

New Boston Argus 1896

January 25, 1896

Bert Brown has a new horse.

Colds seem to be the fashion.

We would welcome more snow.

Only six weeks to town meeting.

Ralph White is at work at the Tavern.

Charles Dodge has a pair of twin calves.

Clark & Gage Bros. have filled Reed Bros' ice house.

It has been poor sleighing and hard wheeling recently.

The Sunday school conference was lightly attended.

We insert an article on shade trees by a subscriber.

Frank Sargent kindly cares for Mr. Wildey's horse during his absence.

Mrs. Plummer Martin is convalescent.

Mrs. Colby is about the same. No better, no worse.

Mrs Henry M. Woodward is spending a short vacation at her sisters', the Misses Mosher.

Dr. Stevens of Francestown was in town Monday evening, securing supplies from our druggist, Mr. Greer.

Wm. C. Butterfield recently visited his only uncle, Trask W Averill of Mont Vernon, who will be 85 years old in March. He recently had a shock.

Mr. Flanders and wife are home again from visiting friends in Manchester.

The class of Mrs. Lendell Dodge sang a very pretty and truly appropriate hymn in the Presbyterian school last Sunday.

We are always pleased to hear from subscribers who reside now in distant states, anxious to continue their subscriptions. It is a sign that New Boston is not forgotten by them though interested in business elsewhere.

Ice eighteen inches thick has been harvested in New Boston already. It will take another cold wave to fill the ice houses full of desirable ice.

The Tavern sleigh, which came out of the paint shop last winter, has been used so much as to require new irons on the running gear this winter.

Jan. 14 George Caldwell dressed a hog that weighed 603 pounds. How is that for pork? Next!

The Presbyterian church was bright with roses, pinks, etc., kindly sent by Neal McLane, who was the recipient of them on his 80th birthday.

Dr. Weaver gave a pleasant and profitable lecture before the high school on Friday, Jan 17. The subject was "Emergencies as They Concern the Laity."

Though quite good sleighing here and as far south as Boston, there was no sleighing at Concord or north as far as White River Junction Jan. 13.

Mr. Wildey gave two lectures last week to the students of Kimball Union academy, Meriden, the alma mater of both, Mr. Wildey and wife. He fills engagements this week in East Hartford, Conn., and Trenton, N. J., where he expects an audience Sunday afternoon of 800 young men.

Miss Nettie Baker, the teacher of our grammar school, is at home at this writing, very ill with la grippe.

Instead of local items the editor will give a letter of observations on his trip in next week's paper.

One of the peculiar rules of the Boston and Maine railroad is refusal to take half fares for children riding on mileage books with parents, demanding one-half fare tickets or full fare out of mileage books for children.

As yet there seems to be but little interest aroused in the idea of a summer assembly here. But we assert all the same, that such an arrangement would mean a large addition to our summer guests and add to the prosperity of our town.

Rev. E. J. Aiken will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning as supply for Rev. John E. Wildey, who is absent lecturing this week in East Hartford, Conn., and Trenton, N. J., and attending a special meeting of Presbytery en route.

A letter from Russell Atwood reports Mr Howard as engaged in a very nice position in Philadelphia.

Granite council, No. 13, O. U. A. M., the following officers were installed Jan. 1: E. C., C. G. Cram; C., F. C. Waldo; V. C., A. D. Dennison; S. E. C., W. A. Wilson; T., G. P. Bennett; F. S., F. A. Fuller; R. S., G. W. Marden; A. R. S., F. O. Gould; I., V. G. Andrews; E., D. C. Peaslee; I. P., Harry Wilson; O. P., George Warren.

At 6 p. m. Sunday evening in the Baptist church Rev. E. J. Aiken of Concord will conduct a union service in the interest of the New Hampshire Bible society. All are invited to attend. Mr. Aiken is a very interesting speaker in this line of work as well as preacher. Give him a good house.

Dr. R. M. Lawrence, J. Arthur Beebe, Chas. B. Gookin, Boston; John Murray Brown, Belmont, spent a few days at The Tavern the past week.

Six persons brothers and sisters of Niel McLane, their ages ranging from 65 to 75 were invited to spend Saturday Jan. 17 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of his birth. He received many tokens of remembrance from friends. After partaking of sumptuous repast the friends listened to the reading of letters from those that were unable to be present also to the following poem by Miss Mildred Warren, grand niece of Mr. McLane.

*Gray haired sage and crowned with years,
Deign to accept our greeting here,
Time in its mystic flight endears
Thee, with each hour that thou art near.*

*Grieve not that four-score years are thine,
That youthful jove have long been past,
For richer things thou hast, a mine
Of precious treasure that will last.*

*Ripe wisdom has unrolled her page
For thee, her ever-favored one,
And history's muse of wonder's age,
Communed with thee, from sun to sun.*

*And not alone in letters fair,
Has been thy fame, is thy renown,*

*But thine has been an interest rare,
In weal of county, state and town.*

*A valued counsellor, a friend
To all who need advice or aid,
Thou art and will be to the end
Our pride! of only wrong afraid.*

*As like the pine, that forest king
With snows of winter on his head,
Thou standest, we would homage bring,
To wisdom's son, by knowledge led.*

*On this the day that gave thee birth
We fain would honor thee, and show
Our 'ove and reverence but the dearth
Of words will not express its glow*

*And grant a blessing on this day,
And add years to thy years a score,
We pray, and may we walk the way
Thy feet have trod, to Heaven's door.*

Woodmen. Spare those Trees.

In these times, when every one is after the almighty dollar, and to get it they cut off all the beautiful trees by the roadside. They don't stop to think that they are depriving themselves and others, as well their horses and cattle, of their cool, refreshing shade in summer and the additional beauty to the landscape both winter and summer. Now, one way to have a perpetual forest by the roadside, and thereby perpetual comfort to those who travel it, both residents and non-residents, is for the town, for the benefit of all in the town, as well as others, to purchase of the individual owners of woodland by the roadside, so many feet of land each side of the road, say 25 or 35 feet wide, to be kept forever as a strip of woodland, none to be cut but for safety's sake. That is, if a tree should blow down across the road, cut it away and clear up the brush incident to such an accident; or if a tree should get old and decayed and deemed unsafe to stand by the road, cut that down, and also keep the small bushes trimmed up to keep a well trimmed strip of shade and woodland by the road. It would pay the the town in more ways than one for the outlay made. Think of it, gentlemen, and see if there is not some way we can preserve our beautiful trees by the highways at least. Some will say, I know, that it will cost a great deal to buy all the woodland by all the roads in New Boston. We don't expect this will be done in a minute, or a year, but there can be a beginning made, say, the road from New Boston village to Goffstown.

A SUBSCRIBER.

February 22, 1896

Mrs. S. L. Marden, Jr., has been suffering from a heavy cold.

Mrs. Benjamin Hopkins is still very low.

John Brewer is out again with two horses.

Hiram Wilson was in town last week Tuesday.

Mrs Rhoda Pearsons has been quite ill.

A. R. Pearsons and wife are visiting their son-in-law, Alonzo Blood.

Ice cutting continues with ice of fair quality.

Charles Webster dressed about 100 pounds of poultry last week for the Manchester market.

Walter George and son from Bedford were at South Hill last Saturday.

I. N. McLane was busy drawing ice last Thursday and Friday for Alonzo Blood.

George Warren has finished cutting lumber upon the Lull lot. He is estimating to have 150 thousand feet of lumber.

Herbert Rogers, from Dunbarton, has been visiting at South Hill.

James Douglass has been cutting ice for H. H J. Read, and J. A. Fuller & Son have drawn it for him.

B. F. Livingstone of Mont Vernon is sadly afflicted with rheumatism so that he uses crutches.

At present there are indications of a large party attending the revival at J. Q. A. Caldwell's on Friday night.

E P. Fox will settle the personal estate of the late J. H. Wheeler.

Miss Nellie Shedd is at home for a time. She is worthy of a hearty welcome from all.

An insurance agent from Nashua was in town seeking a summer house for his family last week.

Do not forget the meeting of the High School Association in Valley hall next week Thursday, Feb. 27.

Mr. Wildey expects to lecture in the city hall, Nashua, Monday evening next, Feb. 24, under Y, M. C. A. ladies auxiliary.

Compare our clean advertisements with some papers you have seen, and then thank God for a good home paper.

One of the signs of spring is the presence of seedsmen, who are visiting our town with boxes of seed for our merchants.

By count, 128 were at the morning service and 90 in the Sunday school of the Presbyterian church Sunday last.

Last Monday was the coldest day this winter. It was 24 degrees below zero at Atwood's store in the morning, at least 2 degrees colder than the coldest day this winter.

Arthur Wason is earning a well-deserved reputation as a violin artist. He played with Eastman & Morey's orchestra in the Manchester opera house several days the last of last week.

Ye editor had two hen's eggs given him recently. One from Mrs Will O. Dodge measured 6x9 inches in circumference and weighed 3 ¾ ounces; the other from Mrs. Lendell Dodge, weighed only ¾ of an ounce. These were a part of a gift of a number of eggs from these ladies.

The school board was in session Monday making up the annual report. Town meeting two weeks from next Tuesday.

Friday evening, Feb, 10, the high school was given a valentine party by the teacher, Miss Powell. The evening was very much enjoyed by all present. Games, chocolate and cake helping to make the social more than a formal affair.

At the Presbyterian church Sunday morning, subject, "Christianity, the Preserving Power of Nations," evening. "Lessons from Study of Abraham." Everybody welcome.

From facts which have come to our attention. If we were not liable to be charged with flattery, we might name a number of big-hearted men and women who are not slow in proving friendly to those who need friends.

Friend Fishe, after serving two weeks on the jury, is glad to be home at his usual duties. When duties of legal character are necessary we are all glad when they are completed.

Bert Shedd and Ralph White will represent the young men of the Andrew and Phillip chapter of the Presbyterian church at the Y. M. C. A. convention, Milford, Feb. 29, and March 1. Several others will attend a portion of the convention services.

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Feb. 15 Mrs. Rebecca Crombie reached her 95th birthday, and was the recipient of cake, candy, grapes, fruit, articles of silver, useful and fancy, from a host of friends. Relatives from Albany and Manchester came to congratulate her, and while her strength would not permit a formal celebration, she must have retired content in the love of her many friends. May she round out her century.

The editor, in behalf of the ladies who attend school meeting, and in behalf of men to whom tobacco is very disagreeable, would but echo the wishes of these parties, that our citizens refrain from smoking in town hall on town meeting day. Personally we are able to enjoy the smoke or odor of burning tobacco, but there are many who leave the hall half sick, from inhaling what they would not endure in their own homes. Smoke all you want to out of doors or in the vestibule, but let the air be clear in the town hall, is the wish of some ladies and gentlemen of New Boston.

The cold made sleighing very good.

The first social under the direction of the new social committee, Miss Florence Atwood, Will O. Dodge and Bert Shedd, was held in Valley hall Tuesday night last and was very enjoyable.

Photographs, exterior and interior, of the Presbyterian church and parsonage have been taken by request for publication in one of our prominent papers. Copies of these photos will be on sale in a few weeks.

At the annual meeting of the Mizpah circle, the following officers elected: President, Mrs. Niel McLane; vice president, Mrs. T. R. Cochrane; Secretary, Miss Mildred C. Warren; treasurer, Mrs. W. P. Martin. The past year has been very successful financially to the circle, and the good wishes of all are with them for prosperous work in 1896.

The fifth meeting of the high school association was held Saturday afternoon a 3 o'clock. A very charming, instructive and inspiring lecture upon music was given by Miss Mildred C. Warren, who easily outrivals the pianists of this section of country and state. The meeting was brought to a close by singing "Home, Sweet

Home" by the school. The singing did credit to the pupil and to John Clark, who kindly drilled them for this occasion.

A very pleasant surprise party was given Mrs. W. P. Martin Thursday evening last: being the anniversary of her birthday ten of her friends unexpectedly called to tender greeting and the evening passed merrily in music and social converse. Refreshments were served, and as a souvenir of the occasion each one of the party was presented with a little book in the form of a palette, its covers quaintly illustrated by Mildred C. Warren, Mrs. Martin's niece. Mrs. Martin was the recipient of many pretty and useful presents.

The funeral of Mrs. Mabel Pattie, who died Saturday of consumption, took place at Charles Dodge's residence, where Mrs. Pattie had been tenderly cared for by Mr. Dodge and family. last Monday at 2 p. m. Rev. J. E. Wildey officiated, and assisted John Clark in singing "Bye and Bye" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," organ accompaniment being played by Miss Bessie Dodge. The pall bearers were Reed McLane. C. H. Dodge, Frank Corliss and John McGuiniss. E. P. Fox conductor. Mrs. Pattie left four children, one in Connecticut and three in Massachusetts, all very young in years. Two of them are already in good homes, and the others will be provided for. Her history from a drunken husband was a sad one, and dying at the age of 30 years she was providentially blessed in the care and attention shown to her by those who were no relation to her whatever. She in early life joined the Methodist church, and was spiritually prepared to meet her God.

March 7, 1896

Town meeting next Tuesday. School meeting Wednesday.

James N. McLane has done an immense amount of teaming for himself and others this winter.

Mr. Saltmarsh had a number of tons of ice stacked up in creamery shed, from the streets, for the creamery.

George Blood, who has been helping Mrs. Wheeler for a few weeks, has returned to his work at Will Richards.

Ralph White and Bert Shedd, attending Y. M. C. A. convention Sunday at Milford, could not get home Monday.

The growth of the Presbyterian Sunday school by those attending, not before accustomed, is very encouraging.

Miss Florence Atwood got home from Boston by way of Lowell and Lawrence, hiring a team to come over from Manchester.

During the absence of a pastor, not 100 miles away, a death occurred in his parish, of which he was not informed for six weeks, then by a member of the family. Moral, don't blame ministers for what they don't know.

The ball of the D. C. club. Thursday evening, Feb. 27, was a great success. There were 123 couples present and all went off in accordance with the hopes and efforts of the committee in charge. Dr. Weaver made the address of welcome.

A week of prayer will be observed in the Presbyterian church beginning Sunday, March 29, except for Monday evening when the Y. P. S. C. E. hold their meeting. This method of preparation for Easter is both educational and devotional. Please to be present.

We desire to advocate a concert and supper to raise money to give New Boston band suitable uniforms. We have talent in plenty and our citizens would gladly assist. Four hundred tickets at 25 cents could be sold, and the profits of a supper added. No expense except for hall and printing should be detailed and \$150 could be raised. Let the band start the movement and we all keep step till we get there.

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The lecture, upon "George Washington" given by Rev. H. J. Bartlett, held his audience to the close. The editor does not flatter Mr. Bartlett when he affirms that the lecture gave evidence of happy taste, rare tact and unusual talent in its preparation. A character, whose history has been before the people for a century, must be clothed with rhetoric of unusual order, to hold a mixed audience of youths and adults. Without detracting an iota from the ministerial qualifications of Mr. Bartlett, nor desiring to do aught else or less than give him his honors earned, we are convinced, that as a teacher of languages and thorough student, he is adapted for educational work in a degree to be envied. His lecture should be repeated before patriotic circles everywhere.

New Boston High School association held a public meeting in Valley hall Feb. 27, before a fair-sized audience and gave those present a very delightful evening's pleasure with the following program:

Song, "America" - School.

Recitation, "Ode on Washington's Birthday" - Nellie L. Prince.

Reading, "How Washington's Birthday Was Made a Holiday" - Emma G Hill.

Reading, "Washington's Proclamation" - Ruby M. Atwood..

Recitation, "Tis the Vote of the School Boy Shall Rule" - George Shedd.

Quotations - School.

Recitation, "The Flag of the Rainbow. - Blanche Dodge.

Recitation, "A Little Maid's Reply" - Frances McLane.

Recitation, "A Tribute to Washington" - Bessie Emerson.

Recitation, "In the Good Old Day" - Charles B. Caldwell.

Lecture, "George Washington" - Rev. H. J. Bartlett.

Song, "Home, Sweet Home" - School.

The entire body of students showed training of a high order. The hall was beautifully trimmed with flags, and a picture of George Washington adorned the stage. Miss Mary Warren was pianist. Miss Powell, the beloved teacher, is to be congratulated for her work. We give a separate account of Mr. Bartlett's lecture.

New Boston Afloat.

March 1, 1896 will long be remembered as a day of disaster to this town. In addition to the rain of thirty-six hours preceding, a hard, steady down pour during the early hours of Sunday, resulted with the high mercury in melting snow and ice, washing out roads and eventually in carrying away bridges and from conservative estimate doing damage to our town, its citizens and the railroad to the amount of \$10,000. About 2.30 a. m. Sunday morning Dr. Gould was aware that his barn was being washed out, and by the assistance of Perley Todd got his horses out without damage. The flooring gave way, underpinning washed out, damaging property at least \$100. At 6.20 a. m. by sudden rise of the river and breaking up of ice, every house on either side of the river, except John Clarke's and the drug store received injuries. Cellars were flooded, the cellar floor of the grist mill washed out, hens in market drowned, several pigs drowned in creamery barn, the creamery engine room and churn room flooded to depth varying from 2 ½ to 4 foot by measurement. The creamery foot bridge of iron went down with a crash and soon afterward by breaking of east abutment, the depot bridge the best in town went down with a plunge into the waves. Woodbury bridge and Main street bridge had escaped, but Gregg bridge has gone with the rest. At 7.30 a. m. the river was roaring away with floating ice, up to the high water mark. The streets which had received a washing were about dry when suddenly, afterward found to be from the breaking of a part of Muzzey dam, inside of 15 minutes, the river rose again several feet and with it came tons upon tons of floating ice in cakes large and small. Colby lot south of road was level full, running over, near the grist mill. Soon the street from Neil McLane's to the grist mill was a foot or two deep, while Main street between Presbyterian church and the common was three feet deep and more, with a current like a mill stream rushing between Presbyterian church and village school across to the common, the main channel swerving to the right between the town hall and engine house, part going west again toward River street, but the main part pouring

into the field back of the hall, where it found a young Niagara. Another stream was flowing several feet in depth at times over the wall at Niel McLane's. At the southeast corner of the bridge, at which point as well as at the rear of the town hall and at Mr. Trow's on River street, gangs of hard working men were watching for, cutting and shoving the ice cakes to prevent damming of the streams. For three hours and more the fight kept up. till gradually the water receded, to leave evidences of its fury in trees destroyed or barked, cellars flooded, ground covered with debris, tons of ice, wood, what not? The creamery had thirty cords of wood carried down stream, beside destruction of supply pipe to the farm, flooding of engine room, loss of foot bridge, etc., total \$4000. Main street bridge was severely damaged but repaired and open for travel Tuesday at noon. The abutments at Woodbury bridge sunk some, will have to be rebuilt. The bridge was propped up and opened to travel Tuesday morning. In flooring of cellar and destruction of part of river walls and ground... Clark is conservative to ... \$100 Dennison & ... drowning and are damaged about \$100. Reed McLane cannot estimate his loss in damage to phosphate, hay and straw, etc., by water in his store house, injury to mill, machinery, etc. Cellar of Presbyterian church was flooded. J. B. Whipple's land washed out, fruit trees barked by ice. Railroad washed out for 50 feet, and about 500 square feet of land, sunk near depot, which cellar was flooded. In damage to west end of dam, the washing out of stone posts in cellar and electric wires injured, Mr. Wilson will be out about \$100. The river wall on creamery land is in very bad condition. Mrs. Farnum had her cellar flooded, stairs washed loose, cellar shelves with glass jars of preserves broken, barrels of apples, etc. all mixed up and valueless. A huge cake of ice floated up against the kitchen of Mrs. Benjamin Dodge with a blow strong enough to knock her dishes off the shelves. Mr. Dodge's shop is badly damaged by ice and water washing out brick work. As both churches were surrounded by water and everybody at work in the rain to save property, no services were held. The force of the water is seen in carrying heavy stone for rods, casting down and twisting iron pipe railing, one piece around a tree. Mr. Trow's house was all but in danger of floating, as the water ran over the floor of his barn. Mr. Greer packed up and moved his stock of drugs and several families were about ready several times to abandon their homes. The rain almost ceased by Monday night, then changed to snow, clearing Tuesday evening. No mail received from Saturday night till Tuesday night, and nobody able to take train farther than Goffstown or Shirley. Creamery sent butter, etc., to Manchester to go to Boston via Lawrence.

March 14, 1896

Town meeting over. Now for spring work.

Town meeting ball is reported as a success.

Bert Todd of Worcester has been visiting at home.

At this writing, Wednesday, it is beginning to snow.

Office of board of health is no attraction for candidates.

Andrew and Philip society met at Perley Todd's Thursday night.

Miss Louise Marden is home from visiting in Boston and elsewhere.

Annual meeting of the Presbyterian society next Tuesday at 2 p. m..

If all town officers could be voted for on a single ballot, it would save lots of time.

Quite a large number of those who hold their residence here were in town to vote.

Samuel Lamson of Pigeon Cove, Mass., related to several of our citizens, was in town over Sunday.

The amount of loss by flood at the creamery was written \$1000. The type last week made it read \$4000.

Charles Todd and Richard Tyler are successful in their second years' work of dealing in dressed beef at wholesale.

Subscriptions come in steadily, but there are several ways in which the Argus can be boomed. Subscribe for your absent friends.

The freshet last week is a thing of the past. But it is a warning to those who live on the bank of the river. What has been may occur again.

The brother of James McCurdy arrived from Kansas, Tuesday noon, only to find Mr. McCurdy had died a few hours before. He came in answer to a telegram.

The necessity to go around by the hill to get to the depot is greatly causing hardships to heavy teams. A temporary bridge till the new iron bridge is built is greatly needed.

The dinner at the town hall on Tuesday was most excellent. If the ladies would vote as well as they cook a good many men would gladly allow them to do both. Is not that liberal?

As no fires could be built in the furnaces, services were held in the chapel of the Presbyterian church Sunday last. Present at church 83, at Sunday school 72. A good average, considering the traveling, etc.

The session of the Presbyterian church has voted to authorize the formation of a Presbyterian Christian Endeavor society, and appointed for one year from April 1: Superintendent, Mrs. Alice M. Wildey; assistant superintendent, Miss Marion Lyford.

At the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning the pastor will consider the relation of "Adults and Youth in Religion." At 6 p. m. an old-fashioned missionary concert will be held, subject, "Armenia," which ought to guarantee a crowded chapel. Bring Hymns No. 5.

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School meeting was short and closed at noon. Officers elected were; Moderator, C. H. Shedd; clerk, E. P. Fox; treasurer, J. H. McAlpine. School board, one year, Charles S. Colburn; three years, Miss Marion E. Lyford; auditors. Thomas R. Cochrane and George C. Warren.

There will be a special praise and preaching service at the Baptist church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, conducted by Mr. Dow and wife of Bow. There will be plenty of good singing. All are cordially invited to the service and to hear Mrs. Dow whose preaching is marked by great earnestness and power and has been crowned with success. Come one, come all.

James McCurdy died of consumption Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock, after a long illness and heroic fight for life. He was a manly citizen, firm friend, a gentleman of very reserved character, but who has left behind him a large circle of friends, who sympathize with his bereaved sisters and brothers in their sorrow. His funeral took place at his late residence Friday afternoon at 2 p. m., Rev. John E. Wildey officiating. Singing of several sweet hymns by a number of the Presbyterian members was conducted by Charles Colburn. E. P. Fox was undertaker and conductor of funeral.

Miss Clara McLane died Sunday last at 2 p. m., after a long illness, though until a within week she had, for sometime, been better. She was a woman of remarkable independent thought, a great reader and student of humanity, whose religious faith was built upon knowledge of God's word and a large hope, that God's love would subdue all to Himself. The sympathy of the community are with her sister, Miss Nancy McLane, and Mr. and Miss Lyford, her nephew and niece, who have cared for her in her long illness, making their home recently with their aunts for that purpose. Her funeral was at her home Thursday noon, Rev. John E. Wildey officiating. Music by Charles L. Colburn and sister. E. P. Fox undertaker and conductor of funeral.

Town meeting was well attended. Great interest was evident in the finances of the town, considering the recent flood and destruction of bridges. The summary shows receipts last year as follows: Amount in treasury, Feb, 15, 1895, \$1134.66; amount in collector's hands Feb. 15, 1895, \$1197.16; assessed in April, 1895. \$9605.41; received on sundry notes, \$6800; received from state treasurer as per report, \$2589.21; miscellaneous receipts, \$1477.98; total, \$22,804.42. Disbursements were: Paid state tax, \$1755; county tax, \$1709.01; support of schools, \$3688.76; public charities. \$434.70; roads and bridges, \$3029.18; breaking roads, \$326.93; miscellaneous expenses, \$3106.81; town officers, \$867.77; notes and interest, \$5905.84; abatements by order on treasurer, \$9; abatements to collector, \$93.19; bounty on hawks, \$11.50; amount in treasury Feb. 15, 1896, \$715.35; amount in collector's hands, \$1151.38. The town debt is 10,550; assets, \$1866.73: net debt, \$8683.27. Charles H. Shedd, moderator, called the meeting to order, read the warrant, and called upon Rev. John E. Wildey to offer prayer. The following officers were elected: Town clerk, E. P. Fox, who enters upon his fourteenth year; selectmen, Charles H. Sargent, George A. Prince and Charles F. Marden; treasurer, Dr. Herbert D. Gould; road agents, James N. McLane and Joseph L. Lash: fish and game wardens, George W. Muzzey, Edward L. Rose, Henry J. Colby; auditors, Thomas R. Cochrane and George C. Warren; fire wardens, James N. Mc- Lane, George C. Warren and Charles H. Chandler. A large list of surveyers of timber, wood and bark were elected, also several constables. The appointing of a board of health was left to the selectmen. Besides for providing for regular expenses the town voted \$4000 for bridges and highways. \$384 for electric lights in the village and \$25 for Decoration Day. The selectmen were authorized to petition the supreme court to discontinue the old highway, in the east part of the town, leading from the mountain road to the Goffstown line, and to hire money to meet the necessary expenses of the town. Also to convey to the board of trustees of the New Boston cemetery, the right and title the town has in the triangular parcel of land, situated west of the highway leading from Andrew B. Carter's to the upper village, above the cemetery, and the site of the old pound, and including the same. It was voted to discontinue that part of the old road not already discontinued between the north road, so called, to junction of road near No. 15 schoolhouse. To print town reports, and not to establish a town library. Several other articles were passed over.

April 11, 1896

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... live Marden was at home for ... and heartily welcomed by old ... nds.

Sleighting was attempted on account of the light fall of snow last Thursday morning, but wheels came in handy by noon.

Miss Marion Lyford and Mrs. Wildey went to Goffstown, Friday last consulting about the Junior Endeavor work.

Master Willie C. Wildey returned home from his vacation Saturday evening fully recovered from his illness.

The Misses Marden presented Mrs. Wildey will a beautiful geranium plant in bloom as an Easter token of regard.

Miss Mildred C. Warren and Nettie Boshier will teach respectively the primary and grammar departments of the village school next term.

Bennie Dodge, Bert Shedd, Frank Chandler, Arthur Dennison and Brainerd Newton are elected ushers of the Presbyterian church for one year from April 1st.

Mr. Babcock who is running an electric passenger car in Boston expects to be transferred to the new electric freight road of the Boston & Hartford company.

An able farmer of 80 years of age was seen getting in ice last week Wednesday from a brook with a wheelbarrow. It will well repay him in hot weather.

Miss Ruby M. Atwood is at Pinkerton academy taking the last term's studies in the second year of the Greek classical course.

Miss Elvina Anderson and Miss Lottie Larson were received last Sunday as members of the Baptist church, coming from the Swedish Baptist church in Manchester. The pastor will extend them the right hand of fellowship next Sunday at the closing part of the morning service.

Mrs. S. R. Averill, who has been away for several months visiting friends in Milford, is back again at her home.

The week of prayer at the Presbyterian church last week was a success. The aim was devotional rather than revival. The addresses by gentlemen appointed were very helpful, and will long be remembered.

An account of the Andrew and Philip public (invitation) meeting and social which was held Thursday evening will be given next week.

The class honors for the graduating exercises of the first class to graduate from New Boston high school have been awarded follows: Valedictory awarded by class rank to Miss Emma G. Hill, salutatory by vote of the class to Frank H. Prince. The graduating exercises take place May 8.

The younger son of Fred N. Ware and wife has a light attack of measles, caught no doubt at Manchester. He is progressing nicely, being isolated to prevent spreading the disease.

William A. Maynard of Keene, general agent for the Northwestern Masonic Aid association of Chicago, has been in town on business and left literature for Masons and others interested with the editor. Non Masons can also join.

George C. Warren is on the road from early morning till noon every day serving his customers with milk. He is a worker as regular as the clock.

Brainerd Newton has bought Mrs. Fogg's farm and will at once enter upon his chosen life work. We predict for him success, as by study and practical experience during his student life he has received a thorough preparation to escape the mistakes "book farming," and the greater mistake of farming by guess work.

Mrs. Fogg and nephew Master Knight are preparing to return to Hancock to live. We regret the necessity of her removal but having sold her farm she desires to return to the home of earlier years.

There are several excellent farms for sale in town, giving excellent opportunities for our young men who aspire to own profitable estates.

Services next Sunday at the Baptist church. Morning service at 10.46. Subject of sermon "Paul's Message to Archippus". Evening praise and gospel service at 7 o'clock. Subject "East or West. The Vision in Troas." Our seats are all free and all not attending services elsewhere are cordially invited to make their church home with us.

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... Herbert G. Buxton of New Boston and Miss Sarah B. Cram of Weare were married at the Baptist parsonage on Easter Sunday by Rev. H. J. Bartlett. The young people will make their home in New Boston, living at the Alpha Bailey homestead. We are glad to welcome another couple among us and with their many friends wish them long life and much happiness.

Somebody who wanted to get rich at the expense of a poor man broke into the ticket office window at the depot Friday noon, and breaking open the money drawer stole \$10 or \$15 in change which Mr. Robbins had left there while at dinner. The thief no doubt knew well Mr. Robbins' routine of hours, and timed himself accordingly. It is a hard experience for Mr. Robbins, who has not only his own family but grandchildren to support. Suspicion is directed toward certain parties, and effort will be made to convict the guilty. We hope conscience will give the thief no rest till he returns the money stolen, and relieves our village of the disgrace and Mr. Robbins of his money and loss, and then reform and steal no more.

Easter was a gala day from a religious standpoint at the Presbyterian church. The church and vestry altars were beautifully decked with potted plants and cut flowers some of the latter being placed afterwards as designed upon the grave of Mrs. Fairbanks by Mrs. Blood to whom Mr. Fairbanks sent them. Appropriate hymns, a sermon by the pastor upon "The Companionship of the Risen Christ". Text John xx, 16, was made doubly interesting by the reception of Benjamin Hervey Dodge and Albert Edward Shedd as members of the church. At noon the sixty-eighth anniversary of the school was observed. Assistant Superintendent John Clark read from the old records, extracts of great interest. Miss Marion A. Wildey and Master Roy Newton sang a hymn "We are Little Sunbeams," very acceptably. At 1 o'clock the Lord's supper was celebrated. About 130 persons attended the morning service and 110 were at Sabbath school. At 4 p. m a Junior Y, P. S. C. E. was organized with 21 members. At 6 p. m., a service of song with address by the pastor closed the day's services. The thanks of the congregation are cheerfully given to those who assisted in person or by loan of flowers, in decorating the church. A number of regular attendants were absent because of illness in family.

April 25, 1896

Dr. Weaver has had his barn painted.

Brainard Newton has begun work on his farm.

Monday was a glorious day, reminding one of October.

The grangers are rehearsing a comedy for a future meeting.

Solomon Atwood went to Boston Monday on business.

Lucy Butterfield is visiting her sister, Mrs. Beals, at Goffstown.

Travel to and from Manchester Saturday last was quite large.

Memorial Sunday services this year occur in the Baptist church.

Will Woodbury has his garden in order for nature to do the rest.

Charles F. Dodge, who has been quite ill, is reported as much better.

The wooden bridge at Greggs station is rapidly nearing completion.

Arthur Blood has not been late nor absent from school in two years.

Miss Maggie Bushee of Reed's Ferry was a recent visitor at Frank Reed's.

Ezra Bebo. Jr., works this season for Frederick Hadley of Mont Vernon.

Miss Blanche Dodge has had the mumps. Others expect to have them.

Charles H. Shedd is a busy man hauling lumber for bridge and other work.

Our people accustomed to take summer boarders are preparing for business.

Monday morning workmen began again on the abutments of the Depot bridge.

Peter Douglass of Henniker visited his brother, James M. Douglass, last week.

A very nice safe was among the express received Monday. It was for Thomas Hixon.

Repairs to the Baptist steeple were made this week past by Albert Goodwin and Mr. Leach.

The sidewalks from Railroad street to Solomon Atwood's residence, has been filled in with gravel.

It is reported that William Duncklee has bought the Jonathan Marden place, and will sell his farm.

The absence of several on the program of the Y. P. S. C. E. convention was deeply regretted.

Niel McLane's home is receiving, inside, the attentions of Frank Sargent in the painting line.

A number of Odd Fellows and members of D. of R. went to Goffstown the 14th, and report a grand time.

Miss Mercy Dale is again at home for the summer. We welcome all home again for the summer.

Miss Nancy McLane has not been so well recently, but is better, up and about the house.

A. M. Fish, who was in the employ of Solomon Atwood for several years, was in town over Sunday.

George H. Wilson has been improving the interior of his delightful home.

Sunday was very muggy. but the afternoon and evening showers were blessings to vegetation.

Thomas M Hooper and wife of Manchester visited their daughter-in-law and grandchildren last Monday.

Smith and Davis are at liberty under \$500 bonds to appear at supreme court. Both have counsel secured.

Miss Minnie Johonnett has arrived home from Florida in good health, and welcomed by her family and friends most heartily.

The Baptist congregation worshipped with the Presbyterian church Sunday, as Mr. Bartlett was detained at the bedside of his brother.

The infant child of Mr. Rodney and wife died of measles Monday, aged 19 months. The funeral was Tuesday. Mr. Wildey officiated.

We are informed that the Masonic hall dedication at Goffstown to which a large number of New Boston Mason's will doubtless travel, will take place April 28th.

The public are invited to the first high school graduating class' baccalaureate sermon in the Presbyterian church May 3rd.

J. N. McLane had a fine new wagon come by freight Monday to be used by Mr. Jehonnet in getting cream among our farmers.

Mrs. Rev. T. M. Davies represented Westminster Y. P. S. C. E. of Manchester at the New Boston convention and went home delighted with our village and people.

The Baptist and Presbyterian church lawns have been nicely tidied up, and the question arises, if the school board cannot have the school lawn fixed to correspond.

Miss Annie Kendall, Miss May Warren and Mrs. N. L. Richards of Goffstown were guests of our genial conductor Martin and wife Thursday, the 16th.

Rev. H. J. Bartlett was called away Thursday, the 16th by telegram as his younger brother, who a few days previous had submitted to an operation for appendicitis. was thought to be sinking. Mr. Bartlett had the heartfelt sympathy of all.

The county conference of Congregational and Presbyterian churches will meet at Goffstown Congregational church Wednesday, June 10th. An excellent program is in preparation and those interested should plan to be there.

Charles Anderson, a Swedish gentleman who is employed by Mr. Lang, at Greggs, met with a severe accident Saturday cutting his left hand little finger the full length on a circular saw. If the finger is saved it will always be stiff.

Miss Gertrude Adams, daughter of the late George A. Adams, and granddaughter of Mrs. Luther Colburn, is this term finishing her four years course in the Manchester high school. In graduating from the Lincoln street grammar school she led her class. Again at the close of her high school work she bears first honors and will be valedictorian because of highest rank.

The Presbyterian church will be closed next Sunday. Pastor Wildey going on a short vacation outing. After attending Presbytery at Quincy, Mass.. this week, he will visit at Newport, N. H., supplying the South Congregational church Sunday, the 26th, where he was Evangelist associate pastor for eighteen months some years ago.

Arthur Holt is down with the mumps.

Clarence Dodge has had his new barn painted again.

Mr. Hixon's house framing is completed and ready for carpenter work of lighter character.

Dr. Gould has had his residence painted. A number of house owners anticipate similar improvements.

County Solicitor Tuttle was in town last week. His family will open their summer home in a few weeks.

The fruit and shade trees injured by ice are being covered by bagging, etc., in order to save them if possible for future generations.

Samuel L. Marden, Supt. of the hennery is very proud of his large and increasing family of spring chickens. Some are of very valuable variety.

From frequent words of kindly commendation, Prof. Gardner made a hit in his entertainment here last week, and will have a packed house when he returns again.

Goffstown Meat and Provision company is opened for business at the old stand of Dubois & Co. They will carry a full line of western beef, pork, hams, lard, vegetables and good butter, cheese and eggs, fruits in their season, etc. Their meat cart will call on all customers Monday, Thursday and Saturday. F. E Dubois, agent.

The annual roll call of the Presbyterian church will occur next Thursday. April 30, beginning with devotional services at 4 p. m., followed by roll call, addresses, etc. At 6 p. m., there will be a supper served in the lower town hall for the parish, followed by a social and concert in the upper hall. All members of the church society and parish are welcome, and requested to donate toward the supper. Letters from absent members are expected. Extend this notice. Arrange to be there.

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Miss Marion Wildey sang a song in Sunday school opening service last Sunday, assisted by her little brother Paul, 3 ½ years of age. Other little children will be helped to sing in public if parents will co-operate with the officers of the school. The idea is, not an exhibition of talent, but training for work for the Master.

We are glad to report that Miss Nettie Baker has finally been secured to remain as teacher of the grammar school. Schools about town began April 20. The teachers for the term are: Primary at the village Miss Mildred Warren; village grammar, Miss Nettie Baker; Warren district, Miss Nettie Marden; Joe's Hill, ... ss Wesson; South Hill, Miss Dunck ... Paper mill village, Miss Mudgett; ... d Corner, Miss Laura Blood; Be ... district, Miss Dora Sargent.

Friday, April 17, officers from Manchester came to New Boston in the interests of and M. railroad and arrested Perry Smith, aged 13, and Ernest M. Davis, aged 17, on the charge breaking into the New Boston ticket office and robbing the money drawer of about \$15. The case was finally postponed for trial for Tuesday, the 21. The arrests followed the quiet work of the detective. Davis declared he was not in town at the time of the robbery, but at the farm of his employer.

Mrs. Mary E. Hadley whose death occurred in Mont Vernon, April 15, was the daughter of William Wilson and Sarah Lull, of Weare and was born March 20, 1829. She was the widow of Gilbert Hadley who died about five years ago. She had been a confirmed invalid for many years with chronic bronchitis and was confined to her room for three months prior to her death. Her girlhood and early married life were passed in South Weare but for the last twenty years she has resided in Mont Vernon on the farm familiarly known as the "Hill place," She is survived by one brother, William Wilson of New Boston and one son, William F. Hadley of Mont Vernon. The interment took place at New Boston on Saturday, April 18. E. P. Fox was undertaker.

The G. A. R. committee have engaged Rev. John E. Wildey to deliver an oration on Decoration Day and he will take as his subject "The Private in Blue." In addition to war letters and material on hand he requests veterans of the late war to write some remarkable, serious, or comical experience of their own, in camp life, on the march, foraging, picket duty or in battle, and mail the same to him at New Boston, not later than May 10. No names will be used in the lecture, so that nobody may hesitate to tell their best story. All should sign their names as a guarantee of good faith. Nothing reflecting on the character of any veteran is desired. Statistics of armies, etc., are to be had in printed volumes. What is desired is an oration, or address, which will entertain old as well as young, and while recalling to the veterans "the times which tried men's souls" will at the same time prove helpful to young America, in grasping the conditions of the late unpleasantness.

May 30, 1896

New Boston.

Fenton More has been quite ill.

Frank Tower was in town over Sunday.

Account of Baptist festival will be given next week.

Read Bros. have a new pair of horses for drawing lumber.

Howard Atwood enters the employ of his father in the store.

Send names of your guests each week to the Argus, New Boston.

Fred Fuller has bought a new pair of first-class horses for general use.

Frosts last week affected somewhat early vegetables subject to its attack.

For the information of our citizens we inform them that the local correspondent for the Manchester Mirror is Mrs. Atwood; for the Union, Mr. Leyford.

Howard and Russell Atwood are home from Philadelphia where they have been studying at Temple college, and are welcomed by a large circle of friends, especially the Y. P. S. C. E.

Mr. Wildey visited at the home of Mrs. Wildey's parents, Col. Charles Colby and wife of Meriden, last week after lecturing at Henniker and Lebanon.

The country around Lebanon is having a plague of caterpillars which are injuring fruit and other trees severely. We never saw such a sight. Orchards are foul with thousands crawling over the trees. Men are engaged burning the nests.

Decoration Day services at the town hall, Saturday, at 2 p. m. Music by the band, address, "The Private in Blue," by Rev. John E. Wildey, after which the line of march to the cemetery will be taken to decorate graves.

The father of Mr. Newton was a visitor Friday at the creamery. Mr. Newton, senior, has a lovely home at Henniker where he is esteemed by a large circle of friends.

Dr. Weaver left for Montreal, Thursday, the 21st, via Burlington. Dr. Weaver is to take a post graduate course in surgery, etc., at the Montreal university and will be gone several weeks.

Benjamin Dodge and Mr. Woodbury were the delegates to the state Democratic convention at Concord from New Boston, Wednesday. Ill health prevented Mr. Woodbury's going but Mr. Dodge represented in person the voters of the town loyal to their party's interest.

On Friday afternoon of this week there will be a flag-raising at the Joe English school. Exercises of an appropriate patriotic character will mark the event, including an address by Mr. Bartlett.

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We add the official program for Decoration Day which has just been received: "Decoration Day will be observed May 30, in town hall, at 2 o'clock p. m. Rev. J. E. Wildey will deliver an oration, after which a procession will be formed on the common, consisting of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Mechanics, Daughters of

Liberty and school children, led by the band, O. A. Newton, leader, then proceed to the cemetery to decorate the soldiers' graves. Flowers are solicited, to be left at the town hall,"

Mrs. H. J. Bartlett takes a final farewell of the town June 8. She and the children will remain in her old home until the new home at Ashland is ready. On Tuesday afternoon and evening, June 2, there will be an informal farewell reception at the Baptist parsonage. Mrs. Bartlett will be glad to see all who may be able to drop in for a few farewell words. A residence of nearly six years has made many friends from whom it is hard to part. Remember the day, June 2.

Memorial Sunday was observed in the Baptist church at 10.45 a. m. The services included both congregations. The church was crowded, and pulpit and choir were decorated with American flags, plants and cut flowers in profusion. Rev. John E. Wildey conducted the opening services except Invocation and Scripture, and Rev. Mr. Bartlett preached a very practical discourse upon "God in National Affairs." Mr. Bartlett was at his best, and the veterans present must have home confident that all had been done possible to make the day long to be remembered. Thanks of all interested are extended to all who assisted in decorations and other labors of love. The veterans are slowly but surely growing less in numbers and the day means to them what it can never seem to others who only know of the war from reading history.

The program except class ode of the first graduating class of the high school, which was crowded out of recent papers is now given by request, to record one of the advance movements of New Boston. First annual commencement of high school, Valley hall, May 7. Baccalaurete sermon, Rev. John F. Wildey, Presbyterian church, May 4:

Music

Prayer - Rev. H. J. Bartlett.

Music

Salutatory: "Practical Geology" - Frank Howard Prince.

"In Puritan New England" - Sadie Abble Todd

"Country Life" - George Arthur Shedd.

Music

"The One Thing" - Bessie Maria Hill.

"New Boston-Past, Present and Future" - Frank Heber Chandler.

"The Holy Grail" - Grace May Shearer.

"Two Modern Discoveries" - Fred Heywood Prince..

"Nexte Thyng" - Julia Ann Goodwin.

"Wanderings of Aeneas Valedictory" - Emma Grace Hill.

Music

Conferring Diplomas - Rev. H. J. Bartlett.

Singing, "Class Ode"

Address: "What Is a Practical Education?" - Prof. Hervey S. Crowell, Ashburnham, Mass...

Music

Mizpah circle met with Mrs. Wildey at the parsonage, Wednesday afternoon.

Hon. Charles H. Shedd has been appointed president of the day for Decoration Day.

The dam at Wilson's mill is to be rebuilt with prospect of extending the electric business.

Rev. Mr. Ives and wife of Frankestown were recent visitors at the Presbyterian parsonage.

Mrs. Taylor will store her household goods for the summer and go to Highland farm till fall.

Mr. Whipple's wall opposite the Presbyterian parsonage has been replaced by a neat wire fence.

The play "Midnight Charge" which was to have been given Memorial night is postponed till the fall.

Baseball is the fad among our young men. We have talent to compose a good New Boston nine.

The bridge builders failed to arrive last week but are expected this week to build the iron bridge at the depot.

Up to Monday last, fifty days had elapsed since New Boston had a good rain storm. Tuesday's rain was a blessing

It will be a mark of honor for every home in New Boston to have Old Glory afloat from window or flag staff on Saturday. Honor the flag.

Napoleon Clement and wife, who recently moved to the Charles Jondro house from Goffstown, are happy in the birth of a son, their tenth child.

We are informed that the Leach Bros. in east part of the town, on May 1, caught sixty trout. Also four black snakes, whose combined length was twenty and one-half feet. Next!

At the Presbyterian church Sunday morning the pastor will answer the question "Is religion helpful to a successful social, business and professional career?"

Joe English grange has committees at work for their Children's Day, which they celebrate each year. Every granger will be interested, as well as the children.

We advocate a celebration in New Boston on July 4. It will not profit us to depend on neighboring towns for patriotic education of young Americans of New Boston.

In the absence of the pastor Mrs. Alice M. Wildey conducted the Presbyterian church prayer meeting on the 21st, and was the recipient of much congratulation for the successful work she performed.

Rev. H. J. Bartlett leaves town June 8 for a few days' visit at Yonkers, N. Y.. He goes to fulfill a long standing engagement to marry a couple. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Bartlett. He will return in time to preach the following Sunday.

June 6, 1896

Colds are common.

Showers are now frequent.

Perley Todd is tax collector for 1896.

Henry Farley has had his house painted.

The trees for the bridge at the Tavern has arrived.

Burt Shedd will work for Brainard Newton after June 15.

Arthur Holt has sold his bicycle to a gentleman in Goffstown.

Plinney Langdell has been at work in Rhode Island since April.

The Presbyterian church received its spring cleaning this week.

Mr. Osborn is taking the place of Mr. Chandler at the Tavern stable.

Mr. Hixon's house is rapidly nearing completion. Plasters are at work.

Mizpah circle met with Mrs. William Warren, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. O. E. Newton was confined to her home with the mumps last week.

Mrs. Fitts and Mrs. Peasley picked ripe strawberries in the cemetery, May 30th.

Philip & Andrew council will meet with Mr. Lyford Thursday evening, June 11.

Rev. Mr. Bartlett and Rev. Mr. Wildey will exchange pulpits. Sunday morning.

Grammar school, Monday had a vacation, Miss Baker attending the Teachers' institute.

The Y. P. S. C. E. will hold school house services on Sunday afternoons beginning with July.

Mrs. Tuttle, mother of our county solicitor, is at home with her son for the season in New Boston.

The editor was presented by Miss Grace Shearer with a large, beautiful green butterfly. A fine nucleus for a collection.

Miss Annie Dodge was elected a member of the social committee of the Y. P. S. C. E. in place of Miss Florence Atwood resigned last Monday evening.

Great regard is expressed toward all who helped make Decoration Day a success. To Comrade George Marden especially should appreciation be expressed for his labors of love.

Mrs. Samuel Patten and Mrs. J. H. Brooks and daughter of Albany, N. Y., who have been visiting at Nathan Crombie's, returned home on Monday last.

W. D. Whitney with several assistants will begin work on the foundation, etc. of Dr. Gould's barn which was injured by the late freshet.

Frank Chandler is to go this week to Fitzwilliam for the summer months to have charge of his uncle's summer home, a very pleasant farm.

During the shingling of Eben Bartlett's house, recently, Eugene Edwards' bull dog walked up the ladder, got on the staging and roof of his own accord. without assistance. Next!

The fourth annual missionary congress of the Presbyterian synod of New York, which includes New England churches meets at Calvary church, Buffalo, June 8, 9, 10.

Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Blood were delegates to the county missionary society auxiliary to the woman's board at Milford, Thursday last.

J. B. Whipple has purchased a nice four seated boat, of the E. Gerry Emmons Boat Building Co., Swampscott, Mass., and placed it upon the river, south of Reed McLane's mill. It will probably encourage the purchase of other boats.

Old Folks Day services will begin at 11 a. m. to accommodate those arriving by train. The first service will be a brief devotional service conducted by Pastor Wildey. Dinner will follow for all, 70 years of age or over at the first tables. The afternoon services will combine various features. Letters will be read, etc. Singing under direction of John Clark. Contributions for dinner are solicited.

After receiving a very liberal subscription, the scholars of the primary and grammar schools had a delightful time in unfurling a new flag to the breeze the afternoon of Friday, May 29. It measures 15x24 feet in size and is an honor to the village school.

Beard district school also unfurled a new flag on the 29th. Charles Wallace secured and set the pole, and Charles Colburn assisted in the service. Every school in town, it is hoped, will soon have the "Star Spangled Banner."

Walter Fox had the honor of climbing the village school flag pole, to put a new rope in the pulley. It was a climb of fifty-five feet, and few have nerve enough for such a venture.

The grange voted to observe Children's Day on the evening, June 1. There will be recitations and music by the children and a supper, to which all the children are invited. At the next regular grange meeting there will be a "Fad Social" in charge of the assistant and lady assistant steward.

We rejoice to learn of the fact that real estate is changing hands with a view to building some desirable houses we trust. It would pay New Boston people to exempt from taxation for five year every new home or business building that could be erected within the coming year. The town will grow if given a chance.

Married on Tuesday, June 2d at the residence of the parents of the bride, George W. Bridges of Brookline and Miss Elizabeth C. Todd of New Boston, by Rev. John E. Wildey. After the wedding about twenty-five guests sat down to a sumptuous wedding breakfast and bride and groom were the recipients of many congratulations. The presents were numerous and of practical and artistic worth. The happy couple left for Brookline where Mr. Bridges is postmaster.

Sunday morning rain and the fatigue of Decoration Day made church services very lightly attended.

On account of the rain storm there was but a light attendance at the Baptist strawberry festival, Thursday evening. It should have been postponed. The entertainment was very acceptable and each participant received merited applause. Cream and other refreshments were excellent. The following is the program:

Violin Solo: Life Let Us Cherish; Farmer - Barton P. Bachelder.

Reading: Mice at Play, - Miss Maud Alma Bailey.

Solo: Nocturn; Chopin - Mr. Bachelder.

Reading: Thrush - Miss Bailey.

Swedish Song - Miss Elvira Anderson.

Reading: Selected - Miss Bailey.

Solo: Il Trovatore: Verdi - Mr. Bachelder.

Rev. T. M. Davies of Manchester and Rev. John E. Wildey had a delightful duty to perform at Mr. Davies' home in Manchester, on the evening of June 2, in performing the marriage ceremony of Charles F. Miller and Miss Alice M. Corey, both residents of Boston. Mr. Miller is a nephew of Rev. Mr. Davies, and Miss Corey was received into the church at Meredith by Mr. Wildey when she was a little girl. Both are thoroughly educated, and in the employ of the Samuel Ward company, manufacturing stationers, Boston. As New Hampshire clergy are not allowed to perform marriage in Massachusetts the wedding was arranged to occur at the groom's uncle's. Rev. Mr. Davies and wife and Rev. Mr. Wildey and wife had a solemn joy, as if each were witnessing the marriage of their own child.

Memorial Day was well observed. At 2 p. m., the band led the parade consisting of Granite council, O. U. A. M., the Daughters of Liberty, Veterans and school children. The line of march was to the Presbyterian parsonage, where the president of the day, Hon. Shedd, was awaiting with the speaker of the day, Rev. John E. Wildey. The march was then taken to the town hall, which was crowded full, and after music by the band and notices from the president, he introduced Mr. Wildey, who gave an half-hour address upon the "Private in Blue." The march was then taken to the cemetery where after prayer by Rev. Mr. Bartlett, short but helpful addresses were made by Hon. Charles H. Shedd, Solomon Atwood and Rev. H. J. Bartlett. The graves were then decorated. A slight shower passed over at the time. The march was then taken to the village saluting Old Glory at the common and hotel, countermarching at Dr. Weaver's to the hall where the parade was dismissed. The expression was frequently heard, "We have enjoyed all the services of the day more than we usually have enjoyed them." The day was cool and delightful.

The program of the seventeenth annual meeting of the Hillsborough conference of Congregational and Presbyterian churches at Goffstown Congregational church, June 9 and 10, is as follows:

TUESDAY MORNING.

- 11.00. Organization.
- 11.30. Prayer and Conference. Rev. T. E. Clapp leader.
- 12.30. Dinner.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

- 1.30. Business.
- 1.45. Praise Service.
- 2.00. Discussion: "Conditions and Obligations of Church Membership," Rev. J. E. Wildey, Rev. J. A. Belanger, Rev. D. W. Morgan, Rev. Samuel Eaton, Rev. A. J. McGown.
- 3.00. Essay: "Some Present Significant Theological Tendencies in Orthodox Congregationalism." Rev. B. W. Lockhart. Followed by General Discussion.
- 4.00. A Half Hour in the Upper Chamber.
- 4.30. An Hour of Social Fellowship.
- 6.00. Supper.

TUESDAY EVENING.

- 7.30. Praise and Devotional Service.
- 8.00. Address: "Beauty as Related to Religion," Rev. Edward L. Clark, Pastor Central Congregational Church, Boston.
- 8.45. Communion. Administered by Rev. George F. Merriam, Rev. T. E. Clapp.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

- 9.00. Devotional. Rev. Augustus Berry, Leader.
- 9.30 Business.
- 9.45. Narrative of State of Religion.
- 10.15. Discussion, "The Growth of Our Churches - How Best Promoted?" Rev. R. A. Beard, Rev. S. A. Gerould, Rev. W. H. Forber, Rev. F. P. Chapin, Rev. W. H. Gane.
- 11.15. Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.
- 11.45. Adjourn.
- 12.00. Dinner.

August 8, 1896

Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at Wilson district schoolhouse Sunday at 3.30.

A reading room in our village is a subject worthy of every young man's interest. Think it over, young men.

Our interests should first center where we live, and our ambition should be to make our town second to none in our state for every possible good thing.

The man (or woman) who lives in New Boston simply for personal gain may be a nominal Christian, but is not a good citizen.

It is suggested that a live man might make a good living by establishing a stage line from New Boston to Greenfield via Frankestown.

The American Mechanics anticipate a glorious outing at Goffstown. Aug. 10. May the day be fair.

Our absence from home at this writing necessitates brevity in local items. We fill the gap with other matters of suggestion.

Regular services at the Baptist church, preaching at 10.46, Sunday school at noon. Evening service, 7 p. m.

Ought we not have a band association formed to encourage our local band to attain the perfection in music they so much desire. Music is not a luxury in these modern times, but a necessity to every cultured community.

Pastor Wildey is expected to occupy his pulpit Sunday morning at 10.45 and in the evening at 6 will deliver the first of a series of sermons. Hearty singing of old standard hymns. Come.

One of the pleasing features of summer visitors in New Hampshire towns is the hearing of visiting clergymen in our pulpit. New Boston people might persuade such clergymen visiting them to address them occasionally. Pastors dislike to make such requests for fear of being judged as asking others to do their work.

While Southern New England railroads supply water tanks in every car, northern New Englanders suffers from thirst on the railroad, or drink at the convenience of the water boy who carries the can and glasses through the train occasionally. Go into the smoker of some through train and see the can and glasses on the floor (or wood box) in a smoke atmosphere, and then imagine what the public drink on their journey. We need a reform in this matter.

On account of other numerous duties, the present correspondent and agent for this paper would like to resign such work at the close of this quarter, Oct. 1, if some lady or gentleman, acceptably to the manager of the Advertiser Publishing company will contract to accept the position. Any such person can address C. W. Hutchins, manager, 141 Hanover street, Manchester. We contracted to do this work for 1896, and will keep the agreement if necessary, but would like to see some person having the necessary leisure and energy to boom the paper and local interests take hold of this work Oct. 1. Our hands are more than full of many duties in our calling.

The second season of New Boston's popular lecture course in Valley hall has been arranged for Thursday evenings as follows: Sept 3, grand orchestral concert; Sept. 24., lecture, Rev. Dr. Brood of Nashua. subject, "Snap Shots of Western Life;" Oct. 15, Prof. D. Clinton Gardner, formerly of Columbus university, Ohio, comic and dramatic readings and recitations: Oct. 29, Rev. Charles S. Murkland, Ph. D., president of New Hampshire Agricultural college, subject of lecture to be announced; Nov. 19, Rev. W. C. McAllester, D. D., of the First Baptist church, Manchester, subject, "Hands Full of Purpose:" Dec. 3, Rev. T. M. Davies, A. M., pastor Westminster Presbyterian church, Manchester, subject, "Wales and the Welsh,"

A pleasant party was given by Mrs. James B. Whipple. Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5, upon the spacious piazza of her pretty home. The decorations were artistic, and refreshments daintily served. Guests to the number of twenty-four were assembled and the occasion was a most delightful one.

The Presbyterian fair will be holden on the afternoon and evening of Aug. 12. A pleasing entertainment will be furnished by Edward W. Emerson of Boston, who has won great success everywhere and will surely amuse a New Boston audience with his clever readings, character songs and impersonations. Great pains have been taken to make the fancy and apron booths even more attractive than usual, and a sale of confectionery, ice cream and cake will tempt old and young alike. The hall will be open in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. Entertainment to begin promptly at 8. Admission 20 cents. Children 10 cents.

We have been pleased with the frequent kind words of citizens of other towns as to the substantial character of New Boston. The fathers who sleep in our cemetery worked for the welfare of our generation. We in turn should wisely act to bless those who shall succeed to our work. Let our citizens act in concert to increase our reputation and we shall never regret any sacrifice made to prove ourselves worthy of the trust committed to us. Intellectually and socially let us strive after the best attainments, and we can rest assured our example by generations yet unborn will be honored.

We should encourage our citizens to take an outing in their carriage this fall to Lake Sunapee. Leaving New Boston via Weare and Henniker they can rest and lunch at noon at Bradford pond in a fine grove on a white sandy beach. After dinner drive to Sunapee Lake harbor, via Bradford and Newbury, thence along the lake to Mt. Sunapee station, crossing the track, three miles drive brings you to Sunapee harbor, with numerous hotels where you can spend a day or two with profit, boating, fishing. etc. The drive home can be made in various ways around the lake or via Washington and Francestown. You will come home tired but with a new inspiration for home duties. The scenery is grand and the expenses not unusually large.

Dec. 17, Grand Concert, Home Talent

All desiring to volunteer should hand in their names and matter for programs by Nov. 15. Piano recitals by New Boston piano recitals by New Boston pianist every evening. Posters and tickets will be ready by Aug. 17th. Adult course tickets, \$1. Children course tickets 35 cents; single admission, adults 25 cents; children 10 cents.

September 26, 1896

The boys have begun chestnuting.

Mrs. Moses Crombie is visiting in Manchester.

Last Sunday was a most delightful autumn day.

News is scarce this week. So are subscriptions.

Will Warren takes a few days' vacation this week.

Master Carl Dodge is quite ill with a very heavy cold.

Mrs. Charles Todd is visiting friends in Massachusetts.

Mr. Chesborough is assisting Mr. Wilson at his mill.

A large McKinley and Hobart flag was floated last week.

The Presbytery of Boston meets Oct. 6, 7 and 8 at Antrim.

Several of the fire boys who could not go to Boston sent substitutes.

Mrs. Arthur Wason has returned from her illness and is again out of doors.

Summer guests still linger, not a few enjoying September better than August.

A full account in next week's Argus of the trip to Boston of Constitution Engine company.

There were 2370 barrels of apples shipped to England from New Boston last week.

Miss Mary Chandler arrived home on Monday evening and will remain at home till October.

Mr. Goodwin is to build Mr. Blood's barn, the timber being already drawn and on the ground.

Mrs. George H. Wilson was reported quite ill on Sunday from heart trouble, but is better at this writing.

Charles Adams and family yet remain at their summer house, as do also Solicitor Tuttle and family.

The foundation completed, the carpenter work on Mr. Woodbury's new house is under way, George Bennett as builder.

Photographs of the children of the village school were taken in class groups this week by a traveling photographer.

The fall term of our high school is lightly attended but fifteen scholars. The winter term will doubtless add to this number.

Our thanks are due for several donations to the editor of apples, plums, tomatoes, etc. Actions speak louder than words of thanks.

Rally day is to be observed by the school of the Presbyterian church next Sunday. Every scholar young and old is desired to be present.

Dr. Beard's lecture will be reported next week. Do not forget that Prof. Gardner is to read and declaim to our delight and profit on Oct. 15th.

Our citizens are wondering if party leaders are not going to give New Boston people a chance to hear some political oratory during this campaign.

The leaves are rapidly changing color in localities. The glories of autumn must be viewed day by day and appreciated for in a few weeks the trees will be bare of foliage.

Henry McCollom and wife remove this week to Manchester, Mass., where they will go to housekeeping. Since resigning at The Tavern they have been boarding at Mrs. Holt's.

The funeral of Franklin Senter, who died in Lyndeborough, Saturday, at the age of 78, was held at his late residence on Tuesday morning at 10 a. m., the Rev. John E. Wildey officiating.

The thanks of the Presbyterian parish are due to John Clark for his labor of love in keeping the church lawn in such fine condition this season, besides other work done to improve it.

Pastor Wildey desires a full attendance next Sunday at morning and evening services. Rally day is to be observed. Let us renew our interest in our church after the summer's relaxation.

Charles Marden is improving his newly purchased property, the double tenement on River street. The grounds have been cleared and we anticipate considerable change in the appearance and valuation of the estate.

From observation we can affirm that New Boston can boast of a number of very modest but yet very expert drivers of horses among our lady residents. Many of our ladies can ride the bicycle in a way to arouse envy on the part of some of our gentlemen.

The Baptist church last Sabbath voted to call Rev. Mr. Burnham of Pawtucket, R. I., to the pastorate. It is not known at this writing as to the result of the call. The society has put four lighted windows into the parsonage and made other improvements.

We copy the following poem to Mrs. Eliza A. Leach, New Boston, on her 83d birthday, July 31, 1896, by Mrs. F. A. D. Atwood.

*Fourscore and three! and the sunset's gold
Is flushing the heights your feet have pressed,
And the lengthening shadows here and there,
Across the cool, quiet valleys rest.*

*Long passed the morning of childhood, bright,
The days care-free and winged with joy;
The simple pleasure that satisfied,"
And left no memories to annoy.*

*Gone! all the rosy hours of youth,
Flushed with the hopes that make life sweet,
Rich with the promise of future good,
That onward lured your feet.*

*Gone! the years of your noontime, dear,
Its storms and sunshine, joy and pain,
Life's cup is full, aye! brimming o'er,
Your eager lips essayed to drain,*

*And now the sunset's hours wane,
The evening quiet wraps you round,
The toil and conflicts have passed by,
And you, sweet rest and peace have found.*

*God's tender care has never failed;
Loving the hand by which he leads,
And dearer yet the Saviour seems,
As heaven draws near, and earth recedes.*

*And when the shadows gather round
The valley's gloom, you will not fear,
His rod and staff will comfort give,
His presence be your strength and cheer.*

*And when you reach the home prepared,
All sin and sorrow left below,
In Christ you shall be satisfied,
And perfect joy and peace will know.*

At Wilson district schoolhouse an open air service was held last Sunday closing the school service of the Y. P. S. C. E. for the season. The weather for the last two months has been anything but pleasant on Sunday, and the meetings have not been as large as last year.

Bert Prince and George Dennison recently enjoyed a vacation wheeling to Troy, N. Y. across New Hampshire and Vermont, then down the Hudson river to Poughkeepsie where they took the steamer to New York city, then by train home. The trip was very enjoyable, especially the wheeling along the Hudson river.

Mr. Hixon is very busy finishing improvements to his estate. He has modeled and clapboarded his barn, and made an addition for his hens. He will tear down the old shed building and make drive ways, etc., with suitable fencings as soon as time permits. One such boom in property adds to the impulse to improve, among all classes.