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County Attorney Kerr transacted business in Saco Tuesday.

Dr. Hoyt was called to Saco on professional business Wednesday.

A dance at the Coleman house Monday night was an enjoyable affair and drew out a large attendance.

Last Monday being Washington's birthday the public schools were closed and the children given a day of recreation.

Frank Stevens, foreman of the N-N horse camp on the Porcupine, is in Glasgow this week with a severely sprained ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hedges of Saco were made happy by the arrival of a new boy in their family Thursday morning. Mother and child are doing nicely.

Frank Fryburg, wife and family, returned from a month's visit with relatives in the east Thursday evening. Mr. Fryburg enters upon his duties as county treasurer next Thursday at 12 o'clock noon.

Cal Williams, whose tomato complexion we have missed for several months, was very much in evidence in Glasgow this week. He has been spending the winter at Culbertson and with Lee Cook and Mac Hunter on the Missouri.

The dogs of war are again reported barking in the old world. This time the island of Crete is the unsettled ground where the Turks and Grecians are cutting off each other's heads. The game is a dangerous one as it may involve the whole of Europe in war.

Shafer, formerly editor of the Lewistown Democrat, has purchased the Havre Herald and will shortly attempt to give the people of that community a paper that is issued once a week. Charley Moore, the founder of "Independent Journalism" in northern Montana, will shy his castor into more congenial climes.

A fashion magazine says "night-caps are now considered in good form in the best society." The world has known this some time, but frequently when "the best society" sees some ordinary individual bolting in the front door of a saloon for a "night-cap" they immediately change their phraseology and say "the miserable wretch is drunk again."

When a man tells a real funny original story it would be a great accommodation to his friends if he would stop at the proper place in it and tell those intent in listening just when to smile out loud. It is sad to lose the point of a good story and just how people are to know where the laugh comes in and goes out is often a debatable question. It could always be avoided by announcing when the "ha-ha" should start.

At the coming March meeting of the commissioners a petition bearing the signatures of numerous taxpayers of this county will be presented to the board praying for the appointment of a game warden. The petitioners name as their choice W. S. Griffith, who is in many ways eminently qualified and fitted for a position of this kind. Should the commissioners deem such an appointment prudent and essential to the preservation of game it is very likely that Mr. Griffith's candidacy will be favorably considered.

"Sage Brush," the fleetest horse yet brought to these parts met with an accident at Mac Hunter's ranch last week which necessitated its being knocked in the head with an axe and the carcass used for coyote bait. The horse had only recently been traded to one of the Shufelt boys for six head of stock and the delivery was to have been made in a few days, but during the night one of its hind legs became entangled in a defective stall and was broke. The horse belonged to Bill Enright and Rusty McNeill and was said to be the fastest race horse in northern Montana. "Sage Brush" was formerly owned by John Butterfield and under his management had won some good races when yet an unknown quantity. To his new proprietors he was something in the nature of a "white elephant" and it is doubtful if he ever brought them enough to pay for his oats.

The recent fluke of the great Bramble rotary engine brings to mind the old saying that "nothing new exists under the sun." From hundreds of towns and hamlets in the country is heralded the news of men who claim more for the rotary engines they have invented than even the only Bramble claims. At the time we feel only justice is being done an old and tried mechanic of the Great Northern, in calling attention to the fact that a rotary engine of the pattern mentioned was by him construct-

ed and is now being successfully operated in the roundhouse at this place. It is attached to one of the small boilers used to wash out the boilers of locomotives and is belted to a forge. As previously stated the gentleman is a skilled mechanic and thoroughly conversant with engines; still he never thought his "find" worthy of the expense of securing a patent. He will, however, convince anyone who is skeptical that his engine is a reality and that it works.

MILLIONS IN AUTOMOBILES.

It is estimated by a writer in the Outlook that fully one-half of the automobiles sold in the United States last year were bought by farmers. In the four years from 1911 to 1915 the number of cars registered in the grain states, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Kansas and Oklahoma, creased from 130,000 to 560,000 and one-half are said to be owned by farmers, who paid \$250,000,000 for them. There are 30,000 automobile dealers, garages, repair shops and charging stations in the country. More than 2,000,000 motor cars were registered in various states in July, 1915.

The total direct expenditures for gasoline, oil, tires, insurance, etc., is estimated at \$577,000,000 annually. Six thousand persons, it is estimated, made the trip from east of the Mississippi to California last summer. Allowing an average expenditure of \$20 a day, and thirty-five days for the trip, they spent \$4,200,000. Tourists in New England alone, according to the Hotel Men's association, spent \$6,000,000 during the year. The money paid for upkeep each year about equals the amount spent for new cars. Together the sums are said to exceed \$1,000,000,000.

Manufacturers believe that the demand for popular-priced touring cars will continue to increase. With each \$25 decrease in price has come a greater demand. It is believed that there are 5,500,000 persons in the United States with incomes of \$1,200 or over, of whom 3,225,000 have incomes of \$1,800 or over. All of the latter class, the manufacturers think can afford to maintain a low-priced automobile and within a few years they expect to develop an automobile whose first cost and price of upkeep will be within the reach of a \$1000 income. In regard to the development of the market for commercial vehicles some of them are not so confident. They do not believe that a commercial vehicle sufficiently cheap and simple, for use in small towns or on farms, has been developed. The field of the commercial car is thought to be in big cities and towns, but the situation may be changed at any time by the development of a car with the qualities demanded.

SOME PECULIAR CURRENCY.

Stone money, ranging in size from ordinary grindstones up to cartwheels is the customary currency in the Island of Yap, according to the annual bullion report of one of London's largest financial firms. Yap belongs to the Caroline Islands in the Pacific, between Hawaii and the Philippines. It is now a British possession, being captured early in the war from Germany, who obtained it by purchase from Spain in 1898.

The stone currency of Yap is made of limestone, which must be of fine white grain. A hole is cut in the center to allow a stick to be passed through, as the larger stones are rolled up to the hut of the owner. Some of the stones have a diameter up to 12 feet, with the result that a number of men are required to effect a payment.

In case the transfer of the money is considered too great a job the new owner simply puts his own mark on it and leaves it outside the old owner's hut. A case is recorded where an exceptionally fine stone, while being moved at sea, fell off the raft and was lost. But the owner continued to retain its potential value in the eyes of his fellow citizens and was given the same credit as if the stone stood safely before his hut.

WHO STARTED THE WAR?

There are a number of good stories about who is primarily responsible for the European war, but an entirely new one was sprung recently by anti-Roosevelt politicians:

The crown prince was having a nice little chat with his father, the kaiser of Potsdam, and apropos of nothing said, "Father, who started this war?"

"I know," said his father playfully, "but I won't tell."

"Did Cousin George start it?" persisted the youth without a chin.

"No!" said father.

"Did Cousin Nicholas?"

"No," said papa.

"Did Francis Joseph?"

"No," said the old man.

"Well, who did, then?"

"I'll tell you, son! You remember Teddy Roosevelt came out to Central Africa and called on us several years ago, and I showed him our magnifi-

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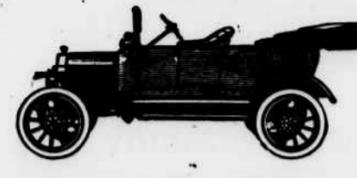
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cent army; I showed him our great and glorious navy; I showed him the Zepps and the submarines and the gas bags, and Teddy, greatly impressed, slapped me on the back and said:

"Bill, my boy, you can lick the world!" And like a durned fool, I believed him."

THE LAND OF NE'ER AGAIN.
When the clouds are flown
And the herds come home
From the grassy meadow land,
And the light of day
With the sun's bright ray
Has traveled o'er the sea;

When the land is gray
And the fireflies play
In the warmth of the summer air,
And the toil and strife
Of daily life
Has ceased for a little while.

When the birds come down
For their nests of brown,
And their flights for the day are o'er;
When the mind has veered
And the night has cleared
Her port in the far-off seas—

Then I dream my dream
In the starlight's gleam

Of the land of Ne'er Again,
And the scenes, though old,
Are blue and gold
In that Far-Away, Ne'er Again land.
—Herman Christian Achance.

BOOSTER EPIGRAMS.
All the world loves a booster.
Boost while the boosting is good.
While there's boosting, there's progress.

The rolling booster gathers all the moss.
A booster on the job is worth two who are loafing.
It's a long lane that has no booster.
See a knocker, pass him by; he'll be a dead one bye and bye.

When a man "knocks" his troubles begin.
The "knocker" is dead! Long live the "booster!"
Time and tide wait for the booster.
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