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Greeley.

The Arctic explorers under command of Lieutenant Greeley had a terrible experience and achieved a notable success, and it is fitting that they should be welcomed home with demonstrations of rejoicing. The grand gala-day at Newburyport in honor of "the favorite son" of that good old town was creditable to all concerned and will be long remembered by all who were present. All this rejoicing, however, is tempered by a sense of horror at the fearful revelation of homicide and cannibalism which have been made public, and which seem *true* beyond the shadow of a doubt. Revolting acts were unquestionably committed about which it would have been better to preserve a discreet and profound silence; for what good can possibly be done by parading them before the world? However the truth is out, and shocking though it be, we should take into account the incredible sufferings of the Greeley party before pronouncing harsh judgments upon them. The stress of like circumstances might prove too much for the best of us, for it is a truism that "self-preservation is the first law of nature." Still, for all that, the sublime heroism of DeLong and his men who died one by one, without resorting to questionable means of prolonging life, will seem to many a far grander story in the annals of human endeavor.

Many Republicans would be glad to vote for St. John and Prohibition did they not fear to jeopardize public safety by letting the Democrats into power. Well, suppose the Democratic party comes into power, what then? Does any one suppose the results of the last twenty years can be put in peril? Office brings its responsibilities. A party that should undertake a policy of retrogression would speedily be put beyond the power to do mischief. Isn't it about time to get over the war and grapple with some of the great questions of to-day? And the great question of all is whether the people or the rum-shop shall rule. It is the living issue.

Gen. Butler as a presidential candidate will be sure to get a big vote in Massachusetts and especially in our Essex towns. And it is not unlikely that other localities may make a strong showing for him. But it is hardly likely that he will be able to carry a single state, and in some of the states his vote will be hardly worth considering.

The public delinquencies of James G. Blaine and the private delinquencies of Grover Cleveland seem to be the issues thus far of the campaign. John P. St. John requires neither apology nor defense, and he represents the only living issue in American politics.

The *Peabody Press* is so full of zeal for Mr. Blaine's election that it copies a vituperative article from the *New York Sun* denouncing Hon. Carl Schurz because he held a cabinet position under what the *Sun* calls the "Fraudulent President." P. S. The *Press* is a Republican paper.

In the Horse-cars.

It is amusing to one who knows all about the surroundings to take a seat in the horse-car, and hear the remarks of the other passengers. Every one is supposed to know that the sturdy brown house looking over the hill as you enter the town is the alms-house, yet a passenger enlightening her friends about the points of interest on the way, cried out "See the Marblehead Court-house there on the hill!" And while passing through lower Swampscott, a gentleman inquired of a friend, "Where are we now?" "In Marblehead." "I knew it, I could tell by the fish-houses." And so it goes on. Handsome private dwellings are taken for boarding houses and *vice versa*, in a way that makes a Marbleheader smile.

Attempt at Highway Robbery.

Mr. J. Clarence Wilson reports that on Monday night, while driving a cracker team from Marblehead to Lynn, when near the Brookhouse farm, a large man, either a negro or wearing a black mask, sprang at his horse's head, but, missing his hold, attempted to climb over the tail board of the wagon. Wilson struck him with his whip and he dropped, but afterward followed the team. Mr. Wilson stopped his horse, and drawing a pipe from his pocket pointed it at the fellow and told him he would put a bullet through him if he advanced another step. The fellow disappeared. The night was very dark. The police were notified.—*Salem Register.*

Malicious Doings.

On Wednesday evening, the family of Mr. W. A. Strangman (who lives on the Salem road near the Getchell farm) were startled by a large stone coming through the window and striking the kitchen stove. Mr. Strangman ran out and saw the parties but was unable to overtake them. It is probably the same gang that have been breaking windows in other farm-houses owned by Mr. I. C. Wyman, and should they get caught will be severely dealt with.

Good Templars' Union.

The next quarterly session of the Essex County Good Templars' Union will be held in Grand Army Hall, Main Street, Gloucester, next Wednesday, commencing at 10 o'clock, A.M. Brother J. D. Woodbury will deliver the essay. Subject: "How can we best Increase the Interest in our Lodges?" Free return tickets over the Eastern Railroad in the county.

Auction Sales.

John M. Cloutman sold at auction on Saturday last the Gregory estate on South street for $2,275, to Capt. William D. Gregory. The estate of Patrick O'Brien on Commercial street was bought by Timothy Hart for $1,350, and the William S. Roads estate was sold to Andrew Dooley for $1,180.

Body Found.

The body of John Dugan of this town, who was drowned while swimming for his dory near Ram Island about a fortnight ago, was found near Egg Rock last Saturday. The body was brought to this town and interred in the Catholic Cemetery on Monday.

Two Hundredth Anniversary.

The two hundredth anniversary of the North Church occurred on Wednesday. And the occasion was appropriately observed by the church people. The day was stormy, but that did not prevent a goodly gathering of the church people with their friends and former parishioners.

The church anniversary dates to a period several years more remote than the building of the first meeting-house. It was said that "the fishermen were too remiss to build one", and that a "teacher" (in the person of Rev. William Walton) being "all the relation the easy-going and irreligious fishermen would tolerate," was the first religious guide in the nature of a minister. Teachers, however, as distinct from pastors, were common in that period, and it is further recorded that Rev. John Avery declined a call before this teacher came, but being urgently solicited finally yielded and was on his way to take charge of the people when he was wrecked off what is now Thatcher's Island. Rev. William Walton came here in 1639. At that time there was no organized church in that part of Salem, now known as Marblehead. The church was organized with 54 members, August 13, 1684, and at this time the Rev. Samuel Cheever was ordained. The persons who constituted the new church were dismissed from the First Church of Salem for that purpose. The Rev. William Walton died in 1668. The Rev. Mr. Cheever followed him in his religious work, and continued his work for sixteen years before the organization of the church and his own ordination as its first settled pastor. Mr. Cheever's ministry lasted 55 years, and until his death, May 20, 1724. The succeeding pastors were:—John Barnard, from July 18, 1716, to Jan. 24, 1770; William Whitwell, from Aug. 25, 1762, to Nov. 8, 1781; Ebenezer Hubbard, from Jan. 1, 1783, to Oct. 15, 1800; Samuel Dana, from 1801 to 1837; M. A. H. Niles, from Aug. 30, 1837, to Nov. 27, 1844; E. A. Lawrence, from April 23, 1845, to July 12, 1854; Benjamin R. Allen, from Nov. 8, 1854, to June 2, 1872, and later John H. Williams and S. Linton Bell.

The Second Congregational Church grew out of a controversy which arose while trying to select an assistant to the Rev. Mr. Cheever. Mr. Holyoke was made pastor of this Second Church, and the Rev. John Barnard became assistant at the First Church.

The old building was taken down in 1824, at which time the present stone structure was erected. The interior of the present church has been greatly changed since then, but the old lines are still there.

The exercises were carried out according to the following programme:

ORDER OF SERVICES.

9 A.M.

1. Organ Voluntary.
2. Anthem, . . . Choir.
3. Invocation.
4. Reading Scriptures.
5. Prayer.
6. Address of Welcome, Rev. S. Linton Bell.
7. Original Hymn, . . . Choir
(By Mrs. Caroline A. Mason.)
8. Reminiscences and letters from absent members.
9. Historic Address, Rev. J. H. Williams.
10. Anthem, . . . Choir
Benediction.

2 P.M.

1. Anthem, . . . Choir
2. Prayer.
3. Address, "The Apostolic Succession," Rev. E. A. Lawrence
4. Hymn, . . . Choir
5. Address, "The Church an Educator," Rev. F. W. Sanborn.
6. Reminiscences by past and present members.
7. Anthem, . . . Choir
Benediction.
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

7 P.M.

1. Singing, . . . Sunday-school Choir.
2. Prayer.
3. Singing, . . . Sunday-school Choir.
4. A Sketch of the Sunday-school's History, N. F. Sanborn.
5. Address, "Our Meeting-Houses," J. J. H. Gregory.
6. Singing, . . . Sunday-school Choir.
7. Reminiscences and letters.
8. Singing, . . . Sunday-school Choir.
Benediction.

The services occupied the entire day and evening and were of a most interesting character. At the conclusion of the morning service, a bountiful collation was furnished to all invited guests, clergymen, and in fact, all present. The old sounding-board and other relics of the old church were on exhibition in front of the pulpit and were looked upon with admiring interest. Large pencil drawings of the old original church edifice, the church of 1703, and the Second Congregational Church were also exhibited above the pulpit. Choice flowers lent their fragrance to the occasion, the pulpit and reading desk being attractively decorated, and the church thus presented a most beautiful appearance.

There were present guests and visitors from Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Maine, New York and other states, and letters read from many absent members whose residence is abroad. All of the old members of the church were brought in carriages to be present on the occasion, and there were present many of the past members who were invited home to the grand jubilee. The anniversary was a complete success and the North Church people did themselves great credit in the carrying out of the arrangements.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Shepard are at North Conway for a few weeks.

Mr. Samuel Goldsmith, the well-known fish dealer, is spending a few days in the country for the benefit of his health.

Mr. Dennis Grady is soon to pay a visit to his friends in Ireland.

Mrs. James O. Sanborn and Miss Grace Langley are on a visit to Chichester, N. H.

Mr. George H. Beadle, who went to Texas from Marblehead seven years ago, is on a visit to this town.

Mr. Edward B. Bridge has been on a visit to Bar Harbor.

Miss Addie E. Nevers of Peabody is on a visit to Damariscotta, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Woods and Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Carter of Hudson are on a visit to Marblehead.

Mr. John H. Keating, the boat builder, is on a trip up the Hudson.

Mr. Horace L. Broughton, the genial assistant postmaster, is on a trip to Saratoga, Lake George, Lake Champlain and other places with a Raymond party.

Station master John C. Adams was one of the staff of the Knights Templars at the Greeley reception at Newburyport yesterday.

Singular Accident.

A cow belonging to Benjamin Trefry was killed in a singular manner on Wednesday. The animal was tied in a field, when a dog began barking at her, and in trying to drive the canine she stuck her horns into the ground and broke her neck.

Farmers' Delegate.

President Benjamin P. Ware, Esq., has received from Robert Beverly of the Farmers' National Congress, a commission to represent the agricultural interests of this district at the New Orleans exposition, to begin December 5, 1884.

A skating party from this town attended the Peabody rink on Wednesday evening.

BREVITIES.

August is half gone.

Not needed: any more rain.

The Gitans is in the harbor.

Earthquakes are fashionable.

Corner statesmen are busy already.

Yesterday was Ladies' Day at the Neck.

The skating rink was open last evening.

Base-ball is raging among the youngsters.

The American House is being re-shingled.

The Catholic bazar is doing a good business.

A number of large yachts are in the harbor.

Robert Pierce captured a large seal last Tuesday.

Mr. P. P. Eustis is improving his stable on Pond street.

The dog-days have been true to their name this year.

The Oceana is reported at Nova Scotia with a full fare of fish.

Cholera morbus is reported to be common among the children.

Augustus Stevens has in his window a potato sprout five feet long.

Barnegat can now rest in peace, Sundays. It has police protection.

There was a general illumination of the yachts in the harbor last evening.

The Unitarians are to hold an apron sale and sociable early next month.

The female operatives at Woodbury's factory went on a picnic last Tuesday.

The St. Michael's parish held a successful sale at its chapel the past week.

The town ditch at Commercial street is being dug out and the culvert repaired.

Camp-meeting at Asbury Grove begins to-day and closes next Thursday evening.

The girls at Woodbury's factory went to the Point of Pines on a picnic on Tuesday.

Phillip A. Thorner is having a large addition built to his barn on Prospect street.

A number of Marblehead people are occupying cottages at Asbury Grove, Hamilton.

Cool days, much rain and few thunderstorms are the characteristics of the present summer.

The Marblehead Bicycle Club has added a pool table to the furnishings of its headquarters.

Company C made a fine appearance in its short parade before taking the train, yesterday morning.

The new ballot-boxes appear to be a combination of hand-organ, bell-punch and clothes-wringer.

A monument to Masconomo is proposed at Manchester. Is Marblehead going to forget Nanepashemet?

The Marblehead Light Infantry won much praise for their fine appearance at Newburyport yesterday.

A genuine Chinese boat is in the harbor, belonging to a gentleman at the Neck. It came direct from China.

The Sunday police have done much good this summer and prevented a deal of disturbance and Sabbath-breaking.

The scandal about Cleveland was first published in the *Boston Globe*, but the *Globe* doesn't care to take the credit of it.

"King David," a wanderer well known about Essex County, died at the Rockport almshouse, from paralysis, a few days ago.

Republican politicians are speaking of Gen. Butler with more friendliness than formerly. Is there a Blaine-Butler alliance?

The Blaisdell house on Commercial street, recently purchased by Timothy Hart, is being thoroughly repaired and renovated.

Many of our towns-people attended the Greeley reception at Newburyport yesterday. Co. C of this town participated in the parade.

The Bay View Boat Club is making arrangements for holding a picnic at Bellevue Grove, North Andover, on the 5th of September.

The mark of the chalk and pencil fiend is very noticeable around town. Several fences and houses have been badly disfigured by this pest.

A hop is to held at the Nanepashemet hotel, at the Neck this evening. Messrs. Bessom & Harris' Parlor Band of this town is to furnish the music.

The earthquake of last Sunday was felt in Salem, Beverly and other places hereabouts, but we don't hear of its having been noticed in Marblehead.

Joel Benton contributes to the August *St. Nicholas* a poem entitled "The Curious House," for which Mrs. Celia Thaxter has reappred an illustration.

The German which was to have been held at the chapel at the Neck last week by Messrs. Bessom and Harris was abandoned, owing to their inability to obtain the chapel.

A letter received at New Haven reports Captain Traynor, who was out in a dory, bound for England, as being spoken 700 miles east of Cape Cod ten days ago, rowing east.

The annual August storm occurred on Wednesday, and though of short duration, and we hear of no serious damage being done, yet the day was cold, wet and extremely disagreeable.

A lamp exploded at the store of John Cameron, corner School and Washington streets, on Tuesday evening. It was thrown into the street where it created a little excitement for a while.

On Sunday last the Salem and Danvers Street Railway Company conveyed 1,956 passengers over its line, against 1,864 passengers carried over the Lynn and Marblehead road the same day.

Mr. Joseph Strong slipped on a stone on Pleasant street on Wednesday and fell to the ground, dislocating his ankle. He was unable to walk and was obliged to go home in a hack. The accident will probably confine him to the house for several weeks.

The Mayor of Oakland, Cal., has ordered the revival of the old custom of ringing the curfew bell every evening at 9 o'clock, with responses from the bells on the engine-houses, and the police are to arrest all boys under fifteen in the streets after that hour.

A number of Marblehead people attended the picnic and reunion of the First Heavy Artillery at Oak Island yesterday. Capt. Benjamin Day of this town was elected treasurer of the association and Thomas Trefry of Company G one of the executive committee.

A heavily loaded wagonette from the Neck sprung an axle while crossing the street railroad near the Rechabite Hall, last evening. The party were informed of the accident and the probable danger but, drove on evidently feeling insulted at the officiousness of the Marbleheaders.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt from Rev. John W. Chadwick of a pamphlet entitled, "Thinking Back," which is a reprint of a discourse delivered at the conclusion of his twenty years' pastorate, in charge of the Second Unitarian Society of Brooklyn, N. Y. Both in what it says and how it says it we have found it very interesting, as Mr. Chadwick's efforts always are.

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

☞The people's column is open to the public for the expression of their views. Every reader of THE MESSENGER is invited to contribute. We ask our correspondents, however, to avoid personalities, and wish it distinctly understood that we do not necessarily endorse any article here printed, or hold ourselves responsible for the sentiments here advocated. And we reserve the right to reject any article, that we deem improper. Neat, pointed communications, not for publication unless desired, but as a guarantee of good faith.—EDS. MESSENGER.

That Road Again.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—And so "H." speaks *his* mind. As to the "want of distinctness" being "deemed essential" we would say that the petitioners *want the road* and we think that the petition expresses the idea. If the eastern end of Bassett's lane were covered by the proposed improvement the widening of it would of course have been asked for, but that can bide its time and will wait till "some other day."

The plan of the surveyor names thirty-five feet as the width of the road which will be wide enough. It will cost money but not out of proportion to the benefits conferred. *The thing will pay.*

The proposed road is advocated because it has in view the greatest good of the greatest number. As has been before said—what right has Pleasant street to the road? Residents on that street, in case the road goes through, can (when they feel like it) take the cars at Rockway or at the monument, which will be, to say the least, *convenient.*

As to the use of the road in case of fire—it is apparent to all those possessing common sense that if the road was built and being used every day and there should be a fire down town, the engine drivers (they have common sense) would use it in preference to the four other routes and we submit this as one of the best possible reasons why it should be built. *It will be a step forward.*

We think that the railway officials are ready to "accommodate" those that stand most in need of being accommodated and that the Selectmen will be "attentive to the public wishes" in granting the prayer of *over five hundred* tax-payers. And so let us have "Appleton" street.

Reminiscences of the North Church.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The North Church has just celebrated its two hundredth anniversary and among the reminiscences related on that occasion the following concerning the pastorate of the Rev. Samuel Dana during the war of 1812-15 might have been given.

It was during this struggle of our country with Great Britain, when so many of our people were away fighting the battles for our second independence, that the church was so financially embarrassed that the pastor's salary ($400) could not be paid. But the pastor kept to his post and discharged all of his ministerial duties, preaching two sermons every Sunday, without pay. By chance he was fortunate enough to secure the position as teacher of the Marblehead Academy and with the small salary thus obtained he by frugal means supported his family and gave his children a liberal education. Mr. Dana's family of sons and daughters was quite large, all of whom grew up to be an honor to their parents and to fill responsible positions in society. Dr. Israel Dana, an eminent physician of Portland, Me., was present on the occasion of this anniversary. Richard P. Dana, another son, sent a letter regretting that the infirmities of age prevented him from being present, while some of the daughters were present.

The Catholic Fair.

The fair in aid of Church Star of the Sea opened auspiciously at Hibernian Hall on Monday evening. Rev. T. A. Metcalf superintends and with his ready tact and good management will surely make a financial success.

The hall and tables are tastefully trimmed and filled with articles of utility and luxury, and the eight departments are presided over by an efficient corps of sales-women who are kept busy disposing of the goods to buyers.

The refreshments are in charge of Misses Maggie Dillon, Nancy Noon and Mary Callahan. A bountiful supply of fruit, pastry and the most toothsome confections fill their table, tempting many to part with their nickels.

The Sunday-school table, under the management of Miss Bridget Dillon, assisted by Mrs. Kelley and Miss Mary E. Kelley, is supplied with a great variety of tidies, spreads and cushions, beside silver ware in various forms, glass ware, tea and dining sets, rattan rockers, cotton cloth, camp-chairs, marble-top tables, prayer-books, and a large French doll dressed in white satin, which is the envied prize of every little miss that enters the hall.

The parish table, where Mrs. James Grady presides, with Miss Bridget Lawlor and Mrs. Mary Barry as assistants, contains an assortment of mats, toilet-sets, scarfs, albums, work-baskets, parasols, mantel mirrors, table lamps, tea-sets, easy-chairs, silver goods, cushions, tidies, etc.

The choir table, where Miss Nellie Regan has control, aided by Misses Katie Looney, Mary E. Mullin and Fanny Regan, are ladies' boots, shaving implements, rugs, albums, worked cushions, handkerchief-boxes, parlor lamps, a large doll, easy-chair, meerschaum pipe, brass candle-sticks, tea-set, willow rocker, hand-painted toilet-set, and a variety of smaller goods.

The Y. M. C. T. S. table, under the management of Miss Sarah J. Doherty, with Miss Mary A. Farry as assistant, displays blankets, dinner and tea sets, silver spoons, lamps, seal rings, shaving sets, model boats, dolls, silver bangles, cushions, pocket knives, toy lounges, roller-skates, cut-glass mirrors, clothes-wringers, tidies, collars, etc.

The lemonade table is fully supplied with lemonade and various small drinks. Michael Burke is in charge and is kept quite busily employed in supplying the numerous calls.

The weighing and measuring department, with Miss Mary Dooling as weigh-master, receives much patronage. A Fairbank's scale and a graduated measuring rod are used and for a five-cent piece the lady will give you your exact weight and height on a printed card.

The Old Curiosity Shop, where Mr. Timothy O'Brien exhibits a large collection of relics, etc., is always sure of a good audience who are anxious to bring all their friends to the show.

The wheel of fortune, which is turned by William H. Sullivan, draws the usual crowd and that gentleman is allowed but a few spare moments during the evening.

The ice-cream saloon is in the lower hall and furnishes opportunities for a pleasant rest and a dish of delicious cream. Misses Sarah McCoy and Bridget Collins serve the cream but the numerous patrons often require that extra help be employed.

The fair will probably close on the 22d inst., and it is expected will net a large sum for the benefit of the church. The advent of the horse-cars from Salem is looked for as several societies from that city contemplate excursions to the fair.

Overboard.

Willie, a little son of Frank Frederick, fell overboard from Hathaway's wharf on Wednesday, but was rescued by John Doliber.

WHERE SOME OF OUR OLD MILLS THEN LIVED.

In 1639 three acres of land were granted by the Salem authorities (Marblehead was then a part of Salem) to Rev. William Walton, to build upon. Tradition says his house was located on Gerry Island, near Fort Sewall, and that he built there to be the better protected from bears. This island does not at present contain three acres, but there within the memory of the present generation the size of it has been much reduced by our north-easters, and undoubtedly at that distant date, as tradition says, it was not an island but a point of land extending into the sea. In confirmation of this is the fact that considerable muck has been dug on the bar which connects it at half tide with the main land, in which the remains of tree growths were found such as leaves, acorns and pieces of bark, evidently lying about where they grew, which proves that the bar was once above the ocean. Again, Mr. Tom Elkins, who died a number of years ago, aged over ninety, informed me that he remembered when a flourishing garden stood on the main land a part of Bowden's hill, opposite the island; now this spot is a favorite diving place for the school-boys. It is certain that a house of some note in ancient days stood on this island, located where the house now there stands, for it was built on an ancient cellar and the remains of a yard neatly paved with beach-stones is yet to be seen. This pavement was formerly more extensive than now, the road of entrance to the island having been made through it. A tenant who once occupied the present house informed me that a date of 16— could be read in white stones imbedded among darker ones. Two old, much-rusted axes of the Puritan type, were recently dug up in the piece of land close adjoining the house. Rev. Samuel Cheever, who succeeded Mr. Walton, being the first ordained minister of Marblehead, during the early part of his settlement lived on the same island, probably occupying the house vacated by Mr. Walton. By Feb. 18, 1705, he had removed into town and as he himself testified was living "next door to Mr. Moses Maverick and keeping in his almanack a register of ye Annual Occurrences in the Towne." Several lines of tradition agree in saying that the first minister lived on Gerry Island, and in one of our old families the great-grandmother's statement, that when a little girl, living in the house near where the gas-house now stands she often saw Parson Cheever drive from this point (it is the *family tradition* that it was not then an island) and pass by her house in a horse and "shay," has been handed down through four generations. The island of bare ledge, close by Gerry's Island, known as Jack's Rock, is said to have been so named after Parson Cheever's slave man "Jack," to whom his master gave it as a spot to fish from. Plenty of the descendants of these ancient fish are to be found there at this day. There is another tradition as to the residence of Mr. Walton. Mr. W. B. Paine informs me that Mrs. Polly Doliber told him that Martha Walton who lived in the lower part of the town told her, that her great-great-grandfather Rev. William Walton lived in a house now standing just back from Beacon street, close under the ledges of the old hill, on the same cellar on which now stands the house of Mr. Andrew Wadden.

There is another piece of land, containing not far from three acres, which from time immemorial has been known as the "minister's lot," but this is not the piece granted by the Salem authorities to Mr. Walton in 1639, but is doubtless that "horse pasture" voted by the town of Marblehead in 1671 "to be laid out of the common lands for the use of Mr. Cheever, to be fenced at the expense of the town." I refer to what is now known as "George's Lot," located near Red's Pond, in the Lower Division pasture.

Rev. John Barnard, the colleague and successor of Mr. Cheever (1716-1770), built for his residence the house where now lives Capt. William Hammond, located in Franklin street, the next house to the one on the right-hand corner, as you turn from Washington street. Rev. William Whitwell, the colleague and successor of Mr. Barnard (1762-1781), lived on High street in the house of Shoreman George Knight, located about opposite the present parsonage of the first church. Rev. Ebenezer Hubbard, who succeeded Mr. Whitwell (1783-1800), lived in the LeMaster house, located on Washington street, the second house on the left hand from the foot of Pearl street, as one goes toward the Town House. Rev. Samuel Dana (1801-1837) lived in the house on Washington street located exactly at the foot of Pearl, there being but one house between his and that of Mr. Hubbard. Rev. Mr. Cozzens, the colleague of Mr. Dana (1832-1837), lived in the house of Samuel Sparhawk, Esq., located on Back street, on the same side, and the second house going north from the Unitarian meeting-house. Rev. M. A. H. Niles (1837-1844) lived on Watson street in the house located on the left-hand side, as one goes toward Pleasant street, being the next house but one to the Universalist meeting-house. This house was the original Baptist meeting-house of Marblehead. The places of residence of the later pastors, Rev. E. A. Lawrence for many years near the common, and Rev. Benjamin R. Allen and Rev. J. H. Williams each in the parsonage on High street, are well known to the younger portion of the community.

Of the pastors of the Second Congregational Church, which was organized in 1716, Rev. Edward Holyoke, the first pastor, (1716-1737), resided in the house located on Washington street, being on the right-hand side of the next building but one to the corner of Pleasant street. All antiquarians must regret that the fine old mansion is almost hidden by the stores in front of it. Rev. Simon Bradstreet, the successor of Mr. Holyoke, (1738-1771) he having been chosen president of Harvard College, built the house that stands at the corner of Pearl and and Mechanics street in which also his successor, Rev. Isaac Story, also lived. It is an interesting fact worth noting that the three houses where Parsons Barnard, Whitwell and Bradstreet lived closely resemble each other in style of architecture, size and age, being in all probability over one hundred and fifty years old, while each is in a fine state of preservation. The Rev. John Bartlett (1811-1849) lived in a house located in Elm street, where the parsonage of the Second Congregational Church now stands. Just opposite this is the building that was the ancient manse of the Episcopal Church, recently the residence of Capt. John Devereaux. Our worthy brethren of the Baptist and Methodist societies being comparatively new comers into Marblehead, the former in 1810, the latter in 1704, have a very interesting but not ancient record, a historical deficiency that every passing day will help make good.

J. J. H. GREGORY.

August 13, 1884.

Campaign Suits.

The Naumkeag Clothing Company is prepared to furnish uniforms for the campaign clubs of Essex County, to Republicans, Democrats and Independents, at short notice. Suits from 75 cents and upwards. Samples are now ready for inspection at their store.—*Adv.*

For the Messenger.

NOT RE-ELECTED.

With the exception of Miss . . . all the other teachers were re-elected.—*Local Paper.*

"I'm say this much for her, her children were as well prepared as any that came to me last year."—*Teacher of the same higher grade.*

"Well, she's getting a little old, you know."—*School-Committee Man.*

All re-elected, the papers say.
But one exception—only one;
And she? A teacher old and gray
With faithful service done.

I read this news in the twilight here
And my heart grows sad, it seems the blow
A hand might give, loved many a year,
From behind in the dark, you know.

For day by day she has served us well,
And month and year through rain and shine
Our children were hers—ah, who can tell?—
Will what a love divine!

Ay, day by day and year by year,—
God bless her! let us speak her fair—
She led our own with loving fear,
Our own with jealous care.

And now is the faithful heart less so?
Or has she forgotten "A, B, C"?
O children, once hers, now women, I know
Ye think not this to be!

So I say I read in the twilight dim,
And my heart is bowed with a touch of shame;
And her grief is mine, who has faithful been
For longer than I may name.

And my scorn is the scorn of each honest heart
For this, sharper than serpent's tooth, ye do
Who fail in Duty's better part
Toward a servant tried and true.

[For the Messenger.]

MY FRIENDS' PIAZZAS.

I wish we all had piazzas. They are so convenient in these days when one must darken the room to keep out the flies. On a piazza one can have air and light for various kinds of work and here also the weary one can rest or dream in hammock or easy-chair. And where one has such fine views as can be enjoyed by my friend and his guests, they become a positive source of delight. Under our feet almost is the peach orchard, which when in bloom is a picture itself. Close by a pretty grove on a slight elevation hides a portion of the city. Spread out in front of us lies the harbor with its constantly changing panorama of coal vessels, government boats and pleasure boats, or in winter, ice-boats, skaters and eel men. Just across the water we can see the white tablets of the cemetery and know that near by was once a ferry. In the distance are the Manchester woods, but my friend's "fetch 'em near," for which he has contrived a movable rest, will bring in view some of the residences of West Beach and faces of the mariners so near we can see their lips move and fancy the topic of conversation. Behind us we can hear the noisy whistle of the steam-engine and the nearer tinkling bell of the horse-car, but we can sit in peace knowing that

"Life is brief—Given us here
To bind the sheaf"

and each must bind his own.

COUNTY ITEMS.

—The *Lawrence Morning News* has suspended publication.

—Rowley is sending thirty bushels of berries to market daily.

—Andrew W. Burnham of Essex observed his ninety-ninth birthday last week.

—Lynn shipped last week 6,604 cases of boots and shoes; Haverhill, 4,023; Beverly, 1,339; Danvers, 973; Middleton, 78.

Miss Sarah H. Dodd and Mrs. William Stuart are passing a pleasant visit at the farm of John S. Goodwin, North Andover.

—Mrs. John Howard of West Peabody entered her 102nd year last week. The event was appropriately observed by her friends.

—There were 1,012 carriages sent from Amesbury over the Eastern railroad last month, a number about up to the average for June.

—In forty years Gloucester has gained in wealth over $10,000,000, and 15,000 in population. There are no very wealthy men in that city.

—Mrs. J. Frank Boynton, wife of the popular manager of Wilmot's clothing house, Salem, is spending the summer at the White Mountains.

—A yachting party, while sailing in Lynn harbor on Monday afternoon, rescued two boys by the name of Arthur Smith and Chester Burbank from drifting out to sea in a boat.

—Mr. L. C. Foss will next week visit an aunt of his in Maine, 102 years old. Mr. Foss will be accompanied by his grandson. The aged lady is a sister to Mr. Foss' father, and on his mother's side he has an aunt living who is 95 years old.—*Beverly Citizen.*

—A three-year-old daughter of Joseph Cherry of Amesbury was drowned last Saturday in Clark's Pond, at that place, by a singular accident. She was seated in a baby carriage, which ran backwards down the slope to the pond, into which the child was thrown with the above sad result.

—Since its erection in 1818, the present Salem Jail has had upward of 15,000 prisoners. It is now to give way to a new structure, which it is intended to have erected for occupancy on or before January 1, 1885. The new addition will be of granite, extending to within ten feet of the St. Peter street wall, and 61 feet long by 44 feet wide. The new building will contain four tiers of cells, with thirty cells in each tier, fifteen on a side. The Ham patent self-locking door will be used, and in addition a lock bar will be placed over the doors of the cells. The new prison will have two spacious hospital rooms. There will be an addition on the east side of the present building and another in the rear of the old part on St. Peter street. The prisoners will be supplied with all modern conveniences.—*Salem Register.*

Reunion of the Poore Family.

The family of Poore or Poor, with all connected with it by consanguinity or allied with it by marriage, will hold its triennial meeting at Andover (the original home of the Daniel tribe), on the 10th day of September. There will be an election of officers of the association, a business meeting and a banquet at which there will be speeches and songs, with a general interchange of family good-feeling. Those who propose to attend will please notify Alfred Poore, Salem, about ten days previous to the meeting, that preparations may be made.

Ran Away.

Last Tuesday a horse belonging to Ernest Allen, the milk man, ran away from Gale's grocery on Pleasant street, colliding with a vehicle near the Brick Pond. The wagon was upset and the contents consisting of milk, berries, potatoes, eggs and green corn were mixed, with leather cushions, canvas covers, account books and tin cans in one indefinable compound in the dust of the street. The milk wagon was damaged to the extent of a broken cross bar and a few punctures in the cover.

Mr. William Ryan, the blacksmith, having recovered his health has re-opened his old shop on Hawkes street.

IN AN ENGLISH PRISON.

THE DIARY OF A MARBLEHEAD MAN IN THE MILL PRISON, PLYMOUTH, DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

Thursday, March 8th, 1781.—Fair weather. From the old *Exeter Journal*: America, *New York Gazette*, Jan. 29. Two French 74 gun ships in company with the Ardent of 64 guns hailed from Rhode Island, 20th inst. Were followed by a detachment from Admiral Graves' squadron. His Majesty's ship Sterling Castle was lost on the Silver Keys to the northward of old Cape Francois, Hispaniola, 5th of October last. All the crew perished except twenty persons, who saved themselves on parts of the wreck, and were obliged to suck the blood of some that died, as the only means left to support a miserable existence till they were taken up. *New York.*—The British that left New York have landed at Virginia. We hear that Major General Phillips commands on this expedition. Gen. Arnold with 1,500 men and a few light horses landed below Richmond and marched into that town; they have destroyed Westham and all the public works. Great quantities of rum and sugar. They retreated on Saturday. Gen. Nelson is collecting the militia as fast as possible, and following them to harrass their rear. We hear from New York that the Culloden (74) was entirely lost, the Bedford dismasted, part of the French had gone up the Chesapeake after Arnold. The Thunderer 90-gun ship is entirely lost. An agent from Congress with proposals is undoubtedly in London at this time, and it is whispered that his terms will be agreed to by the Cabinet. Extract from a letter from Bristol, March 1, says, the Mary, late Capt. Bealy, a three-decker, an outward-bound ship is taken by the Pilgrim, an American privateer. Bristol, Feb. 28, at Twansey the people hoisted the American colors in their churches, and on board a vessel. The people ordered the flag struck, which was done. Some time after it was hoisted again, the mob came to strike it, the people on board fired and killed 2 men, 11 wounded, and 2 children. The coroner's inquest set on the bodies of the men brought in their verdict: self-defence. Extract of a letter from Paris, Feb. 21, says a battle has been in Carolina; Cornwallis had engaged the Americans some time in December, and defeated them, who in their retreat fell in with another party under Gen. Leslie who had taken the greater part of them; that the Generals Gates, Green, Brannam and Sumpter with a great number of officers and privates had offered to surrender on conditions of having a free pardon. The emmissaries who were hanged by order of Congress were Mason and Ogden.

Friday, March 9th.—Fair weather. Very pleasant. Mr. Sorvy brought our money (six pence) and says he has not received an answer from London. Mr. Digges is at Bristol.

Saturday, 10th.—Hazy weather. This day I was sick and a great number more, and the two Saturdays before a great many of our people were taken sick. We think it is the cheese that makes it.

Sunday, 11th.—Fair weather. Very pleasant. Mr. Dyer came to the gate and informed us that a man of his acquaintance who came in the last cartel from France, says there were 400 prisoners, English, taken by the Americans in prison, and he saw upwards of 100 more going to prison as he was coming down to the cartel.

Monday, 12th.—Fair weather. Very pleasant. This day Mr. Richard Tucker received a letter from Portsmouth, bearing date the 7th inst., from Mr. Samuel Haley wherein he informs me that when he left home my wife and child were well. He also informs us that there are 290 Americans in that prison.

Tuesday, 13th.—Fair weather, chilly, cold. The Shark sloop-of-war is lost and every soul perished. 'Tis reported that St. Eustatia is taken by Rodney.

Wednesday, 14th.—Fair weather. The following is a correct list of the line of battle under Admiral Darby, viz.: Line of battle, eager to lead on both tacks, unless otherwise directed by signal.

Van Squadron.

Robert Digby Esq., Rear Admiral of the Read.

Frigates, Marston, Cufentto, Repeat, Firebrand, Fireship.

Ships.	Guns.	Men.
Edgar	74	600
Alexander	74	600
Blenfaisant	64	500
Queen	90	750
Prince George	90	750
Ocean	90	750
Mynmina	74	600
Canada	74	600
Repulse	64	500
Defence	74	600

Center Squadron.

George Darby, Esq., Vice Admiral of the White, and Commander-in-Chief.

Frigates, Minerva, Alarm, Emerald, Repeater, Monsieur, Flora, Harpy, Lightning.

Ships.	Guns.	Men.
Nonesuch	64	500
Bellona	74	600
Courageous	74	600
Fowdroyant	80	700
Britannia	100	884
Duke	90	750
Valiant	74	500
Lion	64	500
Fortitude	74	600

Rear, Squadron.

Sir John Lockhart Rose, Rear Admiral of the Read.

Frigates, Proserpine, Vestalu, Protos, Fumiall, Fineshop.

Ships.	Guns.	Men.
St. Albans	64	500
Dublin