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—OF THE—

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Capital Stock, all cash.....\$1,000,000 00

<i>Funds Reserved to meet all Liabilities:</i>	
Re-insurance Fund, legal standard.....	\$724,429.03
Unsettled Losses and other claims.....	95,025.93
Net surplus over capital and all liabilities.....	507,126 20

Total assets, January 1, 1889.....\$2,326,581 16

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## LAST NIGHT'S GRADUATION.

Close of the Evening School and a Review of Its Excellent Work.

In October last Rev. Mr. Dunnells of Central Church interested a number of our public spirited philanthropists in the matter of an evening school and Nov. 1 the experiment was begun with the usual prophecy that it would fail.

Last evening, after a term including two lessons a week and 40 in all, the school held its "graduation" exercises, having proved itself an unqualified success.

The average attendance at sessions has numbered 50 pupils, the oldest being about 35 years and the youngest 15 years of age.

Twelve of the pupils are young women and the school being on the plan of co-education has been entirely non-sectarian. While its instruction was offered entirely free to all unable to pay, most who attended were both able and glad to pay the small voluntary tuition of 10 cents an evening per pupil. With the receipts thus obtained, as several of the teachers presented their services, the financial outlay is five-sixths covered, leaving only a deficiency of one-sixth for the promoters of the school to liquidate.

The course of instruction with the teachers in the various departments has been:

Book-keeping, W. H. Crockett.  
Penmanship, J. W. Kelley.  
Mechanical drawing, Ernest F. Kelley.  
Freehand drawing, Miss Swanton.  
Arithmetic, Miss Jennie Hodgkins and for a part of the course: Algebra and Geometry reading,  
Reading Miss Annie Torrey.

The students included young and old citizens of character and worthy ambition, and the classes were made up of society young folks and working men all studying industriously together. The teachers have shown the utmost fidelity and interest in their work and to them much credit is due. To the projector and head of the school, Rev. Mr. Dunnells, too much praise cannot be given.

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[Prepared for the INDEPENDENT By Its Base Ball Man.]

## LEATHER CHASERS.

Bath Will Have a Ball Club and Will Be Found In the League if One Be Formed.

## SPRING SPROUTS ON THE DIAMOND.

As the base ball season approaches and the boys who "weilded the willow" are searching for dry spots upon which to indulge in a little practice, those who last season were interested in the National Game as played by the Baths, are inquiring, "What are the prospects for a ball club in our city this season?" and "Is there any prospect of a Maine League the coming season?" To the first question we answer that the shipping city will be well and strongly represented on the diamond and those who watched the Baths play ball last season, and who noted that they were for the most part composed of Bath boys playing for fun and not for pay, can but admit that by giving the boys a little encouragement in the way of attendance, they may be able to give the lovers of the game a better exhibition than ever before. Though each of the clubs of Maine laid claim to the championship of the state, our pony nine was the nearest to amateur and as justly entitled to the claim as any of the clubs. To the second question we would say that as far as we have been able to ascertain, no direct movement has as yet been started, though each of the clubs along the Kennebec valley have signified their entering the Maine League should such an organization be perfected. There are six strong ball nines in our state that would make an interesting league list, and if they would but send a delegate each to one of the cities, with instructions to arrange a schedule for the coming season, the base ball thermometer would at once rise, and the lovers of the game, who have heretofore patronized them, and those who never have, would be found upon the seats, thoroughly interested in the game, and anxious to see which club would end the season at the top of the column. Portland, Cumberland Mills, Lewiston, Bath, Gardiner and Augusta each have many good local players from which they could select a team, and by a meeting of the managers of the several clubs they might arrange a salary limit, which would stop the hiring of professional men, and by so doing enable the towns who are not sufficiently able to employ such men a chance to keep in the league during the whole season. Two games per week would be sufficient to keep up the interest, and with a schedule so arranged it would give the clubs a chance to play outside games if they so desired. Every state in the Union has a base ball league except Maine, and there is none that furnishes any better ball players than does the Pine Tree State, and today there are enough good players in our state that if they should band themselves into a six club league, we predict that in one season, their reputation would be established, and the "league magnates" would be ready and willing to sign them on their clubs. With a little exertion on the part of the managers of our local teams such an organization as suggested above could easily be formed, and it would be a good thing for all concerned. Let all who are interested in base ball take hold with our sister cities in forming a State League, and when it is completed and the Bath boys are entered, and are receiving the liberal patronage of the lovers of the sport those who play on the Bath Ball Club of '89, managed by some one who will work for the interest of the club and people, as well as for himself, and use the attendants with respect, fairness and courtesy, will be rewarded at the

end of the season, with a chance to help the Baths celebrate the winning of the Maine League Pennants of 1889.

## BASE BALL BUDS.



The "Only" Kelly of Portland is trying to arrange with the Baths for Fast Day. He says he has the strongest amateur team ever organized in the Forest city—Brown and Dunning our eclipse battery are wanted by the South

Portlands to accompany them through the Provinces in the middle of May—The Bates College nine with Wilson and Call as their battery want a game with the Baths the 24th or 27th of April—Hilton of the Bowdoin nine, who has played some on the Baths, is said to have developed wonderfully in his pitching. He is a hard worker and a good batter, and the practice in the gymnasium of the college has done him much good—Tommy Neagle is wanted by the Gardiner and Augusta ball clubs. Well, gents, Tommy is here and is going to be kept here. Please bear this in mind—Sloan Farnham the oldest ball tosser in Bath is by no means the poorest and the lovers of the game will be pleased to hear that he will be seen guarding the left garden with his old time vigor—Parsons of last years Baths is to be third base and change Pitcher on the Colbys this season—John Fitz is spoken of as captain of the Baths for the coming season.

## RANCH 10.

A large, intelligent and very enthusiastic audience greeted Mr. J. Clinton Hall and his excellent support in "Ranch 10" at the Opera House Thursday night. The play is one of the melo dramatic character and is of the unusual merit. It represents border life in all its distinctive American features. The fire scene and the snow storm was so effectively staged that it is safe to say that no more startling or realistic scenes have ever been witnessed by a Scranton audience. The work of Mr. Hall in his dual role was of a high order of merit, while Mr. Wooderson as the "Judge," Mr. O'Neill as "Red Bullet," and Miss Chester as "Annie Smalley," were most able in their support. All the actors are clever, and not only the plot, but the evenly balanced work of the company commend the attraction to all lovers of that school of the drama.—Scranton, Pa., Republican.

Ranch 10 will be given at the Alameda next Thursday evening April 4.

## A PANEFUL ACCIDENT.

Last Saturday while W. J. Percy, salesman at the D. T. Percy dry goods store, was prying open with mallet and chisel the cover of a bale of new good which stood on the sidewalk in front of the window the mallet slipped or glanced and struck the large plate glass window causing a bad crack in the pane. The conscientious salesman immediately sent to Boston an order for a new light. A pane of glass like the one thus injured is valued at \$50 or \$60. The accident was a peculiar one and was the result of no carelessness on Mr. P.'s part. It was simply hard luck for which Scott's many friends felt as bad as he did. The new light will be at once put in.

## A DREAM.

One of the Bath Iron Works employees the other night dreamed of sailing around the world on a No. 7 Hyde Windlass. A good many hundred of them are sailing around the world on vessels decks, however, so this dream wasn't so very queer after all.