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SOUTH PARIS.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Twitchell are visiting in Winthrop and Maranacook for a few days.

Mrs. Linwood Bailey and son Elmer of Revere, Mass., are guests at J. R. March's.

Mrs. Fred B. Wiggin and son Rinaldo are spending a vacation at Lovell, their former home.

Mrs. S. Kaspar Wight and little daughter of Columbus, O., are guests of her sister, Mrs. H. A. Morton.

Miss Edith Maxwell spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. D. M. Stewart, at Diamond Island.

Mrs. Ella Ripley visited the family of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Glidden, in Auburn for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mathews, who have been visiting Mrs. M. R. Bachelder, have returned to their home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Howard and two daughters, Lois and Ethel, of Swampscott, Mass., are guests at William L. Gray's.

Miss Carrie Hall has finished her two weeks' vacation, and resumed her work in the registry of deeds Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Abbott and son visited the family of Mr. Abbott's uncle, John Harper, in Portland last week.

Mrs. H. R. Carter and daughters Mary and Beatrice spent the past week at Sunset Point. Mr. Carter was with them there for a few days.

Mrs. Arthur C. Soule and daughter Elizabeth of South Windham were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Morton, over the week-end.

Mrs. W. E. Matthews of Oakfield has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Clifford, for a few days, and Mr. Matthews was here over the week-end.

A good number attended the operetta, "The Lost Necklace," at Norway Thursday evening, and report it as one of the best things they have seen for some time.

Mrs. Anna H. Hayes went Monday for a stay at Squirrel Island, where her daughter, Mrs. Rodney W. Brown of Reading, Mass., is spending part of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Holmes are at their camp at Shagg Pond for two weeks, where their son, W. K. Holmes, and family, of Southington, Ct., are spending their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lord, Mrs. Ellen Blake and Mrs. Elizabeth Edgerly were at Wilton Wednesday to visit Mrs. Blake's daughter, Mrs. E. P. Parlin, making the trip by automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence G. Morton and their children Helen and Hugh, Mrs. C. A. Bessey, Miss Lenora Bessey and Miss Miriam Chapman made a trip to Crystal, N. H., Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Lester P. Twitchell and Mrs. Harold T. Briggs entertained the Loyalists Sunday School class at the home of Mrs. Twitchell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wight, Wednesday evening.

Miss Phyllis K. Forbes of Canton, N. Y., who is a councilor for the summer in Camp Arcadia for girls at Casco, visited relatives here over the week-end, making her headquarters at Mrs. Geo. B. Crockett's.

The members of the Congregational church and parish invite all their friends to join in a covered dish social to be held Wednesday, Aug. 21st, at 5 o'clock P. M., on the church lawn, in honor of Rev. A. T. McWhorter and family. Bring anything except sandwiches.

Rev. and Mrs. A. T. McWhorter and two daughters, Ruth and Kathleen arrived here on Tuesday to spend their vacation. They are occupying the house of Mrs. Mary F. Shurtleff on Main street. Cordial greetings are given them by their many friends here.

An old folks' ball will be held at Grange Hall, South Paris, Tuesday evening, Aug. 27. Floor manager, Albert D. Park; aids, Walter L. Gray, Fred B. Wiggin. Refreshments served by the South Paris Red Cross. Admission 20 cents each, dancing free. Shaw's music.

Dr. Carl S. Briggs burned his right hand severely with melted paraffine a few days ago, and has a number of bandaged fingers in consequence. The hand is out of commission at present as far as dentistry is concerned, and it is likely to be a week or two before he can again attend to the work.

Arthur V. Barker left here Wednesday night on his return to Sonomish, Wash. He has been here four years, employed as saw filer in the factory of the Paris Manufacturing Co., and notes the fact that he has not lost an hour during that time. His family have been in Washington for some years.

Francis Chapman did not sail for Chile as was announced in the last Democrat, but instead was transferred to another steamer, and spent a few days here last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Chapman, while waiting. He was accompanied by Thomas Farnum, another member of the crew.

Corp. Donald S. Briggs of this place was one of eight-five men selected from Camp Devens a few days since to attend the officers' training school at Camp Lee, Va. The school opened on Thursday of last week. Another one of those chosen was Arthur D. Marston of Auburn, who was formerly a resident of South Paris.

Mrs. C. W. Bowker entertained a few lady friends at tea Wednesday evening, especially in honor of Mrs. Cora S. Briggs and Mrs. Kate Linder, who are to leave in about two weeks for the winter, going to Mankato, Minn. Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Linder were also entertained recently at tea with other family friends at Mrs. Justina Hall's.

Miss Maude Cutler of Portland and Mrs. Chas. A. Cole were guests of Mrs. A. D. Park over Sunday and Monday of last week at Shagg Pond. Eva Walker spent Sunday with her parents there. Mrs. Ella S. Heald of East Sumner and grandson, Stephen Russell, are at Shagg with the Parks. Mr. Park attended Probate Court in Auburn last Tuesday.

E. H. Nason and Harold Campbell went to Long Island the first of last week, to drive home two Ford Sedans for Ripley & Fletcher. The Sedan has attained much popularity in this vicinity, perhaps partly on account of the difficulty of getting other models. As pleasure cars are to give way to war work after the first of January, there will probably be still more difficulty in getting them then.

The committees of Paris Grange for the grange exhibit at Oxford County fair next September are:

General committee—Master, Overseer and lady assistant.

Fancy work—Annie Cummings, Abbie Abbott, Lucy Edwards, Mary Cummings.

Canned fruit and jellies—Jessie Thayer, Bertha Bisbee, Lottie Gates, Eva Record.

Food—Rose Swan, Sadie Rowe, Cora Talbot, Estelle Brett.

Yarns and knit goods—Anna Kimball, Clara Ames, Kate Hammond.

Quilts and rugs—Ada King, Mary Stearns, Flora Maxim, Althea Shaw.

Pickles and dried apple—Florence Hicks, A. C. Mann.

Grass and grain—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Twitchell.

Flowers—Alfred Morse, Wilma Stearns.

Fruit—apples: A. L. Abbott, Alex Stearns, Elmer Cummings, J. W. Cobb, U. H. Heald, Bert Hammond; pears, peaches, plums and grapes: Raymond Gates, Sewall Rowe, Scott Gile, Percy Millett.

Potatoes—L. E. Thayer, W. C. Thayer, A. N. Cates.

Squash, cabbage, turnips—H. E. Judd, S. F. Hicks, John McPhee, Austin Stearns, Jr.

Pumpkins and squash—C. S. Dudley, J. F. Hamlin Lovejoy, Will DeCoster, W. H. Chenterant.

Yellow corn, sweet corn and pop corn—Howard Swan, H. D. Hammond, Frank Richards.

Beets, radish, onion, carrots and cucumber—A. E. Talbot, Charles Young, S. E. Jackson, Chas. Edwards.

Celery, cauliflower and melons—Mattie Richardson, E. E. Gates, Seward Stearns, Percy Wallace, Gertrude Kinney, Leon Brooks.

Dancing at Centennial Hall, West Paris, next Saturday evening. Shaw's music.

Rev. A. T. McWhorter will preach at the Baptist church at the morning service next Sunday.

J. F. Plummer went Monday morning to Boston, where he is to enter a hospital for surgical treatment.

Alfred H. Jackson is spending a two weeks' vacation at Wachusett Mountain, Princeton, Mass., with his brother, Andrew J. Jackson.

Albert Morse, who is employed at the navy yard in Charlestown, Mass., was here for a few days with his family last week, returning Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Gray, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stearns of Norway, attended the funeral of Maj. L. W. Blanchard at Rumford Sunday.

Miss Gladys I. Damon is taking her vacation from the post office, and went Monday morning for a visit with her brother's wife, Mrs. P. L. Damon, at Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark and Frank W. Clark desire to express their thanks for the help given them at their fire last Wednesday by the neighbors and those who went from the village.

Miss Lillian Waldron of Portland has been the guest of Miss Abbie Starbird for a few days, and Miss Starbird accompanied her on her return to Portland Friday, for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McArdle returned Saturday night from a visit of some weeks in Schenectady, N. Y., and elsewhere. Mrs. McArdle's grandniece, Miss Lillian M. Steadman of Dorchester, Mass., came with them for a visit.

The meeting of the Ladies' Social Union postponed on account of the severe storm will be held at the church this Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 2:30 P. M. Plans for the Oxford County fair to be made and work to be done. Members please attend.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Morse of Portland were week-end guests of Mrs. L. A. Shaw. Mr. Morse was one of the old Grand Trunk conductors, beginning to work for the road at 15 years of age, when the terminal was at South Paris, and attaining the position of conductor within a few years. For some years he has had a position on the Maine Central.

Following the vagaries of the season's weather, an intensely hot and sultry day Wednesday was followed by a cool spell, which got so cool in a few days that it came to the frost line. While the Democrat has not heard of any wholesale damage, light touches of frost are reported both Sunday morning and Monday morning, and undoubtedly there would have been damage done if a fog had not come in on each of those mornings. Thermometer readings as low as 32 are reported in places, and the mercury was at or below the danger line in other localities, both Sunday and Monday mornings. This being scared by frost is getting to be pretty nearly a continuous performance.

KING DISTRICT.

Jennie Bradbury and her mother Mrs. M. Bradbury called at C. Kimball's.

The big shower on Wednesday afternoon did some damage in breaking down bean poles and some corn.

W. J. Wright of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Telias Thibodeau and F. W. Allen took an auto trip to Bridgton Thursday and enjoyed the fair. The horse races were fine. Mr. Wright is a guest in the Thibodeau home for a few days.

Family Reunion.

A fairly large family party enjoyed a picnic supper Saturday evening on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Forbes on Porter Street. A long table was set under the trees in front of the house, and around it twenty-seven gathered for a covered dish supper which was bountiful and varied in menu.

The South Paris residents who were in the party were Mrs. L. C. Merton, Miss Julia P. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Morton, Mrs. Louise J. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Morton and son Henry Morton, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Morton, Mrs. Rizpath Whitman, Mrs. Mary H. Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Crockett and son Richard, Ernest P. Crockett, Miss Ethel C. Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Forbes. On account of whooping cough in the family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence G. Morton and children Helen and Hugh did not join the party, though they drove up within a safe distance for a while.

Visitors from out of town were Mrs. C. A. Bessey and Miss Lenora Bessey of Stoneham, Mass., Mrs. L. Dana Chapman and Miss Miriam Chapman of Wellesley Farms, Mass., Miss Phyllis K. Forbes of Canton, N. Y., Mrs. Arthur C. Soule and daughter Elizabeth of South Windham, Miss Mae Fales Penfold of Portland.

Two anniversaries were incidentally celebrated by the gathering. The day was the fiftieth birthday of George R. Morton in whose honor a large birthday cake appeared on the table. It was also the eve of the fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Forbes, who were married Aug. 18, 1913.

Four generations were represented, and there were in the party six grandmothers and three great-grandmothers. All but three are directly members of the Forbes family, either by descent or by marriage, though only three bear the Forbes name. Many pleasant family reunions have been held in the past, though none so large as this one in some years.

Maine Casualty List.

Official casualty lists during the past week have contained the names of the following Maine men:

A compilation of casualty lists made by some of the papers indicates that in the recent successful Allied drive, the 103d Infantry, of which the former Second Maine is a considerable part, suffered the heaviest casualties of any unit in the 26th division, which is principally made up of National Guard troops from the northeastern states. It was evident from the first reports that the 103d was in the thick of the fighting at the beginning of the drive.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Pvt. Lucien L. Arseault, Mexico.
Pvt. Ernest Couture, Augusta.
Pvt. Pauline Pellaccia, Portland.
Pvt. Martin F. Randall, Belfast.
Pvt. Howard L. Stevens, Fayette.

SEVERELY WOUNDED.

Sergt. Joseph F. Brown, Bangor.
Sergt. George P. Dyer, Bangor.
Corp. Edward W. Laudrick, Gardiner.
Pvt. Walter Beauchaine, Hallowell.
Pvt. Arn S. Belcher, Bangor.
Pvt. Howard E. Gilbert, Old Town.
Pvt. Harold L. Gray, Sedgwick.
Pvt. Ernest A. Maxerall, Bangor.
Pvt. Millard I. Patterson, Gardiner.
Pvt. Volney A. Roberts, Guilford.
Pvt. William E. Thurston, Mount Vernon.
Pvt. Royal P. Webber, Litchfield.
Pvt. Julian S. White, Bangor.
John Sampson, Auburn.
Wilder E. Marston, Easton.

MISSING IN ACTION.

Pvt. Francis M. Hinckley, Richmond.
Pvt. Earl Lanigan, Presque Isle.

Draft Notes.

By orders issued by Provost Marshal General Crowder, all youths who have reached the age of 21 years since June 5 must register on the 24th of August. It is expected that the Class 1 men in this registration will be required to make up the quotas for September. This registration is distinct from that to be made later, of men between 18 and 45.

Twelve volunteers from the registration of 1918 have been sent from Oxford County to Boston to take the gas engine training course in Wentworth Institute. One of these men was sent from Portland, the other eleven taking the train at South Paris Thursday morning. The twelve are:

Ralph Edward Davis, Rumford.
Adelard Mercier, Rumford.
H. Chester Nelson, Rumford.
Emile A. Roy, Rumford.
Joseph E. Desroche, Rumford.
Clyde Hamilton Dorr, Mexico.
Carroll Webster Holt, Hanover.
Walter Alden Bessey, Hebron.
Russell Howard Bethell, Norway.
Merton Prentiss Hale, East Denmark.
Herbert Jay, Rumford.
Tom Henry Spring, Elmm.

We breathe a sigh of relief at reading that the freight steamer grounded off "an Atlantic port" with a cargo of sugar has been floated. Visions of another cut of half a pound a month in the sugar allowance had floated before us.

Forty-Three to Camp Devens.

AUGUST QUOTA FOR OXFORD IS SET AT THAT FIGURE.

Announcement was made last Monday of the apportionment of the 600 men who are to go from Maine to Camp Devens on the 28th and 29th of August. The quota for Oxford County is 43 men.

On the 30th and 31st of August, 100 men for special service will leave Maine for Camp Upton, New York. The Oxford County quota under that call is five.

Following are the names of the men who have been summoned under this call. They will report at South Paris in the forenoon of Wednesday, Aug. 28, and take the train for Camp Devens in the afternoon of the same day:

Order No.	
32	James Carroll Elliott.
1573	Peter Kaukals.
1811	Harold Davis Stevens.
1894	A. Fred Bovin.
1883	Albert John Tron.
1988	Octave Levasseur.
2137	Jerry Gallant.
2272	Albert V. McIntire.
33	Ashley Field Edwards.
2876	Vital Thibeau.
2551	Antonin Deroy.
2731	Joe Elsmouth.
3778	Albert A'otte.
3876	Leslie W. Grundy.
1475	Lovell I. Churchill.
1	Joseph Nichlaas Barrett.
3	Clarence Luville Bennett.
8	Warren Russell.
13	Max P. Cutting.
14	Herbert Pendexter Lord.
18	Lester Millard Smith.
22	Guy Beecher Vail.
26	Leslie Lawrence Gordon.
27	Everett Eugene Day.
28	Harold Everett Hall.
33	George Ernest Grover.
35	Dexter Gurney, Jr.
36	Francis Arthur Gurney.
38	Charles Henry Hodge.
50	Joseph Edward Madeau.
54	Cecil Arthur Poor.
56	Stanley Patrick.
57	Alton D. Williamson.
58	Hugh Curtis McPhee.
61	Edward Thomas Kelley.
63	Louis Albert Hastai.
64	Edward Simon Baker.
65	Herbert Everet Berryment.
68	Joseph Hugh McCurdy.
68	George Edward LaBrie.
69	Bliss Richard.
75	Charlie Henry Ridley.
81	Roy Irving Cummings.
84	John Parker.
90	Perley Claton Day.
92	David Leonard Lindenberg.

Congressman White on Tour.

A three days' automobile tour of Oxford County was made last week by Hon. Wallace H. White, Representative to Congress from the Second District, to meet and greet the people of the county. There were a number of automobiles on the trip, the party including Chairman Walter G. Morse of Rumford, Harry E. Dyer of Hanover, Leon M. Small of Mexico, of the Republican county committee, Hon. O. L. Stanley of Kezar Falls, State Senator and candidate for re-election, and a number of candidates for county offices and other Republicans.

United States Senators Fernald and Hale were also to have been in the party, but were recalled to Washington because of the man power bill which is before the senate.

Starting from Kezar Falls Wednesday morning, the party made their way to Norway that day, then on Thursday by way of Oxford, Hebron, and the eastern towns of the county to Rumford, and on Friday from Rumford by way of Roxbury, Andover and Hanover to Bethel and other central Oxford towns to West Paris, Mr. White returning from there to Rumford.

No formal speech making had been announced, but Congressman White responded to the pressure to make short talks from an automobile to the people who had gathered in several of the towns visited. Mr. White, while not ignoring party politics, had little to say along that line, but devoted himself largely to consideration of our duty to win the war.

Mr. White's popularity was well attested by the numbers who gathered to meet him at all places along the route.

The trip was made on a fixed schedule arrival at each stopping place being at a fixed hour announced in advance.

Maj. Lucian W. Blanchard.

Only a few days after his arrival home from Battle Creek, Mich., Maj. Lucian W. Blanchard died at Rumford at 1 o'clock Friday. Death was due to a serious heart trouble, from which he had been suffering for months.

Maj. Blanchard was the son of the late William M. and Desire (Farrar) Blanchard of Rumford, and was born in that town 38 years ago. He graduated from Rumford High School in 1898, from Bates College in 1902, and from the Boston University Law School in 1905.

After his admission to the bar he formed a law partnership with the late E. H. Gleason, and after Mr. Gleason's death continued his law practice by himself. He was an active Republican, and in 1916 was elected county attorney of Oxford County as the candidate of that party, resigning the office to enter the United States service.

He was interested in military matters, and when Co. B of the Second Maine Regiment was formed at Rumford, he was its first captain. After a few years he resigned, but was always interested in the company. He was appointed on the staff of Governor William T. Haines as judge advocate general, and had since held the same position, being appointed by Governor Curtis and Governor Milliken.

When the Second Maine was called to the Mexican border, Co. B of Livermore Falls was without a captain, and Major Blanchard served in that capacity during the time the regiment was on the border.

In 1917 he entered the United States service, and was appointed judge advocate at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich., to which station he immediately went. He was attacked by illness, and was in the sanitarium at Battle Creek for some months. His wife and daughter were with him from last December until their return home.

Besides his law practice, Maj. Blanchard had large real estate and business interests.

He was a member of the several Masonic bodies, the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and the Elks.

He married Claudia Priest of North Anson, who survives him, with one daughter, Lucene. He is also survived by a half-brother, George Blanchard, and a nephew, Manley Blanchard, of Rumford.

A Fortieth Anniversary.

While the personal feature of it may be of little moment, the fact of a man staying forty years practically on one job is worthy of passing notice.

With this issue, Arthur E. Forbes, the old man of the Democrat, rounds out forty years as a printer. It was on the 19th of August, 1878, that he took up the broom and other tools of the apprentice, in the old Democrat office on Paris Hill, and started in to learn the trade.

While the larger part of four years of the intervening period was spent at an institution of learning, absorbing mathematics, mental philosophy and other things, and incidentally having a mighty good time, the other thirty-six years, plus several college vacations, has been spent pottering around the Democrat office and doing some of the fifty-seven varieties of work demanding attention about a country newspaper office. Indeed, that is the only thing he knows how to do, and if Crowder should order him, under the "work or fight" ruling, to get into some gainful occupation, he wouldn't know how to do it.

Some time, when he gets old enough to live in the past, he may write some recollections of these forty uneventful (to him) years; but now he is very much occupied with the present.

And if you want to know how close he has stuck to it, the longest vacation he has taken was nineteen days, and he hasn't been out of a job since he was sixteen years old.

Philip Trober of Lewiston has been held without bail in the municipal court at Hampton, N. H., on the charge of manslaughter in causing the death of Mrs. Vianna Breed at Hampton Falls by running her down with an automobile. Trober had been to Camp Devens with some passengers, who returned home by train, it is said because of his condition. When he was arrested some liquor was found in his car.

Admiral Peary, who with his family is enjoying his usual summer outing at Eagle Island, is apparently greatly improved after his very severe illness in the winter and spring.

Buildings of J. H. Clark Burned.

RESULT OF LIGHTNING STROKE IN THE SHOWER OF WEDNESDAY.

During the shower which closed in on us a little after 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and which seems to have been general over a large area, the buildings of J. H. Clark, about a mile from South Paris on the East Oxford road, were struck by lightning and burned. The buildings consisted of a story and a half house, ell and barn.

Lightning struck the back corner of the barn, and started a blaze in some baled hay which was stacked in that part of the building. At first the blaze was not very large, and Mr. Clark and his son carried something like a dozen pails of water and made an attempt to check it, but there was too much of it, and it spread rapidly when once it got a start.

Mr. Clark got out a pair of work horses, which were all the animals in the barn at the time, and had some difficulty in inducing one of them to get out. A hayrack with a load of hay which had been drawn in just before the shower took fire so quickly that it was impossible to run it out. There was in the barn about fifteen tons of pressed hay, and some five tons that had been put in this year. Some wagons were saved.

Though the barn burned rapidly, the house was much slower in going, and with the help which arrived it was possible to get out most of the things in the house, though they were not benefited by the rain which was falling. By the time this was done, there was not much to do except to stand and see the house burn. One reservoir of the South Paris water system, which was built by the Norway Water Co. some years ago, is on land bought of Mr. Clark and not many rods from the house, but it is a little lower than the buildings, and the water can be got only by pumping.

The most unfortunate feature of the fire is that there was no insurance on the buildings. The insurance had expired only a few days before, and the matter of renewal had not been attended to.

A New Style of Ballot.

When it comes to voting at the state election which is in the near future, the voter will have a little different proposition before him in the ballot from what there has heretofore been. If he desires to vote a straight party ticket he can do it by a single cross at the head of the party column as before, but if he votes in any other way his procedure will be changed.

For some time we have been using one form of ballot for the state election and a different form for the primaries. There was much agitation in favor of making the regular election ballot in the same form as the primary ballot. So the last legislature tackled the job, and evolved a plan of voting which is variously regarded. Some think it combines the good features of the two forms of ballot, some think it combines their bad features. In any event, it is the law.

Under the new plan and style of voting, the voter may vote a straight party ticket as before, by putting one cross in the square at the top of the party column, and if there are any of the candidates in that column for whom he does not wish to vote, he may "scratch" their names with his pencil. In addition to the square at the top of the party column, there will be a smaller square at the right of each name. If a voter wishes to split his ticket, instead of placing his cross in the square at the top of the column, he will make crosses in the squares at the right of the names for whom he wishes to vote, wherever they are on the ballot. In this way he can scatter his voting through all the party columns on the ballot if he wishes.

One provision of the law that should be noted is that "Stickers shall not be counted unless used to fill a vacancy or correct an error in the printed ballot." This does away with the use of stickers, and requires the voter to split his ticket solely with his pencil. It would seem even to prevent using a sticker for a name which is not on the printed ballot, and require a man to write the name with a pencil in any event if he desires to be independent and go outside the regular ticket. Thus to some extent it discourages independence in voting. But cases where a voter desires to do that are rare.

It would seem desirable to have some uniformity in our election laws, in place of the present jumble. At the primary we have one form of ballot and at the regular election another; at the primary the ballots are kept in the custody of the town clerk; at the regular election they are shipped to the secretary of state at Augusta, and kept in his custody. There is so much confusion regarding the matter of the custody of the ballots that at the recent primary election the ballots from a lot of the towns were shipped to Augusta, and had to be returned.

For the first time since an official ballot was used in a state election in Maine, there will be this year on the ballot only two columns, Republican and Democrat, except in a few cases, as for instance Aroostook County, where there is an independent candidate for sheriff, and Augusta, where a Socialist candidate for representative has been nominated. The time for filing nominations expired on the 10th, and no nomination papers for state officers were filed, and only a few for the minor offices.

About the State.

Theresa, the little daughter of Edward T. Cranston of Bangor, seven years of age, was fatally burned Sunday afternoon by her clothing taking fire when she and her brother were playing with matches.

Herbert Thompson of Farmington, about 64 years of age, committed suicide by hanging Saturday morning. He had not been in good health for some months and it is thought this was the cause for his act.

Frank A. Lovejoy was instantly killed at Lagrange on the 10th by the accidental discharge of his gun. He left the house to kill a skunk, and in getting through an opening in the fence the hammer of the gun caught and the charge passed through his heart. He was 62 years of age, and is survived by a widow and two children.

Langdon S. Bates shot and instantly killed Mrs. Edith Cole, 55 years of age, at Winslow Tuesday evening. Her companion, Miss Alice Simpson, 26 years of age, received a bullet wound in the shoulder, but is not considered in dangerous condition. The shooting was done as the two women were walking on Benton Avenue. Two hours later Bates gave himself up at the police station. It is said that Bates was infatuated with Miss Simpson. He was employed at the Hollingsworth & Whitney mill as a machinist, she as an operative. Bates is 47 years of age, a married man with several children.

No Deaths from Smallpox.

No deaths from smallpox, but one hundred forty-seven deaths from measles is Maine's record for 1917 according to the State Department of Health. These figures point to an interesting moral in that they show the lessening of the smallpox peril under definite restrictive measures and also show the seriousness of a disease that is usually treated as of small consequence. Measles is very often more than a "natural children's disease which must be taken early and so be done with." Measles is more apt to be fatal in young children than in older ones. It leads to more serious consequences in young children. It causes or predisposes patients to other sickness. More than one case of pneumonia, bronchitis and other related diseases has its start in the "mild attack" of measles. The day is coming, says the State Department, when the public will realize that this disease is distinctly preventable and that its nature is in fact so serious that every effort must be made to prevent its occurrence.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank all the friends who were so kind to us through our great trouble, also the Odd Fellows for their help, and to Mr. Miller for his kind words that helped us so much, and for the beautiful flowers that were sent in.

FANNIE LOVEJOY.
FRED LOVEJOY.
MR. AND MRS. C. L. HERSEY.
J. MELLEN CUMMINGS.

NORWAY.

The class of 1908, Norway High School, held its reunion with W. Maford Mann at his home on Pike Hill on the evening of the 9th. A fine supper was served and an evening of sociability spent. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. Knox Bickford, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Currier, Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Downing, Mrs. Pearl Harriman Cadigan, Mrs. Jennie Mann Kneeland, Mrs. Josephine Stearns Stone, Miss Maude Mixer, Miss Maude Pike and W. Maford Mann.

Mrs. Jennie Kneeland of Somerville, Mass., is spending the month of August with her mother, Mrs. Emma Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. McSwiney and sister Theresa McSwiney of Boston are visiting Mrs. McSwiney's mother, Mrs. M. M. Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brooks of Farmington are visiting Mrs. Brooks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gammon.

Rev. Fr. Philip J. Boivin of St. Catherine's Catholic Church will report within a few days at the training school for chaplains at Louisville, Ky., and after taking the course will probably receive a commission and go overseas with the American army.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe L. Davidson of Brookline, Mass., have recently been guests for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Cummings at their cottage by the lake.

A club room for the B. G. McIntire Club has been opened by the Democratic town committee in the building on Main Street formerly the Roy Pratt barber shop.

Freeman Smith and crew are laying a cement sidewalk and driveway at the store of Longley & Butts, the sidewalk extending from the platform to the curbing, and making a great improvement.

Miss Doris Clough of Gardiner is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Charles F. Ridlon.

Miss Marion Gibson entertained her class in the Methodist Sunday School with an automobile ride Tuesday afternoon, going through Waterford, Harrison and Bridgton. Leslie Gibson drove the car. The members of the class who went were Vera Smith, Doris Stone, Annie Everett, Eldrith Joslin and Ruth Smith.

A special town meeting will be held next Saturday at 2 o'clock to see if the town will raise money to repair the damage to the roads by the recent rains, and to repair the abutment to the bridge on Pleasant Street near the saw mill, the amount to be assessed in the taxes for 1919.

Gregg and Truman will tour the fairs this fall, featuring Truman, the champion wrestler of Maine at 158 pounds. Fred Gregg, manager.

Miss Helen Carroll of Hanover, Mass., daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Marcus H. Carroll, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Emma J. Bickford, and other relatives here.

Miss Agnes Sanborn, who is teaching in Newton, Mass., is spending a short vacation with the family of her brother, George L. Sanborn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Burnham, after spending three weeks at their cottage on the lake, returned Tuesday to their home in Philadelphia.

The class of '90, Norway High School, had their annual reunion at Camp Cinnamon Tuesday afternoon and evening. A bountiful supper was served, and the time was spent socially. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. McSwiney of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Cushman, Mr. and Mrs. Lee M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hutchins, Dr. and Mrs. Harry P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cook, Mrs. Sara Howe, Rust Jackson, Horace H. Cole, and Miss Carrie Tucker.

Albert Descoteau has returned from Bemis, where he was doing mason work at the C. B. Cummings & Sons Co. mill for eight weeks.

Harry Lasselle, Vernon Sherrard, Win Kimball and Howard Maxim are the members of a party which has been spending several days in the White Mountains.

Miss Jane Hayes of Oxford has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. James N. Favor of Pleasant Street. Henry H. Favor, son of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Favor, recently visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hayes, at Oxford.

Mark Chandler of Portland, formerly station agent of the Grand Trunk at Norway, has been in town for a few days calling on relatives.

Frank Murdock has the contract to change over the heating plant at the high school building. The boilers will continue in use, but the circulating system is to be entirely changed, as it has not been sufficient in very cold weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rich have received word that their son, Herbert A. Rich, has arrived safely in France.

Sam Isaacson has received word from a brother-in-law in New York city that Mrs. Isaacson and their two children were safe with relatives in Russia. Last January Mr. Isaacson learned from a Jewish newspaper that the town of Rudoskovitz, where his family were, had suffered a Cossack massacre, and that the inhabitants had been herded together and killed with machine gun fire, not a person escaping. The news of his family's safety so delighted Mr. Isaacson that he started at once for New York to learn particulars. The family will be brought to Norway if it is possible to get them to America.

Miss Margaret Bruce of Portland is spending a few weeks with Miss Mildred Holmes.

Congressman Wallace H. White and others, on their campaign tour of the county, stopped in Norway Wednesday night, and met a good number of the Republicans at the rooms of the Republican town committee that evening.

Mrs. Freeland Howe and her niece, Berita Brown, are here from Stetson, and have opened Mrs. Howe's home on Pleasant Street.

Arthur Descoteau takes the place of Giles Frost as motorman on the street railroad.

Sergt. Lester L. Witham of Co. D, 103d Infantry, is one of those selected to return to this country to assist in training the soldiers before they leave for France. He has arrived at Camp Merritt for duty, and expects soon to have a few days' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah L. Witham.

Miss Jessie H. Everett is the new cashier and book-keeper at the store of Brown, Buck & Co., taking the place of Mrs. Guy F. Stevens, who resigned to go to Bath, where her husband is employed. They have secured a rent and will go to housekeeping at once.

Walter F. Gammon, second class fireman in the United States navy, returned Tuesday to New York, after enjoying a ten days' shore leave, visiting his sister in Lynn, Mass., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Gammon, in Norway.

Mrs. Florence Webber and three grandchildren of Auburn were guests of Mrs. Elmer Aldrich last week.

Headquarters for the campaign have been opened by the Republican town committee in rooms in the Howe Block on the second floor, across the hall from the dental rooms of Dr. H. P. Jones.

Carlton Young has returned from South Waterford and has gone to Poland Spring, where he has employment.

Mrs. Emile Beaulieu and four children started Wednesday for St. Fabien and Bic, P. Q. They expect to be gone three or four weeks visiting her parents and Mr. Beaulieu's people. Her sister, Miss Georgia Roy, who has been living with the family for the past two years, accompanied her.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene D. Millett have received word that their son, Ralph O. Millett, has arrived safely overseas.

Mrs. Hal R. Eaton of Bangor has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Sargent.

Mrs. Edith Edwards has been in charge of the dining room at Poland Camp Ground during the campmeeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rowe, Jr., of Saco, are spending their vacation with Mr. Rowe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rowe.

One of the best things put on the stage here in a long time, is the universal verdict regarding "The Lost Necklace," the operetta which was presented in Norway Opera House Thursday evening. The scene is laid in Spain, and all the costuming and stage setting was in harmony with the time and place. Both the solo work and the chorus, as well as the dancing, were exceptionally good, and demonstrated the amount of work which had been put into the preparation and the natural ability of the participants. The Opera House was filled, and the dance which followed the operetta had a large patronage. As quite a portion of the expenses were donated, the net receipts will amount to about $200, which goes to the Red Cross.

Albert Canwell died at his home on Water Street Friday morning, after years of failing health, a period of which was spent in the hospital. He was born in Sumner Aug. 23, 1858, and came to Norway forty-five years ago, and was employed in the shoe factory as long as he was able to work. He was a member of Norway Lodge of Odd Fellows. A widow, who was Miss Mary Frost before marriage, survives him.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS IN TABLOID FORM

Items of Interest From All Sections of Yankeeland

Thomas O'Connor, a lineman for the Lowell Electric Light company, Lowell, Mass., slipped while handling wires, and sustained injuries which caused his death.

Private Austin Francis Heffernan, 20, of Dorchester, Mass., a marine at the Naval magazine, was electrocuted while on guard duty at the power house in Hingham.

The Brookline, Mass., assessors announce that the tax rate will be $15.30, a reduction of 40 cents from last year's rate. The total valuation of the town is about $93,000,000.

The estate of the late Frederick Ayer, of Boston, medicine manufacturer and mill owner, was valued at $5,334,778 in a report filed by the executors at Salem, Mass.

Leaning against a tree with his throat cut, Water E. Smith of Malden, Mass., was found by his daughter, Miss Caroline Smith, in the Middlesex Fells. Smith disappeared from home on Monday.

An automobile containing five persons bound from Taunton, Mass., for their homes in Boston ran into a freight train at the Whiteman street grade crossing and two of the occupants were instantly killed.

As the result of a crusade on poolrooms throughout Boston four young men were given a month's sentence at the house of correction, and four others were given four months' suspended sentences, all as slackers.

Mrs. Lillian D. Beal of Boston paid a fine of $5 and costs in municipal court in Franklin, N. H., where she was charged with violating the speed limit. City Marshal Manchester testified she was driving 40 miles an hour.

Warrants for the arrest of 700 citizens who failed to pay state income taxes in 1916 were issued at Boston by tax commissioner Trefry. The amount involved was $35,000, out of a total assessment of approximately $12,000,000.

Charles P. Robinson, 80, died at his home in Pittsfield, Mass. He was born in Pittsfield. He was a manufacturer of paper boxes 30 years. Up to his 77th year he walked annually to the summits of Greylock and other Berkshire mountains.

Rhode Island will register 83,407 men under the new draft age extension, assuming that the ages are fixed from 18 to 45, according to an estimate submitted by Capt. George H. Webb, director of the draft, based upon the census of 1910.

Ensign O. N. Roe of Massachusetts, a naval aviator, who was reported as missing since May 30 off the Dutch coast, where his seaplane broke down after being attacked by five German planes, is a prisoner in Germany, according to a letter received from him in London.

Charles Rogers of Burlington, Vt., and his son, James Rogers of Rutland, Vt., enlisted at the Manchester, N. H., office of the British and Canadian recruiting mission. The father was deferred until a later date, owing to slight physical defects which may be remedied.

Robert J. Kelley of Batavia street, Boston, claiming to be a cigar salesman, but said by the police to be a "bookie" was arraigned in Central court charged with "loafing." He showed $1500 when balling himself under plea of not guilty his case went over to Aug. 28