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THE NEW PASTOR HAS ARRIVED

Rev. H. G. McGlaulin
Of Lewiston

A Man of Excellent Personality—
Sketch of His Life

After being without a regular pastor since early winter the Methodist church has now a new one, Rev. Horace Greeley McGlaulin. Mr. McGlaulin moved here Thursday and will be well settled by the end of this week. He comes here from the Methodist church in Lewiston, where he was pastor for three years. He comes with the highest recommendations and his personality has already war-

ranted his success with the people here.

Mr. McGlaulin is middle aged and prior to entering the ministry dealt with the real things of life, necessarily, by having been engaged in business. He was born in Calais, educated at Kent's Hill Seminary and Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. He entered the ministry in 1891, his first pastorate being at West Fairlee, Vt. From there he went to Thetford, Vt., North Thetford and Brownville, Vt., where he was successful. He then took up pastorates at Lyndon and Lyndonville, Vt., and White River Junction. His pastorates have all been marked with progressive movements and nearly every church edifice has been rebuilt or repaired, in all amounting to about \$100,000.

Mr. McGlaulin is married, has one daughter 18 years old, a graduate of Lewiston High School and now studying music. She will live here with her parents.

THE OLD FOLKS' DANCE

Was Given by the Members of Priscilla Rebekah Lodge, Thursday Evening, Which was Enjoyed by a Large Number of People.

About a hundred couples including people from the ages of 15 to 70 were given a most jolly time, Thursday evening, by the members of the Priscilla Rebekah Lodge in Heselon hall. The "old ones" had just as good a time as the younger ones and surprised all by the way they could dance. There were refreshments of ice cream and wafers, served under the preparation of a committee of arrangements consisting of Mrs. Ruth H. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Heselon, Mrs. Ava V. Sheridan, Mrs. Flora Dealey and Mrs. Nellie Savage. The proceeds amounting to about \$20.00 will be used to increase the fund for the orphans' home, which is being built in Portland. The success of the occasion warranted the members of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in talking about building an Odd Fellows' block in Skowhegan.

SKOWHEGAN'S OLDEST CITIZEN

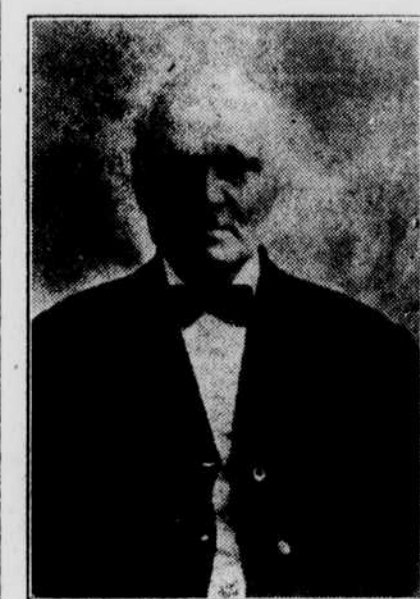
Alonzo Richardson Now
in 93rd Year

The Gold Headed Cane Has Been Presented to Him by the Selectmen

The goldheaded cane that goes to the oldest male citizen in the town has been presented to Alonzo Richardson of the East part of the town. It had been reported that Gen. Isaac Dyer was the oldest citizen since Benjamin R. Flagg had died, but it was found that Mr. Richardson was three months the older.

Mr. Richardson has lived in East Skowhegan the most of his life. He is a most venerable old man and his personality makes one reverent him. His eventful life has won him many friends. He will be 93 years old July 29, and during those years has been a farmer, a teacher for 40 years a correspondent for the Somerset Reporter for 25 years, and in the capacity of Justice of the Peace has married many couples. He is not in very good health but still he retains his faculties and shows the same brightness of his eyes and sturdy nature.

The gold-headed cane was first given to James Leadbetter, it being presented by a Boston paper to the oldest citizen of the town and when that



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citizen died it should go to the next oldest one. Mr. Leadbetter held it for about two years. It was presented to Mr. Flagg upon the death of Mr. Leadbetter, April, 1911. The next oldest is Gen. Isaac Dyer and the third is John Weston.

RESIGNS AFTER 31 YEARS SERVICE

James W. Holt, Master Mechanic in American Woolen Mill Gives Up Work on Account of Health

James W. Holt, who on account of ill health, recently resigned his position as master mechanic at the Anderson Woolen Mills, after thirty-one years' service, was the recipient on Friday last, April 12, of \$20.00 in gold presented by the mill overseer and other friends.

Mr. Holt entered the employ of the late firm of Lewis Anderson & Co. in March 1881. For fourteen years previous he had held a similar position with the Moses P. Stevens Co. of No. Andover, Mass.

During the time he was employed at the Anderson Mills he invented a cloth speaking machine and also a device for delivering stock from the dryer, the latter having proved of great value in the prevention of fires.

Mr. Holt's numerous friends unite in wishing him a speedy return to health and the enjoyment of well earned leisure.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT ANNUAL MEETING

Mrs. Edna Page Smith
Elected President

An Interesting Program Was Also Given of Music and Readings.

The annual meeting of the Town Improvement Society occurred on Friday, April 12, at the usual hour in the library parlors, Mrs. Nettie W. Paddock and Mrs. Eva Walker serving as hostesses for the afternoon.

The program of a varied and informal nature opened with a vocal duet by Mrs. Paddock and Mrs. Phillips accompanied by Mrs. Carrie Steward. This was followed by quotations both grave and gay from the members and also the reading of several selections, notably a poem sent by an absent member, "The Marching Tunes of Ireland," an Easter poem "The Dreamer," and "Lilac Time."

A very entertaining reading "The Woman's Club Concentrates" was given by Mrs. Lizzie A. Marble, and "Woman's idea of the Closet" by Mrs. Ella T. Holt; "Spenser Thurber's Carpet," read by Mrs. Violet V. Fogg was much enjoyed and a duet by Miss Winona Paddock and Miss Grace Moody accompanied by Mrs. Steward, received generous applause.

One of the most delightful numbers of the program was the recitation by Tobey Mooers of Henry Drummond's poem "Phil-O-Renson's Cane." Mr. Mooers has a very pleasing voice of magnetic quality and was particularly successful in giving the French-Canadian dialect. The poem "Life" written by Don Morrison was given in response to the hearty encore.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. Angie B. Steward, was followed by the election of officers: President, Mrs. Edna Page Smith; 1st Vice President, Miss Gertrude S. Weston; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Ella T. Mooers; Secretary, Mrs. Isabel A. Small; Treasurer, Mrs. Angie B. Steward; Directors: Mrs. Jessie F. Fletcher, Mrs. Ella T. Holt, Miss Sarah J. Anderson, Mrs. Ellen C. Smith, Mrs. Nellie E. Chase.

Field day committee: Mrs. Georgia Wilson, Mrs. Mervin M. Lamb, Mrs. Ada Phillips. Delegates to State Federation, Mrs. Elizabeth Merrill, Mrs. Della H. Bartlett. Alternates: Mrs. Ella T. Mooers, Mrs. Angie B. Steward.

At the close of the meeting the newly elected president was called to the chair by the retiring president, Mrs. Merrill, and presented with the gravel as the insignia of her office. Mrs. Smith in responding very charmingly expressed her appreciation of the cordial greeting extended by the members.

A meeting of the official board will be called by the president during the first week in May.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SOROSIS

Mrs. Lola Blunt Elected President

Other Officers and Delegates Chosen—
Picnic Supper

Mrs. Lola Blunt was elected president of Sorosis at the annual meeting held last evening. The other officers are: Vice president, Mrs. Mary Stinchfield; secretary, Miss Mildred Keene; treasurer, Mrs. George Wilson; directors, Mrs. Violet Fogg, Mrs. Mabel Judkins, Mrs. Bertha Steward, Mrs. Agnes Steward and Mrs. Adelaide Ordway. Delegates to the State Federation, Mrs. Mabel Judkins; alternate, Mrs. Edith Philbrick.

The meeting opened with a picnic supper at 7 o'clock in charge of Mrs. Edna Page Smith and Mrs. Alice McCombs, assisted by Mrs. Alta Elliott, Mrs. Mary Stinchfield, Mrs. Mary Lord, Mrs. W. E. Hackett, Mrs. McPheters and Mrs. E. L. Savage. The report of the secretary and treasurer showed the society to be in excellent condition.

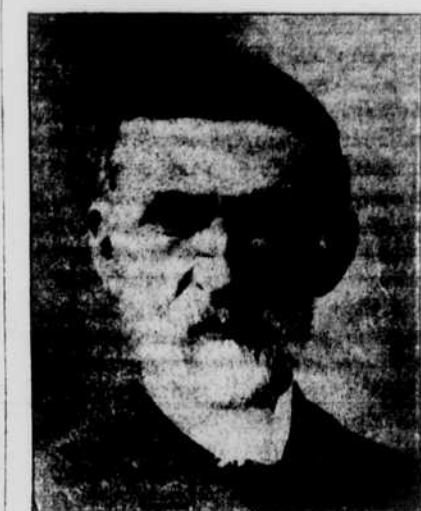
Y. M. C. A.

The local association is to hold a conference the last of the week with five Y. M. C. A. men from Bowdoin College as speakers at the various meetings. The program includes a boys' hike to start from the high school at 1.30 p. m. Saturday; a 25c supper at the Congregational vestry at 6 o'clock followed by a social; a mass men's and boys' meeting at the Bethany church at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon and a union meeting at the Methodist church in the evening. All men and boys are cordially invited.

COUNTY TREASURER.

James Fellows of Skowhegan is a Candidate for the Office Before the Republican Primaries.

A petition for the nomination of James Fellows of this town as a candidate for County Treasurer in the Republican Primaries is being circulated this week. Mr. Fellows is receiving the entire support of the business



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men of the County, and he is well qualified for the office. For 50 years he was cashier of the Second National Bank and understands thoroughly the duties that go with the County office. With all these facts, it is generally admitted that the office should be held by a man in Skowhegan, this being the County seat where all the County business is transacted.

SOMERSET CASE FROM LAW COURT

Verdict Stands in Action Brought by R. W. Stafford of Hartland Against J. A. Burns of Bangor.

Rescript of interest to the people of Somerset County was handed down by the Law court last week. It was in the case of Richard Stafford of Hartland against John A. Burns of Bangor in which the verdict of \$325 and interest for the plaintiff stands. The plaintiff was represented by Walton & Walton of Skowhegan and Merrill & Merrill represented the defendant in the case. The rescripts: Richard W. Stafford vs. John A. Burns.

Rescript, per curiam:

This is an action of assumpsit to recover the sum of \$325 balance of commissions alleged to be due on the sale of a lot of timber land owned by the defendant. The lot was situated in Hartland, near the house of the plaintiff, while the defendant lived in Bangor.

The original agreement between the parties was as follows:

"Bangor, Maine, Feb. 17, 1910. I hereby agree to give Mr. R. W. Stafford \$250 commission if he sells timber lot in Hartland for \$8000."

John A. Burns.

It was admitted that immediately after this agreement, it was orally modified so that the plaintiff was to receive what ever might be obtained in excess of \$8000, and that later on there was another oral modification by which such excess should be shared equally.

In an action brought by the plaintiff to recover his commission under the modified agreement when the sale was made for \$8,500, to parties who first applied to the defendant and by him were given an option of purchase at that figure, and then were sent by him to the plaintiff to show the lot, the jury having found a verdict for the plaintiff for \$325 and interest; upon defendant's motion to set aside the verdict as against the evidence it is held:

1. That the modified agreement was never cancelled, but was in full force at the time of the sale.

2. That while the evidence was somewhat conflicting, it is the opinion of the court that the jury were warranted in finding from the personal interviews, the correspondence and the course of dealings between the parties from the beginning of their business transactions to the end, that the plaintiff did in this instance all that he was expected to do in promoting a sale, and that he fulfilled his obligation under the agreement.

3. That the plaintiff was entitled to the sum of \$250 and one-half of the excess over \$8,000 or \$250 more, making a total of \$500, and having received \$175, the verdict for \$325, and interest should stand.

Motion overruled.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank all those who were so kind to us, strangers in town at the time of the accident to my son, Rex. Especially would I thank the Philanthropists for the beautiful flowers sent, and the Wessersunnet Worsted Co. for their kind acts.

MRS. L. FRANCES KELLEY.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT 1200 PEOPLE WENT DOWN WITH BIG STEAMER TITANIC

Greatest Sea Disaster in History of the World
Steamer With 2200 People Struck Iceberg

More than 1,200 persons, it is now practically known, sank to their death early Monday morning when within four hours after she crashed into an iceberg, the mammoth White Star steamer Titanic, bound from Liverpool to New York on her maiden voyage, went to the bottom of the Newfoundland banks. Of the nearly 2,200 persons on board the giant liner, some of them of world-wide prominence, only 866 are known to have been saved. Although the White Star line office in New York kept up hope to the last, it was free to admit that there had been "horrible loss of life."

Accepting the early estimates of the fatality list as accurate the disaster is the greatest in the modern marine history of the world. Nearest approaching it in magnitude were the loss of the steamer Atlantic in 1873, when 574 lives were lost and that of LeBourgeois in 1898, with a list of fatalities of 571.

News of the sinking of the liner and the consequent loss of life reached New York early Monday evening with a much greater shock because hope had been buoyed up all day by reports that the steamer although badly damaged was not in a sinking condition and that all her passengers had been safely taken off. The messages were mostly unofficial, however, and none came direct from the liner, so that a lurking fear remained of possible bad tidings to come.

Shortly after 7 o'clock Monday night there came flashing over the wires, from Cape Race, within 400 miles of which is the treacherous region of the Newfoundland banks, the huge liner struck the berg, that at 2.20 o'clock Monday morning, three hours and 55 minutes after receiving her death blow, the Titanic sank.

The news came from the steamer Carpathia and was relayed by the White Star liner Olympic and in them as appears in the meagre reports received up to a late hour were some 675 survivors of the disaster. These, according to the advices the Carpathia picked up and is now bringing them to New York.

For the rest, the scene as the Carpathia came up was one of desolation. All that remained of the \$10,000,000 floating palace, on which nearly 1400 passengers were luxuriously traveling to this side of the Atlantic were some bits of wreckage. The biggest ship in the world had gone down, snuffing out in her downward plunge, it appeared, hundreds of human lives.

A significant line in the dispatch from Cape Race was the statement that of those saved by the Carpathia, nearly all were women and children. Should no other vessel have picked up any other passengers of the sinking steamer, it means that few of the men on board were saved, as the proportion of women and children among the passengers was large. This would almost certainly mean the loss of practically the entire crew of 860.

In the two saloons were 230 women and children, but it is not known how many there were among the 740 third class passengers.

In the first saloon there were 128 women and 15 children and in the second 79 women and eight children.

OBITUARIES

A. J. Bernard.

A. J. Bernard, almost all his life a resident of this town, died Monday in Nashua, N. H., where he went to make his home last fall. At the time of his death he was about 55 years old, and had been suffering for some months with heart trouble from which he died. Funeral services were held here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Rowell on Maple street today. Rev. J. A. Osborn, officiating.

Mr. Bernard was the son of the late Joseph Bernard. For 25 years he was employed in the Commonwealth Shoe factory, resigning his position about a year ago. He leaves his wife, who was Miss Laura Walker, and two daughters, Mrs. William Lewis of Nashua, N. H., and Miss Ethel, who lived with her parents. He was a member of Carabassett Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Converse L. Webb.

Converse L. Webb, for many years a prominent citizen and hay dealer in town, died Monday after a long illness. He was 75 years old. Though born in St. Albans, Mr. Webb was for the most of his life a resident of Skowhegan where he gained a large circle of friends and had dealings with a large number of business men. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 a. m., with Rev. L. B. Mower of Waterville, former pastor of the First Baptist church here, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. G. Osborn.

Mr. Webb was a veteran of the Civil War, having been a member of the First Maine Cavalry, known as the "Fighting Regiment." He was a member of Russell Post, G. A. R., and of the First Baptist church. Mr. Webb was twice married. By his first marriage to Clara Folsom, one son, Walter Webb of Augusta, survives. His second wife whom he leaves was Miss Rachel Steward, their marriage taking place about 40 years ago. Two children were born to them: Mrs. Fannie Fletcher, a matron in Mt. Hermon school, and William, a flour manufacturer in Wabasha, Minn. He also leaves one brother, Benjamin of Caribou.

Frank W. Jones of Augusta, aged 16 years was electrocuted April 10th while gathering brown tail moth nests. The pruning pole came in contact with the high tension line of the Lewiston Augusta and Waterville street railway, and 11,000 volts passed through his body, killing him instantly.

Every time I throw away a cigar stump it seems easy to quit smoking. A man thinks he is completely vindicated when he decides that other people are as mean as he is.

Farmers have an idea that all town people are more or less like actors or circus men.

Prize Pigs

Amos Clark of Madison Center thinks he has the breeding record in that line, as he had a White Chester sow drop a litter of 17 pigs this week of which 15 lived and are lively.

SKOWHEGAN BOY BRINGS SUIT

Joseph K. Goodrich Now of Kirkville, Mo., and Two Others Claim Damages for \$3,300 for Not Being Allowed to Vote.

An unusual law suit started by Joseph K. Goodrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Goodrich of this town, with two other students of an osteopathic school in Kirkville, Mo., has aroused considerable interest here as elsewhere. Mr. Goodrich claims in his suit that he was prohibited with the other two from voting on April 2nd. He was 21 years of age and had resided in Missouri more than one year preceding the election day. The suit is brought for a total sum of \$3,300. Mr. Goodrich is a native of this town, a graduate of the University of Maine, and a physician in Kirkville. It is the first case of the kind ever tried in a court of that State. The judges of the election claimed that the plaintiffs were not legal voters.

EDWARD LEACH RESIGNS AFTER 28 YEARS

Foreman in American Woolen Mill—
Known to all as "Daddy"—Famous Baseball Fan

After completing 28 years as foreman of the spinning room in the Anderson Woolen Mill, Edward Leach resigned Friday. Mr. Leach was born in Huddersfield, Eng., 68 years ago, and after learning his trade came to this country in 1879. For five years he was with the Morse-Stevens Mills in Franklin, N. H., and from there came to Skowhegan, where he has since lived. In addition to his fame as a textile expert, he is also known far and near as a most enthusiastic baseball fan. As "Daddy" Leach he served for years as president of the Skowhegan Baseball Club. In the palmy days when the Hon. Forrest Goodwin officiated as slab artist, and other prominent citizens held down the different bags. At the age of 21 Mr. Leach took unto himself a wife, Esther Hirst by name, also a native of Huddersfield. Two daughters, Annie and Rose, were born to them, and are now Mrs. James Giffill of Skowhegan and Mrs. Sanford Strickland of Hunkley.