

New Boston Argus 1898

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A happy new year.

Dec. 27th and no sleighing.

Have you subscribed for 1898?

New wood boxes have been built for the village schools.

The Argus is on sale at C. H. Dodge's every week.

Thomas Bailey and family spent Xmas at George H. Wilson's.

The library was closed Xmas day and the postoffice except at mail hours.

The recent cold wave as low as six degrees below zero, has afforded skating for our young people.

When you order sled shoes, grate bars or other castings try the Hartwell Foundry Co., Manchester, N. H.

George H. Wilson since 1876 has paid for taxes in New Boston the sum of \$2,574.43, beside taxes paid elsewhere.

Dura P. Andrews received gifts from Buenos Ayres, South America, from his sister there and another from his sister in Vermont for Xmas.

A reunion of the family of George A. Prince was a pleasant feature of Xmas day. Miss Lilla Prince from the normal school, Westfield, Mass., Miss Fannie from teaching at Reed's Ferry, Miss Nellie from Cushing academy, Ashburnham, Mass., C. Albert from the position in the store of Mr. Atwood and Fred and Frank who remain at home. Frank was suffering from an accident to his back from lifting too heavy a weight.

The Hartwell Foundry Co., Manchester, can supply your sled shoes and grate bars for less money than you can get them for elsewhere.

The Presbyterian church had no special services Sunday except the pastor's Xmas sermon from Hebrews ii, 16, 17, 18 and Congregational singing of Xmas hymns. There was the usual excellent attendance as in recent Sabbaths at this season. In the school the annual election of officers took place: Superintendent, Charles H. Sheld; assistant superintendent, John H. Clark; secretary, Miss Bessie M. Hill. Librarians to be appointed. Elder Charles H. Colburn after two years excellent service, declined reelection from a sense of necessity or duty to himself. John H. Clark, declining promotion, consented to remain assistant superintendent in which position he is an unusual excellent leader of singing and coworker with the superintendent. The Junior Y. P. S. C. E. voted to give \$5 to the Ashville, Tenn.. farm school for Mountain White boys, under direction of Woman's Presbyterian board, and the same amount to New Boston Presbyterian Ecclesiastical society. The evening service considered matters of spiritual growth from suggestions of the closing of the year. Sale of pews Saturday at 2 p. m. On Sunday morning New Year's sermon and communion to which all Christians are heartily welcome.

The Baptist church has appropriated Thursday, Jan. 6, to be observed as a roll call of its members, A historical sketch prepared by Rev. H. J. Bartlett, the former pastor, is to be read in place of a sermon or public address. Members of the congregation and Sunday school are invited to dinner and to attend the exercises of the day.

The union Xmas festivity in the town hall on Friday night was well attended, though very cold, but not as large an audience as in recent years. The hall was bright with happy children, a great tree loaded with gifts and the expectant faces of parents and friends. A fine program was rendered. The committees in charge were as follows: Entertainment, Mrs. C. W. Burnham, Miss Annie Atwood, Mrs. J. H. MeAlpine, Mrs. Will O. Dodge, Miss Mary

D. Dane, Mrs. Jessie Mudgett; committee on tree, Perley A. Todd, Mr. Chesborough; committee on presents, etc., Mrs. Henry Kelso, Mrs. George Prince, Miss Larson, Mrs. Ed Leach, Miss Bertha Manstield, Mrs. Annie M. Marden, Miss Mabel French, Miss Elsie Warren. Rev. Mr. Wildey acted as president in place of Elder Colburn who was absent and Rev. Mr. Burnham offered an opening prayer. Ernest Bartlett was Santa Claus and Messrs. Lyford, Trow, Charles Marden and Austin Fox assisted in distribution of gifts. Miss Mildred C. Warren was pianist and Mrs. C. W. Burnham is worthy of special mention for her services freely given.

January 15th 1898

Mrs. Henry Hixon's mother has been quite ill.

Mr. McDonald spent Monday at Manchester.

Town meeting eight weeks from Tuesday.

Mr. Whitney is at work for Arthur Dennison.

The D. of L. installed officers, Tuesday evening.

The high school graduating class have purchased class rings.

At this writing the firemen's concert and ball promises to be a success.

Mr. King, our harness maker, is having a good record as a good workman.

Miss May Chandler is at Tarpon Springs, Fla., for the winter months.

Mrs. Harry Currier left for Ormond, Fla., Monday morning, to be gone till May.

Sunday, Feb. 27, Pastor Wildey celebrates the fifteenth anniversary of his ordination, which occurred, Feb. 28, 1883.

Chase & Sanborn Coffee company have presented our merchants with fine pictures of an old-fashioned country store.

Pastor Wildey lectured, Tuesday at the Freewill Baptist church, Meredith, and on Friday at Windham for the Ladies' Benevolent circle of the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. J W. Wheeler is to be congratulated in the improvements made to her buildings, since she was so sadly left alone in life. Her business spirit and success is an encouragement to other women.

We congratulate the Baptist church in that they are to have the services of Rev. C. W. Burnham another year. While naturally loyal to the interests of his own parish, he has not ignored the general interests of the town.

No report of the Baptist church annual meet and dinner has been handed us. We are informed that the church presented their organist with \$25 in gold last Sunday in the Sunday school Charles Read has been a faithful aid as organist for eighteen years. The gift was a complete surprise.

Next Tuesday evening at Valley hall Rev. Dr. Hershey of Boston, one of the best orators in the United States, lectures upon "Mormonism," not only from study, but from a months' travel and seeking after facts in Utah last summer. The admission for adults is 25 cents, but 10 cents will admit any person under 15 years or any scholar in our school. This is the last extra lecture in this winter's course. The reputation of the orator, the subject discussed, and the fact that it is not given under any sectarian direction, ought to bring out a hall full of the intelligent people of New Boston. By a persistent effort we have secured the Misses Warren for a piano duet prior to the lecture, which begins promptly at 8 o'clock.

The treasurer of the Presbyterian Sunday school reports for 1897 that after paying all bills and contributions made by the school there was on hand. \$45.58. Mrs. J. A. Clark's class in addition made a special offering of \$10 toward a Rescue mission in New York. Not counting transients or visitors the records show number of scholars 151, teachers 13, officers six, a total membership, not counting any name twice, of 164. There were forty-seven sessions of the school last year, with the year's average attendance of seventy-three less a small fraction. Largest average in July of 98, smallest in March of 59 ¼ . To the list of Junior Christian Endeavor Mission Helpers should be added Miss Anna Greer, 20 cents, and Elsie Heath, 15. Attendance at all services, Sunday was very good.

Will somebody in the northern end of the town aid the correspondent in securing items of family interest for this column?

New Boston.

Mrs. A. E Wilder is nursing at Riverdale.

Coasting down cemetery hill is now in order.

Sleighing is very fine and lumbering work booming.

The Boston and Maine pay car was here Monday.

Mr. Chesborough has been suffering from a heavy cold.

They slaughtered an ox at Valley farm on Monday.

The Misses Botten have been entertaining Miss Daisy Taylor.

Will Warren's blacksmith shop is full of work. Business is good.

Albert Shedd conducted the meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., Monday evening.

Mrs. Niel McLane has been suffering from an attack of bronchitis, but is better.

Mizpah Circle held its annual meeting in their parlor Wednesday afternoon.

Miss May Warren is proving a very talented teacher of beginners in piano music.

George C. Webster is again on duty as night watchman and mail carrier North Lyndeborough, after an attack of the grip.

George W. Munsey's uncle, Mr. Goodale of Boston, arrived Monday night to visit his sick sister, Mr. Muzzey's mother.

Capt. Benjamin Dodge has made quite a number of improvements to his lawn the past summer, which proves paying work at this season.

A copy of the April 1897 Granite Monthly with New Boston article, has been filed away in the Case Memorial library of Hartford seminary.

Mrs. E. B. Trull, sister of Rodney Dane of New Boston, died suddenly at her home in Decatur, Ill., Wednesday, Jan 5, at 9 a m., aged 85 years.

Young Ladies Haseltine circle of Baptist church is billed to give a Japanese entertainment in costume at their chapel Friday evening Jan. 14, with refreshments.

From S. D. Atwood we learn there were 73 responses to the Baptist church roll call. A good dinner and social followed by reading of the church history written by Rev. Mr. Bartlett.

Mrs Margaret Court, widow of the late Rev. Dr. Robert Court, passed away recently at her home in Lowell. Mass. She has been in failing health for some time past but since the death of her husband it has been more noticeable, for several months not being able to leave her bed. She was born in Scotland. June 20, 1850, and married Dr Court at Kilmarnock, Ayresshire, Scotland, and came to this country with him in 1868. Dr. Court became pastor of the First Presbyterian church in 1873. Since which time Mrs. Court has been continuously a resident of that city. She leaves no children but is survived by a sister in Scotland.

Joe English grange had a gala night Friday of last week. Two degrees were worked and the following officers were installed by Charles S. Colburn assisted by Edwin H. Dodge: Master, Will I. Dodge; overseer, Fred H. Prince; lecturer, Frank H. Prince; steward, Geo Shedd; asst. steward, Harlon E. Shedd; chaplain, Moses A. Dane; treasurer, Cyrus Goodwin; secretary, Bertha Mansfield; doorkeeper, John M. Warren; Ceres, Cora L. Dodge; Flora, Lilla Warren; Pomona, Annie G. Dodge. A bounteous supper was served in the lower hall, after which there were speeches from visiting patrons, marches and games. There was a good attendance.

January 22, 1898

J. R. Whipple was in town last week.

Ice cutting is now the work of the hour.

Thomas Bailey has purchased Wm. F. Hadley's gray horses.

Albert Leach broke his collar bone coasting on South Hill last week.

Rev. Dr. Hershey gave an excellent lecture upon "Mormonism" in Valley hall, Tuesday evening, to a small but select audience. He says there are eighteen Mormon elders in New Hampshire at work after recruits. Dr. Hershey is a lecturer of wide reputation and we wonder at the absence of many citizens, for which we can blame the hard times. The piano duet by the Misses Warren was well applauded.

Mizpah circle elected officers for 1898 at their annual meeting last Wednesday. President, Mrs. Neal McLane; vice president, Mrs. J. E. Wildey; secretary, Mrs. John H. Clark; treasurer, Miss Marion Lyford. The president and vice president will appoint various committees later. The circle has handled by treasurer's report for 1897, the sum of \$1000. It was never so flourishing. New members are constantly joining. Every lady in the parish is welcome to join.

In New Boston, Wednesday, at noon at the residence of the bride's mother and brother, S. Q. A. Newton, a thrifty farmer of Henniker, and deacon in the Congregational church and Miss Hattie Todd, only daughter of the late David Todd, were united in marriage by Rev. John E. Wildey of the Presbyterian church. The wedding was strictly private. After the ceremony the happy couple, Mrs David Todd, Mr. Wildey, sat down with Charles Todd and wife who tendered the party a very delightful wedding breakfast. The bride was radiant in a traveling costume and the newly wedded couple left early in the afternoon for their future home.

The Young Ladies' Hasseltine circle of the Baptist church held a social last Friday evening in the chapel. A large collection of Japanese curios were exhibited. These had been sent to this country from Japan by a missionary who had preached here previous to his going there. The young ladies further entertained those present with original. essays and select reading upon Japan, its peculiarities, its religion, and the work of Christian missionaries. Light refreshments were served by members of the circle, who appeared in Japanese costume. Among the amusing things were the attempted use of chop-sticks in eating rice and the singing of a Japanese song.

The annual ball of Constitution Engine Company, No. 2, took place, Jan. 13, in the town hall. At 8 o'clock Woodbury & Colby's orchestra, William C. Merrill, director, gave the following concert program:

March "Old Homestead" Raefer
 Overture, "A Gay Old Time" Beyer
 Concert Waltzes Bennett
 Two Step, "A Gold Nugget" Woodbury
 Polka, "Tu Whit" Rollinson
 Concert Galop, "Chain Lightning" Godfrey

At the ball which followed there were seventy-five couples. Supper was served at 9.30 in the lower hall by Walter Johomett, consisting of turkeys, vegetables, side dishes, pastry, etc. The committees were as follows: Arrangements, H. S. Colby, George C. Warren, C. N. Chandler, Will A. Woodbury, Albert F. Trow, C. A. Weaver; floor director, Albert Trow; aids, C. A. Weaver, George W. Muzzey, Arthur W. Holt, Arthur Chandler; reception committee, H. S. Colby, C. A. Weaver, George C. Warren, H. V. Morgan, I. N. McLane. The ball closed at 2 a. m., and was considered as a happy ending of another year's experience as member of Constitution No. 2. Except for the American flag there were no decorations. Guests were provided with badges of white silk.

January 29, 1898

Mrs. John Todd has been ill for a few days.

Almus Towns is working for John Brewer.

Benjamin Hopkins was in Manchester, Jan. 19.

Lendell Dodge has been in the Queen city on business,

Five ladies of New Boston visited the county farm, Jan. 19.

Deputy Sheriff George W. Colby of Goffstown was at South Hill recently.

Miss Lottie Lorson conducted the Christian Endeavor meeting, Monday.

William Wilson and adopted daughter have been enjoying sleighing with their new horse.

Mrs. Caroline Coleman of Medway, Mass., only sister of Augustus C. Parsons, died, Jan. 8. aged 76 years.

Arthur Holbrook of West Bedford exhibited his phonograph at South Hill school, Jan. 17, to a good audience.

Mrs. Orissa Waldo is at the Presbyterian parsonage with Mrs Wildey during Mr Wildey's absence in New York.

The absence of the correspondent necessitates but a general notice of the D. of L. concert. We understand Prince brothers will also sing.

A well-dressed young fellow, partly under the influence of liquor, but without any money, was put up over night last week, there being no lockup in town, at the expense at the town.

Niel McLane completed his 82d birthday last week. It is a delight to engage him in conversation for a half hour with his wealth of recollections and his convictions clearly expressed upon many important topics of today, and we stop to ask if our modern rush and hop skip and jump stype of life is not killing the conversational powers of our young America? Enjoy the society of these aged people while you have them, but don't compel them to do all the entertaining.

February 5, 1898

New Boston.

Greater New York.

Your correspondent is on the wing and in place of the usual column of items writes a few observations this week which he caught en route.

Leaving New Boston after a heavy snow fall on the 26th he found in Boston very little snow on the main business streets, being carted away by the city authorities orders, so, that people were walking with only their rubbers or none at all. The air of Boston was chilling and en route to Quincy, Mass., the route along the bay was a unique winter scene as one gazed oceanward. At Quincy, lecturing to several hundred, not over three, I found a responsiveness in the Scotch-Irish audience, which compelled frequent stops to await cessation of applause. It was a new experience except from the usual recognition at the close of lecturing elsewhere. We later generations of the same race should show appreciation of others more readily than we do. We cannot tell folks we love them, or recognized their talent after they are dead and gone.

On the 27th from Boston to Hartford via Worcester and Springfield the traveling was devoid of all dust, but cold drafts troubled many. An excellent seat companion was a young senior of the Massachusetts Technological school who was on vacation, and was to become an architect. Passing through Ashland, a glimpse from the corner window convinced me that the former Baptist pastor, Rev. Mr. Bartlett, had a fine tour for his new home. At East Hartford I was warmly welcomed if it was a cold day, and enjoyed a sleighride where they were no hills to speak of, but the country looked flat. In this section failure of good tobacco crops for several years have made the farmers feel blue and poor, but yet the great number of new houses, electric lights, cars, etc., convinced me they were prospering. The trip Friday to New York was without incident save an unsatisfied hunger. The N. Y. N. H.. and H. R. R. have orders preventing the sale of any lunches on the cars except at Hartford and not knowing that, heretofore always finding abundance, I was with other Yankees hungry, when I reached my native city. I must say New York oyster stews are well worth eating.

Here I found dry streets, only a little snow on shady spots but very chilly sea winds and since then snow has fallen twice and the second storm now rages. Business here is good, better than in New England. There are men out of work, but few in comparison to panic years. Everybody seems hopeful and churches are full of well dressed worshipers. In the morning with my mother I attended the preaching of Dr. Goodell of Hanson Place, M. E. church. the largest Methodist church in the United States and heard a grand discourse upon the young man who came to Jesus by night.

In the afternoon walking to the park I entered the Brooklyn academy of science and art, and took a very practical chance to test the moral influences of such institutions open free to the public between 2 and 5.30 p. m. I confess that except the foolish actions of a few lads at sight of some grand paintings of the nude of classic character the attendants and general impression caused me to confess it was best to give the working world such Sabbath mental and artistic culture, rather than to let them drift. Christ's church cannot neglect mental, artistic or aesthetic culture of the masses any more than they dare neglect the moral and spiritual. The social life includes the entire man. Except for partisan matters the Greater New York changes here are approved. The population of this section grows rapidly. Changes made in the last few years are wonderful, and such institutions as the one visited are in happy keeping with the progress of the city.

Sunday night I heard Dr. Lyman Abbott of Henry Ward Beecher's old church lecture upon "Paul and the Epistle to the Galatians." It was worth all the journey. In a half hour after meeting he answered theological questions for an audience of at least 600, about half I judged of the evening's audience which was about 1200. In a

delightful talk with him afterwards in which he invited me to address his people, Friday night, but which I had to decline, he told me of some problems of the church of Christ, which were most helpful to one perplexed. A trip up the Hudson river to my brother's at Tarrytown and a possible visit to Sleepy Hollow of Revolutionary fame, and a run about New York city will bring me home about the time this goes to press. At the Presbyterian church, Sunday morning, the pastor will preach the first of a series of sermons upon "The Local Church of Christ," the first being upon "Public Worship as a Church." At 6 p. m. the first of a series of pastoral talks upon "Lights and Shadows of City and Country Life" from the attitude of a Christian.

Rev. C. W. Burnham, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. conduct the usual evening service in the vestry.