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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

Weather Record.
At Bingham's drug store, for the week ending
March 14, 1888.

	Highest.	Lowest.
Thursday	36	12
Friday	34	19
Saturday	49	19
Sunday	39	22
Monday	35	10
Tuesday	34	12
Wednesday	42	23

The dash — indicates below zero.

NEW ADS. IN THIS PAPER.

Harvey & Brown—Foreign and Domestic Goods.
F. P. Keniston—Wagon for Sale.
Frost & Bagley—Rubber Boots and Shoes.
T. C. Spencer—Goods Without Profit.
The Committee—Tobacco Cuts.
F. G. Handy—Electric Boat.

BRIEF LOCALS.

The Sumnerville schools close to-
morrow.
Y. M. C. A. singing school post-
poned till next Monday evening.
The village schools were all closed
on Tuesday because of the snow block-
ade.
The toboggan club must go—
see notice elsewhere. What is to be
the next craze?

The Vermont association of ex-
prisoners of war, organized at the re-
cent annual meeting of the G. A. R. in
St. Johnsbury, is growing more rapidly
than was expected. It now has en-
rolled over 30 per cent of the resident
prisoners of the state. It has been de-
cided to hold the first meeting in June.
Frank E. Morgan of Philadelphia de-
livers the address.

Rev. W. L. Laird, pastor of the St.
Johnsbury Presbyterian church has re-
ceived a unanimous call to the Presby-
terian church of Newcastle, Penn., a
city of some 15,000 inhabitants in the
western part of the state. The church
is a large and prosperous one and the
Sabbath school numbers between 300
and 400. Mr. Laird has preached to
this people a number of times and the
call is a very flattering one.

The Argus contains an erroneous
statement concerning Judge Poland's
estate. Judge Poland willed his estate
to Mrs. Poland and to his daughter,
Mrs. A. E. Rankin. Mrs. Poland had
absolute right over her portion of the
estate, but the will provides that if she
died intestate her portion should re-
vert to Mrs. A. E. Rankin and her
children. It is understood that Mrs.
Poland left no will.

One of the Swanton fire districts
held a special meeting the other day to
see what action the district would take
in regard to collecting the taxes from
the A. B. Jewett estate, amounting to
\$1000. The administrators refused to
pay on the ground that the fire district
was organized after Mr. Jewett's death.
The estate have Ide & Stafford of St.
Johnsbury and a prominent Montpelier
lawyer, and there is prospect of a costly
litigation.

Special Village Meeting.
A special village meeting is to be
held next week, called for Saturday
evening, to consider the water supply
question. It is too well known to
need repeating that the village water
supply is running dangerously low. A.
H. McLeod and others own all but
5 1/2 acres of the privilege at the village
works and some steps must be taken
to increase the village supply or that
the time will soon come when all motors,
railroad locomotives, etc., will have to
be shut off altogether.

Lecture on London.
The lecture on London in the mem-
bers' course of the Y. M. C. A., was
delivered in Association hall Friday
evening before a fair audience. Rev.
J. E. Farrow of Concord, the lecturer,
gave an interesting account of some of
the principal thoroughfares and of
many of the public buildings of this
great city. The stereoscopic views
were excellent and the entertainment
was a whole was instructive, entertain-
ing and very successful. Mr. Farrow
is an Englishman and was personally
in familiar with the scenes he described,
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interspersing his remarks with bits of
English history and of English life of
today.

Public School Exercises.
Mrs. Beck's primary school and Miss
Jenness's advanced primary school
joined in a public exhibition Friday af-
ternoon in the Union school building.
The exercises consisted of recitations,
dialogues, singing, etc., the young peo-
ple acquitting themselves with great
credit and giving much pleasure to the
large number of parents and friends
who were present to enjoy them. Some
of the dialogues were especially good
the little folks entering into the spirit of
the occasion with a good deal of zest.
Both these schools have been in ses-
sion this week and the term will close
tomorrow.

At a meeting of the Vermont Inter-
collegiate base ball league at Barling-
ton Saturday it was voted not to ad-
mit any other base ball team to mem-
bership in the league. This action
was taken, says the Free Press, as it
was understood that St. Johnsbury
academy and Goddard seminary
thought of making application for
membership. Thus St. Johnsbury
boys get left out in the cold so far as
the league is concerned.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Edward Baker of Montpelier is en-
gaged with Col. Dennis E. May in his
pension claim office.

Julius Houghton of Boston, has been
spending a few days with friends in
Lyndon and this town.

Fred G. Fleetwood of the academy
class of '86 has been elected historian
of his class (sophomore) at Burlington
college.

E. E. Sargent represents this dis-
trict and county at a meeting of de-
mocratic committees at Burlington to-
night to talk over the situation.

Secretary C. L. Page is in attend-
ance this week on a meeting of the
New England Y. M. C. A. secretaries
at Concord, N. H. Mr. Page reads a
paper on "Systematic Giving."

Mrs. Alonzo Potts of Kansas City,
who was called to Barnet a little time
ago by the serious illness of her father,
Wm. Richardson, is spending the week
with old friends at St. Johnsbury.

James S. Horton of Montreal, who
has been to Great Britain the past two
months on a business trip, reached his
old home at St. Johnsbury on his re-
turn in the big storm of Monday night.

The many friends of Rev. S. S. Brigh-
lam in this county, will regret to learn
of the death of his daughter Mary, af-
ter a two years' illness. Mr. Brigham
was formerly settled in Hardwick.

St. Johnsbury was represented at
a meeting of the executive committee
of the state league at Burlington by
H. C. Bates, who was appointed a
member of the committee on by-laws,
and also a member of the finance com-
mittee in the permanent organization.

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There was a slight fire in Randall's
block on Railroad street, Monday, that
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fire and left it for awhile, returning
later to find that the fire was creeping
up through the partitions to the roof.
On every floor of the Randall block is a
50-foot hose ready attached for use.
Its prompt use prevented a disastrous
fire.

THE WORST YET.

The balmy weather which prevailed
the last of the week and led everybody
to talk and think of spring, gave place
the first of this week to the worst storm
for many years, indeed, old residents
declare that there was never such a
snow fall in so short a time in this vi-
cinity, and that the village ways were
never so blocked with snow as was the
case Tuesday morning.

There was a six-inch fall of snow
Sunday night. Monday the storm
prevailed all day, the wind blowing
hard much of the time and piling the
snow into impassable drifts. The snow
piled went the rounds of the village
Monday morning but nothing else was
done to clear the ways during the day.
Tuesday morning the snow was breast
high in many of the village streets, the
employees at the Fairbanks works who
drive to the shops couldn't get out
their teams and the men were strag-
gling along in all the forenoon, while
the villagers, armed with shovels, ex-
pended their energies in trying to find
the way to their front gates. Prob-
ably two feet of snow fell while 30 in-
ches fall is reported south and west.
Fence posts and other land marks
were buried out of sight and a second
winter seems to have set in. One of
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RECENT DEATHS.

Strange Fatality.
Mrs. L. P. Poland, widow of the
late Judge Poland, and Mrs. Charles
Robinson, a half sister of Mrs. Poland,
died Monday morning at the residence
of Mrs. A. E. Rankin on Prospect
street, the former of pneumonia, the
latter of bronchitis. Both were tak-
en sick at about the same time on Sun-
day the 4th inst., and both died within
a few hours of each other, Mrs. Robin-
son passing away shortly after 4 o'clock
and Mrs. Poland shortly after 11
o'clock Monday forenoon. Mrs. Robin-
son was suffering from a severe cold
when she came to St. Johnsbury two
weeks ago to make a brief visit with
Mrs. A. E. Rankin. Mrs. Poland, who
was also visiting here, attended church
on the 4th inst. but was not quite in
her usual health. In the evening she
jocosely remarked to her sister, "I
guess I have got your cold," and dur-
ing the night they were both ill, assist-
ing each other but not arousing the
family. The next day both were con-
fined to their beds though neither
knew of the other's serious illness, and
it was soon evident that both were
seriously sick. Until late in the week
hopes were entertained of the recovery
of both, but when Monday morning
came they passed away as above noted.
This event marks the death of four
members of the same family within
less than nine months and all under
peculiarly tragic circumstances. Judge
Poland, while aiding some men about
his barn at Waterville, July 1, was
stricken with apoplexy and died in-
stantly. A. E. Rankin, his son-in-law,
while at Morrisville in January was
taken sick with pneumonia and died
in eight days, never returning to his
home alive. The death of Mrs. Pol-
and and Mrs. Robinson follows, both
away from their homes, with the same
disease and in much the same manner
as Mr. Rankin. These blows coming
in quick succession, leave Mrs. Rankin
the only surviving member of her
branch of the family, having lost a
father, a husband and the only mother
she has known from childhood within
less than a year's time. To say that
she has the sympathy of the entire
community is to give but faint expres-
sion to the feelings of her large circle
of St. Johnsbury friends.

Delia H. Page, daughter of Dr.
William Page and Henrietta Danforth,
was born in Cambridge, May 19, 1832.
It was at about this time that Dr.
Page removed to Waterville where he
built the brick house that has in later
years been known as the Poland home-
stead, and where Judge and Mrs. Pol-
and were living at the time of the
Judge's death. She graduated from
the St. Johnsbury academy, married
Judge Poland in 1854, and made St.
Johnsbury her home until two or three
years ago when they removed to Wa-
terville. Over 30 years ago she united
with the North Congregational church
in this place of which she has ever
since been a consistent member.
Though of a retiring nature and lead-
ing a quiet life she was a most estim-
able Christian woman and was loved
and respected by a large circle of
friends. She never recovered from
the shock of Judge Poland's death last
year, followed as it was so quickly by
the almost equally sudden death of
Mr. Rankin. The prostration consequ-
ent upon these events made her less
able to combat disease and undoubt-
edly contributed to the final result.

Philina Page, daughter of Dr. Wm.
Page and Martha Marcy, was born at
Cambridge in 1829, and was married
at Waterville to Charles Robinson.
They lived for a season at Waterville,
then for a longer period at Newport
and more recently at Somerville, Mass.
Though at no time a resident of St.
Johnsbury Mrs. Robinson has frequ-
ently visited here and was well known
to this people as a woman of many ex-
cellent traits of character. Her hus-
band and a married son, Charles H.,
survive her.

Funeral services were held at the
residence of Mrs. A. E. Rankin yester-
day forenoon. In the absence of Mr.
Lamsen, Rev. Edward Fairbanks of the
South church officiated. It was, of
course, a double funeral. There were
scripture readings, prayers and brief
remarks of an appropriate nature, and
two chants were rendered by a quar-
tette from the North church choir. The
bodies were placed in the receiving
tomb here. The husband of Mrs. Robin-
son and her son Charles were pre-
sent. Other relatives from a distance
were unable to get here because of the
storm.

Petty Theiving.
The occasional theft of small articles
from the Y. M. C. A. building by boys
has caused considerable annoyance.
Officer J. A. Noyes has been on the
lookout for the thieves for some time.
Last Monday a gold ring, a small sum
of money, a pocket knife and one or
two other small articles, laid aside by
those who were exercising in the gym-
nasium, were missed and the theft
traced to a 15-years-old boy who had
been about the building. The boy de-
nied all knowledge of the affair but
when searched by Officer Noyes the
articles were found on his person. This
may lead to the discovery of the one
who has taken other articles and will
probably put an end to this sort of
business.

Concert Postponed.
The concert by the Dartmouth glee
club for the benefit of the academy
base ball team, announced for Tues-
day, was postponed to this evening be-
cause of the storm. A rare entertainment
is assured those who attend.

Y. M. C. A. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Record of a Successful Year's Work.
The annual meeting of the Young
Men's Christian association was held
Saturday evening. The reports of the
various officers and committees showed
that the past year has been in many
respects the most successful in the
history of the association. Comprising
a work second only to that of the church-
ing it is believed that a summary of the
work will be of interest.

The reception committee, Dr. H.
L. Newell chairman, reported three so-
ciables for young men with average at-
tendance of 177. This committee is
composed of 18 men who act as hosts
of the association, whose one of the
number being at the rooms each even-
ing of the week to welcome visitors.
The entertainment committee, C. H.
Horton chairman, reported a course of
member's entertainments not yet com-
pleted. Four have thus far been given
with an average attendance of 140,
a large portion young men. Four en-
tertainments are yet to come.

Sick visitation work was reported
by L. F. Gaskill, chairman of commit-
tee. Over 100 calls have been made on
sick young men, and 20 watchers have
been provided. A fund amounting to
about \$40 had been raised for the help
of the sick; of this amount \$5 had been
used to send a young man, home, \$8 to
send another to a hospital, \$5 for a
nurse, \$2.50 for fruit, etc.—The invita-
tion committee reported through J.
S. Taylor efficient work in the distribu-
tion of invitations. Over 800 invita-
tions to transient hotel guests to at-
tend Sunday services, nearly 10,000 in-
vitations to attend religious meetings
of the association and 4,000 invitations
to sociables had been distributed.

The devotional work as reported by
C. J. Peterson was very encouraging.
The average attendance at the Sunday
morning meeting 16; at the afternoon
meeting, 51; at Bible classes 25, and
there have been 10 or more special
evangelistic meetings. As a direct re-
sult between 20 and 30 young men have
been converted and are today engaged
in active Christian work.—The mission
work of the association has been equal-
ly successful. There have been held
about 60 meetings in surrounding vil-
lages, and a number of conversions are
reported.—Crawford Ranney reported
35 meetings held at the jail and that
letters had been since received by two
discharged prisoners who were living
better lives as a result of that work.

Evening classes as reported by A. L.
Hardy showed that three evening class-
es had been maintained, one in short
hand conducted by E. A. Silsby, one in
writing conducted by G. H. Phelps and
one in music by Mr. Humphrey. The
two former classes numbered 15 each
and the latter 50 and all were success-
ful.—The gymnasium committee, F. A.
Dakin chairman, reported extensive
improvements in the gymnasium and
bath rooms, employment of an instruc-
tor for three months, at least twice as
long as ever before, and a successful
entertainment netting \$40. Classes
had not been as well attended as in
some previous years but this depart-
ment was never in better condition for
future work.

The lecture committee, W. S. Boy-
nton chairman, reported the sale of 970
season tickets at \$2.11, receipts from
the sale of evening tickets \$30; total re-
ceipts from the course \$2420. There is
one more entertainment yet to be
given in the course, that of Frank
Beard, March 27. It is expected that
when the course is closed the net pro-
fits will be sufficient to liquidate a
floating debt of between \$600 and \$700
that has been accumulating for some
years on Music hall.

Music hall committee, A. L. Bailey
chairman, made a very favorable re-
port. One year ago but one store re-
nting for \$150 was let; now the income
from the building is \$495, and the
prospects for still further increasing
the income by renting other rooms is
very encouraging.

Treasurer E. A. Silsby's report, cov-
ering both the regular association
work and a portion of the year's re-
ceipts and expenditures of Music hall,
was a comprehensive statement of the
financial condition of the association.
The actual expense of the work the
past year was, in round numbers,
\$1700. In answer to the question as
to how this money is expended the
following statement is made: General
secretary's salary, \$900; periodicals,
and papers, \$76; printing, \$63; use of
piano, \$20; stationery, \$16; postage,
\$20; janitors, \$177; insurance, \$40;
incidentals, \$50; anniversary expenses,
\$20; lighting, \$64; repairs, \$42; fuel,
\$158.

The effort to liquidate the debt that
has greatly hindered the work of the
association has resulted very success-
fully. Fred Robinson reported \$600
raised, that the subscriptions had been
cheerfully and in some instances vol-
untarily given. This amount will pay
the debt on the association as far as its
running account is concerned.

Secretary Page added some facts not
included in the reports rendered. He
had found employment for 34 young
men, had helped three to clothing and
25 to boarding places and given 66
young men letters of introduction to
business men or pastors in places where
the young men were going. The
rooms were never frequented by so
many young men, averaging over 200
every day by actual count.

Summed up the financial work of
the year may be stated thus: When
the subscriptions to the debt fund,
(with some few others that will be se-

60 Cents for a Stay-at-Home Ticket.

"I'd give half a dollar for a ticket
that would entitle me to the privilege
of staying at home one evening," said
a tired-out man last week, who had
been to a long succession of church so-
ciables and various other gatherings.
Things are getting a trifle rougher in
this community, that's a fact. Thurs-
day evening there were two church so-
ciables, Friday evening a lecture and a
sociable, and a new society organized,
Saturday evening there was an annual
meeting and a sociable, Sunday was
crowded with services, Monday even-
ing a number of secret societies held
their regular meetings, Tuesday even-
ing a concert was advertised, last even-
ing brought us back to the regular
evening meetings of the churches. To
be sure any one man is not obliged to
attend them all, but in the multitude
of organizations the home stands a fair
chance of being driven out of existence.

The New Water Power.
John Belknap has bought the land
of Hiram Russell adjoining his water
power privilege south of the Fair
grounds, and thus has control of both
sides of the river from the falls up to
the stream as far as is necessary for
flooding when a dam is built. He has
since the purchase deeded three-fourths
of this property, one-fourth each to Har-
vill Paddock, Irving H. Frost and
Truman C. Fletcher. This company
propose to put in a dam there the com-
ing summer. What is to follow is not
made public and perhaps not decided
upon.

A Dividend Circular.
Messrs. E. & T. Fairbanks & Co.,
issued the following circular to stock-
holders under date of March 15. The
circular explains itself. The dividend
is payable today.

It is with much pleasure that we en-
close to you herewith check for divi-
dent No. 20 on the stock in E. and T.
Fairbanks and Company, standing in
your name, being \$15 per share. The
earnings of the corporation for the last
year, as you were encouraged to ex-
pect by the directors' report of Sep-
tember 13, 1887, have been very satis-
factory—indeed the year has been one
of the best in the history of the busi-
ness. A large surplus remains after
payment of this dividend. Although
we are met by very sharp competition,
resulting in diminished profits, yet
with the promising outlook for a large
business, the coming year bids fair to
be very prosperous, provided the gen-
eral business of the country continues
good.

The Car Stove Must Go.
The "old reliable" Lake road is the
first to put in operation steam heating
apparatus in the railway cars of this
state, thus doing away with the deadly
car stove. The locomotive Mansfield,
formerly the "Governor Fairbanks,"
has been fitted up with the necessary
appliances for heating cars with steam
and took its trial trip Thursday, the
experiment proving every way success-
ful, the cars on the train being well
and uniformly warmed. There has
been a good deal of apathy shown by
the railroads of the state relative to
the adoption of some system of heat-
ing passenger cars, so much so that a
meeting of the railroad managers, rail-
road commissioners and representa-
tives of different steam heating sys-
tems has been called at White River
Junction next Wednesday, with a view
of thoroughly investigating matters
pertaining thereto. After the Lake
road solves the problem the best that
the other roads of the state can do is
to fall into line as promptly as may be.

Help for the Starving in Turkey.
The following sums have been received to be
forwarded to Rev. G. F. Montgomery, Adana, Tur-
key, for the starving in his district:

Previously acknowledged
St. Johnsbury East Girl, 4000 74
C. W. W. Peaslee, 25 29
A. Barnett Woman, 25 29
D. Lakewood, N. J., 5 00
Mrs. D. S. East Hardwick, 1 00
Mrs. M. D. Johnson, Barnet, 1 00
Mrs. E. B. Merriam, Morrisville, 3 00
Total, 8418 49

Chester O'Rourke, a prominent citi-
zen of Stratford, shot himself through
the left side last week. He lies in a
critical condition.

Travellers' Guide.

Hoston & Lowell R. R.—Passumpic Div.
November 7, 1887.

	(Mail)	(Ex N.M.)	(Mxd)	(N.E.)	(Mxd)
Newport	8:21	11:16	3:30	5:15	7:00
W. Barke	8:21	11:16	3:30	5:15	7:00
Lyndon	8:45	11:40	3:55	5:40	7:25
St. Johnsbury	9:07	12:02	4:20	6:05	7:50
Passumpic	9:14	12:09	4:27	6:12	7:57
St. J. Centre	9:21	12:16	4:34	6:19	8:04
Barnet	9:28	12:23	4:41	6:26	8:11
East Barret	9:35	12:30	4:48	6:33	8:18
Wells River	10:03	1:10	5:16	7:01	8:46
W. R. Junction	11:45	3:00	6:45	8:30	10:15
Boston	1:00	3:15	7:00	8:45	10:30

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