

News of Hartland and Vicinity

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Boys Who Steal.

One day last week two young lads of tender age, about twelve years, were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Foster on a warrant issued by Justice John Barnett. The boys were Arnold Bussard and Oscar Miller, and the crime charged against them was the theft of \$30.00 from Henry Foster, grandfather of the Bussard boy. Mr. Foster had placed his carefully hoarded savings in what he thought was a safe place and kept the room locked up between Christmas and New Year's. He had occasion to examine his funds and found they had disappeared.

Mr. Foster, his son Amos, and the grand son live together, and the boy, having previously given his grand-dad some uneasy moments, was suspected in this instance. He denied the theft, or any knowledge thereof, but admitted having had several companions in the house on different occasions when the older members of the family were absent. Mr. Foster laid his complaint before Mr. Barnett with the result above stated.

At first both boys denied any knowledge whatever of the theft but finally the Justice admitted having entered the place in company with two other boys, one of whom produced a key which unlocked the door of the room wherein the cash was deposited. This was about two months ago. It seems each lad took enough money to meet the demands upon his exchequer—one of them admitting his share of the spoils on this visit to have been about \$2.50—and subsequent visits to Henry Foster's coffers were made when funds ran low again. This is the sum of the case as nearly as the facts could be obtained from the boys.

The formal examination was postponed until Wednesday forenoon of this week, in order that all the evidence possible to get may be brought to hear.

Justice Barnett's subtle finesse, and the too numerous similar cases, perplexing to deal with. To follow the law to the letter is easy enough, but whether this would result in the ultimate benefit of the boys themselves and to society in general is a matter for serious conjecture. In the present instance something should be done to prevent the boys from continuing on their evil bent, both for their own good and that of the people. They have everyone been implicated in similar crimes and have got off so easily that they often speak of the matter in boastful triumph. Plainly more stringent measures must be adopted. Shall it be a penitentiary term? That has a hateful sound, and the boys might almost as well be sent direct to perdition. Why not, then, a term at the Boy's Industrial Home? This is a nicely situated and most excellent institution wherein boys who show a marked tendency to waywardness may be educated in morals as well as in letters, in manners and in useful pursuits. It is not a goal or a prison. Bad boys are not sent there for punishment but to be made men of. It is true that the very mention of a "term in the Reform School" has a harsh sound, but it should not be considered in that way. Boys of Hartland and elsewhere who stop at no crime will not be benefited by their parents paying a fine for them; nor by going to prison. When home discipline has failed, as in the present case it seems to have done, we can suggest no better remedy than a course of much-needed instruction at the Reform School.

Then a duty devolves upon the citizens when boys who may have been at this institution return home again, which is to treat them as though they were what we should expect to find them, good boys, manly young men with no stain of dishonor, whom may become our most useful and best citizens.

The DISPATCH reporter does not wish to record himself as suggesting the Reform School in cases where there are means at home to save the wayward youth, but only as a source of last resort. It has also been brought to the notice of the reporter that, unfortunately, the order from the County Court necessary to commit a person to the Reformatory is more difficult to obtain than formerly.

"Free Bridge."

A writer in the "Press" who signs himself "Free Bridge" refers to the Hartland toll bridge and clamours that it be made free. As to the injustice, etc., of this heavy tax, the writer voices only the sentiment of all the people who have to cross the bridge.

A Happy New Year

To all our friends and patrons. We wish you all Peace, Plenty and Prosperity. Trade with us and these three blessings will in a large measure be assured. The good values we offer in all the varied lines we handle will do much for your welfare. Our old patrons know this, and new ones will find it true.

Remember, we make a specialty of carrying the Best Grades of goods, and in most cases our prices are no more than others charge for inferior qualities.

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Hartland Departmental Store.

But never has "Free Bridge" makes some erroneous statements which in justice to the Bridge Co.'s directors should be corrected. The toll-taker alone receives a salary—there is no one else connected with the company getting "a salary of \$25 a month," or any salary. The secretary-treasurer gets a commission of 2 per cent on the receipts. "Free Bridge" also says "the bridge has never been properly cared for, and a few more seasons of exposure to the sun and elements it will be unsafe to travel over. The stockholders will never put it in shape or care for it."

This shows an amazing lack of knowledge of the "Hartland Bridge Act," for that specifically states the first disposal of funds after paying the tollkeeper is to go towards necessary repairs on the bridge. Moreover the bridge is kept in thorough repair and well cared for; it will out last "Free Bridge" beyond doubt.

However THE DISPATCH reporter concurs with the demand for a free bridge—it cannot come too quickly.

The Markets.

Hay, loose, \$5.50, pressed, \$7.
Oats, 35c.
Potatoes \$1.00.
Buckwheat, 40c.
Buckwheat Meal, \$2.00.
Butter in tubs, rolls, or prints, 20c. to 21c.
Eggs, 18c. to 20c.
Beans, \$2.60 to \$2.25.
Dressed Pork, 7c.
Dressed Beef, 4c.
Hides, 8c. to 9c.
Tallow, 6c.
Lard, 12c.
Wood, hard, dry, 16 inch, \$3.50.

LOCALS.

Miss Blanch Kelley is spending a few days in Houlton.

Rev. C. T. Phillips spent a part of last week in St. John.

On Sunday evening Rev. Messrs Marr and Phillips exchanged appointments.

Guy McMullin who a few weeks ago cut his foot badly is able to be around again.

James Carr of Fort Fairfield came to Hartland on Friday and remained until Monday.

Mrs. Henrietta Baird has been spending a couple of weeks with her sister, Mrs. Abner Sipprell at Somerville.

Mrs. Ezekiah Baker of Victoria Corner has been ill for a time appendicitis being feared. She is recovering.

Aroostook County farmers are now getting \$1.40 for Green Mountain potatoes and as high as \$1.80 for the Bliss variety.

Glenn Caldwell of Middle Simonds escorted a car of potatoes to St. John on Saturday. They were shipped by DeWitt Bros.

The interest in the Reformed Baptist Holiness services is well maintained, meetings being held both afternoon and evening.

A bouncing boy is a new-comer at the home of Henry Nevers, in consequence of which the proud father wears the glad smile.

Those who come to Hartland on business intent should remember that all stores close at 6 p. m. on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

C. Humphrey Taylor is installing a hot water heating plant in his brick building. Mr. Pickles of Woodstock is the plumber in charge.

Hartley Boyer has taken the school at Woodstock, formerly taught by E. J. Brancumbe, and Jo Barnett teaches the Upper Brighton school.

Mrs. Snow and Mrs. Hovey who were stricken with slight attacks of paralysis are recovering from the effects thereof, and hopes are entertained that eventually they both will regain their former health.

Hereafter the union (Methodist and Baptist) prayer service will be held on Friday evening instead of on Wednesday. The change is made to a night when the stores close early, for obvious reasons.

A warmly contested race in the rink on Saturday night between Frank Goodwin and Vernon Nodden resulted in a victory for the latter. As Goodwin met a mishap thereby losing a lap, the race will be skated again.

George W. Boyer who is nominally a well-disposed citizen, has improved a portion of the snow road with refuse granite chips which were otherwise in his way. Such munificence as is shown in this act must not go unnoticed.

Fine Bros., dry goods merchants of this town, are in business difficulties. Their store has been closed for several days, but they expect to get the complications straightened in a short time and resume business as usual.

Nathaniel S. Sipprell, of Mattawamkeag, Me., was visiting his brothers at Somerville last week. He returned on Saturday and was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Carpenter, who will make her home with him for the future.

G. F. Burpee of Avondale shipped a carload of cheese-box heads from Hartland station last week. His manufacture of these and butter-boxes is assuming such proportions as to place him with the front rank of Carleton Co. industry.

Miss May Grey has returned from Winona, Ont., where she has been since last summer. She spent a most pleasant time in that town, which is in the heart of the great fruit growing district, and also visited the most important cities and towns in Ontario and Quebec.

There is now a road across the river from the mouth of the Little Presque Isle to the Becsquamac, but it is not recommended as being altogether safe, and the road at the "old ferry" has been proven a failure. Thus

the toll-bridge is doing a brisk business this winter.

Every station along the line presents an active scene these days. Particularly is this so of Hartland, Florenceville and Bath. The shipments of lath added to the usual great amount of produce exported at this season makes business for the railway more active than it has ever been.

Word has been received from Trueman L. Day, who, with his mother, left for Everett, Wash., on Dec. 27th, to the effect that the party arrived safely and are well pleased with the prospects before them. At Vancouver they met George F. Burt who was awaiting the arrival of his father who went west at the same time as the Day party.

Charles H. Perkins has removed his granite-working equipment from the G. W. Boyer building to the ground floor of H. N. Boyer's building, near the bridge. This gives him a splendid work-room, plenty of space for his gasoline engine and polishing machine, besides an opportunity to display the finished tomb stones and monuments. It is interesting to watch the polishing machine in operation.

George W. Shaw formerly of this parish, but for several years a resident of Saco, Me., Wash., in a letter to the Hartland reporter says: "We have a little New Brunswick of our own out here; even our leading hotel is called the 'New Brunswick House' I doubt if there are less than one hundred of us here from Carleton County. Saw Colby Henderson, from Woodstock. He stayed with me over night and seems very much taken up with our country."

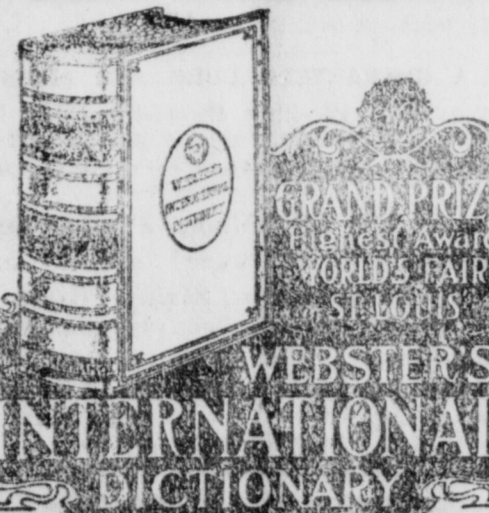
Last September the weather prophet of the Bangor News declared that every storm during the next six months would "clear off" mild. Honor is due this wise prophet as about four in every five storms have since fulfilled his predictions; and our cold snaps turn out to be thaws. So mild has the winter been that a Fort Fairfield woman who began the open air treatment for tuberculosis last summer has slept out doors every night since and has gained flesh and strength to a remarkable degree.

Clinton Gray who moved from Jacksonville to Caribou, Me., last spring, came here with his family to spend the Christmas holidays with his brothers-in-law, H. N. Boyer and A. Plummer. While here his year-and-a-half old child was taken ill and for many days its life was all but despaired of. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gray will be glad to know the child is now much better and will doubtless make a full recovery in a short time. By this unexpected turn in their holiday festivities the Grays were detained here much longer than was their original intention.

Baird & McFarlane's lath mill was started up last week, but owing to the scarcity of competent men the firm is not yet able to run at the full capacity of the outfit. Clark Bros. of Coldstream, F. E. Sayre & Co. and J. E. Flemming of Hartland have also been operating their machines steadily for some time past, but the Cross-Creek Lath Co. will not be ready to saw much before the middle of February. The price of lath has dropped a dollar or so per thousand but as most of the local operators contracted for the season's cut at the higher price they feel protected against a drop in the market.

E. N. Boyer of Hartland and Joseph McGee of Somerville are erecting a private telephone line between their residences, with connection also with Dibble's hardware store. It is more than likely that the line will also be extended across lots to Baird & McFarlane's mill on the Little Presque Isle, a distance of about one mile from Mr. McGee's residence. There are people at Simonds who have expressed a wish to join the new line by running a wire down the highway road on the west side. In other parts of the country "farmers lines" of telephones are an established success. Serviceable instruments can be bought for a sum less than one year's rental fee of the regular companies' instruments and the chief cost of putting up the line is for the poles. Messrs Boyer and McGee expect to have their wires strung and instruments placed inside of a few weeks.

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