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NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

BIGGAR RIDGE.

Some of the farmers are done haying here in this vicinity.
Miss Nan Staten has returned home from Boston Hospital to spend her vacation.
Rev. Saunders Young and wife are visiting some friends here. Mr. Young while here is holding some good meetings.
Miss Lydia Harrington, has returned home from Glasgow.
Harry Harrington, Harry Biggar and some other of our boys have returned home from North Branch where they have been working for F. Lynch.
Miss Ella Dewitt has come home from Hartland, her many friends were glad to see her.
Mrs. D. Sheen and her little daughter, Annie, who have been visiting her father Mr. McCormie of North Ridge have gone to their home in Houlton.
Mr. and Mrs. Willis Branscome, of Highlands, have a new arrival at their home (a boy)

KIRKLAND.

The W. F. M. S. of Kirkland will hold their annual tea meeting and fancy sale on the 13th of August at the Orange Hall, a cordial invitation is extended to everyone. The amusements, races, and games of different kinds promise great pleasure and recreation for young and old. Come and enjoy a holiday under the beautiful shade trees which surround the old flag pole. Supper 25 cts. for adults and 15 cts. for children.
Master Fred, Misses Lulu and Jean Murray children of Rev. Fred Murray are visiting Miss Myrtle Carter.
Mrs. Jacob White is not very well at present but we hope for her speedy recovery.
Andrew J. Slater of Monument Settlement was married to Miss Janie Kennedy of Kirkland on the 20th of July. They were serenaded in the evening at their home. Mr. Slater treated the crowd with wine, candy and nuts; they are having many callers this week. We all join in wishing them a long and happy married life.
Frank Patterson and sister, Miss Gertrude, from Canterbury, York Co., and Miss Barton from Union Corner were in this place the 25th, the guests of Miss Lavinia Kennedy.
Everett Kennedy and George Anderson have come home from New York where they have learned the barber trade.
The Misses Maud, Lena and Mabel McAnarlin are visiting their grandfather Thomas Slater, Sr. There was a quilting at Miss Christie McDougall's residence very recently.

UNION CORNER.

Tommy Ryan, a lad who is in the employ of Geo. McNarlin, while cultivating potatoes on J. McAnna's farm near Houlton some three or four weeks ago, in the act of hooking a trace the horse kicked him in the forehead. He was taken to Houlton and had the wound dressed by Dr. Fitzmaurice who found the skull fractured so badly that a piece had to be taken out. By good attendance and care he is able to be out again.
The farmers have an abundance of hay this season, those who commenced early are done, while they who commenced later have to contend with a good deal of poor hay weather, which makes it a drag to finish.
Miss Eva Barton has returned from her visit at Temple York Co., Frank Patterson and his sister Gertrude accompanied her and make a few days visit.
Mrs. John Reese and her little daughter Ruby, from Maine are visiting at her sisters Mrs. J. E. Chase and Mrs. Wm. Gildred.
Mrs. Duncean from Boston is visiting her sister Mrs. Frank Chase.
Rev. C. Currie gave a very interesting discourse last Sunday evening, his subject being, Beauty, taking for his text Eccl. 3:11. He always gives us something worth listening to. He intends being away three or four weeks on a vacation.
Frank McAttee an eleven year old son of Wm. McAttee had his arm broken by the grapple giving away and the block striking it while pitching off hay with a horse fork.

NORTHAMPTON.

The present haying season has been the most unfavorable for years. It rains every day, and people with lots of hay to cut are in despair.
Rev. Mr. Smith who used to be on the Methodist circuit in this place spent a few days here with friends recently. He is attending college, now being home on vacation.
Rev. Benson Belliss, who has for the last two years conducted services in the interests of his church here in the school house, said good-bye the last Thursday evening in July. It is understood that the services will be continued by Archdeacon Needles.
Miss Annie Monteith has been spending a few days with friends in Jacksonville.
Mrs. William Jardine of Caribou, Me., who has been visiting her mother Mrs. Monteith, returned home last week. Her sister Mrs. Watson and her two children are visiting her at present.

Mrs. D. Jones, Melrose, Mass., is here visiting her relatives. Her husband is expected to join her in a few days.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott and Miss Scott of Lower Southampton spent a short while with Mrs. Ives recently.
Robt. Brown accompanied by his daughter Miss Annie, drove to Centerville last Thursday to arrange preliminaries for the big exhibition to be held here this fall.
Milligan Rogers who had the misfortune to cut himself quite badly while peeling bark is able to be about.

BRISTOL.

Miss Lily Churchill left on Wednesday last for a visit to New Hampshire.
Dr. Churchill has been confined to his house for several days, with a severe attack of quinsy.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beveridge, Mr. R. P. Murphy and Miss Violet Beveridge, Andover were in Bristol on Wednesday. They had been guests to the wedding of Mr. Wasson Bridges and Miss Violet Tedford, which occurred the day previous.
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Raymond Woodstock, spent Sunday in Bristol, the guest of Mrs. John Farley.
A. F. Crandall, agent for Organs and Sewing Machines, has put up a very attractive sign board.
Pond's "merry-go-round" which has been enlivening the village for the past fortnight removed to Hartland on Monday. They had a very successful full time while here.
Rev. Jos. Parkins, who has recently taken charge of this circuit preached in the Hall for the first time, yesterday afternoon.
Alva Phillips has returned from a trip up river. Tylney Rogers has the foundation laid for a new residence, on his lot near the school.

HARTLAND.

A County Convention of the Plebeite workers was held in the Baptist church on Monday. Dr. McLeod Vince occupied the chair and E. M. Boyer acted as Sec'y. Nearly every parish was represented, and they thoroughly organized to do efficient work. Vice presidents for each parish have been appointed to act as if it were a political campaign. Among the speakers in the morning were Revs. Perry, Gray, Trafton, Howard, Barnes, Wiggins, Cahill, Brooks, Bailey, Spargo, Smith, Jennings, and L. E. Young, E. S. Gilmore, C. J. Connelly and others. The afternoon session was well attended and organization plan completed. Among the duties of the vice presidents the following were adopted: To call a meeting of the prominent men of the parish and lay plans for work. To divide the parish into sections and make arrangement for meetings to be held and get the people interested. A mass temperance meeting is to be held in the evening and will be addressed by several prominent speakers.
The match game of base ball between the Hartland and Benton teams resulted in a victory for the latter. The boys somewhat complain of the unevenness of the ground and other disadvantages. The return game will be played at the picnic.
While Ab. Orser was on his way to Newburg on his bike he fell and broke his collar bone. Dr. Estey set the broken bone, and the patient is doing well.

The Gaol.

ESDRAELON, Aug. 5th., 1898.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

DEAR SIR,—On returning home from County Council's late session, I wish to state, through the columns of your valuable journal, that I found my constituents of Aberdeen, with one or two exceptions, all highly gratified with the deliverance of Council on the gaol question. When on the day of Council's meeting, I visited the gaol, in company of Mr. Jeffreys, a gentle in the English civil service, and eminently competent to give an appreciable opinion on all such questions as the gaol accommodations question, that gentleman emphatically declared, he could not have supposed there was to be found in any land—and he had travelled in all the different quarters of the globe—a place for the incarceration of human beings of such disreputable character and shameful sanitary appointments as our Hard-scrabble limbo. Talk about Chinese stink pots, those detectable receptacles of clanking filth, which the "children of the sun" are in the habit of raising to the mast heads of their piratical junks, when engaging some unfortunate merchantman, that their abominable fumes may suffocate the foe. But after all, these Chinese piratical scavengers can scarcely hold a candle to our gaol big bugs, whose "prison house" is redolent of all the overwhelming odours of what the English poet, Coleridge calls "the body and soul stinking town of Cologne." We should wish to descend to particulars, but delicacy forbids. "What shall we call hell to ears polite?" Quite a number of years ago, one of our earliest settlers in Glassville, a merchant of high commercial and social standing in Aberdeen, and unimpeachable integrity and veracity, expressed the other day to a newspaper correspondent here the very same idea, at least in a somewhat modified form, as to the condition of our gaol there, which in company with others he had then been deputed to visit. Talk about the march of improvement. There has certainly been none except in a retrograde direction in our model lock up. What does your satanic majesty say, Mr. Imp? By the way, is it Robbie Burns who says:

"Oh wad some power the giftie gie us,
To see ourselves as others see us."

In passing through the gaol the other day, we saw two young girls, victims of the "social evil," laid up in durance vile—victims in the first instance, of betrayal and seduction by some of our "nice young men," and in the second instance probably of heartless pharisaical neglect and scorn by some of our "Christian professors." We inquired where the boys were who were the immediate cause of the present incarceration of these young women. Should they not have been in gaol, too? Did the law say to them, "Go and sin some more, and make a few more victims," just to gratify our religious spite against wrong-doing? Oh, shame, shame, where is thy burning blush? But then you know it has been well remarked that "some faces will never wear the crimson mantle unless there is a red hot hell whose scorching flames will blister their unfeeling cheeks." Did not



Head Our Way

Jesus of Nazareth stretch forth his loving hand to succour the fallen to lift up the shame overwhelmed and the down-trodden and to take to his sympathizing heart, aye even at the eleventh hour—those whom the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life had lured from the narrow way? Or did he ostracise the poor weak victim, cover them with public infamy and scorn—and lock her up in a den reeking with filth? No. He "spoke gently to the erring" and said to the abandoned woman taken in adultery, "Go and sin no more." But the scoundrels—the seducers—ought to be publicly horse whipped. When we see the out-cast, debauched and ruined we cannot forget those beautiful lines.

"I know not what inroads dishonor hath made,
I care not how far from the right she hath strayed,
I do not know what elements have cankered the pearl,
Though stained and sullied, she is some mother's girl."

Edward S. Gilmore

(Will Sentinel and Press please copy?)

THE WAR.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—A despatch to the World from Madrid says: Spain's reply submitting to America's terms received its finishing touches to-night and should be in Washington to-morrow. In its final form as carefully revised by the foreign minister and re-approved by the Queen and cabinet, it accepts without discussing the four preliminary conditions of peace imposed by the United States. But care is taken to explain that Spain gives way to the force of events, again asserting that she had neither sought nor done anything to provoke the war into which she was driven by the conduct of America. Nothing is said about a Cuban debt. The note suggests a suspension of hostilities in order to facilitate the subsequent negotiations, and offers to appoint commissioners to determine what shall be done with reference to the Philippines.

The Spanish peace commissioners, it is generally believed, will be the Duke of Almodovar, the minister of foreign affairs; Mgr. Merry del Val, the Spanish ambassador to the Vatican, and Leoney Castillo, the Spanish ambassador at Paris.

The Madrid government's response to the American ultimatum was sanctioned in substance by the Queen Regent yesterday and the first draft of it, as submitted to her by Premier Sagasta, was approved by the cabinet last night. It then was referred to the foreign minister for careful revision and to be put in conventional diplomatic form and phrase. Before the final council of ministers passed upon it the Duke of Almodovar crossed the court to the royal apartments and placed before the Queen Regent of the momentous document which gives official assent of Spain to the loss of the last remnant of her empire in the new world. Both the Queen and the minister were deeply moved. The duke conveyed the document to the council at which the ministers also showed their sense of the painful, mournful solemnity of the occasion imposed by necessity upon the rulers of Spain.

The note should be handed to President McKinley late Monday evening or Tuesday morning, which will allow a suspension of hostilities before the middle of the week. It was telegraphed before midnight to the Spanish ambassador at Paris, Senor y Castillo, with instructions to convey it promptly to the French minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcassee. The latter was expected to transmit it forthwith to the French ambassador at Washington, M. Cambon, who has represented Spain in making overtures for peace and who undoubtedly will communicate Spain's reply to the American secretary of state to-morrow.

The cabinet at its meeting deliberated upon the expediency of convoking the Cortes, but deferred action in the premises

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until it shall learn the intentions of the United States in reference to ratification by the respective congresses of the peace treaty after it is negotiated by a joint commission. The newspapers admit that Senor Sagasta has come out of this stage of the crisis well. He still has the confidence of the Queen Regent.

STIMULATING INFLUENCES.

Trade Reviews Show That They Continue To Increase.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5, 1898. Bradstreet's says.

The stimulating influences of the apparently near approach of peace, coupled with the beneficial effects it is hoped will flow from the opening up of new markets in lands added to the national domain, seems to increase. That the improvement is not wholly one of sentiment is proven by reports of a still further increased distribution of staple goods, in the West, Northwest, and Southwest where the excellent crop situation has rendered harmless the supposed benumbing effects of war.

Another encouraging feature of the week has been the perceptible growth in strength of the iron and steel situation partly as a result, it is claimed, of the hoped-for approaching close of hostilities, but partly, also as the result of an active demand on domestic and foreign account for nearly all forms of those metals. Particularly noticeable is the demand more especially in the central West, for iron for agricultural implement manufacturers and for steel rails and plates for export or for domestic ship building.

Encouraging export demand for our cereals great steadiness of prices, largest recorded midsummer bank clearings and fairly encouraging railroad earnings are additional

encouraging features of trade at the present time.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5, 1898.—R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says:—The July failures were fewer this year than in any of four preceding years, and in amount of liabilities smaller than in any year excepting the last, when July failures were the smallest in any month on record.

In spite of a promise of a 700,000,000-bushel wheat crop, the price is 2½ cents higher for the week. Corn exports for the week have been only 1,734,347 bushels, against 2,725,090 last year, though the price has scarcely declined. Cotton is unchanged, and crop advances are so favorable that with acreage not quite half of one per cent. smaller than last year, some expect a crop nearly 1,000,000 bales larger.

A rather better demand for staple cotton goods does not relieve the over-production in print cloths, and goods are practically unchanged in price. Western stiffness in holding wool, and the New England wool paper drifting this way, and largely refused, indicate another attempt to tire out the manufacturers, who are actually offering for worsted wool 4 to 5 cents below asking prices, and buying scarcely any. Sales at the three chief markets amount to 4,886,600 pounds for the week, against 12,052,300 last year.

Fredericton's Push.

The shoe factory enterprise in Fredericton progresses very favorably. The promoters are meeting the board of trade this afternoon to secure the Board's endorsement of an application to the City Council for exemption from taxation for a team of years and also free water service. Prominent mill owners at the mills at the lower extremity of the city have offered a free site if the factory will locate there. Thirty thousand dollars of the required capital of \$50,000 has now been subscribed.