Local Intelligence.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Copy for changes of advertisements must be in hand Tuesday of each week in order to be sure of compliance with request, and, except in urgent cases, transient advertisements must be in this office Wednesday afternoon.

BOX PAPERS!
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20 Cents——— 25 Cents
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Just received 250 boxes of elegant writing paper, which we are retailing 20 and 25 cents per box. The best paper for the money ever offered in Bennington.

STYLOGRAPHIC INK

for Stylographic and Fluid Pens.

SAFETY INK!

It cannot be removed by any chemical or mechanical means without destroying the fibre of the paper and showing at once the alteration.

INDELIBLE INK

For marking Cotton, Linen or any fabric. Any Pen can be used.

Fine Linen Paper, 120 sheets for 25 cents, or 10 cents per quire.

BANNER STATIONERY STORE.

LIQUID GLUE!

Strongest Glue in use for mending Wood, Glass Crockery, Leather, Marble, Ornaments, etc. Always ready for use.

Fine Note Paper—120 sheets for 25 cents.

Call and see our box papers for 20 and 25 cents per box. The best paper for the money ever offered in Bennington.

BANNER STATIONERY STORE.

SPECIAL BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞Business men line plain Calendars such as S. R. Niles, 256 Washington St., Boston, issues. Send for one.

☞For the best Delaware and Lackawanna coal send your order to A. Wilcox. He has just received a full supply.

☞Send in your orders now to the planing mill for dry hard wood either in stove or four foot lengths. First orders in, first filled. tf.

☞Chas. H. Rockwood has for sale a (single horse) pair of traverse sleighs, nearly new. They are strongly built and may be used with two horses. Terms reasonable. 48 3pd

☞Mrs. S. M. Rickey announces to the ladies of Bennington and vicinity, that she is prepared to do dress making at No. 11 North street, and will be glad of their patronage. 39tf.

☞Coal of very extra quality, in all sizes, in car load lots or to the ton, and so on, will be found at C. F. Merrill's, agent for a new company. Call at his office, opposite the Express office, and get prices before purchasing elsewhere. Prices given with pleasure. tf.

☞Wanted. Some one to keep a boarding house. F. A. Gleason has taken up again in connection with his now extensive chair, box and bed spring works, the lumbering business and after the 1st of December, will be prepared to fill orders for building timber, and finishing lumber, casings, flooring, etc. Also good workingmen, choppers, can find employment. Apply to

F. A GLEASON.

Woodford, Vermont. 31tf.

☞On account of Mr. H. W. Martin being obliged by Post Office rules to retire at once from outside business, the large stock of boots and shoes of the firm of Wm. Martin & Son, will be closed out at once. Commencing Thursday, Jan. 5, at 6 P. M., they will offer their entire stock away down. Ladies' and gents shoes reduced from $2 00 to $3.00 on a pair. If you wish for a nice shoe for a little money now is your time.

☞The advertising agency of Mr. S. R. Niles, Boston, has been in existence under one style longer than any other house in this line in America, Mr. Niles having personally conducted it for over twenty-five years. His excellent judgment and business methods have proved of the highest value to his clients; and his engagements have always been promptly met in full. Such an honorable record deserves remark, and we take pleasure in testifying to the cordial relations existing between this agency and the newspaper publishers of America.

MICHAEL MEAGHER has had quite a severe attack of heart disease, but is better now.

MRS. JOSEPH LEWIS died of consumption Saturday, and the funeral was attended Tuesday.

MRS CHARLES HAGADORN and daughter of Troy, N. Y., have been visiting relatives in town this week.

THE First National Bank declares its usual semi-annual dividend of five per cent, and has a handsome sum to spare.

A. B. PERKINS of Grand Island, Nebraska, wife and children, will visit in town and expect to return West about March 1st.

TEN couples enjoyed a sleigh ride to Hoosick Falls, N. Y., last Friday night, and partook of a nice supper at the Hotel Fitchburg, kept by Mine Host Healy.

THE Bennington County Savings Bank declares its usual semi annual dividend to depositors of 2 per cent, and carries one-eighth of one per cent, to surplus account.

LEWIS E. POTTER returned to his studies at the Philadelphia Dental College or Monday last. He spent his two weeks' vacation visiting friends here and in Pownal.

THE Christmas collection at St. Francis DeSales church has reached the magnificent sum of over $1,500. This is the largest collection ever taken in a church in this county.

H. HARWOOD places on our table today a paper bag filled with apples grown in 1886, and perfectly preserved. This rather beats any previous record we have ever seen or heard of.

THE Bennington County National Bank declares a semi-annual dividend of three per cent. with the new year, and has a fine balance on the profit side of the 'profit and loss' account besides.

'THE colored troops fought nobly,' on Monday evening. The occasion was a sleighing party from Williamstown, who gave a benefit to the restaurant in the C.A. Hawks building. They brought their own whiskey with them.

GEO. B. MCCready of New York, formerly of Bennington, was in town this week. On Saturday he is to sail for England, to be gone three years, in the interest of a patent mowing machine of his own invention.

AMONG the terms of postmasters soon to expire we note B. F. Ottarson of Granville, N. Y., appointed by President Lincoln in 1861, and holding the office continuously since. The term expires April 30th, and it is probable he will serve it out.

WASHINGTON dispatches say that Senator Edmunds has introduced a bill appropriating $25,000 in aid of a Volunteer Disabled Soldiers' Home in the State of Vermont, which was referred to the committee on military affairs.

THE St. Albans Messenger is a little off on this item: 'Alfred Robinson, an express messenger who for a time ran between St. Albans and Troy, died at Bennington, Dec. 21st,' We are glad to say that Mr. Robinson is still alive Probably his brother-in-law George R Sanford was meant.

THE Second Congregational society election was held Monday evening. The following officers were elected: Hon. H. G. Root president, Col. Olin Scott first vice-president, Geo A. Wood second vice-president, Clement H Cone treasurer, E. D. Bennett auditor, Wm. E Murphy collector.

ON Friday evening the children of the Baptist Sunday school enjoyed their holiday occasion. It was a joyful time and consisted of a supper in the chapel and a Christmas tree, heavily loaded, in the church. The little Cadets in costume added to the interest of the assembly.

OF the 28 dwellings erected in this village last year eight of them were double tenements. We suggest that it would be more to the attractiveness of the place if single cottages should take the place of barn-like double tenements seemingly so popular.

A subscriber for years being sad in arrears,
Still neglected his bill for to pay,
To the editor said: "Unless I am dead,
I shall pay you on Christmas day."
The time flew by, and the editor was shy,
But the editor thought what he said;
In his paper next week the truth he did speak
And announced his subscriber as dead!

MISS MAY S. SANFORD, returned to Vassar College yesterday.

H. W. PUTNAM will light his office and machine shop with electric light.

MRS. JOS. H LORING is quite ill, having an attack of sciatic rheumatism.

EIGHTEEN G. A. R. boys attended the campfire and installation of Post Wood at Hoosick Falls, last evening.

THE Graded schools opened last Monday with an enrollment equally as good as at the fall term. The vacation was of two weeks duration.

THE young ladies in town attending school abroad, as noted during the past two weeks, have now returned to their studies.

IN our 'Mortuary Record' in another column today, the name of Miss S. Maria Harwood is omitted, knowledge of her death not reaching us until the article was in type.

MRS. HENRY FRENCH had the misfortune to fall down the elevator in Cooper's upper mill last Tuesday evening, and broke her collar bone. Mrs. French is entitled to much sympathy, as the support of the family falls largely upon herself.

THE firm of Winslow & Potter has been dissolved, Mr. Potter continuing the business. We are not advised as to the plans of Mr. Winslow. Both members of this firm are practical workmen and their business was very successful.

THE 'Cadet's picnic' was repeated last evening to a good house. Especially fine were the evolutions of the little cadets and the part singing. An extended notice appeared last week. This was one of the very best entertainments ever given by amateur talent in this town.

SOME of our readers will surely 'get left' as many did last year, unless they avail themselves of our premium offers *now*. We are liable to be called upon to close at any time. No such opportunity was ever before offered in the clubbing business and it is not likely to be long extended or repeated after it is closed. Forward your subscriptions.

AT the annual business meeting of the First Baptist church and society held at their chapel on Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: William R. Graves, Daniel McEowen and Luther R. Graves trustees, A. Buel Sibley clerk, Frank H. Scott treasurer, Daniel McEowen committee on music and on renting slips.

THE State papers of the 'Patent inside' and 'Plate' persuasion, which are disturbed over the BANNER'S position on the labor question, are reminded that practice is fully as good evidence as preaching. The BANNER is set up, printed and edited at its reputed office of publication. The laborers thrown out of employment by the patent makeshifts, above noted, cannot say that we contribute one cent towards their loss of wages.

THE Young Men's Association have engaged the Mendelssohn Quartette Company to give one of their concerts in Library Hall on Wednesday evening, Jan. 11th. Messrs. Impet and Decker are too well known here to need any commendation. The company also includes Messrs. Ranken and Harris, Miss Jessie May H. Miller the accomplished soprano, George Doring cornet soloist, and Prof. Geo. H. Graves accompanist. Reserved seat tickets on sale at Hudson's at usual prices.

AT the Park Guard entertainment Friday evening two notable things occurred: The drill of the cadets and the silent drill of the guard. Both were excellent and greatly enjoyed. The movements of the children were received with rounds of applause, and as to the silent drill it was nearly perfect. If the whole showing of Co. K should be equal to this exhibition they will certainly attain the right of the regiment, and we advise them to aspire to it: and reach the standard too.

THE full board of officers of Stark Lodge No. 9, I. O. O. F. is as follows: E. B Griswold N. G.; F. H. Scott V. G; A. Z. Cutler R. S; T. S Hathaway P. S; Jos. Schwarz T; M. W. Stewart W.; H L. Hover Con.; B. C Barber R. S. N. G.; Melvin Wadsworth L. S. N. G.; Theo. P. Sibley R. S. V. G; F. L. Houghton, L. S. V. G., Jared Howard R. S. S.; O. W. Davis L. S. S.; Jos. Hupf L. G; H. G. Camp O. G; E. S. Harris, L. L. Shaw representatives to Grand Lodge.

THIS morning at 7 o'clock, Dr. Harlan P. Partridge passed to the better life. His condition for some time had indicated that his life would be short, but the end came suddenly. Dr. Partridge was born in Wilmington, N. Y., July 10th, 1839, and had resided here since 1873. He was a worthy citizen, and his death is greatly regreted. The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. His wife and children will receive the cordial sympathy of many friends. We shall publish a biographical sketch of the deceased next week.

THE full board of officers of Miriam D. of R. Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., installed Tuesday evening, is as follows: Mesdames N. M. Puffer, N. G.; L. E. Gibson, V. G; Miss Nellie M. Moore, R. S.; Mr. T. S. Hathaway, P. S.; Mesdames J H. Ayers, T.; C D Gibson, W.; F. L Houghton, Con.; Mr. Jos. V. Hupf, O G; Mesdames H. G. Camp, I. G; M. W. Stewart, R. S. N. G; J. F. Bradbury, L S. N. G.; D. Long, R S. V. G.; Miss Lillian Marsh, L. S. V. G.; Mesdames O W Davis, R A S.; A. C. Sweet, L. A. S; G. M. Marsh, Chaplain.

THE Rutland People's Journal makes this good point: 'People in Kansas are said to be perishing of cold and hunger. Why is this thus? People in Vermont never perish with hunger and cold. 'Go West young man' was not such good advice after all.' And yet in Vermont Saturday, the thermometer registered: St. Johnsbury 32° below zero, Bennington 8°, Barre 30°, Calais 22°, East Calais 30°, East Elmore 25°, Hardwick 31° Marshfield 24°, Montpelier 32°, North Montpelier 32°, Moretown 30°, Morrisville 20°, Northfield 26°, Plainfield 30°, West Randolph 28°, Stowe 30°, Waitsfield 22°, Waterbury 22°, Williamstown 30°, Woodbury Centre 20°.

THE Sunday Budget has an item about Mr. J. Hatch, the champion engraver of the country, if not in the world, and calls him 'a Washington County boy,' meaning in the State of New York. What is said of Mr. Hatch is true enough, except that he should be accredited to Bennington county, having originated in Dorset. With this explanation we copy the item: J. Hatch, the best engraver in the government bureau of engraving and printing, has resigned owing to the small salary, and has taken a place with the Western Bank Note Company of Chicago at a high salary. He is a young man and one of the best engravers in the United States. The Washington Star says of him, that he was discovered by George B. McCartee, the late chief of the Bureau, in the little town of Salem, N. Y., where he was acting as a jeweler's apprentice. He brought him to Washington and assigned him to the engraver's table at a nominal salary, the first apprentice that was ever employed in this division of the bureau. One of Mr. Hatch's early tasks was to make a reduced copy of a portrait of Bryant, which Charles Burt had then recently engraved for a memorial of the poet's works, and for which he had been paid a very large sum. It was one of Burt's best efforts, and no finer specimen of the engraver-' art could have been found as 'copy.' Young Hatch succeeded in producing a portrait of Bryant that for art skill amazed every one. Mr. Burt, who lived in Brooklyn, and rarely came to Washington, was displeased when he first saw the picture, but when he met the young engraver his displeasure was lost in astonishment. From that time, about ten years ago, young Hatch has remained in the Bureau and every year has brought with it for him new achievements and increased compensation. Recent specimens of his work are portraits of Garfield on the new $5 National currency note, and of Grant on the $5 silver certificate, and as showing his versatility of talent he designed and engraved the 'picture work' on the backs of the $5 silver certificates as well as other work of a similar character on notes lately issued by the Treasury.

IN the Poultney Journal A. P. Salsbury of Albion, Pa., is writing a series of 'Early Recollections' of Poultney, Vt., and Granville, N. Y. In his No. 8, before us we find an allusion to the old school house where, in 1859, the writer began his career as district school teacher. It seems that Maj. Salsbury also taught in the same school house, and during the winter he refers to the measles broke out and scattered for a time the scholars. This district must have been fated for some such calamity, as in 1859 the small pox paid us a visit. The 'Collins' referred to was the father of Lucius Collins of the Troy House and also the Putnam in this village, associated with his son-in-law A. C. Halsey. From the front door could almost be seen the 'Austin' residence, the birthplace of Mrs. Collins who in her younger days was the leader in society as well as the belle of every social gathering in all that region. Amos Collins's house was one of the best places to 'board 'round' in that the writer ever saw, and probably Maj. Salsbury would say so too. Landlord Collins comes naturally by his ability to set a good table. But to the Major's story. He says: "Speaking of measles brings to my recollection the events of the winter of 1848 and 1849.—I was then teaching the district school south of the academy in the town of Granville, called the Collins or Prouty school. It was my second term there The school house stood a little south of the Amos Collins residence, near where now there is a vast pile of slate rubbish. I was nearly in the middle of the term, with a prosperous school, when I was stricken down with a sudden and very severe sickness. I was at my home in the Farnum neighborhood. The trustees, Mr. Martin Hooker, John Ward and Linus E. Prouty soon learned of my sickness and manifested a desire to wait for my recovery and not employ another teacher. Mr. William Broughton visited me by the direction of the trustees and tried to make me think I would soon be able to resume the school, but my sickness was no play spell. One day Mr. Broughton came in and told me to take my own time to get well for, says he, 'We have all got the measles,' but, said he, 'you be ready next fall to go in and the doors will be open.' I did go back the next fall to the school and found my old pupils somewhat changed by the measles. Some of those I left with auburn hair were changed to nearly black, and many nearly lost their original hair." It may be of interest to some of Maj. Salsbury's Vermont friends to add that he escaped the measles in 1848 9, but he finally caught them. We give the incident in his own words: "I had been traveling up and down the world for over sixty years, hunting the measles, and finally took a right smart crop of them. I sent for an old M. D., by the name of Dr. George Ellis and I expected to have the pleasure of taking all those old time remedies for measles, including whiskey slings, oat tea, hard cider and that other tea which is said to be infallible to bring out stubborn measles But what was my disappointment when he began to prescribe cold water, and that was all I could get from that old M. D. All he would say when I asked him what I should take, would be, 'Cold water, cold water.' Well, he drove them like a flock of sheep off my toes and here I am taking and reading two Democrat papers, two prohibition, one religious, two agricultural and one Republican paper, and am a Republican yet, and not much faith in whisky or any of its relations as a curative for man, either for his body or his soul.—Whisky may be good to cure the bite of rattlesnakes but I am not certain which is the worst bite of two. But one thing I am sure of, whisky does the most biting."

BENNINGTON'S BOOM.

Gratifying and Encouraging Exhibit for 1887, and Promise of 1888.—New Mills and Buildings Erected.—Other Business Enterprises, Etc., Etc.

The year 1887 passes into history as one of the most important Bennington has of late years seen. Those who are interested in the growth of the town and the material prosperity of this village, cannot but be encouraged by a review of the past year. The "boom" really commenced in 1886, and to fully appreciate the progress made the two last years would properly pass in review. Our space, however, will not this week admit of so extended a notice and we give a cursory glance at the latest improvements.

Probably the most notable events of the year were the founding of the Vermont Soldiers' Home and the commencement of the Revolutionary Battle Monument. In this connection the celebration of the laying of its corner stone and the muster of the State militia on the Soldiers' Home grounds will be recalled. The exercises attending the laying of the corner stone of the Bennington Battle Monument with Masonic ceremonies, were the most imposing the State has ever seen. While not as large as the Centennial processions in 1877, in elegance of dress, etc., the militia, the Knights Templar, and the Patriarchs Militan far out-shone the larger gathering. The details of this event are fresh in mind and need no repetition at our hands. The representatives of the governments of three States and of the National Government, together with the visiting military and distinguished men gave great *eclat* to Bennington's 16th of August, 1887, and to the encampment of the militia.

We mention first of building operations the Battle Monument This is decidedly the most magnificent structure and far-reaching in importance of anything ever erected in town. It is not only a good thing to have, but it will carry the name of our town down to far distant ages. Aside from the sentimental and educational phase of this event, we are of the opinion that our people have hardly yet began to realize what the monument finished will do for the town. An imposing structure, second only to the Washington monument in height, it will be visited by thousands in summer, and will have a great tendency to call city people's attention to the great advantages of our town as a resort. The scenery hereabouts is grand and the climate is invigorating. That rugged sentinel, commorative of the hardy yoemanry who "fought at Bennington," will become the greatest advertisement of our mountains and valleys, our peaceful homes and happy fireides. Nothing to equal it in this capacity could have been devised. And at the same time we are perpetuating a noble history. We expect to live to see the day when elegant villas and cottages shall dot the rolling site of "Old Bennington on the hill," after the manner, which was the dream of the late Mr. Conkling. The Battle Monument now stands twenty-five feet in height of its proposed three hundred and one feet, and the stones are being rapidly prepared so that in the spring work may be resumed and expeditiously pushed forward. The tablets of the three States of Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, are in position upon three of the inner sides. We suggest that on the fourth there be prepared a like tablet for the National Government which has contributed so generously towards the funds of the Association.

Next in importance may properly come the establishment of the Soldiers' Home, in the shadow of the monument. This classification needs no apology at our hands. The inmates of that home, together with several hundreds of thousands brave men, perpetuated in 1861-5 what the Revolutionary fathers bequeathed to posterity, and made possible the business and improvements we shall mention later on. We indicated last week the real characteristics of this home. It is not the common-place affair which other towns in our State had to offer, nor is it the regulation home which results from a big hotel-like structure or asylum style of building, when specially erected. On the contrary it is the elegant and well appointed summer residence of a wealthy New Yorker. While we would reflect on no one, yet we confidently affirm that nowhere else in the United States is there to be found its parallel. Vermont's Union brave will here pass their last days amid surroundings which lavish wealth alone, for itself, could have supplied. It may not be generally known that to perfect and beautify this estate, the late Hon. Seth B. Hunt purchashed the site of a small hamlet, moved off the buildings, changed the location of the highway, etc., but such is the case. Many of the removed dwellings became the tenements of "Scotch Avenue."

The closing of the year 1886 saw our village supplied with pure water from the east mountains brought into town by the Bennington Water Company, Henry W. Putnam, Esq., president. This is a great step in advance, and guarantees that the impure water supply of the last decade is a thing of the past. The public water works of our village are the greatest health blessing the town has ever possessed, and will greatly tend to call people and business into our beautiful municipality. The past year, 1887, another step has been taken, the putting in of electric lights. We think the Hon. J. W. Wakefield should be mentioned in this connection. He became possessed of the fine water power which used to be called the "powder mill property" to the east of this village, through the incidents attending some transfers of real estate, and in this way became interested in our growth. As he expressed it in his open letter, he was anxious to see improvements made here on the principle that anything which tended to place Bennington in the van of progress enhanced the value of his real estate as well as that of every other owner. A company was formed in Maine through his influence with his friends there, and the Bennington Electric Light and Power Company has been the result. Our streets have been lighted with electricity and the larger portion of our business buildings also. The introduction of this light into dwellings and general use is only a question of time. Bennington is favored in having the very latest system of lights; a point not to be *lightly* overlooked. The electric lights have called into being a large building at headquarters and the perfection of the system is rapidly going on under the direction of Supt. Sawyer, and his corps of assistants.

When the writer came here seventeen years ago, he found the town government engaged in defending an expensive and prodigious law suit. The town had bonded to build a railroad and its subsequent history was no exception to the general rule in all similar cases. In addition to the interest on the bonds, costs of litigation, etc., the town had quite a large floating debt incurred during the war, which had closed six years previously, and had not paid said war debt. As the years passed on this floating debt increased until its total proportions reached the sum of about $130,000. Of course this afforded an effectual bar, to much increase of business or transfer of real estate. The turning point in the financial retrograde movement was reached when the town voted to fund its debt and provide for the yearly payment of interest *and a portion of the principal* The wisdom of this course has already been vindicated and will become more obvious as the years pass along. Confidence restored was all our town needed to move it onward in the line of the advancement which had been checked And in passing it may be well to remark that notwithstanding the loss of extensive woolen mills (by their stoppage) during the past twenty months, the volume of trade has been restored, which is shown by the bank statements and post office records, as well as indicated by the increase of the store trade. When the Woolen mills start up, with their monthly pay rolls into the thousands of dollars, the "boom" will be decidedly felt.

Two extensive industries have been added during the past year. In connection with one, the Stark Knitting Company, a large, three story building has been erected: Main part, 50x72 and wing 28x35 feet, utilizing an excellent water privilege. The mill is run by both steam and water power, and is erected on the site once before marked out, the contemplated mill being then indefinitely postponed on account of the untimely fate of the late Park Valentine The mill has got into full working order and the company are composed of practical men. The other is the manufacture of the New England wood pulp grinder by Scott & Roberts at the extensive works of the former. This calls for the employment of a large number of men and will add greatly to the material prosperity of Bennington, as well as the increase of population. Any business which increases the "heads of families" in a village is doubly welcome. Just out of the village A. D Stewart is building a large mill near the Fayette Lyon estate. The wheel house is finished and this year the main building will go up

With our classification of 1886-7 the Adams block may be mentioned. This is the finest corner block in town and ought to stimulate the owners of the remaining two corners, opposite, to do likewise. The post-office is now situated therein and is, by all odds, the finest in Vermont. We are glad to know that the promise is soon to be realized, making our postoffice one of the second class.

The village will soon have four new residences completed: Messrs. E. W. Bradford, H. S. Bingham, A. P. Childs and Olin Scott. The foundation of the latter is just completed, while the three former will soon be ready to move into These residences are to cost from $5,000 to $9,000 each and are a substantial contribution to the architectural beauty of Bennington. Mr. Bradford's stands up on the site of the long time home of the late John Kelso. The old dwelling was moved to a lot on the Morgan property, facing Bradford's avenue; and the new residence is situated so that a spacious lawn will beautify its front. To provide a street front for the residences of Messrs. Bingham and Childs a street was opened, running west on the Gilson property from Silver street, forming a terrace site. It is only a question of time when this new street shall be opened through to South. Farther up the hill there is an opportunity for other sites like these. Col. Scott's house will stand midway between his present residence and the "Rice" dwelling lately acquired by him This when finished, will be already beautified with shade trees, they having been set out years ago with the express plan of this handsome home in view.

Several of the smaller or less pretentious houses would receive mention did space permit. As a rule they are of the better sort of dwellings of men of moderate means, and cost from $1,200 to $2 500 each. We give as complete a list of these as we have been able to obtain It is not impossible that one or two may have been omited, but the list is believed to be substantially correct. North street dwelling, A. C. Sweet; Adams avenue, double dwelling, Dr. Day; Union street dwellings, Wm. E. Hawks, E. A Booth, Obed Moon, Evans Bros., Frank Smith; Division street, dwelling, Levi Fox; Grove street, dwellings, Emerson Moore Frank Norton, Fred Allen; County street dwelling, Mrs. E. G. Clark; Pleasant street, dwellings, Daniel McEowen, Chas. Cooper, D E. Moore; Gage street, dwellings, Exiare Pellerin, H. W. Putnam; Main street, dwelling, John H. Kelso, store house, H E. Bradford & Co; Park street, dwellings, H. W. Putnam; Dewey avenue, dwelling, Judge Sibley; Elm street extension, dwelling, C. C. Merrill. There have been erected on Willow street by C. E. Galusha and on South Street by Geo. McMaster. In connection with the dwellings erected by H W. Putnam we have to add that plans are now preparing for several cottages to be erected in the spring on Park, Gage and Maple streets. Judge Sibley, also, will probably erect several more cottage dwellings in the near future. The above does not specify the number each have erected; we make the count, including double tenements as *one*: 28 houses; 2 mills, electric light station, aside from repairs upon as many more.

In addition to these Bennington builders have erected a station at Pownal for the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel, now the Fitchburg railroad depot; $800 in repairs have been placed upon the dwelling of H. I. Spafford in North Bennington. The Myres & Wylie mill ought to be included in the business increase of 1886 7.

A fine park has been laid out and a grand entrance made to the Bennington village cemetery by the Village Improvement society composed of ladies In this work these ladies have far outstripped the Bennington Arbor association, with a membership of both sexes, which was organized a year earlier and has the care of the Bennington Center cemetery in addition to that of the village. The Arbor association has much more to show for their work in *strictly* village improvements, while the V. I. S. is ahead in cemetery work. In the latter the V. I. S. purchased the old Gates house site and have laid out a handsome park, expending some thousands of dollars thereon; all of which is paid and the society is out of debt. There is a promise of attention to other matters next year. For the work accomplished the ladies of the V. I. S. are entitled to, and receive the thanks of the whole community.

Several of our manufacturing concerns have enlarged their business during the year so that we add this to the handsome showing above, given some what in detail.

To keep pace with water works, electric lights and other evidences of prosperity, greater attention has been paid to streets and road making. This is an advance of the right kind, and to correspond with our predictions in connection with the Battle Monument. City people will not locate for the summer in a town where the roads are bad or the streets unattractive. Mr. H W. Putnam understood this when he generously gave $1,000 to be expended on our streets this year, conditioned upon a like sum from the village highway fund to be paid out. Tending to promote the interests of driving and the training of fine horses, a new park has been laid out and is to be kept in good condition next year. This is located on the "flats" between here and North Bennington, and in a convenient locality.

Under the management in which the maintenance and care of the highways was vested last spring there has been marked improvement in the general condition of the streets and roads throughout the village and town. A faithful attempt has been made to spend the highway money judiciously and on business principles, and in this, as well as in the streets and roads newly opened, our local readers will concur with us in recommending that these efforts be continued in the future; they having been valuable in the past.

The Mortuary Record for the Town of Bennington for 1887.

To The Editor of The Banner.—DEAR SIR:—We present herewith a record of the deaths which occurred in the town of Bennington during 1887. When the exact age is not given, if the person had lived beyond the first six months of his last birthday, a full year is added to the record. So if the person had died within the first six months of his last birthday, no account is taken of the months intervening. The oldest person who died was Ira A. Fillmore aged 89 years, 1 month and 6 days. There are in the list eight over 70 and thirteen over 80. The sexes are divided as follows: Males, 32; females, 36.

The death rate among children was considerably in excess of that of a number of previous years—14 in all. Consumption had eight victims, heart disease, ten; Brights' disease, two; pneumonia, five; typhoid fever, five. In the other cases a range of diseases is recorded. In the list below the following order of arrangement is observed: Date of death, name, residence, disease and age.

JANUARY.

2. Mrs. Jane M. Mallory, wife of Ross Mallory, residence northeast part of town, Pneumonia supervening on Bright's disease; 58 years.
8. Thomas McDaniels, South st. Gradual failure of the vital powers; 80 years, 2 months, 23 days.
22. Wealthy L. Ellsworth, west part of town. Metritis; 42 years, 6 months 8 days.
24. Louis Delaney, North Bennington. 80 years.
26. James Watson. North Bennington. 21 years.
29. Daniel A. Rudd, School street. Apoplexy, 74 years 14 days.
29. Dwight Thomas, North Bennington. Paralysis; 56 years, 11 months 4 days.
31. Mrs. Maria C. Benton, wife of Chas. H. Benton, Main street. Heart disease; 51 years, 2 months and 6 days.

FEBRUARY.

1. Mrs. Lydia H. Barney, widow of Chas. Barney, residence east part of town Pneumonia; 81 years.
4. Dr. Benjamin F. Morgan, Bennington Center. Pneumonia; 87 years, 4 mos, and 4 days.
5. Katie, infant daughter of John Hogan. 15 months.
12. Mrs. Sarah Kimball, Weeks street. Heart disease; 82 years and 7 months.
14. Robert H. Patterson, Putnam street. Consumption; 27 years, 8 months and 1 day.
15. Mrs. Bridget Mahar, wife of Michael Mahar, Gage street. Apoplexy; 56 years.
23 Charles Ferguson, Grove street. Typhoid fever; 23 years.
23. Miranda Martin, Main street. Gradual failing of the vital powers; 80 yrs, 5 months and 9 days.
25. T. Putnam Sibley, found dead in his store on Main street. 35 years, 11 mos and 22 days.

MARCH.

5. E Maria Hubbard, Washington ave. Cancer; 71 years.
8. Mrs. Mary Monroe, Bennington Falls. Gradual failure of the vital powers; 86 years.
13. Mrs. Martha Berry (colored), wife of Wm. Berry, Gage street. Epilepsy; 24 years.
14. Michael Enright Scotch-ave. Consumption; 32 years and 10 months.
17. John Myers, Silver street. Consumption; 20 years and 25 days.
19 James M. Atwood, Consumption, 72 years.
20. Thomas F. Meagher, North Bennington. Typhoid pneumonia; 32 years.

APRIL.

8. Mrs Hannah Bigelow, widow of Pomeroy Bigelow, Southeast part of town. Gradual failure of the vital powers; 86 years, 11 months and 24 days.
17. Benajah S. Potter. Gradual failure of the vital powers; 72 years.
19 Mrs. Lizzie E Robinson, wife of Herbert F Robinson, Washington avenue. Consuption; 28 years.
23. James Charters, Willow-st. Blood poisoning; 57 years.
23. Andrew M. Johnson, North street. Gradual failure of the vital powers; 64 years, 2 months and 22 days.
25 John White, North Bennington, Gradual failure of the vital powers; 69 years and 5 months.
30. Mrs. Samuel Gallow, North Bennington. Heart disease; 60 years.

MAY.

15. Mrs. Emerett Boyd, wife of Edgar F, Boyd, Main street. Consumption; 40 years, 2 months and 21 days.
19, Joseph C. F. Lewis (colored) Main street, Consumption; 40 years, 2 mos, and 21 days.
21, Sylvester Green, southeast part of town. Suicide; 69 years.
31, Samuel H. Brown, North street Gradual failure of the vital powers; 83 years and 29 days.

JUNE

2. Fannie Myers, daughter of Sherman Myers, Silver street. Inflammation of brain; 8 years.
7. Mrs. Louisa Bahan, wife of James Bahan, Bennington Center. Heart disease; 65 years.
8. Frank L, Wood, son of Eugene Wood 15 years.
20. Oliver Smith, Park street. Heart disease; 78 years, 3 months 13 days.

JULY.

3 Mrs. Benjamin R. Sears, Bennington Center. Gradual failure of the vital powers; 81 years, eight months and 5 days.
13. Mrs. Eliza S. Noyes, Main street. Hemorrhage; 34 years.
13. A son of Charles Bent. 3 years.
16. Mrs. Eliza Benedict, widow of Aaron Benedict, Park street. Gradual failure of the vital powers; 79 years. 8 months and 17 days.
26 Robert, son of Lyman Fradenburg. Drowned near Bradford's mill; 4 years and 11 months.
28. Mrs. Sarah Fairchild North Bennington, 65 years.
30. Mrs. Delia Bowker, North Bennington. 75 years.
30. Jonathan C. Houghton, North Bennington. Malignant disease; 64 years, 11 months and 26 days.
31 Elijah Greenslet. 83 years.

AUGUST.

1. An infant son of Charles Wakefield.
2. An infant son of Wm. E. Kirkwood.
4. Mrs. Harriet Knapp, wife of Hiram Knapp, east part of town. Consumption; 50 years.
5 An infant son of Elmer F. Rockwood.
5, Gage G. Gibson, son of C. D. Gibson, Main street, Dysentery; 7 years and 4 months.
8. Mary Doyle, Division street. Heart disease; 45 years.
15. Nettie Crawford. 15 years.
16. Mrs. Mary. B. Cole, wife of Charles G Cole. Died at Lake Pleasant while temporarily out of town. 63 years.
16. An infant son of Charles Baudestel.
19. Mrs. Celia Martin, wife of Dennis Martin, School street. 86 years.
19. An infant son of C. W. Hurley.
20. An infant daughter of Edgar Morse.
23. An infant son of Lozier Marcha.
24. Rev. Isaac Jennings, Bennington Center, Chronic cystitis; 71 years and 1 month.
31. William Vanderburg (colored), Morgan street. Gradual failure of the vital powers; 60 years, 2 months and 3 days.

SEPTEMBER.

2. Mrs. Flora L. Murphy, wife of F. B. Murphy, Adams street. Tumor; 21 years.
11. Mrs. Martha E. Hubbard, widow of Rev. C. H. Hubbard, Washington ave. 67 years.
12. Mrs. Buel Rockwood, Main street. Gradual failure of the vital powers; 54 years.
12, Alice M. Niles. Typhoid fever; 19 years.
14 An infant son of Rama Allard.
15. Walter Granger, River street. 76 years.
23. Joseph W. Trentman, Safford street. Paralysis; 47 years.
26. R. Carl French, North street. Consumption; 38 years.

OCTOBER.

2 Herbert Russell, North Bennington. 28 years.
6. Job H. Burt. Died in Sunderland while temporarily out of town. Heart disease; 56 years, 4 months and 8 days.
8. John E. Guiltenane, Division street. Typhoid fever; 18 years.
31. Meri Vesseley (Mary Westley). Putnam streeb Malignant pustule; 12 yrs.

NOVEMBER.

2. Nora Morrisey, North street. Diphtheria; 2 years and 9 months.
12. Hiland Hall, North Bennington. Typhoid fever; 26 years, 8 months and 14 days.
14 Merinus Van Denburgh. Main street. Consumption; 26 years, 8 months and 18 days

DECEMBER.

10 Esther C. Holt, wife of S. A. Holt, southeast part of town. Blood poisoning; 41 years.
14. Benjamin R. Sears, Bennington Center. Uraemic poisoning; 79 years, 11 months and 23 days.
14 Sarah E Robinson, Bennington Center. Bright's disease; 37 years.
15. Leander Powers, west part of town. Inflammation of the brain; 66 years.
21. George P. Sanford, Bennington Center. 57 years.
24 Thomas P. Kirby, Safford street. Pneumonia; 20 years, 1 month and 5 days.
26. Joseph R. Davis, Soldiers' Home. Heart disease; 65 years, 2 months and 17 days.
27. Michael McGuire, Dewey street. Cirrhosis of the liver; 45 years.
28. Ira A. Fillmore, west part of town. Gradual failure of the vital powers; 89 years, 1 month and 6 days.
31. Mrs. Joseph C. F. Lewis (colored), Main street. 33 years.

RECAPITULATION.

Total number of recorded deaths for 1887—88. For 1886—81. For 1885—89. For 1884—82. For 1883—79. For 1882—84.

The average age of each person at death was about 46 years.

H. C. DAY.

Bennington, Jan. 4. 1888.

Bennington Postoffice.

The Rutland postmaster has issued a statement of the business done during 1887, at that office, and it is printed in fine style. Our post office does not issue an annual but its business is none the less interesting. The following is the record for the year ending Dec. 31st, ult.:

MONEY ORDER BUSINESS.

Domestic orders issued	1,507
Foreign orders issued	190
Postal notes issued	1,145
Total number issued	2,842
Total amount issued	$20,743 38
Total amount of Foreign orders	4,234 61

POSTAL ACCOUNT.

January 1 to March 31	$ 1,596 50
April 1 to June 30	1,336 60
July 1 to September 30	2,218 86
October 1 to December 31	2,161 33
Total amount	$7,313 29

A comparison with Rutland may be instructive, Rutland issued:

Domestic Orders	1,944
Foreign Orders	121
Postal Notes	3,328
Total	3,365

Or only 526 more than this office. On the other hand Bennington paid *only* 545 orders, while Rutland paid 2 741 orders. This shows that money is flowing into the Marble city and it is going out of our village. The great bulk of the orders drawn were on Troy, Albany and New York, showing that our people are trading out of town. No wonder that the town's growth is slower than its neighbors, and will continue to be so until the volume of money stays at home. In the above statement of Bennington postoffice, the first two quarters were before the new outfit was put in.

Fire Department Elections.

These elections were held Tuesday evening with results as stated below. Our fire department was never in a better condition.

STARK HOSE, NO 1.

L. S. Norton president, E. L. Bates vice president, W. R. Hyde foreman, E. B. Patterson first assistant, F. N. Viall second assistant, G. H. Burch secretary, C. H. Dewey treasurer, J. O. Burt auditor.

Mr. Burleigh kindly presented Stark Hose Company with a copy of his fine view of Bennington, which is very acceptable.

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