if it cost four times the price.' Includes an image of the product bottle.

Advertisement for M-I-G-N-A. Text: 'Died Suddenly. "Acute indigestion the Cause." How Often do we Read this Heading in Our Daily Paper. Dear reader, if your food does not digest properly, but stays in your stomach, causing much misery, shortness of breath and fermentation, you are the one that should constantly have with you a box of M-I-G-N-A stomach tablets. Two little M-I-G-N-A tablets taken at the first sign of distress would have kept many a death notice out of the papers. If you have stomach trouble of any kind, start to get rid of it to-day. One 50 cent box of M-I-G-N-A stomach tablets will make you feel like a new man. Two weeks' treatment will make any abused, out of order stomach strong and vigorous. Guaranteed, mind you, for indigestion, dizziness, biliousness, bad dreams. They clear the skin and brighten the eyes. A box for only 50 cents at G. A. Parcher's and druggists everywhere.'

Advertisement for Beecham's Pills. Text: 'Tested in Every Way and in all lands under the sun—in all conditions of life—by generation after generation—the safest and most reliable family remedy the world has ever known is Beecham's Pills. The good these unequalled health regulators have done, in the quick relief of human suffering and the prevention of serious sicknesses, is beyond calculation. BEECHAM'S PILLS can do the same sort of good for you, and for your family. Beecham's Pills do their beneficent work in accordance with Nature's laws. Try a few doses just as soon as physical trouble shows itself and see how immediately effective they are—see how quickly the whole bodily system will be benefited. Then you will know for your own good, why Beecham's Pills are The Greatest Family Remedy Known. In boxes, with helpful directions, 10c. and 25c., at all druggists.'

Advertisement for Johnson's Liniment. Text: 'Cuts, Bruises, Stiff Joints, Swellings, Sore Throat, Colds, Bowel Troubles—both outward and inward ailments are cured by JOHNSON'S ANYDAY Liniment. Be prepared for emergencies. No other liniment so effective, no other has such a record. Sold by dealers everywhere. 25c and 50c. Bottles. I. S. JOHNSON & CO., Boston, Mass.'



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Mayor Charles H. Leland has formally announced that he is not a candidate for re-nomination for mayor of Ellsworth at the next spring election.

The first of the republicans of Hancock county to announce his candidacy for the nomination for a county office is George E. Gogins, of Bar Harbor, who desires to become county attorney.

Mr. Justice Savage lost no time in putting the quietus to the rumor that he was candidate for governor. He says: "I am not a candidate for the nomination, have not been and under no circumstances will I be."

The nominations of Andrew P. Havey, of West Sullivan, as insurance commissioner to succeed Hon. Beecher Putnam, of Houlton, whose term expires Dec. 31, and of Otha H. Jellison, of Bar Harbor, as sheriff of Hancock county, to succeed John E. Webster, deceased, were confirmed by the governor's council last Thursday.

AN OPEN LETTER.

Lawrence of Lubec Asks Gov. Plaisted a Few Questions. The following open letter from E. M. Lawrence, of the North Lubec Manufacturing & Canning Co., has been going the rounds of the press.

Hon. F. W. Plaisted, Augusta, Maine. Dear Governor Plaisted:

At last the result of the great voting contest has been decided. A majority of the voters declared themselves in favor of the retention of the prohibitory law on Sept. 11. Now that the suspense is over everyone is eagerly asking: "What next?"

When you were a candidate for governor, you repeatedly promised the people that if you were elected and found that the majority really favored the enforcement of the prohibitory law, you would make our old Pine Tree State as "dry as a covered bridge".

If a majority of the voters had decided in favor of the repeal of the prohibitory law, I believe you would have been justified in convening the legislature (as everyone believes you would) and asking for the passage of a high license local option law.

Now as a servant of the people, desiring to know and do the will of the majority, why do you propose convening the legislature next February for the purpose which you have stated to the press?

Do you feel justified in resubmitting the question? Is that what you call making the State "dry as a covered bridge"?

I believe, and I believe the majority of the voters will agree with me, that you should convene the legislature and demand the enactment of a law that will give you the power to demand of the sheriffs and county attorneys a strict enforcement of the prohibitory law, with the power to remove them from office if they fail in their duty.

What could be plainer than that the majority of the people desire such enforcement? They will stand behind a governor that has back-bone enough to do it.

Once to every man and nation, Comes a moment to decide, In the strife of truth with falsehood, For the good or evil side.

Are you big enough for this new occasion? If so, the very best element of our State stands ready to give you a backing. Nothing could restore the old State pride that has been trampled in the dust of late, like a governor who could stand before us as the governor of Kansas stands before his people and say: "Show me a place where the prohibitory law is being annulled and I will stop that annulment within twenty-four hours or resign my office."

The situation is now very plain. An annulment of law can only mean that our State and county officials are either willingly or unwillingly the tools of outside liquor interests who would commercialize the beautiful instincts of our State to the last scordid detail.

Governor Plaisted, in the light of present day conditions, is it too much to ask you to make good your pre-election promise, or, if you are unwilling to do so, to resign and let someone step in who can and will be a servant of his people?

Yours truly, E. M. LAWRENCE.

Merry Christmas to You and Yours.

[To The American.] With gladness that in hearts uprings, When stars together sweetly sang, Auld heaven's vaulted arches rang, The first Christmas at Bethlehem! Anceils in heavenly places throng, Joyfully singing a new song, The sacred concert did prolong In a triumphant anthem!

May that spirit with sine confessed, Find lodgement secure in His breast, There forever with Him to rest, The Christ born at Bethlehem! In hymns there pour forth his praise, To the "Anointed", Anointed of Days, With joyous song and sacred lays, Heartfelt glory and anthem!

"Glory to God!" the angels sang, "Peace on earth!" stars together rang, "Good will to Men!" in hearts uprings, And echoed o'er Bethlehem! So let all hearts in joy upspring, Both Christ and Christmas welcoming, With honors due Our Lord and King, In heartiest song and anthem!

—E. G. F. Candage. Gleasondale, Mass., Christmas, 1911.

COUNTY GOSSIP.

Sup't.-of-Schools Patten, of the Deer Isle-Stonington district, has put the taboo on the common drinking cups in schools. Pupils are requested to furnish individual cups.

Cat Came Back. What is regarded as one of the most remarkable instances on record of "the cat coming back", occurred at the home of Alfred Fleming, of the Brunner farm, near Frederick, Md.

Until a few months ago Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McEwen boarded with Mr. Fleming. They became much attached to a cat, and when they went back to Albany, N. Y., to live, were permitted to take tabby.

Recently the feline, half starved and bedraggled, appeared at the house and mewed piteously at the kitchen door. The cat was immediately recognized, but the identification was made certain when a hole was discovered in its ear which had been cut by its former owner. The cat had traveled 400 miles.

Lemon Jelly. Soak one package of gelatine in one pint of cold water until it is very soft. Boil together one quart of water, one pint and a half of sugar and the pared yellow rind of one lemon for three minutes. Pour over the soaked gelatine and stir until it is dissolved. Add the juice of three or four lemons and strain into molds which have been dipped in cold water.

NORTHEAST HARBOR. R. F. Lurvey spent Sunday at home. Fred A. Foster is in Boston on business. The schools have closed for the Christmas holidays.

Friends of Lyman Baskell are glad to see him out again. Edwin S. Atwood and family are in town. Mrs. Thomas Fennelly has returned from Lalesboro.

Phillip Bunker has returned to his home at Sutton. Mrs. Lucy Bain returned from Rockland Saturday. Russell Manchester left last week for Newark, N. J., where he has employment.

Miss Mabel Donnell has returned to her home in Franklin. Edwin Tracy, a senior at Maine Wesleyan seminary, returned home Saturday. Fred Sulley, who has been teaching in Pretty Marsh, was in town Sunday.

The Baptist Sunday school will hold its Christmas concert next Sunday evening. Prof. Charles E. Lord and wife are spending the Christmas vacation in Lewiston. Miss Julia Murphy, assistant in Gilman high school, has gone to her home for the holidays.

Miss Dorothy Gilley is employed at E. E. & N. A. Bartlett's store during the holidays. Miss Josephine Bunker, teacher of Stetson grammar school, has gone to her home at Sullivan to spend Christmas. Miss Mildred Coffin, who has been employed at Hamor & Stanley's several months, left Thursday for her home in Steuben for the winter.

Harold Reed, who has been attending Ricker classical institute, returned home Friday. Frederick Frazier, who has been attending school at Portland, is spending the holidays with his parents, Howard Frazier and wife. C. W. Brown was in Bar Harbor Monday to see his wife, who is receiving treatment at the hospital there. Mrs. Brown is so far recovered that she expects to return home next week.

Mrs. Roy Rogers is expected home from Waltham, Mass., Wednesday. Miss Rachel Manchester, who is attending Wheaton seminary, will accompany her home. Dec. 18. Q. X. COREA. Jerry Tracy, who has been ill some time, has become helpless. Capt. A. C. Lufkin and wife, who have been visiting their son Henry at Addison, are home. The Baptist society will have a Christmas tree at the church Sunday evening. Misses Alma Stewart and Geneva Young are home from Higgins classical institute, Charleston, for the holidays. Dec. 18. WEST STONINGTON. Miss Caroline Hamblin is still seriously ill. Work has begun on the Billden cottage, which is to be completed by April 15. Dec. 18. MVR.

CHRISTMAS EXPRESS PACKAGES

Suggestions to Shippers—Ship Early and Avoid the Rush. 1st. Ship your package early — by the 15th of December if possible. The express company will give you a small label to paste on the package reading: "Do not open until Christmas." This will give opportunity for the package to reach its destination before Christmas, and give the additional pleasure to the recipient of the gift of having it on Christmas morning.

2d. Use wooden boxes for packing, especially for glass and other fragile articles, which should be well protected. It may cost a few cents more, but the danger of damage will be very much reduced, and you should do your part to make the transportation of your gift safe.

3d. Write the address in full—state, county, city, street and number—on the box or package, with ink or crayon. Tags are frequently torn off and lost.

4th. If you want to prepay the charges, write the word "Paid" in large, plain letters on the package.

5th. Insist upon a receipt, and see that the amount paid and the value are marked on the receipt and on the package.

6th. Write your own address in full somewhere on the package, following the prefix "From....."

7th. Enclose a card in each box or package reading: From..... (Your address.) To..... (Consignee's address.)

This in order that, should the outer markings be destroyed, the inner mark will insure prompt forwarding and delivery.

8th. If not convenient to ship in wooden boxes, use strong wrapping paper (not newspapers), and tie with strong cord.

9th. If package contains anything of perishable nature, write the word "Perishable" in large plain letters on the box or package, which will call for special attention and delivery.

If you will observe these suggestions, you will greatly assist in the prompt delivery of your gift in good condition.

F. L. C. Class Entertainment. (Contributed.) The boys of the F. L. C. class of the Baptist Sunday school were entertained by their teacher, Mrs. Hattie Curtis, at her home on Water street, Saturday evening. They had as their guests the members of the Rose sewing circle.

In the program planned by the teacher there was not a dull moment from start to finish. The feature of the evening was an auction sale of packages which, when opened, contained articles that represented famous paintings. A peanut-race was won by Paul Killam, Bernice Trewoy coming a close second.

Last but by no means least were the refreshments of delicious ice-cream and cake, in serving which Mrs. Curtis was assisted by Mrs. Nellie Curtis and Mrs. Fred R. Coleman.

Just before the good-byes were said, the boys and girls gave each Mrs. Curtis three cheers, and then left for home, feeling that they had had a "cooking good time", as Roosevelt would say.

Fancy Fruit Jelly. Make a lemon or orange jelly. In the bottom of a wetted mould spread a layer of fruit—berries, sliced bananas, green grapes, etc. Pour over just enough jelly to cover, and stand fruit and jelly, chill again; repeat until the materials are used. Keep the reserved jelly in a warm place until the mould is filled.

MARLBORO.

Oscar Ford, who has had employment in Bucksport, is home. Homer Wilbur has gone to Lewiston to attend the State grange. Daniel McIntyre has moved his family from Ellsworth to the George Mosley house here.

Alonzo Harvey and family, who have been away through the summer and fall, are home for the winter. Dec. 18. AIR. BAR HARBOR. Dr. C. C. Morrison has moved to Bangor, where he will practice his profession. His address in that city is 211 State street.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous membrane of the nose.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c per bottle.

OFFICES over Moore's drug store, just vacated by E. F. Bowler, hot water heat and toilet. Inquire of E. G. Hooten, Ellsworth.

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at the office of Seth W. Norwood, at Southwest Harbor, on Monday, the eighth day of January, 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and a clerk, and receiving and acting upon the reports of the officers, and for the transaction of other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Island Telephone Company. NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at the office of Seth W. Norwood, at Southwest Harbor, on Monday, the eighth day of January, 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and a clerk, and receiving and acting upon the reports of the officers, and for the transaction of other business as may properly come before the meeting.

WOMAN—For general housework immediately. Family of two adults. Apply to Mrs. A. W. CLARK, Park street, Ellsworth.

WELBUR C. WALLACE, Collector of taxes of the town of Lamoine.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BURRILL NATIONAL BANK at Ellsworth, in the State of Maine, at the close of business December 8, 1911.

Table with columns: RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, and STATE OF MAINE. Includes items like Loans and discounts, Capital stock paid in, and Unpaid taxes on lands.

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For Sale.

DOUGY—Second-hand phonograph buggy; in good condition. Address "Buggy", P. O. Box 111, Ellsworth.

HAY—About 5 tons of Hungarian hay. Address "Hay", care American office, Ellsworth.

Hardwood—We are in the market for white birch, yellow birch and rock maple, to be delivered at our factory the coming winter. We have decided to pay for No. 1 woods, \$2.50 per cord. For No. 2, \$2.00 per cord. For No. 3, \$1.50 per cord, delivered in the yard at our factory. All who wish to furnish us with a quantity of these woods would like to have call at the factory office as early as possible and state the amount you could furnish, and a constant supply in regular order requirements for size and quality of wood to be furnished at these prices. ELLS WORTH HARDWOOD CO.

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Table with columns: Name of owner, description of property, Tax, and Amt of tax due. Lists various land parcels and their owners.

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# BOOST! Ellsworth Food Fair, Feb. 19-24, '12.

### OBITUARY.

**DR. ABBY M. FULTON.**  
Abby M., widow of Dr. Alexander Fulton, died at the Eastern Maine hospital for the insane at Bangor on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, three months and thirteen days.

Mrs. Fulton was born in Brooksville September 3, 1827, one of the three children of John R. and Abigail (Orcutt) Redman; the other two children were Margaret, who married George Hartwell, of Lincoln, Mass., and who died when about thirty years of age, and Erastus, one of Ellsworth's most prominent citizens, who died about fifteen years ago. The family moved from Brooksville to Ellsworth after Mr. Redman had been elected sheriff of Hancock county, and remained here.

Dr. Fulton was a practicing physician in Bluehill when she became his wife. She came to Bluehill to attend school at the Bluehill academy, then one of the best-known educational institutions in the State. They were married on January 14, 1849. Dr. Fulton had an extensive practice throughout the entire western section of the county, and was highly esteemed for his high character as well as for his skill in his profession.

Not long after moving from Bluehill to Ellsworth, Mrs. Fulton took up the study of medicine; she went to New York and studied there; then she attended a woman's medical school in Boston. After graduating she returned to Ellsworth and practiced for several years. She then went abroad and studied and practiced in Paris and London, and became clinical assistant in 1874 to Dr. Prothero Smith, famous in his day, who had established in London the Soho hospital for women. Here she had an extensive practice under many eminent surgeons.

Returning to America, she resumed the practice of medicine here in Ellsworth. She visited Europe again in 1878 for study and travel, meeting many people distinguished in medicine and literature. On her return she again took up practice here, making a specialty of women's and children's diseases.

Dr. Fulton died in March, 1888. Just prior to his death he had begun the building of a summer home at Southwest Harbor. Mrs. Fulton carried the work to completion, and made her summer home there for many years, and finally made it her permanent home.

Gradually withdrawing from active practice, she traveled extensively, and spent much of her time, especially winters, in Washington.

About four years ago a stroke of paralysis affected her brain, and deprived her of the power of speech. She was later removed to the hospital for the insane at Bangor; there she remained in fairly good physical health until a few weeks ago, when she began to fail rapidly, the end coming last Saturday.

The remains were brought here on Monday, and prayers were said at the home of a niece, Mrs. E. F. Robinson, by Rev. R. B. Mathews. The body was placed in the receiving tomb at Woodbine cemetery, and later will be taken to Bluehill and laid by the side of her husband.

No children were born to her. The nearest of kin remaining are three nieces—Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Margaret R. Cole, of Pawtucket, R. I., and Mrs. Frances R. Keene, of Howard, R. I.; one nephew—Erastus F. Redman, of Boston.

Mrs. Fulton was a charter member of Sorosis, the first woman's club ever organized in the United States; she was a member of the Wi-mo-dau-sis club, an abbreviation of the words "wife, mother, daughter, sister", of Washington, D. C. She was an enthusiastic supporter of the cause of woman suffrage, and was an ardent supporter of the Woman's Christian temperance union. Her religious belief was Unitarian.

The passing of Mrs. Fulton removes a woman of unusual characteristics. In her youth she was strikingly beautiful, and of commanding presence; she was a profound student, of high literary attainments, of indomitable will, and she attracted attention wherever she went. Whether in the home—for she was passionately fond of children—in the social circle, in the church or on the platform, she was equally at ease, and everywhere entertaining. Her positiveness often led her into controversy, and no one ever picked up a gauntlet thrown down by her who did not find her a foe worthy of his steel.

The cause she espoused have lost a brilliant advocate and an indefatigable champion; she will long be remembered, and her death will be sincerely mourned.

### MISS MAUD EVA M'KENZIE.

Maud Eva, daughter of Colin McKenzie, died Sunday at her home on Union street. She was born in Ellsworth July 27, 1864, and had always lived here.

She never enjoyed good health, and for several years had been an invalid. Since the death three years ago of her mother, to whom she was most devoted, her health failed gradually. She was of a most patient and lovable disposition, and a favorite with neighbors and friends who knew her intimately. In her home, where her frail health made tender demands on the hearts of father, brother and sisters, she will be greatly missed.

She leaves besides her father, three brothers—Colin C., of Ellsworth; Daniel R., of Dorchester, Mass.; and Dr. N. Y. Bradford McKenzie, of Gilmanton, N. H., and two sisters—Jessie, wife of Howard Smith, of Everett, Mass., and Miss Mina E. McKenzie, of Ellsworth.

The funeral was held at the house yesterday afternoon, Rev. P. A. Killam officiating. Among those present from out of town were: Leod MacLeod, and Supt. N. Y. Bradford, of Somerville, Mass.; Dr. McKenzie, of Gilmanton, N. H.; Daniel R. McKenzie, of Dorchester,

Mass.; Albert A. McKenzie, of Brockton, Mass., and William Bradford and wife, of Machias.

### MRS. PERFENDA R. DORITY.

Perfenda R., widow of John J. Dority, died Dec. 14 at her home of her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Lermond, on Third street, aged sixty-nine years, four months and twenty six days.

Mrs. Dority had lived in Ellsworth practically all her life. Her husband, who was a member of the 18th Maine heavy artillery, was killed at the battle of the Wilderness during the Civil war. She was a woman of essentially domestic tastes and habits, a kind and helpful neighbor, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Until the infirmities of age prevented her, she was an active member of the woman's relief corps.

She leaves two children—Ellen A., wife of E. A. Lermond, and George S. Dority, of Mariaville; one sister—Catherine, widow of Ephraim Higgins, of North Ellsworth; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral was at the home last Saturday, Rev. P. A. Killam officiating. The floral tributes were profuse and beautiful, mutely testifying to the esteem in which she was held. The bearers were John W. Frasier, C. W. Mason, H. E. Hill and L. W. Jordan. Interment was at Woodbine cemetery.

### MRS. ROSCOE HOLMES.

Sarah L., wife of Roscoe Holmes, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at her home on State street. She had been in poor health for some time, and last spring submitted to a serious surgical operation. From this she rallied, and though not fully recovering her strength, was up about the house, and seemed better than for some time. Yesterday soon after dinner she was taken suddenly ill, and sank rapidly, passing away in about two hours.

Mrs. Holmes was about seventy years of age. She was a woman of estimable character, charitable and kindly, and will be sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends and neighbors.

She leaves besides her husband, one son—Herbert R., and one daughter—Miss Hannah Holmes. She is also survived by two sisters—Mrs. T. B. Dinamore, of Belfast, and Mrs. Abbie Moore, of Lynn, Mass. The family have the sympathy of many friends.

The funeral will be held at the home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

### ISAAC DAVIS.

Isaac Davis, one of Ellsworth's old and esteemed citizens, died Saturday. Mr. Davis was born in Bucksport March 8, 1832, and came to Ellsworth when about nineteen years of age.

He entered the employ of H. M. & B. Hall, and remained with them until the dissolution of the firm. He was employed as lumberman and riverman, having charge of crews in the woods and on the drive. He was one of their most reliable men—faithful, resourceful and capable. He was a man of strict integrity and good principles.

After the closing out of the Hall business, Mr. Davis was employed by Whitcomb, Hayes & Co. for several years, until failing health, due to old age compelled his retirement about three years ago.

He leaves, besides a widow, one son—Hollis E. Davis, of this city, and a daughter—Mrs. Addie Duffee, of Belfast.

The funeral was held Monday forenoon at St. Joseph's Catholic church, Rev. Fr. Flanagan officiating.

### EAST LAMOINE.

George Ashmore has gone to Bangor, where he will be employed.

Neil Hodgkins is home from Bar Harbor for his Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Samuel West, who has been seriously ill, is improving slowly.

The sewing circle will meet with Mrs. W. F. Dealles Wednesday, Dec. 27.

John A. Peters, of Ellsworth, was in town Monday to attend the funeral of Capt. S. P. Cousins.

Capt. Charles Cousins and wife, of Bangor, were called here last week by the illness and death of their father, Capt. S. P. Cousins.

### OBITUARY.

Lamoine lost one of its oldest and most highly-respected citizens by the death of Capt. Samuel Pedrick Cousins (familiarily known as "Capt. Ped"), who died Saturday morning, at the age of nearly eighty-two years, at the home where he had resided for more than fifty years. He was born in the town of Eden.

He leaves a widow, who was Jane Whelpy Harrington, of Eastport; two sons—Charles O. and William S., who are the survivors of five children born of the marriage.

Capt. Cousins was one of the oldest of the old-time seamen and navigators, having followed the sea in sail or steam vessels from boyhood until within a few years, and was well known along the New England coast, especially by the older men engaged in the same lines of business.

He was a man of many pleasing qualities, and his friends included many of a generation younger than his own. He was a direct descendant of John Cousins, who came from York, England, and founded and settled the town of York, Me., about the year 1630. His great-grandfather, Elisha Cousins, was one of the earliest settlers of Mount Desert island, coming here from Wells in 1759, and afterwards serving as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He was in the company of Capt. Sullivan, raised for the defense of Castine.

Capt. Cousins possessed a keen mind and a rare sense of humor which, combined with a wonderful memory, made him a most pleasing and entertaining companion

to both old and young. He was a great reader, preferring such works as related to the history of the ancient nations and peoples and to the discoveries and settlements of the American continent, especially such as related to what now constitutes the State of Maine.

Although he was without schooling, he was a pleasing writer and had a remarkable talent for expressing his ideas in prose and poetry. His wit often found expression, to and among his friends, in the form of what he termed his "rhymes", and these will long be remembered by those who read or listened to them.

He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow, a good friend, a kind and thoughtful neighbor, a devoted husband and father, and he will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon.

Dec. 19. S.

### CRANBERRY ISLES.

Millard Spurling arrived home Tuesday from Portland.

Master Elmer Spurling, who has been seriously ill, is gaining.

Gilbert Rosebrook left Thursday for Rockland on business.

The Busy Bee society held a supper at the hall Thursday, clearing over \$30.

Gilbert and Gilman Stanley went to Bangor Thursday, returning Saturday.

J. H. Pressey arrived home Tuesday from Islesboro, where he has been since August.

Miss Lucy Leavitt, of Belfast, is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Perley Stanley.

John Hamor and wife returned Saturday from Steuben, where they had been to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hamor's mother, Mrs. Cleaves.

Dec. 18. ROONEY.

### MARINE LIST.

Ellsworth Port.  
Sid Dec 16, sch Lulu W. Eppes, Salem, long lumber, Whitcomb, Hayes & Co.  
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Sid Dec 14, sch Perfect.  
Sid Dec 15, ga as Bessie, Gertrude, Volunteer.  
Bass Harbor—In port Dec 13, ga a Minneola.

### BORN.

COLSON—At Castine, Dec 16, to Mr and Mrs Pearl Colson, a son.  
COUSINS—At Bluehill, Dec 15, to Mr and Mrs Fred W. Cousins, a son.

FICKETT—At Ellsworth, Nov 30, to Mr and Mrs Elmore E. Fickett, a son. [John E.]  
GILES—At Ellsworth Fall Dec 9, to Mr and Mrs Martin V. Giles, a son.

HARPER—At Southwest Harbor, Dec 9, to Mr and Mrs Harlan Harper, a son.

MOORE—At Ellsworth, Dec 18, to Mr and Mrs Arthur E. Moore, a daughter.

SMITH—At West Franklin, Nov 29, to Mr and Mrs Norman A. Smith, a daughter.

WHITE—At West Sullivan Nov 5, to Mr and Mrs Fred M. White, a son. [Malcolm M.]

### MARRIED.

BALDWIN—STANLEY—At Southwest Harbor, Dec 18, by Rev. E. W. Brown, Miss Mary E. Baldwin to Gerald K. Stanley, both of Cranberry Isles.

FRAZIER—FRAZIER—At Ellsworth, Dec 2, by Rev. Rupert B. Mathews, Mrs. Cora M. Frazier, of Trenton, to Alphonso Frazier, of Ellsworth.

GRINDLE—BLAISDELL—At Bar Harbor, Dec 9, by Rev. Bertrand F. Judd, Miss Jennie H. Grindle, of Seal Harbor, to Herman H. Blaisdell, of Franklin.

WEST—STEVENS—At Bluehill, Dec 17, by A. C. Hinkley, esq., Mrs. Ruby F. West to Edgar Stevens, both of Bluehill.

WHITE—STOVER—At Franklin, Dec 16, by Rev. G. Mayo, Miss Olive Mae White, of North Sullivan, to Roy John Stover, of Sorrento.

### DIED.

BEAN—At North Sullivan, Dec 14, Edmund Bean, aged 77 years.

BRAY—At Deer Isle, Dec 5, Mrs. Abigail H. Bray, aged 92 years, 10 months, 24 days.

BRAY—At Deer Isle, Dec 10, Miss Florence Bray, aged 28 years.

CARVER—At Bucksport Center, Dec 13, Mary E., wife of William H. Carver, aged 57 years, 4 months, 27 days.

CLEAVES—At Arlington, Mass., Dec 11, Eunice M., widow of George Cleaves, of Steuben.

COUSINS—At Lamoine, Dec 16, Capt. Samuel Pedrick Cousins, aged 82 years.

DAVIS—At Ellsworth, Dec 16, Isaac Davis, aged 79 years, 9 months, 8 days.

DORITY—At Ellsworth, Dec 14, Perfenda R., widow of John J. Dority, aged 69 years, 4 months, 26 days.

EASTMAN—At Orland, Dec 18, Daniel Eastman, aged 64 years, 2 months.

FULTON—At Bangor, Dec 16, Dr. Abby M. Fulton, aged 84 years, 3 months, 13 days. Interment at Bluehill.

GILLEY—At Islesford, Dec 15, infant son of Mr and Mrs Verne Gilley.

HOLMES—At Ellsworth, Dec 19, Sarah L., wife of Roscoe Holmes, aged 70 years.

KNOX—At West Eden, Dec 13, James Knox, aged 77 years, 7 months.

M'KENZIE—At Ellsworth, Dec 20, Miss Maud Eva McKenzie, aged 27 years, 4 months, 20 days.

PARKER—At Deer Isle, Dec 17, Arthur C. Parker, aged 27 years, 2 months, 16 days.

PREBLE—At East Sullivan, Dec 9, Miss Ellen H. Preble, aged 57 years.

SNIDER—At Sunset, Dec 13, Mrs. Annie F. Snider, formerly of Philadelphia.

WILLEY—At Bar Harbor, Dec 12, Reginald H. Willey, aged 11 years.

### GREEN LAKE.

#### HALL-RACE WEDDING.

James L. Race, of East Boothbay, son of Supt. E. E. Race, of the U. S. fish hatchery at Green Lake, was married recently, the bride being Miss Eva A. Hall, of Jefferson. The *Damariscotta Herald* says:

One of the prettiest of home weddings took place Wednesday evening, Nov. 15, at Jefferson, when Miss Eva A. Hall and James L. Race were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlington K. Hall.

The residence was very attractively decorated for the occasion, the color scheme being green and white. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Pettengill, assisted by Rev. A. A. Bennett. With the opening strains of the wedding march, played by Mrs. A. A. Bennett, the bridal party moved slowly forward to the bower of green, over which was hung the wedding veil. The march was led by the maid of honor, Miss Nellie M. Race, sister of the groom, and Albert A. Hall, brother of the bride.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of about fifty relatives and immediate friends. The bride wore a gown of white silk and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses. Her traveling dress was blue silk. The maid of honor wore a light blue silk and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations.

Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Arlington K. Hall, parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Race, parents of the groom, Albert A. Hall, brother of the bride, and Miss Nellie Race, sister of the groom, stepped into the receiving line to assist the bride and groom as the guests came forward to offer good wishes and congratulations.

A reception was held from 7:30 until 10 o'clock. The house was filled with friends. Refreshments of ice-cream, cake and confectionery were served. The wedding cake was cut by the bride and a piece was presented to each guest upon departure.

One room was devoted to the display of wedding gifts, and there the tables of silver, china, cut-glass, money and linen expressed the love and esteem of the friends present. The bride is one of the best of girls, and takes the good wishes of numerous friends to her new home. The groom is a popular young druggist of East Boothbay, who has many friends who wish him much joy and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Race departed amid showers of confetti and rice. After a short wedding trip they will return to their home at East Boothbay.

### MOUTH OF THE RIVER.

Mildred Fullerton is ill of mumps. George and Edna York, of Brooksville, are spending a few days here.

Master Ralph Alexander, of Lynn, Mass., is visiting his aunt, Mrs. T. A. Pinkham. There will be a Christmas tree in the Fullerton schoolhouse Christmas night.

Capt. Allen Remick, who has been the guest of W. L. Remick and wife, returned to his home in Bangor Friday.

Irving Closson, who is working in Ashland, Mass., has bought the F. A. Meader farm.

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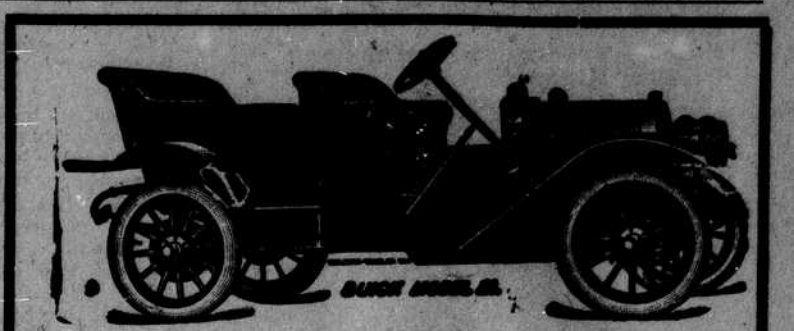
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COUNTY NEWS.

FRANKLIN. Rev. H. B. Arey and family arrived home Wednesday. High school closed Friday for a vacation of two weeks. Misses Della and Hazel Irigdon were in Ellsworth Saturday. Mrs. Elsie Keniston Royce, of Boston, is visiting relatives in town. Miss Hurley, assistant high school teacher, left for Frankfort Saturday. Miss Mary Mayo is at home from Kent's Hill seminary for the holidays. Wesley Clark was down from Milo to spend Sunday with his family. Mrs. E. F. Bartlett and daughter Marion, of Eastbrook, were in town Monday. The Baptist sewing circle will hold a Christmas sale Tuesday afternoon and evening. Mrs. J. C. Springer visited her daughter, Mrs. Harry Wentworth, at East Franklin, last week. Mrs. Asa S. Dyer, superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school, is confined to her home by illness. Mrs. Jessie Havey was up from West Sullivan to spend last week with her mother, Mrs. Elsie Macomber. Mrs. Leslie Swan arrived home Friday, after a visit of several weeks with relatives in Portland and Boston. Relatives of Mrs. Eunice M. Cleaves were saddened to hear of her death at Arlington, Mass., Dec. 11, after an illness of six days, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Smith. The funeral was held at the home at Steuben Dec. 13. Her sister, Mrs. Araminta DeBeck, the last of a family of ten, residing here, accompanied by her niece, Mrs. Asa S. Dyer, attended the funeral. Mrs. Cleaves was a woman of cheerful disposition, beloved by her family and friends, and her loss will be keenly felt. Dec. 18. B. LAMOINE. Mrs. E. M. King was in Bangor over Sunday. Mrs. Clarence Smith is visiting relatives in Bar Harbor. Miss Sadie Mullan spent the week-end with Mrs. Harry Coolidge. Capt. Olsen has gone to New York to take command of his vessel. Joseph and Charlie Hodgkins are at home from Hebron for a vacation. Miss Lena King is at home from Greenville, where she has been teaching. The Sunday school will have a concert and Christmas tree Monday evening at the church. A Christmas service, with special music, will be held at the church next Sunday morning. Lewis King, who was taken suddenly ill of peritonitis Wednesday night, is somewhat improved. W. R. King will visit relatives in Boston this week. Miss Josephine Linscott will stay with Mrs. King during his absence. The next Christian Endeavor social will

be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 27. A program will be presented and refreshments served. Dec. 18. R. H. SUTTON. Miss Susie Yeaton, of Steuben, spent a few days recently with her uncle, William Freeman. Miss Edith Young has returned to her home in Otter Creek, after spending several weeks with relatives and friends here. Mr. Morse, of Sedgwick, has returned to work for Arthur Sargent. He was called home by the illness of his little child. Eibel Bunker went to Sullivan Monday to visit her aunt, Mrs. Charles Watson, and returned with her brother Lawrence Saturday. Earle Stanley and wife made a trip to Sedgwick in their motor boat last Sunday. On their return trip Tuesday they found it so rough they had to stop at Atlantic until the next day. Mr. Freeman has sold his cow to William Herrick, of Southwest Harbor. There has been a great slaughtering of pigs here, six being disposed of in one week. Mr. Freeman had the heaviest of the six. Dec. 16. TOR. NORTH SULLIVAN. Harry Merchant, who is teaching at Tunk Pond, spent Sunday with his parents, Reuben Merchant and wife. Mrs. Theo H. Peters left for her home in Boston Thursday, after spending Thanksgiving with relatives here. Albion Webb and wife were called to Harrington last week by the death of their eldest son, Stillman D. Much sympathy is expressed for the family. Edmund Bean, one of the oldest residents of the town, died suddenly Thursday at his home here. He complained to one of the neighbors of not feeling well, and went to his home, where he lived alone. Soon afterward he was found dead in his bed. He was an honest, hard-working man and respected by all. He leaves several nieces and nephews. His age was seventy-seven years. Dec. 18. M. WEST GOULDSBORO. F. T. Wood, of Steuben, was in town a few days last week. E. M. Stevens and wife were in Bar Harbor one day last week. Stillman and Nicholas Bunker, G. C. Gouldsboro and Nicholas Stevens are ill. Miss Blanche Kingsley is home from Sullivan high school for the Christmas vacation. Mrs. S. L. Tracy and F. P. Noyes and wife went to Ashville Tuesday to attend the funeral of Miss Ellen Preble. Henry G. Wood was in town Saturday en route for Steuben to spend his vacation with his parents, F. T. Wood and wife. Miss Lottie Wooster, of Washington Junction, who has been visiting Mrs. A. W. Gordon, returned to her home Friday. Dec. 18. L. SUNSET. School in district 13 is taught by Beulah Sweetzer. Ralph Lufkin arrived home from Stockton Springs Monday. Howard Pierce has returned from a gunning trip to Bartlett's Island. Samuel Robbins was found dead in the club house of Fred Eaton, Saturday. Mrs. Lou Hoemer, who has spent several weeks at "The Brownie", left for Boston Monday. The entertainment in the library building Wednesday evening was a success. Net proceeds, \$25. Mrs. J. P. Johnson, who underwent a serious surgical operation last week, is doing nicely. She is cared for by a trained nurse from Bangor and Mrs. Elsie Knowlton, of Stonington. Dec. 11. SADIE. PRETTY MARSH. Mrs. Ida Walls has closed her cottage here and gone to her home at Otter Creek. Mrs. Cora Smallidge and Miss Adelaide spent the week-end with Mrs. R. H. Davis at Trenton. Mrs. Otis Walls, with son Granville, of West Tremont, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Allen Freeman. Mrs. Florence Young and Master Ronald have returned from the city's visit with Mrs. Ruth Grindle at Hall Quarry. Schools will close Dec. 15 for two weeks. The teacher, Mr. Sully, will spend Christmas with friends in Newport, R. I. Dec. 11. G. NORTH LAMOINE. Capt. A. B. Holt and wife have returned from South Gouldsboro for the winter. Miss Eunice Coggins will return this week from Calais, where she spent several weeks with relatives. Mrs. A. E. Austin returned last week from Castine, where she has spent some time with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Bowden. She will leave this week for Lawrence, Mass., to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Champion. Dec. 18. Y. TRENTON. S. W. Billings lost his horse last week, of acute indigestion. Leroy Davis spent the week-end in Bar Harbor. George Moore has recently purchased the Joseph Smith farm. Miss Nellie Wilson, of Prospect Harbor, is boarding with her aunt, Mrs. Hiram Grant. Dec. 18. M. EGYPT. There will be a Christmas tree as usual at the Egypt postoffice for the patrons of the office. Newell G. Hardison reports having found a grasshopper and a butterfly in his garden Dec. 12. Dec. 18. M.

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PROSPECT HARBOR. Miss Genevieve F. Cole returned from a visit to Waterville Saturday. Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton has returned from a visit to Winter Harbor. Mrs. George Whitten has gone to Rockland to visit her son, who is in a business college there. The old barn on the Van Ness place was taken down last week, very much improving the premises. E. W. Cleaves went to Steuben Friday to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Maria Cleaves. Foster Tracy has moved his family to Bunker's Harbor, where he has charge of Capt. Over's lobster pound. Harvard Colwell and Norman Shaw, students at Higgins classical institute, are spending their vacation at home. Mrs. Delia Noonan, who has been a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Welch Moore, returned to her home in Gouldsboro Sunday. Invitations have been received here to the wedding of Wilbur Voss Cole and Miss Elsie Mabel Lakin, of Waterville, on the evening of Jan. 1. Mr. Cole is a Prospect Harbor boy, a graduate of Coburn classical institute and of Colby college. Since his graduation last June, he has been engaged in business in Waterville. A host of friends here extend congratulations on his marriage to a well-known and popular Waterville lady. WINNETKA FAIR. Winnetka council, D. of P., held a pretty and successful fair, here on the afternoon and evening of Dec. 12 in its lodge-room, which had been artistically decorated. The booths around the room were in charge of "squaws" in their richest Indian raiment. "Splendid with their paint and plumage. Beautiful with beads and tassels." At the booth containing the burnt-wood and leather, Miss Susie Over and Mrs. Harvey Ray presided. Mrs. Henry Hamilton sold the bead and shell work, souvenirs, fir pillows and other miscellany. Mrs. L. S. Ray's booth contained baskets of every description. Miss Amy Noonan and Miss Grace Wilson, in costume, mingled with the crowd selling tickets. Mrs. Irving Moore and Miss Gladys Hutchings sold the candy. Mrs. George Whitten exhibited the gucke cake and Wiley Tracy had the grab bag. A delicious supper was served, followed by an entertainment, "Hiawatha," illustrated by tableaux. The Indian setting with the principal parts in full costume, together with the singing, made a picturesque and realistic performance. Hiawatha's wedding feast was perhaps the prettiest tableau, showing all the participants. "The gracious Hiawatha. And the lovely Laughing Water. And the careful Old Nokomis. Tasted not the food before them; Only waited on the others; Only served their guests in silence." The proceeds, which exceeded \$100, are to swell the sick benefit fund of Winnetka council. Dec. 18. C. STONINGTON. Paul T. Small has sold his fish weir to Edwin Davis, of West Brooksville. Juanita chapter, O. E. S., elected officers at its annual meeting Dec. 14. Arthur D. Smith, of Portland, is the guest of Henry Smith and wife. Dr. Gage, of Atlantic, is at Ocean View for medical treatment. Capt. Conners, of Bar Harbor, has spent the past week in town on business. Mrs. Willard Smith, of Portland, is a guest at the home of Capt. Stephen Sellers. Mrs. Frank Warren is in Cambridge, Mass., getting her winter home ready for occupancy. Mrs. Stephen Barbour will leave Dec. 28 to spend the winter in Mobile, Ala., with her sister. George B. Noyes, Jr., is publishing a new paper—the Stonington Advertiser—to be issued every Saturday in the interests of Stonington. Miss Nellie Walker, who has been teaching at North Castine, is at home on a vacation. Mrs. Charles Stinson returned from the Maine General hospital Friday, much improved in health. Charles Grady, who has been hunting in the Maine woods, arrived with game on Friday. Evangelist Smith, of Boston, uniting with Mr. McAllister at the Methodist church, will hold revival meetings beginning on the New Year. Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Danforth, arrived Wednesday and opened her school, the sixth and seventh grades. Mrs. Clara Lufkin, who has been at Northeast Harbor, came home on Monday to spend the winter with Mrs. Fosta Hamblen. The cantata, "Santa Claus' Return," gotten up by Mrs. Violet Goss for the benefit of the Methodist church, was well attended. Charles Stanley, wife and son of Mark Island light, are spending a vacation at Southwest Harbor. Capt. Arthur Young is substituting at the light. Dec. 18. NERIL. BUCKSPORT. George Blodgett and wife left Thursday for Washington, D. C., for a two weeks' visit. The many friends of Miss Anna Bennett, daughter of Oscar Bennett and wife, will

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be glad to know that she is gaining rapidly after an operation for appendicitis. Miss Bennett is at the hospital in Bangor. The seminary closed Friday for the Christmas vacation. It will reopen Jan. 2. The funeral services of Sewall L. Hayward were held Thursday afternoon at the home on Main street. Rev. Thomas Whitehead officiated. The honorary bearers were comrades of the 6th Maine—John Kennedy, Edward Colson, Hiram Fogg and George D. Crass. The active bearers were Chandler Wilson, Frank W. Gann, Louis F. Tapley and Fred R. Page. The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery. The remains of Mary Alice, wife of Rev. G. G. Winslow, of Belfast, accompanied by the husband and son George and wife, of Westfield, Mass., were brought here Thursday. A short service was held Friday morning at the residence of Hon. Parker Spofford. The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery. Mrs. Winslow was a woman of charming personality, and her ready sympathy and kindly deeds will long be remembered. The many friends who she had made during her frequent visits here extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved husband and son. Dec. 18. J. OTIS. All are anxiously waiting for more snow. Effie May Lally, of Bangor, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Delia Lally. A. S. Young has added to his stock a fine bred cow. Mr. Young has also bought of Ellsworth parties a nice horse to mate one of his. School closed last Friday, with the attendance limited to five, who were conveyed pupils. This expensive system is deplored. Regardless of the bad travelling the past week, E. L. Grover has had his teams hauling hoops to Bangor and bringing back supplies for his store. Mr. Grover is an extensive buyer of hoops, and thus gives employment to many. "Birdie," the family mare for many years at the Warren farm, is no more. Since a year she had been rapidly failing, and her mistress promised her a long rest which promise was faithfully kept. The associations that clustered around her made the parting sad. Ralph Lally, who is engaged in quite a little business in the fur line, is passing out this week free rabbits for Christmas cheer to his neighbors to test the fine flavor of this little animal, killed and dressed in the most humane and neatest manner by Ralph, an art acquired by only a few. Dec. 18. DAVIS. WEST EDEN. Miss Lizzie Fogg is spending a few days with her uncle, J. Lee Fogg and wife. Lloyd, little son of Murray Lurvey and wife, has been quite ill, but is better. Mrs. Nettie C. Higgins is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Johnson, at Eden. Schools closed Friday, with appropriate exercises, the schools joining. A treat was furnished by Edith Bowden, a summer resident of Bar Harbor. There will be a recess of two weeks. Miss Cotsley, principal of the grammar school, will spend the vacation at her home in Dexter. James Knox died at his home last Thursday night, after a long illness from cancer. Besides his widow, he leaves two daughters—Mrs. Harvey Gilbert and Mrs. John Burns, of Bar Harbor, and two sons—George, of Mt. Desert, and William, of Northeast Harbor. The family has the sympathy of all. The funeral was held at the home Saturday afternoon. Interment in Mt. View cemetery. Dec. 18. M. BAYSIDE. Whitcomb, Haynes & Co.'s Bayside mill has shut down for the winter. O. L. Stewart and wife have returned to their home at Ellsworth Falls. Ivory and Vernal Frazier have gone to Belfast to work in a sawmill this winter. J. W. Remick spent a few days last week in Brewer with his sister, Mrs. Anna Conary. Mrs. Ivory Frazier and little son Pearl have gone to Ellsworth to spend the winter. Friends here of Mrs. Irene Pomroy are sorry to hear of her illness in Gardiner, where she is spending the winter. Mrs. Elmer Crockett came from Winterport to-day to care for her daughter, Miss Isabelle Crockett, who is ill of blood-poisoning at the home of J. D. Bemick, where she is boarding while teaching in district No. 1. Dec. 18. R. PARTRIDGE COVE. Mrs. A. H. Mears, who has been here the past six months, has joined her husband in Boston. Mrs. Joseph Leighton, with two children, of Bar Harbor, is with her parents, William Emery and wife. Monday night a few friends of Mr. and Mrs. McDonald gave them a surprise party. A pleasant evening was passed. Cakes and coffee were served. Dec. 18. HUBBARD. BAR HARBOR. Reginald H., aged eleven years, son of Clifford M. Willey and wife, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, after an illness of about two weeks, of pneumonia. BUCKSPORT CENTER. Mary E., wife of William H. Carver, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, aged fifty-seven years. She leaves one son—Vinson H., of New York. Doan's Regulets cure constipation without griping, nausea or any weakening effect. Ask your druggist for them. 25 cents per box. —Advt. When your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by all dealers. Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by all dealers.

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SEDGWICK. H. D. Lane and wife have gone to Portland to visit their son Louis. Edwin E. Port, engineer Boston and Bangor Steamship Co., is home on a visit. Minnewauken chapter, R. A. M., Tuesday evening elected the following officers: O. L. Fyfe, high priest; A. H. Mayo, king; Lincoln Sibley, scribe; J. W. Paris, treasurer; R. W. Smith, secretary; J. H. Hooper, C. of H.; T. A. Smith, P. S.; E. B. Kane, R. A. C. Columbia chapter, O. E. S., elected officers Dec. 6, as follows: Mrs. Alice S. Byard, W. M.; Herbert S. Dority, W. P.; Mrs. Laura M. Eaton, associate matron; Mrs. Lucy F. Dority, secretary; Mrs. Annie Dority, treasurer; Mrs. Lillian Robbins, conductress; Mrs. Mary E. Bracy, associate conductress. Officers will be installed Wednesday evening, Jan. 3. The degrees of the order will be conferred on two candidates Dec. 20. Refreshments will be served on both occasions. Dec. 11. H. Misses Ruby Dority and Mary Paris arrived from Hebron Saturday to spend the holidays. Notwithstanding the storm of Saturday evening, a large crowd attended the dance at Riverside hall. Mrs. A. B. Tinker, the oldest resident in the village, passed her eighty-ninth birthday Friday. She attended the women's meeting in the afternoon, and by request sang an old-time song. She received during the day ninety-eight cards and letters. Dec. 18. E. There will be a Christmas concert at the First Baptist church Sunday evening, Dec. 24. Misses Belle Tapley Smith and Abbie Sanderson, of Colby college, will spend their vacation at home here. The first quarterly meeting of the W. C. T. U., of Sedgwick, was held at the parsonage Dec. 8. Nine new members were welcomed by the president, Mrs. Clara Sanderson. After the business meeting, an interesting program with special music and readings was enjoyed. Then, "over the tea-cups," the short time spent socially was a fitting close to a pleasant and profitable gathering. Dec. 18. SPEC. SOUTH SURRY. Mail service is still very irregular. Clarence Leonard is occupying his house. Maurice Gray, of Sargentville, is visiting his sister, Mrs. R. A. Coggins. Charles P. Tucker, of Bluehill, was the guest of Clifford Coggins a few days recently. Mrs. Ella F. Davis, of Forest Hill, Mass., a former resident of South Surry, has presented a box of books to the public library. They are much appreciated. Much credit is due the young ladies interested in the welfare of the public library for the entertainment recently given. The program was much enjoyed. Thanks are also due to the ladies who furnished supper. Proceeds about \$8. Dec. 10. TRAMP. Maurice Gray returned to Sargentville to-day. Leon Tate, of Ellsworth, is spending the winter at E. C. Young's. Ernest Closson, of Sedgwick, and Charles Hall were here on business last week. The Christmas tree and supper at the church will be held Saturday evening, Dec. 23. A crew with a hay press is busily at work at the late Edgar Treworgy's barn, getting the hay ready for removal. A church meeting was held last evening for the purpose of choosing officers for the ensuing year, and to transact other business. Dec. 17. TRAMP. DEER ISLE. Harbor View chapter, O. E. S., held its annual meeting Wednesday, and elected their officers for the ensuing year. Miss Marie Small, who has been taking a course in music at Kent's Hill, is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Dr. H. W. Small and wife. Willis A. Ricker, D. D. G. M., of Castine, made his official visit to Marine lodge Tuesday, and witnessed work in the third degree. A fine banquet was served. Mrs. Annie F. Snider died suddenly at her home in Sunset Wednesday. Mrs. Snider came here several years ago from Philadelphia, and built a fine large residence, where she spent much of her time. She had no relatives in this vicinity. She was an accomplished woman, and much respected. Abigail, widow of Capt. James Bray, died at her home at Beach Hill Monday. Mrs. Bray was born Jan. 11, 1819, and was in her ninety-third year, being the oldest person in town. She was the mother of a large family of children, and a most estimable woman. Her mental faculties were remarkably well preserved, and she could tell of events of the long-ago in a most interesting manner. Funeral services were held at the house, Rev. W. H. Collins officiating. Interment was at Mt. Adams cemetery. Dec. 18. REX. EAST ORLAND. Deforest Bennett, who has been ill, is out again. Muriel, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dunbar, is ill. F. E. Thompson left this morning to attend

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Wine Fight For Life. It was a long and bloody battle for life that was waged by James B. Mershon, of Newark, N. J., of which he writes: "I had lost much blood from lung hemorrhage, and was very weak and run down. For eight months I was unable to work. Death seemed close on my heels, when I began, three weeks ago, to use Dr. King's Kidney Discovery. But it has helped me greatly. It is doing all that you claim." For weak, sore lungs, obstinate coughs, stubborn colds, hoarseness, is grippe, asthma, hay fever or any throat or lung trouble it's guaranteed. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Supplied by all druggists. A Charming Woman is one who is lovely in face, form, mind and temper. But it's hard for a woman to be charming without health. A weak, sickly complexion will be nervous and irritable. Coldness and kidney poisons show in puffy eyes, blotchy skin, eruptions and a wretched complexion. But Hysteria Bitters always cures a goddess to women who want health, beauty and friends. They regulate Stomach, Liver and Kidneys, purify the blood, give strong nerves, bright eyes, pure complexion, smooth, velvety skin, lovely complexion and perfect health. Try them. See at all druggists. Daniel Eastman was stricken with paralysis Sunday, and is very low. Valentine Soper, of Orland is teaching in district No. 3, this being his first term. E. Wiley and wife, accompanied by Mrs. Dunham, left Wednesday for Camden for the winter. Mrs. Alice Gibbs is at home from Tenan's Harbor, her sister, who was ill, having recovered. Miss Lucy Burgess has returned to her home in Deer Isle after a week's visit with Miss Winifred Gray. Miss Gertrude Mason has resumed teaching at Buck's Mills, this being her third term there. Dec. 18. EASTBROOK. Schools closed here last week. Eugene Clark is suffering with an abscess. Charles Dinmore has gone to Woodstock, N. B., for the winter. Robert Gott, of Southwest Harbor, visited his son, C. Mortimer Gott, in this place last week. G. B. Giggins will attend the State grange in Lewiston this week as a delegate for Greenwood grange. Leroy Lowrie will go with him. Miss Elizabeth Gray and her mother will return to their home in Surry this week. Miss Gray has taught the Ridge school this year and she had 'one pupil worthy of special mention. Louise Wilbur, aged seven years, has not missed a day's school in the last two years. Dec. 18. GEM. NORTH DEER ISLE. Capt. Grover Small went to New York Thursday of last week to join a yacht to go South. Capt. F. A. Haskell is home, also G. L. Hardy, for a short time while their vessel is loading at Stonington. Miss Ellie, a general missionary, is holding meetings in the second Congregational church three weeks. All were glad of her coming, as there has been no preaching here for a few weeks. J. H. Pressey, of Cranberry Isles, was visiting at E. W. Hardy's last week, coming on Saturday and remaining until Tuesday. It is forty-five years since he was here, and in that time he found great changes. He was kindly welcomed by all who knew him. Dec. 18. H. SOUTH DEER ISLE. A. I. Foss, grange deputy, visited Seagrige Tuesday. Capt. Adrian Stanley made a short call home Wednesday. Nellie Walker, who has been teaching in Castine, is spending her vacation with her father here. Mrs. Vernon Small, who spent Thanksgiving with her mother in Yarmouth, came home Wednesday. Mrs. Knowlton, teacher at North Stonington, who spent her vacation with friends in Palmyra, returned Saturday. Roy Hendrick left Monday for Portland to resume his work in Sha's business college, which was interrupted last year by illness. Dec. 16. H. SEAWALL. John Penney, who went home with Master Arthur Newman to Pumpkin Island light station, has returned home after a three weeks' visit. Capt. Peter Benson, Jr., who has been fishing in the sloop Spray, has gone to Portland to the hospital. His brother Jordan will fill his place as captain while he is away. E. Hodgdon and wife, who sold their place here to Soula Newman and went to Rockland to look for another place, have found a rent, and returned here for their household goods. Since coming back, Mr. Hodgdon has been quite ill, but is better now. All regret their removal, as they are pleasant and agreeable neighbors. Dec. 11. DOLLY. ISLE AU HAUT. C. D. Turner, and wife are visiting friends in New York. Miss Miriam Turner is home from normal school at Castine. Miss Ada M. Morrill, of Bradford, is teaching the village school. Misses Addie and Mattie Robinson are expected home to spend Christmas with their parents. The children are looking eagerly forward to Christmas. Mrs. Thayer, of Boston, has generously sent her check for quite an amount for their benefit. Dec. 14. C. GOTTS ISLAND. Mrs. Frank McMullin, of McKinley, called on friends here Sunday. Irving Torrey was here Sunday evening with a load of herring for lobster bait. Eben Clark, with the selection of Tremont, was here Saturday for the purpose of laying out a road from M. V. Babbidge's to the Head. Dec. 16. CHIPS. BASS HARBOR. Mrs. W. C. Town visited friends in Bar Harbor last week. Miss Hallie Murphy is visiting her sister in Portland. Violet Gott, Helen and Richard Jackson have gone to Cambridge, Mass., to attend the wedding of Miss Helen Bumford and Ronald Davis. Dec. 18. X. Y. Z.

They Come Together. Backache and Kidney Ache are Usually Inseparable. Some Ellsworth People Are Learning How to Get Rid of Both. Does your back ever ache? Feel lame, weak—so sore you can hardly work? Are you making the common mistake—Waiting for it to pass away? To cure the backache you must cure the kidneys. The pain may cease, but is sure to return. You may feel tired and worn out all the time. Urinary troubles may annoy you, headaches and dizziness. Make up your mind your kidneys need attention. Begin taking Doan's Kidney Pills at once. Doan's have strengthened thousands of sick, weakened kidneys. Have driven out kidney backaches for good. No Ellsworth reader can doubt the following statement. Hiram W. Hamilton, Mill St., Ellsworth Falls, Me., says: "I was troubled by kidney complaint for quite awhile. A friend recommended Doan's Kidney Pills to me, and, procuring a box, I began their use. They benefited me greatly. I willingly recommended this remedy to anyone afflicted with kidney complaint. 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. Catarrh Doctor. You Can Get the Best One in the World for \$1.00. Go to G. A. Parcher's to-day. Say "I want a HYOMEI outfit", take it home with you, open the box and pour a few drops of HYOMEI (pronounce it High-o-me) into the little hard rubber inhaler. Then breathe pleasant, soothing, healing, germ killing HYOMEI over the raw, inflamed, germ laden membrane for a few minutes and relief is immediate. Stuffed up head will vanish. Keep up the treatment four or five times a day for a few days and hawking, spitting and forming of mucus in the nose and throat will cease. HYOMEI is guaranteed to end catarrh, coughs, colds, croup, asthma, catarrhal deafness, or money back. Complete outfit \$1.00, subsequent bottles, if needed, 50 cents at G. A. Parcher's and druggists everywhere.







### Their "Poor" Christmas

How It Came to Be an Institution in the Family

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Christmas in the Ripley family was coming on, but there were none of those delightful anticipations that usually attend the approach of the day which marks the birth of the Christ Child. Little Frank, the youngest, a boy of seven, was lying ill, and the doctors gave slight hope of his recovery.

On Christmas eve Frank lay in a stupor. His brothers and sisters were sitting in an adjoining room talking in low voices, but he could occasionally hear a word or part of a sentence. The word most used was Christmas. Frank had passed through four or five of these joyful anniversaries after he was old enough to appreciate them, and a faint interest, notwithstanding his condition, was awakened.

Then he heard the word death spoken almost in a whisper, and the children wondered whether the dead can enjoy Christmas. One said that the dead were everywhere at Christmas, but their enjoyment consisted in giving presents to the living. Another declared that these spirits visited only the poor. Then Frank heard his oldest sister say:

"It may be that Santa Claus is one of these persons who lived, but have become spirits. This would account for his being everywhere at once."

"I never thought of that," said Joe. "When I was a little kid I soon ceased to believe in Santa, but if I had thought of him as a spirit I might have believed in him till today."

Frank was approaching the crisis of his disease and was a very sick child. The doctor had told his parents that during the night he would either die or in the morning be much better. Among other things the children talked about was this crisis, some speaking of Frank dying, others wondering, if he passed the crisis, whether he would be well enough the next day for them to celebrate Christmas. And Alice, the girl next older than the sick boy and his inseparable playmate, said that she shouldn't enjoy the day anyway unless Frank were able to enjoy it with her.

It must not be supposed that Frank listened to all this as another would listen to it. He was in a high fever, and it seemed to him that he was in the midst of a turmoil. What the children said seemed to pass by him like bits of mist scudding before a driving wind. Then all was still for a while. Possibly the poor boy fell into a slumber. He saw something white bending over him, great wings extending from its shoulders. The figure took him up in its arms and rose slowly with him. The ceiling opened, and Frank found himself passing out under the stars.

"I have died," he said to himself, "and an angel is carrying me away. Now that I am a spirit, I wonder if I shall be permitted to visit live people on Christmas eve?"

Now, Frank had not died at all. He was in a very low condition, and his nurse, clad in white, had bent over him and lifted him up in her arms to change his position in the bed.

Dreams sometimes lead us through a long chain of events, though the time occupied is but a fraction of a second. And, while I don't know whether this was a dream or a condition occasioned by the boy's weakened faculties, Frank was a long while under its influence. I am not prepared to say that there was nothing in it which we call supernatural. The immortal world lies all about and very near us, and it is not impossible that an innocent child should be given a sight into things that are hidden from men.

Be this as it may, Frank was carried in the angel's arms out into the night. He looked down upon the lights and the throngs who were passing along the street going in and out of the shops, for, though it was dark, the people had not finished their buying for Christmas. The scene was busy without and busy within. Frank could look at both and at the same time.

And he saw the tired clerks in the stores waiting on customers and the children—aching up their stockings. The angel took him to the homes of the children of well-to-do parents. He saw them all in their richly furnished rooms going to bed in embroidered nighties, many of them crawling in under silk and down comforters. In the closets were innumerable packages that had not yet been opened, while tables were heaped with candies and fruits.

"Take me where I can see the poor children," said Frank to the angel. "These have so much that it tires me to look at it all."

Then the angel passed over that part of the city where the poor children lived, and Frank was astonished at their humble, many of them equal quarters. In their parlors he could see nothing for a Christmas dinner, and but few of them had any toys. And Frank saw something that made him wonder. It was himself in a dingy room with no furniture in it except a chair and a small table. He was lying in a corner on a mattress covered with a thin, worn blanket. His

mother had put over him so much of her own clothing to keep him warm that she was shivering with the cold.

Frank knew that the child he saw—his other self—was sick, because he was white and thin and he rolled his head from side to side as if in pain. The invalid opened his eyes and said: "Mamma, I want some grapes."

The mother moaned that she had no grapes to give her boy and no money to buy them with. Frank asked the angel why some of the grapes and other fruits he had seen in the houses of the rich could not be brought to the child, and the angel said:

"These persons cannot look through each other's walls as we can. Rich people cannot give what they have to the poor or they would be poor and the poor rich. And I fear that those who had been benefited would be ungrateful and, keeping what they had gained, would turn away from their benefactors. Nevertheless more than 1900 years ago on Christmas morning a child was born who when he grew up set an example to all people, telling them that the giver is really more happy in giving than the receiver. Tomorrow is the birthday of this child."

"But this troubles me," said Frank. "I don't wish to see any more of it. You showed me the homes of the children of the rich on Christmas eve, and they were so loaded with comforts, with good things to eat and with toys that it wearied me. These homes of the poor I can't bear to look upon. Take me away."

Then it seemed to Frank that the angel rose with him into an atmosphere that was like summer. Birds were singing, flowers blossoming, and he heard the strains of music.

"I am going to heaven," the boy said, "where there are neither poor nor rich. I don't like to be one of either."

At 4 o'clock in the morning Frank's nurse called his mother and told her she thought there was a change for the better. He was sleeping quietly. The mother went into the sickroom and, looking down at the face of her boy, delighted, said:

"The doctor told me the crisis would pass tonight, and I believe it has. How sweetly he is sleeping! There is almost a smile on his face as if he were dreaming of heaven."

Then she went back and told the father to come and see. He did so and, heaving a great sigh of relief, said: "You are right. Our boy will live. When the children awaken we will tell them what has happened that they may make merry as usual on Christmas morning."

Before breakfast the doctor, who was anxious about his patient, believing that during the night a change would come, appeared at the house and went immediately to the sickroom.

"Merry Christmas, doctor," said the patient. "I want a whole lot of things to eat. Can I have 'em?"

"What do you want first?" "Grapes."

"The very thing," said the doctor. "What next?"

"Beefsteak and creamed potatoes." "Good! You're all right."

Then turning to Frank's mother, he told her to bring the grapes and whispered to her to follow them with some broth.

"Doctor," called Frank as the former was about to leave the room, "can I get up?"

"Not just yet, my boy. You don't want to get up. You're comfortable in bed."

"Yes, but I want to go out with a whole lot of things to the poor children."

"The poor children! What do you know about them?"

"I know a lot. I died last night, and an angel in white who looked just like nurse took me all over. I didn't like it at all; it tired me."

That was a happy Christmas day to this family, Frank having been spared to them. During the morning one by one his brothers and sisters were admitted to see him for a few moments only. But when Alice came Frank begged hard that she be permitted to stay longer, and it was finally decided that she might remain half an hour. When they were alone together he told her all about his strange vision or dream, or whatever it was, and she listened to every word, and when he had finished she said:

"You and I can't do much ourselves this year at taking presents to the poor children, though I will tell papa and mamma about it and I think they will let some of us children go in the automobile and take some things to the McCanns, who used to work for us, and some others. But next Christmas I promise you, Frank, dear, we'll spend most of our Christmas money in that way, taking our gifts to the poor children, and how nice it will be to see them made happy."

"That's what the angel said," Frank put in. "He said that the giver was more blessed than the receiver."

Alice didn't stay quite through the half hour, for while she was talking to the invalid she saw that his eyelids were getting heavy. He had his hand in hers, so she ceased to talk to him and sat motionless till he was asleep, and then she quietly withdrew her hand and left him.

The next Christmas was a very different one in this household from any that had preceded it. Alice and Frank having proposed the change. They called it their "poor Christmas," every gift being to the poor. There was no surfeiting of good things at home and no surfeiting for the poor, for much as was provided there was room for many times more. Nevertheless they all voted that it was the happiest Christmas they had ever spent, and they agreed that they would have a "poor Christmas" every second year.

# CHRISTMAS Mark - Down Sale

## GOOD NEWS FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

The warm weather has left us with a large stock of WINTER GOODS on our hands. We must close them out before January 1, so we have decided to give the people of Ellsworth and vicinity the best chance they have ever had to purchase their Christmas gifts at prices that not only will save them money, but at prices that will be less than they would expect to get in January after the Holiday trade is over.

Make out your list of presents and come and see us. We have one of the best assortments to be found in the city.

READ THE FOLLOWING PRICES; THEY SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES:

<b>Overcoats.</b> \$ 7.00 value, \$ 5.49 8.00 " " 6.49 10.00 " " 7.49 12.00 " " 8.49 15.00 " " 11.49 18.00 " " 14.49 20.00 " " 16.49	<b>Ties and Braces.</b> Braces and combination sets in boxes, 50 cts., 75 cts. and \$1.00. The finest line of ties we have ever shown for .25 and 50 cts. <b>Suits.</b> These are all new fall patterns. \$10.00 value, \$ 6.50 12.00 " " 7.50 13.50 " " 9.00 15.00 " " 12.49 16.50 " " 13.50 18.00 " " 14.98 20.00 and 22 00 value, 16.50	<b>Caps.</b> \$1.50 value, \$1.29 1.25 " " .98 1.00 " " .89 50c " " .45 One lot of caps all sizes and all grades from 50 cts to \$1.50. Sale price now, .19	<b>Elite Shoes.</b> \$2.50 grade now, \$3.08 4.00 " " 3.49 3.50 " " 2.89
<b>Children's Suits.</b> We have only a few of our children's suits left and have made two lots of them. Lot No. 1, all suits that sold for \$5.00, \$5.50 and \$6.00. Sale price now, \$3.49 All others now, 2.98	<b>Sheep-Lined Coats.</b> \$6.00 corduroy coats slicker lined sleeves and shoulders, \$5.49 \$5 Canvas Coats, Sheep lined, \$4.25	<b>Men's Trousers.</b> \$5.50 value, \$4.25 5.00 " " 3.98 4.50 " " 3.79 4.00 " " 3.25 3.50 " " 2.79 3.00 " " 2.49 2.50 " " 1.79 2.00 " " 1.69 1.50 " " 1.29 1.29 " " .98	<b>Furnishing Goods.</b> \$2.50 flannel shirts, \$1.98 2.00 " " 1.69 1.50 " " 1.29 1.00 " " .89 1.00 dress shirts, .89 50c " " .45 \$1.00 night robes, .89 50c " " .45
<b>Suit Cases.</b> These make very acceptable Christmas gifts. \$6.50 value now, \$5.25 5.50 " " 4.25 3.00 " " 2.49 2.50 " " 1.79	<b>Hats and Caps.</b> \$3.00 value, \$2.49 2.50 " " 1.98	<b>Underwear.</b> \$1.50 wool underwear, \$1.29 1.25 " " .98 1.00 " " .89 60c wool fleece, .45 50c " " .39	

Remember the stock must be reduced before January 1, 1912, and we have quoted prices that will surely move it.

Come early, before the assortment is broken; bring your friends, for this is the best opportunity you will have to select from such a nice assortment of Christmas gifts at such a big saving in prices

Remember the Place. This Sale Continues until Jan. 1, 1912.

# W. R. PARKER CLOTHING CO.

Boston Special Clothes Shop

W. A. Alexander, Manager.

Main St., in store formerly occupied by J. A. McGown, - - - - - ELLSWORTH, MAINE

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**M'KINLEY.**  
 Oscar Bragg left last Wednesday week for Portland.  
 Lafayette Carter is home from fishing out of Portland.  
 Mrs. Josie Brown left Thursday for Boston for the winter.  
 School commenced last week, with Miss Day as teacher again.  
 Harry Gordine and wife left to-day for Portland for the winter.  
 George Arvy and wife left Monday for Stonington for the winter.  
 Douglas Richardson will be home Friday from U. of M., to spend Christmas.  
 Zelma Thurston has returned to Portland, where she has employment for the winter.  
 William H. Thurston has opened his meat-market in the restaurant of Miss A. M. Gott.  
 Grace E. Gott is home from Higgins classical institute, Charleston, for the Christmas vacation.  
 Lowell Banker, wife and small son Everett, spent last Thursday and Friday with S. T. Gott and wife.  
 Mrs. Jennie Manchester returned Saturday from a visit with friends and relatives in Massachusetts and Portland.  
 Washington Norwood returned from Boston last week. He accompanied Capt. Watson Thurston in the Underwood boat Osprey. The boat will stay in Boston this winter for extensive repairs. Capt. Thurston returned last Tuesday.  
 Postmaster H. P. Richardson requests that those having parcels for mailing post them the day before they are intended to

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**MT. DESERT.**  
 Schools closed Friday for the Christmas vacation of two weeks.  
 Capt. W. S. Brown, of the steamer Massachusetts, is home for a vacation.  
 Miss Abbie Hanna is home, after teaching a successful term of school at Sound.  
 The homesville sewing circle meet with Miss Judith Babson Dec. 13, for an all-day session.  
 Fred Smith has gone to the hospital at Portland for an operation for removal of a cataract.  
 Mark Somes, who has been attending the seminary at Bucksport, is home for the holiday recess.  
 Capt. Lewis Holmes, in the schooner J. B. Norris, is discharging freight here for the local merchants.  
 Miss Ada Richardson, who has been attending normal school at Farmington, is home for the Christmas vacation.  
 There was much excitement here Friday evening, when the alarm was given that Hoyt Brown, who had gone gunning, had not returned, and was probably lost in the woods. A large searching party of men and boys was soon scouring the woods. Hoyt was soon found, but some of the searchers themselves became lost, and did not find their way out until near midnight.  
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**SURRY.**  
 Mr. Paine is ill.  
 Fred Beede is home for the winter.  
 Myra Billington is suffering with a felon.  
 Mrs. Nellie Phillips returned to her home in Massachusetts Wednesday. She

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was called here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Annette Staples.  
 Otis Carter, master of Arbutus grange, left Monday to attend the State grange in Lewiston.  
 Ned Sherry is laid up with a severe cut on his hand.  
 Dr. Taylor, of Bangor, came to Surry last week and has located here. He is boarding at Scott Treworgy's.  
 The Surry dramatic club went to East Bluehill Saturday night and presented the play, "The Danger Signal."  
 Lawrence Gott is here to spend a few days with his wife. They will leave the last of the week for Swampsport, Mass.  
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### Advertisements.

**Colds May be Avoided.**  
 By those who are fortunate enough to always breathe pure air, and never get run down by overwork or exposure. Even these lucky people do not always escape the contagious colds which at certain seasons prevail to such an extent as to be almost epidemic. It is wise to be prepared for troubles of this nature in our climate, and the one all-important thing is to have at hand a safe, efficient and reliable remedy to ward off the trouble and danger of such an attack.  
 For sixty years, "L. F." Atwood's medicine has been a household remedy for emergencies of this kind. It starts up the liver and bowels, prevents congestion, and restores the functions to their normal condition. If you have never used it, get a bottle from your dealer, or write for a free sample to the "L. F." Medicine Co., Portland, Me.