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Now in the seventy-second year of my age I commence this eighth, and probably last volume, Introductory of my private diary. Whether I live to finish it, or not, action is known only to Him who knoweth all things.

Andrew Walker.

Wednesday, March, 31st

Last Monday house-carpenters, began work on the house which Hartley Lord bought of Nathan Lord's Dane & Co. I hear that Mr. Lord expects to make quite extensive repairs and improvements, but do not know any particulars.

Thursday, April 1st

About a year since J. W. Littlefield came from Saco or Biddeford, hired one of the stores in Mason's new block and opened an assortment of "Hats, boots and gents, Furnishing goods" with other small articles. Within a few days J. W. Littlefield has sold out his stock in trade to George Bonser, said to be from Berwick.

Friday, April 2nd

J. F. Robinson was the principal of the grammar school in this village last fall and winter terms. He has not been a popular teacher; although he is a recent graduate of Harvard college. He is naturally reserved in his manners and many think aristocratic in his bearing. It is probably his misfortune, not his fault. I do not know whether he declines his position here as teacher or otherwise; but I hear a new teacher has been engaged from Berwick for the grammar school. His name is ~~George~~ ^{Wm. S.} Pierce. He comes well recommended and is said to be an efficient teacher. He is a brother to Maria R. Pierce, who married Miss Lucy A. daughter of Owen Burnham of this town.

1880,Saturday, April 3rd

"One of the commonest and strongest superstitions, is that which regards 13 at a table as an ill omen, indicating that one out of the number will die before a year shall have passed. This is not confined to any particular nation or region or civilization, though it is not a pagan, but a Christian superstition. The fact or belief that Judas at Iscariot, one of the 12 Disciples and their Treasurer, committed a suicide from remorse, for betraying his Master, is presumed to make 13 an unlucky numeral and to exercise a lethal influence upon one of the company. In Roman Catholic countries the superstition is generally prevalent and so firmly held that it would be well-nigh impossible to induce 13 persons to sit down to dinner. In Russia, where though the Greek Church is established, the superstition has taken deeper root than even in Roman Catholic land, the very idea of 13 at table is a terror."

anon.

Sunday, April 4th

Sunday, A pleasant spring like day and an unusually large number at church; although the roads are muddy.

Monday, April 5th

A few years after 1826, when the Second Parish church in this village was organized; Thomas Dorman and his two daughters-Bessie and Hannah became members of the church and their father was, I think, also deacon. Long before the anti-slavery party was formed in this vicinity Bessie and Hannah Dorman were abolitionists. One or both of them attended the annual anti-slavery convention in Boston, of which W^m Lloyd Garrison was the acknowledged leader. The Dorman girls were so decided Dorman, and outspoken in their anti-slavery views; it gave offense to many of the church members. They ceased to be members of the church and became what were then called "home-busters"; and for a while did not attend church anywhere. Bessie died in 1852, aged 49 years. As years passed on, Hannah, did not change her anti-slavery views, but the people adopted them. She again became an exemplary member of the Second Parish church

1880,

and no one said ought against her. Doubtless, she has said and done things, of which she repented, for "To err is human"; but I do not recollect of any person who apparently was more conscientious and anxious to do right than Hannah Dorman.

She died in this village on the third instant, aged years, and tomorrow will be interred near her relatives,

Tuesday, April 6th

Theodore Clark, of Wells, died on the last day of last month, aged 87 years. He was a large land owner and a remarkable hard-working man of his days. His first wife and mother of his children was a daughter of Dr. Joseph Gilman of Wells; his second wife was Mrs. Hannah T. Merrill formerly of Kennebunkport and his last wife who survives him, came from Bangor or vicinity. He was married to her in Aug. 1876.

Wednesday, April 7th

The streets of the village of Kennebunkport were lighted for the first time, with street lamps. The number of lamps is fifteen. Last Monday evening the lamps were first lighted.

Thursday, April 8th

"The more we live, more brief appear
Our life's succeeding stages;
A day to childhood seems a year,
And years like passing ages."

Campbell.

Friday, April 9th

Last fall, Miss Anna J. Larrabee, daughter of Joel Larrabee, of this town, went to Philadelphia to take lessons in the "School of Oratory" in that city. I hear that she has graduated and will soon return home. I do not know what her intentions are for the future.

Saturday, April 10th

My daughter Lucy Walker is 18 years old to day. She weighs one hundred pounds and is sixty three inches in height. During the last three years she has not increased in height. April 10th 1878 her height is marked down 63 inches.

Death
of
Bessie
Dorman,Death
of
Theodore
Clark
of
Wells.Street
Lamps
in
K-p-ort.

Poetry.

Anny
Larrabee.Lucy
Walker.

1880,

Friday, April 23^d

The last entertainment in the Lyceum course this season, was given in Mousum Hall this evening by Prof. J. W. Churchill, of Andover, Mass.

The entertainment consisted of readings from different authors, mostly of a humorous kind. He has the reputation of being one of the best elocutionists in New England. It is said he usually receives \$150, for an evening's work; but came here for a reduced price as the lecture season is considered about over.

Saturday, April 24th

The funeral of the late Mrs. Maria M. Sewall, was at her late residence this afternoon. Rev. Mr. Lockwood and Rev. Mr. Vinall officiated. Mr. L., because Mrs. Sewall was a member of the Second Parish church, Mr. V., because Mr. Bourne and family attend at the First Parish church. The bearers to the graveyard were Sewall, Christopher Littlefield, Andrew Walker, Joseph T. Nason and Joseph Pitcomb. The coffin was covered with black cloth, which is the prevailing fashion, if the relatives are willing to pay the expense.

Sunday, April 25th

A stranger said to be from Portland officiated for Rev. Mr. Lockwood to day. Mr. L. was also present.

Monday, April 26th

"Twenty impolite things. Joking others in company. Lining rudely at strangers. Loud and boisterous laughing, cutting finger nails in company. Reading when others are talking. Talking when others are reading. Leaving a stranger without a thing. Seat. Laughing at the mistakes of others. Whispering or laughing in the house of God. Leaving church before worship is closed. Making yourself the hero of your own story. A want of respect and reverence for seniors. Correcting older persons than yourself especially parents. Answering questions that have been put to others. Not listening to what one is saying in company. Commencing to talk before others have done speaking."

1880,

Tuesday, April 27th

"An eminent physician says, the best medicines in the world, more efficient in the cure of disease, than all the potencies of the materia medica, are warmth, rest, cleanliness and pure air. Some persons make it a virtue to brave a disease, to 'keep up' as long as they can move a foot or crook a finger and it sometimes succeeds; but in others the powers of life are thereby so completely exhausted that the system has lost all ability to recuperate, and slow and typhoid fever sets in, and carries the patient to a premature grave. Whenever walking or work is an effort, a warm bed and a cool room are the first indispensable steps to a sure and speedy recovery. Instinct leads all beasts and birds to quietude and rest the very moment disease or wounds assail the system."

"The late Charles Sumner of Boston, was a member of a consumptive family; all of his brothers and sisters but one, were attacked by it as they reached manhood and womanhood. The disease began to develop itself in Mr. Sumner very early in his public career. He was advised by his physician in Boston, to dress warmly, protect his feet and body, and live in the open air, sawing wood, and engaging as far as possible in manual labor; leading in short the life a laboring man would lead out of doors, and supplementing this regimen by sanitary precautions of temperature of diet and personal habits when no longer in the open air."

Rev. C. C. Lane says, that a mixture of skunk grease and kerosene oil, in equal proportions is a remedy for rheumatism. Boil the part affected and it will cure if any thing can cure.

He also says that powdered allum, taken as snuff, is a remedy for catarrh.

Recipe for a cold. One table-spoonful of molasses, two tea-spoonful of castor oil, one tea-spoonful of paregoric, and one tea-spoonful of spirits of camphor. Mix and take often. This said to be a valuable recipe.

The best medicines in the world,

Preventative of consumption.

Remedy for rheumatism, catarrh and cold.

1880,

Wednesday, April 28thSewall Family in Pennebunk.

Daniel Sewall was born in York, March 28, 1759. He moved his family to Pennebunk village in 1815, having previously bought of John M. Parsons, the large three story house fronting Main street, now owned and occupied by E. L. Bourne. He was for many years Register of Probate and clerk of the courts in the county of York, which offices he discharged with singular ability and faithfulness. He died Oct. 14, 1842, aged 87 years. His widow survived but a few months her aged husband, with whom she had lived more than three score years. She died Feb. 26, 1843, aged 84 years.

Their Children.

Miss Lucy Sewall, died July 30, 1874, aged 93 years.

William B. Sewall, born Dec. 18, 1782, graduated at Harvard College in 1803. He resided in Portland many years, part of the time being editor of the Portland Advertiser. He was educated a lawyer, but having ample means of support, and being of a remarkable mild, retiring disposition, did not wish for the controversies of law, or the turmoil of public office. His first wife was Miss Betsey Cross, of Portland. She died in 1819, aged 20 years. In 1837 he returned to his father's family. In 1841, he was united in marriage with Miss Maria M. Gillpatrick, of Pennebunk. During many years he was one of the deacons of the Second Parish church in this village, as his father had been of the First Parish church. He died March 4, 1869, aged 86 years. His widow died April 22, 1880, aged 78 years.

Miss Olive Sewall, born Aug. 28, 1787, died July 2^d 1834, aged nearly 47 years.

Abigail Sewall, married in 1821, to Hon. Mark L. Hill, of Shippensburg. After his death, she returned to Pennebunk, where she died July 7th 1871, aged 86 years.

Sewall Family in Pennebunk.

1880,

Marcia Sewall, married in 1846, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, of Bangor. Some years after the death of her husband, she returned to this village. In 1877, she moved to Winthrop, and now resides near her only surviving sister. Her age is 88.

Mary Sewall, married in 1831, Rev. Edmund Garland, then of Parsonsfield. Soon after they moved to the State of Ohio. She died at Granville, in 1872, aged 76 years.

Montilda Sewall, married in 1824, Mr. Stephen Sewall, then of Boston, Mass. In the spring of 1829, they moved to Winthrop in this State. She is now living at the age of 82 years, and her husband, Deacon Sewall, is also living at the age of 86 years.

Miss Eveline Sewall, died April 8, 1859, aged 53 years.

The amount of the ages of Daniel Sewall and wife, with the age of their son and each of their seven daughters, including the two now living is 782 years, an average of 78 years. Of the third generation, there is only one descendant, the wife of Doctor Snow, of Winthrop.

The name of Sewall is now extinct in Pennebunk.

To an old resident, there is something sad in this dying out and moving away of old families; this dropping away one by one of the family names to which we have been accustomed. Some other old families are now trembling on the verge of extinction and will soon be gone. They linger like leaves upon the topmost branches. We are conscious that new men with new names have come to exert influences. The old order changeth giving place to the new.

A. W.

I have had considerable difficulty in collecting the above account of the "Sewall Family in Pennebunk." It will be published in the "Eastern Star" next Friday.

Sewall Family in Pennebunk.

1880,

Thursday, April 29th

Span Charles R. Littlefield has bought a span of handsome and well-matched gray horses. I do not know whether he intends to keep them permanently or not.

Friday, April 30th

The house owned by Dr. ~~Frank~~ Ross, situated on Garden street, is undergoing extensive repairs. The old windows have been taken out and windows with larger panes of glass put in their places, which improves the look of house very much. Other improvements are also in progress.

Saturday, May 1st

The Boston prices for the following stocks, are as follows:

Prices	American Gold, - - - - -	at par,
of	4 per cent coupon U. S. Bonds of 1881 - -	106 3/4
Bond	4 " " " " " " - -	107 3/8
and	4 " " currency " " " - -	125 1/2
Stocks	7 " " " B & M Railway " - -	120
this	Boston & Maine Railway Shares - -	129
day,	Eastern " " " - -	33 1/2
	Portsmouth, Soc & Portland " " - -	
	20 Shares Ocean N. Bank (Sold May 2 nd) -	114 to 117

Sunday, May 2nd

A pleasant day and full attendance at church.

Monday, May 3rd

There appears to be plenty of work this spring for house carpenters in this village. A man by the name of Moody has partly built a small house on Fletcher street; Plenty Frank King - a Frenchman has nearly finished a small house on Water street; Charles Jenkins is building a small work two story house on Mechanic street; Dr. R. Ross is making for repairs and improvements on his house situated on Garden street; Harry Lorn, for his son George L. Lorn, carpenter, is making extensive repairs and alterations on the building he bought of Nathaniel Dane Jr.; Dr. Frank M. Ross, in a few days will begin to work on his house formerly owned by Benjamin Smith. He expects to raise the house about eighteen inches and the inside is to be remodeled, to conform to modern style.

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Tuesday, May 4th

A pleasant day and the warmest we have had this spring. This is the first day this season that a fire has not been needed in shops and stores. Store doors have been open and many men, not a work, have sat out of doors, without a coat.

Wednesday, May 5th

This has been a gala day for Myrtle Lodge No. 19 Knights of Pythias of this village. At about 4 o'clock, Myrtle Lodge, accompanied by the Pennsbury Band in uniform, marches to the depot and receives the delegations from Biddford and Ledges and the Institute Band (said to be French Canadian) which attended them. A line was formed and the procession paraded through the principal streets of the village, with banners waving, drums beating and in attractive uniforms, presented a fine appearance. In the evening Mousam Hall was crowded with people. The hall is handsomely decorated and on each side are arranged tables for the sale of fancy articles. The Biddford Band played during the evening to the apparent satisfaction of all present. Supper was furnished in the lower hall to those who felt the need of refreshment. The Fair (in the evenings only) is to be held also on Thursday and Friday.

Thursday, May 6th

In connection with Fair, a paper has been published, called the "Pythian Times". In this paper is a historical sketch of the town, of the several orders and societies in the place and the various industries upon which its prosperity depends. Copies are sold at 5 cents each.

Friday, May 7th

The Pythian Fair closes this evening. I do not know any particulars, but appearances indicate, that it was a success for Myrtle Lodge No. 19.

At the Fair a silver plated Ice Pitcher was voted for at ten cents a vote, for the four ministers in the village. Rev. Mr. Worth had 96 votes, Rev. Mr. Vinal 69 votes, Rev. Mr. Lockwood 30 votes, and Rev. Mr. Cobb 1 vote. Mr. V. had an Ice Pitcher previously.

1880,

Saturday, May 8th

Death Mr. Otis Ross, died very suddenly this morning of supposed heart disease, aged 64 yrs. 1 month. He has been troubled with the disease more than a year, but was able to be about his business, as well as usual, until within less than an hour of his death.

Sunday, May 9th

Sunday. A pleasant day and full attendance at church.

Monday, May 10th

Funeral The funeral of Otis Ross, was attended this morning at 9 o'clock. Immediately after the funeral, the body in the hearse, with Mr. Hall's large coach full of relatives, starts for "Ross corner" in the town of Shapleigh where the body will be interred.

Tuesday, May 11th

Yorks Lodge No. 22 Free and accepted Masons. The first meeting was held Dec. 28, 1812. Charter was granted March 9, 1813. The first three officers were, Samuel Lodge, Emerson, Seth Burnham, and Robert Fourné.

"Mourning Lodge, No. 26. Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was organized in this village May 8, 1841. This Lodge was the 26 organizers in this State, and was so numbered. P. S. Holden, J. Bobb, J. M. Richards and J. L. Cook, were the first officers."

"Salus Lodge No. 106. of Good Templars (Temperance) was instituted June 8, 1866. (The names of the first officers are not given) This Lodge is considered an active, working temperance organization."

"Myrtle Lodge No. 19. Knights of Pythias, was organized here May 1st 1879. The first officers installed were Dana Archibald, Geo. H. Gilman, F. L. Shipman, Chas. H. Cole, Thos. L. Gillpatrick, J. A. Fairfairs, L. A. Packard, Geo. W. Larrabee and L. L. Richardson."

Pine Tree Encampment No. 29 of the Order of Free, Odd Fellows was instituted here Jan. 14, 1880. The principal officers are L. W. Morton, Geo. P. Spowell, A. W. Brayden, Lester Watson, S. L. Whitten, Fred. Curtis. This Lodge appears to be a branch of the Odd Fellows.

From Boston Times.

1880.

Wednesday, May 12th

This morning I went to Portland by the first train of cars and did not return home until evening.

Thursday, May 13th

In the fall of 1876, Dr. Orrin Ross vacated his house on Garden street, into the Smith house on Main street. To day he has moved from the Smith house, back to his old residence on Garden street. His son, Dr. Frank M. Ross, will tomorrow begin to take down the chimney in the Smith house, preparing to making extensive alterations and improvements in the building.

Friday, May 14th

"Christianity had its origin in a humble uneducated peasant boy, brought up in an obscure village of Galilee, who had never written a line to propagate his religion (indeed the only line that we have any knowledge of his ever writing, was that one written in the shifting sand), and yet his religion has changed the character of the world, and was going onward in its career of beneficent conquest until, as we believe, the whole world shall be subdued by it. Could any one doubt that its author was divine?" N.Y. Observer, April 29, 1880.

Saturday, May 15th

John H. Ferguson, having made repairs, painted and papered the house he bought last February of Charles L. Dresser, has this week moved his family into it.

Sunday, May 16th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood and many of his parishioners do not feel satisfied that he was not accepted by the ecclesiastical council last June. To day Rev. Mr. Lockwood read a paper from the pulpit, stating that another council had been called to meet here next Thursday in the forenoon, to examine their pastor, to see if in their opinion he was a suitable to be installed as pastor of the Second Parish. If the examination was satisfactory to the council, the installation would take place in the afternoon. All members of the Parish were invited to be present at the examination of their pastor.

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Monday, May 17th

House This morning house carpenters began work to carpenter modernize the B. Smith house, now owned by Doctor on the Frank M. Ross. The chimney having been taken down, B. Smith the first work has been to raise the house eighteen inches, which raising has taken them all day.

Tuesday, May, 18th

Dead on shore, a short distance east of Cape Porpoise, whale near the dwelling house of Joseph C. Littlefield. A large number of people from near and far have been to see the huge fish. People living near the dead whale have Porpoise, tried out the blubber as well as they could (not being prepared for it) and expect to realize about \$300 from the oil.

Wednesday, May, 19th

Dark One hundred years ago this day, or May 19th 1780 when darkness was at noonday over all New England. The phenomenon has never been explained. It was a 100 darkness that settled down over an area of more than years 300,000 square miles at the same time. It was so dark, ago, the keenest eyes in doors could not see to read the common print, and all dinner tables were set with lighted candles upon them as if it were an evening repast.

Thursday, May 20th

Examination An ecclesiastical council of 23 ministers and delegates met this forenoon in the Second Parish church to examine Rev. Mr. Lockwood. He was questioned and catechized by the ministers, over an hour, as it regards his belief in all on many theological points. As far as I understand, the views of Mr. Lockwood have not changed since his examination last June. After the congregation was dismissed the council in private, voted on the question of his installation. Report says that 11 of the ministers, were in favor and 8 against installation. As the majority were in favor, Rev. Mr. Lockwood was installed this afternoon. The ministers, delegates and many others took dinner and tea in the chapel. A great abundance of food was provided.

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Friday, May, 21st

Yesterday, Frank M. Ross was united in marriage with Louisa D. Morton. She is the only daughter and only child of Edward W. and Olive L. Morton. From present marriage appearances, if she outlives her father, she will be an heiress, as Dr. Morton is supposed to be wealthy.

Saturday, May, 22nd

"Four penny nails means four pounds to the thousand, six penny, means six pounds to the thousand and so on. It is an old English term and meant at first 'ten pound' Nails (thousand being understood) but the old English clipped it to 'tenpenn', and from that it degenerated until 'penny' was substituted for 'pound'. When a 1000 of nails weigh less than a pound, they are called tacks, brads &c and are reckoned by ounces." Scientific American.

Monday, May 24th

In 1869 the Dining Saloon on the Eastern Railroad was removed from North Berwick to Pennsbury. A man by the name of Moore was the first proprietor. He sold out to his brother-in-law Thomas Goodwin & has continued to "run" the Saloon until last week, when the Dining Hall or Saloon was removed to Portsmouth N. H.

Tuesday, May, 25th

"Mankind may be divided into three classes. Those who learn from the experience of others - they are happy men. Those who learn from their own experience - they are wise men. And lastly those who learn neither from their own, nor from other people's experience - they are fools."

Wednesday, May 26th

In 1811 Miss Mary Fisher, of this town was united in marriage with George W. Wallingford, then a lawyer of this town. He died in Jan. 1824, aged 48 years. In 1831 she was married to Doctor James Dorrance. He died Jan. 25, 1860, aged 90 years. She died to day, aged 91 1/4 years. She had five children by her first husband, Lucretia, George W., Olive, Sophia and Helen. The three last named are living.

1880.Thursday, May 27th

The will of the late Miss Hannah Dorman, contains the following public bequests:

Will and estate of the late Hannah Dorman, nephew Stephen G. Dorman. The whole amount of her estate is supposed to be about \$1600 most of which came from the estate of Joseph Dorman, of Kennebunkport.

American Bible Society, - - -	\$500.
Second Cong. Parish, Kennebunk - -	250.
Maine Missionary Society - - -	250.
American Board Foreign Missions - -	250.
American Tract Society of Boston - -	250, 1500.

The residue of the property is reported, to be given to her nephew Stephen G. Dorman. The whole amount of her estate is supposed to be about \$1600 most of which came from the estate of Joseph Dorman, of Kennebunkport.

Friday, May 28th

In April 1876, George Callender Lord and family moved into Charles Ferguson's house on the western side of the river. This week they have moved from that house into the "Joseph Porter house", which Harriet Lord bought of Nathaniel Dore, last March.

Saturday, May 29th

By common consent the 30th day of May, annually is observed as memorial day. As that day this year Memorial occurs on Sunday, it has been decided to observe this day on Sunday, instead of next Monday, as many towns will.

This afternoon the "Kennebunk Cornet Band" of music this headed a procession of the members of the several societies in the village, marched to Mousam Hall where they addressed listeners to an address by Elliot King of Portland. At 5 o'clock there were twenty six soldiers present who took an active part in the late war. As each society were dressed in uniform and the uniforms were different, they made a fine appearance. After the address, part of the company proceeded to the cemeteries and decorated the graves of soldiers.

Sunday, May 30th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood, at the Second Parish church delivered an address, particularly to the soldiers who were present this evening. I counted 16 who were present. Rev. Mr. Worth and Rev. Mr. Vinson also took part.

1880.May, 31st Saturday.

Within a week, Joseph Dane - assignee of the insolvent estates of Joseph Titcomb and Wm. L. Thompson has begun to pay the first dividend to their creditors.

Those who hold the joint notes against Titcomb and Thompson, receive 40 per cent.

Those who hold the private notes against Joseph Titcomb, receive 20 " "

Those who hold the private notes against William L. Thompson, receive 5 " "

All the property of T and T is not yet sold; when sold another dividend will be paid.

Tuesday, June 1st

The following persons have been appointed to take the census in this vicinity:

Kennebunk, - - - Marcus Weston.

Kennebunkport, - - George B. Gould.

Alfred, - - - John T. Hall.

Seymour, - - - Alonzo F. Roberts.

Wells, - - - Almon Hatch.

York, - - - Nathl. J. Marshall.

The census-takers will commence enumerating this morning. They have the month of June to complete their labors, except in cities of more than 10,000 inhabitants, the work must be done in two weeks.

Wednesday, June 2nd

A 120 ton yacht has been built and launched out the Port for David Sears, one of Boston's most wealthy citizens. It is finished in elegant style and is named the "Actea" Boston newspaper.

Thursday, June 3rd

In May 1878, I bought of L. C. Bourne, the lot in the grave-yard, formerly owned by his father, near the Unitarian church. On this lot my late wife is and I expect to be interred. By my order, a marble monument made by Charles H. Lucas has this day been placed near her grave. It is a copy from the late Judge Goodnow's monument at Alfred.

1880.Friday, June 4th

A short time ago, I sent to N. R. Marshall, of York, the paper containing the article, "Sewall Family in Pennsbury". In return I have received from him the dates, when the children (except Olive) of Daniel Sewall were born:-

Sewall	Louise Sewall was born
Family,	Wm B. " " " Dec. 18, 1782.
when	Olive " " " Aug. 28 1782.
born,	Abigail " " " Apl. 25 1789.
	Narcissa " " " Sept. 17, 1791.
	Mary " " " Dec. 10, 1795.
	Matilda " " " Sept. 2 1797.
	Eveline " " " Aug. 23 1800.

The newspapers say that "deacon Stephen Sewall of Winthrop, died May 30th 1880, aged 87 years."

Saturday, June 5th

Aug. 12, 1861, A Liberty Pole was erected near the Unitarian church and still nearer the town pump. At the time it was raised the pole was 96 feet high and cost about 70 dollars, including the topmast. The lower part of the pole, having become decayed and dangerous, it was to day, lowered down by ropes; a few strokes of an axe was sufficient to cut off the decayed part near the ground.

Sunday, June 6th

A lowering, overcast day, with appearance of rain.

Monday, June 7th

The newspapers say \$2,000 has recently been appropriated by congress for the further improvement of Pennsbury river. In 1877 \$1000 was expended for the same purpose.

Tuesday, June 8th

"We the undersigned hereby pledge ourselves not to work in any shipyard in this place, on any other terms than weekly payments for our labor." The above is a copy of a paper signed by sixty one ship carpenters and other persons connected with building vessels, at the Port.

Past experience has convinced some of these men that weekly payments is best for them.

1880.Wednesday, June 9th

The Republican National Convention for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States assembled at Chicago on Wednesday the 2^d inst. No candidates were named until Saturday evening. On Monday twenty eight balloting were had, with no choice and a little variation in the votes. Total votes 756, necessary to a choice 379. The balloting was resumed on Tuesday (yesterday) and on the 36th ballot Gen. James A. Garfield of Ohio was nominated for President of the United States. Gen. Garfield is a native of Ohio, born Nov. 19, 1831; graduated at Williams college, Mass. in 1856, and has been in congress since 1862.

First ballot

Ulysses S. Grant, of Illinois, -	304
James G. Blaine " Maine, -	284
John Sherman, " Ohio, -	93
George F. Edmunds " Vermont -	34
Elihu B. Washburne " Illinois -	30
William Windom, " Minnesota, -	10

Thirty-sixth ballot.

James A. Garfield of Ohio -	390
Ulysses S. Grant -	306
James G. Blaine -	42
Elihu B. Washburne -	1
John Sherman -	3

The nomination was then made unanimous. Chester A. Arthur, of New York was nominated Vice-President. He had 468 votes.

Thursday, June 10th

Business the present season (with the exceptions of building large vessels) is better this season than it was a year since. The principal reason appears to be, people particularly business men have more confidence in each other.

Friday, June 11th

The prospect for good crops in this vicinity, is so far good. The grass is particularly forward, with every appearance of having a large crop of hay.

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Saturday, June 12th

Mrs. On the 24th of last February, it was noted that the N. N. wife of N. N. Wiggins had gone with her brother and Wiggins sister on a visit to California. A few days since Mrs. Wiggins returned home by the overland route, well home, pleased and probably benefitted by her long journey.

Sunday, June 13th

A beautiful day and to me the most beautiful month.

Monday, June 14th

Primary At an Agnew School District meeting held in School this village last Saturday; it was voted that Four Hundred Dollars be raised to put in good condition the primary school-house near the Unitarian church.

Tuesday, June 15th

In June, 1877, Charles W. Littlefield - assistant paymaster in the U. S. Navy, left his home in this village and joined the ship to which he was ordered. Since that time, except while going to and coming from home, his ship; he has spent his time in China and in Chinese waters. He arrived at home to day, on leave of absence.

Wednesday, June 16th

Since the first of this month Freeman Westworth of this town has received fresh vegetables from Boston, which he sells on Wednesdays and Saturdays to people of this village or any one who wishes to buy. This trade he will continue until vegetables are supplied from gardens in this vicinity.

Thursday, June 17th

The late Capt. John Hill died one year ago this day. I continue to miss him very much and have not found anyone to supply his place.

Friday, June 18th

Leaving last evening, many persons, mostly females of this village went to the house of Charles Cousins to see a "Night blooming cereus" in flower. It began to open about seven o'clock and was fully blown about ten o'clock. In a few hours it begins to fade and is soon decayed. This plant is of the Cactus family, containing 28 species as the books say.

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Saturday, June 19th

John Howard Payne the immortal author of "Home Sweet Home", never knew the joys of a real home. He was not only poor in pocket but a homeless wanderer. In conversation with a friend, he once said "I have been a poor wanderer from my boyhood. How often have been in the heart of Paris, Berlin and London, or some other city, and heard persons playing 'Home Sweet Home' without a shilling to buy the next meal or a place to lay my head."

"Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home;
A charm from the skies seems to hallow us there,
Which, seek through the world, is never met elsewhere.
Home! home; sweet home!
There's no place like home!"

"An exile from home, splendor durrly in vain;
O, give me my lonely thatched cottage again!
The birds singing gayly that come at my call;
Give me there with peace of mind, dearer than all,
Home, home; sweet home!
There's no place like home!"

Payne obtained an appointment as United States consul at Tunis, Africa where died and was buried. The inscription on his gravestone is:-

"John Howard Payne,
Twice Consul of the United States;
Died April 1st 1852,

Born in Boston, June 8th 1792,
Sure where thy gentle spirit fled,
To realms beyond the urn we dome;
With arms outstretched God's angel said,
Well come to heaven, "Home Sweet Home".

Sunday, June 20th

Another beautiful day in this pleasant month.

Monday, June 21st

It was noted March 3rd that house carpenters were at work on the house Hartley Lane bought of Nathan Dane's house. A few carpenters are still at work on the out-buildings.

John
Howard
Payne
author
of
"Home
Sweet
Home".

Inscription
on
his
Tombstone.

(See
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Hartley
Lane's
house.

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Tuesday, June 22nd.

In the "Christian Mirror" of May 29th is an account of the installation of Rev. Mr. Lockwood, May 20th in this village, also the statement of his religious belief. The 13th article of his belief relating to future punishment, is as follows:—

Rev. Mr. Lockwood's belief, "I believe that there will be resurrection both of the just and the unjust; that all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that the righteous will inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world, those who have not obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ shall be punished with an everlasting destruction, and that, as the life and blessedness of the righteous will be eternally secure, so the doom of the wicked will be remediless and final."—

Mr. L. was questioned very closely as to the precise meaning he gave to the phraseology of the above thirteenth article. He distinctly denies any sympathy with Universalism or any tendency towards its spirit or methods.

It was voted to install him by a vote of 16 to 7."

Wednesday, June 23

Queen Victoria has shown her kindly feelings for Lord Beaconsfield by hanging his full length portrait at Windsor castle. Somebody asked him how it was that the Queen shows him so much favor, and got a simple answer: "Well the fact is, Beaconsfield I never contradict, and I sometimes forget." London paper.

Thursday, June 24th

The Democratic National Convention assembled at Hancock, Pennsylvania on Tuesday the 22nd inst. The convention was organized on Wednesday the 23rd day and one ballot taken.

First ballot.

Wingfield Scott Hancock, of Pennsylvania, 171
Thomas Francis Bayard, of Delaware, 113½
16 other candidates received in all — 404 728½

Second ballot (taken this day)

Hancock — — — — — 311
Bayard — — — — — 113
8 other candidates received in all, — —

Before the official announcement of the result of the

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second ballot was made, a ^{motion} for a new call of the roll of the States was carried as follows,

Second call of second ballot.

Whole number of ballots — — — — —	738.
Hancock — — — — —	700
Bayard — — — — —	2
Hendricks — — — — —	30
Tilden — — — — —	1

The vote was then made unanimous for Hancock, William H. English of Indiana was ~~proposed~~ for Vice President and unanimously nominated.

Friday, June 25th

"One by one thy duties wait thee;

Let thy whole strength go to each;

Let no future dreams await thee;

Learn thou first what they can teach." A. A. Broton.

Saturday, June 26th

Capt. Thomas Lord, of this village died in 1861. Soon after his death an inventory was made of his known estate. A few days since, his widow while looking over some papers in an old pocket-book, found a fifty dollar bill (\$50.) on the "Ocean Bank, Kennebunk". In July 1861, the business of this bank was closed and it became a National Bank. The time for the redemption of Ocean Bank bills expired years ago.

Sunday, June 27th

A few years past, in the month of June, the Baptist church, in this village, have had what the parishioners call a "Floral Sunday". To day a large quantity of flowers decorated the pulpit, the table used for communion and wherever a vase or pot of flowers could be shown conspicuously.

Monday, June 28th

The directors of Ocean National Bank, have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent, payable to stockholders on and after the first dividend day in July. In July 1879 the dividend was two per cent and last January two and one half per cent.

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Tuesday, June 29th

Joseph L. Littlefield has been lighter of the street lamps in this village, a number of years past. As he is lighter now sick Joseph Lewis has taken his place as lamp lighter.

Wednesday, June 30th

This afternoon, the wife of Sylvester Chick, who lives on the sea road near the bridge, has of late shown evidences of insanity, which we hear is hereditary in her race; went out for a walk with her little boy 8 years old, a child by her first husband. When they came to the water the boy wished to bathe, so the mother undressed him, and then taking him in her arms, held him under the water till he was dead. She then placed him on the bank of the river and again attempted to drown herself, but was prevented by the about arrival of her husband. In conversation Mrs. Chick 8 yrs. stated that fearing she was soon to die, and being unwilling to leave her child; she determined to drown the child and then drown herself, that they might not be separated.

Thursday, July 1st

Thomas Littlefield, formerly depot-master, at the Suicid Eastern R. R. station at Wells, hung himself yesterday. He was about 50 years of age and leaves a wife and family. The cause of the suicide is unknown, perhaps temporary insanity induced by poor health.

Friday, July 2nd

One day this week, while getting out of the way of a runaway horse, Mrs. John L. Lord, stepped upon a nail which pierced her foot, inflicting a severe and painful wound.

Saturday, July 3rd

The dwelling house, sheds and barn formerly owned and occupied by George and Nicholas Downing of Kennebunkport were burnt a few days since. George Downing is dead and Nicholas sold the farm a number of years ago and moved to this town.

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Sunday, July 4th

A union service in commemoration of the founding of Sabbath Schools by Robert Raikes in 1780 was held this evening in the Second Parish church. Short addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Lockwood of the Second Parish; Rev. Mr. Worth-Baptist; Rev. Mr. Vinal, of the First Parish; Rev. Mr. Cobb-Methodist and by a few others. The church was well filled. 100 years since Sabbath Schools were established.

Monday, July 5th

The usual observances on the 4th of July, in this vicinity, were observed to day. In this village, with the exception of the mills being closed and a few flags flying, there was but little to distinguish it from other days. Even boys were not allowed to use Fire or Snak crackers, as they are considered dangerous. 4th of July.

This afternoon I went to the village near the upper depot, and found a collection ^{of people} who were having "a good time generally". In a grove near the depot, rough tables were made on which a picnic dinner was laid and eaten. After dinner there was a sack race, that is where the legs were encased in a large sack, then a foot race, a wheelbarrow performance where a blindfolded person wheels the barrow towards a certain mark and the one who came nearest the mark won the victory. There were also other sports. I think there were prizes to each of the sports or games, but I do not know any particulars. All present appeared to be pleased.

Tuesday, July 6th

In the summer of 1870, a "Bona Stand" was built on the old Mousorn house lot, at the corner of Main and Alfred streets. About two years since the Stand was removed over the river to the corner of Wells road and Sanford road. To day the Stand has been moved back this side of the river and is now in a conspicuous place - near the centennial elm tree. It is a good location for out-of-door public speaking and probably will be used for that purpose, this fall, before the coming Presidential election, in November. "Bona Stand" moved near the centennial trees.

1880,Wednesday, July 7th

Primary To day, carpenters began work to repair and School otherwise improve the old school house in the House, meeting-house yard. They have removed the seats, desk and the entire lower floor.

Thursday, July 8th

" "There is something in every germ of life which determines its form. Time and opportunity bring out only this ideal. The germ of a kernel of barley can be matured, not into a stalk and head of wheat, but into a stalk and head of barley. The germs of the fish and of the bird and of man, are life, at certain stages of development, indistinguishable. But there is always present a superintending its spiritual power, to subtle for our microscopes and form, chemistries that determines what form each shall wear. The fish grows into a fish. The bird becomes a bird. The man matures into a man. Each obeys its inner bias."

C. H. Fowler.

Friday, July 9th

Bands Since the Band Stand has been moved to its present site, it has been twice painted, part red, part white and part painted, blue. It now, is in my opinion an ornament to the place.

Saturday, July 10th

This evening the Pennnebunk Cornet band performed on Cornet the band stand. The evening is as favorable as could be desired. Bands and a large number of people assembled in the vicinity perform, to hear the music. I did not count, but think there is about twenty musicians in the band, a large proportion of them being new residents.

Sunday, July 11th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood The annual vacation of Rev. Mr. Lockwood, began last vacation, week and he expects to be absent for Sabbath, hence no meeting to day in Second Parish church.

Monday, July 12th

Haying Farmers in this vicinity are now busy at work securing their hay crop. They say, the crop will be larger this year than an average.

1880,Tuesday, July 13th

Within three months a railroad has been built from the station at Old Orchard Beach to Saco river, a distance of three and one half miles, following the line of the beach and seldom distant more than one hundred feet from high water mark. The road is now finished and the trains have commenced to run regularly.

Wednesday, July 14th

John A. Bone, son of Rev. L. B. Bone of Bowdoinham, has accepted a position as teacher in one of the Sandwich Islands. He will take his departure from his home in a few weeks. From appearances he is an uncommon fine young man and has a good prospect before him.

Thursday, July 15th

The rate of taxation in this town last year was 1.70 on a hundred dollars. This year, from some course unknown to me the rate is \$2.00 on a \$100.

Friday, July 16th

It is reported that Rev. O. M. Bousens and wife do not live happily together. Last spring she with one or more children came here and are now with her mother Mrs. Bousens Osborn. I do not know where Mr. Bousens has his abiding place. His oldest son (I think his name is "Walter") is reported to be an inmate of the "Reform School."

Saturday, July 17th

One year ago this month, the real estate in this vicinity, owned by Capt. North L. Thompson, was attached. This real estate is in different lots and has been appraised at about Fifty Eight Thousand Dollars. Within a few days, the attached property has passed into the possession of Ocean National Bank, which will have future management of the property.

Sunday, July 18th

No meeting this forenoon in the village, except in the First Parish church. Rev. Mr. Lockwood is away, Rev. Mr. Worth is unwell and Rev. Mr. Cobb does not have a meeting in the a.m., only.

1880.Monday, July 19th

W. Lester Watson, the publisher of the Eastern Star took the census of Kennebunk last month. In the Star of last Friday, the following statistics are published:-

"Kennebunk was taken from Wells in 1820.

The population in

1820	was	2145	
1830	"	2233	gain 88
1840	"	2323	" 90
1850	"	2657	" 334
1860	"	2680	" 23
1870	"	2604	loss 76
1880	"	2852	gain 248

The total number of occupied houses in town is 636.

Census
Statistics
of
this
town.

Number of families 707.

Number of houses in the village 250.

Number of families in the village 282.

No. of inhabitants in the village 1170; males 528; females 642. Total number of males in town 1341; number of females 1511.

Number of persons whose ages are from 50 to 60, 260; from 60 to 70, 292; from 70 to 80, 137; from 80 to 90, 27; from 90 to 100, 4; the names of whom are George Perkins 91; Lydia Leonard 92; Abby Wells 92; Eunice Hinds, 93.

Number of births during the census year 42.

Number of deaths, 50.

Number of insane persons, 8.

Number of deaf mutes, 3.

Number of blind persons, 2.

Number in prison, 1.

Number of farms, 127.

(For the statistics of the population from 1820 to 1870, we are indebted to Andrew Walker.)"

The insane persons are probably - James L. Hulbora, Charles Littlefield, Wm L. Waterhouse, George L. Stevens, Nancy Stevens, Caroline Littlefield,

Deaf mutes - Jacob Downing and a son and a daughter of Alfred Littlefield.

1880.Tuesday, July 20th

"Number of inhabitants in Kennebunkport 2408.

" " males - - 1226.

" " females - - 1182.

" " families 513.

" " houses occupied 528.

" " persons from 50 to 60 years 167; from 60 to 70 years 173; from 70 to 80 years, 117; from 80 to 90 years, 29; from 90 to 100 years, 1.

Number of farms, - - 268.

Valuation of farms - - \$542,500.

Number of inhabitants in the village corporation, 642." From the enumerator's report in Eastern Star.

Wednesday, July 21st

Last spring a boarding-house called the "Glen House" was built near the Ocean Bluff Hotel in Kennebunkport. It is a small house, accommodating only about fifty boarders and is kept by a family by the name of Eldridge. It is said to be doing a good business, the charges for board are less than at the Ocean Bluff.

Thursday, July 22nd

"The more I have advanced in public life, the more its unpleasantness, its misgivings, its troubles, have become indifferent to me. The only true sorrows are those of a private life, of family life. There only our souls receive wounds, which time heals, but which leave us weaker and weaker and less able to receive new ones.

I have never felt truly and completely happy except through my affections; and if all the rest succeeded, it would be but little to me if my affections were not satisfied. Life is in the heart and the heart is in the family. I am more sure of it than anybody, for I have known and experienced all the rest."

When he wrote these lines M. Guizot was perhaps the most prominent statesman in Europe. He was the trusty Minister and adviser of King Louis Philippe.

N. York Observer July 22nd

Census
Statistics
of
Kennebunk-
port.

"Glen
House"
at
Kennebunk-
port.

The
family
is
the
true
source
of
happiness.

1880,

Friday, July 23^d

Good. "He lives without a physician, but not without medicine, who lives a temperate life," ancient maxim.

Saturday, July 24^d

On the 17th of last May it was noted that house carpenter Houn had begun work on F. M. Ross house. Since then they carpenter have ~~raised~~ the house, taken down the partitions and on the arranged the rooms in a different way, cut down the B. Smith windows and put in larger glass, put in marble fire places Houn, and other modern improvements. The carpenters finished their work this week.

Sunday, July 25^d

Rev. Mr. Street, of Exeter, N. H. preaches in the Second Parish church this forenoon. He is now boarding at Mr. one of the beach houses in this vicinity and was asked Street. to officiate to day in the Second Parish. There was a large number present, many being strangers.

Monday, July 26^d

Huckleberries are remarkable plenty this season. The first in the market were sold at fifteen cents a quart, now they are a drug in the village at three cents a quart. I do not recollect of ever knowing them to be sold at so low price before this season.

Tuesday, July 27^d

John A. Bone, came here yesterday and left here this forenoon on his way to the Sandwich Islands. He says that he is engaged as teacher on one of the islands at \$1000 for the first year and probably a larger sum after that time, if his services are satisfactory.

Wednesday, July 28^d

Farmers in this vicinity have nearly done haying. They say there is more of crop this year than an average, and wages of haymakers depends on the skill and amount of labor each person can perform. In this village and vicinity people do not usually board their hired men. The first rate men have had \$2.00 a day, the second rate \$1.75 and so downward. Out of the vicinity of the men are board and hence less wages are paid.

1880,

Thursday, July 29^d

"Besides the pleasures derived from acquired acquired knowledge, there lurks in the mind of man, and tinged with a shade of sadness, an unsatisfied longing for something beyond the present—a striving toward regions yet unknown and unopened," Humboldt.

Friday, July 30^d

The delegates to the First Congressional Democratic District convention, assembled in Portland yesterday to nominate a Representative to Congress.

The whole number of ballots was - 182,

Necessary to a choice - - - - - 92.

Sumner J. Anderson had - - - 175

Schubert had - - - - - 7 182.

Saturday, July 31^d

Brugden, son of Jonas Brugden, of Wells, hung himself in that town, one day this week. He was years of age. It is said he is the fourth person in Wells, who has committed suicide within a year.

Sunday, Aug. 1^d

The only meeting in the village to day was in the Second Parish church. Rev. W. C. Darling officiated. The other ministers in the village are now away during their vacations. Mr. Darling who with his family is now stopping at his beach house was invited to preach to day in his old pulpit.

Monday, Aug. 2^d

Although the Bank in this village has been organized twenty six years; it has not until to day had any sign to tell where it was located. By a vote of the directors a sign has been procured and placed above the door this day. It is simply "B. A. N. K."

Tuesday, Aug. 3^d

The summer hotels and private boarding-houses at Old Orchard, Pennikampport, Wells, York and in this town are reported to have all the boarders they can accommodate. The beach-houses in this town are also reported to be occupied.

Beyond the present,

S. J. Anderson nom. Rep. to Congress.

Rev. W. C. Darling.

Bank sign.

Summer Hotels and boarders.

1880.

Wednesday, Aug. 4th

Last Friday or Saturday, Abram Currier of Pennabunkport, while driving cows, from a field, was attacked by a ram and butted in the abdomen, receiving injuries from which he died, on Monday 2nd inst. His age was 64 years. Abram Mr. Currier was a healthy, hard working man and will Currier, be much missed in his family. He has had three wives. His first wife was Mary L. Nason, who died Aug. 15, 1849 aged 37 years; his second was Clara Merdum, who died Sept. 11, 1853, aged 38 yrs; his third survives him.

Thursday, Aug. 5th

David Littlefield In the fall of 1877, house lots were laid out on the small farm at the almshouse. David Littlefield - building Blacksmith, has bought one of these lots and has men a now at work building a two story tenement house on the lot.

Friday, Aug. 6th

Poetry. "There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at its flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows, and in miseries;
And we must take the current when it serves,
Or lose our ventures." Shakespeare.

Saturday, Aug. 7th

Death of Minnie L. Day. Last October 6, Frank Day of Boston, was united in marriage with Minnie L. daughter of Capt. F. N. Thompson, of this village. She was unwell at the time but her sickness was not considered dangerous. She gradually failed until to day she died at her father's house, aged 25 years.

Sunday, Aug. 8th

Sunday Rev. Mr. Lockwood having returned from his vacation he officiated as usual in the Second Parish church.

Monday, Aug. 9th

At Bowdoin a short time, in part for a visit and in part for recreation - home. We first went to Portland, then by the Maine Central R.R. went to Bowdoinham, where my late wife formerly lived.

1880.

Tuesday, Aug. 10th

Having seen our friends at Bowdoinham and the places in town we wished to visit, at 4 P. M. we left town and came to Topsham, where my mother was born⁽¹⁷⁶⁸⁾ and lived until her marriage (1786) with my father Andrew Walker of Pennabunkport. Her name was Susanna Merrill, daughter of John Merrill Esq. of Topsham.

Wednesday, Aug. 11th

Having visited Wildes P. Walker, at what he calls the "Walker Homestead" and viewed his gallery of paintings we went with my cousin Eben B. Merrill to the homestead of Merrill family. On this spot my maternal grandfather John Merrill settled in 1756 and died March 24th 1828 aged 90 years. The next owner of the farm was his son Abel Merrill, who died Feb. 14, 1857, aged 81 years. The present owner is Eben B. Merrill, son of Abel. Recently he has modernized the house, except "grandfather's room" which is still retained with its wainscoted walls, as it was originally made.

After an early dinner, we left Topsham for Portland where we arrived about one o'clock. Having transacted my business in Portland, we arrived home at 2 P. M. safely and apparently sound, having had a pleasant visit and agreeable excursion.

Thursday, Aug. 12th

Richard L. Paynes died suddenly to day, aged 66 years. He has been unwell a number of months but has been about the streets as usual. Yesterday he was on the street and told someone that he did not feel as well as he had felt recently. This morning he became more unwell and lived but a few hours. His sickness and death appeared to be very similar to the sickness and death of Mr. Otis Ross last May.

Friday, Aug. 13th

At a Republican convention of the First District held a few days since; Thomas B. Read, of Portland was renominated by acclamation, for member of Congress. This is his second nomination. It is reported that James M. Stone, of this town, was anxious to have the nomination.

At Topsham

Visit to

the

old

Homestead

of

grandfather

Merrill

in

Topsham.

Death of

R. L.

Paynes.

T. B.

Read

nominated.

1880.Saturday, Aug. 14th

Richard L. Boyne was a Shoemaker. He came here from York in 1837. He had two wives but no children. His last wife survives him. This morning, prayers having been offered at his late home; his remains were taken to York, where the funeral will be this afternoon. Mr. Boyne was an honest, peaceable man, but not a man of much energy. His principal employment of late years appears to be reading newspapers.

Sunday, Aug. 15th

With the exception of Rev. Mr. Vinet, the ministers in this village have returned from their summer vacations. A large number of strangers are now here and many of them were at church.

Monday, Aug. 16th

Last Saturday forty shares of Ocean National B. N. Bank stock, formerly owned by Capt. N. L. Thompson, was sold at auction in Boston. Report says that the shares, sold for 112 dollars each. I do not know who was the buyer. They would have sold for more money here.

Tuesday, Aug. 17th

The State of Maine wishing to obtain the loan of \$150,000 at 4 per cent interest, advertised for proposals. The bids were opened in Augusta last Wednesday. They were twenty-seven in number, and the aggregate amount loaned was for \$1,556,000. The successful bidders were Brewster, Barrett & Co. of Boston, at a premium of 1 and 2/100 per centum.

Wednesday, Aug. 18th

Boating on Mousam river is not so common less this season as it was last year. A few young ladies boating go up the river and return in the afternoon; but I have not heard of any persons going on the river in the Mousam evening. The reason doubtless is, the late Minnie Thompson river, Day, last summer went up and down the river, with other other girls, many times in the evening, sometimes remaining on the river nearly all night. It is supposed her sickness and death, was caused from a severe cold taken from the night air on the river.

1880.Thursday, Aug. 19th

During the last two or three weeks, a dozen or more of Indians as they call themselves, but in reality but a few are Indians; apparently they are a mixture of bloods, part Indian, part Negro and part white blood; have been encamped in this village near the old saw-mill. They spend most of their time in making and selling baskets and picking berries. A few of the males make bows and arrows for sale and enticing the village boys to shoot at a mark with a bow and arrow at five cents a shot. Doubtless there is a prize under certain conditions.

Friday, Aug. 20th

Yesterday there was a Republican mass meeting at Old Orchard Beach. A large number of people were present. James G. Blaine, Stanley Matthews, John A. Logan, Gov. Daniel F. Davis and Thomas Fitch were posted on the bills as the speakers to be present; but James G. Blaine was not present. Excursion trains over the various railroads, were run at greatly reduced prices. The price of an excursion ticket to go and return was 40 cents, from this village.

Saturday, Aug. 21st

A State and First District convention of the Maine Temperance Society met in Portland on the 19th inst.

Joshua P. Osgood of Gardiner was nominated as the candidate for Governor. After the State convention closed; the District convention met in the same hall immediately and was organized by the choice of John Brewer of Portland as chairman. James M. Stone of Kennebec was nominated a candidate for the First Congressional District. Osgood and Stone were nominated by acclamation and both accepted.

The Boston Journal says—"It has never been known until now that Mr. Stone cursed a fig about prohibition or that he was known in Maine as a decided temperance man. But Mr. Stone has for years been ambitious to be Governor or to go to Congress. He has been laboring under the delusion that the people are anxious to vote for him."

James M. Stone nominated.

1880.

Sunday, Aug. 22nd.

The ministers resident in this village have returned Sunday from their annual vacations, except Rev. Mr. Vinal.

Monday, Aug. 23rd

It is reported that the late Richard L. Boynes did not leave any will, at least his widow thinks he did not. If no will is found Mrs. Boynes will heir one half of his estate, as he had no children. It is probable his real and personal estate is between three and four thousand dollars, at a fair valuation.

Tuesday, Aug. 24th

The Leather Board Man. Co., or the Mousam Man. Co. as they now mark their goods in this village, are now busily employed. They are now at work lowering the raceway three feet; they are erecting an addition to the mill 30 by 40 feet, two stories high and built of brick and other improvements. A new boiler 16 feet long and 15 feet in circumference has been bought and set up ready for use. While the raceway is being lowered, part of the machinery is kept running by a 25-horse power steam engine hired for the occasion.

Wednesday, Aug. 25th

It is said by those who have counted the names on the check list, that there are now 748 names. The rule or supposition is one voter to five persons; but there are many young unmarried at work in the shoe shop here, the rule does not apply to this town, at present.

Thursday, Aug. 26th

This afternoon, I and my daughter with Miss Louisa Merrill, of Topsham, a visitor, went at first to Boothby's and Gove's beaches, where my daughter called and on some of her acquaintances at R. W. Lord's sea cottage, village. We then came to the village of Berneburgport and called at the Jeffers house, where the widow of the late Capt. Thomas Nowell and her sister Miss Lydia W. Jeffers are now boarding during the hot weather. They say there has been great changes in the village since they moved to Bangor in 1872.

1880.

Friday, Aug. 27th

Yesterday two poles, each about 10 feet high were erected near the lower end of Main street, in order that a Republican flag might be suspended over the road between them. The poles and a flag (not yet suspended) were bought by contribution. It is reported that the flag cost \$1.00 and the poles with the cost of erection about \$1.00.

Saturday, Aug. 28th

It is reported that Daniel Bernick has resigned being a school-committee in this school district. The reason probably is, Mr. Bernick and Mr. Brown the High school teacher do not like each other. As two of the school committee decided to employ Mr. Brown, for a longer period of time; Mr. Bernick declined to serve on the committee, as appearances indicate.

Sunday, Aug. 29th

Rev. Mr. Darling officiated in the Second Baptist Church to day. It is probable as Rev. Mr. Lockwood was not at home, that he exchanged with Mr. Darling.

Monday, Aug. 30th

Last Saturday evening, from 8 to nearly 10 o'clock, "James M. Stone - Independent candidate for Congress for the First Congressional District in Maine", as he called in the handbills; delivered an address in Mousam Hall.

The principal object of his address, appeared to be to show that the Republican party in this State was governed by a small "ring" of politicians at Augusta; the principal being James G. Blaine, whose approval was necessary, or nothing could be done. He said that this "ring" selected the men for all the principal offices in the State and a Republican State convention was simply to confirm and publicly nominate the men the "ring" had selected. The appointments of collectors of customs, Postmasters and all appointments must have the approval of Senator James G. Blaine, turned the crank. - Not more than 40 of the seats in the Hall were filled and about 1/2 of these were women and children.

1880.

Tuesday Aug. 31st

This morning I and my daughter and her visitor, went to Old Orchard and remained there until 6 P. M. We visited all places of interest, including a ride in the open cars, on the new railroad, along the beach, to Saco river. On the camp-grounds, there

At was a meeting of what they called "The Grange" farmers Old Orchard. There was not a large number on the grounds and many Beach, of them did not appear to be farmers. Being acquainted with a man stopping at the "Old Orchard House"; he conducted over the house, which to us was interesting. He said that one time this season, they had 700 guests. They fear them all, but part had to lodge in other houses. The price of board at this house, he said, was from \$3.00 to 7.00 a day. The price depended on the location of their room and the amount of room occupied.

Wednesday, Sept. 1st

Last evening the Republicans suspended their flag from or rather between the recently erected flag poles. On the top of the flag in large letters are the raised, names "Garfield & Arthur" and the bottom and the bottom of the flag "Daniel F. Davis". There was a speech from a stranger, but I do not know his name.

Thursday, Sept. 2nd

A large proportion of the visitors at the summer hotels and boarding-houses along the coast have gone home. I was told that 200 of the boarders at the Old Orchard house left one day last week and that their visitors were not more than 1/8 as many boarders at Old Orchard leaving as there were ten days ago. The boarders at Ocean Bluff and other boarding places in Kennebunkport, have in many cases gone away. The newspapers say there has been a greater number of visitors to the seaside resorts, this season than ever before in one season. The warm weather began earlier than usual consequently the "season" at the beaches has been longer and more profitable to those who kept boarders,

1880.

Friday, Sept. 3rd

Our English paper states that in forty nine church registers out of fifty throughout England, there will not be found a single instance of a double Christian name, name previous to the year 1700.

Saturday, Sept. 4th

The repairs and alterations in and on the primary schoolhouse in the meeting-house yard were finished to day. Primary The house has been raised about fifteen inches and underpinned. School It has been newly lathed, plastered, new seats, desk and House painted inside and out. Undoubtedly the work was done finished by the job and cost about \$ with the materials.

Sunday, Sept. 5th

A hot day. Thermometers in this village, were from 91 to 98 degrees, in the shade. Rev. Mr. Vinal having returned, there has been a meeting to day in each of the churches in this village.

Monday, Sept. 6th

The fall term of the schools in this village commenced to day. The teachers are the same as last term—Mr. Brown at the High School; Mr. Pierce, assisted by Miss Jordan at the Grammar School and Miss Fairbanks and Miss Roberts, teachers in the Primary Schools.

Tuesday, Sept. 7th

Daniel W. Lord, died in Malden, Mass., on the 4th inst., in the 81st year of his age. (Born March 29th 1800) His first wife was Lydia Abbot, adopted daughter of Rev. Jonathan Cogswell of Saco. She died in 1851 aged 53 years. His second wife, still living, was Lydia, daughter of Capt. A. C. Patterson of Kennebunkport. They were married in 1853. Mr. Lord did not have any children by first wife, by his second a son and a daughter. He built a number of ships and was part owner in many ships and smaller vessels. During many years he was considered to be the wealthiest man in Kennebunkport. In consequence of one or more lawsuits with the town on account of his taxes; he moved to Malden in 1864. By unfortunate investments, he lost his property and became a bankrupt in 1878. To day his body was brought to Kennebunkport and put in the family tomb.

1880.

Wednesday, Sept. 8th

There was a Democratic flag raising and rally in this village, last evening. On the 7 o'clock train from Biddeford a band of about fifty persons, all Democratic bearing torches, arrived and were escorted through Main street by the Cornet Band of this village. At the raising appointed time they were drawn up around the flag, when after appropriate remarks by Joseph Dane the flag was raised, with loud cheers from the large assembly. The company then adjourned to Monson Hall and listened to Col. J. R. Fellows, of New York. Address More people were present than could get in the by Hall to hear him. For two hours and twenty minutes Col. he held the close attention of the audience and often J. R. received hearty applause. Whatever Republicans Fellows might think of the weight of his arguments, no person present denies he is one of the most eloquent & pleasing New York public speakers they ever heard. Although he spoke so long; I did not see half a dozen persons leave the Hall during his address.

Thursday, Sept. 9th

Poetry. "If each man's deeply hidden woe
Were written out upon his brow,
For many then our tears would flow,
Who rather move our envy now." Metastasio.

Friday, Sept. 10th

Politics procession and political address by Benjamin F. Butler, address at Biddeford. The Cornet Band of this village and others at 132 in all went from the B. & M. Depot in this town in Biddeford, an extra train of cars, to Biddeford, and not get back until past midnight.

B. F. Butler. This B. F. Butler is one of the most noted men in Mass. No one denies he has uncommon natural abilities and has had great political influence, but a time server. No party has confidence in him. He has been a General in the Army, a member of Congress and has twice tried to be Governor of Massachusetts.

1880.

Saturday, Sept. 11th

Politics in this State are now at fever heat. The last rallies of the campaign close to night. Both parties have apparently done their utmost. It is supposed more political effort has been made in Maine this fall, than any fall during the present generation of voters. If the day next Monday is pleasant, there is no doubt more votes will be thrown, than ever before in one day, in this State.

Sunday, Sept. 12th

In their sermons to day, Rev. Mr. Lockwood and Rev. Mr. Vinal referred to the election to take place tomorrow, and to the corruption now practiced by political parties in buying voters. As a matter of course both ministers denounced the practice. Buying voters.

Monday, Sept. 13th

A fine, pleasant day for the political contest in this State. The votes in this town for Governor, Representative to Congress, Judge of Probate and Town Representative were as follows:—

Governor.				State and county election in Pennsylvania in 1880.
For Daniel F. Davis, (Republican)	373			
" Harris M. Plaisted, (Fusion)	279			
" Joseph Nye, (Temperance)	10	667.		
Representative to Congress.				
" Thomas B. Read, (Republican)	349			
" Samuel J. Anderson, (Fusion)	263			
" James M. Stone, (Temperance)	12	664.		
Judge of Probate.				
" Nathaniel Hobbs, (Republican)	366			
" Joseph Dane, (Fusion)	293	619.		
Town Representative.				
" Robert W. Lord, (Republican)	377			
" Edwin Day, (Fusion)	274			
" Edward W. Morton, — — —	2			
" J. A. Fairfield, — — —	1	619.		

In 1876 the largest vote was thrown up to that time, being 610. To day the vote for Governor was 667. Fusion, in this case means a union of Democrats & Greenbacks.

1880.

Tuesday, Sept. 14th

The election in this town yesterday passed away quietly. I did not see or hear of any disturbance, or angry words. Apparently the sick and invalids who were able, were brought to the ballot-box. The health of Dr. Orrin Ross has been failing slowly about two years and his mind fails with his body. He was brought to vote to day and it took two men to get him out of the chair and assist him into the Town Hall.

Wednesday, Sept. 15th

The result of the election in this State on Monday is a surprise to all parties, the Democrats are agreeably surprised the Republicans disappointed. Their papers claimed that Davis would be elected Governor, by at least 5000 majority, but appearances now indicate that Claiborne is elected by about 1000 majority. There are many small towns and plantations yet to be heard from that may give Davis the majority.

Thursday, Sept. 16th

The addition and improvements on the leather-burn property are now nearly if not quite finished. They are now in full operation, the machinery being in good running order as the workmen say.

Friday, Sept. 17th

I have heard the following story. — While the carpenters were at work on the Baptist church (in 1840) an aged man came in front of the building and gazed toward it a long time. At last he went to one of the carpenters and asked him, what the blocks or seats, on the top of the front of the meeting-house were for. The carpenter told him they were not for any particular use, but were put there for a finish or ornament, as it was supposed the front would look better with them without them. "Well," said he "I am glad you told me. There are so many new fashions now-a-days, I could not think what they were for; but had rather made up my mind, they were for the singers to sit on."

Saturday, Sept. 18th

Yesterday was a great day in Boston, being its 250th birth day. There was a historical address by the Mayor Prince, a procession containing about ten thousand men, about four hundred vehicles, thirty five bands and twenty two drum corps, as the Boston Journal says. The following is an extract from the Mayor's address. — "At a meeting of the board of assistants held on the 7th of September, old style, the 17th of Sept. new style, 1630, it was ordered that the peninsula previously called by the Indians, Shawmut, and by the English, Binnountain, should be called 'Boston.' We date the foundation of our city from that day."

Sunday, Sept. 19th

Rev. Bernard Carpenter of the Hollis street church, Boston, preached to day at the Unitarian church on exchange with Rev. Mr. Vinal.

Monday, Sept. 20th

Apples are remarkably plenty this season. The first quality of Baldwin apples are offered for sale in this village at one dollar a barrel (barrel not included), cooking apples are sold for the most they will bring. The newspapers say there is a great crop of apples in all the New England States.

Tuesday, Sept. 21st

People who live at Port village, say that freighting by schooners between the Port and Boston has nearly gone by. Fifty years ago there was a large quantity of wool, mostly hard pine sent to Boston. This shipping would continue many years. During the last ten or more years the number of cords of wool sent away from the Port has been less and less each year. I think and there were formerly as many as six coasters, that carried wool to Boston and vicinity and these vessels brought from Boston to the Port all the goods bought by the traders in Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and near the goods in Alfred and Sanford (part of the goods came to Wells.) Now the goods come by railways. There is now but one schooner between the ports and she does not carry wool.

1880,

Wednesday, Sept. 22nd

To day there was an excursion to the White Mountains from Pennsbury, Biddeford, Saco and Old Orchard.

Fare for the round trip: Biddeford, Saco and Old Orchard \$3.00 from Pennsbury \$3.30.

From this town were Mrs. Helen Frost, Miss Mary Frost, Miss Mary Hackett, Miss Ella Clark, Andrew Walker, Lucy Walker, and Miss Maria Stone, who was invited to accompany Lucy Walker. We left here at 7^{1/4} A.M. and arrived at Eabyan Hotel at 1^{1/4} P.M. As the board at this hotel is \$4.00 a day for each person, we went about one third of a mile to the "Mount Pleasant House" where the board is \$2.50 a day to summer boarders and to excursionists only \$1.50 a day at this time of year. Summer boarders are now apparently gone home but we were told that excursions from different places now come nearly every week day. This afternoon a large party came from Concord N.H. They brought a band of music with them and had music, singing and dancing this evening at Eabyan Hotel. The Pennsbury people went to see them and remained nearly two hours.

From appearances there were between two and three hundred people in the dancing room and the room was not one fourth part filled. It is the largest room that I ever saw in a private house.

Thursday, Sept. 23rd

Mount Pleasant House is nearly opposite and in plain sight of the railroad to the summit of Mount Washington. Although the weather yesterday and today has been fair, the top of the mountain has been enveloped with clouds. Those who went to the top, say the clouds were so dense; all they could see was the summit house and its surroundings.

To day there were at least 100 persons at the house where we stopped, apparently between 200 and 300 at Eabyan Hotel. I did not stop at Crawford which is a few miles this side of Eabyan's. I and my daughter with Maria Stone returned here this afternoon.

1880,

Friday, Sept. 24th

I was told the Mount Washington railroad is about 8^{1/2} miles long. It begins at Eabyan's hotel and is about 2^{1/2} miles to the base of the mountain, when it begins to ascend. The cars run from Eabyan's to the summit twice a day, at 9 A.M. and 5 P.M., the afternoon passengers stopping on top of the mountain all night. The fare on the Mount Washington cars is \$6.00 a trip. If a person rides only one way the fare is \$4.00. Meals in the summit house are \$1.00 each. Lodging \$2.00 a night for each person.

I was informed that the mountain railway and cars cost at first about \$110,000. Repairs and improvements since first then about \$40,000 more.

Saturday, Sept. 25th

Doctor Frank M. Ross and wife, has this week moved into their house, which is supposed to be finished. Dr. Frank's father Dr. Edwin Ross and wife, with his daughter Mrs. Isabella Ross Thompson remain in the house, owned and formerly occupied by Dr. Edwin Ross.

Sunday, Sept. 26th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood, exchanged with Rev. Mr. Arnold of Wells. People here think Mr. Lockwood is "more of a man" Sunday than Mr. Arnold and like Mr. Lockwood better.

Monday, Sept. 27th

The Boston Journal says "Mr. George W. Lyman of Waltham, Mass. died in that town on Friday the 24th inst, aged 94 years. He was born in Pennsbury, Me. and moved to Boston when two years old, with his father Theodore Lyman. He amassed great wealth and his place in Waltham contains 400 acres and is beautifully laid out and kept."

From the above, it appears that Mr. Theodore Lyman, moved from this town in 1788, being twelve years after he had planted the six now large elm trees in front of the house now owned by Nathan Dane, Jr. (which was given to him by the late Mrs. Dorothea Smart) and the house formerly owned and occupied by the late Joseph Dane senior.

1880,

Tuesday Sept. 28th

Boston newspapers say, "Work in connection with the Cape Cod Canal, was begun Sept. 15, at Sagamore hill. It is expected that the canal will be finished in two years. The length of the water way is about eight miles; the breadth will be 60 feet at the bottom and 250 feet at the top; depth below low water, 20 feet; height of cutting at crown of ridge 50 feet. The cost is estimated at \$10,000,000. The canal will save 150 miles of distance on a dangerous coast, and bring Boston nine hours nearer to New York by steam."

Wednesday, Sept. 29th

Last Saturday was a remarkably warm and juvenile pleasant day for so late in the season. On that day Temple's William Pickers teams took to Hart's beach eighty five children belonging, as reported, to juvenile Templars. I do not recollect, there has been this season, from Hart's beach, either of Societies a picnic excursion from either of the Sabbath Schools in the village.

Thursday, Sept. 30th

The estate of the late Richard B. Rogers has been appraised this week. The house and lot where he lived was appraised at \$1,200. His personal estate consisting of railway-bonds, railway stock, bank shares, notes and cash on hand, amounts to over eight thousand dollars. The whole estate is appraised, between nine and ten thousand dollars.

With the exception of his wife, no one in this village supposed he had left one half as much property. The highest estimate of his property, before the appraisal was four thousand dollars.

Friday, Oct. 1st

During the late war Thomas Green, of Wells, was a soldier. He married a daughter of James Hatch, of this town and live at the Seaview Landing. They have children and have been very poor, the children often begging. Recently has received a pension of \$6 a month for the future and \$1118 back pay as reported. After receiving his money, he at once bought a watch and his wife a lot of jewelry, as it is said.

1880,

Saturday, Oct. 2nd

There is now a Fairfield & Arthur club in this village, which meets in Varney's hall on the western side of the river, also a Hancock & English club, which meets in the building owned by John Roberts and recently occupied by Mr. Hutchinson, for a meat shop.

I do not know any particulars of either club.

Sunday, Oct. 3rd

Rev. Francis F. Williams preached for Rev. Mr. Lockwood this evening. Usually there is a preaching service in the meeting-house one Sunday evening in a month.

Monday, Oct. 4th

"There is one fact, which you seem to have entirely forgotten. God is a sure paymaster. He may not pay at the end of a week, month or year, but I charge you remember that he pays in the end."

Annie of Austria to Cardinal Richelieu.

Tuesday, Oct. 5th

"Perfect biographies do not exist. There is that in individuals which no word painting can convey, and when the object of regard passes from sight, something at least is hopelessly lost."

Wednesday, Oct. 6th

A new Express has this week been put on the route between here and Portland by Charles H. Clark of this village. A. F. Wornwood has care of the Express. This is in opposition to Millikin's, Bensnebunk and Portland Express, now owned by John B. Maling of R. Port.

Thursday, Oct. 7th

Last evening the Fairfield and Arthur club and the Hancock and English club turned out and paraded our streets. Each club have new uniforms and torches making a gay appearance. I do not know the number in each club, apparently about seventy five each.

Friday, Oct. 8th

A dry time. At least 2/3 of the wells in the village are dry. The brooks are also very low. The Mousum and Bensnebunk rivers are unusually low for the season.

1880.Saturday, Oct. 9th

The widow of the late Capt. Thomas Lora, now aged 80, and her sister-Lydia Currier, a Thomas maiden lady of about 70 years, have broken up house-keeping, at least for the present, and this day have Miss gone to board with Jefferson W. Sargent. In July 1855 Currier Mr. Sargent married Miss Sarah Currier, who is a niece of the above Mrs. Lora and Miss Currier.

Sunday, Oct. 10th

Nothing of particular interest to day.

Monday, Oct. 11th

Last Saturday evening the Garfield & Arthur Garfield club, accompanied by the Cornet Band, went to the and lower village in carriages, and paraded there Arthur and in Pesnebunkport village. After the parade club was over, they went to the Parker House, where a supper was provided for them. Doubtless free.

Tuesday, Oct. 12th

To This afternoon I went to Boston and stopped Boston, at the "Sherman House", as usual.

Wednesday, Oct. 13th

When I was at the academy in Newhampton N.H. in 1832 & '33, two of my fellow students, then young men now live in Providence R.I. This morning I went to that city, in part to see them, and in part to see the city of Providence. I first called on Doctor Chase Wiggin. He recollected me, after I had told him who I was and that in the winter of 1832 & '33, he invited me and I accepted the invitation, to keep the district Chan school where his parents lived in Meredith, N.H. We Wiggin, took dinner together and recalled many persons and events of our school days.

After dinner we went to look at the buildings of President Brown University, particularly "Memorial Hall" and the L. J. Library. As the President of the University - Archibald J. Robinson, Robinson, was the other fellow student, at Newhampton, I called to see him. On my telling him who I was, he received me cordially. He had forgotten nearly all of the

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Newhampton students, except Moses Curtis - who he said was his tutor a few months. After a short and pleasant interview, he invited me to take dinner with him, which I declined, having already dined. Moses Curtis.

Having visited "Providence Arcade" and other places of interest to me, I returned to Boston in the evening.

Thursday, Oct. 14th

Busy all day in going about the city and buying In such goods as I wanted and other business. Boston

Friday, Oct. 15th

Having finished my business in Boston returned home. Home.

Saturday, Oct. 16th

George W. Frost, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Miss L. W. Elizabeth N. Little of this town, were united in Frost marriage, on Wednesday the 13th inst., by Rev. C. C. Nival. and Miss L. W. Frost is the only son of the late Edwin C. Frost Miss of this town and Miss Little is a daughter of George L. Little L. N. of this village. Mr. & Mrs. Frost left here for their western Little marriage, on the same day they were married.

Sunday, Oct. 17th

Rev. Mr. Worth being absent, no meeting in the Baptist church to day.

Sunday

Monday, Oct. 18th

At the meeting of the directors of Ocean N. Bank held this day, it was voted that Capt. Moses C. Maling M. C. be the agent to collect the rents and make necessary Maling repairs and ordinary repairs on the buildings, recently owned appoints by Capt. N. L. Thompson, now in the possession of the Bank, agent. His agency extends only to Jan. 1, 1881, but probably will be extended after that time.

Tuesday, Oct. 19th

The new express (see Oct. 6th) between Pesnebunk and New Putnam was short lived. L. H. Black has sold out to Express sold out. J. B. Maling, the regular express man.

Wednesday, Oct. 18th

The drought still continues. Mousam river is Drought not remarkably low, but the brooks and most of the continues wells in this vicinity are dried up.

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Thursday, Oct. 21st

When I was in Providence, on the 13th inst. I visited the grave of Moses Curtis, who is interred in the north cemetery, about a mile from the middle of the city. The cemetery is so large I was more than an hour in finding the grave, although President Robinson told me in what part of the cemetery it was probably in. The following is a copy of the inscription on the white marble gravestone.

(See June 14, 1861.)

The grave of
Moses Curtis,
a member of
the Sophomore class
of Brown University.
Born at Kennebunk, Maine,
April 26th, 1806,
Died at Providence,
March 12, 1835.
Aged 29 years.

"God, even our God will save us!"

Friday, Oct. 22nd

Last evening there was a parade in the village of Hancock, of the club of Hancock & English torch bearers. Many and of the Democrats illuminated their houses. The following houses were illuminated that I saw:—
club, George L. Little; Joseph Dane's; Charles Thompson's; parade, Nathl L. Thompson; Edward Woods; John Cousins; Samuel Clark; John C. Baker; William Fairfields; Joann H. Kimball; James Berry; John H. Ferguson; John L. Littlefield and it is said many houses were illuminated on the western side of the river, but I did not go over the river to see them. Some of the Democrats in the village did not illuminate, on account of recent deaths, I was one of the number. I hear that James M. Stone lighted up his house, even the attic windows and told the torch-bearers that he should vote for Hancock & English. This lighting up his house

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and remark of J. M. Stone that he should vote for Hancock & English, was a surprise to me. Until last summer he was considered one of the Republican leaders. Most of the houses on the hill were lighted in part with Chinese lanterns. Mr. Dane's in particular had a large number. When the torch-bearers with their music, came back from J. M. Stone's, Mr. Dane addressed the company and told them, among other things, that Hancock and English would be elected, as is reported, by those who heard the address of Mr. Dane.

Saturday, Oct. 23rd

This evening the Hancock & English and the Harpers Political & Arthur clubs came out with their torches, music and banners. It is said the last named club have gone up to the P. S. D. P. depot village.

Sunday, Oct. 24th

After having met with an accident, there was not any meeting in the Baptist church to day.

Monday, Oct. 25th

While in Boston recently, I attended a public meeting in Faneuil Hall, Thursday evening, Oct. 14th. There were addresses from politicians, but the principal object of the meeting appeared to be for the people to see ex-President Gen. W. S. Grant. When he entered the Hall there was great cheering and he made a short speech, but he did not remain in the Hall more than 15 minutes, as he had engagements at other places.

Tuesday, Oct. 26th

Last evening 104 members of the Hancock & English club (as one of the number told me) went in seven, two horse teams to the village of Kennebunkport. Their torches were not lighted until they arrived at the village. They then paraded the streets. Many houses in the village were illuminated. After the parade all of them took supper at Parker's Hotel, where they had all they could eat and cigars thrown in, for all who wished to have them. They arrived back in this village, about midnight.

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Wednesday, Oct. 27th

Rain last evening. There has been a few light rains
 slight recently, but not enough, to raise the wells and but
 rains, a slight influence on the brooks.

Thursday, Oct. 28th

Last evening the Garfield & Arthur club with
 Garfield's the cornet band, went to Biddeford, where it is
 said the Republicans had a celebration. The club
 Arthur paraded to the depot with lighted torches, then
 club went to Biddeford in the B. & M. cars. They returned
 at home a little past midnight; having had as they
 Biddeford say a good time including a supper in Biddeford.

Friday, Oct. 29th

This evening J. H. Drummond, delivered a political
 J. H. in Monahan Hall in favor of Republican ideas. Part of
 Drummond Garfield & Arthur club paraded to the Hall with their
 political torches, which they extinguished as they went into the Hall,
 address. This evening the Hancock & English club, or at least
 part of them, paraded with their torch-lights, music
 and banners, to the upper depot, then across the river
 Political and back by the farm of Thatcher Jones and Son. It is
 clubs, probable they rode part of the way, as horn teams
 followed them when they left the village.

Saturday, Oct. 30th

This evening a union rally was held in this
 Hancock & village. Speaking on the political issues of the day
 by F. B. Torrey of Bath and Rev. H. A. Wales of Biddeford
 in Monahan Hall. After the speaking there was a
 with grand torch-light procession, by the Hancock & English
 visiting club of this village and visiting clubs of Biddeford and
 clubs parade, Saco. There were three bands of music - Pennebunk
 cornet, Biddeford cornet and French Institute Bands.

A larger number of Democrats illuminated
 Illumination their houses and places of business than they did
 on the 21st instant.

A gentle rain has been falling all the evening
 rain, which has made it very uncomfortable for those
 who walked in the large torch-light procession.

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Sunday, Oct. 31st

Some rain in the forenoon; hence not a full
 attendance at church. Pleasant in the afternoon.

Monday, Nov. 1st

This evening the Republican party in this
 town and village had their display. The Garfield & Garfield
 Arthur club, paraded to the depot, where they received
 visiting clubs from Saco and Biddeford, with their bands, Arthur
 of music and banners. A band of music was also with
 present from North Berwick. The French Institute visiting
 Band, considered the best in this vicinity, was not clubs
 present. The bands having formed into a line parade.
 preceded by about twenty mounted horsemen
 paraded the village. Afterwards they partook of
 a picnic supper which had been provided for them in the town hall.

Nearly all the houses in the village, occupied
 by Republicans were illuminated this evening.

Tuesday, Nov. 2nd

A fine day and good traveling for the election
 of the Presidential electors of President and Vice
 President, for four years from the fourth of next
 March. The vote in this town was as follows; -

For Garfield & Arthur - Electors	421	Notes for Electors of President and Vice- President.
" Hancock & English - "	306	
" Dow & " "	4	
Whole number of votes thrown -	731	

The election passed off quietly here; but it
 was evident, that a great deal of hard work had
 been done by both parties; by the large number of
 votes thrown here to day. The largest number ever
 thrown in one day. Whoever is elected, both parties
 say they are glad the election is over.

Wednesday, Nov. 3rd

From returns already received there does not
 appear to be any doubt that electors who will
 vote for Garfield & Arthur have a majority and they
 will be chosen.

Garfield
and
Arthur.

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Thursday, Nov. 4th

The uniforms of the political clubs in this town, is or at least was as follows:—

Garfield & Arthur club.

William Bowen—captain.

Uniforms Dark pants, long white jackets, which comes over the
of pants to the knee, the jacket is fastened around the waist
the with a new belt, a cap and white garters.

Political
clubs.

Hancock & English club.

Charles H. Packard—captain.

Blue woolen shirts, white pants, which comes up over
the shirts to the waist and fastened with a belt, a cap
Thin and new garters.

captains With the exception of the woolen shirts, which are of
and good quality, the uniform of both clubs are of cheap
number materials, and the exception of the caps, put on over the
of other clothing, when they paraded.

touch—The greatest number that paraded in either club
beavers, at any one time, was about one hundred. It is not
probable more than two thirds were voters, as both
clubs accept boys from ten years, upwards.

Friday, Nov. 5th

Sabbath "Our Sabbath, which God gave us as a day to be
devoted to his service, in religious instruction and
worship, has become very largely a holiday. Twenty
years ago, there were no horse cars running on the
days Sabbath, no steam cars running on that day and
are no steamboat excursions down the harbor. Twenty
not years ago people walked out timidly on Sabbath
observed afternoons, but now pleasure gardens count their
now thousands of patrons. Meanwhile the assemblies of
as worship have diminished. Only the Sabbath morning
formerly, services seem now to have any hold on men's consciences.
Even church members, it is said take Sabbath
afternoons for a pleasure drive into the suburbs."

The above is an extract from a sermon delivered
by Rev. Dr. Webb, in Shawmut Congregational Church,
Boston, Oct. 31, 1880.

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Saturday, Nov. 6th

Yesterday morning a moderate rain storm
began and has continued until this evening.
The drought is broken and the rivers have risen,
but the wells in this vicinity are low yet.

Drought
broken.Sunday, Nov. 7th

a fine, mild day and average number at church, Sunday.

Monday, Nov. 8th

George Wise says that he has Ten Thousand Dollars
(\$10,000) insured on his life and has had since he
built his residence in 1868.

George
Wise's
insurance.Tuesday, Nov. 9th

"The ways of God with men are often clothes
in mystery, and sometimes the veil is not
withdrawn till the light of eternity shines
on the life that now is."

God's
ways
are
mysterious.Wednesday, Nov. 10th

Miss Eliza Emery died last week in Neponset Mass
aged about 65 years. Her remains were brought to the
Landing and interred by the side of her father and
mother—Mrs. John Emery. When she was young,
she went South and taught school in a planter's
family, a number of years, 1855, 1856 and 1857, she taught
a private school for Misses in this village. She boarded
with B. F. Goodwin, at the time I was also a boarder.

Death
of
Miss
Eliza
Emery.

Her father moved to this village in 1858 and died in
1868 when Eliza went to live with her relatives.

I was well acquainted with Miss Emery. She had
uncommon natural abilities and good education.

Thursday, Nov. 11th

This evening the members of the Hancock & English
club, with their wives and invited guests are having
an excellent supper and social dance. The dancing
is in Mousam Hall and the supper in the Hall below.
A French band of music was engaged from Biddeford
and are probably present. This is probably the last meet-
ing of the club, and they doubtless wished to have a
good time at the close.

Hancock
&
English
club.
Supper
&
dance.

1880.

Friday, Nov. 12thThe
election

The following is the result of the late election:-

For Garfield & Arthur - 213 Electoral votes.

" Hancock & English - 156 "

A solid North against a solid South.

Garfield
&
Arthur.

The following table of the majorities in the popular votes for President and Vice President in the several States, is from the New York Evening Post.

In 19 Northern States - 128,060.

" 19 Southern " - 441,763.

Supposed
reason

The reason of the success of the Republican party is attributed mainly as follows:-

The
election.

The influence of the vast number of United States office holders.

It is probable more than two thirds of the wealth and all or nearly all of the corporate capital of the country, is in the hands of the Republicans.

The country is now in general prosperity and the unwillingness of business men to consent to a change.

Saturday, Nov. 13thAs remarked on the 2nd instant, "The election passed off quietly here." A few incidents may be worth noting.

Incidents

The following are reports. When the Hancock & English clubs (W.A. 2nd) were passing in the street on Zion's Hill, from two of the houses occupied by Republicans not a glimmer of light could be seen, even the light in the kitchen were extinguished. - A short time before the election, the agent of a manufacturing company in this village, intimates to his employees, that if they did ^{not} vote for Garfield & Arthur, they need not expect employment from him the coming winter, and he was in the Town Hall sometime to see how they voted. - Ten policemen came with visiting clubs on (the 14th) but they kept their badges of office under their overcoats while in the procession, but the clubs from Saco and Biddeford knew they were present. - One old lady in this village said, she "was afraid if Hancock & English were elected, the Southerners would come and take the State of Maine".

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Sunday, Nov. 14th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood exchanged pulpits to day with Rev. Mr. Lewis, of South Berwick.

Monday, Nov. 15th

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, of Boston, delivered a lecture in Mousorn Hall this evening. Her subject was "The boy of to day". As usual her lecture was interesting. The Hall was about three fourths filled, at least nine tenths of the audience being females.

Tuesday, Nov. 16th

"It will be found that men in public service, as a rule, are not in so good circumstances as those of the same capacity who have entered an employment and exercise ordinary toot and care."

Our advice to all young men who have a life before them, is to keep out of public employment. In it there drudgery and little scope for ambition, with few opportunities for promotion. Avoid it as you would the treadmill." Boston Journal.

Wednesday, Nov. 17th

The Leather Board Factory in this village recently sent a ton of shoe counters to the city of Strasbourg in Germany, as is reported. Shoe Factory.

Thursday, Nov. 18th

Last evening the Garfield & Arthur club, probably had their last torch-light parade. After which they partook of a picnic supper, provided by the Republican ladies of this village. The supper was in the Town Hall. Many of the houses were partially illuminated, not by candles in the windows as they were Nov. 4th, but by lamps in the different rooms, which made a dull illumination. A lot of tar and resin barrels had been collected, near the pump and Town Hall. These barrels were set on fire about nine o'clock and made a brilliant bon-fire.

Friday, Nov. 19th

"Do the duty that lies nearest thee" Goethe, Maxims.
"Our wishes are often presentments of our capabilities." Anon.

1880,

Saturday, Nov. 20th

District. The fall term of the district schools in this village school, closed yesterday. The vacation between the fall and winter term, is said to be only one week.

Sunday, Nov. 21st

Sunday. A cold day, but few people apparently at church.

Monday, Nov. 22nd

It was noted April 24 1880 that Miss Anna J. Larrabee Anna J. of this town has taken lessons in the School of Elocution in Philadelphia. This evening she had "Select Readings" before quite a large audience in Monahan Hall. Select Those who were present, say she read very well, better Readings than was expected. The price of admission to her "Readings" was 25 cents each.

Tuesday, Nov. 23rd

William About two months since George Parsons employed Goodwin William Goodwin-house carpenter, to go with him to say city of New York and do some repairing on Mr. Parsons' dwelling house. He says that George Parsons paid \$35,000 George, for his residence, which is nearly new and originally Charles cost the builder, more than twice that sum, and Charles Parsons lives in a residence which cost him Edwards \$60,000. Edwards Parsons lives in a residence, which cost Parsons him about \$100,000, as William Goodwin says.

Wednesday, Nov. 24th

The present retail prices are now obtained here. Flour from 6.50 to 8.50 a bush.; corn 60 to 65 cts. bush.; round hogs from to ds, clear salt pork 11 to 12 cts. lb.; lard 11 to 12 cts. lb.; butter 30 cts. a lb.; cheese 14 to 16 cts. lb.; eggs retail 25 to 28 cts. doz.; turkeys 23 to 25 (nearly all 25) cts. a lb.; chickens prices 14 to 15 cts. a lb.; potatoes 60 to 70 cts. a bush.; beans from 2.25 to in 2.50 bush.; Baldwin apples \$1.00 a bush. without the box; this cooking apples any price you can get; dry cod fish 5 to 6 cts. lb.; villages, molasses 50 to 55 cts. gall.; granulated sugar 11 to 12 cts. lb.; coal oil 17 to 18 cts. gall.; corn beef 10 cts. a lb.; round steak 1 lb.; hog 16.00 to 18.00 a ton; dry hams 4.50 a corn (at the upper depot 4.00) soft wood 2.25 to 2.75 a corn; coal delivered at the houses in the village \$6.75 a ton.

1880,

Thursday, Nov. 25th

Thanks-giving. The ground and river are frozen, so that boys have fine time skating. There have been a few flurries of snow, but no snow on the ground now in this vicinity. The Baptist and Second Parish churches united at the Methodist church and heard Rev. Mr. Cobb.

Thanks-giving.

I and my daughter and housekeeper remained at home and had our Thanksgiving turkey and other good things to ourselves, although I invited a poor widow and her grandson to take dinner with us.

In the evening went to the house of C. B. Littlefield with my daughter and were shown many many things which his son - C. W. Littlefield brought from China, Japan,

Friday, Nov. 26th

A New York paper says: A computation of the cost of the oil, torches, capes and other paraphernalia used in the late campaign reaches \$3,000,000.

Supposed cost

It is not probable the public will ever know the actual cost in money of both political parties, in this town, during the late Presidential campaign. No one estimates the cost at less than \$1000 for both parties and there is a strong probability that it will exceed that sum.

the late Presidential campaign.

Saturday, Nov. 27th

One week ago to night the weather became quite cold and has remained remarkably cold since that time. Much colder than usual at this season of the year.

Cold.

Sunday, Nov. 28th

The same note made last Sabbath, will apply to day.

Sunday.

Monday, Nov. 29th

While in conversation with one of the late shipbuilders of this village who failed in the fall of 1878, he said - experience "There is a marked difference between the past and present treatment I receive from most of my old acquaintances and supposed friends. Men that have often helped, and who I think are under great obligations to me; since my failure, treat me at all times with indifference, and often with apparent contempt."

late shipbuilder

1880.Tuesday, Nov. 30th

The official vote of the State of Maine for Presidential electors, has been decided as follows:-

Official vote of Maine for Pres. electors,	Garfield and Arthur electors	74,039
	Hancock and English "	61,171
	Weaver " "	4,480
	Dow " "	92
	Scattering, for 61 persons - - -	129
	Garfield and Arthur's majority over all other electors is 4,160.	

Wednesday, Dec. 1st

Snow now has fallen. This is the first snow this season and except a few flurries. This afternoon sleighs and sleds sleighing made their appearance in the streets.

Thursday, Dec. 2nd

Statement of majorities taken from official returns from every State in the Union, at the late Presidential election, is as follows:-

Official vote for Pres. electors	Garfield & Arthur, electors - -	4,439,410
	Hancock & English, " - - -	4,436,014
	Weaver & Chambers, " - - -	308,729
	Dow & Thompson, " - - -	9,644
	Scattering " - - -	1,793
	Total, - - - - -	9,192,590
	Garfield & Arthur plurality - - -	3,401

Friday, Dec. 3rd

Total number of votes cast at the late Presidential election, as footed up by the New York Tribune (not official) was - - - 9,192,590.

In 1876 it was - - - - - 8,411,136.

" 1872 " " - - - - - 4,431,149.

Saturday, Dec. 4th

This week I have had workmen, altering the dress-making room in the P.W. building, into a bookstore for Mrs. L. S. Chesley, who will move from room, where she now is in Mr. Pernich's to this room.

1880.Sunday, Dec. 5th

Cloudy in the forenoon and rainy in the afternoon, Sunday,

Monday, Dec. 6th

Standard weight of a bushel of various grains, etc., in this State of Maine.

Barley, - - - - 48	Unions, - - - - 52
Beans, - - - - 62	Pease, - - - - 60
Barrots, - - - - 50	Potatoes, - - - - 60
Corn, - - - - 56	Rye, - - - - 56
Corn Meal, - - - 50	Wheat, - - - - 60
Worts, - - - - 30	

Tuesday, Dec. 7th

Now that the building of wooden ships at the Port, on both sides of the river, has ceased, at least for present; the inhabitants at the village of Pennabunkport are anxious for some new business to be carried on there. At a meeting of some of the leading held a few days since, it was voted that an effort be made to have a Shoe Factory in the village and Five Thousand Dollars were subscribed for that purpose. So says report.

Wednesday, Dec. 8th

Stockholders of the Boston & Maine and Eastern Railroads had a free ride to day to the annual meeting for the choice of directors. Many of the stockholders improve the opportunity and those who do not wish to go, often lend their certificates of stock to those who do wish to go to Boston or wherever the meeting is held. Is it right to lend certificates of stock?

Thursday, Dec. 9th

When Capt. Nathl. L. Thompson failed he has two or three unfinished ships or bargues on the stocks. The "Loan & Trust Company" of Boston, of which Capt. Thompson has hired money, took possession of the vessels and finished them. The last of the vessels a barge of 1080 tons, called "Saranac" sailed from the Port last week, I think on the 2nd instant, under the charge of Capt. Waldo Hill, of Biddeford. The ship sailed for New York. I do not know whether the company still own the barge.

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Friday, Dec. 10th

Mrs. G. S. Chesley has moved her goods from the store owned by Daniel Bemick into the store (formerly moved into building, she began to move the first of the week and my finished, I think yesterday. She has occupied Mr. Bemick's store since October 1876.

Saturday, Dec. 11th

"A celebrated French doctor, being surrounded in his last moments by many of his fellow physicians who then deplored his loss, said to them, 'Gentlemen, I leave great behind me three great physicians'. Every one thinking physician himself to be one of the three pressed him to name them; upon which he replied, cleanliness, exercise and moderation in eating."

Sunday, Dec. 12th

A favorable day for a full attendance at church.

Monday, Dec. 13th

It is reported that Samuel Clark has sold out his stock in trade to his son-in-law - John William Lora. Mr. Clark's health is not good, which is probably the reason why he has sold out his goods - principally in his store, I should have said principally of hardware.

Tuesday, Dec. 14th

Charles H. Lucas has made, and this day placed on the grave-yard lot of Capt. Moses Moring, a marble family monument. I do not know how much it cost.

The monument of the late Capt. John Hill, the monument of the late Capt. John Murphy and the Moring monument are near each other. These three men were sea captains and were born in Kennebunkport.

Wednesday, Dec. 15th

Tristram J. Perkins of Kennebunkport, died on the 13th inst, aged 78½ years. He was never married and lived a quiet life, all of his days, in the same old house (built about 1730) where he was born. During many of the later years of his life, he lived all alone.

See history of Kennebunkport.

1880.

Thursday Dec. 16th

"The following vessels were built in the District of Kennebunk, in the year 1880:-

Date,	Class,	Name,	Tonnage,	List
Feb.	Schooner,	Pinapore,	10,65,	of
March,	Steamer,	Nat. Strong,	70,94,	vessels
"	"	Geo. Hudson,	78,71,	built
April	"	Montauk,	83,38,	in
"	"	J. W. Hawkins,	181,69,	Kennebunk,
"	Schooner,	Grace Smith,	12,63,	District
June,	"	Aeth,	96,64,	in
Aug.	"	Oak Woods,	137,72,	1880,
Sept.	"	Walter Smith,	33,17,	
Nov.	Barque,	Saranac,	1,080,63	
Total - - - - -			1,746,47	

Friday, Dec. 17th

On the afternoons and evenings of Wednesday and Thursday, this week, there was a "Fair and Festival" in the hall of the Unitarian Church. The fair was by the ladies of the Unitarian Society, for the reported purpose of raising money to buy a carpet for the church or some room in the building. I and my daughter were present last evening. Many fancy and useful articles were for sale also a large variety of refreshments. Each of the rooms on the lower of the building were fitted up with good taste and many articles suitable for Christmas gifts and refreshments were sold. This is the first Fair that I recollect, this Parish ever had for raising money. Single tickets for admission to the Hall, ten cents each.

Saturday, Dec. 18th

The health of Rev. G. Worth is not good. His disease appears to be principally in his throat. He preached on the 14th of this month but not last Sabbath. Some persons think he will not preach any more this winter.

Sunday, Dec. 19th

A pleasant day and good walking. A meeting at Sunday, each of the churches in the village, except the Baptist.

1880,

Monday, Dec. 20th

Poetry Woods have their blossoms which we never behold,
And skies their worlds when light is never shown,
Ocean its treasures of untold gold,
And earth its heres that are all unknown.

Tuesday, Dec. 21st

The One of the lady managers of the recent Unitarian recent Fair and Festival, told me the Parish had received Fair from the Fair & Festival a little more than Four and Hundred Dollars. This sum included a number of Festival, donations, one of Twenty Five Dollars.

Wednesday, Dec. 22nd

Average "Mr. Needfield, a well known statistician, says income, that the average income of lawyers, doctors and of ministers in the United States, is about \$520, Professions while the average pay of government employees, men except Postmasters of the second and third classes, and is about \$1700. These figures may perhaps indicate government that the desire to obtain government positions, has employees, some good reasons for existence." Newspaper.

Thursday, Dec. 23rd

William F. Simpson is erecting a stable near the W. F. Boston and Maine R.R. depot. In the spring it is Simpson, reports he expects to build a house near the stable.

Friday, Dec. 24th

Christmas This being Christmas week, the district school week, in this village are having a vacation.

Saturday, Dec. 25th

Christmas. The sleighing mentioned on the 11th inst, did not continue but a few days. A rain took away Christ- most of it. Since then the ground has been frozen and mas. wheels run easily. The weather during the month has been unusually cold for the season of the year. The usual Christmas and picnic supper were held last evening, by each of the religious societies in the village, also the distribution of presents, mostly to the children. Rev. Mr. Lockwood received a "Student's lamp" and his wife a nice "barn chair."

1880,

Sunday, Dec. 26th

This winter the Unitarian and Methodist Societies in this village do not have any preaching in the forenoon and the Second Parish does not have any preaching in the afternoon. This forenoon Rev. Mr. Cobb sat in the pulpit with Rev. Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Cobb preached the sermon.

Rev,
Mr.
Cobb
and
Lockwood

Monday, Dec. 27th

The directors of Ocean National Bank have this day, declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cents, payable to stockholders on and after Monday next, Monday, Jan. 3rd 1881.

O. N.
Bank,
dividend

Tuesday, Dec. 28th

Last Saturday, J. P. Hamilton "failed" in his business, of dry and fancy goods. I have not heard the amount of his debts, or to whom he was indebted. Mr. Hamilton came here from Saco or Biddeford in March 1879 and apparently had a fair run of trade. One cause of his failure, according to report, is he sometimes drinks too much "strong water."

J. P.
Hamilton
failed
in
business.

Wednesday, Dec. 29th

"The first 'Savings Bank' in this country was opened in Boston in 1817. Now there are over six hundred of them and their present deposits of about eight hundred millions of dollars. Their chief business has been simply the security and improvement of the savings of persons of limited means and business qualifications, until requires for reasons of sickness, adversity or old age."

The
first
"Savings
Bank"
in
this
country.

Thursday, Dec. 30th

The first Lyceum entertainment this winter was given this evening by Professor Burns, at Mousorn Hall. It was called an "Organ concert." He is a blind vocalist and brought his organ with him. To those who are fond of music the evening, entertainment was doubtless satisfactory; but the larger part of the audience did not appear to take much interest in the music, although Mr. Burns, is doubtless an accomplished musician.

First
Lyceum
entertain-
ment,
this
winter.

1881,

Wednesday, Jan. 5th

Capt. (Militia) Oliver Bourne, of Kennebunkport died yesterday morning, aged 85 years. He and his wife returned from Melrose, Mass. Monday evening. Oliver Capt. Bourne was a trader and postmaster in the Bourne village many years, but gave up the business about fifteen years ago. I think he was one of the original Kennebunk Methodist there, and remained a member until his unexpected death. He was rather small in stature and of a quiet peaceable disposition.

Thursday, Jan. 6th

George P. Lowell, of this village has recently received the appointment of Deputy Sheriff for the town of Kennebunk. The late Deputy Sheriff, - W^m E. Towne Sheriff, did not please the public, as it is said his morals were not good.

Friday, Jan. 7th

The remains of Mr. Oliver Bourne were brought to this village this afternoon and put into the receiving tomb. In the spring they will doubtless be interred in the lot which he bought years ago in the graveyard. Bourne. He had but one child - Johnson Bourne, who died in Nov. 1873, aged 42 years, and was buried here. His widow and her children ~~and children~~ are probably living.

Saturday, Jan. 8th

Poetry, "If thou wouldst trust, poor soul,
In Him who rules the whole,
Thou wouldst find peace and rest;
Wisdom and right are well, but trust is best." *A. A. Austin.*

Sunday, Jan. 9th

Sunday, A pleasant day and full attendance at church.

Monday, Jan. 10th

Snow Last night and this forenoon there has been a snow storm. At least a foot of snow fell during the storm. As there was but little wind, the snow fell evenly. This afternoon there has been rain which keeps the snow from blowing. The rain inches, ceases falling before night; when many persons were at work shoveling snow.

1881,

Tuesday, Jan. 11th

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Ocean National Bank was held this afternoon. The following Annual is a copy of the vote for directors who were chosen: - meeting
"Joseph Dane, Andrew Walker, Edward W. Morton, of
Moses E. Moring, Robert W. Lord, Nathan Dane Jun^r & N.
and Abram Hill." Robert Smith was not rechosen Bank
director, because he is an invalid and did not wish Stockholder
to be a director. Abram Hill was chosen in his place. - dem.

Wednesday, Jan. 12th

In Dec. 1862, Oliver M. Cousins and Miss Nancy Ford, both of this town were united in marriage. Last spring, they separated, and since that time she has been living in this village with her mother, a Biddeford P. M. newspaper states that last Thursday she "procured a divorce from him and the custody of their children". The Cousins and
evidence shows that he had treated his wife in a brutal wife
manner. They have ~~two~~ ^{three} children, ~~both~~ boys. He has one
been a schoolmaster, a soldier, a lecturer on temperance, divorced,
and of late years a Methodist minister. I do not
know where he is, or his employment at the present time.

Thursday, Jan. 13th

"Let nothing disturb thee,
Let nothing affright thee,
All things are passing,
God never changeth." Spanish.

Poetry,

Friday, Jan. 14th

Harris M. Plaister - Fusion candidate for Governor of this State was inaugurated Governor one day this week. At the State election last September H. M. the people voted to elect the Governor for two years; hence Plaister, Gov. Plaister will remain in office two years, if he lives.

Saturday, Jan. 15th

This week "Oliver E. Lowell & Co." have been moving Oliver goods into the store next to mine. This store was formerly E. Lowell & Co. occupied by O. E. Wiggin afterwards by Mahlon Hutchinson, & Co. Lowell & Co. have for sale, groceries, fresh meats, nuts, fruits and kindred articles.

1881.

Sunday, Jan. 16th

Another pleasant Sabbath and full attendance Sunday, at church, at least at the Second Parish.

Monday, Jan. 17th

The second entertainment in the Lyceum course Second was given this evening, by the "Jubilee (colored) Singers" Lyceum of Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

entertain- There are three male and two female singers, one- ment. of the females played on the piano, most of the time while the others sang. Their songs with one exception "Jubilee were religious mostly, "Camp-Meeting Hymns." Singers." Every seat in the Hall was occupied, also settees which were placed in the front aisle.

Tuesday, Jan. 18th

"One of the best and wisest men that I ever knew, often said to me, that a decayed family, could never return or recover its loss of rank in the world, until the members of it left off talking and dwelling upon their former opulence. They may and sometimes do get halfway up again, but they are sure to fall back; unless reconciling themselves to circumstances, they become in form as well as in fact, poor families, folks. Men are like nations, one founds a family another an empire; both are destined, sooner or later to decay. This is the way in which ability manifests itself. I have no quarrel with such as are content with their original obscurity, vegetate on from father to son - whose ignoble blood has crept through clodpools ever since the flood. He who contentedly eats the bread of idleness and dependence is beneath contempt."

anon.

Wednesday, Jan. 19th

Walling Mrs. Mary F. Darrance, died last May, aged 91 1/2 yrs. - poor. Two daughters, by her first husband George Wallingford Homestead have continued to live in the old homestead, until last week they broke up housekeeping, Mrs. Sophia Smith has gone to relatives in Bangor and Miss Eliza Wallingford has gone to live with her sister Mrs. Helen Frost.

1881.

Thursday, Jan. 20th

"Companionship, sympathetic, intelligent and constant, is a great advantage as well as companionship. delight in all elevating pursuits."

Friday, Jan. 21st

The winter so far has been uncommonly severe. The weather in January as it was in Dec. has been cold nearly all the time. On the 9th and 10th of this month from 12 to 15 inches of snow fell and last night about 6 inches more of snow fell. Severe winter so far.

Saturday, Jan. 22nd

When Ocean Bank was organized in this village The in May 1854; Christopher Littlefield came here from families Wells, to be its cashier. He then had a wife, two sons of and three daughters. One of his sons - Charles B. and Christopher one of his daughters - Sarah, were married and Littlefield lived away from Wells. Since the family moved and here, one of his daughters - Elizabeth and his son - his John have been married. Charles has two sons and sons John has two sons. The daughters now widows live Charles with their father. They have no children. Since May, and 1854, now nearly 27 years, there has not been a death John in the family of Christopher Littlefield, or in the families of his two sons - Charles and John. The two sons-in-law William Sprague and William Chase have died.

Sunday, Jan. 23rd

It is said Rev. Mr. Byram - a Universalist Sunday minister, preached for Rev. Mr. Vinet to day.

Monday, Jan. 24th

The mill on the western side of Mousam river, used by Deane & Griffin and the mill on the eastern side of Mills the river used by Mr. Colvin have been unused since idle. Deane, Griffin and Colvin moved to Lake Village N. H. in the fall of 1878.

Tuesday, Jan. 25th

Although the snow is not blown into drifts, there is so much of it on the ground, the sledding is not good away from the villages. Not good sledding.

1881.

Wednesday, Jan. 26th

"The official report of the Population of the United States and Territories, was completed on the 17th of this month and is certified by the Superintendent, M. S. Francis A. Walker. The total population of the United States and Territories, in June 1880, was Fifty millions one hundred and fifty two thousand, eight hundred and sixty six. (50,152,866)" New York Evening Jan. 27, 1881.

1880. For the former census of the U. S. and Territories see July, 19th 1871.

Thursday, Jan. 27th

From the above source and authority, the population of Maine in June 1880, was Six Hundred and forty eight thousand, nine hundred and forty five (648,945).

Friday, Jan. 28th

Re. W. The turbine factory of R. W. Lord & Co. near the P. & O. depot, is reported to be doing a profitable business. Turbine Last full a large water wheel was put in position, the Factory, old wheel not being large enough. This winter the mill is run until 9 o'clock, every work day evening.

Saturday, Jan. 29th

Butting There are now about eighteen inches of snow on ice the ice of Moosum river, which makes it inconvenient on for those persons who wish to cut and store ice. But there Moosum is no way except to remove the snow before the ice can river, be cut, as has been done this week.

Sunday, Jan. 30th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood and Rev. Mr. Perry the Methodist minister of the Upper depot, exchanged this forenoon. The Perry, ministerial exchanges of different denominations are now much more common than they were when I was Exchanges, a boy. Still Unitarians and Unitarians ministers do not exchange, except Unitarian with Universalists.

Monday, Jan. 31st

Gold This has been an extremely cold month. It appears January, to me, as cold as I ever knew. There has not been any thaw in as we generally have in January.

1881.

Tuesday, Feb. 1st

"I have been a frequent observer of the passing out of my fellow-beings, in army and navy, in large hospitals - civil and military and in private life. The result of these said observations is, that in all ordinary cases, there is little physical pain in dying. Many suffer more from the various illnesses from which they recover, than most do in the article of death. A very large proportion become unconscious, and hence pass away without distress to themselves; while as it regards those who retain a good measure of intelligence till life is extinct, I have been greatly surprised, considering my early religious teaching, to discern in them an almost general indifference to their fate."

An old physician on the pain and suffering in dying.

An old physician in the N. Y. Evening Post.

Wednesday, Feb. 2nd

The third Lyceum entertainment this winter was given last Monday evening by D. G. Lawton, of Boston. His entertainment consisted of "Readings" from different authors. In reality there was not any reading by the citations. It was generally liked.

Third Lyceum entertainment.

Thursday, Feb. 3rd

In Sept. 1876 Walter Dore and Walter Perkins both of this village entered Bowdoin college. They graduated this last year. W. Dore is now studying law with his uncle Joseph Dore. W. Perkins it is said will soon study law with Burbank & Derby at Saco.

Walter Dore and Walter Perkins.

Friday, Feb. 4th

It is reported that Edwin J. Brown has sent in his resignation as teacher of the High School and Pierce as teacher of the Grammar School. Both of the resignations to take effect at the close of this term. Mr. Brown is to commence the study of law and Mr. Pierce will remove to Great Falls, N. H. to take charge of the Grammar School, now under the instruction of his brother David R. Pierce, who has made an engagement in a different occupation. These Pierce brothers are said to be excellent teachers and enterprising men.

Edwin J. Brown and Mr. S. Pierce, resigned.

1881.

Saturday, Feb. 5th

"While the helm of the Universe is held by Infinite Wisdom, Love and Power, I have not the shadow of a doubt that All is Well. But there are many things hard to be understood, and I am glad to believe that what we know not now we shall hereafter." S. J. Prime.

Sunday, Feb. 6th

Meetings this winter. This winter the only meeting in the forenoon, on Sundays, is at the Second Parish church. Rev. Mr. Vinson and Rev. Mr. Cobb hold their meetings in the afternoon and Rev. Mr. Worth remains unwell.

Monday, Feb. 7th

Money is a power for good, as well as for evil. It is an element of personal independence. Seek to acquire it fairly, honorably, without doing harm things, especially without grinding others. Still, there is more power in knowledge than in gold, no matter how large the pile.

Tuesday, Feb. 8th

The widow of Levi P. Hilliard, died on the 2nd inst., aged 82 years. She left two children—a married daughter Hilliard who lives in Massachusetts and a son named Levi P. Hilliard, who has lived with his mother from childhood. This son is unmarried and does not have good health.

Wednesday, Feb. 9th

The usual "January Thaw" was behind time this year. Last night the weather became milder and today the snow melts, not rapidly but the water runs the eaves of buildings. The weather is misty but not raining.

Thursday, Feb. 10th

The two houses—Senate and House of Representatives of United States met yesterday in joint convention to witness the opening and counting of the votes for Arthur President and Vice President of the United States, for official four years from March 4, 1881.

declared The whole number of electors votes cast was 369, of these electors, a majority is 185. J. A. Garfield has 214 for President and Chester A. Arthur 219 for Vice President. Vice President Wheeler then declared them elected.

1881.

Feb. 11th Friday.

The following is taken from the first book of records in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, Mass., reprinted verbatim in 1880. This extract is from a letter of instruction to the "Governor" (Capt. John, Endicott) and Council for London, Plantation in the Massachusetts Bay in New England. It is dated "Grovesend, the 17th of April 1629."

I have modernized the spelling—"To the end the Sabbath may be celebrated in a religious manner, we appoint that all that inhabit the plantation both for general and particular employments; may surcease their labor every Saturday throughout the year at 3 of the clock in the afternoon, and that they spend the rest of that day in catechising and preparation for the Sabbath as the Ministers shall direct."

Saturday, Feb. 12th

One of the hardest lessons to learn in life is, that the man who differs with you, not only in opinions but in principles, may be as honest and sincere as yourself.

Sunday, Feb. 13th

Yesterday was rainy and the snow melts rapidly but the thaw is over and the weather quite cold today.

Monday, Feb. 14th

Died in Pennebunk, Feb. 14th Larinia, widow of the late Horace Porter, aged 89 years 8 months. She was the last on earth, of the eight children of Doctor Jacob Fisher, also the last person in town of the family name of Porter.

"Like leaves on trees the life of man is found,
Now green in youth, now withering on the ground;
Another race the following spring supplies,
They fall successive, and successive rise;
So generations in their course decay;
So flourish these, when those have passed away?"

I sent a copy of the above to the "Eastern Star" for publication.

Death of
widow
Larinia
Porter.

Poetry.

1881.

Tuesday, Feb. 15th

Woods There has been so much cold weather this winter, so that wood and coal have advanced in price. Day labor work advanced in this village is now from 1,50 to 6,00 a cord and coal is in price, now \$ a ton, delivered.

Wednesday, Feb. 16th

Dull People who have been to the Port, this winter, say business there, on both sides of the river, is extremely at dull. No work in the ship-yards or anywhere else, except what is absolutely necessary and but very few people to be seen in the streets.

Thursday, Feb. 17th

Simpson On the 6th of last month Mr. Henry Simpson of this village, lost his only son - 6 1/2 years old of diphtheria. To day his youngest daughter about 4 years, died of diphtheria, the same disease.

Friday, Feb. 18th

The fourth Lyceum entertainment this winter Fourth was in Mason Hall, last evening by Wm. J. Marshall, Lyceum of Fitchburg Mass., His subject was "The National Park" entertained with 16, dissolving views. The views were good and the entertainment instructive and interesting.

Saturday, Feb. 19th

National The National Debt of England is equal to \$100 Debts for each man, woman and child in the country. The National Debt of the United States of America is less than \$40 for each person in the country. The debts of this and every other country are created and increased by war.

New York Observer, Feb. 17, 1881.

Sunday, Feb. 20th

Rev. Mr. Worth There has not been any meeting in the Baptist Church since the 10th of last October. Soon after that date, the pastor met with an accident, which has confined him to his house most of the time. To day he attended meeting at the Second Parish Church, and heard Rev. Mr. Lockwood. Mr. Lockwood invited him into his pulpit, but Mr. Worth declined, probably on account of his poor health.

1881.

Monday, Feb. 21st

The wife and eldest daughter of Mr. Isaac Varney, of this village, left their home to day, in company with Mr. Varney's brother, on a journey to Florida. The health of Mrs. Varney and her daughter is not good for having a hereditary consumptive tendency. They expect to absent two or three months.

Tuesday, Feb. 22nd

Washington was born 149 years ago this day. In this State it has been a legal holiday, I think, about fifteen years. In this village no particular observance of the day, except the schools were closed and Ocean National Bank has not been open for business.

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd

Within a few days the Selectmen of this town have posted up, in the Post office a list of persons who are qualified to vote in this town of Pennebunk. There are 824 names on the list for the March election. One year since, the number was 777.

Thursday, Feb. 24th

Having business in Portland, I and my daughter went there yesterday in the noon train and returned home in the train which arrives here at 6 1/2 P. M.

Friday, Feb. 25th

Mr. Daniel Goodwin died on the 19th inst. aged 79 yrs. He formerly lived in this village and was an employe of the Portland and Portsmouth Stage company. In 1842 when the cars began to run on the railroad, he moved his family to the P. S. & P. depot and became a foreman on a section of the railroad, retiring from work a few years since. He was a quiet, honest man.

Saturday, Feb. 26th

The health of Samuel Clark has not been good a number of months past. It is supposed he has a cancer or a tumor of some kind in his stomach. To day he returned from Boston, where he went to consult a physician of larger experience than anyone here. I have not heard what they told him.

1881.

Sunday, Feb. 27th

As the meeting in the Second Parish, is the only Unitarian in the village in the forenoon; it is usually quite large. As a rule more Baptists and Methodists than Unitarians. The Unitarians preferring to attend Trinity, where the same doctrine is preached, and Unitarians have the same natural preference.

Monday, Feb. 28th

Oliver L. Lowell & Co. who recently began trading in this village are apparently doing a fair amount of business. Mr. Lowell says he does more business than he expected to do when he came here. They have quite a large stock of groceries. The family of Mr. Lowell remains at the upper depot.

Tuesday, March 1st

The present Legislature at Augusta have classified the towns in this vicinity for a Representative as follows—"Alfred and Kennebunk, 1; Eliot & South Berwick, 1; Hollis, Dayton and Kennebunkport, 1; Wells and York, 1, from each town alternately; Pittsburg, 1; Biddeford, 1; vicinity, Saco, 1; Sanford and Lebanon, 1; Berwick & South Berwick, 1.

Wednesday, Mar. 2nd

At the annual Town meeting in March 1880, it was voted to raise the following sums, viz.:

For Schools, — — — —	2,600
" Poor and other expenses, —	3000
" Payment of Town Debt in part, —	1000
" Building Draw to bridge at Port, —	1000
" Repairs &c of new fire engine, —	300
Kennebunk's proportion of State Tax was	7893.62
" " " bounty " " "	1186.63
Overlay assessed was — — —	489.21
	<u>\$16,469.46</u>

Thursday, Mar. 3rd

The foregoing sum was raised as follows:

Assessed on 631 polls at \$2.00 — — —	1,262.00
On real and personal estates \$704,050 at .0216 — —	15,207.46
	<u>\$16,469.46</u>

1881.

Friday, March 4thPresidents of the United States.

	Where born,	Date of Birth.	Term of Office.	Date of Death.	
Geo. Washington,	Va.	Feb. 22, 1732.	1789-1797.	Dec. 14, 1799.	
John Adams,	Mass.	Oct. 19, 1735.	1797-1801.	July 4, 1826.	
Thomas Jefferson,	Va.	Apr. 2, 1743.	1801-1809.	July 4, 1826.	
James Madison,	Va.	Nov. 1, 1751.	1809-1817.	June 28, 1836.	Presid.
James Monroe,	Va.	Apr. 28, 1758.	1817-1821.	July 4, 1831.	ents
John Q. Adams,	Mass.	July 11, 1767.	1821-1829.	Feb. 23, 1848.	of
Andrew Jackson,	N. C.	Mar. 15, 1767.	1829-1837.	June 8, 1845.	the
Martin Van Buren,	N. Y.	Dec. 5, 1782.	1837-1841.	July 24, 1862.	United
Wm. H. Harrison,	Va.	Feb. 9, 1773.	1841 —	Apr. 4, 1841.	States,
John Tyler,	Va.	Mar. 29, 1790.	1841-1845.	Jan. 17, 1862.	until
James K. Polk,	N. C.	Nov. 2, 1795.	1845-1849.	June 15, 1849.	this
Zachary Taylor,	Va.	Nov. 24, 1784.	1849-1850.	July 9, 1850.	time,
Millard Fillmore,	N. Y.	Jan. 7, 1800.	1850-1853.	Mar. 8, 1874.	
Franklin Pierce,	N. H.	Nov. 23, 1804.	1853-1857.	Oct. 8, 1869.	
James Buchanan,	Penn.	Apr. 22, 1791.	1857-1861.	June 1, 1868.	
Abraham Lincoln,	P. Y.	Feb. 12, 1809.	1861-1865.	Apr. 15, 1865.	
Andrew Johnson,	N. C.	Dec. 29, 1808.	1865-1869.	July 31, 1875.	
Ulysses S. Grant,	Ohio,	Apr. 27, 1822.	1869-1877.	July 23, 1885.	
Rutherford B. Hayes,	Ohio,	Oct. 4, 1822.	1877-1881.		
James A. Garfield,	Ohio	Nov. 19, 1831.	1881-1881.	Sept. 19 th 1881.	

James A. Garfield, this day at noon, was, without doubt, inaugurated President of these thirty eight United States.

Saturday, March 5th

George F. Ross died in Boston, on the 3rd inst. aged 62 years. He was a son of Samuel Ross of this village. He was a clerk in the store of Mr. James Lord a number of years. In 1854 Mr. Lord sold out his store and stock of goods to Nathaniel Doane. Soon after this time Mr. Ross went to Boston, where he has been part of the time a clerk and part of the time principal in a retail dry goods store. He leaves a wife (who was Miss Eliza Fourn) but no children. His remains were brought here to day.

Death
of
George
F. Ross.

1881.

Sunday, March 6th

Baptist church. This forenoon the Baptist church was opened for the first time since last October. Rev. Mr. Cummins open, with four little girls from the "Home of Little Wanderers" in Boston were there. Mr. Cummins told the story of the "Home of Little Wanderers" and the little girls sang instead of the usual church music. This evening there has been the same performance at the Methodist church. A collection was taken for the support of the "Home of the Little Wanderers" in Boston.

Monday, March 7th

Clear and pleasant day for the annual Town meeting in March. Nearly all who live at a distance came, came to the meeting in sleighs although the sleighing is not good. The meeting was not full, as there was not any opposition to the parties nominated for Town except a few scattering votes. Each of the important business offices in town are now filled by the same men, as were chosen in March 1880. The meeting was closed before two o'clock P. M.

Tuesday, March 8th

George B. Emerson L. L. D. died in Boston on the 4th inst. in the 84th year of his age. He was born in Pennebunk, a son of Dr. Samuel Emerson, graduated at Harvard College in 1817. He passed forty years of his life in teaching, most of the time in Boston in charge of a school for young ladies, and was always successful. In 1878 he published a volume - "Reminiscences of an Old Teacher."

Wednesday, March 9th

In April 1874 Edwin J. Bram came from the town of Parsonsfield and took charge of the High School in this District. Mr. Bram has resigned his position and retires from the place he has occupied the past seven years this week. The public examination of his school was this day. His salary during the past year, has been Seven Hundred Dollars. It is reported that Mr. Bram expects to be a lawyer and will commence the study of law in a short time.

1881.

Thursday, Mar. 10th

William S. Pierce, came here from Berwick and took charge of Grammar School at the commencement of the spring term last year. The examination of Mr. Pierce's school has been held to day. He has been highly successful and the district would be pleased to retain him, but cannot afford to pay him the wages he is to receive, Nine Hundred Dollars a year, at Great Falls, N. H. This District gave him - Six Hundred Dollars a year. He expects to commence his school at Great Falls, next Monday.

William S. Pierce, Grammar School Teacher.

Friday, Mar. 11th

At the close of this municipality 1881, the balance on the town treasure books, in favor of the Town is according to the report of the treasurer is \$667.20. The town of Pennebunk may congratulate itself upon being free from debt.

Pennebunk free from Debt.

Saturday, Mar. 12th

An interesting entertainment was given this evening in Mansum Hall. "Professor Rose Adle" as he calls himself - a native Christian Jew of Jerusalem, a young Jewess and four native Palestine Arabs were the performers. These men illustrate the unchangeable customs and customs of the East. They wear their native dresses. One is a Mohammedan, the others have accepted Christianity. The last named illustrated the howling and whirling dervishes, the call to prayers and the Mahomedan devotion. Eating, salutations, marriage, robbing, musical performances were all represented.

Palestine Arabs perform in Mansum Hall.

Sunday, Mar. 13th

Professor Rose Adle and three male Arabs in their native dresses attended at the Second Parish church this A. M. Each of them wore their head covering (I think it is called a "Fere") during the service. In the afternoon the Professor was at the First Parish church, gave a historical sketch of the Holy Land as it now is and many interesting incidents of the Jews and their manners, customs and belief at the present time.

Professor Rose Adle at First Parish Church.

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Monday, March 14th

In April 1876, a class of eighteen—three boys and fifteen girls entered the High School in this village. Of this class only six, Lizzie C. Lord; M. Nellie Mitchell; Mary B. Meserve; Maria S. Stone; Babel M. Sweet and Lucy Walker have continued in school until the present time. They will graduate this evening.

Tuesday, Mar. 15th

The exercises of the graduating class of the village High School occurred last evening in Mousam Hall. The Hall was crowded; every seat was filled and even standing room was not easily obtained.

The exercises began with a piano duet. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Mr. Lockwood, after which—

M. Nellie Mitchell, delivered an address in Latin.

Maria S. Stone, read "Class Chronicle", a class history.

Babel M. Sweet, recited "Per Gradus" or step by step.

Lucy Walker, recited "The School of Life".

Lizzie C. Lord, recited, "Class Prophecies".

Mary B. Meserve was the valedictorian.

The above six girls wore white or nearly white dresses ornamented with natural roses and other flowers, white gloves, roses on their heads and other ornaments. A few of the graduates appeared to me to have too many ornaments; but this is a matter of taste. Each of the girls were fashionably and tastefully arrayed, each performed her part to the apparent satisfaction of all.

Between each of the graduates part, a junior member of the High School read or declaimed from a book. As a matter of course the compositions of the graduates were original compositions.

The diplomas were presented by Rev. Mr. Worth the senior member of the School Committee.

Jeremiah Downing, of Newton, Mass. (formerly of Kennebunkport) presented each graduate a large box of paper.

Mr. Brown the teacher was presented with a rosewood writing-desk, stationery, a gold pen and a gold ring.

Rev. Mr. Cobb pronounced the benediction.

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Wednesday, March 16th

"I have had playmates, I had companions,
In my days of childhood, in my joyful school-days;
All, all are gone, the old familiar faces."

"Ghost-like I pace a round the haunts of my childhood;
Earth seemed a desert I was bound to traverse,
Seeking to find the old familiar faces;"

Poetry.

Some they have died, and some they have left me,
And some are taken from me, all are departed;
All, all are gone, the old familiar faces." Charles Lamb.

Thursday, Mar. 17th

"Why is it that some men work on vigorously to
an old age? Because they treasure their ever dimin-
ishing vital force. They studiously refrain from making
a pull on the constitution. Reaching the borders of seventy
years of age, they as good as say to themselves, 'We must
now take care what we are about.' Of course they make
sacrifices, avoid a number of treacherous gaieties
and live simply. In other words they conserve their
vital force and try to keep active as long as possible."

Reserve
your
vitality.

Blustering natures, forgetful of the great truth that,
'Power itself hath not one half the might of gentleness', miss
the ends for which they strive, just because the force that is
in them is not properly economized. Any man who allows
temper to master him, wastes as much energy as would
enable him to remove the cause of anger. Hence violent tempers
should become calm from policy, if from no higher motive."

Friday, Mar. 18th

The fifth Lyceum lecture or entertainment this
evening in Mousam Hall was by Rev. Dr. Hill, of
Portland, ex-President of Harvard College.

His lecture was on the "Moon", or on the movements
of the moon, as he said but little of moon itself. Doubtless
the lecture was instructive to a few persons, but not of
interest to the large majority. He is not an interesting
speaker on any subject. The seats in the Hall were not all filled.

Fifth
Lyceum
entertain-
ment.

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The following is a copy of the "Essay" written by Lucy Walker, and spoken by her when she graduated March 14th 1881.

"The School of Life.

Shakespeare says, - "All the world's a stage and all the men and women are merely players". With eyes truth he might have said - All the world a school, and all the men and women merely scholars.

We are all scholars in the school of life. How useful are the various lessons we learn!

Our lives are necessarily influenced by our surroundings. We who live in New England are highly favored. How different would be our lot, had we been born in some half civilized country, in the midst of ignorance and degradation! Truly we have reason to be thankful that our home is in this land of liberty, with its free schools, free churches and free suffrage.

Lucy Walker's Essay.

Shakespeare also says; - "One man in his time plays many parts". He might have said, One man in his life learns many lessons.

The lessons of our life are of three sorts, those we learn at home under the care and influence of our parents, those we learn at school through the medium of books, and those we learn in the great School of the World.

During our childhood we learn very many lessons. It is said that a child learns more the first seven years of its life, than it does ever after. This may seem a strong statement. But consider, that when we enter into this world our only possessions are a few instinctive tendencies, and then compare this with the wisdom of the little seven year old. He has formed many acquaintances and has not only explored thoroughly his native village, but if you question him, you will be surprised at his knowledge, and most important of all, he has mastered the elements of language.

At a suitable age children are usually sent to the public school, there to be taught those lessons which are

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obtained mainly from books. Besides these we learn many other lessons of value. If at home, our every whim has been gratified, at school we soon learn that others' rights as well as ourselves and sometimes our wishes must yield to theirs.

As we grow older we learn that although teachers are valuable as helpers, yet if we wish to succeed in our studies, we must in a great measure rely on ourselves.

Step by step amidst the pleasures and trials of school life we climb the ascent of Knowledge. As we ascend that which before seemed misty and obscure, now appears clear and plain. At length we reach an elevation where we are obliged to leave the teachers who have guided our youthful steps over so many difficult places and from here we must rely more upon our own strength. We girls who close our school days to night, have reached this place. Our progress up this difficult pathway, has been so little, that it seems almost nothing in comparison with the height attained by some of Earth's greatest and wisest ones, but they cannot behold its summit, for it towers so far, far above them, that it reaches to Heaven itself.

Although we have climbed so short a distance, yet under no consideration would we wish to retrace our steps.

'Education' says an old writer, 'is a companion which no misfortune can destroy. At home a friend, abroad an introduction, in solitude a solace, in society an ornament and without it what are we?'

We school girls have just begun to live, and know very little of real life with all its trials and responsibilities. We enjoy the present and anticipate much pleasure for the future; but what that future has in store for us, who can tell?

Although our school days are finished, we shall still continue to learn and it depends mainly on our choice whether these lessons shall be such as will build up a pure and noble character or one that is vile and base. Experience, observation and study will teach us

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many things. Experience says Carlyle is a good master, but he charges such dreadful high wages.

Having left the public school, the first thought that will naturally arise in our mind is, what shall we do next?

In this we should be somewhat influenced by our inclinations. The Almighty, in his wisdom has seen fit to endow each of his children with various tastes for the various employments of life. One has a gift for drawing, another for music, another for teaching and another for housework. There are all talents and should be cultivated.

Lucy Walker's Essay. All of us should have a definite purpose in life. It is said that each of the German Emperors requires his children to learn a trade, so that if they were thrown on their own resources, they could obtain a living. Would that this rule were more universally adopted.

Having found our appointed place in life, we should strive our best to fill it. Persons of indolence and fickleness rarely succeed. It is those of energy and perseverance who win honor and fame.

Many a poor boy has gone into the School of the World, having only an honest heart and willing hands; has met with far greater success, than his rich playmate, who was brought up in idleness and luxury. We have frequent illustrations of this. The origin of four of our Presidents—Jackson, Harrison, Taylor and Lincoln, is so obscure that it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to trace their ancestry.

Elder people tell us, that when we have had more experience in life, we shall not find it so full of enjoyment, as we now anticipate. Then we shall realize that with its pleasures is mingled pain, and with its joys sorrows.

They also tell us, that when we have reached mature years, although we may look back to youth as the happiest time of our lives; we shall regard it with sadness, when we think of its many precious moments

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wasted and golden opportunities lost.

When the meridian of our lives is past, we shall still find many things to learn and to do. It may be that then we may accomplish something of such importance, that it will be long remembered by our friends. Longfellow says:—

—Nothing is too late

Till the tired heart shall cease to palpitate;
But learned Greek at eighty; Sophocles
Wrote his grand Oedipus, and Simonides
Bore off the prize of verse from his competitors,
When each had numbered fourscore years,
And Theophrastus at fourscore and ten,
Had but begun his characters of Men.
Chaucer at Woodstock with the nightingales
At sixty wrote the Canterbury Tales;
Goethe at Weimar, toiling to the last,
Completed Faust when eighty years were past.
These are indeed exceptions; but they show
How far the gulf-stream of our youth may flow
Into the arctic region of our lives,
Where little else than life itself survives:—

Lucy Walker's Essay.

At length, when the lessons of this world are all finished, and Death says 'School is dismissed', may we look back, not with remorse over mispent lives; but having chosen that good part which shall not be taken away, may each of us hear from the Great Teacher, the joyful plaudit: 'Well done thou good and faithful servant.'

Lucy Walker."

The oldest of the six girls who graduated, is Liriel, Lorna, who will 21 next summer and the youngest is Lucy Walker, who will be 19 next month. Since the graduation, a number of people have spoken of the fine appearance of the six girls when they went together on the platform to receive their diplomas. Each wore a white dress, adorned with vines or flowers and each had a large bouquet of natural flowers in her hand.

Remarks of People.

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Sunday, March 20th

Very bad walking, occasioned by about six inches Sunday, of snow, which fell last night. But few people at church.

Monday, Mar. 21st

Last Saturday evening this School District held School its annual school meeting in the Town Hall. Eruch F. District Mitchell was rechosen School Agent. During the last meeting twenty three years, I have been one of the Auditors of the in accounts of District. By my request, I was excused from village, further service and a new man was chosen in my place.

The Auditors now are R. W. Lord, J. T. Nason and C. Andrews.

Tuesday, Mar. 22nd

Mrs. Lydia Frances Gould, wife of Samuel H. Gould of Kennebunkport, died in that town on the 20th inst. aged Death 63 years 11 months. She was the last of the eight children - of Elizabeth, Dorothy, Joseph, Susan, Benjamin, Frances, - Lydia Sarah and Lucy of Benjamin Smith of this village.

In the fall of 1836, Lydia Frances (while young the Goulds was commonly called "Frank Smith") was united in marriage with Francis A. Lord of this town. He died Sept. 2, 1839, aged 33. Re-port. In July 1841 she was again married, to Samuel H. Gould of Kennebunkport, where she has since resided. She leaves two children - a daughter by Mr. Lord and a son by Mr. Gould.

Wednesday, Mar. 23rd

Senator Turnbull, of Illinois is reported, as having Office said to a young man who came to him with an holders application for a government appointment. "I feel in like giving you one word of counsel. If you take office in Washington, you will ruin your whole life. You will never know how to live without office afterwards."

Thursday, Mar. 24th

From A "drummer" (traveling salesman) who said he was 1,000,000 from New York, came into my store and wished to sell me to a "Safe", in which to keep valuables. In appearance he is a about 55 years old, of fine presence and polished manners. Drummer. In the course of conversation he said - "I have been worth a million and a half of dollars; but am now nothing but a drummer."

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Friday, March 25th

"The Arbuckle Concert Company" performed in Mousam Hall last evening. It is reported that a few persons here Arbuckle agree with the company, to give them one hundred and concert ten dollars and pay their expenses for a concert here, which company offer they accepted. It is also reported that after all the here, expenses were paid, fourteen dollars remains. The price of admission to the concert was fifty cents, reserved seats 75 cents.

Saturday, Mar. 26th

A committee of ladies in this village have hired the "bobby store" and started a free reading room, for Reading all who wish to attend. The present arrangement is room for the store to be open on Thursday, Friday & Saturday opened evenings of each week. The first opening was last Thursday. Contributions of papers, magazines are solicited.

Sunday, Mar. 27th

Nothing of particular interest in this vicinity to day, Sunday,

Monday, Mar. 28th

The Superintendent of the census announces that Centre the growth of the great West during the last decade of carried the centre of population about fifty miles west, population while the large increase in the Southern States carries of it a little southward. The present center of population United States, now falls within the limits of Cincinnati.

Tuesday, Mar. 29th

A ship's frame at the Port, formerly owned by N. L. ship Thompson has been sold to men who live in Richmond to be or Bath. The present owners have commenced work built at the Port to build a ship of about 1700 tons. Report at the says that David Clark is to build the ship for a Mr. Port. Theobald of Richmond.

Wednesday, Mar. 30th

George P. Lowell has sold out his Dining Saloon to sold to Dr. W. Norton, formerly clerk at the Parker House in Norton, Kennebunkport.

Thursday, Mar. 31st

John L. Littlefield, grocer has failed. I do not know John L. Littlefield the amount of his indebtedness.

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Friday, April 1st

The past winter has been uncommonly severe. The first half of the month of March was rather mild, winter but the last half very cold for so late in the season.

Snow was nearly all gone, until last Wednesday it commenced snowing and yesterday morning there was about one foot of damp snow on the ground.

Saturday, April 2nd

A few weeks since Joseph Titcomb, Andrew Walker and Nathan Dane were appointed appraisers of the estate of the late Mrs. Larvinia Porter. We have attended to the business and to day finished the inventory.

The following is a condensed statement:-

Mr. Larvinia Porter,	Homestead, with the back lot of Land	3750.00
	Furniture and other household articles	130.00
	Stocks, Bonds and other valuable securities	17,334.52
		<u>\$ 21,614.52</u>

The property is appraised at its present supposed value.

Sunday, April 3rd

Sunday, Rev. Mr. Lockwood exchanged with an eastern minister.

Monday, April 4th

The following prices are now obtained:-

Prices of Bonds and Stocks at this time,	6 per cent coupon U. S. Bonds, due next July	102 3/4
	1 " " " " " "	102
	4 " " " " " " 1907	113 3/4
	6 " " " " " " currency	130
	7 " " " " " " B. & N. R. R.	126
	7 " " " " " " Maine Central R. R. Bonds	117
	7 " " " " " " City of Bangor	109
	6 " " " " " " Portland (Municipal)	120
	6 " " " " " " (aid to R. R.)	117
	6 " " " " " " Bonds (aid to R. R.)	108
	Boston & Maine Railway Shares	150
	P. S. & P. Portland	118
	Eastern	137
	Canal N. Bank, Portland	160
	Boycott	159
	First National	152

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Tuesday, April 5th

"Dress does not make a man, but it often makes a successful one. You must dress according to your age, your pursuits, your object in life; you must dress too, in some cases, according to your set. In youth a little fancy is expected. What all men should avoid is the shabby gentee, you had better be in rags," (B. Disraeli)

"Leastly thy habit, as thy purse can buy,

But not express'd in fancy; rich, not gaudy;

For the apparel yet proclaims the man," (Shakespeare)

Wednesday, April 6th

The schools in this village commenced last Monday. The High School is under the charge of E. W. Givens, who has taught the High School at Mechanic Falls the past two years. He is reported to be a graduate of Bates College. Mr. E. Gilbert of East Turner, a Bowdoin graduate has taken charge of the Grammar School. The other teachers in the village are the same as last year.

Thursday, April 7th

John William Lons died on the 1st inst. aged, nearly 32 years. He was sick but a few days. His funeral was attended this afternoon. As he was a Free-Mason and the Masons attended the funeral and had their usual ceremonies; the attendance was quite large.

He was not a native of this town or a relative or a relative of any of that name here. I think he came here with his mother from Malden, Mass., about twenty years ago. His mother died a number of years ago, leaving him her only child with a reported property of about \$25,000. About a dozen years since he married a daughter of Samuel Black. She is living and has a family of five children - three boys and two girls.

Last Dec. he bought the stock in trade of Samuel Black.

Friday, April 8th

Last January Oliver & Lowell & Co. moved part of their stock in trade from a store near the P. S. & P. Depot to this village. This week they have been moving the stock back again to their store near the depot.

Dress.

Poetry.

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New

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Death

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John

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& Lowell

& Co.

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Saturday, April 9th

My daughter and only child - Lucy Walker is 19 years old to day, Her height is the same and her weight 97 lbs. is three lbs. than it was three years since.

Sunday, April 10th

This afternoon Rev. Mr. Worth preaches in the new Baptist Church. This is the first he has preached any where since the 10th of last October. Since that time Worth, the church has been closed, except a half day in March, when it was opened for Rev. Mr. Cummins and his children in charge - "Little Wanderers" from Boston.

Monday, April 11th

Samuel Black died this morning aged 60 years. He has been failing gradually, but no one supposed he was so near his end. Last Saturday he rode out. It is reported that Mr. Black, during his sickness consulted ten physicians and no two of them agreed what was his disease. He has left a widow and five children - three daughters and two sons.

Tuesday, April 12th

Poetry. "He who ascends the mountain top shall find,
The loftiest peaks most wrapt in clouds and snow;
He who surmounts or subdues mankind,
Must look down on the hate of all below;" (Byron)

Wednesday, April 13th

Last evening a fire broke out in a house owned by the First Congregational Society in Pennebunkport and was burned to the ground. Not insured.

burnt in Pennebunk - port. The house was built by Capt. Benjamin Merrill about 70 years ago. It was a small two-story house in good repair. Capt. Merrill died in 1816, aged 71 years.

About a dozen years since the Society bought the house for a parsonage. The ministers of the Society lived in it until 1887, when Mrs. Mervenda Stone Perkins gave, by will, her residence for a parsonage, whether the gift was to the First Parish or Village Parish I do not know. Soon after Mrs. Perkins died, the minister - Rev. Mr. Gates, moved from the Merrill house into the Perkins house.

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Thursday, April 14th

The funeral of Samuel Black was attended this afternoon by a larger number than usually attend funerals on week days. The number of men was much larger than usual. All the stores in the village were closed during the service, out of respect to the deceased.

Mr. Black came here from that part of the town of York, called Cape Heddock about 1840 and learned the house carpenter's trade of Oliver Littlefield. In 1849 he built the house now owned by Mrs. Tobias Loomis, and sold it in 1851. In Dec. 1851 he began to trade in the store now owned and occupied by Dr. Oliver Loomis, son Frank M. Loomis. He has continued in trade until last Dec. when he sold out his stock in trade to his son-in-law J. W. Loomis. He was also one of the firm J. H. Ferguson & Co. He was an active business man and will be much missed in his family, in the Baptist church of which he was a member and by the community.

Friday, April 15th

Last night a snow storm began and snow continued to fall until noon to day. Although the snow is very damp, about four inches are now on the ground, making extremely bad traveling.

Saturday, April 16th

Edwin J. Bram former of the High School teacher in this village has commenced the study of law in Portland, in the office of a Mr. Stuart, as reported.

Sunday, April 17th

Easter Sunday. As usual in recent years, a large display of flowers in the First and Second Parish churches. I did not count the flower-pots but think there were nearly fifty, mostly in front of the pulpit, in each church.

Monday, April 18th

Hannah, widow of the late James Osborn died at her home near the upper depot, last Friday, in the 74th year of her age. Mr. Osborn died Oct. 25, 1876; hence she has not long enjoyed her \$6000, which she received from his estate. She was a kind hearted, liberal woman.

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Tuesday, April 19thCleopatra's Needles.

An obelisk commonly called "Cleopatra's Needle" was given by the Egyptian Government, to the city of New York, Oct. 22, 1879. The work of the removal of the obelisk from Alexandria to New York, was intrusted to Commander Goringe of the U. S. Navy. The steamer Dessouk, with the Needle on board, left the Port of Alexandria on the 12th of June 1880, arrived in New York, July 20th and was erected in Central Park, Jan. 22, 1881. It was formally presented to the city, Feb. 22, in an address by William M. Evans, then Secretary of State.

Historians tell us the Needle was taken from the celebrated quarries at Syene, near the first cataract of the Nile. Like other obelisks, it was constructed in the usual tapering form. Phthomes III, a king of Egypt - ^{trous} caused it to be floated down the Nile on immense rafts, Needles, and set before the Temple of the Sun, at Heliopolis, or City of the Sun in Lower Egypt.

Temple obelisks were always erected in pairs, and were the most common and prominent symbols of worship in the East.

They were probably standing in front of the great Temple of the Sun, when the Israelites were in Egypt. This was as early as 1,600 years before Christ. While Egypt was a Roman Province, the obelisks were removed to Alexandria, twenty three years before the birth of Christ, and set up before the Palace of the Pasha in that city. Tradition says that the name Cleopatra's Needles, was given to them, in memory of Queen Cleopatra, who died seven years before their removal to Alexandria. They remained in that city 1,900 years, hence are over 3,500 years old.

The Bible tells us, that king Solomon had two pillars of brass, called Jachin and Boaz, set up in the porch of the Temple in Jerusalem. These pillars or obelisks, were each about 31 feet high 7 feet in diameter and highly ornamented.

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One of Cleopatra's Needles was removed to England in 1877 and erected in London. The two are considered twins and are of about the same dimensions and appearance.

The New York Needle is a block of rose-colored granite 68 feet 11 inches long. The diameter at the base is 8 feet 3 inches, at the top 5 feet 4 inches. It is four sided and covered with hieroglyphs. The lower part is now somewhat rounded with age. It stands in a socket, on a pedestal 6 feet 10 inches high, and each of the sides is about 9 feet in length, of the same material as the obelisk.

The pedestal rests on three steps, by which it is surrounded. The steps average nearly 1 foot 6 inches in height. They are of white, hard stone.

The hieroglyphs have been translated. They are of no historical value, showing principally the pomp and vain glory of Phthomes III.

William H. Vanderbilt of New York, paid all the cost of removing and transporting the obelisk, pedestal, steps and foundation from Egypt to New York and erecting in Central Park. The total amount of expenses was \$102,576.03.

Mr. Evans closed his formal address by saying:- "At the very time that Phthomes was rearing these great monuments of his power, a feeble Hebrew infant, doomed to death from his birth, uttered a feeble cry amidst the bulrushes when the daughter of Pharaoh disturbed his sleep. And Moses has come here long before this obelisk. Moses the greatest law-giver the world ever saw; Moses with his ten commandments, is in possession of the churches and of the schools, and of the literature and of the morals of society. Egypt is perpetuated not only here, but throughout our system of civilization, by the cry of the infant Moses, which has expanded into a voice spreading over the whole modern world. Twenty three years after this obelisk was raised at Alexandria, there was born in Palestine another

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Needles.

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infant destined also to death. Christ the Saviour born there, has been a power and a light before which all kings and conquerors, all dynasties all principalities and powers have fallen in obedience. Before this obelisk, from Alexandria reached our shores, the morality of Moses and the religion of Christ made a basis for civilization, for society, for national strength and national permanence, which will last forever and forever.

I do not know but that you may become weary of well doing and may learn to scoff at Moses and the Prophets, and fall away from the name of Christ; and yet these obelisks may ask us: Can you expect that you will exist forever? Can you think that the soft folds of luxury are to wrap themselves closer and closer around this nation and the pith and vigor of its manhood, knowing no difficulties? Can age creep over you and your nation, knowing no decrepitude? These are questions that may be answered in the time of the obelisk but not in ours."

A.W.

I have collected from different sources the foregoing account of the New York obelisk and have sent a copy of the same to the Eastern Star for publication.

Wednesday, April 20th

Excursion to California. Last Monday George Wix of this town and Samuel H. Gould, of Kennebunkport, left Boston, on California excursion train to California and Colorado. The excursionists expect to be absent about six weeks. The whole cost, including fare, food, lodging and other necessary expenses, is Four Hundred Dollars.

Thursday, April 21st

Fast Day. A meeting, including each of the ministers in the village, at the Second Parish church, to hear addresses on temperance. Each minister, including Rev. Mr. Vinel, addressed the congregation. The audience was not so large as was expected.

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Friday, April 22nd

"The sea covers three fourths of the surface of the globe. Objects at a depth of 1000 fathoms must bear a pressure of a ton on a square inch; moreover at a depth of 50 fathoms, the sun's light is almost entirely cut off. It was thought that animal life was impossible at great depths and the first absolute proof that animal life could be sustained at such depths, was from fishing up a deep sea cable. It was corroded, broken and covered with marine animals, cemented to it. Within a few years, many hauls have been made of a dredge, in the deepest part of the Atlantic, and animal life, including bony fishes was found in abundance?"

From a recent lecture delivered in Providence R.I.

Saturday, April 23rd

The sixth lyceum entertainment this season was held in Abnham Hall last evening. A young lady, apparently about twenty years of age by the name of Elizabeth S. Chadbourn, of Boston was the entertainer. She is a professed elocutionist and read from a book about one half and recited the other half of her performance.

Sunday, April 24th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood exchanged a day with a Mr. Gould of Portland. This Mr. Gould, by report, is not an ordained minister, but preaches to a small church and congregation in the vicinity of Portland. It is also said he is cashier of the First National Bank in Portland.

Monday, April 25th

J. H. Hamilton came to this village in March 1879 and opened a dry goods store and appeared to do quite a large business. Last December he failed in business. By an agreement with his creditors he opened the store in a few weeks and sold most of the goods on hand. The first of last week, the remainder of the goods were removed from the store and he apparently gave up doing business in Kennebunk. Mr. H. appears to be a fine man but has acquired the habit of drinking strong liquors.

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Tuesday, April 26th

Charles H. Clark, (son of the late Samuel Clark) has opened an assortment of boots, shoes, rubbers and other articles usually kept in a shop, in the store vacated by George B. Hammett. He has hired a man by the name of W. A. Hall to execute custom work & repairing.

Wednesday, April 27th

Parker House The "Parker House", large hotel at Pennabunkport village, was sold at auction one week since. Mr. Libby of the firm Evans & Libby, lawyers, Portland was the purchaser for, nine thousand eight hundred dollars.

Thursday, April 28th

Horse & carriage Last week a Mr. Gallagher, a "runner" for Deering & Milliken of Portland, hired a horse and carriage of John Cousins of this village. The runner was stopping at Cape Neddick House last Sunday night, when the house, stable and the horse & carriage were burnt. The man was hurt by a kick from the horse in trying to get the animal from the stable.

Friday, April 29th

Second Parish This spring six pairs of side lamps have been bought for the Second Parish church, at four dollars a pair. **New Lamps** Two pairs have been placed on each side of the church and one pair on each side of the singers recess.

Saturday, April 30th

J. W. Sargent About 4 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in a building owned by J. W. Sargent, on Main street and totally destroyed. It was occupied by N. Norton, dining saloon; by P. Lowell, candy manufacturer. Report says that Sargent was insured for \$1000 and Norton for \$1100. Dr. F. M. Ross' drug store, which was but a few feet from Sargent's building caught fire and store, stock fixtures were burned. The signs on most of the furniture and library were saved. **burnt.** The Ross building was insured for \$1000 and stock for \$1000 according to report. Mr. Lowell did not have any insurance on his candy manufacturing; his insurance policy having expired a few weeks. I do not know the amount of his loss. The fire is supposed to have been set.

1881.

Sunday, May 1st

Four members were added to the Second Parish today - they were Mrs. Sarah Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Brigham and Samuel M. Baker. This Mr. Brigham has recently married Helen, only daughter and only child of the late church. Capt. Tobias Bond.

Monday, May 2nd

"What shadows we are and what shadows we pursue"
Edmund Burke. **Shadows,**

Tuesday, May 3rd

At the recent Maine Methodist Conference, the committee appointed to consider the case of Rev. Oliver M. Cousins reported in favor of his expulsion from the conference and the church, and the report was adopted. He was found guilty on two of the charges brought against him. The first charge was cruelty to his wife (recently divorced from him) and the other was dishonesty in dealing with a publishing firm in Portland. Mrs. Cousins lives with her mother in this village. He is away, but where is unknown to the writer.

Wednesday, May 4th

Rev. John Cobb is again appointed to the church in this village and William F. Marshall to the church near the P. S. & P. depot. Delano Perry is now stationed at Oak Ridge and the Pool.

Thursday, May 5th

"Youth longs, and manhood strives, but age remembers,
Sits by the raked-up ashes of the past,
Spreads its thin hands above the whitening embers,
That warm its creeping life-blood to the last."

Friday, May 6th

In Sept. 1879, Joseph Titecomb, moved from the fine residence, he built, owned and occupied on "Zim's Hill", to the house owned and occupied (until he bought the Titecomb residence) by Emory Andrews. This week Mr. Titecomb has moved from the Andrews house to the house owned and occupied by his nephew - Henry Durnell.

1881.

Saturday, May 7th

A photographer from Boston by the name of Mitchell View has been in this village, about ten days, taking views of all the principal houses, stores and other buildings. He has also taken views of groups of persons, particularly in schools. His views are all out of door. There are four men connected with the principal - Mr. Mitchell. They left town this afternoon, for Sanford.

Sunday, May 8th

Nothing of particular interest to day in this vicinity.

Monday, May 9th

Left December. Samuel Clark, sold to his son-in-law - John W. Lora, the stock of his goods in his store. Since that time Mr. Clark and Mr. Lora have died. Within a few days Charles H. Clark - son of the late Clark, Samuel Clark, has bought the stock of goods and will continue the business in the same store, which was owned by his father, at his death.

Tuesday, May 10th

At By the first train this morning I went to Porttown with my daughter and we did not return until caught the last train this evening. Part of our business was to buy a carpet and chamber-sett, for her chamber.

Wednesday, May 11th

Left Monday, Joseph Dane started on a journey to Kansas and expects to be absent about two weeks. Joseph Titcomb owned a lot of land in that State and it is probable his journey to Kansas has some business connection with the land, as he is the assignee of the Titcomb property.

Thursday, May 12th

Seventh Mrs. Mary A. Livermore delivered the last lecture in the course, last evening. Her subject was "Beyond the enticement", and it proved uncommonly interesting as she described it. I think it was the best lecture that has been delivered during the last year. She has been in Europe and the lecture was part of her experience. It is said she expects to go to Europe again this summer.

1881.

Friday, May 13th

"The conviction has taken hold of not a few wealthy fathers, that if a young man be well educated and get a fair start in life, he is more likely to lead a useful life, than if he succeeded to a fortune which takes away all stimulus to activity and effort."

Dr. Blair.

Saturday, May 14th

It is reported that the large mill on the west side of the river, together with the picker and counting-room formerly occupied by Griffin & Keen, has been leased to a Boston firm, - J. Mawheny & Co., and operations will be begun in a very short time. It is also reported, this firm, has been manufacturing boots and shoes, using the convict labor of the Vermont state prison.

Sunday, May 15th

No meeting in the Second Parish church to day, Rev. Mr. Lockwood, being on a visit to his relatives in the State of New York. A rain storm all day; but few persons attended church in this village.

Monday, May 16th

The exact date of the discovery of the Telephone, was January 10, 1876; hence it is only five years and one fourth since articulate speech was first transmitted by telephone. In this short time that has elapsed, the instrument has come into daily use in all civilized countries, as well as in Egypt, China and other places not usually included in the term civilized. There are now 132,692 telephones in use in the U.S.

Telephone when first discovered now used.

N. Y. Observer.

Tuesday, May 17th

House carpenters have begun work repairing the mill recently leased to the Boston firm. They are to be shingled, painted and put in good condition. Capt. Moses C. Moulton has the agency of the property.

Repairs on Mills.

Wednesday, May 18th

The rain storm which commenced Saturday night still continues. The roads are muddy and but little business doing or people in the streets.

Rain Storm.

1881.

Thursday, May, 19th

Up or down progress is in one direction only - down. But if you begin on lower rounds, you will have the satisfaction of going up just as fast as your abilities will carry you.

Friday, May 20th

A large lot of machinery for the new boot and machine shoe factory has been received and landed in the - every building, formerly used by Griffin & Reed. The weather arrives, being damp, the machinery was not moved to the village until to day, it has been at the depot some days.

Saturday, May 21st

The revised New Testament was announced to appear in Boston on the 17th inst, and the time was changed to the 20th and it was on sale in New York yesterday, New but on sale in Boston until day. The Boston papers to Testament day, say the prices vary all the way from fifteen cents to sixteen dollars. There is a great demand for the revised, or new version and doubtless will have many readers the next two or three days.

Sunday, May, 22nd

Rev. Mr. Lockwood having returned, there was a meeting as usual in the Second Parish church. The weather during the past week has been overcast storm and rainy nearly all the time. This evening from over, appearances the storm is about over.

Monday, May 23rd

Jan. 25, 1866, I bought in Boston a One Thousand Dollar United States Bond, which is due July 1, 1881. The Secretary of the Treasury gave public notice that all bonds of this class, sent to the Treasury on or before May 20th 1881; the United States owners will receive a \$1000 Bond, drawing three and one half per centum annually.

Bond. On the 17th inst., I sent my bond to Washington, by a registered letter and to day received a receipt from the Treasury Department that it has been received. - Loanable funds, on good security, can now be obtained at a remarkable low rate of interest.

1881.

Tuesday, May 24th

In Oct. 1863, Annette E. Ross of this village, was united in marriage with Sidney T. Fuller - a civil engineer then of Clinton, Mass. Soon after his marriage he moved to Philadelphia. A few years after he took his brother-in-law - Orrin S. Ross for an assistant. They have continued to in Philadelphia until quite recently Mr. Fuller has moved his family to Texas, where he is employed on a railroad and O. S. Ross, has connected himself with the engineering department of the Eastern Railroad, between Portland and Boston.

Wednesday, May, 25th

The Eastern Star, says, "The Leather Boot Man, Co., in response to an order, sent two tons of 'counters' to Strasburg, Germany, last week, and will duplicate the order in thirty days".

Thursday, May, 26th

This has been an uncommonly hot day, at this time of year. At noon to day, the mercury was at 94 in the shade. Vegetation is now growing rapidly.

Friday, May 27th

"Factor knowing what not to say". (New definition) Never remind your companions of their personal defects. Never remind them of their failures. Never make comparisons."

Saturday, May, 28th

"I have lived to know the great secret of human happiness is this - never suffer your energies to stagnate. The old adage of 'too many irons in the fire' conveys an abominable lie. You cannot have too many; poker, tongs and all - keep them all going!" Adam Clarke.

Sunday, May 29th

The sermon or address, of Rev. Mr. Lockwood to day, was on the revised New Testament. He did not express his opinion for or against the revised additions; but thinks it will be many months, before the people will decide, to accept or reject it.

Sidney T.
Fuller
and
Orrin
S. Ross.

Leather
Boots
to
Germany.

Hot
day.

Rules
and
Fact.

Secrets
of
human
happiness.

Revised
New
Testament.

1881,

Monday, May 30th

Memorial day. Not so large number of soldiers as last year. Eighteen soldiers led by the "Cornet Barnes" marched to the landing this morning and decorated the graves of the soldiers there. After dinner, they marched into the Town Hall and listened to an address from Rev. by Mr. Vinul, then they decorated the graves of soldiers in the graveyards of the village. Mr. Bowen was Marshall of the day and Enock F. Mitchell was Captain. All the soldiers in the village did not take part in the ceremonies.

Tuesday, May 31st

Large Vases Within a few days, two large vases, or urns, have been placed on the main avenue, near the entrance of the new cemetery. The vases belong to the cemetery corporation. They are made of cement, of a gray color, and cost in Boston twenty dollars each, by report.

Wednesday, June 1st

Alfred Littlefield In June 1869, Alfred Littlefield, succeeded Eben Huff in the office of Sexton, of the First Parish. As Mr. Littlefield lives about a mile from the village, he did not wish to be Sexton any longer. Mr. Huff has again been reinstated in his old place.

Thursday, June 2nd

York b. The first number of the "York County Independent" published at Saco, was issued in May 1869. I have taken the paper from that time until last week, when I caused the number which was sent to me to be discontinued. The reason was my daughter wished me to take the "Portland Transcript", instead of the Independent and I have done as she wished.

Friday, June 3rd

Excursion to California The excursionists which left Boston, on Monday April 18th, returned to Boston last Wednesday. Mr. S. H. Gould, party left San Francisco, on Monday May 23rd. Mr. Wins and S. H. Gould, returned safely to their homes.

1881,

Saturday, June 4th

The house owned and occupied by the late Richard B. Baynes was appraised at \$1200. It is reported that the widow of Mr. Baynes, has bought from the heirs of her late husband, all their right and title to the property, after her death, for the sum of \$700.

Sunday, June 5th

There was a Sabbath School celebration in the Second Parish church this evening. Mr. Titcomb read a history of the sabbath-school in the Parish, from the best sources he could find, but says there were no records kept of the schools, when it first started, and during a long time after. Mr. Given - the high-school teacher and J. M. Stone each made an address. "Lillie" Stone and my daughter read extracts from books.

Monday, June 6th

Families, moved into village, recently have found it difficult to find houses or tenements to occupy. A number have stored their furniture, until they can find a suitable place to occupy. It is probable new houses will be built this season.

Tuesday, June 7th

Edward and John Ward, of this village, have taken a contract to build a railroad, distance of five miles, between Mechanicville and Saratoga in the State of New York. They advertise for 300 men to work on the road. They think it will take four months to complete the job. Wages of \$1.50 a day are offered.

Wednesday, June 8th

Alexandria Victoria Guelph, Queen of Great Britain was born May 24, 1819; succeeded to the throne June 20, 1837; married Feb. 10, 1840. She was the only child of Edward Duke of Kent. Her husband Prince Albert died Dec. 14, 1861. On the 20th of this month Queen Victoria will have reigned 44 years, a period which has been exceeded by four English Sovereigns only - namely Henry III., who reigned 56 years; Edward III., who reigned for 50 years; Queen Elizabeth, who reigned 40; and George III., who reigned 60 years.

1881,

Thursday, June 9th

Cost "The average price of a passenger car is about \$4,500; of Pullman cars average from \$6,000 to \$10,000; locomotives \$11,000 or \$12,000, while an ordinary freight or box car costs about \$625." Boston Com. Bulletin.

Friday, June 10th

Moaw-henney & Co. are now arranging the machinery in their hired mill. One of the firm told me that they expected to begin manufacturing about the first of next month; but may not so soon as there is much labor to be done before commencing.

Saturday, June 11th

About half a dozen years ago, William Nason (son of Capt. Wm B. Nason of the hill) went to Boston, where he studied law. Last March he left Boston and went now of to the town of Dallas, in the State of Texas, which he now calls his home. He says that he expects to remain in Texas, as he likes the people and the climate.

Sunday, June 12th

A pleasant day, in the beautiful month of June, to me the most beautiful of the twelve months. At the Methodist church, this afternoon, there was church, an unusual large number of people, to see the exercises of the Sabbath school children; it being the anniversary of the organization of the Sabbath school in the Methodist church in this village. The inside of the church was decorated with running vines, wreaths of flowers, with canary birds in cages.

Monday, June 13th

Origin "Shaking hands as a mode of salutation, came into practice, when men were incased in armor and consequently could not embrace in the old scripture method."

Tuesday, June 14th

Diary. "Let each of you keep a Diary, you know what immense benefit that was to John Quincy Adams; how like an oracle it shined on the floor of Congress. No matter how humble your position, all are benefited by a Diary." ^{my Mr. Kirk,}

1881,

Wednesday, June 15th

In 1847 the seven children of the late Peter Roberts of Lyman, made an agreement to meet annually, with all their children and family connexions, who could conveniently attend, and they should continue to meet each year as long as two of the seven children remained alive. It is said the agreement was strictly fulfilled. Dimon Roberts of Lyman, the last of the seven children dies last month aged 71 years. (See Dec. 19, 1880)

Thursday, June 16th

Mr. Charles Wentworth, says, that in 1851, his son Oliver, being then 18 years old, went to Boston to learn the trade of working marble. After learning the trade, he came to Bennebank, where his father hired money for him, and Oliver began the business on his own account. He is now 48 years of age, worth over Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and is unusually liberal. He has a wife but no children. The father told me the above story and doubtless believes it, as he is a man of truth and respectability.

Friday, June 17th

A reporter of the New York Sun, asked the venerable Peter Cooper the other day how he managed to live so long (ninety years), and how he got so rich.

In answer to the first question Mr. Cooper said, "I should put it in two words - Live soberly and righteously. We are required not to eat too much, not to drink too much, not to work too much, nor to play too much. The penalty for disobedience must be paid somewhere somehow and at sometime."

Then in answer to the question, what general rule he had followed which had enabled him to acquire his great wealth, he said:

My rule was pay as you go. I cannot remember the time when any man could have had for the asking what I owned. Another rule was, I determined to give the world in some form an equivalent for their labor or money. All my money was made in mechanical business"

Death
of
Dimon
Roberts.
Family
festival.

Oliver
Wentworth
formed
of
Bennebank
now of
Boston.

Peter
Cooper's
advice.
Be
temperate
and
pay
as
you
go.

1881.

Saturday, June 18th

Secura Parish This week carpenters have been at work shingling the Secura Parish church. When the church was remodelled about eleven years ago, the building was doubtless shingled shingles, although, I do not distinctly recollect.

Sunday, June 19th

At the meeting in the Secura Parish church this evening, Charles Cole played on a clarinet, in unison with the organ and singers. With one exception this is music, the first time I have heard any brass instrument of music, played in church during religious service.

Monday, June 20th

Death of Doctor In the spring of 1878 his health began to be visibly impaired and he gradually failed in mind and body until his death.

Tuesday, June 21st

Within two, or at the extent three years, what is called "evaporated apples", that is apples pared, cored and sliced, dried by artificial heat in an evaporator, have quite taken the place of the old fashioned dried apples, having much more flavor now being light colored, and what is not a small matter, being free from the dirt of flies and other foul matter, which must of necessity accumulate upon apples dried on the old process in the open air.

Wednesday, June 22nd

Sketch of the late Doctor Dr. Pease of that town, then attended medical lectures at Brunswick. In 1840 he married Elizabeth Holden of Sweden, and settled in Lyman. In 1846 he moved to this village. In 1848 he bought the house built and once owned by William Gillingham. His widow, two sons and three daughters survive him. Dr. Pease was an uncommonly kind hearted man. Money always seemed of minor importance to him.

1881.

Thursday, June 23rd

The mills recently let to the Boston firm, have been shingled, other repairs made and men are now employed in painting the outside of the buildings of a lead color. Perhaps the second coat will be of a different color. They were formerly painted white.

Friday, June 24th

The first quarter of our village schools closed this week. The two primary schools were examined Tuesday, the grammar school Wednesday and the high school yesterday. The schools have attended more or less to singing, which appears to me to be a desirable acquisition. The teachers are all expected to continue except ^{Mr. Ginn} who found our climate not favorable to his health. He has accepted a position in New Jersey and now leaves his connection with this school.

Saturday, June 25th

A man with two assistants, have this week been at work laying concrete walks near some of the houses in this village. This concrete is said to be composed of coal dust, fine gravel and tar.

Sunday, June 26th

Pleasant in the forenoon, rainy in the afternoon.

Monday, June 27th

Frank E. Shipman, who worked in the shoe factory, died at his boarding-house (Edmund Warren's) yesterday, aged 28 years. He was a member of the Lodge "Knights of Pythias". Between thirty and forty of their dresses in uniform marched to the depot, preceding his body, which is now on the way to Mechanics Falls for interment. Mr. Shipman was unmarried.

Tuesday, June 28th

Yesterday the directors of Ocean National Bank declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent, payable on and after the first Monday in July.

Wednesday, June 29th

This year the month of June has not been as pleasant as usual; the weather being cloudy or foggy more than 1/2 the time.

1881.

Thursday, June 30th

Long, Meth. Bap. in Maine. The statistics given in the Maine Register for 1881 show that the three principal religious denominations in the State have nearly equal membership; The Congregationalist numbers 21,644; the Methodist 21,064; and Baptist 21,013.

Friday, July 1st

Mr. & Mrs. Parsons children - four sons and five daughters. They are all living; two of the sons and three of the daughters are married. Mr. & Mrs. Parsons have more than a dozen grand-children.

Saturday, July 2nd

About eleven o'clock this forenoon, the startling news was received by telegraph, that President Garfield was shot twice this morning, soon after nine o'clock, while in the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad depot, shot "One shot struck him in the right arm below the shoulder, while the other into the right side of the back between the hip and the kidney." - "There is hope for the President recovering but he is in a very critical condition." When the assassin was arrested he said, "I did it and want to be arrested, I am a stalwart and Arthur is President now". He wrote his name and address on a sheet of paper as follows: - "Charles Litten, attorney at law, Chicago, Ill."

Sunday, July 3rd

This forenoon, at the Secora Parish, there was a full house as it was the only meeting in the village. The Unitarians, Baptist and Methodist, have religious services in their churches in the afternoon.

Monday, July 4th

This fourth of July has passed away here in the usual quiet manner. Many of the village people went to the beaches in town and remained nearly all day. This evening several parties have sent up fireworks with fine effect, but being a bright moonlight night, the fireworks did not appear so brilliant as they would in a darker night.

1881.

Tuesday, July 5th

The new shoe factory began operations to day. A few hands only at work to day. Will increase the number as they are wanted.

New Shoe Factory.

Wednesday, July 6th

The limitation of the 6 per cent and 5 per cent U. S. Bonds, paying gold interest, expired July 1, 1881.

The following prices are now quoted in Boston:

4 1/2 per cent United States Bonds of 1891	111
4 " " " " " " " 1897	116 3/4
* 3 1/2 " " " " " " " pleasure of U.S. Gov. 1893	
4 " " " " " " " currency, different times	130 to 131
7 " " B & M. Railroad	127 " 128
7 " " Maine Central R.R.	119 " 120
4 " " City of Bangor	111 " 112
4 " " City of Portland	111 " 112
4 " " " " " " " airt. R.R.	110 " 110
4 " " " " " " " airt. R.R.	100 " 101
Boston and Maine Railway Shares	164 " 165
B. & P. Portland	50 " 51
Eastern	51 " 52
General N. Bank, Portland (dividend on June 28)	160 " 162
Lowell N. " " (dividend on June 28)	154 " 156
First N. " " (dividend on June 28)	154 " 156
Ocean N. " " " " " are rarely sold.	
* The 6 and 5 per cent U. S. Bonds are continued at 3 1/2 per cent.	

Prices of Bonds and Stocks at this time.

Thursday, July 7th

"If Happiness has not her seat
As a centre in the breast,
We may be wise, or rich, or great,
But never can be blest."

Burns.

Friday, July 8th

In March 1879 J. R. Hamilton moved here and opened a store for the sale of dry goods. Last December he failed in business. Yesterday he moved his family back to Socu.

J. R. Hamilton.

Saturday, July 9th

Samuel Roberts died yesterday at the Landing in the 69 year of his age.

Samuel Roberts.

1881.

Sunday, July 10th

A warm and pleasant day; consequently a Sunday, larger number than usual attended church.

Monday, July 11th

Within a few days Edward Haney has sold his small farm, about a mile from the village on the road to Biddeford, to a man by the name of Pember. He says that he is an Episcopal minister and has bought this farm because he wants to have a home for his family. Mr. Haney has moved to this village and Mr. Pember moved his family on the farm. It is said he does not know anything of farming.

Tuesday, July 12th

The first train over the Old Orchard Junction Railroad was run last evening, amid fireworks and rejoicings at Old Orchard. The road is two and one half miles long, and runs from near the Old Orchard House, to connect with the Eastern Railroad to Old Orchard Beach.

Thirty years ago, about the only attractions at Old Orchard, were the Old Staples homestead, a few winding cow paths and a clump of sour apple trees. The extension of the B & M. Railway in 1872 through Old Orchard is the principal cause of its rapid growth. *Orlando Newspaper.*

Wednesday, July 13th

On the morning of the 23^d of last month a comet with a fan like tail was first seen in the northeast. During the following week it made a brilliant appearance, when the sky was clear. Since that time it becomes less and less distinct as it is moving rapidly away from the earth. It is supposed that it will be visible by telescopes a number of weeks. It is singular that this comet should come within the verge of naked vision, and was seen by many persons, before it was discovered by Astronomers. The newspapers say that many astronomers are now watching it with great interest, but cannot identify it.

1881.

Thursday, July 14th

This day bought a copy of the revised New Testament together with the common version, arranged on opposite and corresponding pages. The common version of the New Testament was published during the reign of King James I, in 1611; consequently it has been used 270 years. In the preface of this copy it is told - "The whole time devoted to the work has been ten years and a half. As a rule a session of four days has been held every month (with the exception of August and September) in each year from the commencement of the work in June 1870. The average attendance for the whole time has been twenty-seven, but for the greater part of the time twenty-four members. The whole company consisting of twenty-seven members. Of the original number four have been removed from us by death."

The sessions of the revisors were held in "Jerusalem Chamber" Westminster Abbey, London.

Friday, July 15th

The mills in this village (except the Hewet mill) which were formerly owned by N. L. Thompson, have recently shingles, repaired inside and outside, painted of a lead color, a new fence built on Brown street across all the property appears in good condition. The flume or pen stock, is supposed not to be in good condition, but it is hoped it will last a few years longer.

Capt. Moses Mealing was appointed agent to make the recent repairs. He says the work was finished this week and the whole expense has been about \$2,000.

Saturday, July 16th

Yesterday forenoon a small two story house, also the barn, at the Landing, owned by George Fiske and occupied by his brother John, was burnt. The fire caught on the roof. The furniture was mostly saved. It is reported that the buildings were insured for \$350, or \$400.

Sunday, July 17th

Another pleasant Sabbath. Rev. Mr. Vinal is now having his summer vacation at Newfield.

The
revised
New
Testament.

Repairs
and
Painting
on
Factory
Buildings.

Fisk
House
burnt
at
Landing.

Rev. Mr.
Vinal.

1881.

Monday, July 18th

a In looking over an old newspaper, I saw the
 Post, following trust given at a 4th of July celebration in 1860.
 Uncle at Warren, Ohio: - "Uncle Sam - The gentleman whose
 Sam's birthday we now celebrate; with a family of thirty
 family - millions of handsome girls and boys, and land enough
 children to give each a farm, and have plenty left for his grown-
 and children."

The family of "Uncle Sam", in
 1860 was 31,209,742. See July 19, 1871.
 children, 1880 " 50,152,866. " Jan. 26, 1881.

Tuesday, July 19th

Dr. F. M. Ross and J. W. Sargent have agreed to
 Ross unite in building a wooden block on the site of the
 and buildings burnt last April. Frank Goodwin is now
 Sargent putting in the foundations. It is reported that
 will Joseph Doy was the lowest bidder for building the
 build block and the contract has been awarded to him.
 a block, I do not know any particulars.

Wednesday, July 20th

McBride Early last spring, Mr. McBride and his wife
 and son by a former husband - a Mr. Burgess, began to
 Burgess build a house on Storey street. The house is two stories
 built high, fitted for two families, on the western side of
 new the street and a pleasant location. One or more
 house, families moved into the house a few days since.

Thursday, July 21st

Late yesterday afternoon, several girls were rowing on
 Infants' Mourning river discovered a baby in the water and prevented
 a baby from sinking by a bush on which it was caught. The screams
 mutilated of the girls, caused a young son of Daniel Perkins to come to the
 and spot, who in attempting to get the baby, pushed it from the bush
 thrown when it sunk. An unsuccessful was made to get the baby lost
 into evening. This morning the body was recovered. It proved to be
 the body of a girl baby, apparently about two months old.
 river. It was clothed in a muslin dress. Examination shows
 that about half of an inch of the infant's tongue had been
 cut off (evidently with scissors) to prevent the baby from
 crying. An investigation will be made.

1881.

Friday, July 22nd

Many members of the Second Parish picked up at
 Hart's beach yesterday. The day being pleasant; all
 appeared to have "a good time". As the cottages near
 this beach are all or nearly all owned by members
 of the Second Parish; some persons think it should be called
 "Congregational Beach". As the cottages at Boothby's beach
 are mostly owned by persons who attend the Unitarian
 meeting; that should be called the "Unitarian Beach."

Saturday, July 23rd

"Pitch thy behavior low, thy projects high,
 So shalt thou humble and magnanimous be."

Sink not in spirit; who aimeth at the sky,
 Shoots higher much, than he that means a tree." *G. Herbert.*

Sunday, July 24th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood and Rev. Mr. Darling exchange
 pulpits to day. Within a year Rev. Mr. Darling has lost
 his only child - a little girl, named Alice. Rev. Mr. Ferris
 who left here in 1878, has lost his only son, aged about
 17 years. He has one daughter left.

Monday, July 25th

Jacob Stewart and wife have but one child, a
 son named Frank, now about 20 years old. Within a
 few years his mind has become disordered. The
 brain disease has increased so much, that he is now
 considered dangerous, as he has threatened to kill a
 number of persons and has killed his dog. Last
 Friday he was taken to the insane asylum at Augusta.

Tuesday, July 26th

Nothing has yet been discovered concerning the
 woman, who it is supposed drowned her baby in Mourning. The
 river last week. A woman with a baby came to the
 the Eastern R. R. depot, from the east on Tuesday July 19th. In
 the afternoon, she called at the house of Abby Snow on the
 depot road and nursed the baby. The same evening the
 without a baby went to the hotel in this village where she
 remained until next morning, then went to Portland by the
 first train. She registered her name as "Fannie Smith, Rochester N.H."

1881.Wednesday, July 26th

Death of Mrs. Jane L.; widow of the late Capt. John F. Mason of Rensselaersburg, died in that village, on the 25th inst, aged about 65 years. While Oliver O. Huff, the village undertaker was trimming a coffin for her; he was taken unwell and died but a short time - a few hours at longest. He has been the undertaker of the village many years and apparently enjoys good health. His age was about the same as Mrs. Mason.

Thursday, July 28th

This summer, it is not an uncommon sight in this village to see a man riding on a "Bicycle", that is a carriage for one person, having two wheels placed one before the other in the same line and connected by a beam on which the person sits astride. The person propels the vehicle by a crank turned by his feet. Small boys have a carriage called a "Tricycle" with three wheels, two behind, opposite each other and a guiding wheel in front, propelled in the same as the first named. At least half a dozen of these "Tricycles" are now in this village.

Friday, July 29th

Nothing takes place by chance. The wisdom and mercy of God will be found written in every event. - Every pain you feel is necessary; God does not afflict willingly, or for his pleasure, but for your profit. "Prayer is the taking hold of God's willingness, not conquering God's reluctance."

Saturday, July 30th

Leon Brougham has the faculty which extracts from every one, with whom the owner comes into contact, some contribution to his stock of information and to his advantage. He could turn to account every scrap of knowledge which he happened to possess."

Sunday, July 31st

Rev. Mr. Vinet is now passing his summer vacation at Newfield, where he has been with his family each vacation, a number of years past.

1881.

Monday, Aug. 14

By the influence of Rowland Hill (afterward Sir Rowland Hill) the rate of postage in England was fixed Jan. 10, 1840 to the uniform rate of one penny for every letter, if not more than half an ounce in weight. Postage stamps on letters were then used for the first time.

Postage and postage stamps in England.

Tuesday, Aug. 22nd

Went to Portland this morning and remained until afternoon, when I returned to Old Orchard. A large number of people are there as usual this time of year. - Within the last six months the Free Will Baptist denomination have bought a tract of land for a "camp ground". This season they have built a "Tabernacle" on their land, to be used in wet weather. It was reported at Old Orchard depot that this "Tabernacle" was dedicated this day and their first camp meeting in this place commenced. The Free Will camp ground is about a mile southward of Old Orchard depot and about a mile distant from the Methodist camp ground.

Portland and Old Orchard, Free Will Baptist camp ground.

Wednesday, Aug. 31st

Judge Nathan Clifford was born in Rumney NH. in Aug. 1803. When a young man he came to this State and opened a law office in Newfield in this county. He was elected to many offices in this State. In 1846 he was appointed Attorney General of the U. S. In 1858, President Buchanan appointed him Associate Justice of the U. States Supreme Court, in which capacity he served until his death in Cornish, this county, July 25th, when his remains were brought to his late home in Portland. His funeral was in the Unitarian church in Portland July 29th.

Death and burial of U. S. Judge Nathan Clifford.

His body was clad in the toga of rich black silk, made to be worn by him at the inauguration of President Garfield, but illness prevented his attendance, and the robe was never put on until the form it covered had grown cold and rigid from the pressure of Death's icy fingers. His funeral was attended by many eminent public men and his body interred in in Portland, Eastern Ave.

1881.

Thursday, Aug. 4th

In the fall of 1878, Edwin B. Smith, then of So. Cal. was appointed an Assistant Attorney General, of the U. States, with a salary of \$10000 a year. Since that time he has lived in Washington. The "Eastern Star" says B. Smith, "On Aug 1st next (published July 29th) he will enter into the practice of law, at 158 Broadway New York, with a celebrated law firm, under the copartnership name of Stanley, Clark & Smith."

Friday, Aug. 5th

The woman who drowned her baby, between two and three weeks ago, in Mousum river, was caught baby lost week in Rochester N.H. She says that her name is again Sarah Whitten and her home is at Alfred. She also says that Richard D. Day of Alfred is father of the child. They met at Kennebunk by previous arrangement. Day procured some chloroform, which by his advice she gave to the child, then threw the child into the river.

Saturday, Aug. 6th

Poor hay weather being most of the time damp and foggy. It is supposed that hundreds of tons in this State will be nearly worthless, except for "bedding" cattle. The last three days this week has been much better weather for curing hay. It is probable farmers in this vicinity are now nearly finished.

Sunday, Aug. 7th

Sunday. Unpleasant day. No meeting in the Unitarian chch.

Monday, Aug. 8th

June 30, 1880, it was noted that Mrs. Sylvester Child, while insane drowned her little boy aged 8 years. Since then she has been in the insane asylum part of the time, but has been at home a number of months. About the middle of last June, by the breaking of a kerosene lamp and spilling part of the oil over her clothing which took fire and burned her in a shocking manner. She lingered, in great suffering, until the 24th day of this month, when she died, aged 29 years.

1881.

Tuesday, Aug. 9th

Robert W. Lora & Co. have recently an addition made to their Twine Factory, near the Eastern R.R. Depot. They are now putting in the additional machinery. Mr. Lora says they now employ about thirty hands; when the new part is in operation, they expect to have about forty persons employed.

Wednesday, Aug. 10th

The length of railroads in the United States in 1830, was 23 miles, according to the best authority, in 1880, the length was 93,671 miles.

Boston Commercial Bulletin, Aug. 6, 1881.

Thursday, Aug. 11th

Last March it was noted that Lydia Frances, wife of Samuel H. Gould, of Kennebunkport was dead. Mr. Gould has recently bought the lot in the graveyard, formerly owned by Edward W. Morton and buried the body of his late wife in it. Last week a marble monument was placed on the lot. It is reported that this monument was imported from Italy to Boston, that Mr. Gould bought it of Mr. Wentworth in that city at a cost of about Six Hundred Dollars.

Friday, Aug. 12th

This time, is about the height of the "season" for all, strangers or citizens who spend a few weeks by the sea. It is reported there are now about seven hundred persons mostly strangers, now stopping, at Cape Porpoise, at the hotels and private boarding houses in Kennebunkport and at the beach houses in this town.

It is said many young people like to stop at the Port, because they have the advantage of boating on the river, but few seaside resorts having rivers near them.

There are many (now say at least a hundred, but this doubtless is far too many) pleasure boats used on the river some pleasant days. As a general thing the boats are managed by young ladies, who row apparently with the ease and skill of an old sailor, and they do not take any care to prevent being tanned.

R. W. Lora & Co. Twine Factory, enlarged.

Railroads in the United States.

Gould monument in graveyard.

Summer boarding in this vicinity.

Boating on Kennebunk river.

1881,

Saturday, Aug. 13th

Charles H. Black was noted May 24th that Charles H. Black, has bought the goods of the late Samuel Black and continued the business. Samuel Black (formerly Junior) has bought a stock of boots and shoes and has them for sale in the store which was occupied by J. B. Hammit.

Sunday, Aug. 14th

Rev. Mr. Vinal, Rev. Mr. Lockwood and Rev. Mr. Cobb being absent on their vacations; there was not any preaching in the village to day, except in the afternoon by Rev. Mr. Worth in the Baptist church.

Monday, Aug. 15th

J. B. Capt. Claudius B. Williams has opened a store down street for the sale of fruit, confectionary, fancy goods, groceries and paints and oil. This is his first effort trading at shop-keeping.

Tuesday, Aug. 16th

To day there was an excursion of young people, children and children, from this town to the Temperance excursion camp meeting at Old Orchard. A large number to Old went by the first train this morning. Fair for the Orchard round trip, only 45 cents.

Wednesday, Aug. 17th

It was noted July 19th that Joseph Day was the lowest bidder for building the Ross & Sargent block. For some cause to me unknown Mr. Day has given up the job. J. H. Ferguson, Phil Kimball and Edward Larrabee will have the contract for building. Teams are now employed in hauling lumber from B. & M. Depot, for the building. The stone foundation is now laid.

Thursday, Aug. 18th

Joseph Parsons is now erecting a dwelling-house on the land formerly owned by Alexander Farnold. The house is on the Sanford road, a short distance beyond the old house formerly occupied by Mr. Farnold. Within two years, Mr. Parsons erected a house on the same lot of land, at the corner, on Sanford road and the road which leads to "bat Mousam".

1881,

Friday, Aug. 19th

It was noted July 11th that Edward Hanez has sold his farm and moved to the village. Recently he has bought a part of a lot of land, which I sold to the late Capt. Tobias Lord. This land is between a small house now owned by Mary Shackley and the river. Mr. Hanez is now putting in the foundation for a two story house, for his own residence.

Saturday, Aug. 20th

George Jennison has hired the store, next to mine and fitted it up for the sale of oysters, cigars, tobacco, pipes and similar articles. He opened his store to the public this afternoon.

Sunday, Aug. 21st

The remarks which were made last Sabbath, are equally true to day. No meetings in the village, except at the Baptist church in the afternoon.

Monday, Aug. 22nd

Within a few days, the place known as the Estate of George W. Wallingford has been sold to Henry Poor (one of the new shop men) for \$2700.

The place is on the western side of the river, Wells road. There is a large house, about four acres of land including many apple-trees. The house was built by Mr. Wallingford in 1804 or 1805. He died there Jan. 19, 1824, aged 48 years. The late George W. Wallingford was his son.

Tuesday, Aug. 23rd

It is reported that the Mousam Manufacturing Company (Leather-board) in this village has recently increased its capital stock from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The company appear to be doing a profitable business.

Wednesday, Aug. 24th

In the year 1857, John Downing who lived in the upper part of Kennebunkport, built a two story and half house with an ell, costing about \$15,000. In 1861 he failed in business and the property passed into the possession of Ocean Bank. The Bank sold their claim a number of years since. Mr. Downing died Oct. 14, 1862, aged 59 years.

1881.

Thursday, Aug. 21st

extent "The greatest length of the United States from east to west is 2800 miles; the greatest breadth from north to south is 1600 miles; average breadth of the United States, is 1200 miles." Newspaper account.

Friday, Aug. 26th

Last year huckleberries were uncommonly plenty and consequently low prices, selling as low as 3 cents a quart. This year they have been remarkably scarce; but few for sale and those selling at 10 cents a quart.

Saturday, Aug. 27th

Summer visitors in this vicinity are beginning to leave for home. The season has been most of the time cold and damp with many foggy days. It is not going probable the beach hotels and boarding houses here made as money this year as last as the "season" has been much shorter.

Sunday, Aug. 28th

Three Sabbaths in succession, no religious meetings in the village, excepting at the Baptist church in the P.M.

Monday, Aug. 29th

Last week there was a gathering ^{in Portland} of the soldiers and sailors of Maine who fought in the late war of the Rebellion. The gathering was on three days but the greatest number was on Thursday, when the newspapers say, about three thousand veterans were present and renewed the experiences and of camp life around the evening camp-fires. Many who had not met since the close of the war, here renewed old acquaintances. On Thursday there was a parade and sham fight. Many of the old soldiers did not join in the parade and fight. It is supposed not less than 30,000 people viewed the display. Many people went from Pennebunk.

Tuesday, Aug. 30th

Wallingford The poorer part of the furniture and many articles that have been used in and around the Wallingford premises were sold at auction to day on the green near the house. The better part of the furniture has been taken away. The articles sold to day were not valuable.

1881.

Wednesday, Aug. 31st

"I could write down twenty cases", says a good man, "when I wished you had done otherwise than he did; but which I now see, had I had my own will, would have led to extensive mischief." Providence or "all for the best."

Thursday, Sept. 1st

Yesterday was the hottest day in this village this season. Thermometers at different places in the village stood from 93 to 96° in the shade. Hot.

Friday, Sept. 2nd

In July 1880, the real estate of Capt. N. L. Thompson passed into the possession of Ocean National Bank, which has a claim against the estate of about 28,000. N. L. This claim with two other claims, one from a bank in Biddeford and one from a bank in Portland, amounts to about \$55,000. The real estate has been appraised (exclusive of Mrs. Thompson's right of dower if she outlives her husband) at about \$18,000. (afterwards altered to \$60,125.) Real estate for sale in "Eastern Star."

With the exception of the mills, which are leased, the residue of the real estate, in 21 lots, is advertised for sale in the "Eastern Star" of this day.

Lot No. 1 is "The Homestead, occupied by Nathaniel L. Thompson, situate on southwesterly side of Summer street in Pennebunk."

Saturday, Sept. 3rd

Within a few days, two young men from Boston, visiting relatives in this village, went on a shooting excursion near the Eastern Railroad. While in the woods, they saw what they thought was a bear, when one or both fired, and on examination it proved to be a heifer, which had been shot through the head. Expense of the shot, twenty dollars. Gunners mistook a heifer for a bear.

Sunday, Sept. 4th

The absent ministers having returned from their vacations; there has been preaching in each church in this village to day. During the vacation the Unitarian society have placed a new carpet on their church floor and preserved the stairways and entry. Ministers' vacation over. New carpet.

1881.

Monday, Sept. 5th

Last Saturday a printed circular was pasted in the Post Office in this village, saying - "A Free blum Bake was to be had at Wells beach on Sunday Sept. 4th 1881. The public are invited." As the forenoon was overcast and damp, it is not probable many persons were present.

This is the first time that I ever knew a "blum Bake" or other festival to be advertised in this vicinity on Sunday.

Tuesday, Sept. 6th

This morning there was a remarkable appearance in the sky. A greenish yellow tinge covered everything. It was necessary to keep lamps lighted in many houses until eight o'clock and in some house and shops doubtless later. The grass and leaves on the trees presented a singular appearance, being more intensely green than usual. The schools in the village were dismissed in the forenoon, as it was particularly dark in the school rooms to see to read without this difficulty. This afternoon the schools were kept, as the darkness was not so great as in the forenoon.

The cause of this remarkable appearance is supposed to be a dense fog from the sea, mixed with smoke.

Wednesday, Sept. 7th

Last Thursday, Sept. 4th the homestead of the late Theodore Clark of Wells, was sold at auction to Joseph Dorne of this town for Ten Thousand and Fifty Dollars. The advertisement says - "This property has been held in the family about two hundred years. The estate includes a modern two story dwelling house, with thirteen rooms, an L 25 feet long, a wood house, two large barns, and a good granary."

The lands are divided as follows: 65 acres cultivated at 93 growing; 25 acres of wood and timber; 90 acres of salt marsh; two acres of orchard, having 200 apple trees. There were 25 other lots of land sold not included in the homestead. - It is reported that Mr. Dorne is one of a company (to me unknown) who bought the homestead.

1881.

Thursday, Sept. 8th

In conformity to the recommendation of the Governor of this State, in a proclamation which he issued last Monday, there was a prayer meeting for the President, probably in every city and large town in Maine, between 10 and 12 o'clock this day.

In this village, by public notice "one and all without any distinction" were requested to meet at the Baptist Church, "to engage in Prayer for the President."

A fair number were present, but not so many as were expected.

Friday, Sept. 9th

On the 2nd day of July an attempt was made to assassinate President Garfield by shooting. Since that time he has been confined to his bed and supposed to be in critical condition. Last Tuesday, Sept. 6th he was taken to Long Branch in New Jersey, as it is supposed to be a more healthy location, this time of year, than at the President's house in Washington.

Saturday, Sept. 10th

The full term of the district schools in this village commenced last Monday. The High school is under the care of Perkins of District School Comm. R. C. Gilbert has again charge of the Grammar school, the other teachers the same as last term.

Sunday, Sept. 11th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood exchanged to day, with Rev. Mr. Stowe of Saco. This Mr. Stowe is said to be a son of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, the celebrated authoress. People to day who listened to his remarks do not consider him an uncommonly talented man, although he has a talented mother.

Monday, Sept. 12th

This second Monday of September is the day on which the annual election of State officers has been held. At the session of the Legislature of this State, closing in the spring of 1880, an act was passed providing for Biennial elections and Biennial Sessions; hence no election this fall.

1881.

Tuesday, Sept. 13th

The pulse in health. - From a medical work,
New born infants - - - From 140 down to 130.

The	During 1 st year, - - -	"	130	"	"	110
pulse,	" 2 ^d year, - - -	"	110	"	"	100
while	" 3 ^d year - - -	"	100	"	"	90
in	From the 7 th to the 14 th year -	"	90	"	"	80
health,	" " 14 th " " 21 st " -	"	80	"	"	70
each	" " 21 st " " 60 " -	"	70	"	"	70
minute	In old age - - -	"	70	"	"	80

Wednesday, Sept. 14th

"It has been recently stated that the seed of a pumpkin was brought from the Mediterranean to this country (date not given). The first seed was planted in Pouley, Mass. It was seven years before it came to maturity, and it was a long time before it was cultivated with success elsewhere." Newspaper.

Thursday, Sept. 15th

Baptist Association annual meeting in this village, yesterday and met to day. The weather being favorable, there has been here, a full attendance. The meeting closed soon after dinner.

Friday, Sept. 16th

House carpenters, began to frame the Sargent & Ross building this week. To day they have raised the lower part of the building.

When I was a boy, it was customary to frame all of the building and then raise the entire frame in one day. That custom passed away in this vicinity at least twenty five years ago.

Saturday, Sept. 17th

At the present time there is an unusual demand in this village for house carpenters. The demand is greater than our village can supply; consequently we have carpenters here from Wells, Pennsbury and the lower part of this town. Taken as a whole business in this village is now good, particularly since the recent shoe factory began work.

1881.

Sunday, Sept. 18th

There was not any meeting in the Unitarian Church to day. The reason is said to be, the floor of the entry having been painted during the past week; it was not sufficiently dry.

Monday, Sept. 19th

This afternoon I went down to the old homestead in Pennsbury and visited and revisited a number of places familiar to me in my childhood and youth; but now so changed it was with difficulty that I could identify some of the once familiar places.

"Ghost-like I paced round the haunts of my childhood."

Afterwards went to the Port and made a long call on my old school-mate Clement Perkins, and his family. Mr. & Mrs. Perkins have three sons - George, David and William. They live in California, the first named is now Governor of the State. Pamela Perkins is their only daughter. She is unmarried and lives at home with her parents.

Tuesday, Sept. 20th

President James A. Garfield, died at Long Branch last evening at 10, 30 o'clock when life was pronounced to be extinct. The bells in the First and Second Parish churches in this village were tolled about half an hour this forenoon.

Wednesday, Sept. 21st

At 11:30 o'clock on Monday night, a despatch was sent to Vice President Gen. Chester Alan Arthur, who was at his home in New York city. The despatch advised him "to take the oath of office without delay"

"Soon after midnight the oath of office as President of the United States was administered to Gen. Arthur at his house in New York, by Judge John R. Brady of the Supreme Court of New York, and on Tuesday morning he went to Long Branch, in compliance with the request of the cabinet. Gen. Arthur was born Oct. 14 1830 at Fairfield, Vermont. His father was a Baptist minister. He is a Lawyer. He was appointed collector of the Port of New York in 1871." N.Y. Observer.

1881.

Thursday, Sept. 22nd

It is reported that Charles W. Littlefield has been promoted from Assistant Paymaster to Paymaster in the Navy and that his brother Arthur has been appointed Assistant Paymaster. Others say that Arthur has become a clerk to his brother Charles. Within a few days they left their home in this village.

Friday, Sept. 23rd

In the store formerly occupied by John G. Littlefield George R. Smith, has this week, opened a stock of dry goods. He has an advertisement in the Eastern Star. This G. R. Smith is a son of the late Rufus Smith of this town.

Saturday, Sept. 24th

The widow of Otis Ross, has this week, sold out her boarding house (owned by Osborn heirs) to Mrs. Oliver and Nason, of Pennebunkport. Mr. Nason remains on his farm at least for the present. Last Thursday Mrs. Ross sold at auction some of her household articles, which she did not need.

Sunday, Sept. 25th

Nothing of particular interest that I know to day.

Monday, Sept. 26th

The first official act of President Arthur was to issue a proclamation appointing Monday, Sept. 26th a day of humiliation on account of the death of his predecessor. In this village a memorial service of the four religious societies was held in the Unitarian church this afternoon. There was quite a full house. The pulpit and surroundings were draped in mourning. There was also a large number of flowers in front of the pulpit. Rev. Mr. Cobb, Rev. Mr. Lockwood, Rev. Mr. Worth and Rev. Mr. Vinel each delivered a short address.

Business here was suspended, except as was considered necessary. Shops and stores were closed and mechanics with a few exceptions ceased work. The shoe shop first first opened and a few stores and shops were draped in mourning also a few houses had mourning draperies around their front doors.

1881.

Tuesday, Sept. 27th

The four Presidents whose deaths have occurred while in office, have all died not long after the beginning of their terms—Harrison one month after his inauguration, Taylor a little over a year and four months, Lincoln in less than a month and a half, and Garfield a little more than six months and a half.

Wednesday, Sept. 28th

Last Monday night, at 11 o'clock the School House in District No. 9 (upper dept) with the furniture and books were burnt; nothing of value saved. The building was insured for \$1,500. Cause unknown but supposed it was set on fire as the building was saturated with oil, according to report.

Thursday, Sept. 29th

On Monday 26th the funeral of the late President James A. Garfield was at Cleveland, Ohio. His body was clothed in the suit of clothes which he wore at his inauguration and his remains enclosed in a plain coffin covered with black cloth. The casket was placed in a receiving tomb, a short distance from the spot selected for his grave. There were no flowers on his coffin.

Friday, Sept. 30th

"There is a common citizenship between
The dead and living; what they have we have
In this our hand-built city; in that unseen city
Not made with hands, still live the good and brave.
There is no death; we do but shift the scene,
To take up our new freedom in the grave."

Saturday, Oct. 1st

Yesterday, Isaac Varney (son of the late Timothy Varney) left this village with his wife and family, for Manchester N. H., where they expect to have their future residence. They have left this town because they have hope the air at Manchester will be more favorable to the health of Mrs. Varney and one of her daughters who are apparently consumptive. His son's house here has been sold to Phatiter Jones.

1881.

Sunday, Oct. 2nd

Rev. Mr. Lockwood exchanges to day with the Methodist minister of Kennebunkport village. I misunderstand not know his name.

Monday, Oct. 3rd

"Parties are not now divided by great questions of national policy, but the two parties and the parties factions in the parties are contending for the offices." (A very able and widely known United States Senator.)

"More than three fourths of the time of the Presidents U. S. and cabinets in late years have been occupied in distributing offices." (This statement is made on the authority of a member of the cabinet and one of his many employes.)

The above extracts are from the N. Y. Observer Sept. 29, 1881.

Tuesday, Oct. 4th

Within two or three weeks the remaining family of the late Capt. Joseph Hatch, have had the small monument of marble taken away from their lot in the grave-yard and new monument erected. This monument is apparently is apparently about fifteen feet high. With the exception of the granite base the monument is of Scotch granite.

Wednesday, Oct. 5th

Last night the weather became much colder than cold. it has been this fall. Frost killed many vines. To day there was a slight flurry of snow.

Thursday, Oct. 6th

"It is a fact, and a very humiliating one, learned that God does not effect much good by ministers ministering the highest culture. Explain it as we may, this fact is unquestionable." Rev. J. D. Lindsay, D. D.

Friday, Oct. 7th

George Jennison has his eating room fixed up quite tastefully. On one of the front windows he has painted in large letters - "Oyster House", on the other "Lobster Room". He and his family take their food in the rooms but his wife and their two children sit there during the day, but they sleep out of the rooms.

1881.

Saturday, Oct. 8th

A stranger is now occupying the old Osborn store with a lot of boots and shoes, which he advertises for sale at "Tremendous Low Prices". I do not know where he is from or how long he expects to stay. He came Oct. 5th.

Sunday, Oct. 9th

a pleasant day and full attendance at church.

Monday, Oct. 10th

The "Eastern Star" says George A. Spofford of Biddeford has taken the contract to paint the Congregational (Second Parish) church. The staging was put up around the steeple last week. To day, painters probably from Biddeford began to work on the steeple of the church.

Tuesday, Oct. 11th

Rev. Mr. Pember, preached in the Methodist meeting house on Saco road last Sunday. One who was present says there were at least fifty persons present. They liked his sermon, but did not like the Episcopal form of the service, as they were not used to them.

Wednesday, Oct. 12th

The originator of the Postal cards was a German - Dr. Stephen. It was first introduced or adopted in Austria in 1869.

The first Postal cards issued by the United States was in the spring of 1873. They were first received in this town in May 1873.

Thursday, Oct. 13th

The Lewiston Journal says that the second crop of hay this season in Maine, is one of the largest ever known. The fields have remained unusually green, and the second cutting will be equal in quantity to one third of the first. With the exception of deer-yards but few places have been mowed in this vicinity.

Friday, Oct. 14th

This afternoon I and my daughter went to Exeter N. H. at stopped at the house of my brother-in-law - Rev. Noah Hooper. When my sister Lucy was living the residence of Mr. Hooper was far more attractive than now, to me.

Temporary Shoe Store,

Sunday,

Painting Second Parish Church,

Rev. Mr. Pember,

When Postal cards were first used,

Second crop of hay,

To Exeter.

1881.Saturday, Oct. 15th

To South Frothingham on a visit to my niece Marietta Hooper - wife of Rev. Henry Safford, who is the pastor of the Baptist church in that town. Mr. & Mrs. Safford have now four children - two girls and two boys.

Sunday, Oct. 16th

Attended church with Mr. & Mrs. Safford. It is now the custom there to have only one sermon a day.

Monday, Oct. 17th

To Boston. This forenoon we returned to Boston and spent a large part of the day in seeing sights and buying goods.

Tuesday, Oct. 18th

Fair in Boston. This forenoon Lucy called on a young lady with whom she is acquainted. In the afternoon and evening we were in the "New England, Manufacturing & Mechanics Institute Fair", now open on Huntington Avenue, Boston.

Wednesday, Oct. 19th

In Malden. We (Lucy & I) went to Malden to day, she called on her old teacher Joseph Hill, who with his wife and two children are now settled in Malden and I on my cousin Charles Merrill - cashier of Malden N. Bank.

Thursday, Oct. 20th

George B. Hooper united in marriage with Miss Emily Towle. We came from Malden to Exeter this forenoon. This afternoon at half past three o'clock, we attended the wedding of my nephew - George Boardman Hooper, united to Miss Emily, daughter of the late A. J. Towle, all in Exeter. The wedding was at the house of her mother and was the most brilliant wedding that I ever attended. The room was darkened ^{and} lighted with gas and decorated with flowers. There were about seventy five fashionably dressed persons present, two of whom were Governor Bell and wife and wife. They reside in Exeter. After the wedding, there was a reception and a report furnished by a public caterer. At six o'clock the bridegroom and bride started on a wedding tour to Washington D. C. or Chicago. Lucy and I returned home this evening.

1881.Friday, Oct. 21st

The Secum Parish church has been painted over twice on the outside, of a light brown color. The cost of materials and labor, about two hundred and fifty dollars. The painters have finished their job and gone home. The staging around the steeple is not yet taken down.

Saturday, Oct. 22nd

Since the Secum shoe factory has been in operation here, the village school have been overflowing with scholars. This week a new school has been on the western side of the river, in the upper story of the school house. Lucy H. Sparabee has the charge of the new school.

Sunday, Oct. 23rd

Being unwell did not attend church to day.

Monday, Oct. 24th

Frederick Nason, (adopted son of Tobias S. Nason) has, within a few days, gone to Boston and become a clerk in the grocery store of Cobb, Bates & Gerry, who do a large amount of business. (He returns in a few months)

Tuesday, Oct. 25th

"One by one (bright gifts from Heaven)
Joys are sent thee here below;
Take them readily when given,
Ready too to let them go."

Poetry.

One by one thy griefs shall meet thee,
Do not fear an armed band;
One will fade as others greet thee;
Shadows passing through the land." a. a. Arcton.

Wednesday, Oct. 26th

The Sargent and Ross new building has been shingled, clapboarded and painters are now at work on the outside. Windows are also being put in the frames.

Thursday, Oct. 27th

Mr. Poor the present owner of the "Wallingford Place" has repaired and painted the buildings, built a new front fence and made other important improvements.

Sargent and Ross building.

Wallingford Place.

1881.

Friday, Oct. 28th

Ship "Reuce" was to built at the Port for Mr. Theobald of Richmond. This ship was launched last Monday. She is named at "Reuce", and measures 1924 tons. George H. Theobald of Richmond and Capt. Benjamin Adams, of Bowdoinham Port, have devoted their personal attention to her construction. Capt. Adams will command her.

Saturday, Oct. 29th

The "Teacher's Institute", under the direction of W. J. Borthell, met here yesterday in the forenoon and will close this afternoon. Last evening Mr. Borthell delivered an address to teachers on the management of schools. The address was in the Second Parish church here. (the furnace in Mousam Hall being out of order.) There are quite a large number of teachers present from out of town. They are boarded, free of cost, at many houses in the village.

Sunday, Oct. 30th

Nothing of particular interest that I know today.

Monday, Oct. 31st

The stranger who occupies the Osborn store, for the sale of shoes remains but a few days. Charles Farbox has hired the store, put on the lower floor and fitted it up for a meat shop. To day he has opened it, for the sale of fresh meats.

Tuesday, Nov. 1st

According to the unpublished diary of the late President Stiles of Yale College, as quoted in the North American Review, "The first organ ever introduced into the Puritan churches of America, or in the nonconformist churches of England, was placed in a Congregational meeting-house in Providence R. I. in 1770. It was a wonder and a scandal unto many. An organ had been used before at Princeton College, but not in the Sunday service, and the misgivings occasioned thereby, the use of it their college prayers, had caused it, as President Stiles informs us, to be laid aside."

1881.

Wednesday, Nov. 2nd

By order of the directors, about one third of the evergreen trees in the new cemetery (some times called Hope cemetery) have been cut down, this fall and in some places, small hard wood trees have been set out in their places. The reason why the evergreen trees have been removed; the droppings from the trees, stained the monuments and gravestones. In my opinion more of the trees should be removed from the lots in the graveyard, as they will be in time.

Thursday, Nov. 3rd

The late President Garfield was the only communicant of the church or a church, who has ever been called to the position of President of the United States, Gen. Washington attended the Episcopal church, a pewholder, but it does not appear certain that he was a communicant. His habit was to commune with Christians at the Lord's table, without regard to their denomination. John Adams and John Quincy Adams were Unitarian in their religious opinions. Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe were not members of the church. Andrew Jackson joined the Presbyterian church after his retirement from the Presidency. Martin Van Buren, Gen. Harrison, James K. Polk, Gen. Taylor, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln, Gen. Grant and R. B. Hayes were not communicants in any church while they were in office, as far as we are informed. Mr. Garfield was a Campbellite, N.Y. Observer.

Friday, Nov. 4th

In the fall of 1878, a dressmaker from Boston, by the name of Ella Wood, came to this village and opened a shop for dressmaking and sale of millinery. The next summer two of her sisters Margaret and Isabella also came, but the three were not here all the time. Within the last six months the Wood girls have been married.

Ella.	- -	married Loretta Dickford of Port.
Margaret.	"	Charles Perkins " Kennebunk.
Isabella.	"	Charles Kelly " "

Evergreen trees in Hope cemetery.

With the exception of President Garfield, the Presidents were not church members.

The Wood girls.

1881.

Saturday, Nov. 5th

James D. Perkins, - Miller and dealer in grain in the village of Kennebunkport, has suspended business on account of financial embarrassment, or in other words "failed". He offers 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents on a dollar.

Sunday, Nov. 6th

A fine day and good walking for all who wish to attend church, or "meeting" as it was formerly called.

Monday, Nov. 7th

When the Second Parish church was built in 1828 a weather-vane was placed on its steeple and remained until 1869 when the steeple was taken down. From that time no vane has been on the spire.

New Vane on the spire of the Second Parish church. George Parsons has given the Parish a new vane, with pointers (East, West, North & South) and paid all the expenses of placing them on the top of the spire, which has been done this day by George Phillips and Wm. Goodwin.

The copper vane is 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet long, 18 inches wide at the widest part. The pointers are nearly 4 feet long and the four letters E, W, N, S. seven and one half inches long. There are 3 copper balls of 9 inches, 5 inches and 4 inches diam. The spindle from the top of the spire is about 9 feet. It is reported the first cost of the vane &c was forty-five dollars. The whole cost to Mr. Parsons, a little over sixty dollars. The height of the steeple and spire is 118 feet, with the spiracle of 9 feet, makes the whole height 127 feet.

Tuesday, Nov. 8th

Old Orchard Beach, now. "There are by actual count five hundred and ten hotels, stores and dwelling-houses at Old Orchard Beach. This count including the Free Baptist camp ground, takes in the cottages as well as saloons, boarding houses and large hotels, leaving out all those who dwell in tents. All these buildings have been erected within nine years." Newspaper.

Wednesday, Nov. 9th

Golden Wedding. The "golden wedding" of Rev. Edmund Worth and wife was celebrated at their home last evening. Have not heard any particulars.

1881.

Thursday, Nov. 10th

Horace Buske, of Lyman, has recently bought the residence of the late John William Lord, for the sum of thirty one hundred dollars.

This house is about half a mile from Main street, on road to Alfred. It was built by Alvah Hill in 1808. It was sold to Aaron Reicher in 1863, for his grandson and he lived on it until his death last April. The widow of J. W. Lord has moved into a house, formerly owned by her late father Solomon Lord, on Brown street.

Friday, Nov. 11th

There was a fire last night at Old Orchard Beach which destroyed six hotels, viz - The Lawrence; the Blanchard; the Aldine; the St. Cloud; the Fiske House and the Belmont. They were not large hotels and were probably insured for nearly as much as they were worth.

Saturday, Nov. 12th

This week I have had the outside of my store painted, most of it with two coats of paint.

Sunday, Nov. 13th

A pleasant day but muddy walking for church goers.

Monday, Nov. 14th

"The Monson Man, company (leather-board) are making over 75,000 pairs of counters per day. The product of this mill is two and one half to three tons per day. Seventy-five to eighty-five hands are regularly employed." Boston paper.

Tuesday, Nov. 15th

Last Sunday evening, about half past ten a fire was discovered in the "old factory barn" on the street near the river. The building, not of much value, was used by the Leather-board Co. for a store house of materials for leather-board. The barn was built about 50 years ago, by Jonathan Fisk, when he was agent of the old Manufacturing company. Until the failure of Capt. N. L. Thompson it was owned by him. The barn was not insured. The loss of materials is reported to be about eight hundred dollars. Part of them were saved in a damaged condition.

Horace
Buske
bought
the
J. W.
Lord
house.

Hotels
burnt
at
Old
Orchard.

Store
painted.

Sunday,

Leather
-board
Co.

Fire
Old
Factory
Barn
burnt.

1881.

Wednesday, Nov. 16th

The real estate formerly owned by Capt. N. L. Thompson and a distresses Sept. 2 (See page 123) has been sold. The most valuable lots were sold as follows: —

To William L. Thompson (son of N. L. T.) occupied by Capt. Thompson, N. L. Thompson, on the southwesterly side of Summer street for Forty five Hundred Dollars, for the Hornsteeds.

To the same, the Hewitt house and lot, formerly owned by B. Palmer, for One Thousand Dollars, on Main street.

To the same, the Hardy Mill Privilege so called on Kennebunk river, including the goodwin, with land on both sides of the river, for Thirteen Hundred Dollars.

To the same, several House Lots on the northeasterly side of Summer street, between the land of George L. Little and land formerly owned Jos. Titcomb, for One Thousand Dollars.

To Hurley Sporn the Farm, with a large barn and other buildings thereon, situate northeasterly of Summer street, back to Kennebunk river, and containing one hundred acres more or less, for Twenty five Hundred Dollars.

To Charles Parsons, the Stone Lots at the corner of Main and Stoner streets and extending back to Garden street, whereon are the stores of John Parsons and Hiram Parsons for Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

To George Parson, the Boatt Par Yarn so called with two large old buildings, for Two Hundred and fifty Dollars. This lot is on Fletcher street.

To Rev. Edmund Chase of Biddeford, the Ship Yarn, at the Port, formerly occupied by Capt. N. L. Thompson with steam mill and other buildings thereon, and adjoining on the west side of Kennebunk river. This yarn and buildings, sold for Twenty five Hundred Dollars.

To Seth L. Bryant, the Spar Yarn at the Port, formerly occupied by said Thompson, containing one and one fourth acres, more or less, with the store and house thereon, for One thousand Dollars.

The above property is subject to tower, if Capt. Thompson should die before his wife. Other lots of property has been sold, belonging to his estate, most of it out of the village.

In the fall of the year 1881.

1881.

Thursday, Nov. 17th

It was noted Nov. 9th that the Golden Wedding, of Rev. Edmund Worth and wife was celebrated on the 8th inst.

It is reported that about eighty friends of Rev. W. Worth and wife, including the pastors of the other churches in the village, and their wives, assembled at the parsonage. The company was served with a bountiful repast and they separated well satisfied, as were the recipients with the generous contributions left behind. (about \$100.)

Friday, Nov. 18th

A Hundred years to come.

"Who'll press for gold this village street,

A hundred years to come?

Who'll tread your church with willing feet,

A hundred years to come?

Pale, trembling age and fiery youth,

And childhood with its brow of truth,

The rich and poor, on land and sea,

Where will the mighty millions be,

A hundred years to come?"

"We all within our graves shall sleep,

A hundred years to come;

No living soul for us will weep

A hundred years to come.

But other men our land will till,

And others then our streets will fill,

And other words will ring as gay,

And bright the sunshine as to-day,

A hundred years to come." Anonymous.

Saturday, Nov. 19th

"It is a fact and a very humiliating one, that God does not effect much good by ministers of the highest culture. Explain it as we may, this fact is unquestionable."

Rev. J. D. Lindsay, D. D.

Sunday, Nov. 20th

There has been a Sabbath School concert at the Sabbath School of the Second Parish, this evening.

Golden
Wedding
ofRev. E.
Worth
and
wife.

Poetry.

(See
Vol. 7,
page
137.)Ministers
of
high
culture.S. S.
concert.

1881.

Monday, Nov. 21st

J. L. Barker. Not long since, a rough looking man, came into the hotel in this village and said to the hotel keeper: "Halloo Barker, I know you of old". "No doubt, no doubt", replied Barker, "I kept the jail in Portland seven years". The man soon left.

Tuesday, Nov. 22nd

Since January 1880, Miss M. Georgie Parsons, has kept a private school for advanced school for advanced scholars in this village. I think she keeps three terms and of twelve weeks each, during year. She obtains for tuition her one dollar each a week or twelve dollars a term, school. My daughter attended her last term which closes this week.

Wednesday, Nov. 23rd

The following are the present retail prices in this village. Flour from 8 to 10, 10 a bu.; Corn from 78 to 80 a bush.; Whole Hogs from 9 to 9 1/2 cts. a lb.; Salt Pork 14 to 15 cts. lb.; Lard from 14 to 15 cts. lb.; Butter from 30 to 32 cts. lb.; Cheese 16 to 17 cts. lb.; Eggs 30 cts. doz.; Turkeys 21 to 28 cts. a lb. (nearly all at 21); Chickens 15 to 16 cts. lb.; Potatoes 85 to 90 cts. a bush.; Beans 2, 75 to 3, 10 a bush.; Baldwin Apples a bush.; Cod Fish 6 cts. a lb.; Molasses 10 to 15 cts. gall.; Granulated Sugar 11 1/2 to 12 1/2 cts. a lb.; Corned Beef 10 cts. a lb.; Roast Beef 11 cts. a lb.; Cranberries 12 1/2 cts. a quart.; Hays 17, 00 to 19, 00 a ton; dry hewn Wood 1, 00 to 1, 50 a cord (nearly all 1, 00) hewn 7, 00 to 7, 25; delivered at the house; soft Wood 3, 00 a cord; hewn Pine 14 to 18 cts. gall.; cured Hams 15 to 17 cts. lb.; Salt 60 to 70 cts. Bush.

Thursday, Nov. 24th

Thanksgiving. The surface of the ground is frozen. The river is frozen over but not hard enough for the Thanksboys to skate on the middle of the river. A small quantity of snow on the ground but not enough for sleighing.

Not any meeting in the village, except a union meeting at the Baptist church, and so small number (about twenty five) were present; that Rev. Mr. Worth thought it best not to have a sermon. There were prayers and singing only. The widow of the late Abel M. Bryant and her grand-daughter, took their Thanksgiving dinner with my family.

1881.

Friday, Nov. 25th

Nathan Littlefield of this town was a soldier in the 10th Regt., Conn. A. Maine Infantry. He was discharged April 24th 1863, by a certificate of disability. He died a few years since.

His widow has been supported by this town twenty five years, nineteen years in the Insane Hospital at Augusta and six years in our almshouse. She has cost this town about two thousand dollars. Within a few days, this widow has received Fifteen Hundred Dollars back pay and is to receive a pension of Eight Dollars a month, according to report, which is probably correct.

Saturday, Nov. 26th

"If the English language were divided into one hundred parts, sixty would be Latin, thirty would be Latin, including, of course, the Latin that has come to us through the French, and a few parts would be Greek." Newspaper.

Sunday, Nov. 27th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood exchanged with Rev. Mr. Arnold of Wells. The day has been favorable for going to church.

Monday, Nov. 28th

About the time "Mason's Block" was finished, Miss Emily Hansen, came here from Saco or Biddeford and hired the middle store in the block. In this store she put quite a large lot of books which she brought with her and a quantity of millinery goods. The books she has let out by the week and has renewed her stock of millinery from time to time. It was not supposed she was doing a profitable business. Last week some person or persons to me unknown attached the property in her possession and the store is now closed.

Tuesday, Nov. 29th

The Monmouth Man, Company, have bought a controlling interest in the Leatheroid Man, Company of Philadelphia, and have arranged to transfer the business to Kennebunk. The mill built by Robert Cleary, now called the bolvin mill, is now being repaired for the manufacture of the article.

1881.

Wednesday, Nov. 30th

Ocean Bluff Hotel The owners of Ocean Bluff Hotel, at Pennebunkport are about to put an addition to the Hotel 87 feet long 36 feet wide and four stories high. This will add addition, about 70 rooms to the present capacity of the house.

Thursday, Dec. 1st

Q. F. Fellows The Q. F. Fellows of this vicinity opened a Fair at Mousam Hall, on Tuesday afternoon of this week and it was open Tuesday evening, Wednesday afternoon and evening when it was closed. The principal object of this Fair was for the purpose of raising money to enable the Q. F. to furnish a new hall which they are to have in the new building, owned by Sargent & Ross now in process of erection.

Fair The attendance each evening was large, particularly in last evening, the hall and gallery were crowded, some persons thought six hundred persons were present.

Hall. The entrance fee was 30 cents for the course or 10 cents for a single admission. There were other ways to obtain money - a fish pond, post office, Rebekah at the Well, many articles for sale on tables, post office and other ways. In the lower hall refreshments were served to all who wished for them, as a matter of course, those who called, paid. To day it is reported the net receipts of the Fair, will not vary much from four hundred dollars.

Friday, Dec. 2nd

Shaving the face. "Thirty years ago a few persons birth of foreign birth appeared in the streets of New York, with hair on the upper lip, and were objects of curiosity and sometimes of ridicule. In 1850 some of the young swells of the metropolis began to wear mustaches, but for some time, no clerk would venture to imitate them. About the same time a number of merchants gave notice that they would employ nobody who wore hair on the upper lip. This did not settle the matter, in a short time much shaven faces were no longer the rule, but the exception. Martin Luther says "all the protestant martyrs were burned in their full beards." Nature adorned men like a lion, with a beard as a mark of strength and power." ^{ancient authors}

1881.

Saturday, Dec. 3rd

In July 1869, Capt. Edward Nason sold his house in this village to Stephen Perkins and moved to Kansas. Capt. Nason has not been here since that time. Within a few days his wife came here on a visit to her relatives, by blood and marriage. She was the daughter of John Lord of Pennebunkport and sister of the late Capt. Tobias Lord, Nason.

Sunday, Dec. 4th

Rev. Mr. Vinul did not have but one religious service in his church to day and it is reported that he will have but one service each Sabbath during the next three months. Rev. Mr. Lockwood preaches in the forenoon. The other ministers Mr. Vinul, Mr. Worth and Mr. Cobb, preach in the afternoon. One sermon a day.

Monday, Dec. 5th

"Vice is a monster of such hideous mien
That to be hated needs but to be seen;
But seen too oft, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace." Pope.

Poetry.

"All nature is but art, unknown to thee,
All chance, direction which thou canst not see." Pope.

"Honor and shame from no condition rise;
As well your port, there all the honor lies." Pope.

Tuesday, Dec. 6th

Some one has said, "If a man is not handsome at 20, strong at 30, learned at 40 and rich at 50 and wise at 60, he will never be handsome, strong, learned, rich or wise." Handsome, Strong, Learned, Rich & Wise.

Wednesday, Dec. 7th

The village people of Pennebunkport are anxious to have a railroad, from the B & M. Railroad depot near this village to their village. I think a charter was obtained for one within a few years. It is reported that George B. Lord one of the directors of the road and Mr. Fisher - Superintendent of the road, have recently been over the tract of the desired road, but I do not know the result. No post village wants a railroad.

1881.

Thursday, Dec. 8th

Mr. Gilbert, the teacher of the grammar school in this village, while at his home, was very sick a number of weeks with fever. When he came here at the commencement of this fall term, has not fully recovered his health, but began the term. This week he has hired a Mr. Whitaker to take his place, until his health has improved from its present condition.

Friday, Dec. 9th

The village Congregational Society in Pennebunkport have had their audience room and entire pews in oil within a few weeks. The society expect to resume services in their church next Sabbath.

Saturday, Dec. 10th

About 18 acres of land, partly covered with woods belonging to the insolvent estate of Capt. N. L. Thompson was sold at auction this afternoon to Charles H. Clark for six hundred and fifty dollars. This land is on the western side of Mousam river and eastern of Brown street and the road to the sea.

Sunday, Dec. 11th

Nothing of particular importance that I know to day.

Monday, Dec. 12th

"The first 'Express' business in this country was begun by William F. Harnden in the spring of 1839 on the Providence railroad to New York. He commenced regular trips twice a week, bearing in his hand a small valise and business that valise contained in germ the immense express business of the present day. He built up a great business in attempting to extend the express business to Europe he assumed risks that were ruinous and died a poor man at the age of 33. Alvin Adams took his place." Boston Journal.

Tuesday, Dec. 13th

"The lustre which a man casts around him, like the flame of a meteor, shines only when his motion continues. The moments of rest and obscurity are the same. Never a day without something learned. Never a day without something done." Ferguson.

1881.

Wednesday, Dec. 14th

In 1770 there were but three post offices established in Maine, one of which was at Pennebunk, kept by Nathaniel Peimball, another in Portland by Samuel Freeman and the third in Georgetown by John Wood. At the present time the whole number of post offices in the United States is 44,797. The whole number in Maine is 946.

Thursday, Dec. 15th

George L. Spaul, formerly of this town was chosen one of the directors of the Boston & Maine R. R. about a dozen years since. This week he has been chosen President of Railroad. The salary of the President is Five Thousand Dollars a year, as reported.

Friday, Dec. 16th

The following buildings have been erected in this village during the present year of 1881. —

Sargent & Ross, business block on Main Street.
Edmond Warner, 2 tenement house on Storer Street.
McBride & Burgess, 2 tenement house on Storer Street.
Edward Haney, 2 tenement house near Storer Street.
Joseph Parsons, 1 tenement house on Penola field.

The block has a mansard or French roof, making it nearly equal to a three story building. The houses are each two story buildings. There may be one or more small one story houses built here that are not remembered.

Saturday, Dec. 17th

The ladies of the Unitarian Society held a fair and festival in the hall of the Unitarian church on the afternoon and evening of Thursday and evening of Friday this week. Fancy and useful articles suitable for Christmas gifts were for sale. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake, boffee, etc, were for sale at reasonable prices. Among the attractions were a Gypsy Fortune Teller in her tent, and a "Fish Pond". The most popular attraction was the "Brown Drill" by nine young ladies of the Parish. They were about the same size, dressed exactly alike and each had a cornbroom. They went through the "drill" with unexpected precision.

Post
in
1770
and
1881,
offices.

George
L. Spaul
President
B. & M. R. R.

Buildings
erected
in
this
village
in
1881.

Unitarian
Fair
and
Festival,

"Brown
Drill"

1881.

Sunday, Dec. 18th

Sunday. A fine day and good walking for this time of the year.

Monday, Dec. 19th

Arrangements have been made to have a course of six Lyceum lectures here this winter. A ticket for the six lectures this year is one dollar; evening tickets are twenty five cents.

Tuesday, Dec. 20th

Death of Israel Taylor. Mr. Israel Taylor died on the 17th inst., and his funeral was attended by many people this afternoon. He was the son of Deacon John Taylor of Alwines and lived on the farm where he was born from his birth until his death. He was a prosperous farmer, a respected citizen and will be much missed. He was rather a fleshy man and had enjoyed excellent health all of his days; not having any sickness to employ a doctor until his last sickness. His age was 73 yrs. 6 months.

Wednesday, Dec. 21st

Bell for School house. The bell which was used to call the workmen together in Capt. N. L. Thompson's ship-yard at the Port, has been sold to the School District at the upper railroad station, to put on their school house, which is now in process of erection. The reported cost of the bell to the District is fifty dollars. It was taken away this week.

Thursday, Dec. 22nd

Emily Hanson. About a month since Miss Emily Hanson "failed" in business. It is reported that she has settled with her creditors for twenty cents on a dollar. The store which she occupied is again open for the sale of goods.

Friday, Dec. 23rd

Most people. "People in all ages have generally been so self-satisfied and so deeply impressed with their own wisdom that they have never encouraged changes, and they oppose have invariably obstructed almost every description of improvement and reform. The worst of it, this kind of national stupidity seems to continue. Experts have often been the first to deny advances in directions, they have been supposed to know most about." Harper's Magazine.

1881.

Saturday, Dec. 24th

"Life is made up, not of great sacrifices and duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindness and small obligations, given habitually are what wise men preserve the heart and secure comfort." Sir H. Dargy.

Sunday, Dec. 25th

A fine day and good walking for church goers.

Monday, Dec. 26th

The directors of Ocean N. Bank have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent, payable on and after next Monday.

Tuesday, Dec. 27th

Christmas being on Sunday this year, the usual festivals were not held until last evening. The four religious societies in the village had their Christmas supper and Christmas trees with presents for the young people hanging on the branches. At the Second Parish there was a larger number than usual. The reason of the larger number, probably was four girls and two boys were dressed in the costume (as near as the dresses could be obtained) one girl as Hindu girl; another girl as a Japanese girl; a third as a Chinese, a fourth as an Indian girl, a boy as an Esquimaux, another boy as a Negro. The costumes were considered appropriate.

Wednesday, Dec. 28.

There was a murder and suicide in Biddeford this afternoon. Leon R. Moore - a clerk in Boston shot Miss Belle Bushman - a schoolmistress to whom he was engaged. Both of them died instantly. He shot himself.

Thursday, Dec. 29th

The first Lyceum entertainment, this winter was held last evening. Mme. Hernandez Ricard and Miss Ella Wright of Boston, were dressed in appropriate costume and represented different persons, with an address from each. The Ricard woman gave an address upon appearance of B. F. Butler's monument.

Friday, Dec. 30.

John W. Hutchinson (of the original family) and six assistants have a concert in Museum Hall this evening.

1881.

Saturday, Dec. 31stResidents of Kennebunk, who died in 1881.
In Village School District.

Son of Henry Simpson 6 1/2 yrs.; widow Levi P. Williams 82;
widow of Horace Porter 89 1/2; wife of Marcus Watson 48; daughter of
Henry Simpson 4; Bertha M. Watson 2; Miss Selma Wildes 73;
child of Timothy Phillips 6 m.; John William Loom 32; Miss Lydia
Ross 78; Samuel Clark 60; William Williams 71 1/2; Richard
Berry 38; Willis Bonner 8; son of H. E. Reeson 2 1/2; Oliver Whitcomb
70; Danie Taylor 70; Mrs. Olive H. Millikin 72; wife of Charles E.
Lousens 21; Ann Ross 69; Mary E. Goodrich 7 m.; Frank E. Shipman
28; widow of Isaac Furbish 76; Mrs. Eliza Taylor Roberts 80; Miss
Emma F. Maxwell 28; Miss Mary A. Fernald 29; Mrs. Jane M.
Hollans 88 1/2; wife of John C. Baker 72;

Olewife.

Miss Betsey Reideout 77; Aaron L. Gleaves 76; Mrs.
Rachel Farrons 91; Israel Taylor 73 1/2

Plains.

Jotham Day 68; wife of Calvin Stevens Jr 24.

Upper Depot.

Widow of Christopher Coats 80; Daniel Goodwin 74; widow of
Luther Littlefield 66; widow of James Osborn 74

Landing.

Miriam Stevens 3; Rufus Day 83; Samuel Roberts 68;
Olive E. Brown 7 months,

Port.

Wife of John Gooch 33 1/2; Ben. F. Emery 56; wife of Steel
English 70; widow of Amos Bragden 81; John W. Robinson 76;
wife of Ezra D. Hayden 66; widow of Thomas Charn 40;

Road from the Port to Wells.

Olive Ramsdale 67; wife of Sylvester Chik 29 (Suicide); widow
of John Pike Wells 93 yrs. 9 months

Road from village to the Sea (West Side)

Samuel Fernald 74.

Alms House.

Wife of Irving Stevens 55; Charles Treadwell (about) 70.

It is probable, there are a few deaths, particularly
of children, not mentioned above. (Whole number 55)

1882

Sunday, Jan. 1st

The weather last month was remarkably mild
for the season of the year. The ground was muddy
most of the time. No sledding or sleighing yet.

Monday, Jan. 2nd

A frightful accident occurred on the Boston &
Maine Railroad to day. As the noon train of passenger
cars from Boston, was passing over an iron bridge
in Wells, at hole corner (so called) about three miles
from this village; the bridge broke down, two or three
cars fell with the bridge, killing one man and wounding
many other persons. Some of the wounded were brought
to this depot and wounds dressed. My nephew George B.
Hooper was in one of the cars that fell through the
bridge, but he escaped with but slight injuries. The
particulars of the accident, not yet received.

Tuesday, Jan. 3rd

The weather changes yesterday and has become
much colder. About four inches of snow fell on Sunday
night and yesterday, but not enough for good sleighing
to day some people use wheels and some sleighs.

Wednesday, Jan. 4th

There were but 3 vessels built in Kennebunk
District in 1881, according to official report.

Ship "Revere" by David Clark,	ton 1924, 58.	Vessels
Schooner "Climax", " Theodore Gooch,	12, 08.	built
" "N. B. Noone", Benjamin Jackson,	19, 40.	in 1881.

Thursday, Jan. 5th

The date of the beginning of the "Young Men's
Christian Association" is 1844. George Williams of
London was the founder. The example of England
was quickly copied on this side of the ocean. In 1851
there was an association formed in Montreal;
New York; Boston; Philadelphia and other cities
rapidly followed. The Association is a company of
young men, under forty years of age, holding the principle,
usually called evangelical, who aim to bring other young
men to share in the faith which they cherish." Harper's Magazine for Jan.

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Vessels

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First

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tion.

1882.

Friday, Jan. 6th

The Boston prices for the following stocks are at this time,

American Gold

at par.

4 per cent currency U. S. Bonds, due in 1890

125

4 1/2 " " gold " " "

114 7/8

4 " " " " " "

117 7/8

3 1/2 " " " " " "

100 1/2

7 " " City of Bangor

" " B & M. Railway Shares

140

7 " " Maine Central Railway Bonds

122

7 " " B & M. Railway Bonds

129

Eastern Railway Shares

37

4 per cent City of Portland municipal Bonds

117

6 " " " " " " Railway

110

6 " " " " " " Bonds

101

6 " " " " " " Bonds

102

I have not heard of any recent sales of Ocean N. Bank stocks.

Saturday, Jan. 7th

Stuart Rogers - "character impersonator" gave the second Lyceum entertainment last evening. He impersonates about half a dozen different persons. It was probably an entertainment to young people but not to many past the meridian of life.

Sunday, Jan. 8th

Nothing of particular interest in this village.

Monday, Jan. 9th

The Post Office has this day been moved from the building (now owned by John Cousens) which I occupied nearly 21 years, to the new block built by Sargent & Ross. The Post Office was moved to my old place of business in Jan. 1857 or 21 years since. Great Willard was then Postmaster.

Tuesday, Jan. 10th

"Aim at the highest prize, if these thou fail,
Thou'lt haply reach to one not far below,
Strive first the goal to compass; if too slow
Thy speed, the attempt may never the less avail,
The next best post to conquer."

Bishop Mant.

1882.

Wednesday, Jan. 11th

"The older I grow - and I now stand upon the brink of eternity - the more comes back to me the sentence in the catechism which I learned when a child, and the fuller and deeper its meaning becomes, 'What is the chief end of man? To glorify God, and enjoy him forever.'"

Thomas Carlyle, dies in London, in 1881, aged years.

Thursday, Jan. 12th

My nephew George B. Hooper, who was in one of the cars that went through the bridge, in the accident on the 2nd inst., was here a few days since. He says that was slightly but not dangerously hurt. The rail-road company have settled with him by giving him a free pass over the B & M. railroads, between Great Falls and Exeter N. H. during two years.

Friday, Jan. 13th

"Never in the history of the American Republic," remarked a veteran ^{Senator} was there gathered in Washington such a gang of political cormorants; they come from every section and they are of every shade. They waylay me before I awake and I find them at my door when I retire for the night. They are as indecent as they are insolent in their demands. For the Lord's sake give me some sort of civil service reform."

Letter from Washington in Boston paper.

Saturday, Jan. 14th

The third Lyceum entertainment this winter was a lecture by Rev. William H. Milburn, who has been blind many years. His subject was, "Sargent S. Pringle, America's most eloquent orator, and the flush times of Mississippi." He is a man apparently about 60 years old, a good scholar, pleasing address and eloquent speaker. He is, or at least has been, a Methodist minister. I do not know his present residence, as he has recently returned from a protracted stay in Europe.

Sunday, Jan. 15th

There is usual a full congregation at the Second Parish in the forenoon, as it is now the only meeting in the village in the a.m.

Thomas Carlyle on the catechism.

George B. Hooper and B & M. Railroads.

Office seekers in Washington by a Senator.

Third Lyceum entertainment. Rev. W. H. Milburn.

Second Parish.

1882,

Monday, Jan. 16th

I went to Portland by the early train this morning and having considerable business, did not return until night.

Tuesday, Jan. 17th

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of Ocean National Bank, held on the 17th inst., Joseph Dane, Andrew Walker, Edward W. Morton, Robert W. Ford, Moses C. Morley, Nathan Dane Jun^r and Abram Hill were rechosen directors.

Joseph Dane is President and Christopher Littlefield Cashier. Mr. Littlefield has been Cashier of the Bank since its organization in 1854.

A semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent is now payable. I sent a copy of the above to the Eastern Star for publication.

Wednesday, Jan. 18th

The newspapers report that Sarah Whitten, who was bound over last July to the Supreme Court for causing the death of her infant child by drowning in Mousam river, was on Tuesday last, sentenced to State prison for life by Judge Barrows of Biddeford or Saco. Richard D. Day, the instigator of the crime is still at large.

Thursday, Jan. 19th

"Referring to the lessons of manners taught at home and in the schools of his childhood, he said, 'We were instructed to treat our superiors with great respect, and all with courtesy, and we were made to do it. When we met the clergyman, the venerable doctor and the Squire, who constituted the 'committee', on the road we used to take off our caps, stand and bow to them as they passed. We have since passed many a way-side school house when the boys were 'out', and were glad to make extra speed to get out of the way of flying missiles hurled at our heads, and beyond the sound of the yells and whoops of the precious young rascals!'"

A writer in Boston Journal who calls himself "Old Boy"

Friday, Jan. 20th

The sledding is now excellent. There are about ten inches of snow on the ground, which came without drifting.

1882,

Saturday, Jan. 21st

Mr. Gilbert principal of the grammar school is now again quite sick; and has in consequence resigned his position. Miss ^{Winn} is now acting as principal and Miss Lucy Sparrowbee as assistant.

Sunday, Jan. 22nd

A full congregation at the Second Parish church this A.M.

Monday, Jan. 23rd

Mr. George Little and wife are now on a visit to Chicago. Mrs. Little is a western woman, but I do not know from what locality she came.

Tuesday, Jan. 24th

This afternoon Carrie C. Haley, soon after dinner left her house with the intention of spending the P. M. with Mrs. Lockwood. She called at one or two stores on the way and appeared in good spirits. When she had reached the sidewalk in front of Mrs. George W. Hardy's residence she was seen to fall. In a few moments aid was at hand and she was taken into Mrs. Hardy's house (the Horne Porter place). A doctor was immediately called, who pronounced it a case of apoplexy. She was removed to her own home but died soon after she was brought into her house. She was taken about 3 o'clock and died at about 5 o'clock, was unconscious from the time she was taken.

Wednesday, Jan. 25th

Many years ago Samuel Taylor, enlisted in the Naval Service of the U. S. After serving a short time he was disabled and discharged with a pension. From some cause to me unknown, the pension was stopped in a few years after his discharge. Within a few days he has received from Washington a notice that his pension is renewed, also that his back pension of about \$1,600 will be paid to him. Some persons say he has received the money.

Thursday, Jan. 26th

In Dec. 1877, J. H. Otis-Jeweler opened a store or shop in this village. To day he has moved his stock of goods from the building owned by O. C. Wiggin, into the new block owned by Sargent & Ross. Mr. Otis has now a large stock.

R. C. Gilbert resigned.

Sunday,

George Little & wife.

Sudden death

of the wife of Mr. A. C. Haley.

Samuel Taylor and his pension.

J. H. Otis.

1882.

Friday, Jan. 27th

The funeral of Carrie C. Haley took place this afternoon. Her father Rev. C. C. Bone of Bowdoinham and her ^{husband's} sister Mrs. Hattie Small, of the same town were present.

She was married to A. C. Haley at Bowdoinham in March 1870 and has since lived in this village. She was 36 years and 8 months old. Her mother who died many years ago and my late wife were sisters.

Saturday, Jan. 28th

Rev. Mr. Pember says he was a resident of New Zealand a number of years. An evening last week he gave a lecture in the vestry of the Unitarian church on that country. I was not present, but understand by those who were present the lecture was quite interesting.

Sunday, Jan. 29th

Nothing of particular interest, that I know to day.

Monday, Jan. 30th

Last Friday, in the forenoon, the wind blew with great force, shaking the trees with violence, prostrating a few of them and taking down limbs from many. It unroofed the barn of Samuel Shackley, but I have not heard of any accident or serious damage. The wind caused the shoe factory to rock so much the operatives quit work and left the building. The high wind continued but a few hours. Many of the employees resumed work in the P. M.

Tuesday, Jan. 31st

The newspapers announce that Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Presque Isle died at that place yesterday aged 39 years. His death was caused by pneumonia. He preached a number of years at old Parish in Wells, and often exchanged with the ministers of the Second Parish in this village. He moved to Presque Isle, I think in the fall of 1879 or spring of 1880.

Wednesday, Feb. 1st

This is the time, people who are engaged in the ice business are gathering in their ice harvest. Ice in Mooseman river is now about fourteen inches thick. More than twenty men are now employed in cutting, hauling and storing ice.

1882.

Thursday, Feb. 2nd

Within a few days, the Reading Room has been removed from the bobbe store, to a room in the second story of the new block. The room has been furnished mostly with new furniture and made convenient for all who wish to have its benefits.

Friday, Feb. 3rd

"The discovery of the Baldwin apple by Col. Louis Baldwin, a distinguished citizen of Woburn, Mass., was as follows. While engaged in surveying land in Wilmington, he observed a tree on the land of James Butters, much frequented by woodpeckers. Curiosity led him to examine the tree, and he found thereon apples of excellent flavor. The next spring he took from it scions to ingraft into stocks of his own trees. Others of his neighbors did the same till the apple was extensively cultivated. Some named the apple from the locality of the tree 'Butters apple', others from the birds who caused the discovery, 'Woodpeckers apple', till one day at an entertainment of friends at the house of Col. Baldwin, it was suggested that the name 'Baldwin apple', in honor of the discoverer was the most appropriate and it has ever since been known by that name. The original tree was blown down in the month of September 1870."

Baldwin
apple
first
discovered
by
Col.
Baldwin.

Saturday, Feb. 4th

"Money is a power for good as well as evil. It is an element of personal independence. Seek to acquire it fairly, honorably, without hard things, especially without injury to others."

Money.

Sunday, Feb. 5th

The heaviest snow storm of this winter set in last evening and has continued until this afternoon. At least fifteen, some say eighteen inches of snow has fallen. As the storm was accompanied with a high wind the roads are badly drifted. Services in the churches in the village were not held. In fact but very few people were to be seen in the streets. In such a storm, "There's no place like home."

Snow
storm,

No
meetings.

1882.Monday, Feb. 6th

Plenty of work, this forenoon, in the village, shoveling snow. It is probable the roads in many parts of the town are badly blocked with snow.

Tuesday, Feb. 7th

Fourth The fourth lyceum entertainment this season was Lyceum held in Mousam hall last evening. Rev. Mr. Bakeman entertained delivered a lecture on "Pride and Vanity." I was not present but hear that there was quite a full hall. Rev. Mr. Bakeman delivered a lecture here on "Signs of the Times" in Dec, 1879.

Wednesday, Feb. 8th

The following are extracts from "Corinna; a story of Italy," by Madame De Staël:

"The Greek, Catholic and Jewish forms of worship exist peaceably together in Anconia. Their ceremonies are strongly contrasted; but the same sign of distress, the same petition for support, ascends to Heaven from all."

"Cities fall, whole nations disappear, and yet man is indignant that he is mortal."

"Religion links men with each other, unless their self love and fanaticism render it a cause of jealousy and hate. To pray together, in whatever language or ritual, is the most tender brotherhood of hope and sympathy that men can contract in this life."

"New doctrines ever displease the old. They like to fancy that the world has been losing wisdom, instead of gaining it, since they were young."

"I joy to think that the best aim in life is to become worthy of eternity; our bliss our bone, alike tend to this purpose."

"I dream continually of immortality - not of that which man can give - not of the praise of those coming generations, who according to the expression of Dante, are to call the present time ancient - that immortality interests me no longer. But I do not believe in the annihilation of the soul. No, my God, I do not believe that. At the approach of death we forgive our enemies, and in the same situation, we have more indulgence for ourselves."

1882.Thursday, Feb. 9th

Mr. Gilbert the recent teacher in the grammar school has so far recovered, that this week he has gone home. His father came here and has taken care of him and accompanied him home.

Mr. Gilbert the teacher

Friday, Feb. 10th

Men who live out of the village say there are about three feet of snow now in depth in the woods. With the exception of the storm last Sunday, the snow storms this winter have been without wind. To day there is another snow storm.

Three feet of snow.

"Gently as lillies shed their leaves,
When summer days are fair,
The feathered snow comes floating down
Like blossoms on the air."

Poetry.

Saturday, Feb. 11th

Within a few days the third and final dividend on the bankrupt estates of Joseph Titcomb and William L. Thompson, has been paid.

Amount of dividend

Those who held the joint notes against Titcomb and Thompson, have received about 99 per cent.

on the

Those who held the private notes against Joseph Titcomb, have received, about 31 1/4 per cent.

bankrupt estates

Those who held the private notes against William L. Thompson, have received, about 1 1/2 " "

of Jos.

From this amount the lawyers deducted 2 1/2 per cent for their services.

Titcomb and

Those who held the joint notes received dividends from three sources - first, from the vessels and materials on hand at the time of the failure belonging to T. and T., - second, from the private estate of Joseph Titcomb, - third from the private estate of W. L. Thompson.

Wm L. Thompson.

Sunday, Feb. 12th

This forenoon Rev. Mr. Worth attended meeting at the Secena Parish church and preached for Rev. Mr. Lockwood. This afternoon, Mr. Lockwood attended at the Baptist church and preached for Mr. Worth. Both of the ministers were present and sat together in their pulpits.

Rev. Mr. Worth & Lockwood.

1882.

Monday, Feb. 13thPost
Office
in
U. S.when
established

"The first post office in the colonies was established in 1710 and continued until the Revolutionary war. The post office department in the U. S. was organized in 1790 and Samuel Blyden of Massachusetts appointed postmaster general. At this time there was one general mail route extending from Wiscasset, Maine, to Savannah, Georgia, with cross roads, as Hartford to New Haven, Philadelphia to Pittsburg, New York to Albany. At this time (1790) there were seventy five post offices in the country and 1800 miles of route, costing \$32,000.

Routes

of
postagefrom
1776

to

1882,

The rates of postage from 1776 to 1816 were from 3 to 33 cents, according to distance. In 1816 the rates were fixed by act of Congress at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$, 10, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$, 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 25 cents for each single letter, according to distance. In 1841 the half ounce scale for single letters was established and fixed the rate at 5 and 10 cents. In 1851, three cents for all single letters (half ounce) came into fashion, for every distance not over 3000 miles. The law of 1851 fixed the rates of one cent for drop letters. In 1856 all letters were required to be prepaid by stamps." Boston Commercial Bulletin.

Tuesday, Feb. 14thGolden
wedding.

The "Eastern Star" says there was a "golden wedding" at the Landing last week. John Brown and wife having been married fifty years. About forty persons were present at the wedding; at the close was a fine supper.

Wednesday, Feb. 15th

Lyons

Temple

reception

in

Museum

Hall.

Last evening the Lyon Templers, - temperance society had a public reception and supper in Museum Hall. The supper table being in town hall. About fifty people filed into the upper hall in pairs dressed in the most ridiculous manner with masks. They marched around the hall two or three times, in pairs and then were seated. Rev. Mr. Pember delivered an address sketching the origin and history of St. Valentine's day, after Mr. Pember Miss Luella F. Jordan read selections. An admission fee of 25 cents was paid, which entitled each person to an "old fashioned supper". The reception netted \$80 dollars.

1882.

Thursday, Feb. 16th

"In 1719 potatoes were introduced into New England by some emigrants from Ireland. They were first raised in the garden of Nathaniel Walker, of Andover. In 1737, the Rev. Thomas Smith, of Portland, says in his diary - 'There is not a peck of potatoes in the whole eastern country'. Their introduction into general use was slow, and so late as 1750, should any person have raised so large a quantity as five bushels, great would have been the inquiring among his neighbors, in what manner he could dispose of such an abundance. Turnips were raised by the first settlers, in large quantities and were used as we now use potatoes. Potatoes were first raised in beds like onions."

"For nearly a century after Newbury was settled, (1631) the inhabitants had never seen either tea, coffee or potatoes. As a substitute, they used bean and pea porridge, broth, hasty pudding and milk, both morning and evening, and turnips in abundance. Large quantities of barley were raised and malt was a staple article and for many years after the first settlement, excellent crops of wheat were raised. The common beverage was beer, till the growth of their orchards enabled them to substitute cider. Of fish also they had an abundance."

"The first settlers of Newbury may be conveniently divided into three classes, viz. 1 The rich and educated gentlemen, who by birth or profession were entitled to the appellation of Mr. 2 The artisans or mechanics who had emigrated from the populous towns in various parts of England, and 3 The yeomen or farmers, laborers and servants."

"Samuel Hyde a 'noted Indian' was for some time a resident of Newbury. He died in Dedham Jan. 1st 1732 in the one hundred and sixth year of his age. The phrase 'you ^{like} like Sam Hyde', expresses to a native of Newbury, the re plus ultra of lying."

The above is from the History of Newbury.

The
first
Potatoes
in
New
EnglandHow
the
first
settlers
lived.
Their
food
and
drink.Three
classes
of
settlers."You
like
like
Sam
Hyde."

1882.Feb. 17th Friday.

Poetry

"A sprout of evil, ere it has struck root,
With thumb and finger one up-pulls;
To start it when grown up and full of fruit
Requires a mighty yoke of bulls." oriental,
Saturday, Feb. 18th

Last fall, one or more men came here from Philadelphia to put a mill in order and set up machinery for the manufacture of an article, called *Leatheroid*. This *Leatheroid* is said to be made from paper and putmen-oid. together with some adhesive substance, then pressed with great power. I do not know any particulars. I have not heard that any *Leatheroid* has yet been made in this village.

Sunday, Feb. 19th

Nothing of particular interest in this village to day.

Monday, Feb. 20

"There was a difference between the Puritans and the Pilgrims. The Puritans held that the State should be superior in religion. The Pilgrims knew no king but Christ, believing that there should be the utmost freedom in religious matters. The Pilgrims were kind to the Puritans of Salem, and they received Roger Williams after he had been expelled from Massachusetts."

Excerpt from an article in Harper's Magazine.

Tuesday, Feb. 21st

Last Friday night a fire broke out at Haverhill, Mass., which spread with surprising rapidity. Over 300 firms were burned out and 2,500 persons were thrown out of employment. About seventy three blocks and buildings were burned. The loss is estimated at over \$2,000,000, much of which is covered by insurance. Three lives were lost.

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd

This week E. C. Bourne and his son Herbert have moved their law office from the building formerly owned by Samuel Clark, to the Sargent and Ross blocks. Their present office is in second story, corner room. It is a pleasant room, fronting on Main street and built of

1882.Thursday, Feb. 23rd

The following dates are taken from a newspaper. I do not know about their correctness.

The Electric Telegraph,	was first used in	1837.	Telegraph,
" Speaking Telephone,	was first used in	1876.	Telephone,
" Microphone,	" " " "	1878.	Microphone,
" Electric Light,	" " " "	1879.	Electric Light,

Friday, Feb. 24th

1 Cities in the U. S. with over 100,000 Inhabitants,				
1 New York, N.Y.	1,206,299	11 Cleveland, Ohio	160,146	U. S.
2 Philadelphia, Pa.	817,170	12 Pittsburg, Pa.	116,380	Census
3 Brooklyn, N.Y.	566,663	13 Buffalo, N.Y.	155,134	of
4 Chicago, Ill.	563,185	14 Washington, D.C.	147,293	Cities
5 Boston, Mass.	362,839	15 Newark, N.J.	136,508	of
6 St. Louis, Mo.	350,518	16 Louisville, Ky.	123,758	over
7 Baltimore, Md.	332,313	17 Jersey City, N.J.	120,722	100,000
8 Cincinnati, Ohio	255,139	18 Detroit, Mich.	116,340	Inhabitants
9 San Francisco, Cal.	233,909	19 Milwaukee, Wis.	115,587	in
10 New Orleans, La.	216,090	20 Providence, R.I.	104,817	1880.

The population of the above cities in 1870, can be found in volume 6th page 173.

Saturday, Feb. 25th

Miss Georgia Parsons continues her private school for advanced scholars, but she does not have so many attend in the winter as in the summer. This winter she has but seven scholars. Her terms are one dollar a week for each.

Sunday, Feb. 26th

A man apparently about 70 years of age, who calls himself "Professor Gardner of Connecticut," lectures on temperance this evening, in the Second Parish church. During the day he went to the other parishes in the village and requested the ministers not to have any meetings in their own churches, but ask their congregations to attend his temperance lecture. In consequence the Second Parish church was crowded with people. The lecture was quite good, doubtless often repeated. A contribution of about \$14.00 was collected.

1882.

Monday, Feb. 27th

A few days since the U. S. House of Representatives passed the new Apportionment bill, fixing the membership of that body at 321. The population of the U. S. at the last census was 50,112,866; hence there is one representative to 154,316 persons. By the new apportionment Maine loses one representative from 5 to 4, New Hampshire from 3 to 2 and Vermont from 3 to 2. Massachusetts gains one from 11 to 12. For the last apportionment bill before this see May 14 1872, Vol. 6, page 228.

Tuesday, Feb. 28th

Henry W. Longfellow - the poet was 70 years old yesterday. He was born in Portland Feb. 27, 1807. There was a Longfellow celebration in Portland yesterday, which was attended by many distinguished men. There were addresses by a number of men and one or more poems read. Mr. Longfellow went to Cambridge Mass. in 1831, where he has continued to reside and where he will probably die.

Wednesday, March 1st

"O, how sweet it will be in that beautiful land,
Free from all sorrow and pain.
With songs on our lips and with harps in our hands,
To meet one another again."

Thursday, Mar. 2nd

U. S. "The new roll of the Maine pension agency, for the payment of U. S. pensions, contains over eleven thousand names,"
Maine, Newspaper.

Friday, March, 3rd

Fair The soldiers in this town, who were employed in the late war have formed themselves into a club, which is called by A. R. (Grand A of the Republic). This club is sometimes called "Webster Post." I do not know why.

by A. R. club. On Wednesday and Thursday evenings this week, they have a Fair in Mason Hall and supper in Town Hall.

The following articles were voted away (10 cents a vote), an easy chair to S. W. Recora; cake basket to Miss Mary Frost; whip to Irving T. Emmons; Mrs. L. W. Mason slice of cake with ring in it. The result of the Fair was \$320 to by A. R.

1882.

Saturday, Mar. 4th

At the annual town meeting in March 1881, it was voted to raise the following sums:-

For Schools	26,000	Potter
" Poor and other expenses	3,000	to
" Past payment of Town debt,	500	be
" Repairs of Alewife Bridge	800	raised
" Fire engine "Safeguard"	120 7,020,00	in
Kennebunk's proportion of State Tax was	6,288,63	1881,
" " " bounty " "	1399,49	
Overlay assessed was	684,63	
	\$ 15,347,71	

How the foregoing sum was raised:-

Assessed on 716 polls at \$2,00 each	1,432,00	How
On real and personal estates \$662,600 at .021,	13,910,70	it
Unpaid Highway Taxes of last year	104,18	was
Supplementary Taxes	7,30	raised
	\$ 15,449,68	

Expended for Town Schools in 1881	3,842,79	How
" expenses at the Poor house	1,640,83	it
" " outside " "	1,239,79	was
" Miscellaneous expenses	999,86	expended
" on Alewife Bridge	706,99	
" Abatement of Taxes	1,777,70 \$ 9,002,71	

Sunday, Mar. 5th

Nothing of particular interest in this village to day. Sunday.

Monday, Mar. 6th

The annual town meeting for the transacting of Town business was held to day. People who rode, came to the meeting in wagons, although there is snow enough on the ground to make good sleighing if it was spread even. Annual meeting for doing Town business. The number who attended the meeting was quite small, as there was no excitement or opposition. The important offices were filled by the same men, who were elected in 1881 and a number of years previously. It was voted to raise \$1,000 for repairing bridge at the Port and \$200 for Safeguard fire engine. The business of the meeting was closed soon after 12 o'clock.

1882,Tuesday, March 7th

During the past year, the town of Pennabunk has paid the Maine Insane Hospital, for the support of

Insane at Augusta	William L. Waterhouse, - - -	100, 21
	Charles Littlefield, - - -	115, 99
	James L. Hubbard, - - -	132, 23
	George L. Stevens, - - -	120, 76
at reform School.	Franklin C. Stuart, - - -	95, 30
	At the State Reform School, during the year.	
	Alphonso P. Whitten, (He is now at home)	16, 72
	Fred C. Emerson, - - -	65, 00

Wednesday, Mar. 8th

S. W. Record who was voted an easy chair last week was formerly a Methodist minister. He gave up preaching a number of years ago, as the employment did not agree with his health. He came to this village, where Emory Andrews, began the manufactory of leather-boots and has, when his health permits, worked in the factory since that time. Those who are intimately acquainted with him, say, he is an excellent man.

Thursday, Mar. 9th

Doctor Frank M. Ross has opened his apothecary store and office, in the Sargent and Ross building this week. He has not yet received all the articles he expects to sell, but will soon receive a full supply. All the rooms he occupies are fitted up with taste and modern conveniences. His sister-Isabell Ross Thompson is his clerk.

Friday, Mar. 10th

The sledding is apparently over for this season, although there is a plenty of snow in the fields and by the sides of the roads. There is but little frost in the ground.

Saturday, Mar. 11th

A number of years ago, William L., son of the late Joseph Waterhouse, sold his farm at Alvinc and became a janitor of a medical college in Boston. In the fall of 1877 he had a shock of paralysis, affecting his brain. In Nov. 1877 he was sent to the Insane Hospital at Augusta, where he died yesterday, aged 17 years. His remains were brought here to day.

1882,Sunday, March 12th

The walking is not good and the day not pleasant, still there was quite a full congregation at the Second Parish church, this forenoon. Sunday.

Monday, Mar. 13th

A pillar on a mount in Canterbury, England, has the following lines inscribed on it:-

"Where is the man who has the power and skill
To stem the torrent of a woman's will?
For if she will, she will, you may depend on't,
And if she won't, she won't, and there's an end on't."

Poetry.

Tuesday, Mar. 14th

The Odd Fellows are making preparation to move from the brick building owned by the late William Lora, to the Ross & Sargent new block. The hall they are to occupy has been preserved and they are now putting down plot forms, making ready for the blub.

Odd
Fellows
Hall.Wednesday, Mar. 15th

There was an entertainment in Mousam Hall last evening by members of the High School. There were readings, recitations, music and other performances interesting to young people. An admission of 25 cents for common seats and 35 cents for reserved seats was asked. The object of the entertainment was to get money to go toward buying an Encyclopedia for the School.

High
School
entertain-
ment,
\$35,00

It is reported, that after paying expenses the school has about \$35,00.

Thursday, Mar. 16th

According to the annual report of the town of Pennabunkport for the municipal year of 1881-2, there are 553 polls, which are taxed \$2,00 each. The rate of taxation in 1881 was 1,65 per cent.

Town
of
Pennab-
unkport.

According to the Auditor's report, the indebtedness of the town on outstanding bonds, with interest to April 1, 1882 is 17,802, 75. The available resources of the town when paid, will probably reduce the town debt to about \$10,000. The town officers were William J. Perkins, clerk; George B. Garb, Woodbury Smith & Daniel A. Burnham, Selectmen; Wm F. Moody, Treasurer.

1882,

Friday, March 17th

On the 11th of this month Charles S. Webster and wife had their golden wedding. The "Eastern Star" says, "some seventy-five relatives and friends assembled at the residence of Charles S. Webster and wife Saturday night to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of this worthy couple's wedding." The presents were numerous and costly, among the presents were \$92 in gold. After supper the room was cleared for dancing and continued until the clock warned the company that Sunday was about to break.

Saturday, March 18th

The Methodist church in the village of Pennabunkport is to be remodeled the present spring. It is reported that a steeple is to be built to the church and they are to have a bell. They have begun work taking out the old pews and getting ready for the new arrangement.

Sunday, March 19th

Benjamin Perkins had a "paralytic shock" to day which is said to be quite severe. It is considered doubtful Perkins, if he recovers from the attack.

Monday, Mar. 20th

A few days since the wife of Joshua Littlefield of this village was taken violently insane. She will be taken to the insane hospital at Augusta this week. It is said that insanity is hereditary in the family on the side of her father a Mr. Milliken, of Saco or Biddeford.

Tuesday, Mar. 21st

The annual school meeting was held in this village district last evening. Emory Andrews was chosen, moderator; C. W. Goodnow, clerk; F. F. Mitchell, school agent, J. M. Stone in one of the school committee. The poll-tax of members of the Safeguards Engine Company was remitted. It was voted to raise by assessment \$1002 for school purposes in addition to the sum voted to be raised for school by the town.

Wednesday, Mar. 22nd

Yesterday J. H. Otis moved his family from the large house owned by C. C. Bourne on Maine Street, into the house built by the late Stephen Fairfield, on the road to Wells,

1882,

Thursday, Mar. 23rd

The annual pay of a general in the U. S. army is \$12,500; Lieutenant general \$11,000; Major general, \$7,500; Brigadier general, \$5,500; Colonel \$3,500; Lieutenant colonel, \$3,000; Major, \$2,500; Captain mounted \$2,000; Captain, not mounted, \$1,800; First Lieutenant not mounted, \$1,500. This pay is increased 16 per cent after having served five years, 20 per cent, after ten years service, 30 per cent after 15 years service and 40 per cent after twenty years service. Then a variety of emoluments and allowances increase the pay of the officers. Chaplains on the retired list, receive three fourths of the pay of a Captain not mounted. Letter from Washington, in Boston journal.

Friday, Mar. 24th

In March 1878, Rev. William H. Mitchell of this town moved to Biddeford and took the charge of an Advent church. Within a few weeks he has moved back into the house where he was born. This house is out the Port, and is where his father William Mitchell lived.

Saturday, Mar. 25th

The fifth entertainment in the Lyceum course was a lecture last evening by William Gorman, who calls himself "ex-Mormon elder and priest from Salt Lake, on Mormonism and Polygamy." The subject was illustrated with stereopticon views, describing as he said, American polygamy, as it exists to day in Utah.

Sunday, Mar. 26th

This forenoon Rev. Mr. Cobb preached for Rev. Mr. Lockwood in the Second Parish church, and in the P. M. Mr. Lockwood preached for Mr. Cobb, in the Methodist church.

Monday, Mar. 27th

Henry W. Longfellow, the poet, died at Cambridge Mass. last Friday. His (private) funeral was attended yesterday afternoon at his late residence. His body was interred in the family vault at Mount Auburn. On his coffin

Plat. - - - "Henry Wadsworth Longfellow,

Born, February 27, 1807.

Died, March, 24, 1882."

Pay of officers in United States Army. (See page 198)

Rev. Wm. H. Mitchell.

Fifth Lyceum entertainment William Gorman.

Cobb and Lockwood.

H. W. Longfellow died.

Tuesday, March 28th

It is not often that I am unwell, but was confined to the house to day by a bilious attack.

Wednesday, Mar. 29th

"Mankind may be divided into three classes. Those who learn from experience of others - they are happy men. Those who learn from their own experience - they are wise men. And lastly those who learn neither from their own nor from other men's experience - they are fools."

Thursday, Mar. 30th

Arthur Blough (or his wife Harriet) of Pennabunkport has bought of the heirs of the late Oliver Whitehouse, the residence of said Whitehouse, on the western side of the Blough river, on the outskirts of this village. The price reported to be paid is Fourteen Hundred Dollars. Mr. Blough moved his family into his new home to day. He has left his farm in B-port, because his own health and the health of his wife, will not permit hard work on a farm. The house he bought in this village was formerly owned by Charles F. Fournie, who moved to Mass. sometime ago.

Friday, Mar. 31st

Last August, it was noted that Samuel Clark, son of the late Samuel Clark, had bought a stock of boots and shoes and commenced trading. This week an officer from Portland, came here and attached the stock in trade in possession of Samuel Clark, and the property is now in the care of a keeper.

Saturday, April 1st

In 1879, George W. Bourne, son of E. C. Bourne, graduated from Bowdoin college. This week he graduates from the Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia.

Sunday, April 2nd

During the past winter Rev. Mr. Vinel has been but one preaching service at the Unitarian church on Sundays. To day the spring arrangement of having two preaching services on the Sabbath was continued. It is said that Mr. Vinel would prefer to have but one sermon a day each Sabbath, but some of his parishioners object.

Monday, April 3rd

The following extracts will exhibit the wholesale prices of six different articles, at different dates, during the last sixty two years:

	1821	1837	1843	1861	1882
Beef, a bbl.	8,62	14,50	6,78	20,50	9,87
Pork, " "	13,12	26,75	9,41	40,00	17,50
Flour, " "	4,12	11,20	4,50	9,72	4,50
corn, bush.	40	1,00	48	1,94	70
Rice 100 lbs.	3,12	3,12	2,87	10,70	1,62
Wheat "	17 1/4	19 1/2	7 1/2	1,18	12 1/2

From Boston Commercial Bulletin April 1, 1882.

Tuesday, April 4th

The sixth Lyceum entertainment was held last evening. "Miss G. C. Hersey, Professor of Rhetoric and Anglo-Saxon in Smith College," read extracts and made remarks on the writings of Charles Dickens. Doubtless, some persons present were well pleased with the entertainment, but the subject was not adapted to please the larger number of hearers.

Wednesday, April 5th

Last Monday Edwin S. Ross was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Frost, only daughter of the late Edwin C. Frost. Mr. Ross has resigned his position on the Eastern railroad and accepted a position as civil engineer in Texas, under his brother-in-law Sidney T. Fuller. Miss Frost is quite a pretty and accomplished girl. She has been a music teacher in this village a number of years. They started on their journey to Texas, on the day of their marriage.

Thursday, April 6th

The Odd Fellows here, have this week moved from the brick store owned by the late William Lord, into the new building owned by Ross and Sargent. Last evening, the hall they now occupy was dedicated. A large company, more than the hall could accommodate were present. After the dedication the company went to the Town Hall where they were supplied with a bountiful repast. The evening was pleasant and the walking good for the season of the year.

Wholesale
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Sixth
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1882,

Friday, April 7th

Stephen Cleary, of this village dies on the 2nd inst. Stephen aged 82 years and his widow dies on the 4th inst., a Cleary aged 84 years. Both of them have been bedridden a number of years. They had lost the use of their lower limbs years ago, according to report.

Saturday, April 8th

The word friend as generally used, is a misnomer. Friends, "I haven't a dozen friends in the world," remarked a popular gentleman, in our hearing. "Why you have a acquaintance," he was answered. "Thousands of acquaintances," I grant you, but acquaintances are not usually friends. How true this is, and what a sad comment on human nature.

Sunday, April 9th

Easter Sunday. As has been the custom a number of years past, there has been a display of flowers in church. In front of the pulpit, on the pulpit and on the front of the singing seats were many pots with flowers arranged with fine taste. Particular in the First and Second Parish churches. In the Methodist church there were between 30 and 40 pots with flowers, but they were mostly small flowers. In the Baptist church, there was not any display of flowers. This society it is said prefer to have their floral display in June.

Monday, April 10th

The spring term of the winter or rather village school commenced to day. Last September Louis M. Perkins School of Lewiston succeeded L. W. Given as teacher of the High School began, and continues to be the present teacher. Luella F. Jordan who has now the charge of the Grammar School, assisted by the Lucy H. Sparrow. The Primary School, near the Unitarian church, continues under the care of Emma D. Fairfield. The Primary School on the western side of the river, remains under the charge of Mary A. Roberts, assisted by M. Nellie Mitchell.

Since the Shoe Factories have been established here the number of school children in this village school district has been largely increased.

1882,

Tuesday, April 11th

John Cousens is now having the building recently occupied for the Post Office, altered into a tenement for a family. At the present time there is more demand for dwelling houses than stores.

To me this building has a familiar appearance. I commenced business in it Nov. 21st 1835 and remained until Oct. 20, 1856, being almost 21 years.

Wednesday, April 12th

Snow has disappeared from this vicinity. Many people in this village are at work this week in cleaning up their yards, making preparations for spring.

Thursday, April 13th

Fast Day in this State. Union meeting in the Unitarian church. The seats in the house were about half filled, more than two thirds of the congregation were women. There were the four ministers in the pulpit who preach in this village. Each of them has temperance for his theme.

Friday, April 14th

The Sargent & Ross new building is now occupied by the following persons and clubs:- On the lower floor, Post Office, A. W. Mendum - Postmaster; J. H. Otis - Jeweler (as he calls himself) and F. M. Ross, Drugs and Medicines. On the second floor, L. E. Boudreau - Surgeon; Keen, a barber; Miss Abbot - a dressmaker; Village Library, (not yet open to the public). On the third floor, "Old Fellows" club and a "Grand Army of Republic" G. A. R. club. Then are all the occupants, I remember. On the second and third floors are rooms not yet occupied.

Saturday, April 15th

George Cooper, of Kennebunkport, left town to day for the "Sailor's Snug Harbor," an asylum for seamen who are superannuated. This asylum is on Staten Island in the Bay of New York, six miles from the city. Mr. Cooper says he was 65 years old last January.

Sunday, April 16th

A fine day, good walking and full church attendance.

1882,

Monday, April 17th

"Leatheroid is a number of thicknesses of cotton paper wound upon one another over a cylinder. The remarkable qualities of strength and adhesion it possesses are derived from a chemical bath through which the paper is drawn on its way to the cylinder. The chemicals admixed to constitute this bath is the secret of the manufacture. The effect of the chemical bath on the paper is marvellous. The leatheroid for the purposes for which it is now used, is made, about twenty thicknesses of paper. It is shaped upon or around moulds, while wet, into the form it is to represent, and will hold that form when dry. When dried it is as difficult almost to cut with a knife, as raw hide. Leatheroid is made in considerable quantities at Kennebunk."

The above is from the Commercial Bulletin April 11, 1882.

Tuesday, April 18th

Death of Capt. Charles Williams moved from this town to Framingham (center village) Mass. in July 1857. In a few years his wife died and her remains were brought here to be interred in the family lot. In 1863, the remains of his wife, two of their children and his wife's mother were removed from the graveyard in this village to Framingham. His second wife was a Framingham woman, who is said to have been an heiress. To day news was received that Capt. Williams is dead in the 77th year of his age. He was highly esteemed. He has left a widow and a number of children.

Wednesday, April 19th

Slight fire. Between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday morning a fire was discovered in the second story, on the garden street end of Clark's block. The damage was not much as it was soon extinguished. It is supposed that it was the work of an incendiary, as the smell of coal oil was strong where the fire was first started.

Thursday, April 20th

Johnson's Cyclopaedia The High School has secured a set of Johnson's Cyclopaedia handsomely bound in half turkey morocco. I have not heard how much the set of books cost.

1882,

Friday, April 21st

"President Arthur has taken the craze of his hat, and opened the White House for festivities of an exclusive nature. Mrs. Hayes would groan in spirit could she look on the reverse different colored wine glasses arranged by the plate of each guest, after her long years of attempted regeneration. Seven seems to be the gauge for the capacity of his conferees in the number of allowed at his festal board. This of course does not include water, which he considers more needful for the outer than the inner man."

The above is an extract from a letter in the Portland Transcript, from Washington, dated April 12th 1882.

Saturday, April 22

Potatoes are uncommonly high priced this spring. The price has caused potatoes to be brought from Europe to this country for sale. Common potatoes raised in this vicinity are now sold in this village at one dollar and ten cents a bushel. English and Scotch potatoes the same price.

Sunday, April 23rd

A pleasant day and full attendance at church.

Monday, April 24th

"I do not believe in the existence of law. Nothing exists but Will. All physical laws and phenomena are but the manifestations of that Will - one order, utterly wise and utterly benevolent. In him the Father I can trust in spite of the fact that my own prayers are not answered. I believe that He makes all things work together for the good of the human race and of me among the rest, as long as I obey his will. I believe he will answer my prayer, not according to the letter, but according to the spirit of it; that if I desire good I shall find good, though not the good which I long for. Law I consider a phantom." Rev. Charles Kingsley.

Tuesday, April 25th

A few months since, Rev. Edmunds Chase, resigned the pastoral charge of the Pavilion church in Biddeford and has moved his family to Kennebunkport village.

1882,

Wednesday, April 26th

The village Library or Library Association in this village was organized last Monday evening. The following were the principal officers elected:—Ernest Andrews, President; Anna H. Pimble, Secretary; Lottie L. Ford, Treasurer; Walter Dane, Librarian.

The Library is not yet open to the public.

Thursday, April 27th

It was noted March 31st that Samuel Clark had failed in business. This week his creditors met here doubtless by agreement, and it is reported have agreed to take back the goods Clark had on hand when he failed. I do not know any further particulars, except the goods are to be boxed up and sent away tomorrow.

Friday, April 28th

A sermon that will suit any preacher, adapted to any audience, at any time, and in any place.

A short and pithy sermon. Author unknown.

"Text. 'Man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward', Job. — I shall divide my discourse into and consider under three following heads.

1st Man's ingress into the world is naked and bare.

2^d — His progress through the world is trouble and care.

3^d and last, his egress out of the world is—nobody knows where.

To conclude—If we do well here, we shall do well there. I can tell you no more, if I preach a whole year."

Saturday, April 29th

Village Library opened. The village library was opened for the first time this evening. The Librarian to me the library now contains about five hundred volumes.

Sunday, April 30th

Rev. Mr. Worth, by Rev. Mr. Worth on—reading.

Union meeting. Rev. Mr. Lockwood invited Rev. Mr. Vinet and Rev. Mr. Worth into the pulpit with him and Rev. Mr. Vinet prayed. Still, the Trinitarian preachers do not exchange with Mr. Vinet—Unitarian.

1882,

Monday, May, 1st

"In order to enjoy travelling, and indeed almost anything else, it is of the first importance that it be done without care and with congenial companions."

Tuesday, May 2nd

About three weeks ago, Mr. George Hall of Pennabunkport was taken with a discharging erysipelas sore on his arm, and about the same time his wife was wounded with a splinter in the hand. It is supposed some of the virus from the husband's sore arm, inoculated her hand, producing a blood-poisoning, from which both died. She died on the 19th and he on the 27th of April. He was 71 years old and his wife about the same age.

Wednesday, May 3rd

The bridge across Mousam river in this village having become some decayed; a town meeting was held last Saturday to see what action the town would take. A committee was appointed to procure estimates for an iron bridge and to report at a meeting to be held on the 13th inst.

Thursday, May 4th

This morning I and my daughter went to Portland on business. She wished to purchase materials for a black silk dress and I to buy goods for my store. Having obtained what we wished, we returned home.

Friday, May 5th

"Some men have a foolish habit of telling their business secrets. If they make money they like to tell their neighbors how it was done. Nothing is gained by this, and oftentimes much is lost. Say nothing about your profits, your hopes, your expectations, your intentions, and this should apply to letters as well as to conversation. Business men must write letters, but they should be careful what they put in them. If you are losing money, be specially cautious and not tell of it, or you will lose your reputation."

P. T. Barnum.

How to travel.

g. Hall and wife of Pennabunkport died.

Iron Bridge wanted.

At Portland.

Don't tell your business or other secrets.

1882,

Saturday, May 6th

The following rules are taken from P. T. Barnum's lecture, on "The art of Money getting";

- 1 Don't mistake your vocation.
- 2 Select the right location.
- 3 Avoid debt. — 4 Persevere.
- 5 Whatever you do, do it with all your might.
- 6 Depend upon your own personal exertions.
- 7 Use the best of tools. — 8 Learn something useful.
- 9 Let hope predominate, but be not too visionary.
- 10 Do not scatter your powers.
- 11 Be systematic. — 12 Read the newspapers.
- 13 Beware of outside operations.
- 14 Don't involve without security.
- 15 Advertise your business. — 16 Be charitable.
- 17 Be polite and kind to your customers.
- 18 Don't tell your business, or other secrets.
- 19 Preserve your integrity.

Sunday, May 7th

A pleasant day and full attendance at church.

Monday, May 8th

The Methodist annual conference closed their session in Augusta, last week. Rev. John Cobb, was appointed to the Methodist society in this village in April 1879. He is now stationed at West Scarborough. Rev. T. B. Adams has been appointed to fill the vacancy in this village, occasioned by the removal of Rev. John Cobb. Mr. Adams preached here yesterday. Rev. W. F. Marshall has been reappointed to the Methodist church at Pennabunk Depot.

Tuesday, May 9th

Death of Capt. Isaac Downing, died on the 6th inst, aged 81 years. He was born in Pennabunkport, but moved to this town many years ago. He was married three times. His last wife survives him, also six sons, two by each wife. He was a Free Mason over fifty years and took a deep interest in the order. At his funeral this afternoon, many Masons escorted his remains to his grave, in the graveyard at the Landing. By occupation he was a house and ship carpenter.

1882,

Wednesday, May 10th

Last September the homestead and outlands of the late Theodore Clark of Wells was sold at auction. The homestead was bid off to Joseph Dane of this town for \$10,000. It was supposed at the time, that Mr. Dane was acting as an agent. Now, it is reported that the Boston and Maine railroad company own the property and it is supposed the company will build a hotel there for summer boarders. (See Sept. 7th 1881)

Thursday, May 11th

John L. Littlefield - grocer, failed in March 1881. Having settled with his creditors, he has again begun to trade in the store, vacated last year, by J. H. Otis. This time, Mr. Littlefield has but little, except candies, cigars, tobacco, pipes and kindred articles.

Friday, May 12th

The "Eastern Star" says - the Baptist Society have invited Rev. Lyman Chas to remain with them another year. - "Capt. John L. Little has sold his house to Capt. Fordyce Perkins". This house was built many years ago by Capt. Oliver Walker. After his death it was sold to his son-in-law Capt. J. L. Little, who married his only daughter and living child Susan.

Saturday, May 13th

A doctor J. J. Miller has been delivering lectures this week in Mousorn hall on the human system. He has skeletons, manikins, paintings and embalms parts of the human body by which he illustrates his lectures. The course of lectures is considered interesting and beneficial to those who attend.

Sunday, May 14th

Dr. J. J. Miller, delivered a lecture on temperance in Mousorn hall this evening. A full attendance.

Monday, May 15th

Miss Lillian F., the last of the three children of the late Lyman Mitchell, died on the 12th inst, aged 19 years. This Mitchell family have a hereditary tendency to consumption. The father and his three daughters died with that disease.

Theodore Clark, homestead owner by B & M. railroad company.

John L. Littlefield

Pennabunkport items, from E. Star.

Lectures on the human system.

Temperance lectures.

Mitchell family, disease.

1882.

Tuesday, May 16th

W. P. Walker, of Topsham came here to day, with the desire of going to Kennebunkport, to see where his paternal ancestors - his grandfather and great grandfather, both named Gideon Walker, lived. Having hired a horse and chair we accordingly went to the Port and visited the house, built in 1740, which the first Gideon built and where he spent his married life. They have a family of ten children. His wife died March 9, 1792, his age 73 years. He died April 4, 1800 in the 86th year of his age. We then went to the "Walker Grave Yard" where our relatives were buried. Having seen other places of interest to him at the Port, we went to where his grandfather Gideon Walker used to live, near the present town house, before he moved to Topsham in . As W. P. Walker had not been at these places previously, he was very much interested or at least appeared to be.

Wednesday, May 17th

Poetry. "Where'er hath travelled life's dull round,
Where'er his stages may have been,
May sigh to think he still has found,
His warmest welcome at an inn." Shenstone.

Thursday, May 18th

Work. Within a few days the Unitarians in this village have had a new floor laid in their Sabbath School room (formerly used to hold town meetings, public lectures and for similar purposes). They have also enlarged their Sabbath School library & gym. room, from their vestry and built new fence from Main street to the Osborn barn.

Friday, May 19th

Charles Kelly and Mr. Jackman - a Frenchman expect to build, each of them, a house, the present season. The cellar walls and underpinning for these houses are already laid on and a new street between Dove street and Ben. Smith hill (or cellar) The street has been opened a number but I think not yet accepted by the town and no buildings erected on the street Jackman.

1882.

Saturday, May 20th

Those who have farms or gardens have now all the work they want to do, and laborers on farms have also a plenty of work. They say the season is backward, as the weather this month has been cold.

Farmers busy.

Sunday, May 21st

There is the same arrangement in meetings in this village this season as last year. Rev. Mr. Lockman has his preaching service in the forenoon. At the Baptist and Methodist churches the preaching is in the afternoon. At the Unitarian church, there is preaching in the forenoon and afternoon. It is reported that Rev. Mr. Vinal does not wish to have but one sermon on each Sabbath, but part of his parishioners are not willing to have but one service.

Sunday services here this season.

Monday, May 22nd

One of the seven wise men of Greece being asked, what were the three most difficult things in a man's life, he answered, "To keep a secret! to forgive an injury! to make use of leisure time."

Three difficult things.

"Be slow to enter on an undertaking, but when you have begun persevere to the end." Sias.

Tuesday, May 23rd

"Who knows the future? Who has turned its pages,
Reading its secrets with divining power?
We can look backward through the reach of ages;
We can look forward, not a single hour."

Poetry.

Wednesday, May 24th

The iron bridge to be put over the Mousam river in this village, is to be manufactured by the "Boston Iron Bridge" company of Ohio. The contract for rebuilding the abutments is not yet given out.

Iron Bridge.

Thursday, May 25th

Men are now at work building a steeple to the Methodist church, in the village of Kennebunkport. Samuel H. Gould of that village has presented to the Methodist society a new bell, for their new steeple. It will be put in position in a short time.

Methodist steeple & bell in Re-port.

1882,

Friday, May 26th

Railroads In 1872, a railway tunnel through the Alps, at
through St. Gothard was begun and has been recently finished,
the Alps. Railroads cars now run through the tunnel, which
is nine and a quarter miles long.

Saturday, May 27th

Leather- Within the last ten days the Leatheroid Company
-oid have sent away a few dozen of leatheroid cans (I think
buns. they are called) to be used in cotton manufactories.
Tin cans are now used, but it is thought leatheroid cans
are better as they are lighter and not liable to dent.

Sunday, May 28th

Rev. Mr. One of Rev. Mr. Vinal's daughters being quite sick
Vinal's there was not any preaching to day in the Unitarian
sick church. This forenoon there was not any public religious
daughter in the village, except at the Second Parish church.

Monday, May 29th

Small Last week a small organ was bought for use in
organ. the Sabbath School of the Second Parish church, in this
village. The reporter cost is One Hundred and Twelve Dollars.
It was used yesterday for the first time.

Tuesday, May 30th

Memorial A clear, pleasant day for memorial observance.
day This year the day was more generally observed in this
address village than ever before. This morning a few soldiers
went to the sounding graven and decorated the graves
there. A larger number of soldiers went to the upper Depot
by village for the same purpose. By previous agreement, the
New Mechanics' Band of San Francisco here met the decorators
and all partook of a dinner prepared by the ladies at the
Lockwood, Depot; after dinner the company came to the village.

At 2 o'clock P. M. in front of the U. S. headquarters
a line was formed, consisting of the Mechanics and
Bennet's Bands, the Sage-Green Engine Company,
Webster Post and Myrtle Lodge, Knights of Pythias. The line
proceeded to Museum Hall, where Rev. Mr. Lockwood pronounced
an oration. After the exercises in the Hall were over, the line
marched to High Cemetery and decorated the soldiers graves there.

1882,

Wednesday, May 31st

There has been an unusual number of deaths this
month in this town. George Phillips; Isaac Dunning; Deaths
Milton Fernon; Lirrie F. Mitchell; Samuel B. Jellison; in
Lucetta R. Wells; widow of Samuel Simpson; Wilson May,
Doughty and Henry M. Bick. Perhaps there have been
other deaths, of which I have not heard.

Thursday, June 1st

George Gillpatrick has bought recently of Joseph House
Dane, a house lot on Dane street. This lot is part of the Lot, on
homestead of the Joseph Dane, senior. It is nearly opposite Dane St.,
the Second Parish church.

Friday, June 2nd

Mr. George Perkins died this forenoon, aged 93 years George
4 months. He was the oldest man in Bennet's Park Perkins
He was a farmer and lived a quiet, uneventful life. dead.

So fades a summer cloud away;

So sinks the gale when the storms are over;

So gently shuts the eye of day;

So dies a wave along the shore," Mrs. Burdett.

Poetry.

Saturday, June 3rd

Twenty five years ago this morning I was Anniver-
saries in marriage with Harriet Amanda, daughter-
ter of Capt. Nathaniel Burdett of Bowdoinham. sary
She died of paralysis, Feb. 8th 1879, aged nearly 56 years. of my
marriage.

Sunday, June 4th

A powerful rain, particularly in the forenoon, but Powerful
few people attended church. Funeral of Mr. George Perkins rain,
in the afternoon. Rev. Mr. Worth officiated.

Monday, June 5th

"Strange that Destiny should come, creeping
like a child to our doors; we hardly notice it, or
send it away with a laugh; it comes so naturally,
so simply, so accidentally, as it were, that we
recognize it not. We cannot believe that the baby
intruder is in reality the king of our fortunes, the
ruler of our lives. But so it is continually; and since
it is, it must be right." John Halifax, Destiny.

1882.

Tuesday, June 6th

545 A printed catalogue of the books in the Public Library in this village has been printed within a few days. According to this catalogue the number of books now in the Library is five hundred and forty five.

Wednesday, June 7th

Carpenters from this village are now at work George repairing and improving the house formerly owned and occupied by the late Theodore Clark of Wells. It is reported that George C. Lord and family are to occupy the house during the present summer.

Thursday, June 8th

Mrs. J. C. Lord of this town, while in England, was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Mitchell of St. Leonards on Sea, Sussex. Yesterday, one of Mrs. Lord's sisters, now a widow, with four children arrived here from London, and expect to remain in this country. Mrs. Lord has not seen her sister from since her marriage, until yesterday. The widow's present name is Washburn. Three of her children are girls. The youngest child is said to be 13 years old.

Friday, June 9th

J. P. Mitchell, Within the last month Joseph P. Mitchell of Kennebunkport has sold his farm in that town to the B & M, R. R. Company for \$1800. The railroad passes within a few feet of the house. This farm and house was formerly owned and occupied by B & M, R. R. the late Capt. James Burnham. He moved to this village in 1855 and died Oct. 20th 1863, aged 80 years.

Saturday, June 10th

Arthur Blough, now of this village, has sold his farm in Kennebunkport, to Joseph P. Mitchell, for the reported sum of Seventeen Hundred Dollars.

Sunday, June 11th

Children's Sunday at the Methodist church. This afternoon there was a sermon addressed to children and in the evening children spoke pieces which their parents had selected for them. The church is decorated with flowers. Children's Sunday was first observed in this village in 1879, as one of the leading Methodist told me.

1882.

Monday, June 12th

During the last year there has been considerable talk about having a railroad between the depot of the B & M, railway near this village and the village on the western side of the river at the Port. It is said that one or more routes or tracts for the contemplated railroad have been partly surveyed, but nothing definite has been decided. Some people thought that the road would be built or at least begun this season; but the talk has died away.

Tuesday, June 13th

Herbert C. Bourne and Maria A. Jordan, were united in marriage this day. From some cause to me unknown the marriage was at the house of his father. Her father and mother did not attend the wedding; although it is not reported, they were opposed to the marriage.

Wednesday, June 14th

A. T. Whitaker has leased the bobly store and has a lot of groceries in it for sale. He has also some fancy goods suitable for ladies. He opened the store a few days since. I do not know anything of his previous history, except he taught in the grammar school a short time, he was also a clerk in the store of the late Samuel Clark, a few months after the death of Mr. Clark.

Thursday, June 15th

The Eastern Star says - "The new corn factory at Wells is now completed. The company expects to put up from 600,000 to 700,000 ears. The main building is two stories high, 130 feet long and 60 (probably 60 is meant) and will be used for packing, labeling and boxing. -- Already 300,000 ears are made and ready for use."

Friday, June 16th

This morning I and my daughter went to Portland. The principal of business of my daughter in the city, was to have her picture taken by J. H. Lamsen - artist photographer. He is supposed to be the best artist in Maine, for obtaining good pictures.

No railroad to Port village at present.

H. C. Bourne and M. A. Jordan married.

A. T. Whitaker now a trader.

Corn Factory at Wells.

Lucy Walker's picture.

1882,

Saturday, June 17th

Sargent & Ross building. Within a few days, granite curbstones and water conductors have been placed in position in front of the Sargent and Ross building. The building and its surroundings, now appear to be finished.

Sunday, June 18th

An overcast day with a little rain; consequently the Sunday meetings in the village, not so full as on a fair day.

Monday, June 19th

A number of years ago Miss R. Sophia Webster, (daughter of Charles Webster) went to live with an uncle in Brooklyn, N. Y.. She died in that city June 10th aged 42 years. Last week her remains were brought down to this town and her funeral attended at the Methodist church near the upper depot.

Tuesday, June 20th

Charles H. Cole Samuel B. Jellison, died last week, at the Spaulding aged 72 years. He kept a grocery store there, during the last dozen or more years. Since his death the store has been renovated and supplied with a new stock of groceries by Charles H. Cole, who expects to continue the business.

Wednesday, June 21st

According to the published statement (June 11th) of the "Peennebunk Savings Bank" its standing and condition is supposed to be as follows:—

Edwara C. Bourne, — — — President,
Joseph Dore — — — Treasurer,
Sarah Chan — — — Secretary.
The amount of liabilities = 263,368.01
" " " resources — — 263,388.01
Surplus above all liabilities — 22,182.18

Thursday, June 22nd

John Peabody In 1867 John Peabody built a new house, on the old homestead of his father in the Ross neighborhood (See Vol. B. page 321) and his family have summered there since. He and part of his family have recently come from Boston to occupy the house and he says they will remain on the farm during next winter at least, perhaps permanently.

1882,

Friday, June 23rd

A few weeks since the house in the village of Penn-chunkport, formerly owned and occupied by the late Capt. William Jefferds, was sold to a Mr. Agnew (or similar name) of New York city for Three Thousands Dollars. This man wants it for a summer residence, he is in

Capt. Jefferds built the house about 1801 and lived in it until he died in 1871, aged 72 years. His widow died in 1871 aged 88 years. They had a family of eleven children. No one now lives in that town except Lois, widow of Capt. Joseph B. Perkins.

Saturday, June 24th

Susan T., widow of Joseph Bragden, of this town died to day, aged 82 years. He was Mrs. Bragden's third husband and she was his fourth wife.

Sunday, June 25th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood exchanged to day with Rev. Mr. Wilson, who has recently been in charge of the Pavilion church, Biddeford, vacated by Rev. Mr. Chan.

Monday, June 26th

To day, the directors of Ocean National Bank, paid a semi-annual dividend of three percent, payable to stockholders, on and after next Monday, July 3rd.

Tuesday, June 27th

There was a musical entertainment of a new kind, in Monson Hall, last evening. Miss Ella M. Chamberlin, of Barnbridge, Mass., who in the bills is called "Whistling Soloist" and Miss Annie D. Brackett, of Berwick, who in the bills is called "Recitatorist" were the performers, except a Miss Woodward of Great Falls who played a few pieces on the piano.

The principal attraction was Miss Chamberlin. Her whistling powers, with her own accompaniment on the piano, was greeted with applause, and was recalled again and again. She appears to have an extraordinary talent for whistling. Miss Brackett, has been here before and performed her part as well as usual, but Miss Chamberlin was the principal attraction.

Sale of Jefferds in Pennch. - part village.

Mrs. Joseph Bragden

Rev. Mr. Wilson.

O. N. Bank dividend

Whistling entertainment by a girl, in Monson Hall.

1882.Wednesday, June 28th

The first mowing machine in Kennebunk was bought by Henry Jordan and the late Horace Porter, in the summer of 1854. It cost one hundred and twenty five dollars and was used on their farms. Mr. Jordan who operated the machine, had his oxen for the moving power. In

1859, five persons in town owned mowing machines. Horses on the moving power, being quicker in their motions than oxen, had them taken their places, in

in 1860, the sale rapidly increases. One agent in Kennebunk, sold in that year, more than twenty mowing machines, part of them being to farmers in other towns. Other agents also sold machines. The price of an one horse mower was then 75 dollars, for a two horse mower, from 90 to 110 dollars. A. W.

I sent a copy of the above to the "Eastern Star" for publication.

Thursday, June 29th

Bridge in this village. This week work has been begun on the abutments for the bridge in this village. A man from Biddeford or Saco has the oversight of the work.

Friday, June 30th

Summer visitors part and this town are now open. Visitors are arriving daily. The prospect is that there will be more people in houses, this vicinity this summer, than ever before in one year.

Saturday, July 1st

Charles J. Guiteau was hung yesterday in the jail-yard at Washington D. C. His last words were "Glorious Hallelujah! Ready, go!" He shot President Garfield in July 2nd 1881. Doctors and others differ as to his mental condition and moral responsibility, but the national conviction is that his crime was the result of wickedness.

Sunday, July 2nd

Sabbath School. Carrie Hall, daughter of Woodbury Hall and Hattie daughter of John Tripp at the Landing were admitted into the Secura Parish church to day. The Parish has now 2nd Parish, this day voted to return to the old custom of having the Sabbath School immediately after the A. M. service. (See Oct. 26, 1879.)

1882.Monday, July 3rd

Mr. Richard Osgood of Kennebunkport (who lives near E. H. Walker's mill) lost his eyesight by a cataract over his eye and was blind eighteen months. Recently he went to the hospital in Portland, where the cataract was taken from his eye. He remained in the hospital fifteen days, when he was discharged cured, as he told me. He lost the sight of one of his eyes many years ago.

Tuesday, July 4th

The day has passed off in this town in a quiet manner, save the firing of a few fire crackers and torpedos by the boys. A few flags were hoisted but the bells were not rung. Some of our people went to the beaches and some to other towns. This afternoon our village streets were nearly deserted.

Wednesday, July 5th

"The man who has a thousand friends,
Has not a friend to spare,
But he who has one enemy
Will meet him everywhere." R. W. Emerson.

Thursday, July 6th

At a Democratic district convention held this day in Portland, Joseph Daine of this town was unanimously nominated by acclamation as the candidate for Congress from the first provincial district in this State.

The Greenback district convention was held in Portland at the same hour. They also nominated Mr. Daine by acclamation.

At a previous convention Samuel J. Anderson of Portland was nominated for the office but he declines the nomination.

Friday, July 7th

It was noted May 10th the B. & M. Railroad men, were the owners of the T. Clark place at Wells. It is now reported the above account is not true. George C. Lord and family are now spending the summer on the farm.

Richard Osgood, eyesight restored.

Fourth of July.

Poetry.

Joseph Daine nominated for U. S. Congress.

Clark place, George C. Lord.

1882,Saturday, July 8th

The newspapers say, "The body of Charles J. Guiteau was buried in the northeast corridor of the jail in Washington, and as far as is now known to the contrary, the remains will lie there undisturbed by any future burial or reburial. The grave is seven feet deep. There was not any religious ceremony. Not a word was spoken, not a tear was shed."

He was born in Freeport, Ill., Sept. 8, 1841, hence at his death was in the 40th year of his age.

Sunday, July 9th

To day the Baptists in this village have their "Floral Sunday" or some call it "Children's Sabbath". The church was decorated with flowers. This evening the children, spoke pieces and appeared to have a good time generally. The church was well filled.

Monday, July 10th

"The great mass of the U. S. office holders of this country have held their places for the past twenty years, more or less by the precarious title of political favor. They sit upon the anxious seat of a very uncertain tenure and respond to the biennial appeals for contributions with the same degree of cheerfulness, with which a husband contributes to the support of his mother-in-law."

In the early summer of this year, the "Republican Congressional Committee", caused a circular to be sent to all persons whose names appear on the rolls, as being in the employment of Government - except those whose salaries are very small, - asking for contributions for political purposes. The amount which the Committee thought the office-holder should pay was specified in each case, the amount being two per cent of their salaries.

Now while there is no threat contained or implied in the circular of assessment, most office holders know perfectly well, that if they do not respond to it favorably, they are ^{losing} their places. If you do not pay, you will be turned out and your place will be filled by a Republican who will pay."

Youth, Companion - Boston.

1882,Tuesday, July 11th

"A thoroughly popular lecture ought to have nothing in it which five hundred people cannot all take in a flash, just as it is uttered. But I tell you the average intellect of five hundred persons, taken as they come is not very high. It may be sound and safe, as far as it goes, but is not very rapid or profound. A lecture ought to be something which all can understand, about something which interests everybody."

D. W. Holmes.

Wednesday, July 12th

Joseph Burtis died in Saco on the 9th inst., aged 71 years. He was the son of Samuel Burtis of Wells. While a young man he came to this town and was a clerk to the late William Lord and afterwards was his partner in trade a few years. He subsequently was a trader in Saco, then in Portland. He returned to Wells about 1870 and traded in his store formerly occupied by his father. In the spring of 1873 he was stricken with paralysis, at the time he was postmaster and town clerk of Wells. In 1874 he sold his house and store in Wells and moved to Saco, which is the native place of his widow.

Thursday, July 13th

There was a "Strawberry Festival" this evening in the Second Parish church chapel. As the evening is pleasant, a large number of people were present, each Society or Parish in the village being represented. Five gallons of ice-cream was had from Portland, but the ice-cream gave out long before the company were satisfied. It was supposed an abundance of strawberries was also provided, but they gave out before the demand ceased. It was not supposed the gathering would be so large. After paying all expenses the net gain by the "Festival" was forty six dollars. This sum is to be handed over to the Sexton, as the Society owe him for services. A few fancy articles were also for sale and were sold, but the principal attraction was the "Strawberry Festival".

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1882,

Friday, July 14th

"In 1610 four cows and a bull were landed in Virginia from Ireland. These were the first domestic animals seen in America, and the time was but twelve years before the Pilgrim Fathers touched Plymouth Rock. Two years after their landing, there was an importation. From 1631 to 1634, Capt. John Mason imported from Denmark into New Hampshire the animals which according to Charles L. Flint, who is regarded high authority, laid the foundation of the native stock of New England" agricultural Review.

Saturday, July 15th

Dr. Morton: Within a few days, Dr. C. W. Morton, has had the fence in front of his residence, taken away. To me, the removal of the fence has improved the appearance of the dwelling and its surroundings. He is the first man on Zion's Hill to remove his fence.

Sunday, July 16th

Sunday, A fine day and full attendance at the churches.

Monday, July 17th

Barnum's Show and Circus were exhibited in Saco, to day. As my daughter had not seen anything of the kind, we went over to visit, or them. The street show in the forenoon was to me, far the best that I ever saw, and witnessed by thousands of people. In the pavilion where the wild beasts are, the first to attract the attention, are twenty-two elephants, from a baby elephant, only two months old to "Jumbo" - the largest elephant in America. There were many other animals usual seen in a menagerie. In another large tent called "Hippodrome", was the circus where the horsemen and horsewomen performed their, to me, wonderful performances. There were also many other exhibitions of skill, which were very interesting and instructive.

It is estimated the street parade was witnessed by at least 15,000 people. In the hippodrome, there appeared to be at least 8,000, probably 10,000 persons; the largest collection of people that I ever saw in one place. As a whole, it is the greatest show that I ever saw.

1882,

Tuesday, July 18th

Yesterday afternoon, the large two story house and barn of Cyrus Boston, situated in Kennebunkport, a short distance from the Durrell bridge at the landing was destroyed by fire. The furniture of the house was mostly removed. A horn, about four tons of hay, work-wagon, sleigh, harnesses and other articles in the barn were burnt. The fire took in the barn, from an unknown cause. There was an insurance of \$1,500 on the buildings. When I was a boy, the house was owned and occupied by Capt. Daniel Tripp. About forty years ago Capt. Tripp moved down east and the house with the small farm was sold to Nathan Boston, father of Cyrus Boston.

Wednesday, July 19th

A few days since, the wife of George W. Roberts who lives in Beaufort S. C. returns to her father's - John Roberts - on a visit. It has been five years this summer since she was here. She has three children with her. She was married in 1874.

Thursday, July 20th

Miss Carrie L. Hull has been chosen librarian of the public library. Walter Dore has been librarian as he expects to leave town for the present, he resigns.

Friday, July 21st

"Courage, brother, do not stumble,
Though the path be out of sight;
There's a star to guide the humble;
Trust in God, and do the right.
Some will hate thee, some will love thee,
Some will flatter, some will slight;
Bease from man, and look above thee;
Trust in God, and do the right." Norman Macleod.

Saturday, July 22nd

In this vicinity, it is now the height of the haying season. Farmers say the hay crop this year is better than usual, in fact an abundant crop. The weather for curing hay is also favorable. Last year the crop of hay was not large, and remarkable bad weather for curing.

1882.

Sunday, July 23rd

Rev. Mr. Vinal being absent, a Unitarian minister from Boston, by the name of Wose officiated for Mr. Vinal. It is reported that Rev. Mr. Wose, is a boarder at the "Ocean Bluff" Hotel, at the Port.

Monday, July 24th

The telegraph wire between this village and the telegraph wires near the P. S. & O. railroad station were put up Dec. 13 and 14 1854. The wires were first connected with the store now owned by me; then owned by Enock Hardy and occupied by his son George W. Hardy, who was the first telegraph operator here. The first telegram received in this village was on Dec 28 1854. In Oct. 1858 the location of the office was changed from the Hardy store, to the Post Office building (which I formerly occupied) and William Fairfild took charge of the telegrams. Within the last ten days, the office has been removed from this village to the B. & M. Railroad station and a young lady (I do not know her name) has the telegraph now in her charge. Mr. Fairfild was the operator from Oct. 1858 to July 1882 - nearly twenty years.

Tuesday, July 25th

"Cattle live from 40 to 50 years; horses from 20 to 30; oxen about 20; sheep 8 to 9 and dogs 12 to 14. Concerning the ages attained by non-domesticated animals, only a few facts are known. The East Indians believe that the life period of elephants is about 300 years, instances having been recorded of these animals having lived 130 years in confinement after a capture at an unknown age. Whales are estimated to reach the age of 400 years. The longevity of fishes is often remarkable. Carps have been known to reach 200, common river trout 10 years, and the pike 90 years. Birds sometimes reach a great age, the eagle and the swan having been known to reach 100. A tortoise which was confined in 1638 and existed until 1708, when it died by accident.

Wednesday, July 26th

Hot weather. Monday and Tuesday the weather was hot, the mercury being from 88 to 90 in the shade. To day still warmer, the mercury from 94 to 96, at noon, in the shade.

1882.

Thursday, July 27th

The work on the Methodist church, in the village of Pennebunkport is finished. A new steeple has been built and a bell hung in it. This society has put in new pews, pulpit, carpet and cushions. Mr. Denmore of this village, frescoed the audience room.

The house was formerly reopened Wednesday, July 12th 1882, by Rev. C. J. Clark, of Portland.

Friday, July 28th

Not only in this vicinity, but reports from all parts of the country agree that abundant crops have been reaped, and will be gathered this fall. Some papers think that we are going to harvest the largest crops, we have gathered for at least 10 years past.

Saturday, July 29th

The "Eastern Star" of yesterday says - "It was finally decided by the B. & M., on Tuesday, to purchase the lands already bonded. This seems to make it certain that we are to have the railroad between this village and the Port."

Sunday, July 30th

Rev. Walter C. Darling preaches for Rev. Mr. Lockwood to day. Mr. Darling and wife are now stopping at their summer cottage at Hart's beach.

Monday, July 31st

"Many people will be surprised to learn that the Post Office Department has on its pay roll about 1000 cats which are regularly in its employ throughout the country and are paid for their services with food and shelter. The cats make themselves very useful in keeping rats and mice out of mail matters." ^{news-paper}

Tuesday, Aug. 1st

Last Friday the farm buildings owned and occupied by Howard W. Littlefield at Wells Branch, were destroyed by fire caused by a stroke of lightning. Part of the furniture, farming implements were saved. About 30 tons of hay lost. Insured in Wells Mutual for \$1500. Buildings \$1300, furniture \$200.

1882,

Wednesday, Aug. 2nd

There was a disgraceful affair for men of their profession, in Pennebunkport on Friday, July 28th

The affair was between Dr. W. H. Sawyer a prominent physician of Pennebunkport and Rev. Edward Chase, formerly pastor of the Parvillian Church, Biddeford, now a resident of Pennebunk lower village.

Dr. Sawyer is the owner of some shore property at B-port and nearly opposite the N. L. Thompson ship yard, of which the Rev. Mr. Chase is now owner. A few days since Mr. Chase hearing that a stick of timber had floated from his land and landed on the Doctor's premises, where it was hauled up, took a couple of men and went after it. Mr. Chase ordered his men to hitch on the timber and tow it across the river. When this attempt was made, the Doctor denied their right to touch the property and immediately pushed one of the men into the water. This act riled the temper of Mr. Chase and he quickly sent the Doctor into the water. This did not seem to cool the order of the Doctor who immediately clinched with the minister and after a little skirmishing on shore they both took to the water, which was some four or five feet deep. First one then the other was pushed into the water. After a short time, both came from the water with their passions much abated.

It was afterwards learned that the timber does not belong to either party, nor never did.

The above is a condensed account from Eastern Star of this week.

Thursday, Aug. 3rd

Second Parish at Hart's Beach. The Sabbath School children and quite a large number of adults connected with the Sabbath School with about fifty others, all members of the Second Parish, picknicked at Hart's Beach today. The day has been warm and pleasant.

Friday, Aug. 4th

Drought. Farmers say, the large hay crop has been secured in excellent condition, but there is now a drought and vegetation is suffering for rain. The roads are dusty and many wells in the village are dry.

1882,

Saturday, Aug. 5th

Now, appears to be the height of the season, in this vicinity, for summer boarders from southern and western cities. Those who know, say the hotels, boarding houses and private houses at the Port are full to overflowing. Pennebunkport as a summer watering resort, appears to be becoming more popular every year. It has one attraction, not found in any other watering place in this vicinity, that is Pennebunk river. If the branch railroad is built and in operation next season, it will add to public convenience.

Sunday, Aug. 6th

Rev. Mr. Vinet being absent on his summer vacation; not any meeting in the Unitarian church.

Monday, Aug. 7th

The "Eastern Star" of last Friday says "The new light house, at Cape Porpoise shows its first light July 24th. The house is a little higher and shows a brighter light than the old one."

Tuesday, Aug. 8th

In the writings of Lord Beaconsfield it is said that "Personal distinction, in England, is the only passport to the society of the great. Whether this distinction arise from fortune, family or talent is immaterial, but certain it is, to enter into high society, a man must have either blood, genius or a million."

Whether there is any similar feeling in this country, each person can form their own opinion. To me it appears, the real bond between people is, or at least should be, sympathy, congeniality of tastes and a similarity of mind or heart.

Wednesday, Aug. 9th

A Mr. Howland, a jeweller of Boston, who with his wife and two daughters, have been stopping at the Highland House (near the Ocean Bluff) in Pennebunkport, died very suddenly last Monday evening. He was apparently well during the day, and had been on a visit to Mr. Prichard.

Summer boarders in this vicinity.

Sunday.

Cape Porpoise Light-House.

Distinction of people in society.

Sudden death in B-port.

1882,Thursday, Aug. 10th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood, with his family, wife and two children have gone on his summer vacation, to his father's residence in the State of New York. He expects to vacate be absent four Sabbaths.

Friday, Aug. 11th

Men are still at work on the abutments for the iron bridge across Mouson river. The large blocks of split stone used are brought from Biddeford on the cars and hauled from B. & M. depot to the river.

Saturday, Aug. 12th

The drought, in this vicinity, has become quite serious. Farmers say corn, late planted potatoes, and all vegetables which have not got their full growth are now suffering for rain.

Sunday, Aug. 13th

Rev. Edward Clark, of New York city, preached at the Second Parish in this village this forenoon. The church was quite full. In addition to the usual number who attend, there were quite a large number present who board at the summer hotels at the Port.

This Mr. Clark has a cottage in the village of B. Port where he and his family spend a few weeks each summer.

His mother was born in that town and lived there until she married Peter Clark of Nashua N. H. She was daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Lord and sister of the late D. W. Lord. She owns the old Lord house and lives there in summer.

Monday, Aug. 14th

Many animals do and man should live five times as long as it takes him to become an adult, which is affected at 20 years.

The means of attaining great age have been sum up as follows:—"Avoid excess in everything; respect old habits even bad ones; breathe pure air; adapt your food to your temperament; shun medicines and doctors; keep a quiet conscience, a gay heart, a contented mind." All have to a great extent the power of prolonging their lives. Be regular in your habits of life in every way. Newspaper

1882,Tuesday, Aug. 15th

For the sum of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars, the Leatherboard Company, has bought of C. N. Bank, the land where the company buildings now stand, also all or nearly all of the unsold lands on both sides of the river, up to within a few feet of the lower dam. This land was recently owned by Capt. N. S. Thompson and is part of the mill lot. I do not know how many acres there are in the sale, or any particulars. The deed was signed yesterday.

Wednesday, Aug. 16th

The following is taken from a letter, written from Washington by "Perley" to the Boston Journal. It is dated Aug. 10, (1882) — "Some of the Senators and nearly all of the Representatives are looking after their re-election. Many congressmen will find it an expensive luxury. There are half a dozen gentlemen in the present Congress, who occupy seats, which it cost them \$25,000 each to obtain, and scores who pay \$10,000 each, while few were not "assessed" in some way or other, over one thousand dollars. Even in Massachusetts, running for Congress is often a costly luxury, as might be demonstrated."

Thursday, Aug. 17th

"The trouble with these days," says my Uncle "is, that people won't begin modest. Now there is my friend John —, had a fine start in life, he's petered out. It reminds me of what Syrine N — of Minot used to say about his daughters, that "they flew high, but lit unmarin low."

Leicester Journal.

Friday, Aug. 18th

The "Eastern Star" says — "Edward C. Bourne has sold his cottage at the beach to a Mr. Hayes of New York. This was the first cottage built on a Peenenebush beach". According to my diary, Mr. Bourne did not build the first cottage. In 1873, Rev. Mr. Carr and Joseph Dore built cottages on the beach. In 1874 Mr. Bourne and Mr. Felbets had their cottages built.

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1882.Saturday, Aug. 19th

"The pay of the American soldier is thirteen dollars a month at the outset, fourteen dollars in the third year of his service, fifteen in his fourth, and sixteen in his fifth. He enlists for the term of five years. If he again elects to make the army his profession, he may re-enlist for successive terms of five years, while his physique holds good, receiving the pay of eighteen dollars a month for his first re-enlistment. After his first term of enlistment has expired, if he is discharged without discredit, he stands entitled to one hundred and sixty acres of Government land, which holding becomes his absolute property, on a residence there of one year."

North American Review.

Sunday, Aug. 20th

No meeting this forenoon in either of the churches in this village. This afternoon, there were meetings in the Baptist and Methodist churches. A. M. Rev. Mr. Vinal and Rev. Mr. Lockwood are away.

Monday, Aug. 21st

The following is from the "New England Primer", published in 1737.

Poetry.
 "Have communion with few,
 Be intimate with one;
 Deal justly by all,
 Speak evil of none!"

Tuesday, Aug. 22nd

When Forks, Tea & coffee were first used in England, "The use of forks in England, did not commence until 1611, and was rare for many years after. The custom came from Italy and the first forks were preserved in glass cases as curiosities. Before the use of forks, flesh meals were eaten with a knife and a napkin. As tea did not come into England until 1610, and coffee until 1652, beer or wine was taken at all meals. Very few vegetables were used, in fact all vegetables were regarded more as medicines than food. The principal articles of food were bacon, salt beef, salt mutton and salt fish. Rye and barley bread were used. English of Shakespeare."

1882.Wednesday, Aug. 23rd

"Charles J. Guiteau was hanged June 30, 1882. The body was buried July 1, in the basement of the jail in Washington. The resurrection took place on the night of July 31. The casket and contents were taken to the Army Medical Museum, and the body was at once placed in a vat of alcohol. Since then the flesh has been removed and the bones have been in course of preparation for mounting as a skeleton. The process of articulation will be entered upon in a few days and in a little time all that remains of Charles J. Guiteau may form a ghastly exhibit among the skeletons of men from every portion of the globe."

Extract from a letter from Washington in Boston Herald.

Thursday, Aug. 24th

In Dec, 1872 Burdus R. Melcher, of Brunswick took charge of the High School in this village. The next summer, some people offered him a higher salary than he received here and he went to Saco. Within a few days he has moved his family to Malden, Mass., where he is to be the second in a High school.

Friday, Aug. 25th

One year ago this month, George Jennison opened a room next to my store for the sale of oysters, cigars, pipes, candies and similar articles. This week he has sold out his stock in trade to Fred D. Hayden, who is now out of business, or at least has been recently. He says shoemaking hurts him.

Saturday, Aug. 26th

With the exception of a light shower one day this week, the drought continues in this vicinity. Farmers say, corn, late planted potatoes, beans and other late planted vegetables are now fast being helped, if rain should now come.

Sunday, Aug. 27th

The note which was made about the meetings last Sabbath will apply equally well for this day; for the condition was the same.

1882,

Monday, Aug. 28th

A company was organized this afternoon in the Town Hall, in this village, with a capital company of \$65,000 for the purpose of building a railroad between the B. & M. railroad depot and the village at the Port on this side of Pennebunk river.

Joseph Dane, Moses Moulins, of this village, James G. Cousens who lives at the Port village, Joseph A. Titcomb, & Hiram Fairfield of Pennebunkport, Edward B. Burnham of Saco, and H. J. Libby of Portland were chosen Directors.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors—Joseph Dane was chosen President.

Moses Moulins " " Treasurer.

Edward B. Burnham " " Clerk.

Tuesday, Aug. 29th

A new bank, called the Limerick National Bank, was organized at that place Aug. 12th. Jeremiah M. Mason, was chosen President and S. Lane, Cashier.

Wednesday, Aug. 30th

"Religion is the history of histories the mystery of mysteries." Professor Max Muller.

Thursday, Aug. 31st

I went to Portland this morning. Three U. S. ships are now in Portland harbor—the Tennessee, the Pearsage, and a smaller vessel, name to me unknown. I with many others went on board Tennessee this afternoon. While on board, was told by one of the officers, that this ship is the largest in the Navy, now in commission, and has about four hundred men when all are on board.

To me it was interesting and instructive to go over this war ship and see the cannon and other implements of destruction, also the men, with the exact order and neatness of everything on board the ship. There were many visitors, probably about two hundred, while I was there and we were all treated with politeness. Whenever questions were asked, answers were readily and apparently freely given.

1882,

Friday, Sept. 1st

The Eastern Star says—"Joseph Dane has made several speeches during the past week in different portions of the State. He is considered an effective speaker."

Saturday, Sept. 2nd

The eastern abutment for the iron bridge across Mousam river is completed and work has been begun on the western abutment.

Village bridge

Sunday, Sept. 3rd

Rev. Mr. Vinal having returned from his vacation; there has been a meeting to day in the Unitarian Church. The congregation was not large this afternoon.

Monday, Sept. 4th

The drought is partially broken. A moderate rain began early this morning and continued until noon. This afternoon it is clear again. With the exception of one or two light showers, this is the first rain we have had since July 14th when there was a powerful rain storm.

Moderate rain.

Tuesday, Sept. 5th

There was a serious accident at the Leatherbarns mill this forenoon. A young man by the name of Israel Somers was riding on the elevator between the third and fourth stories, when the rope broke and he fell to the basement. No bones were broken but it was feared as he raised some blood. When he was taken up, it was thought at first, he was fatally hurt, this afternoon he is more comfortable.

Accident to Israel Somers.

Wednesday, Sept. 6th

The summer visitors in this town in this town and Pennebunkport, have nearly all departed. At Mr. Wentworth's boarding-house, none are left. At the hotels in Pennebunkport, a few remain.

Summer visitors

Thursday, Sept. 7th

The Democrats of this town, at their caucus held this week chose Leibel S. Gurney, as their candidate for representative to the Legislature. Mr. Gurney is also the nominee of the "green back" party.

Leibel S. Gurney.

1882.

Friday, Sept. 8th

The preparation for the expected iron bridge in this village will cost more than was expected, when the work was begun. It was then thought that the abutment on the western side of the river, would need but little if any alteration; now the rocks have been removed to the foundation, and doubtless larger stones, will be placed where the rocks were.

Saturday, Sept. 9th

Politics There has been a political gathering this evening in Mousam Hall, to hear two addresses, one from in "T. L. C. Peckham - the silver water, of New York" and Mousam Hon. Jos. Dane" as they are called in the house bills. The hall was, at least three fourths full, nearly all of men. There were but few Republicans present.

Sunday, Sept. 10th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood, having returned from his vacation; there was a meeting in the Second Parish church to day, also in the other churches of this village.

Monday, Sept. 11th

Not a pleasant day for election, the forenoon being cloudy and the afternoon rainy. The votes in this town for Governor, Representatives to Congress and Town Representatives, were as follows: -

State and County election in Kennebunk in 1882.	<u>Governor.</u>		
	For Frederick Robie, - -	(Republican)	337
	" Harris M. Plaister - -	(Fusion)	267
	" Scattering votes, - -		7
	<u>Representatives to Congress.</u>		
	" Thomas B. Reed,	(Republican)	334
	" Nelson Dingley Jun ^r ,		340
	" Charles A. Boutelle,		327
	" Seth L. Milliken,	(Republican)	331
	" Joseph Dane,	(Fusion)	287
	" Daniel H. Phing,		269
	" George W. Ladd,		266
	" Thompson H. March,		263

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Town Representative.

For John Hall, of Alfred, - - (Republican) 339.
" Gould S. Gurney, of Kennebunk, (Fusion) 261.

The Republican vote this year fell off 36 votes and the Fusion vote fell of 12 votes, from 1880.

Tuesday, Sept. 12th

A number of years past, L. C. Burnley - Dentist has occupied rooms in the second story of the building at the corner of Main and Dane streets. To day, he has moved his dentistry tools and furniture to rooms in Sargent and Burr block.

Wednesday, Sept. 13th

"Stronger by weakness, wiser men become,
As they draw nearer to their eternal home;
Leaving the old, both world, at once they view,
They stand upon the threshold of the new."

Thursday, Sept. 14th

The drought is over. To day there has been a powerful rain, but too late to help vegetation this fall, with the exception of full feed, perhaps apples.

Friday, Sept. 15th

Although Mr. Dane was not successful in being elected a member of Congress; yet he is doubtless gratified that he receives in his native town 20 more votes than were polled for Plaister and 26 more than for Gurney.

Saturday, Sept. 16th

On Monday night last Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wentworth celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding. It is reported, there were a large number of friends present. Valuable presents were received from their son Oliver Wentworth of Boston, and many other persons. A bountiful collation was served. (See June 16, 1881.)

Sunday, Sept. 17th

The same remark made last Sunday, will apply to this day. As the weather is pleasant, quite a large number, attended public religious service.

Fall
election
1882.L. C.
Burnley -
Dentist.

Poetry.

Drought
over.Notes
for
Joseph
Dane.Charles
Wentworth
golden
wedding.

Sunday.

1882,

Monday, Sept. 18th

"The persistency of the national committee in collecting in the face of public condemnation, political assessments from the clerks in the public offices, is exciting a spirit of opposition to this practice. -- After being assessed by the national committee, they are liable to be again assessed for campaign purposes in their several States. We read that the State assessment in Virginia is five per cent of their salaries, in Pennsylvania three per cent, for the State campaign.

There are about 100,000 office-holders in the U. S., and it is estimated that their salaries year of aggregate about \$100,000,000, two per cent of which would be \$2,000,000. This is a vast sum, not all of which is collectable, but it admits of a wide field of operation in the hands of party managers, who claim the whole of it should be paid over to them, and have the power of putting a pressure upon those from whom they demand it. The money collected of the people for public uses is devoted to party purposes. Portland Transcript, abridges Sept. 16

Tuesday, Sept. 19th

U. S.	Maine has 10,872 pensioners who receive \$1,246,580.
Pension	Together with arrears they received last year \$2,399,992.
-ers	The First Congressional District has 1689 pensioners.
in	" Second " " 2059 "
Maine.	" Third " " 2545 "
	" Fourth " " 2266 "
	" Fifth " " 2313 " 10,872

Portland Transcript, Sept. 16.

Wednesday, Sept. 20th

Deerons The Ocean Bluff hotel, at B-port, closed for the season last Friday. Other public houses, for summer visitors, will open but a few days longer.

Thursday, Sept. 21st

Family The family lot in the graveyard in Kennebunkport, where the remains of my father, mother and five of their children are interred; has this day been put in good condition by James Berry and myself, at a cost of five dollars & thirty cents.

1882,

Friday, Sept. 22nd

One of the neighbors of the late Israel Taylor, who died at Alvine last December, says that Mr. Taylor's estate has been appraised at about Seven Thousand Dollars. His farm and outlands were appraised at about \$5000 and his personal estate at about \$2000.

Saturday, Sept. 23rd

Within the last month George W. Bourne, has gone to Fairton, Mass. and opened an office there, announcing himself as a Doctor.

Sunday, Sept. 24th

A rainy day for church goers. At the Second Parish church there were about thirty persons present; from appearances there were but a small number present at the other churches in the village.

Monday, Sept. 25th

Last week, Rev. Mr. Vinal, with Joseph Dane and wife, Robert W. Spora and wife, went to a Unitarian convention at Saratoga, N. Y.

Tuesday, Sept. 26th

At a town meeting held this afternoon, it was voted to raise \$3,000 to complete the bridge in this village and \$100, to finish the bridge at the Port. It was at first estimated that the total cost of the iron bridge would be \$3,500. That sum has already been used and \$1,500 besides.

Wednesday, Sept. 27th

"The following is the official returns of the votes for Governor at the late election, as sent to the Secretary of State office by the clerks of the towns and plantations.

Frederick Robie, - Republican - -	72,721	Maine, Sept. 11 th 1882,
Harris M. Plaister, - Fusion - -	63,852	
Solan Chase, - Straightforward -	1,302	
Eustis, - Prohibition - -	270	
Vinton, -	138,540	

This is the largest vote ever cast in Maine except at the last Presidential election, Portland Press.

1882.

Thursday, Sept. 28th

This afternoon Rev. Mr. Visual, united in marriage Rev. Brothers M. Byram and Miss Pamela P. Osborne.

Rev. Mr. Byram is, or at least was, a widower, apparently about 60 years old. He believes in universal salvation and preached that doctrine many years, most of the time to churches in N. H.

Miss Pamela is in the 59th year of her age. She and her sister Mary - wife of Edward P. Burnham of Saco, are the only children of the late James Osborne of this village. Pamela Osborne, now Byram, is also a universalist, very strong and decided in her opinions, at all times, whether of likes or dislikes. They will continue to live in the Osborne house.

Friday, Sept. 29th

A letter was received here a few days since, stating that Washington Irving (commonly called Irving) Smart was dead in Boston, and his body would be brought here for interment.

When Dr. Burleigh died in 1852, he left a widow and two children - Martha and Irving, with quite a large property, somewhere between twelve and twenty thousand dollars. By his will after making provision for his widow, he gave nearly all of his property to Martha. She has been dead a number of years. Soon after his father's death, Irving went to Boston, and was a clerk in an apothecary store.

A few years ago, he was taken to the almshouse on Deer Island, where it is probable he died. He was unmarried, probably about 60 years old. (See July 3, 1883)

Saturday, Sept. 30th

Second Parish. The Second Parish had a Fair and entertain ment in Mansam Hall, on Thursday afternoon and evening, also last evening. The object of the fair was to raise money to pay debts due from the Parish for painting the church and other incidental expenses. I have not heard how much was received.

1882.

Sunday, Oct. 1st

A fair day, with a full attendance at church. Rev. Mr. Lockwood exchanged pulpits with the Alford minister, name to me unknown.

Monday, Oct. 2nd

In May and June 1881, Moawhenny & Co. of Boston moved their boot and shoe machinery from the States Prison in Vermont, into the mill on the western side of the river in this village.

From some cause to me unknown, they have decided to stop manufacturing here and remove the business to a town near Boston. With the exception of a few men, their employes here were paid off and discharged last Saturday.

Tuesday, Oct. 3rd

After paying all expenses, the clear gain by the late Fair of the Second Parish was some more than Three Hundred Dollars. This a larger sum than was expected.

gain by the late Fair.

Wednesday, Oct. 4th

"Surnames were not introduced until the eleventh century, and it is only since that period that genealogy has become possible. Some people are curious to know the surname of the children of Queen Victoria. Bernard Burke, the Irish herald being asked the question, replies - 'I feel persuaded that the royal house of Saxe-Coburg has no surname. When the adoption of surnames became general, the ancestors of that illustrious race of kings were kings at the time and needed no other designation than the Christian name, added to the royal title.' This will do for the paternal side of the house. On the maternal side Victoria's ancestors have not been kings so long. Her family name is Guelf. In the eleventh century this family were transplanted from Italy to Germany, where it became the ruling of several centuries. Guelf died in 1101."

Surname of the children of Queen Victoria.

Ourland Transcript.

1882,

Thursday, Oct. 5th

E. D. Hayden did not stay long in the business
Hayden which he had of J. Fennison. He has sold out the
to stock in trade and business to John R. Bean, who
Bean, has moved his family into the tenement above
the lower floor.

Friday, Oct. 6th

The Leatherstocking company appear to be doing an increasing business. The building where they are, not being large enough for them; they are now having lumber hauled to enlarge the building.

Saturday, Oct. 7th

The Boston prices for the following securities are now quoted as follows:-

	at par.
American gold	
4 per cent currency U. S. Bonds	132
4 " " gold " " " due 1907	118 $\frac{1}{8}$
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " " " " 1891	112 $\frac{1}{8}$
7 " " Maine Central Railroads Bonds	122
7 " " Boston & Maine " "	123
6 " " city of Portland Municipal " "	117
6 " " " " " " " " " " " "	112
6 " " " " " " " " " " " "	108
6 " " " " " " " " " " " "	102
Boston and Maine Railway Shares	154
Eastern " "	43
Portland, Saco & Portsmouth " "	110
4 per cent Eastern Railroads Bonds	110
Maine Central Railroads Shares	88

I have not heard of any late sales of Ocean N. Bank stocks.

Sunday, Oct. 8th

Sunday A remarkable, warm and pleasant day for October.

Monday, Oct. 9th

Perkins Walter P. Perkins and Walter L. Dore will this week
 & Dore, start for St. Louis, Mo., where they will enter the
 St. Louis Law University, to complete their legal education.
 Perkins left town this morning, will stop one day in Boston.

Tuesday, Oct. 10th

This morning carpenters began work to put pediment ends in Dr. Frank M. New house. Other leather carpenters also began to frame an addition - viz to the building, where leather is manufactured, building

Wednesday, Oct. 11th

"To-morrow, and to-morrow and to-morrow,
creeps on in this petty pace from day to day,
To the last syllable of recorded time;
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools
The way to dusty death. Put, out, brief candle.
Life's but a walking shadow; a poor player,
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,
And then is heard no more; it is a tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing."

Macbeth.

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Macbeth,

Thursday, Oct. 12th

There is now to be seen in the east, between three and five o'clock in the morning a comet, with a remarkable large and long tail. It is reported to be the most brilliant and longest tail comet, since "Donati's comet" of October 1858.

Friday, Oct. 13th

During the past summer Charles Parsons has had a wharf 119 feet in length, by 40 feet in width built at the head or mouth of Mousam river, but a short distance from his sea-side cottage. The wharf was built by Clement Littlefield in twenty three working days. In its erection he drove seventy-five piles and then planked it on the inside and filled in solid with about four thousand loads of rock and earth. The beach in this vicinity was formerly called "Hart's beach". Mr. Parsons has recently renamed it "Parson's beach" and the new wharf "Parson's wharf."

Mr. Parsons thinks the wharf may be used as a landing for vessels laden with coal and as a shipping place, to which farmers may haul wood and lumber which they wish to send to other places. See Eastern Star of this day.

Life
but a
walking
shadow,
a poor
player.

burnet.

Charles
Parsons
has
built
a
wharf
at the
mouth
of
Mason
river.

1882,

Saturday, Oct. 14th

The iron for the bridge having been received here; workmen for putting the bridge in position over the river, came this week. Last week the abutments were nearly finished. Last Thursday the old bridge covering was removed and work began on the iron bridge. It is thought carriages will be running over the new bridge in about one week.

Sunday, Oct. 15th

Rev. B. S. Underwood - an evangelist preacher this forenoon and evening in the Second Parish church. B. S. It is expected he will remain during the week, perhaps longer. He is a son of Rev. Mr. Underwood who was here in March 1877.

Monday, Oct. 16th

This afternoon a fire company from Biddeford and a fire company from Saco, with a band of music came to this village as guests to the fire company here. The three companies paraded the principal streets in the village, with the Safe-guard engine owned here, parade. Rain which began to fall about 3 o'clock somewhat marred the pleasure of the occasion. Supper was served to the visitors in the Town Hall.

Tuesday, Oct. 17th

Leather The carpenters have commenced the erection of a -aid one story addition to the Featheroid barn, building, to be company, used as a water house. It will be 70 feet square.

Wednesday, Oct. 18th

Mrs. Clara Porter Hardy, has had the close fence in front of her residence (the Horace Porter house) taken away, and is now having a fence with turned posts and two rails inserted in the posts, for a fence.

Thursday, Oct. 19th

Mrs. Martha Hartwell died Sept. 7th aged 76 years. She left three children - Nathan, Martha and Nellie, family. The two first names have lived with their mother. Nellie married a few years since and lives in Mass. This week Nellie, with husband (Mr. Smith) have moved here.

1882,

Friday, Oct. 20th

July 30, 1846, the Monsoon Navigation Co. was organized to improve the entrance of Monsoon river, by a new outlet on the western side of Great Hill. Work was commenced on the 2nd of September to cut the marsh, the cut being 18 feet wide and 6 feet deep - its entire length being 594 feet. A few days later work was begun on the dam across the old passage of the river. On the 1st of November water was let in, the new cut and the water flowed that way but a few days when it flowed in its old channel; hence the effort was a failure. See Eastern Star of this day.

Saturday, Oct. 21st

To day the iron bridge is passable for teams and carriages. The sidewalks are not yet finished. It is not probable the bridge and grading on each end of it will be finished until sometime next week.

Sunday, Oct. 22nd

There were religious services this forenoon, afternoon and evening in the Second Parish church. Rev. Mr. Underwood was the principal speaker. During the past week, he has had a religious meeting each afternoon (except Saturday) and evening at the same place.

Monday, Oct. 23rd

Miss Emeline Hardy died to day of paralysis in the 64th year of her age. She was the last of the five children of the late Enock Hardy.

Many years ago, she went to Fort Wayne, Ind., and lived in the family of George L. Little. When Mr. Little moved his family here in 1870, Miss Hardy came with them and lived with them until her death.

The late Joseph Dane, senior told me, that in 1810, Enock Hardy, built the store which I bought April 12th 1856 and have since occupied. Mr. Hardy was a Tobacconist and manufactured pig-tail tobacco and cigars, perhaps snuff, in the store.

Monsoon
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company
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1846.
No
good
result.

Iron
bridge
passable.

Rev.
Mr.
Under-
wood.

Death
of
Emeline
Hardy.

Her
further
built
my
Store.

1882,

Tuesday, Oct. 24th

Excursion train to day for Boston and return, at reduced fares. The fare from Pennesbunk and return until Oct. 26, inclusive is \$2.70.

Wednesday, Oct. 25th

Friends and enemies. "Speak well of your friends - of your enemies say nothing. Plant blessings and blessings will bloom; plant hate and hate will grow."

Thursday, Oct. 26th

Samuel Durrell and wife took charge of the Poor in this town. They have continued to have charge of them, until this week, when they gave up on account of the poor health of Mr. Durrell. It is said they faithfully performed their duties toward the poor. R. A. Waterhouse and wife have been selected as the successors. They took the poor in charge yesterday, having moved into poor-house.

Friday, Oct. 27th

The new building for the use of the Leatheries Co., is up and boarded. It is an odd looking building, being only one story in height and having a roof nearly flat. The roof is to be tinued.

Saturday, Oct. 28th

Northan Dane Jr^d and wife Carrie L. (Goodwin) Dane Jr^d have their "Silver Wedding" to day. Quite a large number of their relatives and Rev. Mr. Vinal were present. I do not know any particulars.

Sunday, Oct. 29th

Last week, Rev. Mr. Underwood held a meeting each afternoon (except Saturday) and evening in the Second Parish church. To day he preached in Wells. This evening he came back here and has his last (at least for the present) religious service in this village. It is reported he expects to remain in Wells, one week. No public contribution was taken for him; but anyone who wishes gave what they pleased. I do not know the amount.

1882,

Monday, Oct. 30th

Last Friday, while Deacon George Taylor, of Glenire, was driving a team of young cattle, the steers became frightened and ran over him and hurt him badly, something fatally. Mr. Taylor is about 80 years of age, but a remarkable strong and active man, at his time of life.

Tuesday, Oct. 31st

The following are the names of persons in Pennesbunkport, who this year pay taxes of one hundred dollars and upward:

Isa Grant's estate,	— — —	100,26	Highest
William B. Parker,	— — —	101,40	tax
Albert Perkins,	— — —	114,59	payers
Benjamin Thompson,	— — —	116,40	in
Asaph Moody, estate,	— — —	117,13	the
John L. Perkins,	— — —	127,12	town
Samuel H. Gould,	— — —	129,50	of
John Curtis,	— — —	184,92	Pennes-
Joseph Brooks,	— — —	190,60	bunkport.
Charles E. Perkins,	— — —	217,22	
Pennesbunkport Sea Shore Co.,	— — —	231,28	
Charles E. Perkins,	— — —	286,41	

Wednesday, Nov. 1st

The past month of October, particularly the last week has been unusually warm and pleasant for so late in the season. It appeared like September.

Thursday, Nov. 2nd

In May 1881, Mowhenny and Co., of Boston leased the mill on the western side of the river, for the period of five years; consequently the lease men in the mill expected to remain here during that time. It is not at all probable that Henry Poor would have bought the Wallingford Place and expended about \$1000 on it in repairs and alterations if he had not expected to remain at least until the lease had expired. Now the "Wallingford Place" is advertised for sale.

1882,

Friday, Nov. 3^d

A cable steamer lies constantly in the harbor of Halifax, fully equipped and awaiting her calls to service. She is about 3000 tons burden. Her work consists entirely of repairing the laying of full length cables. She carries constantly in her tanks about six hundred miles of fresh cable. The cables are coiled in a deep layer around a central core. The modern cable steamer after pay out the coils with a velocity reaching seven or eight miles an hour. The modern first class Atlantic cable, costs at the factory about \$6,000,000 and a whole winter is needed for its manufacture. It is made of (1) seven central strands of fine copper twisted together, (2) a tightly tube of solid of gutta-percha, (3) a wrapping of jute, (4) a covering of thick wire and (5) a final wrapping of thick tarred tape several inches wide. The deep water cable of these days, when finished is about an inch in diameter; the shore cable is about an inch and a half in diameter." N.Y. Evening Post.

Saturday, Nov. 4th

Christ "A man may go to heaven without health, and without riches, without honors, without friends; heaven, but he cannot go there without Christ."

Sunday, Nov. 5th

Rev. Mr. Underwood has preached in the Second Parish in Wells, the last week. This evening he returned here and preached to a large congregation in the Second Parish church. Tomorrow morning he starts for his home in New Jersey.

Monday, Nov. 6th

Arthur Littlefield has been appointed Assistant Paymaster in the Navy, or in some way connected with the Navy. He came home last summer and has not returned. It is now said he has been examined by doctors in U. S. employ and they did not think his health was good enough or constitution strong enough, to be employed in the service of the United States.

1882,

Tuesday, Nov. 7th

A. T. Whitaker has bought the stock of boots, shoes and rubbers, formerly owned by Samuel Clark, and has removed his stock of groceries from the Cobble stone to Clark's block, on Main street.

Wednesday, Nov. 8th

It is reported that George P. Lowell has leased the Cobble stone for a term of years. It is probable he will continue to manufacture candy in the store, as he did in the building burnt April 30, 1881.

Thursday, Nov. 9th

The following residents of Wells pay or tax of over \$75, this year of 1882.

Barak Maxwell,	— — —	263,68.
T. & L. Hatch,	— — —	203,31
Adeline Freeman,	— — —	158,76
J. M. Eaton, Heirs of	— — —	151,90
William Maxwell,	— — —	129,36
J. & C. West & Son,	— — —	126,05
Geo. Goodwin & Son,	— — —	113,86
N. West & Son,	— — —	109,82
Samuel Lindsey,	— — —	96,09
Samuel Bragdon & Son,	— — —	87,34
John Chancy & Son,	— — —	83,85
Jerre B. Norton,	— — —	77,98
S. L. Bragdon,	— — —	75,95

Highest
tax
payers
in
the
town
of
Wells,
in
1882.

Friday, Nov. 10th

This week Henry Poor has been packing up his furniture and sending it away. Friday he left town and the "Wallingford Place" which he bought and renovated, is now without an occupant.

Saturday, Nov. 11th

The iron bridge in this village which was made by an "Iron Bridge Co. Canton, Ohio," is finished, the carpenter work and grading is also finished. The work has been longer and more expensive than was expected but I do not know how much the expense has been as no public account has yet been made.

Iron
Bridge
finished.

1882,

Sunday, Nov. 12th

Sunday, A warm and pleasant day, for this time of year.
Monday, Nov. 13th

Herbert Spencer, a noted Englishman now in this country, is reported as saying "He is struck with the large proportion of gray-haired men among us, and inquiries made by him have brought out the fact that with Americans the hair commences to turn some ten years earlier than with Englishmen. He concludes we have too much of 'the gospel of work'."

Tuesday, Nov. 14th

Last Friday afternoon Mr. William L. Storer of this village, was using a circular saw at Ferguson's rask and blind factory, he as is supposed, dropped a piece of wood on the swiftly revolving saw, and it was violently thrown against him, striking him just above the groin on the right side, inflicting an injury which caused his death this morning. He was 51 years of age.
He has left a widow (who was Margaret Goodwin) and two sons - William, is about 20 years old and another who probably, about 15 years old.

Wednesday, Nov. 15th

"Elections were held on Tuesday of last week in thirty-three out of the thirty-eight States. The Union, State and resulted in one of the most complete political revolutions on record. The result of the election in New York and Pennsylvania is to be attributed to a widespread and deep conviction that the political affairs of the two States were managed by a few leaders, bosses so called, who by fraud or otherwise, kept themselves in power.

In New York State, Cleveland, Democrat was elected Governor by the unprecedented majority of 196,000.
In Pennsylvania, Patterson, Democrat, by a plurality of 38,000."

New York Observer.

"In Massachusetts Benjamin F. Butler, by a plurality of about 13,000. All other State officers elected are Republicans."

1882,

Thursday, Nov. 16th

The funeral of the late Wm. L. Storer took place this afternoon. He was a quiet, modest man of whom, no one to my knowledge said any harm. He was a member of the Second Parish church and a member of the U.S.A. Fellows society. The funeral was largely attended. About 60 U.S.A. Fellows, preceded his body to the grave and 12 carriages with relatives and friends followed after the hearse.

It is said that Mr. Storer worked in the rask and blind factory of Mr. Ferguson twenty eight years and was never hurt until last week.

Friday, Nov. 17th

This week there has been a second excursion train on the B. & M. Railroad on this week. The price of a ticket to and from Boston from Reverebunk was \$2.50.

Saturday, Nov. 18th

When Sir Walter Scott was on his death-bed, he said to his son-in-law, Lockhart, "I may have but a moment to speak to you. My dear be a good man, be virtuous - be religious - be a good man. Nothing else will give you any comfort when you come to lie here."

Sunday, Nov. 19th

At the Baptist church in this village, there has not been a meeting in the forenoon, on Sunday during many months. This afternoon there was not only meeting, as Rev. Mr. Worth attended the funeral of the wife of Howard, son of Joseph Sargent.

Monday, Nov. 20th

Abigail P. Roberts, wife of Capt. Oliver Smith died in Framtill, Mass. on the 16th inst, aged 66 years. Her remains were taken to Reverebunkport this afternoon, and doubtless interred by the side of his first wife Caroline Bradbury who died in 1853. Capt. Smith was married to Miss Roberts in 1856 or 1857. They moved to the town of Framtill in 1862. The town was taken from Needham about that time.

Funeral
of
Wm. L.
Storer.Excursion
train to
Boston.Walter
Scott
to his
son-in-
law.Rev.
Mr.
Worth
attended
funeral.Death
of the
wife
of Capt.
Oliver
Smith.

1882,

Tuesday, Nov. 21st

Death of L. H. Pimball dies this morning in the 74th year of his age. He has been an excellent man in sickness and probably has "laid out" more dead men than any other person in this village. He was not a popular man as he rarely agreed with any one in conversation.

Wednesday, Nov. 22nd

Last evening the Baptist Society had a "former Baptist supper" in the Town Hall to obtain funds, requires Society to reshingle their church. It was a successful fair affair financially and socially. Ten cents were asked for admittance into the hall and twenty five cents each for supper. Many persons gave more than twenty five cents for their supper. After paying church, all expenses, the Society received about fifty dollars; quite a lift towards the required sum.

Thursday, Nov. 23rd

It was noted Oct. 1st that E. D. Hayden had sold out his stock in trade to John R. Bean. Now it is reported that the building occupied by them has been sold to Capt. Joseph T. Nason. and is to be occupied by him and Luke Pitts for a meat and provision store. This day a lot of fresh meat has been placed in the front part of the building and sales commenced. The name of the new firm is reported to be Nason & Pitts.

Friday, Nov. 24th

In Jan. 1878, the first number of the "Eastern Star" was published in this village. W. L. Watson, was then publisher and his father - Marcus Watson - editor. The Eastern Star of this morning says - "With this issue we close our connection with the Star", Marcus Watson. He has opened a printing office in Saccarappa and therefore will shortly issue a weekly paper to be called the Westbury Chronicle.

W. L. Watson will continue to publish the Eastern Star, in this village.

1882,

Saturday, Nov. 25th

It was noted Oct. 30th that Deacon George Taylor was badly, some thought fatally hurt. He is now much improved, that he is able to get up and shave himself. A strong constitution and good nursing will work wonders.

Sunday, Nov. 26th

A clear, pleasant and cold day. No snow on the ground, good walking or riding on the frozen ground.

Monday, Nov. 27th

"I am strong in the belief, that a man who is loose in money matters is not trustworthy in anything." John Randolph.

"One who is not satisfied to survey the universe from a parish belfry," was Voltaire's definition of an educated man.

Tuesday, Nov. 28th

Davis Clark has sold his shipyard at the Port to the Pennebunk and P.-port railroad company, (price unknown to the public). It is also reported that he has bought the Wors shipyard and wharf in Pennebunkport for \$3000.

Wednesday, Nov. 29th

The following are the present retail prices of the articles named as follows: - Flour from 8.00 to 10.00 a bbl. of good quality; corn from 93 to 95 cts. a bush.; wheel hogs from 9 1/2 to 10 cents a lb.; Salt Pork from 10 to 12 cents a lb.; Lard 10 to 16 cts. lb.; Butter 35 cts.; Cheese 16 to 18 cts. lb.; Eggs 30 to 34 cts. doz.; Turkeys 25 cts. lb.; Geese 20 cts. lb.; Chickens 16 to 18 cts. lb.; Potatoes 1.00 bush.; White Beans 3.00 to 3.50 a bush.; Baldwin apples 3.00 a bbl.; Cod Fish 8 to 9 cts. a lb.; Molasses 50 to 55 cts. a gall.; Granulated Sugar 11 to 12 cts. a lb.; Round steak 18 to 20 cts. a lb.; Corned beef 10 cts. a lb.; Cranberries 12 cts. a qt.; Hogs 16.00 to 18.00 a ton; dry hewn Wood 5.00 for maple 1.50 for oak; Stone Coal at the Port 6.25 a ton at the Port, 7.25 delivered in this village; Soft Wood 3.00 to 4.00 a cord; Coal Oil 14 to 18 cts. a gall.; best Sole Leather 30 cts. lb.

Deacon George Taylor.

Money matters, an educated man.

Davis Clark's shipyard.

Present prices in this village.

1882.

Thursday, Nov. 30th

Thanksgiving. A few inches of snow fell last night but enough for sleighing. The water is not frozen in the river, solid enough for skating on the edges near the banks, but not in the middle of the river. The water in the river, brook and well is remarkably low for this season of the year.

There was a union meeting at the Methodist church this forenoon and a sermon from Rev. Mr. Adams; but there were but 41 persons present.

Friday, Dec. 1st

Mrs. M. L. Lawrence - Milliner moved from this village to Boothbay. She has returned with her stock of millinery, to this village, and this day unpacked her goods for sale in the small building which stands of the Monson House lot. It is reported she was discontented in village, Boothbay. Her daughter is now a young lady.

Saturday, Dec. 2nd

It is reported that Mr. Andrews who is agent of the leatherboard and leatheroid mills in this village, gave each of the employees in the mills, a turkey for their thanksgiving dinner; that is if the man or woman was the head of a family. It is also reported that it took between seventy and eighty employees, turkeys to supply the required number.

Sunday, Dec. 3rd

A cold, uncomfortable day for church goers.

Monday, Dec. 4th

It is reported that the late William L. Storer has an insurance of \$1,500 on his life, in the Insurance company which is within Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Tuesday, Dec. 5th

Died in Grossmill, Ohio, Nov. 29th Lucretia W. Dorrance wife of Rev. Edmund Garland, aged 71 years. She was formerly a resident of Kennebunk, was married to Rev. Mr. Garland and went to Ohio, in Aug. 1874, where they have since resided.

1882.

Wednesday, Dec. 6th

Within a few days Henry Poor has sold the "Wallingford Place" to William L. Barry for the reported sum of Thirty five Hundred Dollars. He expects to move his family here next spring.

Mr. Poor bought this place in Aug. 1881 for \$2,700 or 2,750 dollars. He expended in improvements and repairs, probably between \$800.00, and 1000 dollars.

Thursday, Dec. 7th

Sir John Mason, on his death-bed, after being thirty years in public life, said, "I have learnt this after so many years experience; that seriousness is the greatest wisdom, temperance the best physic and a good conscience the best estate." He occupied high positions in English society.

Friday, Dec. 8th

William Perkins, son of Clement Perkins, of Kennebunkport, was a clerk for Wm. Downing in this village, about four years. He went from here to Salem, Mass. in Dec. 1860. He remained in Salem about two years, when he went to California, where his brothers George and David were living. He is now at home on a visit, having been gone away from here about 22 years.

Saturday, Dec. 9th

Before Luke Pitts went into company with Joseph Mason in retailing meats; he had been an assistant with Parker L. Wiggin, who has long been in the business. Henry Bennett had been an assistant to Mr. Wiggin before Mr. Pitts; but left before 1873, or about 7 years since. He is now back again at his old place at Mr. Wiggin's.

Sunday, Dec. 10th

A slight snow storm, few people at church.

Monday, Dec. 11th

About four inches of snow on the ground, not enough for good sleighing; although a few sleighs are out. Nearly all persons use wheels.

1882,

Tuesday, Dec. 12th

Susan P. Holman - wife of Capt. Abram Hill, Mrs. died of erysipelas, aged 64 years. Her daughter Emma, wife of Rev. John M. Caldwell, came from Chicago, Hill about a week since, as it was supposed her mother died, would not recover.

Wednesday, Dec. 13th

"You must be ready for the evil day, and being ready for the evil day, the evil day almost never comes; not being ready for the evil day, it is certain to come."

Thursday, Dec. 14th

"The total number of enlistments in the war of the Soldiers war of the rebellion was 2,063,291. Of these 304,369 died during the war, and 280,540 were discharged for the disability. Of the whole number of men who enlisted late twenty six per cent have applied for pensions. More than one half of those who enlisted are now dead. A little more than a million of soldiers survive. Such are the ravages of war and time," Putnam Transcript.

Friday, Dec. 15th

The funeral of Mrs. A. Hill, was at the Methodist church this afternoon. She being a prominent member of the church; there was a fair attendance of relatives and friends. She has left her husband and only one child Emma, now the wife of Rev. J. M. Caldwell.

Capt. Hill was taken with the erysipelas, yesterday hence was not able to attend his wife's funeral.

Saturday, Dec. 16th

The first Lyceum lecture this winter was given First last evening in Mason Hall, by Gen. Luther Stevenson for Lyceum as he calls himself. His subject was "The battle of Gettysburg," illustrated with about 50 pictures shown here with a powerful stereopticon. There was not a large number present, as many people do not feel so much this winter interest in the battle now as they did years ago, when General Chamberlain delivered a lecture here on the same battle, about ten or a dozen years ago.

1882,

Sunday, Dec. 17th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood preached on temperance this forenoon. I hear by agreement between the ministers in this village, each preached on temperance to day.

Monday, Dec. 18th

Mrs. Mpe Spanghlin, of Boston, delivered a lecture on temperance, in Mason hall, this evening. The lecture was well received by the large audience who was present.

Tuesday, Dec. 19th

"There is a natural variety of men, as of oxen and horses, some brave and intelligent, some timid and dependent, some capable of superior conceptions and creations, some reduced to rudimentary ideas and inventions, some more especially fitted to special works, and gifted more richly with particular instincts as we meet with species of dogs of different kinds," Toine.

The above reminds me of an incident in my own childhood. Many years ago, my father in speaking of a certain man, said - "I don't like the breed." I burst into a loud laugh. Father turned to me saying "And now what are you laughing at?" I told him because you spoke of breed in men. "Well," said he "if you live to be a man, you will find there is as much difference in the breed of men as in other animals."

Wednesday, Dec. 20th

It is reported that Libbey & Shannahan of Putnam have contracted to build the Pennebunk & Pennebunk-Rockport Railroad for twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars. We understand the contract covers grading the road, laying the sleepers and rails, building wire fences four feet high, and filling a dock at the Port. It is also reported that work was begun on the road last Monday. Perhaps each of the above reports are not facts.

Thursday, Dec. 21st

George P. Lowell has opened in the bubble stone, a dining saloon. He has also put in a stock of confectionery and cigars. He expects to have a first class saloon.

1882,

Friday, Dec. 22nd

Poetry,

"Soon life's spring-time will over,
And its autumn days will come;
Happy then will be those workmen
Who have sheaves to carry home."

Saturday, Dec. 23rd

Fair in aid of the Public Library was held in
Monsieur Hall on Thursday afternoon and evening
also last evening. An entrance fee of ten cents was
asked and twenty five cents for a supper, if any
wished for a supper. There were also many articles
for sale. A fair number of people were present, but
not so many as was wished; there has been so many
Public Library Fairs recently, many persons are tired of them.
It is reported the gain by this Fair after the expenses
are paid is about \$242.00.

Sunday, Dec. 24th

This being the Sabbath next before Christmas, Rev.
Sunday, Mr. Lockwood preached a Christmas sermon.

Monday, Dec. 25th

Christmas. A fine day, but a few inches of snow
on the ground, yet the sleighing is excellent in this
vicinity. The four religious societies in this village
had their usual Christmas gathering in the evening,
with the bountiful supper, entertainment and gifts
Festivals, for the children. Part of the societies had Christmas
trees with the gifts fastened to the branches, others had
"Santa Claus", in a queer dress, enter the room, laden
with presents, which he distributed to the children.
The evening being pleasant, and walking good, each
society, apparently, had a large number present.

Tuesday, Dec. 26th

Q. N. Bank The directors of Ocean National Bank, have this
day declared a dividend of 3 per cent, payable
Monday, Jan. 1.

In June 1880, the directors declared a semi-annual
dividend of 3 per cent, and the Bank has paid the same
dividend, each six months since that time.

1882,

Wednesday, Dec. 27th

The Savings Bank in this village was
organized May, 1. 1871. The present officers of
the Bank, are—

Edward L. Bourne, President,

Joseph Dane — — Secretary.

The Trustees are, E. L. Bourne, John Bousens,
M. L. Moulins, R. W. Lord and W. F. Lord.

Dividends are paid in January and July.
The dividend the last year was 4 per cent.

Thursday, Dec. 28th

The following buildings have been erected
in this village, during the present year of 1882,
Charles Pelly, — Fancy cottage, between the brick
schoolhouse and the Ben. Smith hill, erected
Auguste Jackman — Fancy cottage, between the brick
schoolhouse and the Ben. Smith hill, in
— Fancy cottage, on Fletcher Street, this
near the house of P. L. Wiggins, village
in
Doris Littlefield, — 2 tenement house on Brown Street, 1882.
Francis Fairfield, — 2 story house on Brown Street.
Leathem's barn, — Waterhouse-house (re calls) joining
their factory. Perhaps other small houses have been built.

Friday, Dec. 29th

The old vestry under the Second Parish church
having become out of repair; it has recently been
put in good condition, with improvements, not
there before the present time.

Saturday, Dec. 30th

It was noted the 23rd of Nov; that Capt. Joseph T.
Nason had bought the building next to my store. Mr.
John Roberts says, that Capt. Nason alters his mind
about buying the building, but has leased it for five years
at one hundred and fifty dollars a year.

Sunday, Dec. 31st

A pleasant day and good walking or sleighing;
hence a full attendance at church. Rev. Mr. Lockwood
address his congregation on the events of 1882.

Penne-
bank
Savings
Bank,Buildings
erected
in
this
village
in
1882.Old
vestry.John
Roberts
to
Joseph
T. Nason,

Monday, Jan. 1stResidents of Kennebunk, who died in 1882,In village School District.

Wife of Addison E. Haley 37; wife of Levi Larrabee 46;
 Ivory Stevens 68; Cora E. Fenima 26; Stephen
 Cleary 82; widow of Stephen Cleary 84; daughter of
 Mrs E. Towne 2 yrs; George Leach 62; George Phillip 65;
 Isaac Downing 85; Watson Doughty 65; Henry Mc
 Deaths, Bride 46; George Perkins 93; Fanny Littlefield 82;
 in widow of Joseph Bragdon 82; Mrs. Mahitable Farnham
 this 87; Mrs. Martha W. Hartwell 76; Miss Olive Truett 82;
 town Miss Emeline Hardy 65; William E. Storer 50;
 in Soammi H. Kimball 73; wife of William F. Turner 18;
 the Wife of Abram Skill 64;

Alive,

year
 1882, Milton Farnand 62;

Plains and Cat Moorsam.

Wife of Daniel Day 75; wife of George Hatch 44.

Upper Depot to Lyman line.

Wife of John E. Webber 35; Freddy C. Perkins 5 yrs;
 Miss Lizzie F. Mitchell 19; Miss Annie F. Noble 17;

Spanding.

James Shortch 80; Samuel B. Jellison 72;
 widow of Samuel Simpson 77; widow of William Durrell 75;

Port.

About
 44 Joseph Cousens 79; Daniel Goveh 85; widow of
 Jesse Towne 86; wife of Isaac M. Emery 56; Joseph
 persons Mitchell 77; Nellie E. Boothby 16;

died, Boat from the Port to Wells.
 Oliver W. Roberts 66;

Boat from village to the sea (West side)
 Miss Lucretia R. Wells 81;

Insane Hospital, at Augusta.
 William E. Waterhouse 57;

Alms House.

Wife of Dimen Stevens 78.

It is probable, there are a few deaths, particularly
 of children, not mentioned above. (Whole number 49)

Tuesday, Jan. 2nd

There was a masquerade ball in Moorsam
 Hall last night. It is said dancing began at 8.30, Moorsam
 o'clock, and continued until 3.30 this morning. -ade
 The costumes were from Boston, hired for the Ball.
 occasion. I do not know all the particulars.

Wednesday, Jan. 3rd

About half past twelve this morning, a fire
 was discovered in the black-smithy occupied by Blackm-
 Jacob Stuart. It burned rapidly and was soon totally ith shop
 destroyed, with its contents. The shop was built in 1878, burnt.
 There was an insurance of \$400 on the building,
 and \$200 on the tools. Cause of fire unknown.

Thursday, Jan. 4th

Miss E. Hansen has sold out her stock of Millinery Hansen
 to Miss Laura M. Westworth. Miss Westworth
 has moved her millinery and fancy goods into the
 store occupied by Miss Hansen in Moorsam's block. Westworth

Friday, Jan. 5th

"The Eastern Star" of this morning, says—
 "The Lyceum committee would respectfully announce Lyceum
 to the public, that on account of a lack of funds, lectures
 the lectures already begun, before the Lyceum, will will be
 be discontinued. The money paid by those who discon-
 have bought season tickets will be refunded, after tinued.
 deducting the price of the first of the entertainments."

Saturday, Jan. 6th

As was reported, work was begun on the R.R.
 port railroad on Monday, Dec. 18th. This week more R.R. P.
 men with carts and horses have arrived from Portland, railroad.
 increasing the force at work. It is reported that the
 contractors pay their common laborers, 1.50 for a few
 persons, but a much larger number but 1.25 a day. Wages.
 From this 1.25 each man must pay his own board.

Sunday, Jan. 7th

A cold, unpleasant day; hence not a full Sunday.
 attendance at church. Rev. Mr. Lockwood's sermon was
 on the commencement of the new year.

1883,

Monday, Jan 8th

The following is from the official record of the vessels launched during the year 1882 in —
Pensacola District.

	<u>Ships.</u>	<u>Builders.</u>	<u>Where owned.</u>	<u>Tons.</u>
	Livie Frost,	S. S. Perkins,	Wells,	10,17
Vessels	<u>Schooners.</u>			
built	Clara and Mabel,	S. J. Pinkham,	C. Popoia,	34,15
in	F. T. Drisco,	James B. Crowell,	Dennis,	162,91
1882.	Fred A. Higgins,	Noah S. Higgins,	Wellfleet,	87,53
	Annie and Lillie,	E. S. Fernald,	Portland,	70,26
	Nettie R. Witting,	G. W. P. Douglas,	Griffiths,	55,61
	Joseph L. Dean,	Zebina H. Chase,	New Bedford,	153,65
	Elsie M. Smith,	A. M. Smith,	Portland,	106,99

The above is taken from the Boston Weekly Journal of Jan. 9/83

Tuesday, Jan. 9th

Annual meeting of the stockholders of Ocean National Bank, held this afternoon, the day of the board of directors—Joseph Dane, Andrew Walker, owners Edward W. Morton, Robert W. Ford, Moses C. Moulton, of Northam Dane jun^r and Abram Hill were re-elected directors. Joseph Dane continues President and Bank, C. Littlefield, Cashier.

Wednesday, Jan. 10th

The following is from the U. S. official report.
Pensacola District.

Collector	Jefferson W. Sargent, collector, fees (sum not given)	
of	Seth C. Bryant, Deputy collector	\$580,00
Customs.	Two Inspectors, (names not given)	\$146,00

Thursday, Jan. 11th

John A. Wheeler, of Pensacola, died on the 6th inst., aged 64 years. He was appointed Postmaster in 1869 and has continued in that office until his death. He was a member of the Methodist church over 40 years, and at the time of his death was chorister, steward and collector. He leaves a widow, one daughter by his first wife and two sons by his second wife, who are college graduates.

1883,

Friday, Jan. 12th

Many men and teams are now at work on Mounson river, cutting and hauling ice. The ice is now 18 inches thick and of uncommon good quality, being clear and free from a mixture of snow. The sledding is excellent.

Saturday, Jan. 13th

According to a published report the B & M Railroad Co., has paid on account of land for locating the railroad to the Port, as follows to persons in Pensacola—

George Wise,	303;
John Garrabe,	300,
Franklin C. Furbish,	400,
Jacob Butland,	250,
Robert T. Hatch,	250,
William A. Reddon,	250, \$
Charles W. Drown,	275 2028.

Sunday, Jan. 14th

An uncommon exchange between ministers took place this afternoon,— Rev. Mr. Vinul, Unitarian and exchanger with Rev. Mr. Adams, Methodist. I have not heard which minister proposed the exchange.

Monday, Jan. 15th

Last spring the manufacture of leather was begun in this village. The principal article made has been "roving cans" for factory use. The demand for the cans and other articles made by the company has rapidly increased and a large amount of business is now done. There does not appear to be any doubt that this business will continue to be of greater importance.

Tuesday, Jan. 16th

It is now about three months, since there has been more than a slight fall of rain; hence, rivers, brooks, wells and cisterns are remarkable low, for this season of the year. The newspapers of Northern New England, say there is a great scarcity of water.

1883.

Wednesday, Jan. 17th

It is reported that about one hundred men are now at work, grading for the railroad to the Port. It is also said that one quarter part of the entire line is already graded.

Thursday, Jan. 18th

"The great secret of success in life is, for a man to be ready when his opportunity comes," Dinaeli.

Friday, Jan. 19th

The Leatherboard Co. has a large ice-house nearly completed, situated opposite its mill. A telephone communication between the Leatherboard and Leatheroid mills, is now maintained. It went into operation yesterday. This is the first telephone instrument of which I have heard in this town.

Saturday, Jan. 20th

"There are epochs in the life of nations and in individuals. Every man has a point in his experience, from which he dates a new departure, and from that date he has become another man; individual things passed away and he entered a new life, individuals, whether that life is for his weal or his woe."

Sunday, Jan. 21st

This forenoon the first Episcopal service of which I have heard in this village or town, was held this forenoon in the Parsons' schoolroom, opposite the house owned by George Parsons and used for his summer residence.

The service was conducted by Rev. Edward A. Lee of Putnam. There was another public service this evening which I attended. About forty persons were present, many of them doubtless, like myself, came out of curiosity. As is usual with Episcopalians, Rev. Mr. Lee wore during service a white surplice over his clothing. He read prayers and had a short sermon. Before the close, he said there would be another service here on the third Sabbath in February. George L. Little, wife and family. Mr. Pember, wife and family appear to be the principal active members of the Episcopal movement.

1883.

Monday, Jan. 22nd

I did not know at the time, but hear that the Roman Catholics in this vicinity had services in the Town Hall on Sunday forenoon Jan. 14th. "Father Henry McGill," of Biddford, officiated. It is reported that Catholic services will be held here monthly here.

Tuesday, Jan. 23rd

Rev. Edward Chase, of Kennebunkport, bought the "Lopp's mill privilege", with the dam and building in that, a few months since. He repaired the dam, took down the building and has built a house for the storage of ice, near where the building stood. It is reported that he has stored in his ice-house about twelve hundred tons of ice.

Wednesday, Jan. 24th

Within a few days, John R. Bell, of Kennebunkport has been appointed Postmaster of that town. He and the late John A. Wheeler, were in company as traders under the firm name of Wheeler & Bell. In their store the Post office was and is now kept.

Thursday, Jan. 25th

The Second Parish church, in this village was organized, in Union Hall, Aug. 10, 1826. The original members of the church were: Owen Burnham; Mrs. Elizabeth Pelham; Mrs. Jane L. Wise; Mrs. Lucy Greenough; Mrs. Lydia Gosswell; Mrs. Abigail Smart; Mrs. Betsey W. Frost; Mrs. Joanna Mayo; Mrs. Mary Jefferds; Miss Abigail Grant and Miss Maria Millet.

In 1828, Miss Millet, was united in marriage with Mr. Ivory Goodwin. She was the youngest and is now the last on earth, of the eleven original members of the church. She says she is now in the 78 year of her age.

This evening there was a donation "Pious party" at house of Mrs. Goodwin. About fifty persons were present.

"Union Hall", was in the third story of the brick store, formerly owned by James Lord. The building was burnt, Dec. 3, 1862.

1883.

Friday, Jan. 26th

This morning, by the first train, which left here at 7.20 I went to Portland, and there until 3.30 this afternoon, when the train left for the west. Business in Portland appeared dull to me.

Saturday, Jan. 27th

To cure a cough. — Boast a lemon very carefully without burning it; when it is thoroughly hot, cut and squeeze into a cup, upon three ounces of sugar, finely powdered. Take a teaspoonful when a cough, even your cough troubles you. It is as good as it is agreeable to the taste." Newspaper.

Sunday, Jan. 28th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood and Rev. Mr. Adams — Methodist and exchanged pulpits to day, at least Rev. Mr. Adams preached in the Second Parish church this forenoon.

Monday, Jan. 29th

It was noted Jan. 1st that the Lyceum lecture money had been discontinued. To those persons who bought refund, season tickets; seventy five per cent, has been refunded.

Tuesday, Jan. 30th

One of Cyrus Russell's daughters married Albion G. Emery of Waterboro. They went to Boston, where he became a Police Officer. On the 23^d of this month he committed suicide, by shooting himself through his head with a pistol. No cause known for the act. His remains were brought in to Mr. Russell's house, at Orlow where his funeral was attended last Sunday. He was 37 years of age.

Wednesday, 31st

Rev. Charles H. Gortis has closed his pastorate with the village or on South Congregational church in Pennebunkport. It is expected that he will supply the pulpit of the First Parish for the present. Rev. Mr. Gortis has been settled in that town about nine years.

Thursday, Feb. 1st

Pennebunk has a claim against the State Overseers of Maine, for \$817.67 for alleged over taxation. Taxpayers. The mistake was made in the tax of 1880.

1883.

Friday, Feb. 2nd

Oliver G. Lowell, at the upper depot, has sold his grocery business to Edward G. (son of Abraham) Littlefield, who will continue to occupy the store. Mr. Littlefield took possession of the store last Monday. It is reported that Mr. Lowell, will move to center Sandwich N. H., and engage in a similar business.

O. G. Lowell sold out.

Saturday, Feb. 3rd

Since the middle of December, about fifty days since, the the sledding has been excellent in this vicinity; although there has not been more than six inches of snow on the ground. The weather has been cold all the time, with the exception of a slight "January thaw" on the last day of that month. This morning snow began to fall and has continued all day. This evening the storm appears to be over; about nine inches have fallen.

50 days of good sledding, so far this winter.

Sunday, Feb. 4th

In consequence of bad walking and unpleasant weather, but few people attended church to day in this village. At the Second Parish, there were about forty persons present. It is probable the other societies in the village were all small in number.

Monday, Feb. 5th

George Storer who lives in that of Wells called "Havysick", fell on the ice between his house and barn last Sunday and broke his hip and left shoulder. His two infirm sisters who lived with him, were not able to get him into the house; they received assistance and Mr. Storer was carried into the house but died in a short time. He was 73 years of age. Mr. Storer and sisters were unmarried. Such is the report to day. Perhaps not correct in each particular.

George Storer of Wells died by accident.

Tuesday, Feb. 6th

There has been another snow storm. Farmers say, there is now about two feet of snow in the woods. The snow has not drifted any this winter.

1883,

Wednesday, Feb. 7th

The "Good Templars" being in want of funds, have an exhibition in Masonic Hall last Monday evening. The exhibition or entertainment consisted of one woman exhibit (Mrs. E. S. Chesley) representing "Old Mother Goose" and about fifty young folks acting out some of her stories. Those who went, appeared to well pleased with exhibition. An entrance fee of 25 cents was asked, which entitled the visitor to an old fashioned supper. It is reported that after the expenses were paid the Good Templars Hall received \$81.50 for their part.

Thursday, Feb. 8th

There is so much snow on the ground, part of the men at work on the bed for railroad have been discharged and all or nearly all of the remainder are at work at the port village, where much work is necessary to be done.

Friday, Feb. 9th

Members of the Baptist society, with some persons not members, gave Rev. Mr. Worth a donation party last evening. Have not heard particulars.

Saturday, Feb. 10th

"It is a maxim that when a man begins to write his recollections, he is getting old."

from "He — is now in his seventy fourth year. He has therefore, reached the philosophic age, and like the traveller, who at the close of a protracted journey, reaches the crest of a mountain, and surveys all he has seen."

"To many hard money for graceless posterity, and in their blind selfishness, make themselves miserable while they live, that they may leave fortunes to spendthrift children."

"There is no habit of modern education, so happy as that of keeping a regular diary of events."

"As none are perfect in life, so all should aspire to be perfect in the christian virtue of toleration."

"We are not acting for ourselves, but are trustees for the benefits of posterity."

From Dull's Men by Forney.

1883,

Sunday, Feb. 11th

Another Sabbath of bad walking and few people at church in this village. Rev. Mr. Dockwood preached for Rev. Mr. Adams in the Methodist church.

Monday, Feb. 12th

"I love a friend, I prize a foe too,

For he can also do me good;

My friend he shows me what I can do,

My foe reminds me what I should," Schiller,

Tuesday, Feb. 13th

The donation party, at Rev. E. Worth's last Thursday evening, had a social interview and a good supper; they left \$70, for which they have the thanks of the family.

Wednesday, Feb. 14th

Joseph Gethell, formerly store dealer and tin plate worker, in this village, dies this day aged 65 years. He has been quite sick, but was much improved until yesterday, when he ate some oysters and apples which caused his death. He was not successful in business, although a good workman; he was a poor book-keeper.

Thursday, Feb. 15th

In July 1881, Frank, son of Jacob Stewart or Stuart, of this village was taken to the insane asylum at Augusta. He has remained there until yesterday when he died, aged 26 years. His father was present at the time of his death. His remains were brought here this afternoon. He was their only child.

Friday, Feb. 16th

The mill or factory on the western side of the river in this village, which Mowhenny & Co. vacated last October, remains closed. It is reported that the company are now paying rent for the factory as their lease has not expired.

Saturday, Feb. 17th

The snow storms this winter were not with wind, in this vicinity. Not a snow drift is to be seen.

Sunday, Feb. 18th

Rev. Mr. Lee, conducted an Episcopal service, to day in the Parsons school-house. The leading members of the new society are, George Little and wife, (it is reported Mrs. Little was educated an Episcopalian), Rev. Mr. Pember and wife, Mrs. Washburn, (who come here from England last summer), Miss Ella Clark (see parsons, March 10, 1877) and the wife of Capt. Albert Williams.

While here, Rev. Mr. Lee, stops at the house of Mr. Little.

Monday, Feb. 19th

"Gather the roses while they bloom,
Never lose a day;
Nor in sloth one hour consume,-
Time doth pass away."

Poetry

"Men have mourned their whole lives through,
One good deed's delay;
Do at once what you have to do,-
Time doth pass away." From the German.

Tuesday, Feb. 20th

Funeral custom in Egypt. "It is said that in Egypt, funeral processions, bearing the corpse to the cemetery, pause before the doors of the friends of the deceased, to bid them a last farewell, and before those of his enemies, to effect a reconciliation before they parted forever."

Wednesday, Feb. 21st

Death of Silas Perkins of Pennebunkport, died on the 10th inst., aged 80 years. He was a trader in the village many years, but did not acquire much property. He was remarkably fond of jokes and joking. Having shrewd wit; it was rare he was second best in joking. He married Eliza Fox, who died many years ago. He has left two children Fordyce Perkins who is a sea captain and a daughter who is married to a schoolmaster by the name of Gleason.

In June 1864, his son Silas M. Perkins, who was a Lieutenant in the 32 Regiment of this State, was accidentally shot in his foot while in his tent. He was sent home, but lived but a few days. He was 23 years old. (See June 22, 1864)

Thursday, Feb. 22nd

Within three years, the following ex-postmasters at Pennebunkport village have died - Oliver Bourne, Elbridge G. Moody, James S. Cole, John A. Wheeler and Silas Perkins.

Friday, Feb. 23rd

Last Tuesday the 20th inst., the Governor of this State, signed the bill setting off Old Orchard from Saco. Now they can make all the improvements they wish, or at least, to the extent of their funds.

Ex-postmasters of Pennebunkport.

Old Orchard a town.

Saturday, Feb. 24th

A new sign, with the firm name of "Nason & Pitts" has been placed on their place of business, to day. On the top of the sign, is a painting of a live ox, with "meat market" painted on it. The painting was done by Mr. Densmore of this village.

Nason & Pitts appear to be doing quite a large business, more than I expected.

Nason & Pitts new sign.

Sunday, Feb. 25th

Another unpleasant Sabbath, cloudy, with mist and slight rain all day. Not a large number at church; the walking being bad for all who did not wear rubber boots.

Sunday

Monday, Feb. 26th

Jefferson W. Sargent has recently been reappointed collector of customs for the District of Pennebunk. His father N. B. Sargent, was appointed to the same office in Oct. 1861. He held the office until Dec. 1874, when (being sick) he resigned, and Jefferson was appointed and has continued to hold the office. How much longer he will continue in the office, time will tell.

J. W. Sargent reappointed collector of customs.

Tuesday, Feb. 27th

Daniel W. Goveh, has within a few days been reappointed Pension Agent in Boston. He has been employed by the U. S. Government about twenty five years, first as member of Congress, second as Naval Officer, third as Pension Agent. He is a son of the late Mr. John Goveh, of Wells.

Daniel W. Goveh.

1883.

Wednesday, Feb. 28th

At the annual town meeting in March 1882:
 the town, voted to raise the following sums:-
 Votes to be raised in 1882.

For Schools, - - - - -	2,600,00
" Poor and other expenses, - - - - -	3,000,00
" Repairs on Port Bridge, - - - - -	1,500,00
" Fire Engine Safeguard, - - - - -	200,00
Pennabunk's proportion of State Tax was	6288,63
" " " County Tax "	1349,49
Overlay assessed was - - - - -	619,39
	<u>\$15,557,51</u>

How it was raised.

Assessed on 689 polls, at \$2,00 each, - -	1,378,00
Assessed on real and personal estate, \$670,210	14,179,51
Unpaid Highway Taxes of last year - - -	242,88
Supplementary Taxes - - - - -	34,50
	<u>\$15,834,89</u>

How it was expended.

Expended for Town School in 1882	\$4,170,30
" Poor expenses at the Poor House	1818,98
" " " outside " "	1,310,17
Miscellaneous expenses - - - - -	780,62
Abatement of Taxes - - - - -	490,30
Clay Hill Bridge - - - - -	398,40
Port Bridge - - - - -	2,060,10
Pennabunk Village Bridge - <u>6,751,52</u>	<u>\$17,800,94</u>

Cost of the Iron Bridge. The Iron Bridge in this village cost more than was expected. The unexpected cost was in stone and labor with the stone work.

The Bridge was made in Canton, Ohio and cost as per contract and extra labor - - - 2,189,00
 Paid James B. Smith, for stone and labor 3628,50
 " Wm Fairfield for bills paid by him 934,02
\$6,751,52

Cost on Port Bridge. Last season the Bridge at the Port was thoroughly repaired and partly built new at a cost of \$2060,10; Clement Littlefield was master workman and had the principal management.

1883.

Thursday, Mar. 1st

At the present time, the following persons from Pennabunk, are in the Insane Hospital at Augusta:-
 George L. Stevens, Charles Littlefield, J. Courana Hubbard and Shure P. Littlefield.

Within a year, Wm L. Waterhouse and Frank Stuart of this town have died at the Hospital and their bodies brought home.

Friday, Mar. 2nd

In the spring of 1881, Sidney T. Fuller, moved his family to Texas, where he was employed on a railroad. In April 1882, his brother-in-law Orrin S. Ross, and wife went to Texas; Mr. Ross being an assistant under Mr. Fuller. From some cause to me unknown, both of them have resigned their positions on the railroad and returned home. Mr. Fuller and family came here a few days since, Mr. Ross and wife this week.

Saturday, Mar. 3rd

The funded debt of this town is as follows:-

Town notes now outstanding, due in 1883	3400,00	Funded
" " " " " 1885	3998,40	debt
" " " " " 1887	5,000,00	of
" " " " " 1900	200,00	this
Interest accrued on notes	9,749,89	town.
	<u>\$9,749,89</u>	

Sunday, Mar. 4th

A pleasant day but bad walking, being uncommonly slippery.

Monday, Mar. 5th

The annual meeting for the transaction of town meeting business, was held to day. The day has been remarkably cold for March. I do not think snow melted any to day, even on the sunny side of buildings. About 200 voters were present. There was no party line drawn, but all did not vote for the men who were nominated in the caucus last Saturday. One of the caucus nominees - Henry Kingsbury was defeated.

1883,

Tuesday, Mar. 6th

"Opportunity has hair in front, behind she is bald; if you seize her by the forelock, you may hold her, but if suffered to escape, not Jupiter himself can catch her again." From the Latin.

Wednesday, Mar. 7th

Selectmen At the town meeting last Monday, Seth C. Bryant, Joseph Titcomb and John H. Cole, were chosen Selectmen of Kennebunk, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor. Mr. Cole is a new man for the office. Mr. Bryant told me that he has been chosen twenty times one of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor of Kennebunk.

Thursday, Mar. 8th

Plans for building the railway station for the Kennebunk and Kennebunkport railroads. Its reported dimensions are 48 by 20 feet, with a covered platform 40 feet long. It is expected the building will be finished in June.

Friday, Mar. 9th

Mr. Aaron Picker, of this town, who lives on the "Hedge Farm", says that he is now in the 80th year of his age; that he was never sick a day and never employed a doctor for himself. Once he went to an apothecary and bought some preparation for a sprain but did not use but a small part of it.

Saturday, Mar. 10th

Graduates of Kennebunk High School 1883, This evening four of High School scholars graduated at Mousam Hall. The hall was nearly full although the evening has not been favorable. The graduates were Louis F. Bragden, - - daughter of North Bragden, Fannie T. Hutchinson, - - " " M. Hutchinson, Hattie C. Tripp, - - " " John Tripp, Francis A. Lord, - - " " Robert W. Lord.

The exercises were similar, when the class of 1881, graduated. Rev. Mr. Vinal presented the diplomas.

Sunday, Mar. 11th

Nothing of special interest in this vicinity to day, that I know.

1883.

Monday, Mar. 12th

Last week, Miss Emily Hanson moves her library and a few personal effects not sold, to Portland, where it is reported she will run it, in connection with notation and other articles.

It is not probable she leaves town with as much property, as she brought into it.

Tuesday, Mar. 13th

The York Lodge of Free Masons in this town and many others had a gala day in this village. Extensive preparations had been made for this event. The visitors arrived on the train due at 9 1/2 A. M. from the east, and were met at the depot by the York Lodge. A procession was then formed headed by the Biddeford Institute band and Bradford Commandery, and consisting of Ocean Lodge of Wells, Amund Lodge of Kennebunkport, Saco Lodge of Saco, York Lodge of this town with "Chandler's band" of Portland and the Grand Lodge. The procession marched from the depot, through the principal streets in the village and then to the Town Hall where a bountiful dinner was served both in the Town Hall and the Mason's hall in Mousam building, where the York Lodge meets.

At two o'clock Mousam hall was well filled to hear two addresses. The first address was read by Mr. F. King, of Portland, the second by Samuel O. Burnham, of Saco. The subject of his address was a historical sketch of Saco and York Lodges and short notices of some of the prominent members.

Some estimate the number of Masons here to day, including York Lodge at 300, probably 200 is nearer the truth. The day has been rather cold, but clear and good walking. It is said that everything was carefully managed, and the merriment was perfect and the entire celebration was greater than our town has ever before witnessed.

Emily Hanson moves away,

York Lodge of Free Masons, Their 70th anniversary,

1883.

Wednesday, Mar. 14th

Last evening "Chandler's Band" had a concert of music in Mousam hall, which was attended by a large number of people, who paid 35 cents each for concert admission to the concert. After the concert was over, the floor was cleared of seats, swept and waxed, and then dancing began, with music by six pieces of Chandler's band. The floor was thronged with dancers who with few exceptions were residents of Pennesbunk. The ball continued until about 4 o'clock, when it broke up.

Thursday, Mar. 15th

In the fall of 1872, through the influence of George Parsons, a few street lamps were lighted in this village. After the lamps had been used about three years, the original subscription was out and not much interest was taken in lighting the streets. In the fall of 1876 Charles Parsons made another effort to raise a permanent fund, the interest of which would be sufficient to keep the lamps burning when necessary. Hartley Sporn subscribed \$200 to support the lamp in front of the Unitarian church, N. L. Thompson subscribed \$100, Charles Parsons \$400 and other persons, from \$10 to \$100. The whole amount subscribed was \$1700.

In the summer of 1877, the subscribers to the permanent fund met and organized a company called the Pennesbunk Street Light Association.

Christopher Littlefield was chosen president of the association, Charles Parsons, treasurer and Oliver P. Griffin, clerk. The treasurer advanced sufficient money to make the permanent fund \$2000. It now stands as follows:-

\$ 2000	R. R. 7 per cent Bonds,	interest yearly	140,
1000	" " 4 " " " "	" " "	60,
Annual income - -			\$200

The by-laws provide for increasing the capital if others join the association. One thing is assured the 11 lamps the association has in charge are provided for, if the fund is not lost.

1883.

Friday, Mar. 16th

The Town clock (so called) on or in the steeple of the Unitarian church was given to the Parish by Capt. William Ford Jr in the spring of 1859. The clock has not been good. It went well a number of years, but the older it was the more care it needed. A few years past, it required much attention and did not "go" nearly all the time. During the last winter it has not been "running", although efforts have been made to make it "go".

Saturday, Mar. 17th

"Where nature fills the sails, the vessel goes smoothly on; and when judgement is the pilot the insurance need not be high." Sir Thomas Brown.

Sunday, Mar. 18th

A pleasant day and good walking for church goers.

Monday, Mar. 19th

"Yes, if you wish to make a man love you, tickle his pride. Be careful not to appear to be adding to his stock of information from your own. If you can but make it appear that the wisdom which is given, come not from yourself, but from his own mind; he will love you, that is he will love himself, and when a man is in love with himself, he is very amiably disposed toward his fellows."

Tuesday, Mar. 20th

The annual school district meeting was held in this village, last Friday evening. The same clerk and agent were chosen as were chosen last year. E. W. Norton was chosen one of the school committee men, in place of J. T. Norton. It was voted to raise \$1300 for district expenses, in addition to the sum voted to be raised by the town. Of this sum \$100 is for the High School, \$100, for incidental expenses and \$100, for paying two district notes.

Wednesday, Mar. 21st

The weather continues unusually cold for so late in the season. The ^{streets} are covered with snow and ice.

1883,

Thursday, March 22nd

During the last few years, the health of John Walker has not been good. Last Saturday he returns from Death Mechanic Falls, where his son John and family reside, and The exertion was probably too much for him, as he died last Monday, without apparent disease, in the 78th year of his age. His funeral was attended this afternoon by a large number of relatives and friends. In 1874, he and his son Charles H. Walker, sold their farm in Alevine, to Cyrus Russell and moved on a place they bought of Moses Nason, in Pennabunkport.

Friday, March 23rd

It is said that the materials to be used in building the depot for the railroad, to the Port, are now on the ground, at the Port, and work is to commence in a few days.

Saturday, March 24th

Last fall George Gillpatrick bought of Joseph Dore a house lot, nearly opposite the Second Parish church on Gillpatrick street. The lot is feet on the street and cost a foot or \$. It was formerly a part of the homestead lot of the late Joseph Dore senior.

During the past winter, Mr. Gillpatrick has had rocks hauled on the lot, for the foundation of a house which he expects to have built the coming season.

Sunday, March 25th

The observance of "Easter Sunday" in New England, except by Roman Catholics and Episcopalians is quite recent.

In this village, I do not think there was any particular observance previous to 1870. Between that time and 1878, a gradual and increasing display of flowers, on and near the pulpit was made on Easter. In 1878, in the First and Second Parish churches and probably in the Baptist and Methodist churches, a much larger decoration was made than previously and this has been and now is the custom. The ministers also preach of the resurrection of Christ, or of his resurrection subject.

1883,

Monday, March 26th

To day, a few carriages on wheels are on our streets in this village. These are the first wheel carriages that have been used here since about the middle of last December. We have had this winter at least three months of excellent sledding. The storms have not been windy, hence the roads have not been blocked up. It has been a long, cold winter. Not any extremely cold days, but steady cold weather and remarkably free from rain.

Tuesday, March 27th

It is reported that Aaron Bicker has sold his "Hedge Farm" on Saco Road to Marshall Warren of Hiram for \$6000, which is considered a high price. This farm formerly belonged to the Kimball family.

Many years ago, Barnabas Palmer bought the farm, planted the Hedge and expected to build a house on the place for his residence, but his family preferred to remain in the village, as he told me; hence by their influence, he concluded to remain in the village.

In 1854, Mr. Palmer sold this farm of about 80 acres to Jacob Russell for \$4000. Mr. Russell built the brick house. In a few years, he sold the farm with the house to Aaron Bicker. Price to me unknown.

Wednesday, March 28th

There are now five lawyers and four doctors in this village. The lawyers are Joseph Davis, Edward Langer & Bourne, James M. Stone, Addison C. Haley and Herbert Bourne. The doctors are Frank M. Ross, Edward W. Morton, Jacob B. Wentworth and Lemuel R. Richards.

Thursday, March 29th

William S. Pierce formerly teacher of the grammar school in this village, went to Great Falls N. H. in the spring of 1881. Since then he has studied law and been admitted to practice law. He will, or has been located at Great Falls. His brother Davis R. Pierce who was also a teacher here, has had, it is said, different employment, since leaving Pennabunk.

1883.

Friday, Mar. 30th

Rain- "Asa A. Tufts, of Dover, N. H. says he has kept a record
fall of the rainfall, at that place for eighteen years past,
in and that 12 inches less rain fell in 1882 than in 1881.
Dover In 1881 there were 42 ins., in 1882 - 30 ins., according to
and his record the greatest rainfall was in 1878 - 47 1/2 ins.
Lowell In Lowell the rainfall was greater, or the record
was kept more accurately. The record in Lowell was
began in 1826 and has been continued each year. The
average fall of rain in Lowell has been 41.99 inches.
In 1881 there were 43.19, in 1882 - 40.91 inches." Conn. Bulletin.

Saturday, Mar. 31

March, This month of March has been unusually cold.
The snow and ice is gone from the middle of the road
in the village, but it is said to be gone slightly, only
a short distance from the village, on the road to Oxford.
The fields in this vicinity are covered with snow and
the ice in the river remains unbroken and firm.

Sunday, April 1st

Sunday, A pleasant day, but bad walking for church goers,
Monday, April 2nd

Village to day, L. M. Perkins continues teacher of the High school,
Schools Lowell & Jordan, principal of the grammar school,
begun, assisted by Burke. The Primary school near the Mountain
The church is now under the charge of Flora Drowbridge,
teachers The Primary school on the western side of the river, has
and the same teachers as last year Mary A. Roberts and
Nellie Mitchell.

Tuesday, April 3rd

Rev. H. G. G. to Pennabunkport, where by agreement, he preaches
each Sunday, one half the day at the village, the other
half at First Parish church near the town House.
I hear that he preached his farewell sermon last
Sunday afternoon, in the First Parish church.

He has received and accepted a call to a church in
Deer Isle, where he expects to move this week.

1883.

Wednesday, April 4th

Dimen Stevens of this town, died last Thursday
in the 84th year of his age. During many years
he was known as the "one eye fiddler", and was
always ready when young people wanted to
dance to his music. Last summer he was
employed in one or more of the sea-side
cottages, to fiddle for small dancing parties.
Although his music was not first class;
he was liberally paid by the young dancers.

Dimen
Stevens

and

"Old

Tom",

with

a

story.

The following is an old story and said to
be true: - Many years ago, "Old Tom", a colored
man, was the only fiddler in this vicinity,
and was engaged when there was dancing by
a small company. At a later date, Dimen had
learned the art of fiddling, and became a rival
to "Old Tom", so they were not on friendly terms.

One day Dimen said to his rival, "Thomas
what is the difference between a negro and a
nigger?" He answered, "A negro is a colored
gentleman, a nigger is a one eye white fiddler."

* See History of Wells and Pennabunk.

Thursday, April 5th

At the annual meeting of the First Parish society
L. C. Bourne was chosen, moderator; Joseph Dune, clerk;
L. C. Bourne, treasurer; L. W. Morton, auditor; John A.
Lova; Moses C. Maling and Nathaniel Dune, assessors.
A committee was appointed to make arrangements
for a new clock for the steeple of the church, and report
at an adjourned meeting.

First

Parish

annual

meeting.

Friday, April 6th

"The kindest and the happiest pair
Will find occasion to forbear;
and something every day they live
To pity, and perhaps forgive," Cowper.

Poetry.

Saturday, April 7th

This morning a snow storm began, and has
been continuous nearly all day. About six inches of snow,

Snow,

1883,

Sunday, April 8th

Rev. Mr. Vinal exchanged to day, with Rev. Aulfit J. W. Hinds, pastor of the Universalist church at exchanges, Biddeford. On account of the snow yesterday, the walking is very bad to day.

Monday, April 9th

Lost Mary Johnson, Littlefield opened a small store formerly occupied by J. H. Otis. He has recently vacated the store, on account of the high rent (\$100, a year as he says) and is now out of business. George Jensen has hired the store and will keep for sale such articles as he did when he sold out to E. D. Hayden.

Tuesday, April 10th

Yesterday morning, men began to reshingle the Baptist meeting house. The roof has been a leaky church, condition sometime. The house was shingled in 1861.

Wednesday, April 11th

Many years ago, Levi P. Hilliard, while a boy, came from Connecticut (as I have heard) to live with Joseph Porter and learn the trade of Tinplate worker. In later years, Mr. Porter, gave up the business to Mr. Hilliard. In 1821, he married Charlotte Kelly of this town. They had two children - Rowena and Levi P. Mr. Hilliard died in 1854, aged 70. His widow died in 1881, aged 71 yrs. The daughter is married and lives in Mass. Since the death of his mother Levi H. has lived in the household until this week. The best of the furniture and other household articles has been sent to the home of his sister; the residue was sold at auction yesterday. Levi H. Hilliard left here to day with the expectation of living the rest of his days in the home of his sister's husband. I think his name is Hanson.

The name of Hilliard is now extinct in Pennebunk. The house in which he lived is not yet sold.

Thursday, April 12th

Snow Within a few days, snow has rapidly disappeared in this vicinity, some yet to be seen in shady places. The ice has not yet gone from Mousam river, above the dam.

1883,

Friday, April 13th

The death penalty for murder, was abolished in this State, in the winter of 1871. 1876. During the last session of the Legislature in this State, the death penalty was restored. When a person is sentenced to death - "The time for the execution of such sentence shall be fixed by the court, which time shall be not less than twelve months or more than fifteen months from the day on which such sentence is passed, and the convict shall at the same time be sentenced to confinement in the State prison until such punishment is inflicted."

Saturday, April 14th

The principal part of the ice, above the upper dam, in this village, went over the dam to day, leaving the river nearly clear of ice.

Sunday, Apr. 15th

This forenoon the Episcopals held their monthly meeting in the Parsons' school-room. I do not know any particulars about their meeting since Jan. 2nd when I attended in the evening.

Monday, April 16th

March 9, 1859, Rufus A. Wills, of Newburyport was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Lord of Pennebunkport. As he was a member of a wealthy family and she an heiress; the marriage ceremony was and surroundings were unusually stylish. The Wills family were engaged in the East India Trade. A number of years ago, he moved his family from Newburyport to Boston and boarded at a hotel. Last week he committed suicide by shooting himself. The newspapers say the cause of the suicide was his many affairs were not in a prosperous condition. He was about 41 years old.

(See my Diary Mar 9, 1859)

Tuesday, April 17th

"Those who have seemed to us approaching the verge of old age, in our youth, begin to look almost like cubs again, as we have advanced in the stage of manhood."

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Wednesday, April 18th

In regard to the costume which prevails, among persons of wealth and standing in New England, within a century, I quote a descriptive passage from a history of Newburyport, by Mrs. E. N. Smith, published in 1854, as follows:—

"With the incoming of the nineteenth century, garments, more in conformity with present fashions took precedence of three-cornered hats, long coats with immense pocket fields and cuffs, but without collars, in which the men of the eighteenth century prided themselves; with their buttons of pure silver, or plates, of the size of a half-dollar, presenting a great superfluity of coat and waistcoat when contrasted with the short rather garments, called 'breeches', or small clothes, which reached only to the knee, being fastened there with large silver buckles, which ornament was also used in fastening the straps of shoes. The gentlemen quite equaled the ladies at this period in the amount of finery and the brilliancy of colors in which they indulged. A light blue coat with large fancy buttons, a white satin embroidered waistcoat, red velvet breeches, with silk stockings, and buckled shoes, with a neckcloth, or scarf, of finely embroidered cambric, or figured stuff, with the ends hanging loose, the better to show the work, and liberal bosom and wrist ruffles (the latter usually fastened with gold or silver buckles), were usually considered a proper evening dress for a gentleman of any pretension to fashion. The clergy and many other gentlemen commonly wore black silk stockings, and others contented themselves with gray woolen. The boots had a broad fold of white leather turned over the top, with tassels dangling from either side. The clergy frequently wore silk or stuff gowns and powdered wigs. The ladies usually wore black silk or satin bonnets, long-waisted and narrow-skirted dresses for the street, with long tight sleeves, and in the house, sleeves reaching to the elbow, finished with an immensely broad full; high-heeled shoes, and always when in —

full dress, carried a profusely ornamented fan. The excessively long waists, toward the close of this period, were exchanged for extremely short ones; so short, that the belt or waist was inhumanly contrived to come out the broadest part of the chest. Anciently, as now, fashions were changed more or less extensively every ten years, though certain broad characteristics remain long enough to give specific character to the costuming of the eighteenth century."

If the above, Mr. Lunt says, "The writer is accurate enough, no doubt, in her general description; but what lady could give an entirely correct account of a gentleman's attire? Knee-buckles, for instance, were almost necessarily small instead of 'large'; it may be questioned whether top-boots were ever decorated with tassels, or single articles of that sort often hanging at the front of a high boot, worn long after the beginning of the present century; and as to the silk gowns of clergymen, it is but a very few years, since they began to be disused in the pulpit by Presbyterian and Congregational ministers. About forty years before the present period, many gentlemen wore dresses of the cut described by Mrs. Smith, though of a more subdued color, — black, blue, or drab.

The cocked hats, and much of the costume of the eighteenth century, continued to be worn by the survivors of Revolutionary officers and some others, during the first quarter of the present century and afterwards."

The above is from "Old New England Traits," edited by George Lunt. Published in 1873.

Thursday, April 19th

Fast Day. A union service was held this A.M. in the Second Parish church. Rev. Mr. Lockwood, Rev. Mr. Vinall and Rev. Mr. Worth were present and made addresses. Rev. Mr. Adams is now absent at the Methodist annual conference. About sixty persons were present at the Second Parish church.

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Fast
Day.
Union
meeting.

Friday, April 20th

Last December William E. Barry, bought the "Wallingford Place" for his residence. The house has been unoccupied the past winter. This week he has moved his family, from one of the towns near Boston, into the house. In the fall of 1871 he married Florence W. Hooper, who is a daughter of Mrs. Helen Frost, who was daughter of George Wallingford, who built Wallingford house, many years ago, I think in 1809.

W^m E. Barry is an architect by profession.

Saturday, April 21st

Two Mexican donkeys in a large cage or crate, in which they came all the way from Mexico, arrived here a few days since. The charge on them from their starting point to Boston, was \$30. as a Boston newspaper says. They are owned by Orrin S. Ross, who probably bought the donkeys for his two small boys.

Sunday, April 22nd

A pleasant day and good walking for church-goers.

Monday, April 23rd

In April 1874, Moses Nason sold his residence in Pennabunkport, to John Walker and his son, E. H. Walker and moved his small family, to the village near the upper depot. To day he walked from his home to this village and called at my store to see me. He says that he is 83 years old this day and enjoys good health, (although the weather to day is quite cold, he did not wear an overcoat) He says that his wife is two years and six months older than himself.

Tuesday, April 24th

Last November "Nason & Pitts" opened a shop or store for the sale of meat and provisions. They appeared to be doing a good business as they apparently sold a large quantity, particularly of fresh beef. Last Saturday they stopped trading and closed their place of business. Capt. Nason says the reason why they closed the business was, he did not make any money in the business. (See page 218)

Wednesday, April 25th

Last evening, there was a gathering of relatives and friends at the house of Mr. Benard Littlefield, to celebrate the 91st birthday of Miss Lydia Spora. Mr. Littlefield is a brother-in-law to the old lady and she has lived his family many years. Her health and spirits are quite good.

Thursday, April 26th

In the summer of 1881, R. W. Spora & Co. made an addition to their Twine manufactory. This spring another extension of 40' is underway. When the twine is manufactured, it is sent to Boston, where Hartly Spora has it made into nets, principally for the use of fishermen. It is supposed that R. W. Spora & Co. are doing a profitable business. Robert W. Spora and his brother Hartly Spora are the members of the firm.

Friday, April 27th

"Men care comparatively little for erudition in women, but very much for physical beauty and good nature and sound sense. How many conquests does the blue-stocking make through her extensive knowledge of history." Plaikie, women.

Saturday, April 28th

This week Aaron Reicher, has moved from the Hedge Farm, which he has sold to Marshall Warren. Mr. Reicher and family, at present are with his son in law Rebecca who live on Pleasant street in this village.

Mr. Reicher or his son Lewis Reicher has bought a lot of land on the western side of Brown street with the old Richard Gillportin's house (now called the old factory boarding-house) on the lot, for the sum of One Thousand Dollars. The lot is reported to be 180 feet on Brown street. The house is in poor condition. The gambrel roof leaks badly and will probably be taken off and replaced with a modern roof, or the entire house taken down.

1883,

Sunday, April 29th

W. E. Gould, of Portland, occupies the Second Parish pulpit this forenoon, in company with Mr. Lockwood.

W. E. Gould
of
Portland

Mr. Gould preached the sermon.

Hymns
and
Tunes
of
the
church,
from
ancient
times,
until
now.

This evening Mr. Gould, delivered a lecture in the church on "The Hymns and the Tunes of the Church". The lecture was an attempt to show by eras or centuries what and how the church has sung, with illustrations by actual music and hymns of the varying tunes. About thirty singers were in the singing-seats, Mary (Frost) Ross played on the organ, Charles Cole on a cornet, Albert Williams on a violin and Mr. Gould on the small organ, which was moved to the side of the pulpit. The seats in the house were so well filled, that I do not think more than a dozen more could have been seated without bringing in more chairs or benches. This was an union meeting. Rev. Mr. Worth, and Rev. Mr. Vinet were present with many of their congregations. The lecture and the music were liked, by all, who I have heard speak of them. (See page 97.)

Monday, April 30th

cities
in
New
England.

"There are 55 cities in New England. Maine has 14; New Hampshire 6; Vermont 2; Rhode Island 2; Massachusetts 21; Connecticut 10."

The above is from a book published in Boston, this spring.

Tuesday, May 1st

George
Gillpatrick,
house
raised.

George Gillpatrick has had a cellar dug, stones and underpinning set, for his house to be built on Dane street. To day carpenters have begun to raise the frame for a two story house on the underpinning.

Wednesday, May 2nd

Ministers
Adams,
Atkinson
and
Marshall.

The Methodist annual conference at Lewiston closes their session a few days since. Rev. T. P. Adams was appointed to remain in charge of the church in this village another year. Rev. Pinman Atkinson is appointed to the Methodist church at Berneburg Depot. Rev. W. S. Marshall, who has been at the Depot church two years, has been appointed to a church in Gorham.

1883,

Thursday, May 3rd

Mr. McCall, of New York, has recently been advanced from the position of Deputy to be the Superintendent of Insurance, of New York. A few days ago, in answer to a newspaper reporter, he said:—

"I have been fortunate, have had opportunities, and am therefore an exceptional case. But look about. During the thirteen years I have been in office, two thousand young men have worked in the departments and Legislature with me. How many have succeeded? You can count them on the fingers of one hand. They become indifferent and lazy, acquire extravagant habits and lose ambition. When they are set adrift by changes in politics, they are unsuited for business and are in many cases human wrecks. The majority have left town in debt, and when married, in score of instances, had to borrow money to get their families away. No, no, I would rather a son of mine would carry bricks than accept a precarious political clerkship. And yet political life for the average man has a singular fascination".

Young
men
in
public
political
clerkships,
by
an
old
clerk.

To the above, the editor of the Boston Journal, remarks "A young man with health, brains, and a career to be made, how better work for five dollars a week in some legitimate business, with a chance of promotion, than to accept an \$1800 clerkship under the demoralizing conditions of political office-seeking & office holding".

The above is from the Weekly Journal, April 26, 1883.

Friday, May 4th

Myrtle Lodge No. 19 - Knights of Pythias, had celebration here to day, being the fourth anniversary of their institution in this village. A large number of their "brothers" were invited; but this morning the sky was cloudy with indications of rain; hence not so many came as were expected. The clouds cleared away at noon and the afternoon was pleasant.

celebration
of
Knights
of
Pythias.

1883.

Saturday, May 5th

On the 30th of last Oct., it was noted that Deacon George Taylor, was badly and some thought fatally hurt. He has so far recovered from his hurt, as to do some work in the fields. As Mr. Taylor is reported to be more than 80 years old, he must have an uncommon amount of vitality to recover.

Sunday, May 6th

An overcast day with indications of rain.

Monday, May 7th

The prices for the following named securities are now quoted in the newspapers as follows:-

Prices of Stocks and Bonds at the present time.	American Gold		at par.	
	3 percent United States Bonds			103
	4 " " " " "			119
	4 1/2 " " " " "			113
	5 " " " " "			102 1/2
	6 " " " " "			129
	6 " " City of Portland, Maine, "		100 to 120	
	6 " " " " " R.R. a.s. "		106 " 121	
	6 " " " " " Bath, Maine, "		104 " 109	
	6 " " " " " R.R. a.s. "		100 " 102	
	6 " " Eastern Railroad "		110 " 110 1/2	
	7 " " Boston & Maine "		123 " 123 1/2	
	7 " " Maine Central "		122 " 124	
	Maine Central Railroad Shares		182 " 20	
	Boston and Maine "		128 1/4 " 122	
	Eastern "		42 " 44	
	Portland, Saco & Portland, "		111 " 111 1/2	
	Sanat N. Bank, Portland		169 " 171	
	Essex N. " "		168 " 170	
	First N. " "		163 " 165	
	Traders N. " "		159 " 161	

It is seldom that I hear of any sales of stock of the Bank in this village, or of the Bank in Saco or Biddeford.

The price of all the above mentioned Bonds, depends according to the time each of them has to run. The longer to run, the greater the price.

1883.

Tuesday, May 8th

At the celebration of "Myrtle Lodge" last Friday, it is said delegations were present from Saco, Biddeford, Buxton, Alfred, Sanford Saccarappa and Lewiston. Although, the appearance of a rainy day, prevented many from coming, there were about 225 men in line who presented a fine appearance, with their uniforms, flags and two bands of music. One of the bands was from Auburn the other from Biddeford.

After parading the principal streets of the village, the procession moved down Water street to the factory pasture, where a dinner had been provided. When all who wished had eaten, there still remained a large quantity. It is reported there were 42 bushels of clam, baked; 700 boiled lobsters; two barrels of sweet potatoes, baked; 49 doz. of boiled eggs, and ten bushels of bread. In the evening there was a promenade concert in Monmouth hall, followed by a ball. The music for the evening was by the band from Auburn.

Wednesday, May 9th

It is reported that the bed for railroads to the Port is nearly completed and the work of laying the rails, was begun last Monday and is being rapidly forwarded. Cars will doubtless be running on the railroads next month.

Thursday, May 10th

Daniel Wormwood, of Alfred, was a private in the Regiment, during the late war. He has recently a pension of \$8.00 a month, the back pay being \$973.00. He is not a temperance man. It is not probable the money will last him but a short time. He is often at this village.

Friday, May 11th

It is reported that Charles W. Cousins, who has been baggage-master, on the early train from this town to Portland, has been appointed conductor on the Penobscot and Penobscotport railroads, when the cars commence running.

1883.

Saturday, May 12th

This afternoon, the corner lot, at the corner of Main and Water streets was sold at auction. The lot is 28 feet on Main street and 100 feet on Water street. The building near the grist-mill, now occupied by Mr. Sleeper, was also sold with the corner lot. There was much competition. The first bid was \$800, the highest from this sum, advanced to \$1875, when it was bid off to John H. Ferguson. The next highest bid was by Mr. Sleeper who offered \$1850. It is not supposed that that Mr. Ferguson bought this property for himself, but was employed by some person, now unknown to the public. This sum of \$1875, is considered extraordinary, far beyond its real value, which no one before the sale, thought would exceed \$1000.

There were other sales of real estate, after the sale of the corner lot, of which I have not heard the particulars.

Sunday, May 13th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood being away from home, Sunday, Rev. Mr. Worth preached for him this forenoon.

Monday, May 14th

P. P. Yesterday (Sunday) a large number of men and were at and near the B. & M. Railroad, laying the rails and connecting the Pennebunk and Pennebunkport railroads with the B. & M. Railroad.

Tuesday, May 15th

Rules "The first, know what you are going to say. The second, endeavor to forget yourself. The third, be natural and unaffected. By bearing in mind these simple injunctions any man free of born or acquired defects, though he might not be a brilliant, could hardly fail of being an agreeable speaker." London Nature.

Wednesday, May 16th

William Titcomb (son of Joseph Titcomb) will take the position of baggage-master on the early morning train to Portland, when L. W. Cousins becomes conductor on the new railroad to the Port. Titcomb now goes with Cousins on the train, to learn to learn the business.

1883.

Wednesday, May 16th

There will be no service in the Baptist church, for the next two Sabbaths; as Rev. Mr. Worth will attend the Baptist general anniversary at Saratoga, N. Y. as one of the delegates from Maine.

Thursday, May 17th

Robert L. Waterson, of Boston, has recently sent a check for \$100 for the public library in this village. His father, Robert Waterson, was born in Scotland, and was formerly a resident of this town and married his wife - Hephse Lord, who lives at the Landing.

Friday, May 18th

From some cause, to me unknown, Rev. Mr. Pember, has not held a meeting in the Methodist meeting-house on Saco road since last fall. Within a month, Rev. T. P. Adams of this village began to hold a meeting Sabbath forenoon. In the afternoon, he preaches in the village church. The meeting house on Saco road was built by and for the Methodist, but they have not had a regular meeting in the house the last ten years, perhaps a longer time.

Saturday, May 19th

It is expected that passenger cars will be running on the railroad to the Port, by the middle of next month. The summer visitors to the seashore do not usually begin to arrive until about the first of July. Not many are expected until the middle of July.

Sunday, May 20th

There was an alarm of fire this morning, about nine o'clock. The fire was in the attic of a one story house on Water Street. It is reported that the house is mortgaged to the Savings Bank. The attic was badly damaged.

Monday, May 21st

The Episcopalian held their monthly meeting or services here yesterday forenoon. A young child of Mr. Luther Williams, was baptised by the Rector - Rev. Mr. Lee. This is doubtless the first child, that was ever baptised in this town by an Episcopalian minister.

1883.

Tuesday, May 22nd

At the time the Hilliard furniture was sold, it was reported that Horstly Lord, of Boston, had offered fifteen hundred dollars for the real estate, which offer was refused. Now it is said this offer of \$1,500 has been withdrawn. The lot which is not large is valuable; but the house is small and more than 100 years old. It appears to me Mr. Lord offers estate, more than the real estate is worth.

Wednesday, May 23rd

The Leatherbarns barn, in this village are now doing a large and it is supposed a profitable business. The main building, is to be lengthened 50 feet, which will make the whole length 200 feet. About midway of the building and on the outside will be erected a tower in which will run the elevator, and in the top of which will be placed a large tank to hold water. Work on the building is now in progress.

Thursday, May 24th

Last night and to day, there has been a rain storm which has risen the river, brooks and springs. The rain was much needed and will do good.

Friday, May 25th

"The work of constructing the suspension bridge between New York and Brooklyn, was begun Jan. 3, 1870. The towers for the bridge are 276 1/2 feet high. The main bow, or inverted arch hanging between the towers, holds up a central truss of nearly 1600 feet span. The elevation under the center of the arch is 130 feet above high water mark. The bridge roadway from the New York terminus, opposite the City Hall, to Sands street, Brooklyn is a little over one mile long (5989 feet). The actual cost of the bridge when completed will be about \$15,500,000."

See Harper's Magazine for May 1883.

Yesterday the above bridge was opened to the public with fitting ceremonies. The day was a holiday. The bridge is public property. Two thirds of the cost was paid by the city of Brooklyn and one third by the city of New York.

1883.

Saturday, May 26th

John H. Bartlett (often called "Honest John") was in my store, one day this week. He says he will be 84 years old next month. When he was a young man, he lives in Portsmouth N. H., and was a coachman, about twelve years for Levi Woodbury. Part of this time Mr. Woodbury was one of the U. S. Senators of N. H. Mr. Bartlett went with him to Washington, four winters and married his wife in that city.

He says he has now three children at Port Townsend, Washington Territory - Charles, Albert and Elizabeth, all married and in good circumstances. His oldest son John, was drowned, a few years ago, in the Bay near Port Townsend. Charles has a store which cost \$40,000, and is doing a large wholesale and retail business. He has also public offices. Mr. Bartlett has two children remaining with him in Kennebunk - William who is engaged with him in the lumber business and Emeline, who is the wife of George Currier, of N. H.

Sunday, May 27th

Mrs. Nancy, wife of Capt. N. L. Thompson has been sick all winter and is now confined to her bed. It is reported that by the request of Mrs. Thompson; Rev. Mr. Lockwood went to her bedside this afternoon and she was visited with the Secord Parish church. She was educated in the Unitarian belief and has attended meeting at that church, until quite recently.

Monday, May 28th

William F. Lord, has been an insurance agent in this village, many years last past. Within a few months he has given up the agency to Joseph Titcomb, who is the present agent.

Tuesday, May 29th

The drought being broken, there is now a plenty of rain and vegetation is growing rapidly.

1883,

Wednesday, May 30th

A clear and bright day for Memorial observances. The order of performances was similar to those of last year. At the Landing a dinner was served to the soldiers and "Macomber's Band from Saco". In the evening, or rather in the afternoon, a line was formed near the post office, in the following order: - Macomber's band, Knights of Pythias, Safe Guard engine company, the soldiers of this village, some of the soldiers from Wells and some of the school children. The procession then visited the grave yards, which had not been visited in the forenoon. In the evening, James M. Stone delivered an address in Mousam Hall. There was also reading and singing. As far forth as I know the ceremonies of the day, were pleasant without accident or fault finding.

Thursday, May 31st

W. L. Dane, Walter L. Dane and Walter P. Perkins, who went to St. Louis last October; have within a few days returned home. Doubtless each of them has formed brilliant plans for the future.

Friday, June 1st

Wm. Young, a boy about twelve years old, son of William Young of this village, while at work with John Lora, of Lyman, had one of his ^{eyes} put out, it is said, by the carelessness of Mr. Lora. After suffering great pain, his mother went with him to Boston, where the eye was taken out by an oculist. The boy was under the influence ^{ether} of ether at the time of the operation. He is now at home and is as comfortable as can be reasonably expected.

Saturday, June 2nd

Ben. The last rail on the Pensacola and R. - port railroads was laid last Wednesday. The road will be ballasted in a few days, and it is expected that trains will be running on the road about the middle of this month.

Sunday, June 3rd

Sunday. A pleasant day as is common in this beautiful season of the year.

1883,

Monday, June 4th

"The custom of strewing flowers on the graves of the dead, originates among the women of the South, who during the civil war, annually decorated the graves of soldiers in that way. The beautiful custom was adopted throughout the country, and in 1868 and 1869, Gen. John A. Logan, as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, appointed 30 May for that purpose. Since that time May 30 in each year has been observed as Decoration Day throughout the United States."

Origin
of
Decoration
Day

"Quakers, or Society of Friends, originally called Seekers, from their seeking the truth, and afterwards Friends (3 John 14). Justice Bennet, of Derby, gave the society the name of Quakers in 1650, because George Fox (the founder) admonished him and those present to quake at the word of the Lord."

"Quakers",
why
so
called.

"Shakers, a sect which arose at Manchester, England about 1747. The name is derived from their voluntary convulsions. At first, the motions from which they derive their name were of the most violent, wild and irregular nature - leaping, shouting, clapping their hands, &c; but at present they move in a regular, uniform dance, to the singing of a hymn and march round the hall of worship clapping their hands in regular time."

"Shakers",
why
so
called.The above on this page is from
"Hayden's Dictionary of Dates."Tuesday, June 5th

A new clock, for the steeple of the Unitarian or First Parish church, was received at the B. & M. railroad station to day. It has not yet been taken to the church.

Town
clock.Wednesday, June 6th

Rev. H. T. Arnold was installed pastor of the Second Congregational church in Wells, Feb. 21st 1880. This spring he has left Wells and moves his family back to Rhode Island from which State he came. I do not know why he left Wells.

Rev.
H. T.
Arnold.

1883.Thursday, June 7th

A few weeks since, Mrs. Lucy Myrick, and her two boys—John and Arthur about six and eight years of age, went to Boston on a visit. When she returns the boys appeared to be in good health. Last Saturday they were at play with the children of Rev. Mr. Pember. That night they went to bed with sore throats and continued to grow worse. Yesterday one of them died, the other this morning. The disease was what the malignant doctors call malignant diphtheria, which it is supposed the boys took in Boston. They were buried this afternoon. No religious services at their late home. It was expected there would be a prayer at their wide grave, but a shower prevented. The relatives went into the vestry of the Unitarian church, where Rev. Mr. Vinet had a religious service. There were all the children of their parents.

Friday, June 8th

The assessors of Kennebunk inform us, that the total valuation of the town is \$661,139, made up as follows of real estates \$484,170; personal estates, \$180,969. There are 678 polls. In District No. 1, there are 317 polls, and the valuation of estates foots up \$419,564.

Saturday, June 9th

An old barn, which was on the small farm, which Joseph Parsons bought of the heirs of Alexander Fernald, has been taken down this spring and Mr. Parsons is now building a new barn, nearer to his stable.

Sunday, June 10th

A cloudy day with some rain, not a full number at church, as is usual on unpleasant Sabbaths.

Monday, June 11th

John Howard Payne was born in New York June 9, 1792. He dies in Tunis, Africa, April 10, 1852, where he was buried. He was the author of the song "Home Sweet Home." W.W. Burroughs of Washington—his early friend, had his remains brought to W. Place. and on the 9th inst. they were interred in Oak Hill cemetery. There was a long procession, many men of eminence being present. Near the close, "Home Sweet Home" was sung by all who could sing.

1883.Tuesday, June 12th

Yesterday morning I and my daughter went to the upper depot and bought tickets for Boston. The principal object we had in view, in going by the upper route, was to visit the "East India Marine Hall" in Salem. We found the exhibition in the Hall beyond our expectations. There are hundreds of valuable curiosities from all quarters of the globe. The Society was organized in 1799 by sailors of Salem. No one could become a member unless he had been master or supercargo, or made a voyage around Cape Horn or the Cape of Good Hope. Notwithstanding these conditions, the society have over 500 members during its 80 years of existence. Salem's sailors visited all the most remote parts of the earth at a time when manufactures had not supplanted the handwork of the natives, and the memorabilia of travel was brought home by these Salem men and deposited in this museum, representing phases in the development of man to be seen nowhere else.

A short time before George Peabody died he gave \$140,000, of which \$40,000 was to purchase and refit the collection, \$100,000 remaining as a permanent fund to carry knowledge among the people.

After seeing the museum, we went to the town of Peabody, where we were politely shown the "Peabody Institute," with its library, lecture room and the painting of Queen Victoria, with her letter which she sent to George Peabody.

Wednesday, June 13th

Lucy and I came from Salem to Boston last evening and put up at the Sherman House, where I have made my home while in Boston, on account of its quiet neighborhood.

As my daughter wished to buy some articles she thought necessary, we spent the day in shopping and going about the city seeing the sights, there always being something new, to a person from the country, unless that person comes often.

Salem
Museum
or
East
India
Marine
Hall.George
Peabody.Peabody
Institute,
Queen
Victoria.In
Boston.Shopping
and
sight
seeing.

1883.

Thursday, June 14th

Yesterday, went to Mount Auburn Cemetery with my daughter. There are great changes and improvements in the cemetery since I was there about 10 years since. The superintendent said nearly all the visitors, wishes to have the lot pointed out, where the poet Henry W. Longfellow was interred. It is probable, in time to come, his grave will have more visitors, than any grave now in the cemetery.

Friday, June 15th

Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, I and Lucy left Boston for Plymouth (37 1/2 miles) as we wished to see the place where the Pilgrims landed and other objects of interest. The first object we inquired for was the Rock on which the Pilgrims landed (Lucy sat down on it). The next object we visited was "Burying Hill", originally called Fort Hill, because it was here that in 1622 the Pilgrims erected a building for defense. This served them also for a meeting house and was fitted for that use. The site of this ancient fort is marked on the hill. Soon after 1622, this hill began to be used as their place of sepulture; and here the generations of the dead in Plymouth have been gathered to their fathers for more than two centuries and a half. No dates are legible upon these grave stones earlier than 1681.

The third important object of interest to us, was on the Notion Monument or "Caleb's Hill", with its granite "Statue of Faith" on the top, said to be 70 feet high and the sitting figures said to be 38 feet high.

The last, but not the least of interest we visited was "Pilgrim Hall" where a great variety of antiquarian relics are deposited. Lucy bought two pieces of Plymouth which were for sale in the Hall and the lady who has charge of the Hall, gave her a certificate that the pieces of the rock were according to her personal knowledge, what they were represented to be.

We arrived back in Boston about six o'clock, having had a fine day, and I think, the most pleasant and satisfying excursion I ever experienced.

1883.

Saturday, June 16th

We arrived at home to day at noon, having had pleasant weather while absent, and a fine time generally, as far forth as we know.

The "Town clock" so called, although bought by members of the Unitarian Parish, has been placed in the steeple of the Unitarian church. A man came from Boston a few days since to place in position. To day he has finished the job and went home.

Sunday, June 17th

Nothing of particular interest in this vicinity.

Monday, June 18th

A passenger train on the Pen. & P. port railroads went to the Port to day for the first time. This week regular trips will be made twice each week day. Next week, it is supposed the summer arrangement of trips will go into effect. The fare on the railroads to or from the Port is twenty five cents each way.

Tuesday, June 19th

It was noted May 11th, that Charles W. Cousins, has been appointed conductor on the P. & P. port railroads. Since then a different arrangement has been made. Mr. Gilman who was conductor on the early morning train from this place to Portland, has been put on a train from Dover to Portland and Mr. Cousins has taken Mr. Gilman's place as conductor on the morning train. James Berry, has been appointed baggage master on the P. & P. port railroads, the other train officers are strangers.

Wednesday, June 20th

George Cooper went to the "Sailor Snug Harbor" asylum in April 1882. Yesterday he returned home on a visit. His health is not as good, as it was when he went away. Has been quite sick recently.

Thursday, June 21st

Leomon Mechan or Meachum who was in the army and now lives above the upper depot, recently received a pension of \$6,00 a month as a back pay from June 6, 1861, amounting to \$1,290,60, according to report.

Home again.

Town clock.

Sunday.

Passenger train.

P. & P. railroads.

C. W. Cousins, Mr. Gilman &

James Berry.

George Cooper home on a visit.

Edmund Mechan.

1883.

Friday, June 22nd

Mowhenry & Co. vacates the mill on the western
side of the river in October 1883. Since that time the firm
have been paying rent for it at, I think, at \$1000 a year,
and recently the firm have leased the mill and privilege to
the Davis Shoe Co. and the Ocean N. Bank has sanctioned
the lease. The Shoe Co. will move machinery into the mill
and occupy it as soon as they can, conveniently.

Saturday, June 23rd

The Leatherboard Co., are now making an addition
to their mill. They have built a tower (if that is the
name) in which to run their elevator and are now
having an addition of fifty or more feet made on
the northern end of the building.

Sunday, June 24th

One of the fine days in the beautiful month of June.

Monday, June 25th

Last Saturday Charles Day while out work for
Dane & Perkins, rolling logs into the river, above their
saw mill, he fell and a log, rolled over him, injuring
him so badly that he died yesterday afternoon. No
bones were broken, the injuries being internal. He was
39 years old, unmarried and a son, I think, of the late
Jotham Day, who lives on the road to Sanford.

Tuesday, June 26th

Within a few weeks, George P. Lowell has had a baker's
oven built near the bobbin store and connected with the
store. The oven was heated for the first time last Saturday.
Joseph Kimball, formerly of this town, of late years a
resident of Portland, is now employed by Mr. Lowell
to attend the bakery and the wants of customers.

Wednesday, June 27th

Within a few days, the fence in front of the Second Parish
Parsonage has been taken away, which is an improvement.

Thursday, June 28th

Rev. Edmund Chase, of late a resident of Kennebunkport,
has moved to Hallowell, and will supply the congregational
church in that city.

1883.

Friday, June 29th

In 1879, Joseph Hill resigned his position as teacher
of the grammar school in this village and went to
Malden, Mass. where he was principal agent in
a grocery store, owned by a firm in Boston. Within
a few months he left his business in Malden, went
to Boston, and became one of the proprietors of the
"Gayle Photo-graphic and Solar Printing Company."
The newspapers say this company was burned out
last Monday evening.

Saturday, June 30th

"It is the month of June,

The month of leaves and roses,

When pleasant sights salute the eyes,

And pleasant scents the nose." N. B. Willis.

Sunday, July 1st

Another beautiful day for all who are thankful.

Monday, July 2nd

Nancy, wife of Capt. N. L. Thompson, died last
Saturday, aged 57 years. Her funeral was attended
this afternoon. Rev. Mr. Lockwood officiated.
Capt. Thompson has had three wives. His first
wife was Jane, daughter of Capt. Clement Lord
of Kennebunkport. His second wife was Elizabeth,
daughter of Capt. Ivory Lord, of this village. His
third wife was Nancy, daughter of William Hackett,
also of this village.

Tuesday, July 3rd

Last Sept. W. Irving Smart died in Boston, and
his relatives here were notified that his remains
would be brought here for interment, but they were
not sent at the time. To day the remains were
brought here and interred in the Burleigh Smart
graveyard lot, where are the remains of his father.
His nephew, son of his late sister Martha came
here with the remains. Poor Irving Smart, when
he was young, some predicted he would become an
eminent man, but the result was far different. (See page 206)

Wednesday, July 4th

Last night there was much rain with lightning and thunder. The rain did not cease until about six o'clock this morning, when the sun came out.

Fourth. This afternoon there has been another thunder shower with rain. In this village a few flags were hoisted but the bells were not rung. This evening G. B. Little put on display a few rockets of different colors and G. F. Moore on the western side of the river made a larger exhibition of fire works.

Thursday, July 5th

Soon after the late civil war commenced, a stamp tax was put on many articles, among which were bank checks, patent medicines, cosmetics, matches, and playing cards. These articles are now free from revenue tax. Liquors and tobacco are now the only commodities that will hereafter be compelled to use the revenue stamp. The law went into effect the first day of this month. The abolition of the tax on matches will be felt, the most by the poor, as it was a cent on a bunch or 1,44 on a gross bunch of matches.

Friday, July 6th

In 1872 Tobias Nason, took his adopted son Frederick into partnership with him in trade. From some cause to me unknown they have recently dissolved partnership and Frederick is now at work in the shoe shop.

Saturday, July 7th

Last January it was noted that the Roman Catholic has a monthly here with the expectation that would be continued. One of the members who here, attended the meeting, told me that "Father Mc Gill" did come here but three or four times, as there were not members enough, about thirty, to sustain the meeting.

Sunday, July 8th

Miss Betsey Kelly died last Friday, aged 87 yrs, 9 m. Her funeral was held this afternoon at the house of Capt. F. N. Thompson, who marries Miss Warren, a niece of Betsey Kelly.

Monday, July 9th

Horatio Perkins, died suddenly in Boston last week, aged about 70 years. He was a son of Ephraim Perkins senior of Kennebunkport. He was a graduate (I think) of Harvard College studies law, but did not practice law, but little if any. Many years ago he bought a farm, in Sturham or Melrose, Mass. which has become much more valuable, than when he bought it. On this farm he made his home. He was a bachelor and it is supposed left a large property. His remains were taken to his native town.

Tuesday, July 10th

Woodbury Hall continues to run a carriage between the B. & M. Railroad depot and the Port; as he carries the U. S. mail by contract. It is probable the mail will soon be taken by the cars.

Wednesday, July 11th

This afternoon, I hired a private carriage and went with my daughter to the Port and then rode to and around "Ocean Bluff Hotel". Many additional houses and great improvements have been made in that vicinity within a year. The hotel people say the prospect is now favorable for a prosperous summer. On the 9th of July 1881, there were 29 boarders; on the 9th of July 1882, there were 83 boarders and the present year on the 9th of July 126 boarders.

Thursday, July 12th

Soon after midnight on Wednesday morning thieves broke into the house of Oliver Perkins, near the upper depot and stole \$100 and a silver watch. They also broke into house of Abram B. Jones and stole from his wallet \$15. A number of other houses were also broken into, but little plunder was obtained.

About 4 o'clock this morning the house and barn of James P. Thompson, who lives on what is called the plains, was also burnt. The fire is supposed to have been set on fire by the thieves.

Friday, July 13thP. P.
and
Pen.
Boilings

The summer arrangement for the passenger train on the railroad to the Port is now in operation. It is reported that the train make nine trips a day. The price for a single passage to or from the Port is twenty five cents. The price for an excursion ticket, to the Port and back, is forty cents.

Saturday, July 14thOrtho-
doxy.

"Orthodoxy is my doxy, Heterodoxy is another man's doxy."
Bishop Warburton.

Sunday, July 15thEpiscopal
meeting.

Cloudy in the morning, but pleasant toward noon. A full attendance at church. An elegant coach with "summer boarders" came here and attended the Episcopal meeting which had religious services this forenoon.

Monday, July 16thSleeper
bought
a
stone

John Roberts has sold to Mr. Sleeper the lot and stone, between my store and the corner stone, for the reported sum of eighteen hundred dollars. The stone is 22 feet wide and the lot on which it stands, is 23 feet 10 inches on Main street.

John
Roberts.

The building in which Mr. Sleeper now trades was sold at auction, May 12th, as it is to be moved from its present location, the occupant has to seek new quarters for his "Oyster Saloon".

Tuesday, July 17thNew
Post
Office
in
town.

Within a few weeks a post office has been located in the Westworth neighborhood, on the route to the Port by the railroad. Freeman A. Westworth has been appointed postmaster. This office was located particularly for the convenience of "summer boarders" in that vicinity.

Wednesday, July 18thHay
crop.

Farmers and newspapers say the hay crop in this State is uncommonly good this year; but the weather so far this season, has not been favorable. Nearly every day, the weather has been cloudy, wet or foggy, so that the hay could not be cured.

Thursday, July 19th

A newspaper published at Old Orchard, says—
"E. L. Staples has sold the Boston & Maine railroad an acre and a quarter of land at this place for \$18,000. It would not have brought as many hundreds fifteen years ago."

Friday, July 20th

A few days since, I went to "Negro Hill," where "Old Tom," "Phillis" "Peg" and other emancipated slaves of this town lived. A man now advanced in years, and well acquainted with the locality went with me. He pointed out to me the cellars of the small houses where they lived, the fields where they planted and the small graveyard, where they were buried—all are now nearly overgrown with bushes and small trees, so that a stranger could not find them.

Saturday, July 21st

"There is at the core of all men something which the whole world of nature, of science and of art, is inadequate to fill. What this is most personally crosses is sympathy with something like itself, yet high above it. This longing is, I believe, latent in all men, though they may not be aware of it. In the best of men it is the animating principle of their lives. Of them that ancient word is literally true, 'their soul is athirst for God.' The desire to have their will conformed to His will, the hope that they shall yet be brought into perfect sympathy with Him, is what in their estimate makes the chief good of existence." J. L. Shairp.

Sunday, July 22nd

Rev. Mr. Vinet being absent, Rev. W. J. Nichols
son of Rev. Mr. Nichols of Exeter, preaches at the Unitarian church to day.

Monday, July 23rd

The weather is now favorable for curing hay, all farmers and others who have grass are busily employed in securing it for winter use.

Tuesday, July 24th

Miss Mary A. Sleeper, of Great Falls, N. H., met Charles A. Sleeper of this village, bought the building of John Roberts, notes on the 16th inst. Mr. Sleeper is now having the lower floor of the building fitted for his business and will soon move his saloon there.

Wednesday, July 25th

This summer, I have seen, the first time in this village a "Buckboard" wagon. I think they are sometimes first called a "Jumper." It is owned by Marshal Warren, who Buckboard rode on it, when he moved from Hiram to Pennesburg. It is simply a plank or platform, securely fastened between hind and forward wheels, such as are used in this by a common wagon. The wheels being a little further apart than usual, so that the buckboard may buckle or jump. The seat for the riders being in the middle where the board buckles most.

Woodbury Hall has recently bought a large buckboard wagon, with three seats, that will accommodate nine persons. This carriage he uses to carry "summer visitors" on short excursions.

Thursday, July 26th

Last year huckleberries were not plenty, selling for 10 cents a quart. This season they are not so plenty as they were last year. I have not heard of any being sold for less than 12 cents a quart, nearly all at 15 cents a quart, in this vicinity.

Friday, July 27th

George Gillpatrick has moved into his new house on Done street. The house is not yet all finished inside or painted outside. It is not probable the house will be finished this year.

Saturday, July 28th

The Leatherboon and Leathero's companies are now doing a large (for this place) and apparently profitable business. I understand that the companies are distinct, although the Leathero's company, is mainly owned by individuals who are also owners in the Leatherboon Co.

Sunday, July 29th

Rev. W. E. Darling preached in the Secord Parish Church this forenoon. It is probable he exchanged with Rev. Mr. Lockwood, as the last sermon was not present.

Monday, July 30th

The house and about three fourths, of an acre of land, near Mousam river, owned and occupied by the late Michael Berry, was sold at auction this day to Owen Berry, for eleven Hundred Dollars.

Tuesday, July 31st

It was noted on the 17th inst., that P. A. Wentworth has been appointed Postmaster at the new Post Office in this town. The name given to the office is a new name - "Pennsbeach," York county Me.

Wednesday, Aug. 1st

"Never within recent years, has the hay crop of this State been larger than this season, and the great bulk of it has been housed in excellent condition, the hay injured by the rainy weather at the beginning of haying, being much less than was anticipated. Farmers say this is the heaviest hay crop since 1869. It is a third larger than the average." Boston Transcript.

Thursday, Aug. 2nd

Within a few days, Woodbury Hall has discontinued his stage line between B & M. Boilroon depot and the Port. The mail is now carried on the com. Mr. Hull takes the passengers from the cars at the Port and carries them when they wish to go.

Friday, Aug. 3rd

Daniel Remick says that Rev. C. C. Vinet receives an annual salary of \$1,100. He (Mr. Remick) pays \$25,00 annually toward this salary. He also said that he paid or subscribed \$25,00 for the new clock, now in the belfry of the Unitarian church.

Saturday, Aug. 4th

The weather during the last ten days, has been unusually cold for August and the last of July. The air has felt like the last half of September.

1883,

Sunday, Aug. 1st

Rev. L. L. Vinal is now having his annual vacation. It is said there will not be any services in the Unitarian church this month.

Monday, Aug. 6th

"There are three kinds of men in this world - the 'Wills', the 'Wants', and the 'Wants'. The former effect everything, the other oppose everything and the latter fail in everything. 'I will' builds our railroads & steamboats; and 'I must' don't believe in experiments and nonsense; while 'I want' grows weeds for wheat, and commonly ends his days in the slow digestion of a court of bankruptcy."

Tuesday, Aug. 7th

John L. Baker, died on the 1st inst., aged 78 yrs. 9 months. He was a native of Gorham, went to Portland many years ago, where it is said he was a custom house officer and afterwards was keeper of the jail in Portland. In Sept. 1870 he leased the old tavern stand of Lorenzo Parsons Baker, and moved his family to this village. In Sept. 1872, he bought the tavern stand. In Nov. 1881 his wife died ag. 72. He leaves only one child an unmarried daughter, who has continued to live with her father. His funeral was attended this afternoon. As Mr. Baker was in belief a Unitarian; Rev. Mr. Vinal was sent for to officiate at the funeral of Mr. Baker.

Wednesday, Aug. 8th

"Died in Boston Aug. 1st Lucy A. Bourne, wife of George W. Lord, aged 54 years. On the 14th of Sept. 1881, Lizzie B. Bourne, with her uncle George W. Bourne and her cousin Lucy A. Bourne of Pennebunk, while attempting to climb Mount Washington on foot, in consequence of thick mist lost their way. Lizzie from cold and supposed exhaustion, died at last about 10 o'clock in the evening, where the Lizzie Bourne monument now stands. They were within a short distance of the "Summit House", which was in plain sight in the morning. Mrs. Lord was the last survivor. A. W. - I gave a copy of the above to the Eastern Star for publication."

1883,

Thursday, Aug. 9th

Since the Parsons family have had cottages at Hart's beach, the Secord Parish have had their annual picnic in the grove near the beach. To day about 150 persons, including the Sabbath School children went there and had a good time generally. There was an abundance of hot coffee and lemonade for all, to drink with the picnic dinner. I think the Parsons family gave the coffee and lemonade with the sugar and cream. Emory Andrews furnishes the horses and carriages to carry all who have not private carriages, of their own.

Friday, Aug. 10th

It is strange how soon the world lets us drop into the place, we have chosen for ourselves.

Saturday, Aug. 11th

Charles A. Sleeper has had the lower room of the building, bought by his sister, fitted up in good Charles style. This week he has moved his family (wife and one child) into the upper rooms. The lower room he uses for a dining-room and saloon.

Sunday, Aug. 12th

When either of ministers in this village are having their annual vacation; the other religious societies have larger congregations. Some people in each society are so rigid in their religious belief, that they rarely if ever attend meeting at any other denomination but their own.

Monday, Aug. 13th

The directors of O. N. Bank have consented that during the remainder of this month, the Bank will not be opened in the afternoon.

Tuesday, Aug. 14th

Last evening about 150 persons went on an excursion to Old Orchard to see the beach, illuminated for the first time. The hotels were also illuminated. It is supposed the crowd at the beach was from ten to fifteen thousand persons.

1883.

Wednesday, Aug. 11th

History
Illustrations
by a private family.
"The history of any private family, however humble, could it be fully related for five or six generations, would illustrate the state and progress of society better than could be done by the elaborate dissertation." From a book called "The Doctor".

Thursday, Aug. 16th

Portland
cool weather.
I was in Portland to day. The weather to day has been unusually cold for this season of the year. In the First National Bank, a brisk fire was burning in the grate. Many women wore thick shawls in the streets and men thin overcoats.

Friday, Aug. 17th

Poetry.
"Far out of sight, while yet the flesh enfolds us,
Lies the fair country where our hearts abide,
And of its bliss is naught more wondrous told us
Than these few words, - Thou shalt be satisfied."

Saturday, Aug. 18th

Summer visitors
with their own teams.
Quite a large number (I do not know how many) of the summer visitors at the seashore in this vicinity have their own horses and carriages with them. When the weather is favorable, the visitors use their "teams" in coming to this village and doubtless other localities in this vicinity. Some of the carriages with a span of horses and elegant harnesses, make a fine appearance.

Sunday, Aug. 19th

Rev. Mr. Emerson who formerly preached in Biddeford, is now supplying the pulpit in Portland, recently occupied by Rev. Mr. Gates. Mr. Emerson preached for Mr. Lockwood to day.

Monday, Aug. 20th

Co-part, summer resort
as a boarding houses
summer resort.
Portland is becoming more popular as a summer resort each year. The summer hotels and boarding houses are reported to be crowded with guests, but they will soon begin to leave for their homes. The new railroad to the Port has been more successful than was expected, even by its most sanguine friends.

1883.

Tuesday, Aug. 21st

"The Post Offices of the U. S. are divided into four classes, the first three classes being called Presidential officers because the Postmaster is appointed by the President. The first class comprises all offices which receive at least \$3000 a year; the second range from \$2000 to \$3000 a year; the third class from \$1000 to \$2000 and in the fourth class one finds all the offices, where the salary is less than \$1000 as an annual salary. In order to have a free delivery a city must have at least 20,000 inhabitants. The Postmaster in Boston receives an annual salary of \$4000."

Wednesday, Aug. 22nd

The Shoe Shop in this village has had all the work they wanted this summer. There has not been any vacation for the operatives and it is not probable there will be any this year.

Thursday, Aug. 23rd

Owners of the salt marsh, near the farm owned by the late Theodore Clark, are now having a salt marsh dike and breakwater built in Wells. I hear that the dike is to be about ninety rods long, but do not know any other particulars.

Friday, Aug. 24th

In that part of the town of Wells called Ogunquit a sad drowning accident occurred one day this week. Thirteen summer visitors at Bald Head bluff House went to the beach to bathe, while seven of them were in the surf, four of them by venturing too far were swept away by the undertow and drowned. Their names were as follows Edwin Little, son of Rev. George Little of Washington D. C., Greenough Thayer of Cambridge, Mass., Emma Gould of Andover and Pittie Safford of Washington, D. C.

Saturday, Aug. 25th

Nearly every week this season, the base ball club of this village have a rival game with some base ball club, of some other town. Sometimes the club here go to other towns and sometimes other clubs come here.

1883.

Sunday, Aug. 26th

The Presiding Elder, G. J. Clark, preaches in the Presiding Methodist church, in this village, this afternoon. Elder. There was a full attendance; as Rev. Mr. Vinal is now Method having his vacation and Rev. Mr. Lockwood does not church preach in the afternoon.

Monday, Aug. 27th

"Whether we look at the churches of different denominations in city or country, we cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that there is a very general and a very serious defection in attendance upon the preaching of the Word. There is not a city to be found, where numerous houses of worship are only half or less than half filled from Sabbath to Sabbath. In the smaller towns, and villages in our country places, with a full assortment of churches of different denominations, the result is the same. In very many cases, each one of these churches has an attendance of only a few score, not all having even a city, seem of regular attendants.

The decay of church going, is to be accounted for on various grounds. One plainly is, that the church service and especially the sermon, is not as notable a feature in men's lives as it was before these days when "many towns run to and fro, and knowledge is increased". Since the people have come into possession of so much reading matter in daily and weekly newspapers, magazines, cheap books of every sort, the distinctive charm and power of oral instruction must be found in the magnetism and vigor of the speaker's personality.

There is no disguising the fact that there is a growing lack of sympathy between the masses of the people and the church, as represented in the Sabbath service."

The above is an extract from N. Y. Observer of Aug. 23, 1883.

Tuesday, Aug. 28th

Poetry. "The randal-tree perfumes, when riven,
The axe that laid it low;
Let man who hopes to be forgiven,
Forgive and bless his foe." S. A. D.

1883.

Wednesday, Aug. 29th

The wife of Hartley Spord has been very sick at her home in Boston, or vicinity. By the advice of her physicians, she was moved yesterday from Boston to Mr. Spord's summer cottage, near the sea in this town. It is reported that she remains quite sick. Her husband hired in Boston, in which car was arranged a bed, on which the sick woman lay until she arrived at Pensebeach, near the cottage.

Thursday, Aug. 30th

Last Tuesday, about thirty young men who are members of the engine company in this village went to Portsmouth N. H. to attend a fireman's muster. The muster lasted three days. The firemen from this village returned this afternoon. The men were dressed in uniform, blue pants and red shirts. They did not take the fire engine with them.

Friday, Aug. 31st

To day, for the first time, there has been, what the newspapers and posters call a "carnival" at Old Orchard Beach. I was not there, but hear there were a large number of persons present, with bands of music and other attractions for the multitude.

Saturday, Sept. 1st

Seaside and mountain visitors are returning home. This afternoon twelve cars on the B. & M. R. R. went west. The cars were apparently crowded with people. Two baggage cars were attached to the train. The train was drawn by two engines and moved more slowly than usual.

Sunday, Sept. 2nd

The vacation of Rev. Mr. Vinal having expired; there were services to day in the Unitarian church.

Monday, Sept. 3rd

George Cooper of Pensebeach, returns home on a visit last June. To day he left his family (wife and one child, now a man) on his return to the "Sailor's Inny Harbor".

Tuesday, Sept. 4th

There was a heavy frost last night, the first this fall. Nearly all vegetation that could be nipped by frost in this vicinity, has been destroyed.

Wednesday, Sept. 5th

A young man by the name of George F. Jordan, formerly of Biddeford, was employed by G. E. Lowell to drive his meat cart. Soon after Mr. Lowell moved away, Charles H. Clark employed him as clerk in his store. On Monday or yesterday he went to visit his sister, a Mrs. Mason of Biddeford. Last night he died suddenly, aged about 31 years.

31. He was a popular young man wherever known. It is reported that he was to have been married this month to one of the daughters of Oliver Stevens.

Thursday, Sept. 6th

As my daughter had not been at Alfred; this morning, we went there in a chaise. to see the sights. We first visited the "Shaker" settlement and was told by one number that the whole number of Shakers now in Alfred is about fifty. After seeing this community, we went to R. P. Berry's hotel, where we had our horse provided for, then had a hearty dinner. After dinner went to the Court House and were politely shown, the court room, the Register of Deeds office, the Registers of Probate's office, with their collection of deeds, wills, inventories of estates and other valuable papers all recorded from the first settlement of this County to the present time.

My great grandfather John Walker, lives in Pittsburg. He died June 3, 1793, in the 114th year of his age. In the inventory of his estate as appraisers, Oct. 10, 1793, we saw recorded among other items—

	£	s.	d.
A Negro girl,	20	0	0
A Silver Tankard,	40	0	0

This Tankard has descended regularly from father to son and I am its present owner, who will be its next owner? We returned home by the way of Lyman.

Friday, Sept. 7th

The following is from "Reminiscences & an. Acts of Daniel Webster, by Peter Harvey. Webster said to Harvey—

"If I were to live my life over again, with my present experience, I would under no circumstances and from no considerations, allow myself to enter public life. The public are ungrateful. The man who serves the public most faithfully, receives no adequate reward." (page 157)

"He (Colonel Benton) feels that age is coming upon him, and he is reconciled to many of his bitterest opponents." (page 227) "We want to go into the presence of our Maker with as little enmity in our hearts as possible." (page 230)

"The things which we sometimes think are going to injure us the most, are really blessings. Providence overrules, and guides." (page 242)

What are all personal bickerings and stripes to a man when he gets near the end of his life?

"What are all honors and contests to a man, when the interests of the future life begin to magnify in his eyes and those of this life dwindle away?"

Daniel Webster died Oct. 24, 1852, in his 71st year.

"According to universal custom in the town of Marshfield, on the morning of Mr. Webster's death, the bell of the parish church was rung violently to announce to the startled inhabitants within hearing that a death had occurred among them. Then it was struck three times three as a sign that a mail person had died. The next bell was struck slowly and deliberately seventy strokes, to denote the age of the dead; and then went up a mournful voice from every house, 'It must be that Daniel Webster is dead'."

"The remains of Daniel Webster repose in a tomb which he had built in a lot which he had set apart and deeded to the town as a burying-place for ever."

Extracts from Harvey's life of Daniel Webster, what Webster thought of public life, what he thought when about to die, Bells at Marshfield told his death and age.

1883.

Saturday, Sept. 8th

Summer
boundaries in this vicinity have gone home. It is reported that
your Pecon Bluff hotel will be closed next Tuesday. It is also
home, reported, whether true or not, I do not know, that
a this hotel has received from guests this season, the
means of \$28,000. It is said that the Parker House in
season, K-port and all boarding houses near the sea in K-port
and this town, have had a successful season.

Sunday, Sept. 9th

According to the Boston Journal, the late Horatio W.
Perkins makes the following disposition of his property
by will. He bequeaths Mary W. Hayer \$1000, her daughter
Will Phibe W. Hayer \$1500, both of Springfield; Mary L. Emmons
of Boston, Helen M. Phinney of Worcester and Elizabeth C.
Horatio Williams of Pennebunkport \$1000 each; Darius C. Langdon
of Milton; Horace G. Langdon, of Deer and Elizabeth S.
Perkins, Langdon of Pennebunkport \$1000 each; Phibe W. Paine of
former Boston \$1000; Sophia M. Shannon of Saco, William F. Mudge
of Horatio P. Moody of Pennebunkport \$1000 each; to his
K-port, brother Charles C. Perkins of K-port \$1000 and to each of his
when daughters Fannie C. Titcomb and Julia M. Lewis \$1000 each.
he Julia C. De Leon, of same town \$300 and one half of new
died No 12 in Congregational church, in K-port; to the same church
a and society \$1000; all the remainder in equal shares to
resident Charles C. Perkins and his daughter Fannie C. Titcomb.
of The above legacies are left to the relatives of the decedent.
Melrose. The executors are Charles C. Perkins and Capt. Joseph A. Titcomb.
The estate real and personal of Mr. Perkins is reported at about
\$40,000. This amount is not so much as expected.

Monday, Sept. 10th

Oversight. By an oversight, the entry yesterday ~~yesterday~~
should have been made today.

Tuesday, Sept. 11th

No Until within a few years, there has been an
election annual election for State and County in Maine, on
this full, the second Monday in Sept. There is not any public
election this full, See Sept. 12, 1881.

1883.

Wednesday, Sept. 12th

It was noted July 31st that a new post office
had been located in this town and the name
of the office was "Pennebeach". It appears some
people do not like the name; so in future the
office is to be known as "Pennebunk Beach".

Thursday, Sept. 13th

The reports of receipts and expenditures of the
various customs districts, for the fiscal year just
past, show that the cost of collecting a dollar in
Pennebunk district was \$4.39; in Saco \$2.69; in
York \$9.12.

Friday, Sept. 14th

At a special town meeting held in this town
last week, it was voted to raise \$800, to be expended
in repairing Day's bridge at Alvirne.

Saturday, Sept. 15th

The following is from an article in the Eastern Star
of Sept. 14th relating to the Pennebunk & Pen-port R.R.

"The organization was formed Aug. 28, 1882, with a
capital stock of \$60,000, with Jos. Dore of Pennebunk as
president, M. C. Maliny, J. G. Cousins, H. T. Fairfield, J. A.
Titcomb, H. J. Libby and C. O. Burnham - directors. The
Boston & Maine railroad agreed to lease the road for a
long term of years, at a rental of 4% per centum per
annum upon the capital stock. June 18, 1883, the
railroad went into operation. It has transported at
the rate of 1200 passengers per week during the entire
season. Nine trains (eighteen passages) daily (except Sundays
have been run, with but one set of rolling stock & employees.
Next Monday five of the nine trains will be discontinued;
the summer visitors having gone home.

Sunday, Sept. 16th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood having sickness in his family,
Rev. Mr. Worth, preached for him this forenoon.
Each of the ministers in this village are on friendly
terms and sometimes exchange pulpits, except with Rev.
Mr. Vinal and he has exchanged with the Methodist minister.

Penne-
beach
to
Pennebunk
Beach,

N. S.
Customs
District
of
Pennebunk

Day's
bridge.

The
Pennebunk
and
Pen-port
railroad.
From
the
Eastern
Star
of
Sept.
14th

Village
ministers
on
friendly
terms.

1883.

Monday, Sept. 17th

Large crop of potatoes this fall, not only in this vicinity, but throughout the State. They are sold in this village, in small quantities at fifty cents a bushel. One man told me he bought fifteen bushels, at forty cents a bushel.

Tuesday, Sept. 18th

"Years following years steal something every day;
at last they steal us from ourselves away." Pope.

Poetry.

"Unblemished let me live, or die unknown;
I grant me honest fame, or grant me none." Pope.

Wednesday, Sept. 19th

Last week Charles A. Sleeper paid a fine of \$100 and costs, for selling beer, which a Dr. or Sleeper. said a physician testified had a sufficient quantity of alcohol to render it intoxicating.

Thursday, Sept. 20th

John Low, while a young man, emigrated from Beverly, Mass. to Lynn. During many years he was the most conspicuous and noted man in Lynn. He was the first representative to the General Court in 1787, and subsequently, with the exception of one term, represented the town as a member of the Massachusetts Legislature, until 1820. He died Nov. 23, 1827, ag. 82 years.

His son - John Low, resides in this town. He built and lived in the house, on the western side of the river, now owned by the widow of Rev. Mr. Swan and occupied by Rev. Mr. Vinet. John Low died Jan. 19, 1833, ag. 61. He was childless, and the family is probably extinct.

Friday, Sept. 21st

There is a base ball club of nine young men in this village who call themselves the "Rivals". When the weather is suitable, these Rivals play a game of ball with another club of nine from some town in the vicinity, each Saturday. Sometimes the clubs play in this village and sometimes go to other towns. Each club dresses in its own peculiar uniform.

1883.

Saturday, Sept. 22nd

About three weeks since a man by the name of Keeler, who lives on the road to the sea, set a fire on his farm, to burn brush. The fire spread and has continued to burn. A man who lives in that neighborhood thinks the fire has burnt over about "the two hundred acres. Still not much damage has been done, as the land is nearly all "heath" with but little growth on it. The fire is principally in the ground among the roots of bushes and stumps.

Sunday, Sept. 23rd

A woman preached for Rev. Mr. Adams to day, I do not know her name.

Woman preacher.

Monday, Sept. 24th

It was noted May 22nd that Hartly Spora has offered \$1,500 for the Hillman place; as the offer was not accepted at the time, he withdrew the offer. Within a few days, Mr. Spora has renewed the offer of Fifteen Hundred Dollars for the place which offer has been accepted.

Hillman place sold to

The house is about 100 years old. The lot on which the buildings stand, is said to be less than one fourth of an acre; but the Spora family have lands joining it, hence it is worth more to them than to any other person.

Hartly Spora,

Tuesday, Sept. 25th

Within a few weeks there has been a drought, but being so late in the season, it did not do much damage, except by out of door fires. The fire in the heath, as mentioned last Saturday, is now out, as there was a powerful rain last night.

Drought and rain.

Wednesday, Sept. 26th

"Four things are necessary to constitute a Christian. Faith makes a Christian; life proves a Christian; trials confirm a Christian and death crowns a Christian." From the writings of Hopfner - a German.

What constitutes a Christian

1883.

In March 1880, Miss Charlotte Hatch moved her furniture into the house owned and occupied by Daniel Curtis. Miss Hatch has not occupied the tenement with the furniture.

To day she has again moved her furniture into the house owned by Miss Susan Chubbourn and her sister Mrs. Abigail Chubbourn Mc Culloch, Pennsbury, Thursday, Sept. 27th 1883.

Friday, Sept. 28th

The Eastern Star of to day says - "The corn-canning factory (at Wells) has closed, after giving employment to about 200 hands, and having put up, in good order two hundred and fifty thousands ears of excellent sweet corn".

Saturday, Sept. 29th

The State Temperance Union (I do not know the name they use) consisting of females only, met here by delegates, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. Most of the delegates arrived here Wednesday P. M. and were received in Green Temple's Hall, and places assigned to them where to stop during their stay.

Thursday was principally devoted to business, with an address in the evening by Miss Lucia Kimball of Chicago.

Friday, like Thursday was principally devoted to business, with an address in the evening by Miss Frances E. Willard, of Indiana. This Miss Willard is President of the National Temperance Union (if that is the name) and is considered as a temperance lecturer, second to none in the United States.

The female convention was held in the Unitarian village church. Last evening the church was crowded, with some seats in the aisles, to hear Miss Kimball.

A Mrs. Bernt, of Putnam, led the singing with a concert. The delegates took dinner and tea in the Town hall.

A large number of delegates were present, the weather was favorable and all appeared to have a good time.

Two ladies from Bath - Mrs. Helen Delano and Mrs. Leonard (or a similar name) lodged at my house.

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Sunday, Sept. 30th

A stormy day, hence full attendance at church, Sunday.

Monday, Oct. 1st

Postage stamps began in this country in 1841, with a five cent issue bearing the portrait of Franklin and a ten-cent stamp with Washington's picture. Postage stamps in the United States. A second series with five denominations - one, three, five, ten and twelve cents came not long afterward. The green three-cent postage stamp, which goes out this day, has had a run of 13 years. To day for the first time, a two-cent postage stamp will carry a letter to any part of the United States.

Tuesday, Oct. 2nd

It was noted May 12 that the corner lot of Main and Water streets had been sold, also a building near the grist-mill. Last week the building was moved on the corner lot. Building moved.

Wednesday, Oct. 3rd

"In the darkness as in the daylight,
On the water as on the land,
God's eye is looking on us
And beneath us is his hand."

Poetry.

Thursday, Oct. 4th

April 4, 1888, Congress ordered that the national flag should have 13 stripes to represent the original 13 states; that it should have as many stars as there were states, and as often as a new state should be added or admitted, a new star should be added on the 4th of July following. That is our present flag. The 38th star was added July 4, 1876, and represents Colorado.

The "National Flag."

Friday, Oct. 5th

The Eastern Star of to day says, there were about 50 delegates, besides a large number of visitors, at the late Female Temperance Convention in this village. The present officers are - Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens of Stroudwater, President, Miss L. C. Lord, of Penn., Secretary, Mrs. Winthrop, Treasurer.

The State Temperance Union.

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Saturday, Oct. 6th

No new dwelling during the present year. This is singular, as more
1883, tenements are wanted, than can be obtained (see page 303)

Sunday, Oct. 7th

Sunday, A fair day, good walking, and favorable temperature.

Monday, Oct. 8th

Origin of The dollar is of German origin, and its first coinage was in 1818. The United States, notwithstanding ancient custom prefers the dollar and also the decimal system thanks to Jefferson, who brought it from Europe.
New York Observer.

Tuesday, Oct. 9th

Miss Barker, It is reported that Miss Barker, daughter of the late John B. Barker, has rented the old hotel to L. J. Triving of Augusta, for the period of one year. I have not heard on what terms.

Wednesday, Oct. 10th

Haven S. Kimball, It is reported that Haven S. Kimball has three fingers of his left hand taken off last Saturday by a planing machine at George Varney's plow works. Mr. Varney met with a similar accident some time ago.

Thursday, Oct. 11th

Charles H. black, The late Samuel black kept in his store, principally hardware, drugs and medicines. His son Charles H. black, continues the business, but not on so large a scale as his father did. A few months since, he sold out his drugs and medicines to Dr. Frank M. Ross. This week black has sold out the remaining goods and fixtures to William S. Thompson, who will associate with him N. S. Thompson Jr and continue the business at the old stand under the firm name of Thompson & Bros.

These young men are sons of Capt. Nathaniel S. Thompson.

Friday, Oct. 12th

Old Barn A large and old barn, formerly owned by Michael Weiss now owned by the heir of John F. Mason. y.k.p. has been taken down recently, and a smaller building is now being built.

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Saturday, Oct. 13th

Before winter sets in it is expected the Washington Monument, in Washington D.C. to reach the vast height of 410 feet. When it is finished it will have an elevation of 500 feet, matching the towers of Bologna Cathedral and overtopping the pyramids of Giza by fifty feet.

Sunday, Oct. 14th

A remarkable warm day, for so late in the season. Doors and windows were open in many houses and fans were used by many persons in church.
Rev. Mr. Lockwood exchanged with Rev. Mr. Lewis of South Berwick.

Monday, Oct. 15th

It was noted Sept. 28, 1880 that work was begun in cutting a canal across Cape Cod. The attempt was abandoned a short time from that date. The Boston Commercial Bulletin of last Saturday says, "another company has commenced work on the canal. The company have deposited \$200,000 with the State Treasurer as a guarantee of their good faith, as required by the charter. This is the tenth attempt to cut a canal across Cape Cod."

Tuesday, Oct. 16th

"Now" is the constant syllable ticking from the clock of time. "Now" is the watchword of the wise. "Now" is the banner of the prudent. "Now" is the only time for us. "Now" is ours, then will never be.

Wednesday, Oct. 17th

The Mousam Manufacturing (Leatherbown) Company, have commenced manufacturing leatherbown, at Poland in this State. The company at that place employ about 20 men. When finished the product of the factory is brought to the company in this village and formed into counters for shoes. At least a large quantity of leatherbown is brought here which probably comes from Poland.

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Thursday, Oct. 18th

The following is a list of U. S. pensioners in Pennebunk.

Lorriebe, Levi H.	Army	lost in hand, \$6 a month	
Littlefield, Almon,	"	" " hand, 14 "	
Pelley, Jeremiah	"	chronic diarrhea, 12 "	
Brown, Charles,	"	lost in thigh, 6 "	
Whitten James B.	"	lost in hand, 6 "	
Hatch, Robert,	"	" in shoulder, 6 "	
Hamlin, Elbin L.	"	" " on neck, 6 "	
Green, T. J.	"	chronic diarr., 18 "	
Mitchell, John,	Navy	lost both hands in 1847, 72 "	72
Scott, W	"	chronic diarrhea, 12 "	
Goodwin, Joseph H.	Navy	loss of an eye, 18 "	
Taylor, Samuel,	"	lost in shoulder, 8 "	
Greaves, Narcissa,	mother of	" 8 "	
Webber, Abigail,	"	of Albert Webber, 8 "	
Osborn, Pauline H.	"	of John G. A. Penn, 20 "	
Moody, Mary,	"	of John Moody, 8 "	
Littlefield, Mary,	"	" 8 "	
Buttard, Mary E.	"	" 8 "	
Lawrence, Mary E.	widow	" 8 "	
Hareltine, Sarah,	"	" 8 "	
Justin, Julia A.	"	" 8 "	
Green, Ellen,	"	" 8 "	
Bryant, Francis E.	"	widow of A. M. Bryant, 8 "	
Baker, Lydia M.	"	widow of 1812 Baker, 8 "	
Pennebunk, Dep't.			
Grant, Randall,	Army	" 8 1/2 "	
Tripp, Nahum G.	"	" 4 "	
Young, William,	Navy	20 years service, 10 1/4 "	
Jenkins, Lucinda,	widow	" 8 "	
Powell, Celestine M.	"	of Marshall Powell, 8 "	
Adjutant, Lydia,	"	" 8 "	
Webster, Rachel,	mother	" 8 "	
Huff, Abigail,	"	" 8 "	
Rnight, Hannah,	"	of John G. Rnight, 8 "	
Brown, Nancy,	widow of 1812	" 8 "	

A partial list of Pensioners in this town,

1883.

Friday, Oct. 19th

"We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done."

Longfellow.

Saturday, Oct. 20

It was noted on page 279 that a dike was being made in Wells, to enclose a portion of marsh from the sea. Mr. Andrew Clark of Wells says the dike is now finished. The cost has been about \$1,000; being about \$12. an acre for the marsh taken from the sea.

Judging ourselves,

Salt marsh dike in Wells,

Sunday, Oct. 21st

A cold day for October. Nearly all persons, both male and female wore overcoats, or cloaks.

Sunday.

Monday, Oct. 22nd

Oliver Davis of Pennebunkport, died to day aged 94 years 11 months. He was the oldest citizen of that town. He was a pump and block maker, carried on the business, about 70 years. His third wife and two sons survive him.

Oliver Davis of P. Port.

Tuesday, Oct. 23rd

This morning by early train and my daughter went to Boston. We put up at "Sherman House" in Court square, as it is a quiet neighborhood.

Boston,

Wednesday, Oct. 24th

There are now two public exhibitions in Boston - "New England Institute Fair" and "Foreign Exhibition". Lucy and I went this morning into the last named and remained until nine o'clock this evening. We found a plenty of articles to occupy our attention, and were well pleased with the exhibition.

Foreign Exhibition in Boston,

Thursday, Oct. 25th

We returned from Boston this afternoon, having had a pleasant and, to us, interesting excursion. I should have mentioned that we went to Boston and returned on "excursion tickets". The price of a ticket to Boston and return was 250. Time from Tuesday morning to Thursday night.

Home again.

1883.

Friday, Oct. 26th

Hours of
Lords in
England. "The house of Lords in England numbers about 520 members. Some of these peers held baronies dating prior to the year 1400. But these ancient are only a few - say about a dozen. And only about 70 peerages date prior to 1700. After hearing and reading a vast deal about the ancient nobility of England - I must confess I was surprised to find how few were the bulk of England's old families."

Saturday, Oct. 27th

James Hudson killed on B & M. railroad. Last Saturday, soon after the evening, going east, on the B & M. railroad, left Pennsbury, a man arose from his seat in one of the cars, went out on the platform and fell from the steps. The train was stopped and run back. The man was found dead and his body taken to Biddeford. It is reported that the name of the man was James Hudson, and lived in Lewiston.

Sunday, Oct. 28th

Whitten & Bragden store broken open. Last night some person or persons broke into the clothing store of Whitten & Bragden and stole a suit clothes, overcoat and other smaller articles. It is unknown the real amount stolen; but they think between fifty and sixty dollars in clothing and from six to eight dollars in money.

Monday, Oct. 29th

Andrew Walker is 71 years old this day. My father's family record says - "Andrew Walker born Oct. 29th 1808;" consequently I am 71 years old this day. My health is quite good, but the infirmities of age are creeping on. I get tired quicker than formerly and it takes a longer time to get rested. My hearing is not so good as it was ten years ago (hereditary on mother's side) but my eyesight is apparently unimpaired. I read newspapers daily without the use of spectacles which I have not used. I am in comfortable circumstances and have no reason to complain of my lot in life. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

1883.

Tuesday, Oct. 30th

Samuel F. Mitchell died in St. Louis or St. Paul Minn. a few months since, aged 19 years. His remains were brought last week to this town and interred in the family lot near the upper apt. He was a son of Robert Mitchell who died in Jan. 1866 aged 31 years.

Wednesday, Oct. 31st

The sign "Samuel Clark" which has been on his late place of business since 1851 was taken down a few days since. A new sign "Thompson & Brother" has been put on the place where the Clark sign was.

Thursday, Nov. 1st

W. L. Dane and W. P. Perkins returns from the West, last May. Dane is now in Portland with the law firm of Libby & Co., probably as a student. Perkins left his father's house this morning again for the West. The family say Walter will at first go to St. Paul and remain a few months, then to Minneapolis, in the State of Minnesota where he expects to locate.

Friday, Nov. 2nd

A second "excursion" from Portland to Boston starts yesterday morning, with the privilege of remaining in Boston until Saturday evening. The price of an excursion ticket to Boston and return is 250, being the same as on the first excursion.

Saturday, Nov. 3rd

"Live while you live, the epicure would say,
And seize the pleasures of the present day;
Live while you live, the sacred preacher cries,
And give to God each moment as it flies,
Live in my views, let both united be;
I live in pleasure when I live to thee." Daddridge.

Sunday, Nov. 4th

The Unitarians have had their preaching service in the forenoon; to day they have changed and have their preaching service in the afternoon.

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Monday, Nov. 5th

Rev. William H. Mitchell of this town is now settled pastor of Dover, N. H. Advent church.

Tuesday, Nov. 6th

The wife of Capt. Abram Hill died on the 12th of last December aged 64 years. To day Capt. Hill was again united in marriage. His choice this time is Miss Hannah A. Warren, daughter of Edmund Warren H. A. Report says that Capt. Hill is now in the 66th year of his age and his present wife in the 34th year of her age.

Wednesday, Nov. 7th

In August 1881, Capt. C. B. Williams, opened a store for the sale of groceries, in the lower part of the village. This week Capt. Williams is moving his stock of groceries into the building recently moved and fixed up on the corner of Main and Water streets. This is the same building that was sold out another last May, then occupied by, C. A. Sleeper.

Thursday, Nov. 8th

A company, mostly of young men, who work in the shoe shop have hired a room in the factory building (used by Mowhenneg & Co) and fitted it up for a "Skating Rink" in building on western side of the river. The floor about 40 by 80 feet, is laid in four-inch strips of Sycamore wood, which cost five cents a square foot. On three sides of the room there is a raised platform, protected by a railing, with seating room for 200 spectators. A stage has been placed at one end for the use of the bands of music when they are present. It is reported that the expense of fitting up the room is between six and seven hundred dollars. "The Rink" is to be opened this evening. A man from Boston by the name of Bailey is said to be here, to give instruction on rink or roller skating. The terms are admission 10 cents, skating with the use of seats 10 cents.

Friday, Nov. 9th

Shoe Shop. Those who work in the shoe shop are having a vacation this week. The reason is, the heating apparatus is out of order, or is not sufficient to heat the rooms. Alterations are being made this week.

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Saturday, Nov. 10th

Hartley Lorn has broken down the large, old barn on the Hilliana place. He has now at least a dozen men and six yokes of oxen employed on the land, back of the Hilliana house, which he bought of N. L. Thompson's estate. Some of the men are at work with a stump-digger clearing the land, some are moving the stumps with oxen, some are at work with oxen and a scraper filling up a hollow and all others are at work on a barn.

Sunday, Nov. 11th

Martin Luther was born at Eisleben, Germany Nov. 10, 1483. By common agreement, the Protestants in this country and Europe have agreed to notice the 400 anniversary of Luther's birth. Ministers of all Protestant denominations have been requested to preach to day on Luther or the Reformation.

Rev. Mr. Lockwood this forenoon, in his sermon, told of the causes which produced the Reformation. This evening there has been an union meeting in the Second Parish church. Rev. Mr. Worth, Rev. Mr. Vinial, Rev. Adams and Joseph Titecomb, made an address on Luther or the Reformation. A large number of people were present.

Monday, Nov. 12th

Levi P. Hilliana, died at the residence of his sister, in Somerville, Mass., on the 9th inst, in the 81st year of his age. His remains were brought here to day and interred by the side of his father and mother. He was a bachelor.

Tuesday, Nov. 13th

It is reported that the Davis Shoe Company have donated the sum of One Hundred Dollars to the public library in this village.

Wednesday, Nov. 14th

The annual meeting of the Besenebunk Fire Society was held in Mousorn Hall last evening. There was a large number present and a good supper provided.

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Thursday, Nov. 15th

"According to the last census, there are the Indians, United States and Territories 336,098, Indians, in of whom, 31,000 are inhabitants of Alaska. The above from a newspaper. The number of Indians in Alaska States, must be from an estimate.

Friday, Nov. 16th

Within a few days the weather has become cold, decided cold. To day there has been a slight fall with of snow, being the first here this season. The river snow, since the "cold snap" has frozen over.

Saturday, Nov. 17th

By late arrivals from Panama, it is reported that work was going on favorably the entire length of the contemplated canal. The completion of the undertaking was only a question of time and money. The common laborers were Jamaican negroes, who came there in large numbers. A large number of men, about 12,000 were employed in various capacities. The climate was favorable to work in the dry season, which corresponded to the winter here and lasted from Dec. 1 to May 1884. The report that the climate was deadly and the mortality great was much exaggerated. People who took care of themselves got along well enough. The length of the canal is expected to be 46 miles.

Sunday, Nov. 18th

Of the four religious societies in this village, each of them, except the Second Parish have their preaching service in the afternoon.

Monday, Nov. 19th

The railroads have been the prime movers in bringing about a new time standard. A standard of time was adopted in Great Britain in 1848. The United States and Canada are divided into five great divisions, each of which is embraced between fifteen degrees of West longitude. The difference of time in these divisions will be just one hour. The first division will embrace all the territory lying

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east of Eastport. The second division includes all the territory between longitudes of Eastport and Cleveland. The third division between Cleveland and Bismark. The fourth division from Bismark to Salt Lake City. The fifth division from S. L. City to the Pacific coast. The change of time in Portland is nearly 20 minutes.

"	"	"	"	"	Boston	"	"	16	"	New
"	"	"	"	"	New York	"	"	4	"	time
"	"	"	"	"	Philadelphia	"	"	1	"	standards,

The clocks in each of the above cities were set back the number of minutes above noted.

Yesterday at twelve o'clock noon the new time standard went into operation not only on the railroads but by business men.

Yesterday at 12 o'clock noon, the clock in the First Parish church in this village was stopped until the new standard time came. This morning work in this village began at the new standard time.

Tuesday, Nov. 20th

The church edifice of the third Congregational Society of Biddeford, known as the Pavilion church, was with the exception of the brick walls, consumed with fire last Sunday. The fire originated near the furnace in the basement. The reported loss is about \$15,000; insurance \$12,000. The Pavilion church was built about 20 years ago, principally by the exertions of the late William P. Haines of Biddeford.

Wednesday, Nov. 21st

Capt. Oliver Smith moved from this town to Grantville, Mass. in 1881. Since his wife died in that town about a year since, Capt. Smith has continued to keep house with a housekeeper. Within a few days, it is reported that he has sold his residence, with his household goods (with a few exceptions) and all things belonging to the "place", in one lot, for the sum of \$. He is now reported to be in the 86th year of his age. He expects to spend the remainder of his days with his son Edwin B. Smith.

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Thursday, Nov. 22nd

Widow Huldah, T. Lord, started last Monday for
Widow Tracy, Minn., where she expects to spend the winter
Huldah with her grand-daughter, Mrs. J. H. Jessup. Mrs. Lord's
(Mitchell) first husband was Samuel Mitchell, they lived near
Lord, the upper depot. Mrs. Jessup was a daughter of Mrs.
Lord, by her first husband - Samuel Mitchell. It is said
that Mrs. Lord is now in the 78th year of her age.

Friday, Nov. 23rd

B. Smart Within a few days, the iron railing around
grave- the graveyard lot of the late Dr. Burleigh Smart has
yard been enlarged so as to include the grave of Irving
Spot. Smart, which was made there last July.

Saturday, Nov. 24th

In the "Eastern Star" of yesterday of yesterday
is list of names in this vicinity who have been
awarded "Alabama claims". In this town the
following persons will receive as follows -

Alabama	James Osborn's estate	\$ 911,
claims	Jott S. Perkins	" 308,
	" " (2 claim)	" 112,
	Edmund E. Bourne	" 119,
	Tobias Lord's	" 77,

In Pennebunkport a larger number of claims
have been awarded. It is said the court of claims
have not finished their awards and other persons
in this vicinity will receive "claims".

Sunday, Nov. 25th

Nothing of particular interest, that I know
in this vicinity to day.

Monday, Nov. 26th

Widow of Spoommi H. Kimball died one year ago this
month. He left a widow but no children. Since
Mr. Kimball's death, his widow has lived alone
except a small part of the time, when unwell.
Recently her health has been quite poor. To day she has
closed her house and gone to board with Mrs. M. Bide.
Mrs. Kimball is now about 70 years of age.

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Tuesday, Nov. 27th

The Fire Hooks and Ladders belonging to the Hooks
Fire Department have recently been removed from one
the rear of the brick store, (owned by the heirs of the Ladders,
late William Lord) to the basement of the town house.

Wednesday, Nov. 28th

The men who have families, working for the Mer,
featherboard company, were to day presented Andrews
with a turkey, by the company for Thanksgiving gun
dinner. It is also reported that each of the single turkeys
men were given two dollars. The turkey part of to
the story is correct, whether the two dollar part employees
is correct, I do not know.

Thursday, Nov. 29th

Thanksgiving. No snow on the ground, which
is slightly frozen. The river has been frozen over
but is now clear of ice.

There was a union meeting, including Unitarians - giving,
at the Baptist church, this forenoon. Sermon by
Rev. Edmund Worth.

Friday, Nov. 30th

The following are the retail prices, in this village
of the following articles, at the present time. -

Flour from 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 dollars a barrel; corn 73 cts. a bush., Present
White hogs from 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents a pound; Salt Pork retail
12 cents a lb.; Lard 10 to 11 cts. a lb.; Butter 32 to 33 cts. prices
a lb.; Cheese 11 to 16 cts. a lb.; Eggs 31 cts. a doz.; Turkeys in
from 21 to 28 cts. a lb.; Chickens from 17 to 20 cts. a lb.; Potatoes this
50 cents a bush.; White Beans 3,50 to 4,00 a bush.; Baldwin village,
Apples 3,50 to 4,00 a barrel; common Apples 1,00 a bush.;
cod Fish 7 cts. a lb.; Molasses 50 to 55 cts. a gall.; Yucca
Sugar 10 to 11 cts. a pound; Corned Beef 10 cts a lb.; Beef Steak
from 18 to 21 cts. a lb.; Cranberries a quart; Oak Wood
5 to 5,50 a cord; dry hard mixture Wood 5,00 a cord;
soft wood 3,00 to 3,50 a cord; Coal for stores, delivered
in the village 3,00 a ton; Hay to a ton; Coal
oil 12 to 14 cts. a gall. - There is an abundance of Hay, and
Potatoes this season but apples are scarce and high.

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Saturday, Dec. 1st

Forty
tons
of
poultry,
not
fit
for
sale.

The Boston Journal of today says - "It is probable that during the last week in Boston, not less than forty tons of poultry was declared by the Inspector of Provisions to be unfit for sale. The loss occasioned by warm weather is believed to be greater than in any season for twenty years. Of the poultry which the inspector said was not fit to be offered for sale, about eight tons went to the soap boilers and the rest to the cannery, who say that by processes well known to good cooks, poultry if not too far gone can be made perfectly pure and sweet."

Sunday, Dec. 2nd

Sunday, An unpleasant day, not a full attendance at church.

Monday, Dec. 3rd

The
store
owned
by
Daniel
Remick
for
sale.

The store owned by Daniel Remick has been unoccupied since Mrs. E. S. Chesley moved her goods out of it in Dec. 1880. The room over the store is where his father James R. Remick printed his newspaper. This upper room has not been occupied since the newspaper was discontinued I think in 18. The printing press and nearly all the articles used in printing have remained in the room until this fall, when the room has been cleared of all its old fixtures, and taken to his residence; the woodwork split up for firewood. It is said Mr. Remick wishes to sell the store and lot, which is now of no income to him.

Tuesday, Dec. 4th

Turkey,
is
the
king
of
domestic
poultry.

"Trustworthy writers affirm that Turkeys were first introduced into England in the time of Sebastian Cabot, from America, about 1530. They were found in this country, running wild in large flocks by the first settlers. They were domesticated without much difficulty and have ever since occupied an important position on festive occasions, a Thanksgiving dinner hardly being satisfactory without a roast turkey. For over 300 years the turkey has held the position of king of table poultry and doubtless will continue," Newspaper.

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Wednesday, Dec. 5th

Orin S. Ross has been appointed to a position in the employ of the Boston and Maine railroads. He will have charge of the bridges and culverts of the railroads.

Orin
S. Ross.

Thursday, Dec. 6th

Last week men were employed in setting posts between the B&M. depot and the depot at the Port Telegraph on which to hang wires for a telegraph between the two depots. This week men are at work putting up wires on the posts or polls. This is the first time people at the Port have had a telegraph to them.

Telegraph
to
the
Port.

Friday, Dec. 7th

Within a few months the Selectmen of this town have had new sign posts and boards put up at many cross roads in this town. I do not know how many. Joseph Pitcomb as one of the Selectmen has had the oversight of the business and I think has done most, if not all of the work.

New
Sign
Boards.

Saturday, Dec. 8th

The apple in all its varieties is said to have been derived from the crab-apple which grows wild in every part of England. All or nearly all esteemed varieties of apples we have in America, originates in England. Some authorities say, the fruit was first brought to England by the Romans.

Apples
where
from.

Sunday, Dec. 9th

An overcast day with appearance of rain.

Sunday,

Monday, Dec. 10th

It was noted Oct. 6th that no new dwellings had been built in this village the present year. I did not at the time recollect that George Gillpatrick built a house last spring on Dorse street. This house is nearly opposite the Secord Parish church.

Dwellings
built.
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William F. Simpson is now building a house on the corner lot as we turn near the main road, to the Boston and Maine depot.

W^m F.
Simpson.

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Tuesday, Dec. 11th

Last week the Methodists in this village had an ice-cream festival and a few articles for sale at their church. Among the articles sold was an album quilt, which was sold at auction and brought the sum of \$11.87. It was bid off for Mr. Griffin, of Lake Village N.H. He was a resident of this village a number of years. The total receipts of the festival was about \$108, as reported.

Wednesday, Dec. 12th

On the first day of last November Walter P. Perkins left this town for the West with the expectation of locating at Minneapolis. To day he has returned to his father's house. He has been to that city and remained a few weeks but concluded to return to New England.

Thursday, Dec. 13th

"I never knew any man in my life who could not bear another's misfortunes perfectly like a Christian,"
Alexander Pope.

Friday, Dec. 14th

The houses owned and occupied by George and Charles Parsons in the summer time, have been unoccupied since their families went to New York last fall. Usually they have had a small family live in each of them in the winter.

Saturday, Dec. 15th

Thomas Smith and family of Kennebunkport live in the Methodist parsonage, not far from E. H. Walker's mill on the road to Biddeford. Within a few weeks he has lost three of his four children by diphtheria. The fourth child an infant is reported to be dangerously sick. (The fourth child a few days after.)

Sunday, Dec. 16th

The only meeting in this village, held in the A.M. is in the Second Parish church. The Unitarians, Baptists and Methodists hold their meetings in the P.M. I think each of the Societies hold a prayer meeting in the eve.

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Monday, Dec. 17th

The following are the heights of the tallest structures, as reported on good authority.

Antwerp Cathedral,	402 feet	
Amiens Cathedral,	422 "	
Hamburg, St. Michael's,	428 "	Tallest
Landshut, St. Martin's,	435 "	Stone-
Cairo, Pyramis of Cheops,	444 "	tures,
Vienna, St. Stephen's,	449 "	from
Cairo, Pyramis of Cheops, (original height 480)	450 "	good
Borne, St. Peter's,	455 "	authority.
Reims, Notre Dame,	465 "	
Strasbourg Cathedral,	468 "	
Hamburg, St. Nicholas,	478 "	
Pologne, Cathedral,	511 "	(N.Y.
Washington Monument (to be),	555 "	Obelisk)

Tuesday, Dec. 18th

"Blinders were contrived by an English nobleman to conceal a defect in a favorite horse and were adopted by the nobility to bear their coats of arms, and so became fashionable. Why should the most intelligent of animals be so maltreated?"
Newspaper.

Wednesday, Dec. 19th

At present, work at the ship-yards at the Port is reported to be quite brisk. George Christensen is now building two vessels and Larin's block, one vessel. No ships have here been built at the Port a number of years past.

Thursday, Dec. 20th

William F. Lord, died to day, aged 62 years and 10 months. He was engaged in the insurance business many years and acted as agent for various companies. He was regarded as a reliable man of business. In his disposition he was quiet, retiring and highly esteemed. He leaves a widow (Oliver daughter of the late Horace Porter) and one child, now the wife of E. F. Robinson, who lives in the family of W. F. Lord.

1883.Friday, Dec. 21st

Office for
Qmin S.
Renn. It is reported that the B. & M. railroad com.
have decided to build an office for Qmin S. Renn
at this place, as he has lately been appointed
inspector of bridges, buildings and culverts on the road.

Saturday, Dec. 22nd

Pe. P.
and
Renn. It is said there are now but a few passengers
in the cars between Pennnebunk and the Port;
probably not enough to pay one fourth of the
running expensis. When the road was built
it was not expected there would be passengers
in the winter to pay running expensis.

Sunday, Dec. 23rd

Very
cold
day. This was the coldest morning known for years
in this village. Thermometers at different places
this morning indicated from 20 to 30 degrees below
zero. The instruments considered the most accurate
showed from 21 to 28 below zero. At noon when people
in the streets were returning from church; every
breath was visible. The breath appeared like
smoke coming from their mouths.

Monday, Dec. 24th

Christmas
Festivals. The weather has become more moderate. There are
a few inches of snow on the ground, not enough for
good sleighing although sleighs are generally used.
This evening each religious society in this village
had such a Christmas festival as has been common
of late years. Doubtless a bountiful supper was provided
at each gathering and many presents distributed.

Tuesday, Dec. 25th

Unitarians. In 1659 the General Court of Massachusetts enacted
that "any person who is found observing by abstinence
from labor, feasting, or any other way, any such day
as Christmas day, shall pay for every such offence
five shillings". This law was repealed in 1681.
Christmas was not observed by the Unitarians and their descend-
ants; during a period of about 200 years.

See Harper's Magazine, Dec. 1883.

1883.Wednesday, Dec. 26th

Ocean National Bank has declared a
semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent, payable
on and after the first day of January next.

P. N.
Bank
dividendThursday, Dec. 27th

The following is from the official record of the
vessels built, during the year 1883, in the
Pennnebunk District.

Schooners	Builders	Where owned	Tons.	Vessels
Abbie M. Deering.	Geo. Christensen	Pennnebunk	96, 21	built
Ellin W. Sawyer,	"	"	103 64	in
Larina Campbell,	L. Davis Clark,	"	69 2, 15	1883.
Three vessels, total tonnage ---			897, 04	

The above is taken from the Boston Journal of this day.

Friday, Dec. 28th

The following fourth class post offices in this
State (with some others) have been raised to the
presidential grade:—

Name,	Postmaster,	Salary,	Post-
Pennnebunk,	A. Warren Mendum	\$1,000	master
South Berwick,		1,100	raised,

It is probable the new salary will commence
on the first day of January, 1884.

Saturday, Dec. 29th

The last half of this month has been, as
it appears to me, more cold than we usually have
in December. There have been a few pleasant days
but most of the time cold and overcast. The sleighing
is quite good, although but a few inches of snow.

Weather
in
Dec.Sunday, Dec. 30th

An overcast day with snow in the afternoon and
evening. A full attendance at church, for the weather.

Sunday,

Monday, Dec. 31st

This has not been a remarkable eventful year in
Pennnebunk. The most noted thing, was the new railway
to the Port; the clock on the Unitarian church, John C.
Baker and William F. Lord were the most prominent
that have died in this village during the year.

Events
in
1883.

1884.

Tuesday, Jan. 1stResidents of Pennabunk, who died in 1883.In village School District.

James Fairfield; Frank Stuart; Joseph Getchell 65;
Wife of Joshua Pittsfield 46; Mrs. Emily J. Jellison 41;
Wife of John H. Bartlett 78; Robert Hardy 86; Arthur J.
Myrick 8; Carl J. Myrick 6; wife of North L. Thompson 57;
Deaths Miss Betsey Kelly 88; Miss Annie H. Downs 24; John C.
in Baker 78; Ralph E. Hardin 1 yr; Susie E. Turner 9 months;
this George F. Jordan 31; wife of George W. 74; Wm. F. Ford 63;
town Howard Bragden (in arms house) 41

Port.

the Mrs. Lucy Ann Prentiss 55; Mrs. Addie M. Seavy 20;
year wife of Jonas Merrill 70; William Gove 68; George Hubbard 46;
1883 Oliver Gove 70; Wm. J. Peabody 24; Joshua W. Somers 16.

Landings.

Widow of James Hatch 79; daughter of B. F. Stevens 4 m.;
wife Joseph T. Brown 90; widow of George W. Stover 61;
Charles Stevens 74; widow of Samuel B. Jellison 73;
Earnest Farin 4 yrs.; Edgar D. Dresser 20

Albion.

Widow of Rev. Gideon Cook 70; Widow of John Cole 81.

Lat Mouzan.

Dimen Stevens 84; Charles Day 39.

Upper Depot to Lyman line.

Miss Frances M. Cousins 38; Donna Thompson 17;
Laura A. Burrell 14; Thomas Holland 69 (43 ad)

Former residents who were interred here.

Former W. Irving Smart, from Boston, aged 59 years.
residents Levi P. Hillman, from Somerville, Mass. 51.
interred Samuel L. Mitchell, from St. Paul, Minn. 19.

here. It is probable there are a few deaths, particularly
of children, whose names are not included in the
above list. I sent a copy of the list of deaths to the
Eastern Star for publication.

Andrew Walker.

1884.

Wednesday, Jan. 2nd

"The New Year's eve again,

Oh! well a day!

How soon they come,

How soon they pass away."

Poetry.

Thursday, Jan. 3

Soon after the "summer boarders" went home
Episcopal meeting in this village was closed
at least for the present. I do not know any
particulars, concerning the meeting.

Episcopal
meeting.
here.Friday, Jan. 4th

Rev. Edward Chase formerly of Biddeford, of
late of resident of Pennabunkport, has received and
accepted a call to the Old South church at Hallowell.

Rev.
Edward
Chase.Saturday, Jan. 5th

The prices for the following names securities
are now quoted in the newspapers as follows:-

3 per cent United States Bonds	100 to 100
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4 " " " " "	123.22 3/4
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4 1/2 " " " " "	114.11 1/2
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6 " " City of Portland " municipal x	100.120
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6 " " " " " " R.R. air x	106.121
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6 " " " " " " " municipal	104.109
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6 " " " " " " " R.R. air	100.102
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6 " " Eastern Railroad "	110 1/2.111
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7 " " Boston and Maine "	122.123
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7 " " Maine Central "	120.122
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Eastern Railroad Shares	38.38
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Boston and Maine " "	160.160 1/2
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Maine Central " "	81.90
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Portland, S. and P. " "	111.112
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Colonial N. Bank Portland	163.165
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Colonial N. " "	161.163
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First N. " "	148.150
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Traders N. " "	146.148
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Queen N. " Pennabunk	
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Prices
of
Stocks
and
Bonds
at
the
present
time.

x According to time to run.

1884.Sunday, Jan. 6th

A cold day, but not so cold as it was on the 23rd of last December. A fair number at church.

Monday, Jan. 7th

The Pennabunk Savings Bank is reported to be in a prosperous condition. The business of the bank is much more than former.

Pennabunk Edmund E. Bourne continues to be President and Savings Joseph Dore, Treasurer. Mrs. Sarah E. Rhoades continues to be assistant treasurer or clerk. According to the published report, the annual expense of the bank is \$1000. The rate of interest charged is six per cent. The bank owns between \$10 and 11,000 of P. N. Bank stock.

Tuesday, Jan. 8th

Last week, the two story dwelling house and barn of James Cameron, between the village and town house in Pennabunkport were burnt. Insurance on the house \$800, on barn \$200, and contents of the house \$100.

This house was built about 80 years ago by Elisha Rhoades - a sailor. He and his family lived there until each of them dies. He had two children Prekil and burnt. Adeline. The boy died many years ago. About a dozen years since Adeline married Mr. Cameron. She died in Oct. 1882, aged 62. I think the family is now extinct.

Wednesday, Jan. 9th

In Sept. 1882 George W. Bourne of this village went to Taunton, Mass., and began practice as a doctor. Within the last six months he moved to Manchester, N. H. It is reported that he has been appointed city physician at that place.

Thursday, Jan. 10th

R. W. Robert W. Spaulding has sold their stationary engine to John H. Ferguson who has hauled it from the Twine mill, near the upper depot, to Mr. Ferguson's saw and blind factory in this village. Mr. Ferguson expects to use the engine when the water in the river is so low, there is not power enough in it to operate the machinery in his factory.

1884.Friday, Jan. 11th

A. Warren Mendum has again been nominated Postmaster of this village and the nomination will doubtless be confirmed. The salary of the Postmaster is now \$1,100 a year.

Saturday, Jan. 12th

"Over and over again,
No matter which way I turn,
I always find in the book of life
Some lesson I have to learn.
I must take my turn at the mill;
I must grind out the golden grain;
I must work at my task with a resolute will,
Over and over again."

Poetry.

Sunday, Jan. 13th

Cold day and slippery walking. Not so many at church as usual, when the weather and walking are more favorable.

Sunday,

Monday, Jan. 14th

At the last session of Congress, it was enacted that Postmasters have power to issue "Postal Notes" (U. S. finding the blank) for sums less than five dollars; for a fee of three cents each. This week I have had occasion to use my first Postal Note and find it very convenient.

Postal
Notes
here.Tuesday, Jan. 15th

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Ocean North Bank was held this afternoon. The same board of directors were chosen to day, as were chosen, one year since. The President and Cashier are the same as last year. (See page 228)

Annual
meeting
of
Ocean N.
Bank.Wednesday, Jan. 16th

Walter E. Dore and Walter P. Perkins were examined and admitted this week to York County bar. Hence they can practice at the bar if they get business. I do not know where they expect to locate. There appears to be a plenty of lawyers in this town.

W. E.
Dore
W. P.
Perkins.

1884,

Thursday, Jan. 17th

This forenoon, many people in this village were surprised to hear that Capt. Joseph T. Nason, between 8 and 7 o'clock, this morning, took a large quantity of laudanum and soon after an equal large quantity of "Paris Green." Doctors were immediately called, but they could not help him. It is reported that he suffered intensely until about one o'clock this afternoon, when he died.

I and many others supposed that Capt. Nason enjoyed good health; but it is now said that his health was not good. That, at times, he was troubled with depression of mind and fears were entertained that he would commit suicide.

Friday, Jan. 18th

Charles H. Blank has fitted up the store, recently occupied by B. Williams, and has this week opened a stock of patent medicines, toilet articles and a small quantity of hardware.

Saturday, Jan. 19th

There was a meeting this week of the stockholders of the Shoe Company (now called the Davis Shoe Co.,) in this village. A dividend of 3 per cent is now payable to stockholders. This is I think the first dividend paid by the company.

Sunday, Jan. 20th

Cold, as may be expected at this time of year.

Monday, Jan. 21st

The funeral of Capt. Joseph T. Nason was attended this afternoon by quite a large number of relatives and friends. Rev. Mr. Lockwood officiated as Capt. Nason was a member of the Second Parish and church. He leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter.

He was a sea captain a number of years, but his principal employment was teaching district schools, both before and after he went to sea. He was not a popular man, having but little if any animal magnetism. He was in the 63 year of his age.

1884,

Tuesday, Jan. 22nd

"In my opinion, there is no more scepticism in the world to day, than during the past two centuries. The reason we think our own time is the worst time is, merely that we feel now the pressure of our times, and do not feel the past. Our forefathers thought the same of their times for the same reason."

Rev. Doctor Amritage.

Wednesday, Jan. 23rd

Night before last, the post office and Dr. Ross store were entered by burglars, who obtained from the two places about seven dollars in small change. Entrance to the two places was made by prying open windows. It is thought not much was taken except the small change.

Thursday, Jan. 24th

"We never can be too careful,
What the seed our hands shall sow;
Love from love is sure to ripen,
Hate from hate is sure to grow;
Seed from good or ill we scatter
Heedlessly along our way,
But a glad or grievous fruitage
Waits us at the harvest day."

Friday, Jan. 25th

In Kennebunkport a new departure has been taken as it regards deacons. On account New of death and removals in the First Parish and South or Village Parish, new deacons were necessary, and it was voted in each church, to add two females for deaconesses, in addition to the male deacons, also a lady clerk for each church.

One Sabbath this month, the First Parish chose Kennebunkport, Charles W. Blough and Frank Meserve deacons and Mrs. Jesse Smith and Mrs. Clement L. Stone deaconesses. Miss Bertha Smith, clerk, South church, elected Palmer A. Twombly, deacon, Mrs. Robert D. Rankin and Mrs. Martha A. Stone, deaconesses, and Mrs. Sarah A. Moody, clerk.

Why we think our times are bad.

Burglars in this village.

Poetry.

1884.

Saturday, Jan. 26th

Golden wedding, It is reported that Mr. & Mrs. Ivory Jellison who live at the Landing, had their "golden wedding" last evening.

Sunday, Jan. 27th

There was a union temperance meeting this evening in the Baptist church. Addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Worth, Rev. Mr. Vinel, Rev. Mr. Lockwood, Rev. Mr. Adams and Joseph Titcomb. The church was well filled.

Monday, Jan. 28th

Walter L. Dane has hired part of the small building, standing on the Mousam house lot, for his law office. From appearances he took possession this morning. The room is not yet furnished. I have understood that he expects to make this village his permanent home.

Tuesday, Jan. 29th

Since the spring of 1877 Henry Jordan and Nathan Dane have supplied this village with garden milk. Each man having his particular bounds, & Mr. Dane says he sells each day from 100 to 125 quarts. I do not know how much Mr. Jordan sells.

Wednesday, Jan. 30th

On page 300, it is noted that "Alabama claims" had been awarded to some estates in this town.

As I understand the matter, "Alabama claims" means the extra insurance that was paid on account of the war risks.

Alabama claims awards,

The following awards have been made recently.

Joseph Titcomb,	7 vessels	\$2837.
Mrs. Abigail Titcomb's estate,	3 "	" 193.
Mrs. Lucy Titcomb Stone,	3 "	" 98.
Mrs. Hannah Durrell's estate,	2 "	" 93.
Henry H. G. Durrell,	2 "	" 93.
Stephen Perkins,	4 "	1868.
Edmond Stone's estate,	2 "	114.
George Wix	1 "	148.

1884.

Thursday, Jan. 31st

Manufacturing interests in Pennebunk, and the number of hands employed at the present time. From a public document.

Leatherboards - Mousam Manf. Company, capital \$13,850, - - - 90 hands employed.

Leatheroids - Leatheroids Manf. Company, capital \$3,100, - - - 20 hands employed.

Plaining Mill, George H. Gilman, capital \$200, - - - 3 hands employed.

Blow Factory - George Varney, capital \$400, - - - 4 hands employed.

Lash and Blinds John H. Ferguson, capital \$1,050, - - - 20 hands employed.

Saw Mill, William Bartlett, capital \$900, - - - 4 hands employed.

Saw Mill, Darned Perkins, capital \$3,550 - - - 10 hands employed.

Shoes - Davis Shoe Company, capital \$6,000 - - - 400 hands employed.

Shingles & Paths John W. Treadwell, capital \$200, - - - 3 hands employed.

Twine, - - - Robert W. Lord & Co., capital \$8,000, - - - 65 hands employed.

Total assessed value \$37,450 - Hands employed 624.

Friday, Feb. 1st

At a meeting of the members, principally of the Second Parish, held last evening in their worship chapel; I occupied about half an hour in reading a paper I had prepared on "The public worship of the Puritans, with some of the changes that have since taken place." The audience appeared to like the paper, by their applause.

Saturday, Feb. 2nd

According to the old belief, winter is half gone - this second day of Feb. - Candlemas Day. The weather, as to me, has appeared colder than usual this winter, Day, but we have not had any drifting storms.

1884.Sunday, Feb. 3^d

Quite a large congregation in the Second Parish church this forenoon; it being the only forenoon public service in the village.

Monday, Feb. 4th

Jan. 2 1882, there was a frightful accident on the H. & B. M. Railroad at Wells and many passengers were hurt. It is said that each person who was injured receives was settled with by the company soon after the accident except H. Lorrin Merrill, who is said to be a resident from of Parsonsfield. His injuries were such as to result in paralysis, from which he has not recovered and probably will not recover. He sued the company for \$50,000 damages. Within a few days the company has settled with Mr. Merrill, by paying him \$20,000, according to the published reports in the newspapers.

Tuesday, Feb. 5th

Burial of the Governor Barker, of Plymouth, and those of the Pilgrims who died during the first year, were first not buried on "Burying Hill" as it is now called; but on Gale's Hill, a lower elevation near the water's edge. These early graves were carefully smoothed over, in order, that the Indians might not perceive how greatly death had reduced their numerical strength.

"The weary Pilgrim slumbers,

His resting-place unknown,

His hands were crossed, his lids were closed,

And dust was over him thrown;

The drifting soil, the mouldering leaf

Along the sod were blown;

His mound has melted into earth;

His memory lives alone," O. W. Holmes.

Wednesday, Feb. 6th

One day this week the stockholders of the Davis Shoe Co. met and the Directors made a report in regard to building a wing on the back end of the main building. In probability the wing 60 by 60 will be built the coming spring.

1884.Thursday, Feb. 7th

The public library in this village is in a flourishing condition. It is reported that about 400 volumes have been recently made to the library from donations.

Friday, Feb. 8th

Wendell Phillips died in Boston, Feb. 2^d aged 72 yrs. His funeral was at his house yesterday. After the religious services were ~~over~~ his body was taken to Faneuil Hall, where it ~~exposed~~ ^{exposed} to view a few hours. The body was clothed in a pure white robe. The arms of the orator were folded across the breast. The remains were at last put in the Phillips tomb in the Granary Burying Ground.

Saturday, Feb. 9th

It is reported that the late Capt. Joseph T. Nason died intestate. He left a widow, three sons - Albion H., William F. and George Nason also a daughter Mary who is married to Samuel Baker. It is also reported that Albion, who lives in Boston, has sold to his mother, his share of the real estate in this town for \$100. W. F. has also sold his share of the same real estate to his mother for \$1.

Sunday, Feb. 10th

Rev. Mr. Vinal and Rev. Mr. Adams exchange pulpits to day. This is the second time they have exchanged. The first time being Jan. 14, 1883.

Monday, Feb. 11th

Walter P. Perkins left town this day for the town of Cornish, where he expects to open a law office. His office furniture was sent from him last week.

Tuesday, Feb. 12th

It is reported that the Leatheroin Manufacturing Company has leased the large mill on the western side of the river (except the room used for a skating rink), with the intention of enlarging their business. Not any of the articles, that I know, manufactured by this company, are used in this vicinity.

1884.Wednesday, Feb. 12th

At the present session of the Court, held at Saco, Pitney Oscar E. Blaney and Mary E. Barrows were on trial for the murder of Thomas Barrows, husband of Mrs. Barrows last November. The persons named Mrs. Barrows had her trial first. The jury brought in a verdict of "guilty of murder in the first degree".

Blaney, at first said he was "not guilty" but afterwards retraced his plea of "not guilty" and said he was "guilty". The prisoners have not yet been sentenced.

Thursday, Feb. 14th

Yesterday forenoon the District Lodge of "Good Templars" met here, with a delegation, as reported, of about four hundred members; it being the largest number at a District lodge ever held in York County. The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock when the customary business was performed. Then about the lodge adjourned to the lower hall for dinner. 400 The temperance Lodge in this district are reported to be in a flourishing condition; the present number in the lodges being 2,406. Addresses were made by present, male and female members, in the afternoon.

Last evening a public meeting was held in Mason Hall, when R. W. Dunn, was the first speaker. Mrs. Ella H. Mason of Saco, Rev. Mr. Taylor and Rev. H. C. Munson also addressed the audience. The meeting broke up quite late when it is reported, a special train of cars was in readiness to take them away.

Friday, Feb. 15th

Went to Portland this forenoon, transacted my business and returned home this evening. Business appeared to be quite dull in Portland.

Saturday, Feb. 16th

According to officer's report, J. W. Sargent - collector of taxes in this District receives 137 dollars, for his services during the past year.

1884.Sunday, Feb. 17th

Nothing in this vicinity to distinguish this Sabbath from the thousands preceding it.

Monday, Feb. 18th

The following appeared in the Eastern Star, issues last Friday: -

"At the last meeting of the Ladies Society in the Congregational vestry, Andrew Walker gave a very entertaining and interesting lecture of Puritan worship. Beginning with the building of the first meeting-house of the Pilgrims in Plymouth, he pictured the methods of older time worship, with many of the quaint customs of our forefathers, noting as he went along some of the changes that have since taken place. The lecture was much enjoyed by old and young. After the lecture remarks were made by Rev. S. Persner and Adams, and Messrs Titecomb and Andrews and the pastor of the church."

I do not know who wrote the above, but suppose it was the Rev. Mr. Lockwood.

Tuesday, Feb. 19th

Last Saturday a special town meeting was held, to see if the town would vote to discontinue the watering place at the river, thus giving room for the Davis Shoe Company to build a wing on the back end of their building. The town did vote to discontinue the watering place, or at least, part of it.

Wednesday, Feb. 20th

Within a few days a team, owned by C. H. Parbo, loaded with logs and driven by William Wells of this village, was descending a hill at Cole's corner, Wells, owing to the slippery condition of the road, the sled got the better of the horses and slid down hill. The sled struck against a tree killing one horse instantly and throwing Mr. Wells from the load, hurting him badly.

Thursday, Feb. 22nd

From "Figures of the Past," by Josiah Quincy.

Figures of the Past by Josiah Quincy. He says, for nearly sixty four years, it has been my habit to keep journals. The following are extracts—
 "Nothing reminds us of the flight of time so much, as taken the present moment and anticipating what will be our emotions when we look back upon it from a distance."

Quincy. "At death, Pierce anticipates his reunion with those he had known and his meeting with those of whom he has read. Dr. Franklin used to say on this subject— We are all invited to a great entertainment, your carriage comes first to the door; but we shall all be there."

The Puritans, "Our ancestors, the Puritans were a most unpopular set of men; yet the world owes all the liberty it possesses to them." (John Adams remark to Mr. Quincy)

Our judgment too fine for distinct cognizance, and then shades how are trustworthy, although we can give no good built account of them."

News from Europe "In 1826 I was in Baltimore. Not a word had been heard from Europe for fifty eight days. Men then talked much of the past, because there was none of the various and inexhaustible present, which steam and telegraph now thrust upon our attention."

Royal Governor "It is a great pity that the pew of the royal governor in the King's Chapel (in Boston) was removed in order that the two plebeian pews might be constructed upon its ample site. It stood handsomely out, with King's ornaments pillars at the corners, and lifted its occupants two feet above the herd of miscellaneous sinners who confess their miserable estate upon the level of indiscriminating democracy."

a diary or journal. "I venture to advise my younger readers to make some record of what they see and learn. It improves the observing powers, strengthens the memory and impresses life's lessons on the mind. Judge Story regrets not keeping a journal."

Friday, Feb. 22nd

This week, a young man from Norwich, by the name of D. Mc Penney, has come to this village and opened a Harness Maker's shop, in the building over the room occupied by S. L. Whittendbe. I do not know anything further about him except he is some lame.

Mc Penney
Harness
maker.Saturday, Feb. 23rd

Stormy all day. In the forenoon it rained. This afternoon snow and rained both fell, but more snow than rain, but not a severe storm.

Rain
and
snow.

Sunday, Feb. 24

There was a union temperance meeting this evening in the Seco. Parish church. The principal speaker was Rev. Mr. Clark—the presiding elder of the Methodist church, who happened to be here to day. Addresses were also made Rev. Mr. Adams, Rev. Mr. Lockwood, Rev. Mr. Pember and Mrs. Pember. Mr. Andrews also made a few remarks.

Union
Temperance
meeting.Monday, Feb. 25th

Lines, said to be written by Lord Byron in his cell, "Within this awful volume lies

Lord
Byron's

The mystery of mysteries;
 Oh! happiest they of human race
 To whom our God has given grace,
 To hear, to read, to fear, to pray;
 To lift the latch and force the way;
 But better had they never been born
 Who read to doubt, or read to scorn."

Poetry.

Tuesday, Feb. 26th

"Gullin Fox, an experienced telegraph line builder says, it had never cost the Western Union company more than \$75 a mile to build a single wire line with cedar posts and not more than \$100 a mile for a two wire line."

Cost
Telegraph
lines.

Boston Journal.

Wednesday, Feb. 27th

The diphtheria (see page 309) did not spread beyond our family, or neighbor named Day, and they got well.

Diphtheria.

1884.Thursday, Feb. 28th

Annual reports of the officers of Pennsbury, for the municipal year of 1883-84, have been printed and circulated this week.

Voted to be raised in 1883, At the annual town meeting held March 1st 1883, it was voted to raise the following sums:-

For Schools - - - - -	\$ 2,600,00
" Poor and other expenses - -	3,000,00
" Repairs on Durrell's Bridge - -	100,00
" Fire Engine "Safeguard" - - -	200,00
" Debt and interest - - - - -	2,000,00
	<u>\$ 7,900,00</u>

How it was raised,	Pennsbury's proportion of State Tax was	\$ 1,190,73
	" " " " " " " " " " " "	1,199,54
	Overlay assessed	627,34
		<u>\$ 11,317,61</u>

How the foregoing sum was raised:-

Assessed on 678 polls at \$2.00 each	1,356,00
" " real and personal estate were -	13,961,61
valued at \$664,839 at .021, -	<u>\$ 11,317,61</u>

Expenses

How it was expended	For Town Schools	3,870,21
	" Poor expenses at Poor House	1,120,52
	" " " " outside " " "	934,32
	" Abatement of Taxes,	350,13
	" Miscellaneous expenses	781,78
	" Special expenses	1,424,44
		<u>\$ 8,481,40</u>

Special expenses. Among the special expenses, Jos. Titcomb has a bill for Guide Boards \$134.53. Decoration Day \$100.00; Durrell's Bridge \$91.36; Day's Bridge \$796.50.

Pay of Selectmen. Our Selectmen, who also act of assessors and overseers of the Poor, receive \$60.00 for each of their services. They also receive extra pay for laying out roads or extra services on bridges.

Treasurer. The Town Treasurer receives \$40.00 yearly for his services. Funds debt now, is \$8,698.40 - interest at 4% per cent.

1884.Friday, Feb. 29th

Yesterday there was a snow storm all day, at least twelve inches of snow fell, being the greatest quantity at one storm this winter. The snow is moist and sticky, wherever it sticks there it remains even on the telegraph wires.

Saturday, Mar. 1st

John Cousens and wife, with John Roberts and wife, started to day for Jacksonville, Florida, where they expect to remain a short time. They will stop on their way going and coming at Beaufort South Carolina, where George Roberts the only son of John Roberts, has resided many years. This George Roberts married Susan - daughter of John Cousens in Oct. 1874.

Sunday, Mar. 2nd

By invitation of Rev. L. B. Vinal; this evening I read my paper on Puritan worship in the chapel of the First Parish church. The chapel was nearly full; a larger number than was expected. Doubtless the paper was more interesting to the members of the First Parish than to either of the other Parishes in the village; because this Parish was frequently mentioned in the paper, the other Parishes not at all.

Monday, Mar. 3rd

The annual town meeting to day for the transacting of town affairs. The day has been pleasant, but the roads of the village are not in good condition as some of them are drifted with snow. The meeting lasts only about three hours, as all votes are in. The old officers were elected with the exception of the town clerk - A. W. Mendum.

Tuesday, Mar. 4th

A. W. Mendum was first chosen Town Clerk in 1861. By the law of the U. S. he cannot now hold any other office as his salary as Postmaster is more than \$1000. Walter S. Dane, was yesterday chosen Town Clerk, in place of Mendum.

1884.

Wednesday, Mar. 5th

The following persons are now school teachers in this village, with the wages each person receives.

Village
School
Teachers,
with
the
wages
each
teacher
receives.

High School,
Louis M. Perkins - - - - 700, per year.

Grammar School,
Fruella F. Jordan, - - - - 400, " "

Intermediate School,
Eliza Burke, - - - - 230, " "

Primary Schools,
Florence L. Drawbridge, - - 220, " "

Mary P. Meserve, - - - - 220, " "

Nellie Mitchell, - - - - 220, " "

The village district raises \$100, additional to town tax.

Thursday, Mar. 6th

Episcopal
meeting
here. Last Sabbath, the Episcopalians had another church service in Parsons school room. I do not know any particulars of the meeting or service.

Friday, Mar. 7th

Stras-
burg
block. There is now on exhibition in the Town Hall, a working model of the famous Strasburg clock in the cathedral, in the city of Strasburg, Germany. The model is thirteen feet in height, in running order and a wonderful piece of mechanism.

Saturday, Mar. 8th

Clement
Perkins
dead. Clement Perkins, of Pennabunkport, died of cancer on the 4th inst. aged 77 years. He was a neighbor and schoolmate of mine, in all our early years. He was the father of George L. Perkins - ex Governor of California.

Sunday, Mar. 9th

Fire
in
old
tavern. Last evening about 10 o'clock there was an alarm of fire, which was in the old tavern on the western side of the river, now occupied by Mr. Thwing. As there were a plenty of men in the vicinity who had not gone to bed, the fire was soon put out. It is thought the damage by the fire will not exceed fifty dollars. Cause of fire is unknown.

1884.

Monday, Mar. 10th

"It is a great pity that the pew of the royal governors in the King's chapel (Boston) was removed in order that two plebeian pews might be constructed upon its ample site. I used greatly to value this interesting relic, which was just opposite the pew that I occupied. It stood handsomely out, with ornamented pillars at the corners, and lifted its occupants two feet above that herd of miscellaneous sinners who confessed their miserable estate upon the level of indiscriminating democracy. It was lined with China silk; the cushions and the seat were covered with crimson damask."

The above is from "Figures of the Past" by Josiah Quincy, class of 1821, Harvard College.

Tuesday, Mar. 11th

"Strawburg was so named, from one being threaded on straws for sale; gooseburg from an old boxer worn meaning hairy; dandelion, from the tooth of a lion, the long leaves are much cut and are supposed to resemble the teeth of the lion."

Wednesday, Mar. 12th

The mumps is now prevailing in this village. One of the primary schools is much afflicted with the disease. 20 scholars are reported to be absent.

Thursday, Mar. 13th

In 18 or near that time, a lock with gates was built at the "narrows" of Pennabunk river, or short distance from the village of Pennabunkport. The object of the lock was when a large new vessel was taken down from the Landing to the Port the gates of the lock might be shut at high tide to keep in the water until the vessel was floated to the lock. Since large vessels have not been built at the Landing, the lock has been useless. All or part of the locks of the lock have been sold to the Davis Shoe Co. and teams are hauling them for the foundation of the addition of the shoe shop.

Pew
of
the
royal
governors
in
King's
chapel
Boston.

Names
of
plants.

Mumps.

Locks
from
the
Pennabunk
river
lock
at
the
Port.

1884.

Friday, Mar. 14th

Last week, Frank L. Howe of Portland was united in marriage with Miss Etta P. Littlefield, daughter of David Littlefield of this village. Rev. J. A. Lockwood performed the ceremony.

Saturday, Mar. 15th

David Drawbridge died quite suddenly this forenoon. David aged 77 years. He was an Englishman by birth and came to this country about years ago with Capt. Bridge of the Blaisdell. Mr. H. was a paper-hanger, and a repairer of stuffed furniture.

Sunday, Mar. 16th

Bad walking not a large number at church.

Monday, Mar. 17th

People in this village were surprised and grieved this morning, to hear that Joseph Dane died last night. It is reported that he has been unwell more than a year, with kidney disease, but was able to attend to business. While in Boston on the 6th inst., he was taken seriously unwell and came home as soon as he could and has been confined to his bed since that time. Doctors say he died of inflammation of the bladder, aggravated by a severe cold, aged 61 years.

Tuesday, Mar. 18th

In June 1879 Joseph Hill went to Malden, Mass. where he was connected in a grocery store. In the fall of that year his wife also went to that place and where they have kept house. Yesterday the household furniture was moved back here and stored for the present in Mrs. Hill's father's house. Mr. Hill is now in a store in Boston. Mrs. Hill and her two children will board with her father - Stephen Perkins.

Wednesday, Mar. 19th

Miss Emma Furbish, daughter of the late Furbish, does not enjoy good health. Within a few months, she has become insane. I hear that last week, she was taken to the Insane Asylum at Augusta. Her sisters are much afflicted with sickness.

1884.

Thursday, Mar. 20th

The funeral of Joseph Dane was at his late residence yesterday. Rev. L. B. Vinal officiated. About thirty loungers were present with many with many others. Mr. Dane was the most prominent man in town. At the time of his death, he was president of Ocean N. Bank; of Kennebunk & Portland railroad company; of the Kennebunk Shore company; Treasurer of the Savings Bank in this village. He was also president of the Maine Unitarian Association. Besides holding these offices, he was Democratic candidate in 1882, for Representative to Congress from the First District. He leaves a widow, but no children.

He graduated from Bowdoin College in 1843, and was admitted to York County bar in 1846. He was born in this town, which he has made his home.

Friday, March 21st

Last Wednesday afternoon, the shop was shut out and the flag suspended at half mast, out of respect to the late Joseph Dane. The mills of the Leatherboard and Leatheroid companies were also closed in the afternoon. During the funeral Ferguson's sash and blind factory was closed as were the blinds of nearly all the stores.

Saturday, Mar. 22nd

Gotham F. Clark, son of Edwin Clark of Wells died in Portland on the 11th inst., aged 39 years. He was connected with the Life Insurance business in that city. The Portland Transcript says: "The late Gotham F. Clark had his life insured in the Equitable for between twenty five and thirty thousand dollars."

Sunday, Mar. 23rd

Bad walking. I hear that Rev. Mr. Vinal in his sermon this afternoon had much to say of his late parishman - Joseph Dane. He spoke very highly of him in all respects, particularly on his benevolence.

Funeral of Joseph Dane with sketch of him.

respect to Joseph Dane.

Gotham F. Clark, formerly of Wells.

Rev. Mr. Vinal.

Monday, Mar. 24th

At a meeting of the directors of Ocean National Bank, held this day, Edward W. Morton was elected to the vacant office of President of the Bank, and Martin Fred. P. Hall was chosen one of the directors in place of the late Joseph Dane. Since the Bank was organized President in 1879, there has been three Presidents—Joseph Titecomb, of Joseph Dane and now E. W. Morton. In Oct. 1884 seven directors were chosen, there were Joseph Titecomb, Bank, William Lord Jr., Noah Nason, Thomas Lord, Wm. L. Thompson, Joseph Dane Jr., of Kennebunk, and B. F. President, Mason of Kennebunkport.

Not one of the original directors is now a director, member of the board. Christopher Littlefield was chosen cashier, when the Bank commenced business and still continues cashier.

Tuesday, Mar. 25th

The following is from "The Church (Episcopal) Almanac" for 1883.

Our Church originated in Jerusalem, whilst England was unknown to the world, except as a land of barbarians under Caesar; its form of government is precisely the same as it was eighteen centuries ago. No historical record of a succession of civil government is more perfect than is the proof of the perpetuation of the Episcopate in the Church of God. The presiding Bishop of our Church is only the one hundred and twentieth in the direct line from the Apostle John, is easily proved by satisfactory testimony.

Comparative view of the origin of Religious Bodies in England.

Name.	By whom founded.
The Church, — — —	The Apostles.
Date of foundation — A.D. 33	When introduced into England A.D. 60-70
English Romanists, —	Pope Pius V.
	When introduced into England 1570
Congregationalists, — —	Robert Brown.
	When introduced into England 1580.

Baptists or Anabaptists,	Minster, a German	
Date of foundation, 1523	When introduced into Eng. 1608.	
Quakers, — — —	George Fox, cobbler,	1649
Presbyterians, — — —	Luther, German Priest; Calvin, a Frenchman, & Knox, a Scotchman, from 1520 to 1579, introduced into England in 1649.	view
Socinians or Unitarians, Socinus, in 1579, was introduced into England in 1730.		of the
Calvinistic Methodist, George Whitefield, Eng. 1737.		origin
Methodists or Wesleyans John Wesley, English 1739.		of the
Moravians, — — — German Refugees in Poland 1432, was introduced into England in 1742.		Religious
Swedenborgians, — — Swedenborg, a Swede 1740		Bodies
was introduced into England in 1750.		in
New Connection Methodist Pelham, Methodist Preacher 1777.		England,
Primitive Methodists, Methodist Preachers — 1810.		
Bible Christians — — O'Bryan, — — — 1810.		
Irvingites, — — — Irving, a Scotch minister 1846.		
Methodist Reformers, — Methodist Preachers 1849.		
Mormons — — — Joseph Smith, an American impostor 1830, was introduced into England in 1850.		

Wednesday, Mar. 26th

A number of years past Edward E. Bourne has been President of Kennebunk Savings Bank and Joseph Dane, Treasurer, who is the executive officer. Within a few days E. E. Bourne has resigned the Presidency of the Bank and been chosen, Treasurer. Robert W. Lord has been chosen President. Mrs. Chase will doubtless continue assistant Treasurer.

Thursday, Mar. 27th

The annual school district meeting in this village was held this week. In the spring of 1880, E. F. Mitchell was elected agent, but declined a reelection this year as he thought the pay of the agent was not high enough. E. H. Goodenow was chosen clerk; James M. Stone, agent; E. W. Morton, treasurer; F. N. Thompson, collector; J. Titecomb, F. M. Ross and W. Kimball, assessors.

1884.

Friday, Mar. 28th

Picker building, originally built for a "picker", situate between the large mill and Ferguson's saw and blind factory burnt, on the western side of the river was burnt. A large number of new leatheroid cans were in the building which were valued at about \$2000. These cans were insured for \$1000. There was a small insurance on the building, but I do not know how much. The building was owned by the Bank. The cans by the leatheroid co.

Saturday, Mar. 29th

George L. Farnham, agent at B. & M. Railroad station in this village, has but one child - a daughter Stacy was united in marriage with Rev. Mr. Stacy of Lawrence, Mass. She dies a few days ago.

Sunday, Mar. 30th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood gave notice from the pulpit to day that he should take his year's vacation the coming month of April. The Sunday school and vacation Sabbath evening will be sustained as usual.

Monday, Mar. 31st

"Crowded as are all the avenues, there is always about as much room for a man as he is able to occupy. Success Failures are due to two causes - one that you have mistaken your calling; the other that you will not or cannot work. The men who are early and late at their vocations, who are alert to take advantage of every opening, who are not swayed to the right or left by weariness or desire for change who do the best they know how whatever they attempt to do at all, form the minority which invariably wins." The above is from an address to young men in a New York college, by L. M. Depew.

Tuesday, April 1st

Thomas L. Gillpatrick has been the agent in this town of the American Express Co. a few years past. He has resigned the agency and a Mr. Webster, from Richmond, has this day taken his place, according to report.

1884.

Wednesday, April 2nd

An "Excursion" train with between two and three hundred passengers left Boston to day, for Washington D. C., to be gone from Boston ten days. The price of a ticket for the excursion Fifty Dollars. This sum includes all travel by rail and steamer hotel accommodation, incidental transfers, carriage rides, with a visit to Mount Vernon and the caverns of Luray in Virginia.

I and my daughter expected to go on this excursion and have prepared ourselves accordingly. Last week I wrote to Baymen & Whitcomb, who has charge of the train, telling them of our desire. Last Monday I received a letter from them saying - "I regret to say that our party for April 2nd is now complete and that we cannot accommodate yourself and your daughter. I have now about 100 persons now on the waiting list that we cannot accommodate."

Thursday, April 3rd

Doctor Jacob B. Wentworth came to this village in January 1878. His mother, a widow and his unmarried sister came soon after that time. About three months since, he went to Lowell, Mass., where is now practicing, with the expectation of remaining. His mother and sister still remains in Amesbury.

Friday, April 4th

Last Wednesday night about seven inches of snow fell, which was followed by a rain storm. But little of the snow is now to be seen. Very muddy.

Saturday, April 5th

On the first day of March, John Roberts and his wife with Mr. & Mrs. John Cousins started on a journey. Their first stopping place was at Beaufort S.C. From there they went to Jacksonville, Florida. Having seen their relatives and the country, they returned home this week, pleased with their journey.

1884,Sunday, April 6th

No religious service in either of the churches in this village, Rev. Mr. Lockwood being absent and the other churches in this village holding their services in the afternoon.

Monday, Apr. 7th

Lost Saturday, Joseph Littlefield of this town being in Elletts, or vicinity, was accidentally killed by a freight train on the Eastern Railroad. He was not a temperance man, although he might have been sober at the time. His remains were brought here Saturday afternoon and his funeral was held this afternoon. His age was 51 years. His father - John Littlefield was killed by the cars, near the Eastern depot in this town, many years ago.

Tuesday, Apr. 8th

First White-men in America "In 1628 John Bradicott, brought over with him from England, white-weed, which he sowed in his garden, to be used as a medicine, has spread pretty much over the country. One of the pear-trees set out by him is still living."

First Rice in America "In 1691 a vessel from Madagascar arrived at Charleston. Governor Smith went on board and received a present from the captain of some rice which he sowed in his garden. It was so luxuriant that he began its cultivation. His neighbors also cultivated it, and in short time the colony not only supplied itself with rice, but sent ship loads to England and the colonies."

From "Old Times in the Colonies", by G. B. Coffin.

Wednesday, Apr. 9th

Hiram T. Fairbanks died in his native town of Pennebunkport, on the 7th inst, aged 59 years. He was a house carpenter by trade; but connected himself with Fairbanks Scale Company and was their agent for Maine. He was one of the first movers and took an active part in the railroad to the Port. He leaves a widow (daughter of Wm H. Walker) and one son.

1884,Thursday, Apr. 10th

Rev. Lyman Chase, M. D. who has been in feeble health, for several months past, has resigned his pastorate over the village Baptist church, in Pennebunkport, and will close his labors, the middle of next month.

Rev. Lyman Chase.

Friday, Apr. 11th

At an adjourned meeting of the village school district, held a few days since, it was voted to raise by loan, to be paid in ten annual instalments, twenty five hundred dollars to build in accordance with the plans of the committee, a new School House, on Smith's Hill, now owned by Capt. Charles Thompson, for the Intermediate and Primary Schools. The District Treasurer was authorized to obtain said loan, at a rate not exceeding 4 1/2 per cent, per annum.

School District meeting in this village.

J. M. Stone having declined to be agent, J. L. Little, was chosen in his place.

Saturday, Apr. 12th

By late arrivals from Panama it is stated that the number of men now employed in all sections of the canal is at least 15000. They are brought chiefly from Jamaica and Barbadoes.

Panama canal.

Sunday, April 13th

Easter Sunday. As has been customary a few years last past, there was a great display of flowers in the First Parish church; certainly as many if not more than any previous year. As there was no meeting in the Second Parish church, to day, many went to the First Parish. The choir of the two Parishes sat in the singing seats of the First Parish.

Easter Sunday.

Monday, Apr. 14th

"This world is all a fleeting show,
For man's illusion given;
The smiles of joy, the tears of woe,
Deceitful shine, deceitful flow,
There is nothing true but Heaven."

Poetry.

T. Mure.

1884.

Tuesday, April 15thRules for health, by Doctor Dio Lewis.

Breakfast. Simple vegetable food, which must have thorough mastication. No drink during the meal or immediately afterwards.

Dinner. Plain meat with bread and one vegetable. No dessert and no drink.

Supper. Bread and butter, with a little fruit.

Within thirty years I have known hundreds of families to seek health by this short simple path. They have generally found it.

Cure of Stammering.

"The secret is this: the stammerer is made to mark the time in his speech, just as it is done, ordinarily in singing. He is at first to beat on every syllable. He begins by reading one of David's Psalms, striking the finger on the knee at every word. You can beat time by striking the finger on the knee, by simply hitting the thumb against the fore-finger, or by moving the large toe in the boot.

I doubt if the worst case of stuttering can continue long, if the victim will read an hour every day, with thorough practice of this art, observing the same in his conversation.

As thousands have paid fifty and a hundred dollars for this secret, I take great pleasure in publishing it to the world." Dio Lewis.

Wednesday, April 16th

In Aug. 1868 a "Liberty Pole" was raised on the outer edge of the sidewalk, between my store and the store then owned by John Roberts. The Pole having stood nearly sixteen years, was partly decayed, and cut down this week.

Thursday, April 17th

In April 1881, the four religious societies in this village, had their first union meeting (including the Unitarians) on Fast day. This arrangement has continued. To day the union meeting was in the First Parish church and Rev. Mr. Vinet preached.

1884.

Friday, April 18th

About three weeks a schooner, without cargo left Kennebunkport, bound for Philadelphia to load with coal. The night after the vessel left, a storm came on, and it is supposed she is lost, as no news has been heard from the schooner. Wallace Boothby was in command, Samuel Wild, Ernest Wilder, Charles Wakefield and a man by the firm's name were the crew; all young men. The vessel was uninsured, said to be worth about \$4,000 and owned in small shares at the Port.

Saturday, April 19th

The following is a story from York. A number of years ago, there was in that town an eccentric man by the name of Applebee, who often talked in prayer meeting, and sometimes made odd and unexpected remarks. A man that he disliked was about to move from York. At the next prayer meeting Applebee, in his prayer said—"Oh Lord, we thank thee that this man (calling him by name) is going to move down East, we hope he will move farther than the East, good Lord, we don't care how far he goes."

Sunday, April 20th

Not any meeting this forenoon in this village, Sunday.

Monday, April 21st

"A man who has been engaged upwards of a year on the Panama canal, has recently returned. He says, there is plenty of money to carry on the work, and there is only one thing more common than cash and that is death. Men die like the leaves in autumn. The dead are disposed of without ceremony, a shallow grave, no prayers, and all is a moment forgotten. There are now about 15,000 men at work on the canal mostly negroes from Jamaica and the French West Indies. These negroes are brought over in droves as fast as those at work die, and not 1/3 of the 15,000 will be alive a year from now. 5,000 died during the last three months." Boston Journal.

Schooner with her crew supposed to be lost.

Prayer of eccentric Applebee of York.

Death of men at work on the Panama canal.

1884.Tuesday, Apr. 22nd

The Methodist annual conference at
Methodist closed their session, I think yesterday. Rev. True B.
ministry, Adams has again been appointed to the Methodist
church in this village, being his third year here.
Rev. R. H. Kimball has been appointed to the church
at Pennebunk depot; Rev. B. Atkinson who was at
the Depot last year, has gone to Norwich.

Wednesday, April 23rd

"It is a singular fact," says a N. Y. correspondent,
"that we are indebted to Pompeii, for the great industry
of canning fruit. Years ago, a party of binominations
Antiquary found in what had been a pantry of a house, many
of jars of preserved figs. One was opened and they were
found fresh and good. Investigation shows that the
Fruit figs had been put into the jars in a heated state and
then sealed with wax. The hint was taken and the next
year canning was introduced into the, the process
being identical with that in vogue in Pompeii twenty
centuries ago." - The above is going the rounds in newspapers.

Thursday, April 24th

Decent "Maintain a decent reserve with all men, even
reserves, with your best friends. Count yourself happy if you
even with have found two or three friends. More no man is
friends likely to possess."

Private "Be careful to keep your sorrows, disappointments
affairs misfortunes and disagreements, your affairs in
general to yourself. The public has nothing to do
with them, and sensible and reputable people all they
yourself, can to avoid publicity of every kind." Charles Norahoff.

Friday, April 25th

When Rev. Mr. Pember moves his wife and
family here in July 1881; it was then reported (perhaps
it was a false report) that he had been deposed as an
Episcopal minister on account of intemperate habits.
Since that time he and his wife he and his wife have taken
an active part in temperance meetings. They are now
temperance delegates from this town to Bangor.

1884.Saturday, Apr. 26th

It was noted last Mr., that Hartley Sporn has
men at work here, digging stumps, leveling the
ground and at work on a barn. Men have resumed
labor this spring on the same lot of land and at
same employment, with the exception of carpenters
who are now at work on a new story and a half house
which was raised last week, on the lot near the barn.
The house is intended for the occupancy of the man
and his family who will labor on the farm.

Last fall Asa Clark moved his family from
Wells into the "Hilliars house" and has charge of the
farm work. He had the charge last fall.

Sunday, Apr. 27th

The same remark that was made last Sabbath
as it regards meeting, will apply to this day.

Monday, April 28th

It was noted on the 18th inst., that a schooner
from the Port, was supposed to be lost. Since that
time no tidings have been received, or is supposed
she foundered. The name of the schooner was the
Mary Stow, or Stone, of 160 tons register. She sailed
from the Port on the 29th of March.

Tuesday, Apr. 29th

"I thank God oftener for those wishes which
have been unsatisfied, than those which were
fulfilled; said a middle aged man, and he spoke
the common experience of most men and women
who have lived considerate and intelligent lives."

Wednesday, Apr. 30

"During the administration of President Monroe
was the introduction of a definite term of minor
civil officers, making them removable every four years.
The bill was signed by the President May 15, 1820.

Another measure called the "Monroe doctrine" was passed
during his administration. - This being simply a demand
of non-interference by foreign nations with the affairs
of the two American continents." T. W. Higginson.

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1884.

Thursday, May, 1st

The following is from "Recollections of a past life" by Sir Henry Hallam, an English doctor.

"The want of occupation, is according to my experience of professional as well as social a very frequent cause of premature decay."

"Suffering is always augmented by the attention of the mind directed to it."

"Fatigue of the intellectual faculties is always more or less, an impairment of the vital power-repairable by repose, in common cases; but becoming a final impairment if habitually repeated."

"All habits of prior life wholesome in themselves may be superficial as well as safely maintained until felt to become laborious and exhausting."

"A Roman poet has well said - 'It is living twice to be able to enjoy the past portion of life'."

"The faculty of being happy when alone, though derived chiefly from natural temperament, is susceptible of more cultivation than it receives and will repay whatever culture can be given to it."

"The simple act of recalling an event, which occurred sixty years ago, or before is a wonderful phenomenon."

"Time is ever changing traditional history more vague."

"There is more general reading, but less earnest individual study than formerly."

"Time has endeared my own habitation to me, and I shall never change it again."

Friday, May 2nd

C. A. Sleeper, has this week, had two bay windows added to the second story of his building on Main street. His family live in the second story, while he occupies the lower story in his business.

Saturday, May, 3rd

A few years since Miss Emma Abbot came from Shapleigh and opened a shop for dressmaking. To day she has sold out the fixtures of her shop and is going to Winchester, Mass., to continue the business.

What
an
English
Doctor.Sir
Henry
Hallam
thinks,C. A.
Sleeper,Emma
Abbot.

1884.

Sunday, May 4th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood having returned from his year's vacation; there was a meeting to day in the Second Parish church.

Monday, May 5th

Orin S. Ross has recently bought of Daniel L. Hatch, a lot of land, on the western side of "Zinn's Hill", between the house of Mr. Hatch and the house of William F. Simpson. It is reported that Mr. Ross will soon erect a house with out buildings on the lot.

Tuesday, May, 6th

Edwin J. Brown, who left here in the spring of 1881, has since that time, studied law, been admitted to York County Bar and it is reported will open a law office in Biddeford.

Wednesday, May 7th

The Leatherboard company are now building a paint shop on the street leading to the Leatherboard mill, for painting their manufactures articles. The company did use for a paint shop the "Picken building", which was burnt last March.

Thursday, May, 8th

It is reported that a lot has been recently bought for a new school house. The lot is on "Ben. Smith's hill" as it is called, but I have not heard of any particulars. The number of children in this school district has largely increased within a few years. The present school houses do not accommodate all of them.

Friday, May, 9th

"By the new survey and other changes proposed; the Cape Cod Canal will require at least four years for its completion, at an estimate expense of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per mile. The channel will be eight miles long, 240 feet wide on the surface, and deep enough for flooding the largest vessels. Over four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) have been already expended for various purposes" Boston Statesman of this day.

Sunday,

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Ross.

Edwin
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Brown.New
Paint
Shop.Lot
for a
new
School
House.Cape
Cod
Canal.

1884.

Saturday, May 10thMedical Advice.

Take the open air,
The more you take the better,
Follow Nature's laws
To the very letter,
Eat of simple food,
Drink of pure cold water,
Then you will be well—
Or at least you oughter."

Poetry.

Sunday.

Sunday, May 11th

Nothing of particular interest in this vicinity to day.

Monday, May 12th

"From the introduction of the flint-lock to guns in
Flint in 1630 to that of the percussion cap in or about 1830, a
Locks period of about 200 years—no improvement whatever
& was made in the fire-arms of infantry troops. The British
perum fought at Waterloo, in 1815, with the same arms they
caps. had used at Blenheim in 1704."

Tuesday, May 13th

This week men are working, digging graves and
removing the bodies from the tomb in the grave-yard.
Bodies Ten bodies have been deposited in the tomb since
from last fall—they are, Joseph T. Nason, Wm F. Lord,
the Joseph Daise, David Drawbridge, John Burnham
tomb. (from above) wife of Richard Littlefield, widow of Mary
Gillpatrick, a daughter of Sidney T. Fuller and two
small children.

Wednesday, May 14th

For The stone for the foundation of the new school-house
new has been hauled. The contracts for building have been
School let out as follows:—Joseph Day, carpenter work; G.
House, Frank Goodwin and George Ross, stone work; and
Edward Ward, grading.

Thursday, May 15th

Schooner Last Saturday, David's black launch on the Port, or
of 800 three masted schooner, of nearly 800 tons. The schooner was
tons, fully rigged on the stocks and with sails all bent, when launched.

1884.

Friday, May 16th

It is said the men who hired a room in the
factory building and fitted it up for a "skating rink"
have made money by the operation. Nearly every week
day evening and some afternoons, the rink has been
open to the public, that is by paying for admission.
Many times during the winter, there have been prizes
offered for various feats in skating and sometimes
persons from out of town have been hired to come here
and exhibit their skill in various ways.

"Skating
Rink;"Saturday, May 17th

During the last few months, a man from
Dartmouth or Saco, has kept a dancing school in
this village. His pupils were mostly small children.
Last evening the school closed with an exhibition
in Mansam Hall.

Dancing
School.Sunday, May 18th

Rev. Mr. Hurst, from the Second Parish in Wells
exchanged with Rev. Mr. Lockwood to day. This Mr.
Hurst, is the successor of Rev. Mr. Arnold in 1883.

Rev. Mr.
Hurst,
of Wells.Monday, May 19th

"The greatest natural genius cannot subsist on
its own stock; he who resolves never to ransack any mine
but his own, will soon be reduced from mere barrenness
to the poorest of all imitations; he will be obliged to imitate
himself, and repeat what he has before repeated. There is but
one method and that is hard labor.---Generally speaking
the life of all truly great men has been a life of intense
and incessant labor. The multitude cry out "a miracle
of genius!" yes he is a miracle of genius, because he is a miracle
labor; because, instead of to the resources of his own single
mind, he has ransacked a thousand minds."

Rev.
Sydney
Smith
on
genius
and
labor.

"A great deal of talent is lost to the world for the want
of a little courage. The fact is, that in order to do anything
in this world worth doing, we must not stand shivering
on the bank, and thinking of the cold and the danger, but
jump in and scramble through as well as we can."

From the Wit and Wisdom of the Rev. Sydney Smith.

1884.

Tuesday, May, 20th

It was noted last June that James Berry had been appointed baggage-master on the railroad to James the Port. Last week he ceased to occupy that position Berry. and has gone to work in the village as a day laborer again. He is often employed in the graveyard, in the summer time, keeping the yard in repair.

Wednesday, May 21st

George Wiser monument of marble, on a granite base, placed in grave his graveyard lot. On the top of the monument is a yard sitting figure carved in marble. The reported cost of monument, the monument is seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Thursday, May, 22nd

Poetry, "Lochiel! Lochiel though my eyes I should seal,
Man cannot keep secrets what God would reveal
'Tis the sunset of life gives me mystical lore,
And coming events cast their shadows before."

Friday, May 23rd Gumphe.

Hooks in this village, it was voted to raise \$300 for the and purchase of a hook and ladder truck with six ladders, Loaders, two hooks, four buckets, lanterns, etc. -

The above named articles have been received here.

Saturday, May 24th

Pleasure ride to "Wells Branch." Last Thursday, the day being pleasant, I and my daughter, rode to that part of Wells, called "The Branch." She had not been in that part of Wells and I had not for many years. I called on some of my old customers who appeared to be pleased to see us. We returned home by the way of "Harrysickett", having had a very pleasant and agreeable ride, which we enjoyed.

Sunday, May, 25th

Rev. Adams. There was not any preaching in the Methodist church to day; as Rev. Mr. Adams is now in Philadelphia, attending the Methodist General Conference, now in session in that city. This conference meets once in four years, for the transaction of general business.

1884.

Monday, May, 26th

Within a few days, the Homestead of the late Joseph Dame senior, at the corner of Main and Dame streets has been sold to Hartsly Sporn, for Twenty Seven Hundred Dollars. The lot is about 80 feet on Main street and on Dame street to the land of George Gillpatrick. The lot is considered, the more valuable from bearing two of the six large elm trees on it. The two story house 30 by 40 feet was built by James Kimball Jun^r in 1815. Mr. Dame bought it in 1810, and lived in it until his death in 1808. His widow continued to remain there until her death in 1872. Since that time the house has been let.

Tuesday, May, 27th

"Out of the old fields, as men saith,
Cometh all this new corn from year to year;
And out of old books in your faith,
Cometh all this new science that men learn."

Wednesday, May 28th

"We know more of how things go on; but we know nothing of how things began."
"The great primary law of inheritance remains a mysterious fact."

Thursday, May, 29th

Last evening the main gate of the upper dam was opened. This morning men began the work of laying the foundation for an addition to the shoe shop. It is expected work will be resumed in the shop in a few days.

Friday, May, 30th

Memorial Day. This forenoon the sky was overcast and the afternoon some showery but not enough to prevent the usual observances, which were similar to those of last year. Soldiers graves at the Landing and upper depot were decorated in the a.m., where the "Post" remained until after dinner. This P. M. the graves in the village were decorated. This evening Wilbur F. Spunt of Portland is expected to deliver an oration in Masons Hall.

1884.

Saturday, May 31st

First frost and nearly all tender plants were killed, the last was found this morning in many places in the village. Garden crops were the most damaged and in most cases will have to be planted over again. But few field crops were far enough advanced to be hurt.

Sunday, June 1st

Ministers Ministers of the churches in this village, were all at home to day. During the past winter, the people of the Unitarian Parish have had their public religious service in the afternoon. To day the public service was in the forenoon and will continue as long as the warm weather continues.

Men Men were at work to day on the foundation for the addition to the shoe shop, which the owners of the shoe shop consider "a work of necessity."

Monday, June 2nd

B. F. Spurt, formerly of Mechanic Falls, now of this village, has bought a house lot of Woodbury Hall and to day has raised the frame for a two story house on raised the lot. The lot is in a field, back from the residence of Mr. Hall. The town has not yet laid out a road to this frame, lot and the two houses near it.

Tuesday, June 3rd

Shoe-shop. This morning work was resumed in the shoe-shop. A larger number of men are also employed by the shoe company outside of the shop. Some of the men are at work on the rock foundation for an addition to the building, others are at work framing the building.

Wednesday, June 4th

Potatoes Potatoes are abundant, consequently at a low price. Potatoes of good quality are now sold in this village at here. 42 cents a bushel. Ten bushels or more in one lot can be bought for 25 cents a bushel, as is reported.

Concrete walks.

Thursday, June 5th

Men from Bradford are now putting concrete on the sidewalks in front of the store occupied by Mr. Sleeper.

1884.

Friday, June 6th

To day men are at work in this village putting up new poles, with crosspieces near the top, on which to hang telephone or telegraph wires (I do not know which). Another set of men followed, fastening wires to the poles. The old telegraph poles they have cut down.

Saturday, June 7th

The Republican National Convention met in Chicago on the 3rd inst., to nominate candidates for President and Vice President of the United States for four years from the fourth day of March 1885. Yesterday on the fourth ballot James G. Blaine of Maine was nominated for President.

First ballot.

Whole number of votes	818	
Necessary to a choice	410	
James G. Blaine, of Maine	334 1/2	Blaine
Chester A. Arthur of New York	278	and
George F. Edmunds " Vermont "	93	Logan
John A. Logan " Illinois "	63 1/2	nomi-
John Sherman " Ohio "	30	nated
Joseph R. Hawley " Connecticut "	13	at
Robert T. Lincoln " Illinois "	4	Chicago
W. T. Sherman "	2	by
		Republicans

Fourth ballot.

Whole number of votes	813	
Necessary to a choice	407	
James G. Blaine	541	
Chester A. Arthur	207	
George F. Edmunds	41	
John Sherman	00	
W. T. Sherman	00	
John A. Logan	7	
Joseph R. Hawley	15	
Robert T. Lincoln	2	

On the first ballot for Vice President, the whole number of votes was , of this number John A. Logan received all but 12 votes, which were from New York,

1884.

Sunday, June 8th

"Children's Sunday" at the Methodist church. The exercises in the church in the day time and Sunday evening, were the same as in June 1882. (See page 182) The church was also decorated with flowers, as this church. A large number of people were present in the evening; more than could be accommodated in the pews.

Monday, June 9th

James G. Blaine - Republican, candidate for President was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, Jan. 31, 1850. Graduated from Washington College in 1847. In 1853 went to Augusta, Me.; became editor of the Pennsylv. Journal. In 1858 was elected to the State Legislature and in 1862 to Congress; was speaker of the House 1869-1871. In 1876 he was a candidate for nomination for President in the Convention which nominated R. B. Hayes. In 1879 was appointed U. S. Senator. In 1881 was appointed Secretary of State by President Garfield; resigned when Garfield died eight months later. Since his resignation he has held no public office but has devoted his time to writing a history of public events during his career in Congress.

The above is condensed from newspaper accounts.

Tuesday, June 10th

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Kennebec and Seacoast railroad company, Hartley Sporn was chosen a director, occasioned by the death of Joseph Dams and Edward P. Burnham of Seacoast, was chosen President.

Wednesday, June 11th

"Who revealeth much and never meditates,
Is like a greedy eater of much food,
Who so surfeits his stomach with his eat
That commonly they do him little good." French.

Thursday, June 12th

Hartley Sporn and wife of Boston have arrived, for the season and now occupy their cottage near the sea. The health of Mrs. Sporn was poor last summer, but is now much better. Mr. Sporn has been here most of the time this spring overseeing men at work for him "farm".

1884.

Friday, June 13th

John R. Haley, youngest son of Joseph Haley, of this town has studied medicine. Last winter he attended the medical lectures at Brunswick and has recently received a diploma as a physician.

Saturday, June 14th

"The history of any private family, however humble, could it be fully related for five or six generations, would illustrate the state and progress of society better than could be done by the most elaborate dissertation."

Sunday, June 15th

Rev. Mr. Lockman has his youngest child, which is but a few months old, baptised to day, a small grandchild of the late bapt. Tobias Sporn was also brought forward and received the same ordinance.

This has been "Children's Sunday" at the Seacoast Parish church. The church was decorated with flowers and the exercises this forenoon and evening were similar to the Methodist exercises last Sabbath. I think this is the first observance of "Children's Sunday" by this Parish.

Monday, June 16th

Rev. Mr. Adams of the Methodist in this village has a religious service each Sabbath (when at home) at the Methodist on Seacoast road. He goes to that church in the forenoon and officiates at the church in this village in the afternoon. One of his hearers at the Seacoast church tells me, that the people there pay Rev. Mr. Adams \$100 a year for his services there which sum is part of his salary here.

Tuesday, June 17th

This morning, I and my daughter, started in a private carriage, for a short journey in the county. This forenoon we first went to "Sanford corner", where we stopped long enough to view the place; then to "Springvale" where we took dinner, at the hotel. In the afternoon, we went to "Limerick" and put up at the "Limerick House". The day has been unusually warm, but we rode slowly and enjoyed the ride very much.

1884.

Wednesday, June 18th

This morning after walking around the village of Limerick and calling on an old acquaintance, we went to the South road in Limerick, where I went to school one winter to about 60 years ago, but found no one that remembered me. After dinner we went to the North road in that town, then through Porter & Perce's Falls to Cornish, where we put up at a hotel, called the "Davis House".

Thursday, June 19th

From Cornish, this morning, then came through Limerick, Hollis and Lyman to our home, where we arrived, before night, having had a pleasant excursion, in this beautiful month.

Friday, June 20th

Yesterday about noon, while we were at "Hollis Centre", a very heavy thunder shower, arose, but we were so fortunate as to be sheltered in a home - shed recently built near the new Advent chapel. A heavy shower. At Goodwin's Mill in Lyman, we were told, it was the most powerful shower they had had for a number of years. In this village the rain was not so heavy.

Saturday, June 21st

About a year since James Berry was appointed baggage-master on railroad train between here and the Port. He left the railroad this spring. Vernon Burgen, Burgen of this village has taken the J. Berry place.

Sunday, June 22nd

Rev. Mr. Lockwood exchanged today with with a Rev. Mr. minister from Biddeford whose name is said to be Blanchard. This man is settled over the Parish, who is appointed in the "Parish church" which was burnt last Nov.

Monday, June 23rd

Poetry. "Go to the dull church-yard and see
Those hillocks of mortality,
Where proudest man is only found
By a small hillock in the ground."

1884.

Tuesday, June 24th

Jefferson W. Sargent died on the 22nd inst. aged 63 years. During many years he was the coffinmaker and conductor of funerals in this village. It is said a number of years since, while handling a dead body, some of matter from the body came in contact with a slight scratch or sore on his hand, and he became inoculated with the matter. Since that time he has not enjoyed good health and some people think it was the remote cause of his death.

He and his father took a deep interest in political affairs. In 1861 N. K. Sargent was appointed collector of the District of Kennebunk. A few days before his death in 1874, he resigned the office and his son, Jefferson was appointed collector and has retained the office until his death.

His funeral was attended this afternoon. As he was a member of the "Odd Fellows", about 75 of them followed his remains to the grave.

Wednesday, June 25th

Charles Stevens Jun^r, son of Charles Stevens, watchmaker of this village is employed by the fire department of Boston. He met with a severe accident last week, being run over by the fire steamer to which he is attached, breaking one of his legs and bruising the other. He was taken to the hospital and it is hoped his leg may be saved.

Thursday, June 26th

Edmund A. Fairfield has sold his residence on Pleasant street to Franklin C. Furbish for the reported sum of \$11,000 (See Jan. 2, 1879.) It is probable Mr. Furbish wants this place for one of his sons, who now lives in this village.

Friday, June 27th

It is reported that the late J. W. Sargent has his life insured for twenty three hundred dollars. The insurance company is for those persons only who are members of the lodge of "Odd Fellows".

1884.

Saturday, June 28th

The first week in this month some Frenchmen from Biddeford, put down a number of concrete walks in this village; but concrete was not good walks as it did not harden. Most of this poor concrete again, has been removed and a different company of men, said to be from Scarborough are this week putting down a better, or at least a harder kind of concrete.

Sunday, June 29th

Sunday, An uncomfortable warm day, about 90 in the shade.

Monday, June 30th

P. M. To day Ocean N. Bank declared a semi-annual Bank dividend of 3 per cent, payable on and after the dividend first Monday in July.

Tuesday, July 1st

"No man is so foolish, but he may give another good good counsel sometimes; and no man is so wise, counsel, but he may easily err, if he will take no other's counsel but his own".

Ben Johnson.

Wednesday, July 2nd

It was noted Jan. 9th page 310, that George W. Bourn had moved to Manchester N. H. This week he has moved back to Kennebunk, where he expects to remain Bourn, as a physician. As Doctor Westworth has gone to Lowell, there appears to be business for another doctor.

Thursday, July 3rd

As a black says that Harry Lora owns six yokes of oxen, which have been used on his farm. He has also two horses, used by Mr. Lora and others on the place. A dozen or more are also employed, who are under his charge of Mr. Clark, who is the superintendent of employes farm and out of door work except the mechanics. Harry Lora. The work on the house and barns is nearly finished. Mr. Clark says that he receives three dollars and one half a day for his labor and oversight.

I hear that Mr. Lora expects this summer to begin work on a dwelling for himself, which is to be back of the present old Williams house.

1884.

July 4th Friday.

A pleasant and comfortable day. With the exception of a few flags being hoisted and a few boys using fire crackers, no public observance of the 4th in this village. Many people, particularly the younger part of the community went to the beach. Very quiet in the village.

Saturday, July 5th

"Bray, is a small village in the county of Berks England. The Vicar of Bray was Simon Aclayn or Allen. He was Vicar of Bray about 1540 and died in 1588; so he held the living forty eight years. He was first a Papist, then a Protestant, then a Papist and finally a Protestant again. Being accused of inconsistency, "It is not so," he replied; "for I always kept to my principle, which is this - to live and die Vicar of Bray".

The reason he changes his religious opinions is often given in order to conform to the religious views of the different kings. Each time the ruling power changes, the Vicar of Bray, also changes." R. Southey.

Sunday, July 6th

A pleasant day and full attendance at church, Sunday.

Monday, July 7th

It is reported that F. E. Furbish, has sold the place, which he bought of Edward Fairfield on Pleasant street, to Doctor Sawyer, of Kennebunkport who expects to move to this village. It is also reported that Furbish receives from Sawyer \$300, some say \$1000 more than Furbish paid Fairfield.

Tuesday, July 8th

Micajah Pope, known in the army as Wm. Ross, says he went to the State of Wisconsin, in May, 1872. He has been employed most of the time in the sawing of lumber. He says that he came back here a few days since with his wife and three children. As he has sold out his property in that State, perhaps he will remain in Kennebunk.

1884,

Wednesday, July 9th

P. L. Parker L. Wiggins has been appointed collector of customs, for this District, in place of the late collector Jefferson W. Sargent. There will be no change of the present deputy collector - Seth E. Bryant.

Thursday, July 10th

George W. Kimball, son of the late Luther Kimball who lives at the Landing, is now on a visit here after an absence of thirty three years. He finds but very few people that he formerly knew. His home is at Pendall Creek, Pa.,

Friday, July 11th

The Democratic National Convention met at Chicago, on Tuesday the 8th inst., to nominate for President and Vice President of the United States.

Friday on the second ballot Grover Cleveland, of New York was nominated for President and Thomas A. Hendricks of Indiana, for Vice President.

The Ballots.

		First.	Second.
Hendricks	Whole number of ballots,	820	820
nomin-	Necessary for a choice 1/2 of,	547	547
nated	Cleveland, of New York,	392	683
at	Bazam, of " Delaware,	170	81
Chicago	Hendricks " Indiana,	1	45
by	Thurmon " Ohio,	88	4
Democrats,	Randall " Pennsylvania,	78	4
	Mc Donah " Indiana,	16	2

No votes were cast against Hendricks for Vice President.

Grover Cleveland is the son of a Congregational minister and was born at Caldwell New Jersey March 18 1837. Four years later the family moved Piquetteville N.Y. In 1881 and 1882 he was mayor of the city of Buffalo. In the fall of 1882 he was chosen Governor of the State of New York by a majority of 192,000. He is a bachelor.

T. A. Hendricks, was born in Ohio, Sept. 7, 1819. His father moved to Indiana. In 1876, he was the Democratic nominee for Vice President, but was counted out with S. A. Tilden.

1884,

Saturday, July 12th

"Every person has two immediate parents, four ancestors, in the same degree, eight in the third, and so the pedigree ascends, doubling at every step, till in the twentieth generation, he has no fewer than one million, thirty thousands eight hundred and ninety six."

"Live as long as you may, the first twenty years are the largest half of your life. They appear so while passing; they seem to have been so when we look back on them, and take up more room in our memory than all the years that succeed them."

"In old age the tendency of Nature is to dissolution, and that accidents which are trifling in youth, or middle age, become fatal at a time when Death is ready to enter at any breach, and life to steal out through the first flaw in its poor crazy tenement." From the "Doctor", by Robert Southey.

Sunday, July 13th

Between one and two o'clock this afternoon there was a heavy shower, which prevented people attending church. There was not any service in the Baptist church and probably not in the Methodist church. This summer the First Parish have their public service in the forenoon.

Monday, July 14th

On page 347, it is noted that John R. Hawley has received a diploma as a physician. He is now located in the village of Pennsbury. His professional card appears, the first time in the last number of the Eastern Star.

Tuesday, July 15th

"The cost of living has been constantly lowering and is fully 15 per cent less than it was two years ago. Flour and sugar were never so low as now, and hog products have only been lower in 1878. Best of Flour at wholesale is about \$6.00 - gran, Sugar 7c lb.

Number
of
ancestors.First
twenty
years
of
life.Tendency
of
old
age.Shower
prevents
church
attendance.John
R.
Hawley.Flour
&
granulated
Sugar,
at low
prices.

1884.

Wednesday, July 16th

Fire at upper Alwines, owned by William Bournery, were burnt; caused by a supposed defective chimney. Loss Alwines, about \$1300; Partially insured.

House When I was a boy, the house was owned and occupied by Rev. Joshua Roberts, then by John Roberts, then by a man by the name of Smith. Mr. Bournery has not owned the Bournery place but a few years.

Thursday, July 17th

Doctor George W. Bournery has opened an office in Mason's block. His sign on the building is "Dr. Bournery's office."

Friday, July 18th

In went to Portland. Having considerable business to transact; we did not leave the city until 5 1/4 o'clock to day, this afternoon. Portland people say, business is very dull there and it appears to be in nearly all places.

Saturday, July 19th

Show To day men began to raise the frame for the addition to the shoe-shop. This addition is mostly on the spot addition which has been used many years by those who wish to be baptised by immersion.

Sunday, July 20th

The religious service in the vestry of the Methodist church. There was a full attendance, as a large number of the Methodist church goers were present as their public religious service is in the afternoon.

Methodist I do not know why the Episcopalians did not meet in the Parson's building, as usual.

Monday, July 21st

Dixey A few weeks ago, Dixey Benson of Pennsbury, put Benson died, leaving a widow and children mostly grown up. Last week, the widow, from grief or some other cause, took "Daisy green" and lived but a few hours. I was not wife. acquainted Mr. Benson and wife, but understand they were in middle time of life.

1884.

Tuesday, July 22nd

Lost Saturday night, the house, barn and out buildings, owned and occupied by Joseph A. Noll, a short distance above the eastern depot were all burnt, losses unknown. It is reported that the building were insured for \$1750 dollars.

Wednesday, July 23rd

"What have I said, that's worth the saying?"

What have I done, that's worth the doing?"

What duties have I left undone,

For into what new errors run?" Pythagoras.

Thursday, July 24th

In 1872 when the depot building of the B & M. station was built in this village, the roof of the depot was covered with slate. This summer from some cause, to me unknown, the slate has been removed, and the roof has been covered with tin.

Friday, July 25th

Yesterday morning three boys started to go out to sail from Wells river. When crossing the bar the boat was capsized and a 15 year old son of E. B. Tripp of Wells, a boy by the name of Hovey of Boston and a boy by the name of Bell also of Boston, were thrown into the water. The Bell boy clung to the boat and was rescued. The other boys were drowned.

Saturday, July 26th

The frame for the new school-house was raised this week and is boarded with the exception of the roof. As the building is on high land it makes a conspicuous appearance in our village.

Sunday, July 27th

Rev. Mr. Lockwood preached to day for Rev. Mr. Darling, who still remains at Farmington N. H. and Mr. Darling preached here.

Rev. Mr. Lockwood's father aged 82 and his mother aged 86 are now here on a visit. It is reported that the father is a Methodist minister and their home is on Long Island, in the State of New York.

Joseph A. Noll buildings burnt.

Poetry

B & M. Railroad building tinned.

Two boys drowned at Wells.

New School House raised.

Rev. Mr. Darling

Rev. Mr. Lockwood's father & mother

1884.

Monday, July 28th

The Leatheroin company are now building, near the Leatheroin mill and near the former bed of the Mousam river, a building similar in all respects to the one the company built in the fall of 1882, a short distance below the gristmill.

Tuesday, July 29th

Farmers in this vicinity have all or nearly all done haying. They say the hay crop this season is about two thirds as much as last year; but the crop last year was far above the average. This year the weather has not been favorable for curing hay.

Wednesday, July 30th

Poetry. "When my last mortal day hath risen,
And the dark waters near me flow;
Let me look up from this clay prison,
Stretching my hands and glad to go." Ploptock.

Thursday, July 31st

Adm. It is reported that Capt. Charles Thompson has sold to Edward Fairfax (or his wife Hattie C. Fairfax) one half an acre of land for two hundred and twenty five dollars. This land is part of a lot which C. Thompson bought of the late Benjamin Smith in 1872.

Friday, Aug. 1st

Seaside. So far this summer the season has not been favorable for seaside hotels. The weather, with the exception of a few days, has been unusually cold. It is reported that all the seaside hotels, in this vicinity have not more than one half as many boarders now, as they had last year at this time.

Saturday, Aug. 2nd

Huckleberries in this vicinity are not abundant; but in the country are plenty. Mr. Tarbox of this village says, he went to Lyman to day for the berries. Huckleberries are brought home eighteen bushels. These berries were put in quart boxes (sent to him in crates) and sent by rail to Boston. The berries now retail in this village at ten cents a box.

1884.

Sunday, Aug. 3rd

Not any meeting to day in the Unitarian church. Rev. Mr. Vinall is now having his annual vacation. It is reported that the church will be closed during the month of August.

Monday, Aug. 4th

Rock workmen are now employed on the foundation for Hartley Lord's future residence. The soil only was taken off where the cellar is to be, as the land slopes downward from the road.

Tuesday, Aug. 5th

In the summer of 1881, an exploring expedition was fitted out by the U. S., consisting of 22 officers and enlisted men. To these were afterwards added three big game men. These men were in a vessel called the "Proteus" and were under the charge of Lieutenant Greely. They reached their destination Lady Franklin's Bay in Aug. 1881 and were left with their supplies. In Aug. 1883 their supplies being exhausted, they left the Bay and went into camp and went to Cape Sabine, where they remained until found June 22, 1884. No tidings of them had been received from the time they were left until found. Greely and five others were rescued. Seventeen were dead when the rescuing party saw them but short time afterwards, leaving only six live men who returned home. The deaths were from starvation and exposure. The party reached a higher latitude than any other Arctic expedition. - 83 deg. 26 min. North, 40 deg. 1 min. West.

Yesterday the six survivors had a public reception in Portsmouth N. H. A great number of people were present, including many U. S. naval officers.

Wednesday, Aug. 6th

It is reported that a movement has been made, to build a chapel at Wentworth's beach for the use of the summer boarders. An entertainment was given recently in the Wentworth House, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the furtherance of this object.

Rev. Mr. Vinall's vacation

Hartley Lord's residence

Lieut. Greely and the Arctic expedition

6 rescued
19 lost

Chapel at Wentworth's Beach

1884.

Thursday, Aug, 7th

There was a reunion of the soldiers at Old Orchard Soldiers to day. A large crowd of people were in attendance. Some estimated the whole number present, at 20,000. at James L. Blaine was present and had a reception Old at the Old Orchard House, where he shook hands with Orchard, many persons. The meeting was not considered a political gathering, as both parties were present.

Friday, Aug, 8th

"In the spring of 1821, the island (between the cities of Saco and Biddeford) was purchased by a company, principally of Boston, for the purpose of erecting a Cotton First Factory. The whole cost to the company was \$110,000. Cotton They bought at the same time a considerable part of the Factory privileges on the opposite side of the river for \$10,000. in In 1826 a mill was erected 210 feet in length, 47 in Saco breadth, consisting seven floors, and calculated to contain or 12000 spindles and 300 looms. In the summer of 1829, there Biddeford, were about 500 persons connected with it.

The Factory with the machinery was burnt on Sunday, February 21st 1830."

From the "History of Saco & Biddeford by George Folsom" in 1830.

Saturday, Aug, 9th

The baseball "fever", not only in this town, but in many other places, rages this year as high if not higher, than it did last year. As often as once a week, the club of nine meet a rival club of nine, in this village or some other town. This year the club has leased a field of Daniel Perkins near the house of the Drowbridge family and hold their meetings or plays there. A fee of 25 cents for males is now asked for admission to the ground on play days. This P. M. a club from Biddeford are here playing with Portsmouth club.

Sunday, Aug, 10th

The father of Rev. Mr. Lockwood preaches for his son this forenoon. For a man 82 years of age, he is remarkable senior. well preserved. It is now said he is not a Methodist minister but often preaches in a Methodist church, in the village where he lives, when at home.

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Monday, Aug, 11th

From the tombstone of Charles Beede an English author. Written by himself.

"I hope for a resurrection, not from any power of nature, but from the will of the Lord God Omnipotent who made nature and me. He created me out of nothing, which nature could not. He can restore me from the dust, which nature cannot."

"And I hope for holiness and happiness in a future life; not from anything that I have done in this body, but from the merit and mediation of Jesus."

"He has promised His intercession to all who seek it, and He will not break His word. That intercession one grants, cannot be rejected; for he is God and His merits infinite; a man's sins are human & finite."

"Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out." "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and is the propitiation for our sins."

"His last words to mankind are on this stone."

Tuesday, Aug, 12th

"He who has a thousand friends,
Has not a friend to spare;
And he who has one enemy
Will meet him everywhere."

Wednesday, Aug, 13th

A number of years ago, the Unitarian Parish uses coal to warm their church in cold weather. Within a year or two, the Parish have used wood instead of coal. The reason they say is, for a continuous fire, coal is better, but for one day's heating wood is better, and much cheaper.

Thursday, Aug, 14th

It is reported that John Taylor, son of Horace Taylor, of this village, met with a severe accident this morning, by being caught by a belt at the Leatherboard mill. One arm was broken in two places and the other in one place; the collar bone was broken, the face mangled and three fingers of the right hand crushed.

From the tombstone of

Charles Beede.

Poetry.

Wood instead of coal.

Bar accident to John Taylor.

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Friday, Aug. 15th

The reservoir on Main street, nearly opposite my store was built, but not finished, in the fall of 1870. Late in the fall of that year, during a heavy rain storm, the sides near of the reservoir were pressed in, so that it had to be repaired and joists being placed between the sides to prevent the granite blocks from falling inside. In the fall of 1878, the main reservoir was again repaired under the superintendence of Mr. Westworth, but was not much benefited.

This month men from Saco or Biddeford have been here and lined the inside of the reservoir with bricks, laid in cement.

Saturday, Aug. 16th

The masons who have been at work on the reservoir near my store, have begun work on a new reservoir, which is to be on High street, western side of the river. It is to be built of brick, 12 feet deep, 12 feet in diameter circular in form and it is supposed will contain about 140 hogheads. Joseph Parsons has the supervision.

Sunday, Aug. 17th

Rev. John Parsons preached to day for Rev. Mr. Lockwood. The church was well filled, as this was the only public meeting in the village, this forenoon.

Monday, Aug. 18th

This summer being colder than the summer of 1883; there has not been so many "summer visitors" in this vicinity as there was last year. As a whole the summer this year has been unusually cold, although we have had a few hot days.

Tuesday, Aug. 19th

Last evening a "Blaine & Logan" was hoisted against the street in front of the post-office. As the evening was warm and pleasant quite a large number of males and females were present. Amos L. Allen, of Alfred, was the first speaker. He was followed by Preston B. Blumharten, U. States Senator from Kansas. The speaking was from the portico over Dr. Frank Ross front door. The Pennabunk cornet band was also present and played a number of times.

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Wednesday, Aug. 20th

The Sabbath School of the Second Parish has their annual picnic yesterday at a grove at Goodbeach near the piers, yesterday. Mr. Andrews let one of his teams carry these children to and from the grove, who have not other ways of going and coming.

Thursday, Aug. 21st

Capt. Thomas Linn, died Dec. 6, 1861 aged nearly 61 years. His widow died on the 19th inst. aged about 84 years. Her funeral was attended this afternoon. The number of persons who attended was quite large, as she had many relatives by blood and marriage, particularly on her husband's side.

Friday, Aug. 22nd

Our Indian graves have scarce no monuments like the Greeks, Romans and Egyptians. When they have disappeared from the earth, their history will appear a fable and they misty phantoms. In this vicinity they have disappeared, not a vestige of them is now to be found, not even a stone to tell where they lie.

Saturday, Aug. 23rd

"We sometimes congratulate ourselves at the moment of waking from a troubled dream; it may be in the moment after death."

"A man will undergo great toil and hardship for ends that must be many years distant, - as wealth or fame; but none for an end that may be close at hand - as the joys of heaven."

"The love of posterity is a consequence of the necessity of death. If a man were sure of his living forever here, he would not care about his offspring."

"He realizes on a sudden, how much of life he has thrown away in the acquisition of what is only valuable as it contributes to the happiness of life; and how short a time was left for life's true enjoyments."

"What a strange interest there is in tracing out the first steps by which we enter on a career that influences our life". The above is from Hawthorne's writings.

Second Parish at Goodbeach.

Widow Thomas Linn died.

The Indians.

Extracts from Nathaniel Hawthorne's writings.

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Sunday, Aug. 24th

Another pleasant Sabbath and another full meeting.
 Rev. Mr. Darling again preaches for Rev. Mr. Lockwood.
 Mr. Darling is not probable that Mr. Darling will remain much longer this season at his seaside cottage.

Monday, Aug. 25th

Edmund Fairfield has recently raised, boarded and shingled, a one and a half story house on Green street, on the lot he bought of Charles Thompson. The house is near the house of Charles Kelly and Mr. Jackman the Frenchman and is similar to them.

Tuesday, Aug. 26th

The addition to the shoe-shop is now boarded, shingled and clapboarded and glazed. It is probable the machinery addition will be put in the addition, in a short time.

Wednesday, Aug. 27th

An uncommon handsome pole sixty six feet long was erected, near the curbstone and near the northeast corner of my store, to day. It is intended to have a "Cleveland & Hendricks" flag, suspended by a rope, from the top of this pole, across the street to a tall elm tree and opposite. The pole is set six feet in the ground and is eight inches in diameter at the upper end. It was procured by John Roberts and he was the person selected to have it placed properly in its present position.

Thursday, Aug. 28th

This afternoon, I and my daughter took a ride. At first we went as far as the First Parish meeting-house in Wells, then we returned to where the road, turns to Pennabunkport, then followed that road until we came to that village, then home, where we arrived about sunset.

Friday, Aug. 29th

Hardy & Co. has the rocks laid for a cellar to his expected residence on Summer street, usually called "Zion Hill". John H. Ferguson has received the contract to build the house. The frame for the house is on the lot and the sill already laid on the underpinning. The outside of the house will be finished this fall.

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Saturday, Aug. 30th

Last evening it was expected that Judge Northon bleary of Porttons and Elliot being would speak from the "Band Stand", in this village on the political issues of the day. The evening being bleary and raining, the speaking was in Abousson hall, which was well filled. After the speaking (the rain having ceased) the large flag with the names of "Cleveland and Hendricks" on the top and "Bedman and bleary" on the bottom, was hoisted across the street, with loud cheers from the company present and the playing of the Pennabunk band.

Bedman is the Democratic nominee for Governor of this State and bleary, the Democratic nominee for member of Congress in this district.

Sunday, Aug. 31st

Rev. Edmund S. black of New York City preaches in the Second Parish church this forenoon. He and his family are now stopping at his summer cottage in the village of Pennabunkport. (See Aug. 13, 1882)

Monday, Sept. 1st

Last evening there was a temperance in Abousson Hall. Col. R. S. bleary from the South, made the address. In the course of his remarks, he said that he was "a rebel, and an officer in the rebel army, during the war of the rebellion".

Tuesday, Sept. 2nd

The summer of 1884, taken as a whole, has been cold and wet. We have had a few hot days, but many more cloudy and foggy days. Seashore houses have not been filled this summer nearly as well this summer as in the summer of 1883.

Wednesday, Sept. 3rd

A Republican meeting was held in Abousson hall last evening. A torchlight procession of from 75 to 100 torches escorted the speakers C. J. Collins of N. H. and Mr. Burnbach of Indiana to the hall. The concert band furnished the music.

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Thursday, Sept. 4th

The Ocean Bluff hotel at Kennebunkport has this week closed its doors against any more summer boarders this season. The house is now vacant except by carpenters and painters who are at work putting the buildings in good condition.

Friday, Sept. 5th

The "Kennebunk Cornet Band" have recently bought new uniforms and make a fine appearance. when in uniform. I do not know the exact number in the band, but think about twenty. Their leader is Charles H. Cole, who has a store at Kennebunk Landing. The band advertise that they can be hired for any campaign work, at very low rates.

Saturday, Sept. 6th

This evening there was a celebration by the Republican party of this town, in this village. There was a torchlight procession of about persons. They came from all parts of the town and report says, part of them from the village of meeting Kennebunkport, but I do not know whether the report and is correct or not. The procession was led by the cornet band, torch- and marched through the principal streets of the village.

All, or nearly all of the houses occupied by Republicans (Lamp) were illuminated. Some internally with lights, some externally with business lanterns and some with both. I have not heard that there has been any public speaking this evening.

The evening is fair and favorable for an out-of-door show. There were many who came to see the show.

Sunday, Sept. 7th

There was a union temperance meeting at the Second Parish church this evening. The object of the meeting was to induce voters to vote for an amendment of the constitution of this State on the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, not including cider. Except, that the sale and keeping for sale of such liquors for medicinal and mechanical purposes, may be permitted under such regulations as the Legislature may provide.

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Monday, Sept. 8th

A pleasant day for the now semi-annual fall election. The votes in this town for Governor, Representative to Congress and to the capital of this State, were as follows:-

Governor.

For Frederick Robie, (Republican,)	- - - 412.
" John Redman, (Democrat.)	- - - 261.
" Scattering votes,	- - - 22.

Representatives to Congress.

" Thomas B. Reed, (Republican)	- - - 414
" Nathan Cleaves, (Democrat.)	- - - 270
" Scattering votes,	10

Town Representative.

Joseph Parsons, of Kennebunk, (Republican)	- 423
" William Fairfield, of Ken, (Democrat.)	- 211
" Scattering votes,	- 20

Vote on the amendment question.

In favor, of amendment, "Yes,"	- - 419
Against amendment, "No,"	- - 122

Tuesday, Sept. 9th

Joseph Parsons, who was yesterday elected by the Republicans, town representative, is apparently about 70 years of age. He has been known as a life long Democrat, and as far forth as I know, has until this election voted with that party. His brothers George and Charles who are Republicans are supposed to have been the cause of the change of Joseph's political vote. It is also reported, and probably with truth, that George and Charles Parsons have contributed liberally to the funds for the Republican campaign, during the present fall.

Wednesday, Sept. 10th

The returns (not official) from the First Congressional District, give Reed 17,184; Cleaves 16,669; Reed's plurality 915. From returns so far received it is probable that the present Governor Robie is again elected by a majority, of at least 10,000.

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this
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Joseph,
George
and
Charles
Parsons.

The
late
election.

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The following is a copy of the paper on the "Public worship of the Puritans", which I read in the Second Parish chapel Feb. 1. 1884, and in the chapel of the First Parish, Mar. 2nd 1884. Andrew Walker.

Introduction.

If I were a minister, one of my texts for a sermon would be—"Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." I propose at this time to bring forward some of the historical fragments that I have gathered up, relating to the public worship of the Puritans, with some of the changes that have since taken place. To me, it appears to be a good thing, to look up the history, to remember the days of old, and all the ways our forefathers and their children were led.

Public
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Why the Pilgrims came to this country.

Tired of the forms, ceremonies and restrictions of Europe; the principal object of our Pilgrim Fathers in coming to this country was, "For the cause of civil and religious liberty!" In the words of Rufus Choate,—"They came to found a church without a Bishop, a State without a King".

First Meeting Houses.

On one of the most elevated parts of what is now called Burying Hill in Plymouth, in 1622, the Pilgrim Fathers, erected their first place for public worship. It served the double purpose of a church and a fort. It was a large square building, with a flat roof, made of hewn timber, or thick sawn planks, stayed with oak beams, upon the top of which were six cannons which discharged iron balls of four and five pounds in weight and commanded the surrounding country. The lower part of this building, they used for religious worship on Sundays and the usual holidays.

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The Pilgrims assembled here, by beat of drum, each man with his musket, or firelock, and when seated each placed his gun near him, to be ready if needed.

The following verse from a hymn, written by Martin Luther, might with propriety, have been nailed to the door of this building, as he more than 100 years before, had on a paper, nailed his belief on the door of the "castle church" at Wittenburg.

"A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amidst the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing."

As time progressed and the number of settlements in the wilderness increased; the first houses for public worship, like their own dwellings were generally built of timber or planks.

In 1632, the wall of the first house for public worship in Boston, was built of logs, with the open places between the logs, plastered with mud, and had a thatched roof. It stood on the south side of what is now State Street.

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Preparation for the Sabbath.

The Puritan Sabbath in the villages of New England, commenced on Saturday afternoon. This is in accordance with the old Levitical law:—"From even unto even shall you celebrate your Sabbath." (23-32).

The following is an extract from a letter of instruction from England, to the Governor and Council for London Plantations in Massachusetts^{Bury} in New England. The letter is dated, April 17th 1629. "To the end the Sabbath may be celebrated in a religious manner, we appoint that all who inhabit this plantation, both for general employments and particular business may cease their labor every Saturday throughout the year at 3 of the clock in the afternoon and that they spend the rest of that day in catechizing and

preparation for the Sabbath, as the ministers shall direct. It is probable but few if any families in this county retained Puritanic customs longer than the Sewall family, who moved from York to Kennebunk in 1815. The late Miss Lucy Sewall, who died in 1874, aged 93 years, informed me, when her ^{father's} family lived in York, it was their invariable custom on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, to cease from labor and make preparation for the Sabbath. In what this preparation then consisted, I neglected to inquire.

Pastor and Teacher.

Sometimes in large and comparatively wealthy churches, there were two ministers. One was called the pastor, the other the teacher. The pastor did not take part in the introductory service. He preached the sermon, administered baptism, the sacrament and when considered necessary, inflicted church discipline. Churches with two ministers were not common. Probably they were in about the same proportion to the number of churches then, as ministers with a colleague are, to the whole number of ministers now.

Calling to Meeting.

The people assembled on Sabbath mornings in some places, by the hoisting of a flag, at Cambridge a drum was beat in military style, at some places by the blowing of a large conch shell. A poet of that time says—

"The time we tell when there to come,

By a sounding shell, or beat of a drum."

Salem the most aristocratic of all the settlements, was the first to have a bell for their meeting-house.

Many people on foot, some on horseback, singly or on pillions, they come and dismount on the hornblock, near the meeting-house door. Some fasten their horses to the fence, others under the horse-shed, which was built, not only to shelter the horses; but that the saddles and pillions be kept dry in stormy weather.

How people were seated in the meeting-house.

Pews in the churches of New England are a comparatively

modern arrangement. Our Puritan ancestors sat on hard benches, without cushions or carpets. Each was numbered, and each person knew his or her number and were fined if they did not occupy it, or sat in any other seat. Men sat on one side of the broad aisle, women on the other and small children in the aisle between them. When the congregation was large and there were galleries in the house, the young people were seated in the galleries, in full view of their watchful parents, or those who had care of them. One of the tithingmen, was also near at hand.

At the annual town meeting, a committee was appointed to "seat the meeting-house", as it was called. This meeting was directed by the minister and the committee. Strive as they might to render all their dues, and to do nothing partially, according to their instructions, offenses would come. Earthly ties of blood, or relationship were set aside in the house of God, but not earthly rank or earthly treasures.

The people were seated, or classed around the desk or pulpit, usually according to their age, office, social standing and the amount of taxes they paid the minister. Town histories reveal that pride, envy, rivalry and jealousy were active among the men and women of the olden time, and it was a very delicate and difficult task to seat the meeting-house. To please all was an impossibility. Still grumble as they might at the seating committee, the people sat just where they were told to; if they did not, they feared the consequences.

To know how people felt then, we have only to ask ourselves, how some of us would feel now, to be compelled to occupy the seat assigned to us, and if we did not occupy it, to be fined and if the fine was not paid, to be imprisoned, and in some cases whipped. In Newbury, Mass., the fine was five shillings a time, except on special occasions, to make room for others.

Public Religious Service.

It is not to be supposed, that public religious services in the early Puritan churches, were all conducted in exactly the same manner, any more than the public religious services of the present day. Still there was doubtless more uniformity than at the present time.

The Sabbath services usually commenced at 9 o'clock in the morning. The people collected quite punctually as the law compelled their attendance, except upon the plea of sickness. Non attendance was punished by fines, sometimes by imprisonment.

The sexton called on the minister and escorted him to meeting, in the same fashion, that the Sheriff now conducts the Judge into our State Courts.

In a comparatively few churches, after a prayer, a chapter in the Bible was read by the minister and expounded at length; but in a larger number of churches, the Bible was not read at all, and it took years of agitation, to carry out that innovation. Brattle street church, was the first church in Boston to introduce the custom, about 1700. In the Old South meeting-house, the Bible was not read during the service of public worship until 1737; at Medford, it was not read until 1759; in Duxbury not until 1790 and in Frammingham not until 1792. It was not until the beginning of the present century, that a reading from the Bible, by the minister became an established custom in public worship in New England.

A psalm in verse was next sung, which was all stated line by line, by the deacon to the congregation. Next in order was the long prayer, which was long indeed. It usually occupies from an hour to an hour and a quarter. The Puritans stood during prayer, and made it a matter of conscience to stand without motion, during the longest prayers. The length of the sermon was in due proportion to the length of the prayer. Many of the sermons at that time, made from 100 to 150 pages,

At noon there was an intermission generally of one hour, in some congregations of two hours.

The services in the afternoon were similar to those in the forenoon, but usually longer; because the baptisms, church discipline and collections took place in the afternoon. There was a contribution every Sabbath, preceded by an appeal from the deacon. The appeal was usually in this form:— "Brethren now there is time left for contribution, wherefore as God hath prospered you, so freely offer." The boxes were not carried round, but the congregation arose and proceeded to the deacon's seats and deposited their offerings. Besides money given, persons brought various useful articles and goods as offerings. The collections were distributed by the deacon or deacons if there were more than one, to the minister and the poor.

In addition to the care of the contribution-box, the deacon, usually, in some places the sexton, had the care of the hour-glass, which was set running in full view of the congregation, when the minister named his text. The sermon was not considered satisfactory, if it was not continued, till the sands in the hour-glass cease running. Sometimes the hour-glass was again turned, and the thirsty congregation invited to take another glass.

Often times in winter, the public services were continued until after sunset. At the close of the meeting, the minister passed out of the meeting-house bowing to the people, on both sides of the aisle, as they sat in silence, until the minister and his family had passed out.

Singing.

From the time of the Pilgrims to the war of the Revolution, a period of about 150 years, music in the Puritan churches of New England, was by voices only, and by the congregation. It is unknown but considered doubtful, whether women were—

allowed to mingle their voices with the voices of men in public worship. Rising in their seats, the singers stood facing the deacon, who occupies the deacon-seats, directly in front, next to the pulpit. The leading singer, who sat near the deacon, having "pitched" the tune; then all who could or thought they could, sang in unison, each line or couplet, as it was lined-off, by the deacon.

The reason of "lining-off" in deaconing the hymns was, in many congregations, some persons could not read, and some who could read, had not the means to obtain books, which were then scarce and of high cost.

Rev. Ezra Ripley was pastor of a church in Concord, Mass., 63 years. In 1828 he delivered a Public "Half Century Discourse", in which he says - "The first regular version (in singing) used in this church, was that of Sternhold and Hopkins, many parts of which could scarcely now be read with purity, sobriety in the assembly."

One of the parts to which Dr. Ripley referred was probably this verse: -

"Tis like the precious ointment,

Down Aaron's beard did go,

Down Aaron's beard it downward went

His garment skirts unto."

Another verse from the same version of Psalms.

"The race is not forever got,

By him who fastest runs,

Nor the battle by the people,

Who shoot the longest guns."

Dr. Watts' hymns and Psalms were introduced into the towns of New England, between 1755 and 1770.

The late Deacon William Smith of Kennebunkport who died a few years since, aged between 80 and 90 years, attended at the First Parish church in that town, from the playfulness of his childhood to the decrepitude of his old age.

He told me that when he was a boy, the hymns were read by one of the deacons, line by line and after each line, sung by the congregation. They did not sing a large number of hymns, because the congregation did not know but a few tunes. These hymns being sung so often, were naturally committed to memory; but the deaconing went on just the same.

The favorite hymn that was sung nearly every Sabbath, was composed by Dr. Watts, the verse of which is -

"Life is the time to serve the Lord,

The time to insure the great reward;

And while the lamp holds out to burn,

The vilest sinner may return."

As the proportion of persons who could read increases, and the people had more money or other means to buy books; the conflict between singing by note or "deaconing" and the new method of singing by note, was long continued. The deacons and older members were generally opposed to singing by note. After being the subject of much ridicule and derision, the deaconing of hymns was abandoned in many of the larger towns, about 1776. This was rapidly followed by the formation of church choirs.

In one case a deacon waited until the choir had done singing, then commenced "deaconing" the hymn, prefacing it by saying: - "The world's people have sung, now let the Lord's people sing."

In this town the "deaconing" of hymns was continued until 1787. Doubtless there was the same conflict here as elsewhere, between the older and younger members of the Parish. At first the conflict was apparently settled by a compromise; for the Parish record of that year says, - "Notes to sing in the forenoon (as formerly) line by line, in the afternoon verse by verse."

How long this arrangement continues we are -

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not infirm, probably but a short time; for we know the younger are continually gaining in influence over the older members of the community.

Our Pilgrim fathers would not have musical instruments in their religious worship. The first instrument introduced was the pitch-pipe, about 1775. The next was the tuning-fork. The base-viol, or the "Lord's fiddle", as they called it, came later and under more severe opposition. In one case a minister introduced the service by saying - "You may fiddle and sing the 105th Psalm." Soon after the base-viol, came the use of the flute, clarinet, trombone, basson and the violin.

The late Mrs. Sarah R. Lord, who died in 1873, informed me, she was a member of the choir in the First Parish about 30 years. When she joined the choir, there were musical instruments, but no organ. At that time, prominent among the choir, stood Doctor Samuel Emerson, leading off in singing with his sharp tones violin, Charles W. Williams followed playing vigorously on his big base-viol. William W. Wise played on a clarinet and Daniel Whitney on a bassoon. A large number of male and female singers were also members of the choir.

The late Mr. Elijah Littlefield was a few years older than Mrs. Lord. He told me that in his earlier years, he was a constant attendant at the same church, or as it was then called "meeting".

I asked him if he recollected about the singing before there was an organ. "Yes," said he, "I guess I do. Dr. Emerson played on a violin; Mr. Williams on a base-viol; William Wise on a clarinet and when Daniel Whitney was at meeting, but he did not come very often, he played on a bassoon. There was also a large lot other singers and sometimes when all together they would make the old meeting-house ring. "Ah," said he "with the conservatism, natural to advanced age: - That was singing worth hearing!"

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First Organ.

In 1713, the first church organ in New England was set up in King's Chapel, at the corner of School and Tremont streets, Boston. This was the first Episcopal church in New England and became the first Unitarian church in America. The organ was a gift from Thomas Brattle, an opulent citizen of that place. Let us remember, the Episcopalians were not Puritans. They introduced the forms, ceremonies and consequently the music of the Church of England. When the organ was set up, it became at first a wonder. One old lady, probably a Puritan, thought, - "It was a pretty box of whistles, but an awful way to spend the Sabbath."

According to the unpublished diary of the late President Stiles of Yale College, as quoted in the North American Review, - "The first organ ever introduced into the Puritan churches of America, or nonconformist churches of England, was placed in a Congregational meeting-house in Providence R. I. in 1770. It was a wonder and a scandal among."

An organ had been used before at Princeton college, but not in Sunday service. The misgivings occasioned by the use of it, in the college, has caused it, President Stiles informs us, to be laid aside.

The first church organ in Kennebunk, was set up in the First Parish church, in 1819.

Mrs. Sarah R. Lord informed me the first organist here, was Miss Matilda Sewall. The second was Miss Olive Bourne. These ladies are still living. The first married, is now the widow of Deacon Stephen Sewall of Winthrop. The second the widow of Capt. Ivory Lord, of this town.

The late George W. Hardy, who died in 1869, was organist in this Parish, about 30 years, as was reported, at the time of his death.

Tithing-men.

At the annual town meeting, one or more prominent and efficient men were elected to preserve good order in the meeting-house during public worship. These were called tithing-men. Each man had a small but stiff stick or rod, from six to eight feet long. In the town of Lynn, Mass., the rod had a wooden knob at one end, on the other end was fastened a fox's tail. If a man or a boy was asleep or disorderly; he was rapt on the head with the knob. If a woman or a girl was in like condition, the fox tail was drawn across their face. If from any cause there was a general disturbance, the tithing-man would look stern and pound on the floor with the end of his rod.

Pews in Meeting-Houses.

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In the "History of Newbury" Mass., we are informed that in 1668, the Selectmen granted liberty for five persons to build a pew for their wives, at the east end of the south gallery. This was probably the first pew ever built in the meeting-house. In 1700 it was voted that a pew be built for the minister's wife, by the pulpit stairs. In the same year permission was granted to twenty persons, to build pews on the lower floor for themselves and families.

In the history of the town of Rowley, Mass., we are told, that in 1708—leave was granted to four men, to build themselves a pew in the north of the meeting-house in the gallery, and another for their wives in the eastern corner in the gallery. These were the first pews, except the minister's in the house.

The square pew, on the right hand of the pulpit, by the stairs was the seat of honor, and was therefore occupied by the minister's family. In the First Parish church at Wells, in the First Parish church in Rensselaersburgh and in the First Parish church at Rensselaersburgh, the—

family of the minister, in each Parish, occupied the pew by the pulpit stairs, until within about the last fifty years.

The present arrangement of having private pews in churches, where the whole family sit together, has probably become established in the principal towns in New England before 1720. Then parents had the care of their own children and wide-awake wives jugged their sleepy husbands; hence the office of tithing-men gradually became unnecessary; although they were formerly chosen many succeeding years. The last tithing-man in Rensselaersburgh was chosen in 1811.

Meeting-house in winter.

From 1710 to 1821, no artificial heat was introduced into the First Parish church building in Rensselaersburgh, except the small foot-stoves used by some of the women. All the warmth came from each other. One old lady said—"Often have I been in meeting when the weather has been so cold, the breath of every person in the house was visible." Thus during more than two generations, the people shivered through their winter service, usually much longer than at the present time, and the proportion who attended public worship, was then much larger than at the present time.

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Foot-stoves were usually about eight inches square, made of tin, punctured with many holes to let in the air and set in a frame of wood. In the stove was a little iron pan, filled with hard wood coals. In cold weather, this stove was carried to meeting by the women to keep their feet warm. Mr. Bourne in his history says—"Most of the men were in the habit of taking some internal stimulus to wake up the blood to a more lively action during the hours of worship, and if that proved inadequate, they assisted the circulation by knocking the feet together."

Nooning, or Sabu-Day House.

In many towns of New England, particularly in Massachusetts and Connecticut, a small building with chimney and large fire-place, called the "Nooning" or "Sabu-Day House", was built near the meeting-house. In winter a fire was built in this house, every Sabbath morning, by some kind neighbor. At noon the men would go there to warm themselves, eat their luncheons, smoke their pipes, and it would not be at all surprising, if sometimes they indulged in conversation not strictly religious.

If the minister lived near the meeting-house, as it was then called; the women would flock into his large kitchen, where they enjoyed the warmth and replenished the pans in their foot-stoves, with hot coals, to keep them warm through the afternoon service.

I never heard of a "Nooning" or "Sabu-Day" house in the Pennebunk. As the minister of this Parish did not reside in the village; in cold weather, many persons who lived at a distance from the meeting-house, went into the kitchens of the nearest neighbors, particularly into the house of Mr. James Kimball and into the house of the Schoolmaster - Mr. James Osborn.

Hospitality.

Hospitality was doubtless sometimes abused, or at least not appreciated. Many years ago, a kind-hearted man in this village, gave a standing invitation to a member of the First Parish, who lived more than a mile from the meeting-house, to dine with him on Sundays. This invitation he was remarkable prompt in accepting. One Sabbath, Mr. Blank, as we will call him was belated, and did not arrive until the family with some invited guests, had sat down to dinner and the table was full. The hospitable man then said: "Mr. Blank, as the table is full, you will have to wait until some one gets up." Mr. Blank immediately

dropped on his hands and knees and in this way of the quadrupeds, went under another table in the room. The master of the house in amazement said: "Mr. Blank, what do you mean by such behavior?" "Why," said he, "if I am to be treated like a dog, in having nothing to eat, until the family are done; I think I had better act like a dog, and go under the table".

Catechising.

Before modern Sabbath Schools were introduced into New England, there had been an older Sabbath School, although it was called by a different name. We refer to the catechising of children. This school was usually held on the Sabbath, between meetings. The catechism being arranged in the form of questions and answers; the minister asked the questions, which the young people were expected to be prepared to answer. As the answers in the catechism were often far beyond the undeveloped faculties of children, ministers sometimes received answers that were unexpected.

The late bapt. James Burnham, who was a native of Pennebunkport, told me, when he was a small boy, Rev. Silas Moody, once a week, visited the schools, which were remote from the meeting-house, to catechise the children. The question to one little girl was - "What is the chief end of man?" She answered, - "I done whether it is his head or his feet."

This reminds me of an incident in my own childhood. In the summer time one of Rev. Silas Moody's daughters, taught a private school, for small children in the school district where we lived. Her father was then dead, and the old usage of catechising children had long passed by; but she done what she doubtless considered her duty. On Saturdays, the last thing in the school was the recitation of the class in catechism. It appears as

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though, I can see that class now. All the boys and part of the girls were barefooted, as was the custom at the time. We stood in a long line, with our great toes arranged exactly to a crack in the middle of the floor. One of boys in that class lived with a maiden aunt, whose given name was Patience, "The Maistress", as we called her, asked him this question from the catechism,—"Can you tell me child who made you?"—The answer was ready—"Aunt Patience's spirit."

Close of the Sabbath.

At sunset the Sabbath was considered past, and people resumed their labor; not hard work. Miss Sewall said on Sunday evenings, the women usually employed themselves in knitting or sewing, or mending, or any light employment.

Courting Sabbath Evenings.

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Quakers,

Perhaps some of our young men and women may be interested to know, that at this time originated the custom, which is not yet entirely obsolete, of young men going a courting on Sabbath evenings. The Sabbath was past, the duties of the day were over, young men were at leisure, and many persons kept on their go-to-meeting clothing which they had worn during the day. In brief, it was an evening admirably adapted to the purpose.

Christmas.

Christmas-Day in the primitive church, was always observed as the Sabbath-day. The evening before was devoted to entertainments and making of presents on Christmas-eve, has in Europe continued through ages and constitutes a good deal to make the festival an interesting event, particularly in those families having young children.

When our Puritan ancestors left Europe, they emancipated themselves from many old observances,

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one of which was the observance of Christmas. "Among other enactments, it was made a penal offense for any person to observe the festival of Christmas by a religious service." With the exception of Roman Catholics and Episcopalians, Christmas was not observed in New England, by the Puritans and their descendants, during a period of about two hundred years.

I have understood that the late Rev. Mr. Swann said, when he came to Bessemer in 1850, there was no outward observance to distinguish Christmas day, from any other day.

In 1814, there was a family festival and Christmas-tree on Christmas evening, at the house of Capt. Nathaniel L. Thompson, when the children had presents. This was the first Christmas-tree in this village, of which I have heard.

In 1815, '16 and '17 there was no particular observance paid to Christmas in this town or vicinity.

In 1818, the First Parish had a Christmas festival in what was then called the Town Hall, now their Sabbath school room. The hall was decorated with evergreens, flags and a Christmas tree, on which were presents, particularly for children. Tables were beautifully spread with choice food for the parishioners; and it was said at the time, there was quite a large number present, who had a good time generally. I think this was the first Christmas festival held by any Parish in Bessemer.

In 1860 each of the four religious societies in this village had a festival on Christmas-eve, and we know the custom has continued and probably will continue essentially the same.

Easter.

The observance of Easter sabbath in New England, except by Roman Catholics and Episcopalians is quite recent.

In this village, I do not think there was any—

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particular observance of the day previous to 1870. Between that year and 1878, a gradual and increasing display of flowers was annually made in the church. In 1878 and each year since that time, the Ladies on Easter Sabbath have had the churches in the village decorated with a profusion of flowers beautifully and artistically arranged. The ministers also on that day have generally preached on the resurrection of Christ, or on a kindred subject.

The Episcopalian way.

The Episcopalian way, what were once distinctive features in the Episcopal church, are becoming less distinctive, in consequence of other religious denominations adopting these features. Public worship, to have square windows, and those in very like dwelling houses. These places of worship were called meeting-houses and divine worship was called "going to meeting". Now we speak of churches and going to church. If a stranger were to conclude, that every fine gothic edifice he saw now-a-days, was an Episcopal church, he would make a great mistake. Once religious bodies who were not Episcopal, were against an educated ministry; now they have more colleges and theological schools than the Episcopals. Once it was considered a sin to have instrumental music, not even a pitch-pipe, was allowed in the sanctuary; now there is hardly a place of worship in city or large town, that does not have an organ or melodian. In 1659 the Puritans of Massachusetts, enacted a law making it a penal offence, for any person to observe the festival of Christmas, by religious services; now the evening before Christmas each denomination unite religion with their festivities. Whether we shall follow the Episcopal form of observing Lent, of reading prayers and ministers wearing surplices during divine worship, time will tell.

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Notes for prayer.

It was a custom in times past for those families who were, or had been recently afflicted with adversity, whether of sickness, death, or distress of any kind, to hand the minister a note requesting prayers. Notes were also presented for blessings received.

These notes were read from the pulpit by the minister, and during the long prayer, he prayed for mercy to each of those in affliction, and gave thanks for each of those who had been blessed. We know this custom gradually became among the usages of the past, and during the last fifty years, has been of rare occurrence.

Flowers in church.

The exact time when, or the particular person who, on a Sabbath morning, first placed a vase containing flowers, in front of the pulpit of the First Parish church, in this village is to me unknown. I think it was about the time this Parish had its first public observance of Christmas-evening.

The flowers occasioned considerable talk at the time, and some of the older people did not like the innovation, but the innovation came to stay not only in this church, but in the other churches in the village and has become the usual custom.

As a general rule we may observe, that aged people, do not like changes in doctrines, opinions, fashions, forms or ceremonies, to which they have been long accustomed. They like to fancy, or at least appear to think the world has been losing wisdom instead of gaining it, since they were young. As we advance in life, let us realize the old order is continually changing, yielding place to the new.

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Past, present and future.

Times are changing, and we are changing with them, is an ancient maxim, as true now as anciently. It is interesting to observe how changes come by degrees and are gradually accepted. What was a novelty when first introduced, in a short time becomes a matter of course, and in a few years, we do not realize there has been any change. We know the changes of a generation are slight, when compared with a century. If a Puritan of the first generation, or even of the first century, were to revisit the place where he first dwelt; he would be not a little amazed, not only in the appearance of the country, but in the less strict observance of the Sabbath and the general management of ecclesiastical affairs.

Although each generation brings its changes; it is probable during the last generation, the changes have been greater than the average. Within the last thirty years, perhaps a longer period there has been a tendency to a more lax observance of the Sabbath. This tendency has increased not only to a probability, but almost to a certainty, that the Sabbaths in New England will become as they now are in Continental Europe, where part of the day, is devoted to public worship, the other part, to what young people call, "Having a good time".

In 1878, one of the Boston ministers is reported to have said,—"Only about fifty per cent of the Protestant population of our cities are attendants upon any religious service, and not over one half of the sittings in our parish churches are occupied. These facts are of the character of a demonstration. The churches in Boston are not as well filled on the Sabbath now, as they were forty years ago."

In a recent number of the New York Observer, the senior editor remarks—"There is no disguising the fact—

there is a growing lack of sympathy between the masses of the people and the church as represented by its Sabbath service. There is not a city of any size, where there are not to be found numerous houses of worship, that only half, or less than half filled from Sabbath to Sabbath. And when we come to smaller towns and villages and country places, it is the rule to find districts of a few hundred people with a full assortment of churches. In very many cases, each of these churches has an attendance of only a few score, not all having even a score of regular attendants."

As it regards our village of Bensenville, each person can make their own estimate. It appears to me, after deducting small children, the aged, the invalids and those necessary to wait on them; certainly not more than half, probably not more than one third of our Protestant population are in the habit of attending church.

The following is a condensed account from the Biddeford Journal,—"In Saccus Biddeford, on April 30, 1882, being a fair representative Sabbath, the number of people, by actual count, who attended the morning services in the eighteen churches and organizations, in the two cities, was about twenty seven (27) per cent of the whole population."

The following is an extract from a sermon delivered Oct. 31, 1880, by Rev. Dr. Webb, in Shawmut Cong. Church Boston.—"Our Sabbath which God gave us a day devoted to his service and religious instruction and worship has become very largely a holiday. Twenty years ago, there were no horse cars running on the Sabbath, no steam cars running on that day, and no steamboat excursions down the harbor. Twenty years ago, people walked timidly on Sabbath afternoons, but now pleasure gardens count their thousands of patrons. Meanwhile the assemblies of worship have diminished. Only the Sabbath morning

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service, seems to have any hold on men's conscience, even church members, it is said, take Sabbath afternoons for a pleasure drive in the suburbs."

In the summer of 1871, a Sunday train of passenger cars commenced running to and from Boston and Portland on the Boston and Maine Railroad and the train has been continuous each Sabbath, since that time.

In the fall of 1881, a printed circular was posted in the Post Office in this village saying: "A free clam bake was to be held at Wells beach on Sunday Sept. 4, 1881. The public are invited." As the forenoon was overcast and damp, it is not probable, many, if any persons were present. This is the first time that I ever knew of a clam bake, or any similar festive gathering to be advertised in this vicinity on Sunday.

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worship
of
the
Unitarians.

If the lax observance of the Sabbath continues to increase during the next twenty years, as it has during the twenty years last past, "What will the harvest be?"

Presumptuous indeed must that man, who would venture to predict the changes which are to take place, even within the next fifty years.

Conclusion.

Far behind in the past are our Unitarian ancestors. As we look back on them, we think in some respects at least, they acted very unwisely; but are we sure, when the present will have faded into the past, and the same length of time has again elapsed; the people then will not look back on this generation, on this nineteenth century, with the same thoughts as we now look on the Unitarians.

To quote from the late President Lincoln's favorite poem:-

"So the multitude goes, like the flowers on the weed,
That withers away to let others succeed;
So the multitude comes, even those we behold,
To repeat every tale that has often been told."

Andrew Walker.

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Friday, Sept. 12th

Hartley Lord's house is now partly raised and it will probably be some days before it will be all raised as carpenters do not now, as formerly raise the frame before either of the floors are laid.

Saturday, Sept. 13th

In the fall of 1881, George L. Lord (by Joseph Dore) bought the homestead of the late Theodore Clark of Wells, for the sum of ten thousand and fifty dollars. Since that time Mr. Lord has expended on the buildings and land about three thousand dollars as the neighbors of Mr. Lord report. His family are on the homestead at least six of the warmest months in the year. The cold months the family reside in one of the towns, near to Boston.

George
L. Lord,
family
summer
residence.

Sunday, Sept. 14th

A minister reports to be Rev. Mr. Curtis of Hartford, Conn., preached to day for Rev. Mr. Spockwood. This Mr. Curtis, is now boarding at the "Granite State House" on Fouch's beach.

Rev.
Mr.
Curtis.

Monday, Sept. 15th

In 1853, Mrs. Eliza Pelham at the Landing sold at auction her house and land to J. B. Titcomb, for the reported sum of \$1200. A few years after they sold the place to John Lowell. In 1867 Lowell sold the place with a field he bought on the road to the Port to Samuel Roberts, for the reported sum of \$1000. In 1872 Mr. Roberts made expensive repairs and improvements on the house and out buildings, costing as was reported at the time about \$2500. Within a few days Charles Farbox has bought the property of the heirs of Samuel Roberts for \$1250. He says in all there are about fifteen acres of land. The sum paid by Mr. Farbox is considered very low, but there is now no business in that vicinity.

Charles
Farbox
bought
the
old
Pelham
house
at
Landing.

Tuesday, Sept. 16th

With the exception of one day, the weather so far in September has been warm and pleasant, being what was needed to ripen the corn.

Warm
weather.

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Wednesday, Sept. 17th

Rev. Edmond Worth, was born and lived in New Hampshire, until he moved to Pennabunk in June 1871.

He told me the following anecdote of two old ministers of his acquaintance in that State.

Rev. Moses Cherry was settled Hillsborough, N. H., when he received an invitation to be pastor of a church in a distant town. His son a young man who lived with his father, did not wish to change his residence, as he was courting a girl in that town.

One bright after his father and mother had gone to bed, and all was quiet; he took a ladder and without noise, climbed up on the outside of the house to the top of the chimney. Then in a deep voice, spoke down the flue, to his father's room. Moses: "Moses!" The father hearing the voice, supposed it to be a voice from heaven, replied: "Speak Lord thy servant heareth." The son in the same deep voice answered: "It is thy duty to remain in Hillsborough," and Rev. Mr. Cherry concluded to remain.

The story being so good for the son to keep, he told it to one of his companions and it soon came to his father's ears.

Many years ago, an old minister, usually called "Father Flanders", was opposed to preaching with notes. After listening to a young man who used notes in his sermons, he came to him at the close of the service "Flanders" and said: "Why do you use that paper?" (note). The young man replied: "I will answer your question by asking another - Why do you use that cane?" "Father Flanders" replied: "To assist me in walking." "So", said the young preacher, "the notes are to assist me in preaching".

Thursday, Sept. 18th

#20. It is currently reported on good authority (the man's wife) that a short time before the late election in this town, a twenty dollar bill was inclosed in an envelope and sent to a poor man, with the condition, if he accepted the money, he must change his political party and his vote. It is supposed he accepted the condition.

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Friday, Sept. 19th

In the fall of 1870, Horley Lora built a barn or stable, on a lot between the house of his brother R. W. Lora and the house of Mrs W. Williams. At that time, it was reported that the building and Lora cellar cost about \$3000. It has not been occupied except for a store house for carriages and other things, his

Mess and oxen are now employed in the building stable. to a spot near his residence, now in process of erection. The work is done by two yokes of oxen with a rope and blocks.

Saturday, Sept. 20th

"How easy to keep free from sin;
How hard that freedom to recall;
For awful truth it is that men
Forget the heaven from which they fall."

Poetry.

Sunday, Sept. 21st

A student from Newton theological seminary by the name of Loring, preached for Rev. Mr. Lockwood Mr. to day. He is "courting" one of Capt. William Nasen's daughters, usually called "Addie" Nasen.

Monday, Sept. 22nd

Last evening between eight and nine o'clock a fire was discovered in a house on Pleasant street on the western side of the river. The house is owned and was occupied by Eugene Rice and was built but a few years since. The firemen succeeded in putting out the fire but the upper part of the house is now worthless. It is reported that the building was insured for \$1000 in the Home office N. Y.

Tuesday, Sept. 23rd

Francis Durrell, of the upper part of Pennabunk died last Friday, aged 61 years. His funeral was attended, on Sunday the 21st inst. About 1870 he was united in marriage with one of his cousins a Miss Kimball of this town who lived at Alvine. He has left a widow and three or four children. Francis died by disease. (See Nov. 29, 1867)

Francis Durrell of Pennabunk died Aug. 61.

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Wednesday, Sept. 24th

"Taking the figures from the census of 1880, I find the following to be ten most heavily burdened with taxes cities in the Union:

Ten most heavily taxed cities in the United States.	Population	Debt per capita.
Bath, Maine.	7,874	\$ 216.69 per capita.
Elizabeth, New Jersey.	28,229	" 191.28 "
Brookline, Mass.	8,017	" 164.99 "
Bangor, Maine.	16,816	" 117.87 "
Memphis, Tennessee.	33,192	" 138.88 "
Rockland, Maine.	7,199	" 129.88 "
Portland, Maine.	38,810	" 127.84 "
District of Columbia.	177,624	" 127.66 "
Jersey City, New Jersey.	120,722	" 127.40 "
Middletown, Conn.	11,732	" 119.97 "

The above is from Harper's Magazine for Oct. 1884.

Thursday, Sept. 25th

Within a few days, Doctor W. H. Sawyer has removed with his family from the village of Kennebunkport, to this village. Last July he bought the house on Pleasant street, which was built by Fairbanks and occupied by him.

Friday, Sept. 26th

When thou art much vexed or grieved, consider that man's life is only a moment, and after a short time, we are laid out dead.

"There is no man so fortunate; there shall not be by him when he is dying, some who are pleased with dying, what is going to happen." Marcus Aurelius.

Saturday, Sept. 27th

The "Eastern Star" Cyrus B. Jeff, one of the survivors of the Sibley Prison, has received, back pay amounting to \$900.00 and a pension in future of \$ a month. Mr. Jeff, enlisted from Kennebunk in Aug. 1862 in the 84 Regt. Conn. F. Maine Infantry. Mustered out of service July 16. 1865.

Sunday, Sept. 28th

A pleasant day and full attendance at church, as usual on pleasant days.

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Monday, Sept. 29th

Last spring Harty Ford began to build a story and a half cottage on his "farm" as he calls it. This cottage is now finished, in all respects, in good taste. His family have moved into it and probably will remain until the large house nearer the main road is ready for occupancy. This large house is now all raised and boarded.

Harty Ford's family here.

Tuesday, Sept. 30th

In Nov. 1872 Nicholas Downing then of B. port bought of Mary Shackle a small house and a few acres of land, about a mile from the village, on the road to Biddeford. He continued to live there with his wife until last Sunday, when he died aged 84 years. His funeral was attended this forenoon at 10 o'clock. His remains were interred by the side of his brother George, who died Feb. 21. 1872, aged 77 years. He was not married until late in life and did not have any children. George was a bachelor.

Death and burial of Nicholas Downing.

Wednesday, Oct. 1st

"Oh the friends of long ago!

The parted friends of long ago!

We have won to us other friends since then—

Strong-hearted women, true and steadfast men; Poetry.

We have tried them and proved them, and found them true;

But we miss—if the truth we dare confess—

The trust and loving unselfishness,

Of the dear old friends of long ago."

Thursday, Oct. 2nd

The school in the new school house, were opened yesterday (Oct 1st) under the teaching of Miss Eliza Burke and Miss Hattie E. Tripp. I hear that Miss Tripp is an additional teacher.

New School house opened.

Friday, Oct. 3rd

The insurance on the building of Eugene Record has been adjusted. Report says that the insurance company pays him \$660.00 for his loss. Mr. Record will, at once, rebuild the burnt part of the house.

Eugene Record's insurance.

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Saturday, Oct. 4th

This week, Harry Lorn has had the house and barn painted which formerly belonged to Joseph Dore senior. He has had the fences (except the front two rail fence) removed which were around the property. An old Lombardy poplar tree on Dore street he has had taken away and two small elm trees, which sprung up near the barn, has been planted on Dore street, near the house and barn, now owned by him.

Sunday, Oct. 5th

Nothing of particular interest here to day.

Monday, Oct. 6th

This forenoon I and my daughter went to Boston and registered our names at the "Sherman House", my usual stopping place.

Tuesday, Oct. 7th

As my daughter had shopping to do, we were employed most of the day in visiting the stores and seeing the sights in the city, which have much rights in those who are young, like my daughter.

Wednesday, Oct. 8th

We spent most of the day in the "Mechanics Fair", now open in Boston. In the evening attended a lecture in Tremont Temple by Dr. Greene. The lecture was on what he called the "Science of Life".

Thursday, Oct. 9th

Taken as a whole, all kind of goods are remarkably low at the present time. The wholesale price of Flour ranges all the way from 250 to the very best at 6, 10 for a barrel. Granulated Sugar by the barrel 06 1/2 to a lb. Flour, sold by the tub 08 1/2 cts. a pound. The newspapers say Flour and Sugar were never so low as at the present time. There is a great crop of wheat in this country and sugar from beets in Europe, causes the low prices.

Friday, Oct. 10th

Lucy and I return home this afternoon, having had pleasant weather while absent from home, and an agreeable time in all respects.

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Saturday, Oct. 11th

In Oct. 1881, Charles Tarbox, hired the Osborn store and since that time has used it for a meat shop and for the sale of a few groceries. To day he has begun to move his provisions to the Landing shop.

Sunday, Oct. 12th

Rev. Mr. Emerson of Pennsburyport exchanged with Rev. Mr. Lockman this forenoon.

Monday, Oct. 13th

In June 1882, Charles H. Cole, commenced trading at the Landing, in a store formerly occupied by Samuel B. Jellison. In a short time Cole moved into a small store near the house of Moses M. Day. To day Cole is moving his goods from the Landing to the Osborn store, occupied by C. H. Tarbox, and the last named is moving his articles into the store occupied by Cole at the Landing. The same team takes Cole's goods from the Landing and Tarbox goods to the Landing.

Tuesday, Oct. 14th

"Mr. Bullyer is reported as recently saying, 'It was Mr. Van Buren and not Andrew Jackson, as is generally supposed, who said 'to the victors belong the spoils'." "To the victors belong the spoils."

Neither Mr. Van Buren nor Andrew Jackson made the remark. The words were those of Gen. William L. Marcy, in a speech in the Senate of the United States in January 1832."

New York Observer, Oct. 9, 1884.

Wednesday, Oct. 15th

Whether Blaine or Cleveland is to be the next President of the U. S. There are no issues or scarcely any between the parties. The tariff is no issue. Both parties agree that it ought to be reduced, but neither party dares to reduce it. It is not just it is not true that the Democrats are all bad and the Republicans all good, the Democrats always wrong and the Republicans always right. I for one believe in no such doctrine. I believe the time has come when it will be better to have the Democrats in power than to have the Republicans candidate elected, better for the country."

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Thursday, Oct. 16th

The first snow of the season commenced falling this morning. There was but a small quantity and that soon disappeared.

Friday, Oct. 17th

A large lot, supposed to be many tons, of small mackerel are now lying dead on the flats near the stone bridge. It is supposed they were driven in by some large fish. Some mackerel farmers are now hauling them away for manure.

Saturday, Oct. 18th

Robert W. Lord's youngest daughter, - Fanny, has recently been admitted to the freshman class in Lord's Harvard College.

Sunday, Oct. 19th

Fine pleasant day, but rather cold for October.

Monday, Oct. 20th

W. W. Dendergast has opened a store at the Denner Landing and stocked it with general merchandise, principally groceries.

Tuesday, Oct. 21st

It is now said the number of mackerel or herring driven ashore (note Oct. 17th) was greatly understated. Some persons estimate that there were over 1000 tons. Again, at one time there were 32 teams hauling them away.

Wednesday, Oct. 22nd

In June 1880, Paymaster Charles W. Littlefield had leave of absence from the Navy, and has been at home on half pay since that time (I do not know that he has been in U. S. employ since that time). Within a few days he has been ordered to the U. S. Steamer ship "Saratoga" Oct. 31, when she will be at Norfolk, Va. The "Saratoga" is one of the training ships, of which there are three. His brother Arthur G. Littlefield, goes in the same ship as pay clerk.

Thursday, Oct. 23rd

We have not had a heavy rain storm in this vicinity during many weeks. The rivers, brooks and wells are quite low. Many wells in this village are dry.

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Friday, Oct. 24th

An artist by the name of J. M. P. Burnham is now having an office or studio fitted up in the building owned by George Parsons, which he calls "Parsons Hall." Mr. Burnham advertises that he will in a few days, take photographs, pictures of all sizes.

Saturday, Oct. 25th

"Spoken with what zeal we will,

Something still remains undone,

Something incomplete still

Waits the rising of the sun;" Longfellow.

Sunday, Oct. 26th

Nothing of particular interest to day, that I know.

Monday, Oct. 27th

Isaac Furbish died Oct. 14, 1862, aged 63 years, his widow died July 8th 1881, aged 76 years. The daughters have continued to live in the Furbish house until last week, they stored their furniture in one of the rooms and broke up housekeeping. The house is now to let.

Tuesday, Oct. 28th

One week from this day, James G. Blaine, of former Cleveland, will in reality, be chosen President of the United States, for four years, from the fourth day of March next. Those who read Republican papers only, have no doubt that Blaine will be elected. Those who read Democratic papers only, have no doubt that Cleveland will be elected. Those who read both Republican & Democratic papers, have strong doubts, which will be elected.

In this town and State but little is said in public about politics, since the September election; as no intelligent man ^{among} that Blaine electors will have a majority in Maine.

In the doubtful States, is where the greatest efforts are now being made. Mr. Blaine, is now and has been a number of weeks, in Ohio or in Indiana, making speeches, in his own favor, every week day, to large crowds of people.

At the present time, there are many anxious waiters on the tide of political circumstances, now nearly at its height.

Photographs
Pictures.

Poetry.

Sunday.

Furbish
family.Political
prospects
at
the
present
time.

1884,

Wednesday, Oct. 24th

It is reported that the widow of Capt. Thomas Larr gave all of her household furniture to her sister - Miss Lydia Larr Currier, who has lived with Mrs. Larr, many years. This week Miss Currier has vacated the house. Some of the furniture, she has sold at private sale, but the larger part, she has moved to the homes of some of her relatives.

Thursday, Oct. 30th

The Leatheroid Men., Company have built a walk across Mousam river, from the mill on the western side of the river to mill on the eastern side of the river. The com. occupy all of the mill on the eastern side, and part of the mill on the western side of the river.

Friday, Oct. 31st

Miss Lydia Larr, died last Wednesday evening. aged 96 years 6 months. She was probably the oldest person in Pennebunk. Her father - Dominicus Larr died Feb. 1, 1849, aged 87 years. Her mother - Mary (Currier) Larr, died Feb. 21st 1861, aged 98 years 8 months.

Miss Larr's funeral was attended this P. M., from the house of her brother-in-law Benajah Littlefield, aged 96 1/2 years, which has been her home, during many years.

Saturday, Nov. 1st

It was noted July 8th that Micajah Pope came from Wisconsin with his wife and three children. Within a few days it is reported that he with his family, have left this town for Wisconsin, as he likes living there better than he does here.

Sunday, Nov. 2nd

The churches here are now warmed by artificial heat.

Monday, Nov. 3rd

Among the maxims of Sir Thomas Overbury Maxim is the following on family honors.

"The man who has not anything to boast of but his illustrious ancestors, is like a potato, the only good thing about him is under ground." This to me, appears to be an admirable maxim or axiom.

1884,

Tuesday, Nov. 4th

Cloudy, with slight rain this P. M. Travelling fair, with a little mud. Presidential electors in this town, received votes as follows:-

For Blaine & Logan -	(Republican)	409
" Cleveland & Hendricks	(Democratic)	251
" Butler & West, -	(Independent)	25
" St. John & Daniel,	(Prohibition)	15
		<hr/> 700.

Whole number of votes - - - 700.

The election in this town was without excitement.

Wednesday, Nov. 5th

From the returns of the election so far received it is evident, the two great parties are so evenly balanced; it is impossible to tell now who is chosen.

Thursday, Nov. 6th

Ivory Hall, of Shapleigh (brother of Webster Hall of this town) was a soldier in the 27th Maine Regiment. Soon after he left the army, he became blind. Within a few weeks he has obtained a pension of 72 dollars a month and a \$2,000 back pay, as his brother says. Ivory Hall, marries a daughter of the late Samuel Clark, of this town and has a family of four sons.

Friday, Nov. 7th

William H. Browfena, a former member of the shipbuilding firm of Browfena & Perkins, afterwards of Browfena & Wana, of this town, died Oct 29th, aged 62 years.

Saturday, Nov. 8th

The Presidential election is still in doubt. Printers and publishers of newspapers are having a harvest, there being a great demand for news. About 200 newspapers are sold in this village each week day. A large Sunday edition is also sold.

Sunday, Nov. 9th

Christopher Littlefield and Joseph Titecomb have been deacons, many years in the Second Parish church. As Mr. Littlefield's health is now such, that Andrews, he does not attend each Sabbath; Emory Andrews was this day chosen an additional deacon.

1884.

Monday, Nov. 10th

Hugh Mc Colloch, is now for the second time Secretary of the U. S. Treasury. He was born in this town in 1810. Went to Indiana in 1833. Though 74 years old, it is reported that he enjoys good health. During the last ten years he has spent his winters in Washington, and his summers on a farm he owns in Maryland. So says report.

Tuesday, Nov. 11th

Poetry.

"Speak gently! 'tis a little thing
Dropt in the heart's deep well;
The good, the joy, that it may bring,
Eternity shall tell." Langford.

Wednesday, Nov. 12th

During the last month, Christopher Littlefield has been confined to his house by a bad cold. During this little time E. J. Morton, President of P. N. Bank has also field, officiated as cashier.

Thursday, Nov. 13th

A few days since Joseph Knight, of Pennabunkport, while at work for Hartley Lord, helping to pull down a tree, fell between 15 and 20 feet and broke two bones in his left shoulder, and he was otherwise badly bruised, a contribution has been taken up for his benefit.

Friday, Nov. 14th

The In 1850, Capt. Thomas Lord, bought of the Unitarian Parish, their parsonage and about three acres of land, for Lord Thirteen Hundred and fifty dollars. Within a few days, the property has been sold to Robert W. Lord for \$2,250.

Saturday, Nov. 15th

An effort has been made to have two lectures and two concerts in Monson Hall, this winter, the first one to be this fall. I hear that about 190 tickets have been sold for the course, at 1.50 each.

Sunday, Nov. 16th

During the past summer the Unitarians in this village have had their religious service on Sunday, in morning, forenoon, In cold weather, they have their service in the afternoon, on account of having a warm church.

1884.

Monday, Nov. 17th

The Presidential is decided at last. The Republican papers this morning, give up the question, who is to be President. The Boston Journal (Republican) of this morning says—"The contest is over and Cleveland is elected President."

Tuesday, Nov. 18th

Last evening, Rev. Robert Collyer, of Brooklyn New York lectures in Monson Hall in this village. His subject was—"Glean Grist";

One of the Lecture committee told me that the lecturer receives one Hundred Dollars and his hotel expenses for the lecture.

Wednesday, Nov. 19th

"If you cannot speak no good,

Oh! dinna speak at all,

There is grief enough and woe enough

On this terrestrial ball." Scotch Song.

Thursday, Nov. 18th

The late Presidential election depended on the vote of the State of New York. The following are the whole numbers, as reported in the newspapers.—

Cleveland electors had	563,073
Blaine " "	561,986
Cleveland's plurality,	1,087

Newspapers tell the following two stories:—

"When Roscoe Conkling, was a Senator from the State of New York and James G. Blaine a Senator from the State of Maine; they were Republicans but not personal friends. In a debate between them while in Washington, Blaine said to Conkling,—"Strut turkey-gobbler strut." From that time Conkling done all that he could, politically against Blaine."

At a public meeting of Republicans, held in New York city, on Friday or Saturday evening before the last election, one aged minister, by the name of Burdick, made the remark—"The Republican party was the foe of Russia, Romanism and Rebellion."

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Robert
Collyer,
lectures
here.

Poetry.

Votes
in the
State
of
New
York.

Story
of
Conkling
and
Blaine.

Remarks
of
Rev. Mr.
Burdick.

1884.

This remark re provokes the boathooks, that many
 remarks of them voted for Cleveland, who would have voted
 for Blaine, if the remark had not been made?

Rev. Mr. So we see great political battles like military battles
 Burdun, are often lost or won, by an apparently trivial incident
 or accident, which no human foresight can foresee
 or guard against.

Thursday, Nov. 20th

Doctor In Jan. 1878, Doctor J. B. Wentworth came to reside
 Westworth in this village. Early in this year, he went to Lowell,
 to Mass., where he has remained. His mother and unmarried
 Lowell sister, have moved to Lowell this week.

Friday, Nov. 21st

Democrat's Last evening the Democrats had a celebration in
 celebration this village, on account of the election of Cleveland & Hendricks.
 in There was a torch-light procession of about 300 persons
 themselves, including about 40 boys, who marched by
 in the rear with a transparency - "We shall be
 this voters soon." There were two bands of music, in the
 village procession, one of drums and pipes, the other a brass band.
 last There were also flags, transparencies and many rockets
 evening were discharged as the procession marched through the
 principal street. After the marching, all who wished, went
 to the town hall where an abundant supply of provisions
 was furnished to all who wished to partake.

The evening was favorable being calm, mild and not
 too walking. No accident or disgraceful scenes occurred.

Saturday, Nov. 22nd

Democrat's I hear there was a Democrat's celebration last
 celebration in evening in the village of Kennebunkport, but I have
 in to part. not heard any particulars.

Sunday, Nov. 23rd

Sunday, An overcast day, not a full attendance at church.

Monday, Nov. 24th

Plays The Democrat's flag with the names of Cleveland &
 Hendricks, which was raised Aug. 29, was taken down
 day, last evening. The Blaine & Logan flag was taken down
 a few days after the Presidential election.

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Tuesday, Nov. 25th

The following are the retail prices now
 obtained in this village.

Flour of best quality from \$1.70 to 6.00 dollars a barrel;
 corn 63 cts. bush.; whole Hops 7 cts. a lb.; bleached salt
 Pork 10 to 12 cts. lb.; Lard 10 to 11 cts.; Butter 28 to 30 cts. lb.; Present
 Cheese 11 to 16; Eggs 35 cts. a doz.; Turkeys 25 to 26 cts. lb.; Chickens retail
 16 to 18 cts. lb.; Potatoes 60 cts. bush.; White Beans 2.75 to 3.00 prices
 bush.; Baldwin Apples 1.25 a barrel; common Apples 1.00 a barrel; in
 Melons 45 to 50 cts. gall.; green-tinted Sugar 7 1/2 to 8 cts. lb.; this
 corner Beef 10 cts. lb.; beef steak 20 to 25 cts. lb.; cranberries village
 10 cts. a quart; dry horn Wren 1.00 to 1.50 a cord; soft wren
 3.00 to 3.50 a cord; coal for stores, delivered a ton;
 local Oil a gall.; Hay to do. a ton.

Flour and Sugar are uncommonly low this year;
 probably not much if ever lower than at present.

Wednesday, Nov. 26th

Leon Fairfairs, aged about 17 years and Virgin
 Goodwin, aged about 15 years, both of this village Fairfairs
 were united in marriage last Saturday. This is and
 the youngest couple that I ever knew married in Virgin
 this town. To me they appear to be children. Goodwin.

Thursday, Nov. 27th

Thanksgiving. No snow on the ground or
 ice in the river. The ground is slightly frozen.
 There was a union meeting including Unitarians, Thanksgiv-
 at the Methodist church. Sermon by Rev. Mr. Adams. giving.

The widow of the late Abel M. Bryant, my niece
 Lydia W. Downing, with her husband William
 Downing and their daughter Ida, took dinner
 and tea with me and my small family.

Friday, Nov. 28th

It is reported that Mr. Andrews gave each of his Andrews
 employees, who are married, a turkey for their dinner gift.
 on Thanksgiving day. I have not heard about the single men.

Saturday, Nov. 29th

"Providence undoubtedly orders better for us, Providence
 than we are able to do for ourselves." n. Southy,

1884

Sunday, Nov. 30th

Sunday, Good walking with a full attendance at church.
Monday, Dec. 1st

In the notice of the celebration in this village on the 400th page, the list of houses illuminated, was not mentioned; the following are the principal. Beginning on the road, coming from the Port. —

Name	James M. Stone,	Joseph Titcomb,	John Littlefield,
of	John Ward,	Charles Stevens,	John Getchell,
7 th	Joseph Sargent,	Patrick Rice,	Edmund Warren,
persons	Thomas Knights,	Daniel Curtis,	Frank Battle,
in	Thomas Gillpatrick,	Benjamin Perkins,	John Roberts,
this	Lewis Doy,	Samuel Bragden,	Widow of Joseph Dore,
village	Edmund Fisher,	Asa Clark,	" " Tobias Lord,
who	George Little,	Jacob Stewart,	" " A. M. Bryant
illuminated	Charles Thompson,	Abram Waterhouse,	" " R. E. Boyne,
their	Nathl. L. Thompson,	A. A. Biggar,	" " Johnson Welber,
houses	Franklin Thompson,	Charles Doughty,	" " Samuel Clark,
on	Simon L. Whitten,	Daniel Bennett,	" " L. H. Kimball
Thursday	Edmund Ward,	Nathan Cook,	" " J. W. Lord,
evening	Charles H. Clark,	Owen Bragden,	Abram Hill,
20 th	A. G. Goodwin,	Dr. J. Beers,	James Huston,
Doubtless	George Dickerson,	A. R. Moody,	Joseph Huston,
there	Robert Jenkins,	Joseph Littlefield,	Smith Burgess
were	John Berry,	James Berry,	Owen Berry
others	Edmund Harey,	J. H. Ferguson,	Tobias S. Wason,
not	Frank King,	Doctor Sawyer,	Samuel Baker,
remember	John Cousins,	Andrew Walker,	William Fairfild
	William Pickers,	William Downing,	John Topping,
	George C. Lowell,	Chas. Huff,	B. Frank Getchell,
	Peter Goodwin,	George Baker,	Ellis Densmore,
	Timothy Phillips,	Robert Jenkins,	George Cook,

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd

In Portland, The day being pleasant and walking good (no snow on the ground) I and my daughter went to Portland by the cars in the forenoon and arrived back home, at 7 P. M., Portland people say that business is not brisk, this time of year.

1884,

Wednesday, Dec. 3rd

The following is the complete vote of all the States, at the late election, as officially returned; in Boston journal

Cleveland & Hendricks — — — 4,908,199
Blaine & Logan, — — — 4,841,138
Butler & West, — — — 131,721
St. John & Daniel, — — — 131,151

Whole number of votes — — 10,010,009
Cleveland's plurality over Blaine = 64,061

Thursday, Dec. 4th

Capt. Bradford Oaks, says in 1842, when the Eastern Railroad was built to Portland, there were eight coasters, which sailed between Pennebunk and Boston. They were loaded for Boston, with wood, box-boards, or bricks. From Boston they brought goods for traders, many articles for ship-building and a great variety of other articles. Gradually the freight to and from Boston was sent on the railroad. Now he says, not one coaster runs between Boston and Pennebunk. The business is played out.

Friday, Dec. 5th

The election excitement has died out in this vicinity. At least I do not hear but little said.

Saturday, Dec. 6th

"The whole number of Post Offices in the U. S. on June 30, 1884 was 50,017."

Sunday, Dec. 7th

Nothing of particular interest in this vicinity

Monday, Dec. 8th

In Sept. 1882, Rev. Nathaniel M. Byram (formerly a universalist minister) was united in marriage with Miss Pamela Osborn of this town. He died of paralysis on the 1st inst., and his funeral attended this afternoon. His body will be taken to Mass., for burial.

Tuesday, Dec. 9th

A concert of six Germans from Boston, call the "German Band", performed in Masons Hall, this evening. This is one of the two concerts, notes, Nov. 18th.

Complete
vote
for
Cleveland
Blaine,
Butler
&
St. John.

Formerly
8
coasters
between
Pennebunk
and
Boston.

The
late
election.

50,017
Post Offices.

Sunday

Death
of
Rev. Mr.
Byram.
Aged 71

German
concert.

1884,

Wednesday, Dec. 10th

This morning, about one o'clock, fire was discovered in an old unoccupied house on Brown street, owned by Lewis Bicker. It is reported there were about seven boardings of hay, with a lot of beans, potatoes and farming tools in the house, which were consumed with the house. The house was insured for \$300, and a small barn for \$100. The house was many years ago owned by Richards Giltpatrick, in late years, it was called "Old Factory Boarding House".

Thursday, Dec. 11th

Within the last ten days, the Boston & Maine Railroad company have leased the Eastern Railroad with its branches and the lease has been confirmed by the stockholders. I do not know on what terms, or for how long a time.

Friday, Dec. 12th

Poetry. "Let's find the sunny side of men,
Or be believers to it;
A light there is in every soul
Though it takes pains to win it."

Saturday, Dec. 13th

Washington Monument. The corner stone of the Washington Monument, was laid in Washington, ~~was~~ laid more than thirty six years ago. The marble capstone was placed in position on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 6th, and so the monument was completed. The monument itself, with its total height of 550 feet overtops every other structure of human hands. N.Y. Observer.

Sunday, Dec. 14th

Sunday. Rev. Mr. Worth being absent; no meeting in Baptist church.

Monday, Dec. 15th

John H. Otis has bought 60 feet of land on Stoner street for a house lot for \$300. The lot is part of the land owned by the widow of Tobias Lord and is between her residence and the house of widow Williams.

Mr. Otis has had a cellar dug, stones and ready for the sill.

Tuesday, Dec. 16th

History. "Most history is false, save in names and dates, while a good novel, is generally a truthful picture of real life, false only in names and dates." Forney.

1884,

Wednesday, Dec. 17th

When a person is young, they usually consider themselves in advance of the times, when they become older, they find it difficult to keep up with the times.

Thursday, Dec. 18th

The lease of the Eastern Railroad to the Boston and Maine Railroad was for 99 years. The reason of this was the Eastern Railroad of New Hampshire, was leased to the Eastern Railroad, of Mass., for 99 years, from the 18th of Feb. 1840, and will consequently expire in 1839, and the expiration of the lease of the Eastern to the Boston and Maine, was fixed to occur, within the same period. Boston paper.

Friday, Dec. 19th

Washington Monument. The committee in charge of the Washington Monument, report that the weight of the monument is 81,120 tons, and that it has cost 1,187,719 dollars, of which Congress appropriated \$887,710. Washington paper.

Saturday, Dec. 20th

Yesterday and to day have been the coldest days so far, this winter. Thermometers in this city ranged from 8 to 12 degrees below zero, to day.

Sunday, Dec. 21st

A snow storm all day. But very few people attended church. I think there was not any in the Baptist church.

Monday, Dec. 22nd

Last Saturday night an attempt was made to burn the store owned by the late Samuel Clark and adjoining buildings by some incendiary. The stairs leading to the Knights of Pythias hall and used also by families occupying the second story as tenements, was saturated with oil and a fire started, but the fire fortunately went out without doing much damage. Had the fire got started, the business part of the town would have been consumed, as there are nine stores, in a row together, with tenements, offices, halls over the stores. Some one or more persons doubtless set the fire.

1884.

Tuesday, Dec. 23^d

Charles Foster, of Buckfield, in this State, in 1859
invented machinery for making toothpicks of wood.
picks, now so common in eating houses. Boston paper.

Wednesday, Dec. 24th

There are now about six inches of snow on the
ground and people are improving the opportunity
by using their teams and sleighs.

Thursday, Dec. 25th

Last evening was not pleasant for Christmas
festivals; but I hear, each religious society had
as many persons attend as usual. At the Second
Parish in this village, an unusually large number
were present, particularly of children. In fact, the festival
is considered, principally for children.

Friday, Dec. 26th

The following vessels were built in Pennabunk District, 1884.

Vessels	Mattie T. Dyer,	built by Geo. Christensen,	103,48 tons
built	Ellis M. Doughty,	" " " "	71,31 "
in	Molly Adams,	" " " "	117,26 "
1884.	D. C. French,	" " David Clark,	920,29 "
	Myrtles,	" " Geo. Christensen,	123,59 "
	O. G. Thompson,	" " David Clark,	162,77 1498,79

Saturday, Dec. 27th

The weather continues quite cold for December.

Sunday, Dec. 28th

This evening the Unitarians had a Sabbath
School concert in their vestry. It is said, this is the
concert, first S. S. concert, this Parish, has ever had.

Monday, Dec. 29th

The outside of Hartley Lord's new residence, is now
nearly finished. House carpenters are now at work
on it. Mr. Lord and his wife are now in Boston.

Tuesday, Dec. 30th

The "cold snap" is over. Yesterday and to day, the
weather has been quite warm. Nearly all the snow
has disappeared and the streets are so muddy, that
care must be used, to prevent mud getting into rubber shoes.

1884.

Wednesday, Dec. 31st

The following persons died in Pennabunk,
in 1884.

In village School District.

Wife of Richard Littlefield 66; Joseph T.
Nason, 62; David Drowbridge 77; Joseph Dane
61; widow of Long Hillpatrick, 74; Jefferson W.
Sargent 63; widow of Nathan C. Wells 66; widow
of Thomas Lord 89; Willis C. Cleaves 26; wife of
Edward W. Morton 53; Mrs. Lucy A. Mayrick 36;
Nicholas Downing 84; Miss Lydia Lord 96 1/2;
wife of Edward W. Fairfield 41; Robert M. Byram 71;
wife of Henry Fipping 79; Miss Lydia Hotch 77;

Port.

John B. Gooch 47; Henry Brown 47; wife of
Moses Farbox 60

Landing.

Neddie Mc Lann 39; wife of Thomas Butten 67;
Miss Betsey Brown 82; wife of Henry Kingsbury 81;
Nathanial Parvin 60; Emma M. Temple 5 months.

Akwine.

John Burnham 82; wife of B. T. F. Thompson 74;
Sauter C. Jones 22 (son of Thomas Jones.)

Upper Depot and Vicinity.

Doris Littlefield 73; wife of Henry Blough 29;
Mrs. Lydia A. Guntout 73; Joseph Littlefield 51;
Grace Noble 39.

It is probable there have been a few deaths
of which I have not heard.

If we live long enough, the day must come
to each of us when we shall find our chief interest
in our daily newspaper, most often in the obituary
column, till one after another, nearly all the friends
of our youth and prime have gone to the majority.
Our talk with those who travel still beside us is
continually referring to the dead.

Andrew Walker.

Deaths
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town,
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