

Rev. Sedgwick W. Bidwell, who is undoubtedly the oldest living Methodist minister, celebrated the 103d anniversary of his birth at East Middlebury Dec. 6. The Rev. Mr. Bidwell has for nearly 80 years been a preacher of the gospel. He has retained his faculties to a remarkable degree and his physique is well preserved. His wonderful memory goes back three generations and he can relate incidents of the battle of Plattsburgh. Mr. Bidwell was born in Starksboro December 6, 1809, his parents being English and among the first settlers of that town. In 1834 he was given a license to preach, and during three-quarters of a century he has had charge in 28 towns in Vermont and New York state. He has officiated at more than 200 funerals and about 500 weddings. During the summer of 1912 he was called upon to perform the ceremony of marriage. Five years ago he was asked to preach at the Methodist church at East Middlebury and did so with great vigor before a large congregation. During the past summer he read a letter without the aid of glasses. In 1838 he married Miss Eveline Smith of Monkton and upon her death he married Lucinda Aurora Tupper of Middlebury. A son was killed in the Civil war.

**SOUTH ALBANY**

Miss Viola Cobb of West Derby is visiting at D. R. Cobb's.

Mrs. A. A. Webster is suffering from a severe attack of neuralgia.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Buchanan of Irasburg were recent visitors at C. H. Porter's.

Mr. and Mrs. Leander Scott entertained Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Scott of Orleans recently.

Vernon Hardy spent Saturday at East Craftsbury, the guest of his friend, Thomas Willey.

Miss Jessie Kendrick was the guest of Mrs. Mary Wylie of East Craftsbury a part of last week.

Mrs. Belle Rowell and H. D. Rowell were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Davison of Craftsbury one day last week.

**EVANSVILLE**

Mrs. Geo. Bickford is very poorly.

Word has been received of the safe arrival of E. I. Huse in South Carolina.

Fred Danforth has finished work for the Pike Co., and is working for Geo. Bickford.

Mrs. A. Wilkey of Barton is staying with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Brown, for a few days.

Mrs. Della Hilliard, who has spent the past two months with her daughter in Boston, returned home last Thursday.

Bertha Gallup, who has been spending the past few weeks with her grandmother in North Troy, has returned home.

W. G. Aldrich, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Skinner, started for Columbia, S. C., Dec. 7th, where they expect to spend the winter.

Marsh Smith, his son Will and daughter Ida and Edward Alexander of West Burke were in town to attend the funeral of Mrs. Laura Smith Friday.

The many friends of Mrs. W. C. Christie, who has been so seriously ill with pneumonia at her home in Island Pond, are very glad to hear she is much better.

There will be a Christmas sale Friday, Dec. 20th, afternoon and evening in the hall. At eight o'clock there will be an entertainment. The Schubert club of Barton will give a concert. Reading by Miss Twombly of Orleans. Supper at Mr. McDowell's house. A witch will sell mystery packages and tell fortunes. Admission free in the afternoon.

The community was saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Laura Smith, which took place at five o'clock Wednesday morning, Dec. 11th, at the home of her sister, Mrs. T. F. Marshall. Mrs. Smith was born in Brownington, May 21st, 1860, where she had spent the greatest part of her life until the last few years, which she has

spent in Sheffield. The last four months of her life she spent with her sister, tenderly cared for by the family, assisted by her son, Clayton, who was untiring in his efforts to do every thing possible for her comfort. Mrs. Smith showed remarkable patience during her long illness, always having a smile and cheerful word for those who visited her. She was a member of the W. C. T. U. of Sheffield and the Ladies' Aid society of Evansville. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, E. O. Smith, and son Clayton of Sheffield; one daughter, Mrs. Fred Dudley of Orleans; a sister, Mrs. T. F. Marshall of Evansville, and many other friends by whom she will be long remembered.

**DEFERRED LOCALS.**

J. E. Waterman was in Lyndonville over Sunday.

Charles Hilliard has been on the sick list for a few days.

Ed. Aldrich has sold his herd of Holstein cattle to Gilman brothers of St. Johnsbury.

**BROWNINGTON CENTER**

Mrs. Ed. Carpenter and Mrs. Converse have returned from their visit to Hanover, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Drown have returned to their home here.

Mr. Fred Carrier is quite ill at the home of her father, Joe Young.

Miss Ivis Campbell has been working for her aunt, Mrs. Austin Lund.

Mr. and Mrs. Philo Powers spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Powers' sister in West Burke.

There will be Christmas exercises at the church on Christmas eve, Dec. 24th. All cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Campbell were called to Charleston to attend the funeral of a relative recently.

Miss Hazel Wright, who has been working for her uncle, Darwin Wright, has returned to her home in Pike, N. H.

Mrs. Rebecca Badger has returned from Barton where she has been helping care for her granddaughter, Gladys Williams.

Among those on the sick list at the present time are Mrs. W. P. Smith, Mrs. Amanda Powers, Delmar Whitehill and little Norma Stone.

The Ladies' Guild will meet at Mrs. Thomas Smith's Thursday, Dec. 19, at 2 p. m., to plan out the work for the next three months. It is hoped that every member will be present.

The remains of Mrs. Maria Magoon were brought here Sunday from East Weare, N. H., and placed in the cemetery by the side of her husband, who died several years ago. It was only a few weeks ago that her son, with whom she lived, was brought here for burial. Mrs. Magoon was a resident here for many years and was highly respected by all who knew her.

The Ladies' Guild conducted a very successful fair at the town hall Friday afternoon and evening. The booths were very tastefully decorated and the fancy and useful booths contained many attractive and useful things, and the candy and food booth also came

in for their share of patronage. Nearly all indulged in the uncertainty of the mystery tubs. "Aunt Almira Pease" and her family album proved very interesting. Many thanks are due Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Lumbr, Mrs. Baird and Miss Ila Baird for their help at the booths, Mr. Aldrich for his kindness in furnishing the music, also to all the men who furnished lumber and helped so faithfully in making the booths and helping decorate. Proceeds of the evening, \$46.

**WEST CHARLESTON DEFERRED LOCALS.**

Mrs. A. W. Lyon is gaining.

Betsy Gage died Monday morning.

Miss Julia-Clarke is improving slowly.

Mrs. Estelle Wood has returned to her home here.

John Laflam has returned from Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Abbie Nye has had as a guest her cousin, Mrs. Nellie Barnes of Derby.

**WEST CHARLESTON DEFERRED LOCALS.**

Asa Shobers has finished work for Eugene Lyon and is at work for Wesley Horn.

Hannah Eley has returned from visiting her brother, Reginald, at Berlin, N. H.

Percy Nye of Barton visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Nye, recently.

Mrs. Miller of Concord, N. H., visited her brother, E. J. Bruce, and his wife last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gee of Littleton, N. H., have been here to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gee.

Mrs. Josie Royce was in Brownington last week to visit her son, Ed. Royce and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Silver are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Silver.

Mrs. Harriet Moulton and Mrs. Dorothy Lindsey of Newport recently visited at J. B. Holton's.

Mark and Guy Barup visited at the home of their uncle, Frank Fawcett, in Holland last Sunday.

Worthy Master G. W. D. Reed and Lecturer Mrs. Reed attend the state grand meeting at Rutland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lother spent Thanksgiving at Morgan Center with Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Gilman, her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Twombly spent last week in Beebe, P. Q., with their daughter, Mrs. Gatchell, and other relatives.

**BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.**

Last Sunday morning the subject was "Shangar's Ox Goad." Although a stormy day, 50 met for worship.

The Baptist church is publishing a parish paper called "The Charleston Herald," which we trust will be a blessing to many.

**W. LOUGHBY DEFERRED LOCALS.**

Mrs. Mary Gray is working at Hotel Barton.

Geo. Wheeler has finished work on the section.

Miss Ollie Sheldon recently visited in Newport.

Mrs. Roy Lord recently visited her parents in Orleans.

Mrs. Jane Duke is assisting Mrs. W. T. Brooks for a time.

Earle Drown of St. Johnsbury recently spent the day here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheldon are spending a few days in Wolcott.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coburn visited Mrs. Coburn's sister in Sutton over Sunday.

**S. A. R. Elects Officers.**

The annual meeting of the Vermont Society, Sons of the American Revolution, was held at the state house Dec. 11 and the following officers were elected:

President, F. S. Pease of Burlington; vice-president, Redfield Proctor of Proctor; secretary, Walter H. Crockett of Montpelier; board of managers, Col. H. S. Foster of North Calais, Col. H. O. Clarke of East Orange, N. J., Dr. H. D. Holton of Brattleboro, Maurice Dewey of Montpelier, J. Harry Estey of Brattleboro, and Col. Porter H. Dale of Island Pond; representatives to national convention, W. G. Andrews of Montpelier, Dr. G. H. Gorham of Bellows Falls.

**Railroads Appeal from Order.**

It is definitely understood that the railroads have decided to appeal from the order for a new union station at Burlington, which was filed at Montpelier Tuesday, and within the next week the Rutland line will file the necessary papers. The appeal will be upon the broad ground that the law allows in such cases, the railroad merely asserting that it finds the order objectionable.

The public service law of 1910 provides for an appeal from orders of this kind which shall amount to a rehearing before the supreme court sitting on questions of fact as well as of law. So this appeal may mean that the whole matter will be threshed over again, to determine whether or not the order is justified.

**Another Killed by Train.**

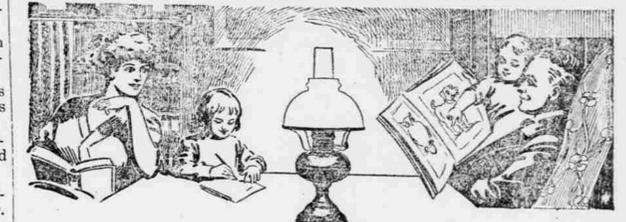
While crawling along the Rutland railroad track seeking aid for himself and a young woman after they had been injured by a freight train, Harry Young, aged 18, was killed by another train early Saturday. Young and Miss Martha Hulet were driving home from a dance when their horse became frightened as they were nearing Arlington and ran onto a railroad crossing, colliding with a passing freight train. Both the occupants of the carriage were rendered unconscious. Young was the first to regain his senses and although badly hurt he started crawling up the track for assistance. He had gone about two hundred yards when a second train overtook him, the engineer failing to see him in the darkness, and the young man was killed.

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