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Free Will Baptist Church.—Elder R. C. Jackson, pastor. Services every second Sunday morning and night.

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Young Men's Union Prayer meeting every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock and Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend these services. An invitation is extended to the visitors.

LODGES. Lucknow Lodge, No. 115, I. O. O. F. Lodge room over J. D. Barnes' store. Regular meeting on every Monday night. L. H. Lee, N. G.; C. H. Sexton, V. G.; G. K. Grantham, Secretary. All Odd Fellows are cordially invited to attend.

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A Woman With a Record.

The case of Mrs. Addie W. Buzzell, a young woman of Clinton, has set all Eastern Maine astir. Although but thirty-four years of age she has been married and divorced five times. In each case she has been the libellant. Her five ex-husbands are still living, and are most of them neighbors of Mrs. Buzzell. She is now in sole possession of a large farm that she tills with the aid of a hired man. Mrs. Buzzell is a very advanced type of an independent woman, and frankly states that when she has found that a husband has not come up to her ideas of industry, thrift and congeniality, she has promptly set him aside. She also says that she is still looking for the right man to handle her farm and make her happy.

A statement to this effect appeared in a local paper recently, and since then the woman farmer has been subject to a singular siege. From a radius of fifty miles suitors have flocked to Clinton. One man who rode up to her door was a prominent Canaan man, worth about \$6000, and he urged Mrs. Buzzell to go home with him and take care of his property. He is also a divorced man, and explained to the Clinton woman that a married experience of seventeen years had found that his wife "too slack" around the house. Mrs. Buzzell's neatness attracted him. Other applicants have come in teams, on foot and by trains. Many are cranks, who wanted to work on the farm two or three months on trial without pay. Some brought their wardrobe in extra valises and parcels; others came in light marching order.

This week the woman has been so pestered by attention from suitors that she has hitched her yellow watch dog just outside the door. If the man braves the dog Mrs. Buzzell lifts a shotgun across her arm and, with the self-reliance of Maine farmer women, threatens to "let daylight" through the persistent suitor unless he leaves the premises. So far the woman has driven away all suitors, and has answered no letters. She secured a divorce from her last husband only three months ago.—Bangor (Me.) dispatch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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Carrier pigeons are carefully trained for use as messengers in connection with the operations of the United States Navy. There are several stations where the birds are kept and trained, and the Navy Department spends quite a sum of money on them. The most elaborate pigeon station is at Mare Island, on the Pacific. The pretty cottage is on the north end of the island. It is on a round-topped hill, which gives it a wide prospect of sea and land.

On the first floor are the breeding and nesting quarters of the winged messengers, and here the walls are covered with little boxes like a postoffice delivery. In each box is an earthenware bowl, where the birds deposit their eggs and hatch their young. The squabs are tenderly cared for by the skilled attendant in charge, and grow very rapidly to full size. As soon as they are able to fly they are taken to the room on the second floor, where is the general living quarters of the working birds, and which is fitted with rows of shelves and perches.

The youngsters are next taken out for short flights, accompanied by older, well-trained birds, who thus act as guides or monitors. The distance is gradually increased until the youngsters learn their lesson well and "find themselves," as it were, when they can be trusted on long flights.

On one side of the cottage is a large open air portico enclosed by wire netting, and here the birds congregate in fair weather to loll on the perches in the sun and cool each other. In one corner of the yard is the hospital, a glass enclosed box, where the sick ones can be separated from the others, and kept warm and quiet, with the special diet suiting their malady.

When quite young each carrier pigeon is marked by a small aluminum ring, which is slipped on the leg. This has stamped upon it "U. S." the station and the number of the bird, so that he may always be identified.—Philadelphia Record.

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Cloud bursts in the eastern part of Germany last week destroyed and damaged property to an amount estimated at 150,000,000 marks and drowned several hundred persons.

A convention of the National Democratic Association of colored men is called to meet in Columbus, Ohio, in September.

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It is reported that the Cuban insurgent leader, General Calixto Garcia, who is reported to have been captured by the Spanish troops and sent to Spain, has escaped from the guards and is now in hiding on the West coast of Africa. The certainty of his capture has never been fully substantiated, and many Cuban sympathizers do not believe the story of his capture but still believe he is in command of the Cuban army yet.

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At first sight of the creature stalking solemnly along beside the man created quite a sensation in the city and people crowded to see them pass. But it grew to be an every day matter, which only attracted occasional notice from strangers or children. The animal lived to be about fifteen years old, and died much lamented by all who knew him.—Our Animal Friends.

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