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repented and followed his companions. Capt. Fox now momentarily expected the Powhatan with boats and men, but was for the first time informed that the Powhatan had sailed from New York, by superior orders, directly for the Gulf of Mexico.

Waterville Mail.

MR. MAXHAM, DAN'L R. WING, EDITORS.

WATERVILLE . . . SEPT. 22, 1865.



AGENTS FOR THE MAIL. S. M. PATTENGILL & CO., Newspaper Agents, No. 10 State Street, Boston, and 37 Park Row, New York, are Agents for the Waterville Mail.

ALL LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS. clating either to the business or editorial departments of this paper, should be addressed to 'MAXHAM & WING, or 'WATERVILLE MAIL OFFICE.'

THE NEW FIRE ENGINE arrived on Tuesday, and is now housed by the gallant old "Ticonic" in the Company's house on Silver St. To say that the "boys" are satisfied with this machine but faintly shadows the pride and admiration with which it is regarded by those who keep it.

"SOMETHING NEW," AND GOOD. — We ought to have a public library, accessible to all; but failing of that, the next best thing is a good circulating library.

INDICTMENTS against the following individuals have been obtained of the Grand Jury at Augusta, for violating the law as common sellers:—Jarvis Barney, Wm. Brown, George A. Dingley, Fred. Pooler, Charles Lackum, Chas. King, Geo. Talouse.

A VILLAIN.—A man who called himself Major Sweetzer, of Buffalo, but who proves to be a married man with another name, belonging in Biddeford, recently married a respectable girl upon her best acquaintance, in Waterville, and took her to Boston, stopping at a first-class hotel.

A SQUAD of soldiers, in search of stray cattle, in Alabama, recently, were attacked by a sheriff's posse of armed men, who claimed to be acting under the orders of Gov. Parsons, and one of the soldiers was killed.

A. S. KEELAR & SON, of New Haven, will confer a favor by forwarding their proposals for advertising a little oftener.

TEXAS.—From a letter written by Capt. Farnsworth to his sister in Waterville, we make the following extract, which we think will be interesting to our readers:—

We reached Centreville on the 19th, where we established a hospital and left our sick. Moving forward we crossed a little river called the Navasota, and reached the Brazos at Port Sullivan on the 22d.; here we made a halt of one day, and I had the inexpressible delight of killing four moccasins snakes, within twenty feet of where I slept, either one of whose fangs was as certain death as a Minnie ball.

We crossed the Brazos immediately below the falls, and entered Austin, the capital of the State, on the 28th. This town is situated on the Colorado, the first river we had then seen in Texas; its waters are quite clear and cool, it is about the size of the Sebasticook, and appears something like it. Austin is a very pretty town, something near the size of Waterville, and, for the first time in Texas, we found a free expression of union feeling and sentiment; numerous flags are flying, and the ladies wave their handkerchiefs to us.

Mrs. NEWTON FITZ sung at the Grand Organ Concert given in the new Universalist Church in Portland on Tuesday evening. In a notice of this concert the Press says:—

Gov. PERRY, of South Carolina, in his message, has the grace to acknowledge the death of slavery, and counsels wise, just and humane treatment of the freedmen, and suggests changes in the State Constitution, by which it will be made popular and republican, which it never has been; but he at the same time contends that this is the white man's government, and the white man's only,—that the Supreme Court has decided that negroes are not citizens, and that each State has the unquestioned right to decide for herself who shall vote.

PURSUANT to an act of the Canadian Parliament, the authorities have paid to [St. Albans] banks the money so lately returned to the raiders upon their discharge by the court.

THE Alabama Convention, now in session, has refused to repudiate the Confederate States debt.

GREAT FIRE IN AUGUSTA.

OUR citizens were astounded last Sabbath to learn that three-fourths of the business portion of the city of Augusta had that morning been laid in ashes, involving a loss of about a half a million. Many were incredulous, and pronounced the story false, or at least greatly exaggerated.

The fire was discovered about four o'clock in an unfinished wooden building on the east side of Water street, about midway between Bridge and Winthrop streets belonging to Dr. H. H. Hill. The Farmer thus sums up the damage done:—

There is no doubt that the fire was of incendiary origin. One of the editors of the Portland Star, who resides in Augusta, gives a chapter of facts and incidents, from which we copy the following:—

I doubt if any town in the Atlantic States ever suffered so heavy a loss by fire in proportion to its valuation. Water Street presented a lamentable spectacle. Here and there parts of a wall standing, the street completely covered with bricks, pieces of stove pipe, can pieces, old timbers still smoking, and the fire still blazing up all around.

A chambermaid at the Stanley House who had two new bonnets, put her best one on, to make a good appearance out on the street, but the other in a box and started. As she went out of the door, some one threw a mattress out of an upper window, which dropped directly upon her head, and knocked the luckless bonnet "into a cocked hat," much to Bridget's disgust.

Another gallant officer,—a captain in the regular army—made herculean endeavors to save some of Safford's hardware stock. Making a bold push into the store, he took a deliberate survey, and after very hard labor, returned with a single corkscrew.

For all its sadness there were many incidents to provoke a smile. People moved their goods out on to the sidewalk where they burned much sooner than they would if left alone; others took everything out of their safes and then tumbled the safe out of the window, and all such foolish things as persons only do at a fire.

latterly of the 1st Maine Cavalry, and Capt. Muller, formerly of the 14th Maine.

The Portland Press adds the following:— We learn that Col. Littler, Provost Marshal General of the State, in the hurry of removing his goods from the Stanley House, dropped his pocket book containing \$759 in United States 7-30s, which he has as yet been unable to find.

Rum has always run freely in Augusta, and especially so within a few years, debasing and brutalizing those who might otherwise have been honest, respectable citizens. These persons swarmed about this scene of hurry and fright, and stole all they could lay their hands on; and the Farmer says that a large share of the loss was the result of open, bare-faced robbery.

Our citizens are very naturally sobered by their great losses, yet they are by no means despondent, but are adapting themselves to circumstances, and resuming business in other localities. The old buildings will be replaced by new and better ones, as fast as they can be built.

PREPARATION FOR FINES.—The old maxim that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure is as true in regard to the destruction of property by fire as in any other department of life.

GARDEN THEVES are at their mischievous work again, and many persons have watched and tended their fruit up to the time of ripening only to have it provokingly snatched away just as it is fit to be eaten.

INCENDIARY CAUGHT.—Three buildings were burned in Portland on Wednesday, and a man named George W. Jones, of China, who was suspected arrested, confessed to having set them on fire. It is also confidently thought that he set the fire at Augusta, as he had some trouble with the police there on Saturday, and left the city on Monday.

THE FRESHMAN CLASS of Waterville College now numbers 25—good looking young men they are, too, several of whom have seen service in the army, in which two at least, have lost a limb.

THE FIRST MAINE HEAVY ARTILLERY arrived at Bangor, Sunday afternoon, and were cordially received. The Fourteenth Maine regiment arrived in Augusta the same night, and were as hospitably entertained as they could be under the circumstances.

OUR STREET SPRINKLER is a nice thing for filling the reservoirs about town that do not fill themselves, and we were pleased to notice Chief engineer Caffrey directing the replenishing of the one just below our office in this way, the other morning.

DR. E. F. SANGER, one of "ours," called to see us the other day, looking none the worse, to say the least, for his four years' service with the army. He has lately been brevetted Lieutenant Colonel, a promotion which all agree he has richly earned.

OUR TABLE.

BLACKWOOD'S EDINBURGH MAGAZINE.—The August number of this magazine has the following table of contents:—

THE TABLES TURNED.—In Augusta, as is well known, through the wickedness of bad men, and the criminal neglect of those who would feel insulted to be thus designated, the wholesome liquor law upon our statute books has long been a dead letter.

THE ULTIMATUM OF THE NORTH.—Col. Bullock, who was nominated recently by the Massachusetts Republicans for Governor, accepted the nomination in a speech, from which we cut the following:—

Mrs. ANNA K. GILMAN, widow of the late Nathaniel Gilman, Esq., of our village, was quite seriously injured on Tuesday last, by being thrown from her carriage at the south end of the toll bridge in Winslow.

ELDEN & WHITMAN.—Of this new Portland firm and their fine store, which we advertise this week, the Press makes the following notice:—

NEW FIRM—New Goods.—Mr. E. T. Elden, late of Waterville, and Mr. John Whitman, late with Hogg, Brown and Taylor, Boston, have formed a copartnership for the purpose of doing a cash jobbing and retail business in dry goods in this city.

A VERMONT SOLDIER ON CAPT. WIRZ.—We find in the St Albans Messenger a letter written by a Vermont soldier, giving an account of his prison experience, in which he says:—

I might go on and relate many more similar cases that came under my own observation; but for the present will leave him to his own reflections, in the hands of a just but indignant people.

The Trustees of the Maine Agricultural College have appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Lang of Kennebec, Perley of Cumberland and Moore of Somerset, to look further and see what sites are offered. It is the opinion of the majority of the trustees that, all things being equal, it would be expedient to locate the college east of the Kennebec—all the other colleges in the State being west of the Kennebec.

A CARD.

In consequence of long and continued sickness in my family and the failure of my own health, I am reluctantly compelled to postpone the exhibition of the "Drew" horses, (which was arranged for the day of the North Kennebec Cattle Show,) to some future day.

Waterville, Sept. 21st.

THE ELECTION.—Returns from 384 cities, towns and plantations, as published in the Bangor Whig, show the following result: For Gov. Cony, 50,589; for Judge Howard, 28,671; Gov. Cony's majority, 21,918.

The same places last year gave the following vote: For Gov. Cony, 58,600; for Judge Howard, 41,906; Gov. Cony's majority, 16,684. Net Union gain over the vote of 1864, 5,234.

The towns to be heard from voted last year as follows: Cony, 8,939; Howard, 4,381.—Gov. Cony's majority is probably about 22,000.

The Senate will be unanimously Union, and the House of Representatives will consist of 184 Union men and 17 Democrats. Last year it stood 120 Union and 31 Democrats.

EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Editorial Association at Bangor came off according to programme last week. Not able to be present we wait with anxiety to hear the dyspeptic Morrill of the Home Journal dilate upon the Clam Bake; for being unable to eat anything himself he keeps watch of those stomachs are in better condition.

The triumph of the arms of loyalty will be vastly incomplete without the success of the Christian civilization which those arms have been supposed by us to have carried, under the auspices of the Proclamations of Abraham Lincoln, to the remotest boundaries of the Union. [Great applause.]

At that first class hotel, the Stanley House. Mr. Barton, the proprietor, was accordingly waited upon, and told that he must go up and get that man out of jail by paying his fine. At first he peremptorily declined; didn't believe the man got his liquor at his bar; never sold to drunken men. "Very likely," was the answer, "the man was no doubt sober when you sold him the liquor, but he drank it, and it made him drunk; and you must pay his fine and procure his release, or you will be prosecuted for a violation of the law. This brought him to terms, and he did as he was directed.

Not content with this, our friends instituted a search and seizure process against Bartlett and Hartwell, wholesale liquor dealers, who have been supplying our small rum holes here, and took possession of between two and three thousand dollars' worth of liquors of various kinds. "You are ungrateful," said one member of the firm to Mr. Nye, "here I have been doing all I could for two years to prevent your neighbors from burning your buildings, and this is the return you make."

One price and no variation is the rule adopted in this establishment. The goods will be offered at the lowest possible prices, and when a customer enquires the price he or she will know that no variation will be made from it. This is the best way of doing business, and we think the new firm will find their success in it.

This firm also manufacture cloaks and mantillas of the latest and most fashionable patterns.

