

The Barton Monitor is concerned for the Caledonian's health, and undertakes to prescribe for it. This is wholly unnecessary. The Caledonian was never in better health morally, physically, or politically.

The republicans of the state may not be fully agreed on either the candidate for governor or lieutenant governor, but there should be no question as to the candidate for treasurer. The state finances have been better managed than by Treasurer DuBois, and his re-nomination will be a deserved recognition of his ability and fidelity.

"Just a word of friendly warning" to the Montpelier Argus. "If your personal enmity" to C. M. Stone "should eventually lead you to deny the identity of your St. Johnsbury correspondent and prevaricate about the pay received as superintendent of the government building at Montpelier, you must remember that the warning 'be sure your sin will find you out,' is as true in your case as it was in the time when it was first uttered.

"The Advocate" is the latest paper to make its appearance in Vermont. It is to be the prohibitory organ of the state, is issued from White River Junction and is a well printed six column folio. In its bow to the public the Advocate declares that "the ultimate merging together of all friends of prohibition into a union of strength, to overthrow the liquor traffic, justly regarded as the direst foe of society, is the end to which we aspire." The subscription price to the end of the campaign is 25 cents. Address The Advocate, White River Junction.

General Philip H. Sheridan has been very sick all the week and at times a fatal result has been expected. With Memorial day came the welcome intelligence that he was better and that some hopes were entertained of his recovery. All will join in the wish that these later reports may be true and that this brave Union general may long be spared to the country which he did so much to save. On Sunday, after rallying from the stupor in which he had lain for many hours subsequent to the severe attack of Saturday evening, he called to one of his physicians and asked: "What day is this?" The doctor answered: "It is Sunday." "I am glad to know it," Sheridan replied. "All my greatest victories in the war were won on Sunday, and I am going to win this also."

Gas Engines and Newspaper Agencies. The St. Albans Messenger compares the Caledonian to a gas engine, because the gas engine is a "regular kicker." A greater compliment could hardly be paid the Caledonian. The writer owned a gas engine once and it was just the cutest thing that ever furnished power. It was always ready for service, could be depended on every time, ran steady and true, was inexpensive and was a constant disappointment in that it invariably did better service and accomplished more than was expected of it. Extreme modesty is all that has prevented our making the comparison for ourselves long ago, and we appreciate the handsome manner in which the Messenger has done it.

The Messenger also speaks of that little scheme of Carroll S. Page's, which resulted in introducing a large number of New York and Boston republican papers into this state at the expense of all the state papers that got drawn into the trap. In regard to this matter, which has already been pretty fully ventilated in the Caledonian, we have only to say that the columns of this paper are still open for the publication of the letters in relation to the subject which Mr. Page has received from the republican editors of the state. Talk about kicking! Those letters if published without abridgment would furnish kicking power enough to lift Mr. Page and his committee to the extreme height of the spout, and would furnish indisputable evidence that the Caledonian has only given public expression to the private opinions of many republican editors. We know what we are talking about.

Mr. Blaine's Last Letter. Another letter from Mr. Blaine is given in full elsewhere. This letter is written to the editor of the N. Y. Tribune, the one prominent republican newspaper in the East which has insisted that notwithstanding his former letter Mr. Blaine should be the republican nominee. This second letter seems to have changed the Tribune's views, as it says editorially, "We print elsewhere a letter from Mr. Blaine flatly making an end of any possible consideration of his name for the Chicago nomination."

When Mr. Blaine's former and now famous Florence letter came out last February, the Caledonian said: "Mr. Blaine must either be taken at his word or charged with a bit of trickery that would discredit the cheapest war politician in the country. We do not see how any believer in Mr. Blaine can question his sincerity or that he should be taken at his word. To think otherwise, or to treat his letter in any other way than as an absolute withdrawal from the race, is to say that he is deliberately deceiving those who stand ready to sacrifice everything for him."

The definite withdrawal of Mr. Blaine leaves a great opportunity for the republican party. It remains to be seen if the leaders will be equal to the occasion. Given a clean, courageous and wise candidate, and a platform of broad statesmanship that cannot be interpreted but one way, and the chances are that the republican party can win at the polls next November.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

John Bright, the great English Liberal, lies stricken with dangerous illness. He is in his 77th year.

It is good news that comes from Germany that the medical staff attendant upon Emperor Frederick is to be reduced. No hopes may reasonably be entertained of his recovery.

Mr. Blair has introduced a bill in the senate for a national law to compel the proper observance of Sunday. He would stop all business, work and recreation and forbid even the handling of the mails on Sunday.

How much better than mugwumpian is the spirit manifested at times by the Montpelier Vindicator, is a question asked by the Woodstock Standard, and a very pertinent question it is, too.

Rev. Alexander McKenzie D. D. of Cambridge, Mass., will deliver the annual address before the Y. M. C. A. of Dartmouth on Sunday evening of commencement week.

Minister Phelps is spending the week in Burlington. Thursday evening he was tendered an informal reception at the residence of Elias Lyman, and a public reception at the Billings library is talked of. He goes to Washington next week previous to his return to England.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM MR. BLAINE.

The New York Tribune of yesterday publishes the following letter from Mr. Blaine to Whitelaw Reid, dated Paris, May 17:

Since my return to Paris from Leathers Italy on the 8th inst., I have learned (which I did not before believe) that my name may yet be presented to the national convention as a candidate for the republican party. A single phrase of my letter of January 25 from Florence, which was decisive of everything I had the personal power to decide) has been treated by many of my most valiant friends as not absolutely conclusive in its nature and possible continuation. On the other hand, friends equally devoted and disinterested have construed my letter (as it should be construed) to be an unconditional withdrawal of my name from the national convention. They have, in consequence given their support to eminent gentlemen who are candidates for the Chicago nomination, some of whom would not, I am sure, have consented to my name if I had desired to represent the party in the presidential contest of 1888.

If I should now, by speech or by silence, by commission or omission, incur the odium and avoidable contingencies which would result from my failure to appear before the convention, I should incur the reproach of being uncautious with those who have always been candid with me. I speak, therefore, because I am not willing to remain in a doubtful attitude. I am not willing to be the cause of misleading a single man among the millions who have given me their suffrages and their confidence. I am not willing that even one of my faithful supporters in the past should think me capable of paltering in a double sense with my words. Assuming that the presidential nomination could by any possible chance be offered to me, I could not accept it without leaving in the minds of thousands of these men the impression that I had not been free from indecision, and therefore I could not accept it at all. The misrepresentation of my position would not weigh, but the just displeasure of friends I could not patiently endure.

Republican victory, the prospects of which grow brighter every day, can be imperiled only by lack of unity, by a council or by acrimonious contest over men. The issue of protection is incalculably stronger and greater than any man, for its concerns the prosperity of the present and the generations yet to come. Were it possible for every voter of the republic to see for himself the condition and recompense of labor in Europe, the party of free trade in the United States would not receive the support of one wage worker between the two oceans. It may not be directly in our power as philanthropists to elevate the European laborer, but we will be lasting stigma upon our own statesmanship if we permit the American laborer to be forced down to the European level. And in the end the rewards of labor everywhere will be advanced, if we steadily refuse to lower the standard at home.

Yours very sincerely, JAMES G. BLAINE.

VERMONT NEWS.

Cynthia Lawrence died at Brattleboro, Thursday, aged 98.

Robinson Brown saw mill at Stowe was burned Sunday. Loss \$4000.

The Lake Memphremagog house at Newport will be opened on June 1.

Dr. L. C. Butler, a native of Essex and a well known physician, is dead at the age of 58.

W. R. Pilling of Keeseville, N. Y., blew out the gas at the Hotel Burlington last week and died in consequence.

J. H. Seales & Son of Newport, veneer manufacturers, have failed and the mills are closed. Liabilities unknown.

The Rutland music festival last week was most successful, both as regards the music rendered and the financial results.

Mrs. H. H. Baxter of Rutland, and her son Hugh, have decided to build in Rutland a handsome library as a memorial of the late H. H. Baxter.

Rev. John H. Hicks, pastor of the Bethany Congregational church of Montpelier, tendered his resignation last Sunday to take effect July 1.

Silas M. Waite and family are settled in Ontario. Mr. Waite is the agent of an investment company. The ranch and live stock venture has been disposed of. The big development and investment scheme in the far West, which was advertised in Mr. Waite's name, did not prove a success.

Miss Mary Howe, a Brattleboro girl, made her debut in opera at Berlin on the 19th, winning most enthusiastic endorsement from an audience comprising the most severe Berlin critics. "At 19 years of age," said Director Engel of the opera house, "she shows more signs of being a second Patti than any woman in the world."

A Terrible Tenderness. Newport Express. There seems to be a terrible tenderness over the names of the candidates for positions this year. It looks as if there were a good many independent ideas abroad, that do not wish to be so independent as to incur the displeasure of somebody whose support will be wanted at a future time if not now.

There are some less than 100,000 candidates in the field and each one wants to be considered a good fellow by all the rest. How to do this and yet give unmistakable evidence of superior ability to the practical voter, by taking position ground on the vital issues of state policy is the troublesome thing with most of them.

THE TOWNS AROUND.

BARNET.

In Memory of the Soldiers. Rev. Joseph Boardman gave an excellent sermon on Sunday before the Stevens post on the text, "From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back and the sword of Saul returned not empty." After the service the post lunched at W. S. Brock's. There are seven companies in town which were decorated yesterday.

The address Memorial day, delivered by Judge Walter P. Smith, was both able and eloquent. He called attention to earlier governments in the world's history, comparing them to the American republic; the phenomenal growth of the United States, its possibilities and probabilities were noted, and a warning issued to the heroes of '61-'65 to whom we are indebted for its preservation and continuance, freed from the blasting influences and degrading sin of slavery. He thought the work was being done better at the time, but still urged his hearers to cling to the principles laid down by the Pilgrim fathers, when they laid the substantial foundation on which this grand superstructure stands.

Arthur Woodbury has a couple of valuable horses in "Ann Paine" and "Doty Golding" and for which, it is said, he has refused \$1400 and \$1500 respectively. He is now offering a part of a mile at the rate of 2.21. The latter was sired by the famous stallion, "Henry S." now owned by Gen. W. W. Grant. Wallace Fay sold a \$225 colt to Mr. Currier of Middle-town, Ct.

There were 14 marriages in '87 against 41 in '86; and 32 deaths in '87 against 34 in '86.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stanley have returned from Montreal and Quebec and were serenaded by the drum corps, which was afterwards invited in and treated to wedding cake.

Last week your correspondent, while wandering among the wild flowers in this town, turned his eyes towards Peacham and saw two huge snow drifts on "Cov hill." Condolence is extended to the bereaved.

The grand list of the town this year is \$12,580.39, or \$1.28 less than one year ago. Two of the listers, Amos K. Somers and Isaac M. Smith, are serving their third term, but the third one, Geo. H. Stuart, is a new one.

The farmers of this part of Barnet and a portion of Peacham buy lots of western feed for their stock, this station delivering about ten car loads a month. There is an impression abroad that the feed is not so good as it used to be.

Nathan Bacheelder, our old citizen now in his ninety-first year, took his fish-pond one day last week and caught a fish for his invalid wife's breakfast, and the next day harnessed his horse and went up to East Barnet, several miles away.

There was a hearing on Tuesday at Greenbanks' hotel before S. B. Hebard of Chelsea, between Charles Silver of Monroe and Conn. river lumber company in regard to damage done to the company's logs. The case is now pending in the Orange county court. Smith & Sloan of Wells River appeared for Silver and Alex Dunnett for the lumber company.

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Katie Stuart was elected delegate to the lodge union at West Barre. Mrs. Mary Drew has returned from Springfield, Mass., and is stopping at Wm. Kelley's.

There will be a gospel meeting at the school house on Mt. Hunger next Sabbath evening.

Mrs. Stoddard is still failing. Harris Smith is well again. Mr. H. A. Stockwell is sick with the mumps.

The children of Harris Smith have been telegraphed that their father is not expected to live but a few hours.

Dr. H. J. Lane has gone to Littleton in answer to a telegram announcing the dangerous illness of a niece there.

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NORTH DANVILLE.

Meetings will begin next Sunday at the old North meeting house, and will be continued every Sunday during the summer, or until further notice. The meetings will be conducted by laymen from St. Johnsbury. Services will commence at 3 o'clock.

A good many friends will sympathize with Charles A. Morrill, formerly of this place but now of Fairfield, Nebraska, whose store and a portion of its contents were burned in a large fire which occurred in the heart of that town a short time ago.

The burning of Vernon Vance's farm buildings (on the Thompson place) was noticed last week. The insurance on buildings and stock was some \$1800, but it will not cover loss. All the buildings were burned together with some 15 tons of hay. The cause of the fire was a defective chimney. When Mr. Vance came in from the field to dinner he noticed an unusual smoke about the base of the chimney, and very soon the flames burst out the top of the chimney. It is uncertain if Mr. Vance rebuilds.

Hardwick. Horse Notes. Arthur Woodbury has a couple of valuable horses in "Ann Paine" and "Doty Golding" and for which, it is said, he has refused \$1400 and \$1500 respectively.

One of the Lake road engines will be named "Hildred" in honor of the late D. W. Aiken & Son are preparing the foundation for their new block. Mrs. Mary A. Livermore will lecture at the Methodist church Wednesday, June 6.

H. A. Farnham left this week for Danville where he will serve as clerk at the Elm house.

R. W. Laird has transferred his quarry to his Greensboro quarry for a short time.

Quite a number of our young men are out this year with silk hats. "It's English, you know."

Tru Kent of Calais is spending a few days in town with Dr. C. D. Dutton. He is very ill and not expected to recover.

It is authoritatively stated that our station does the largest freight business on the road with the exception of St. Johnsbury.

Mr. Snyder of Essex Junction was in town Monday after granite stock. W. S. Curtis and son Fred W. Randolph arrived in town Monday night.

H. R. Mack was in Littleton last week filling an order for a family monument for Col. Eastman. It took three weeks to get the stone.

Mr. Kittredge's newly purchased house is being handsomely painted in green with red trimmings. He will soon open it up as a grocery store and billiard room.

The Sons of Veterans repeated by request on Wednesday evening the drama, "For the Cause of the War." The play was presented with new scenery and took well. Kittredge's orchestra furnished the music.

Fish ball has received an impetus here from the subscriptions which have been made and shared by the young men. The boys are coming out with new suits and will play to win. There is also a second nine in the village.

The biggest trout taken out of the river in this section was a 12 pounder under the mill dam. It weighed 18 ounces. The air is full of fish-poles and "On to Greensboro" is now the cry. Orrin Hall's new hotel, "The Vendôme" is full of guests every night.

The four-year-old son of O. C. Arnold, who was run over recently by a fast trotter, is getting along as well as can be expected. His left leg was broken about a year ago. The boy is in his head over his eye. The section have forbidden any more speeding of horses in the street, "locking the door after the horse is stolen."

Memorial service on Sunday at the Methodist church was largely attended. The sermon was unusually interesting. Mr. Blake's sermon deserving special mention. The Sons of Veterans appeared in their new uniforms and made a fine appearance. The Sons of Veterans and Grand Army men went to East Hardwick Wednesday to join with the post there in observing Decoration day.

East Hardwick. J. R. Delano has bought a horse of G. L. Johnson for \$150.

J. L. Bailey returned to his home in East Cambridge Wednesday.

A. C. Babbitt and wife of St. Johnsbury are spending the week with their relatives in East Cambridge.

S. D. Drury and wife of Northampton, Mass., are visiting his brother, George N. Drury.

Ed. Farr caught 13 trout in Greensboro pond last week that weighed seven pounds and one-half.

C. Smith has put a blower into his sawmill to blow off sawdust over the dam and keep it out of the water wheels.

A. D. Osgood's family have moved from Danville into the house on the Maplewood stock farm recently occupied by Mr. Cole will move into the village.

J. H. Graham has bought the Judewine house recently occupied by J. Page. He has also traded the Will Beane house with G. L. Johnson for the land Mr. Johnson bought of Louis Lamorex.

Memorial day was observed by a parade in which the Grand Army post and Sons of Veterans from Hardwick joined led by the Greensboro band. The address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Jenne of Glover.

LYNDONVILLE. Riverside Lodge I. O. G. T. will have a masquerade promenade at Music hall, next Saturday evening.

Mrs. A. Twombly arrived home from California last week, and Thomas Bailey came on Monday of this week.

Frank W. Silsby has bought a building lot in town and some barns, of Mrs. G. H. Weeks. Now that he has returned from California it is expected that he will build a residence and live here.

The Dartmouth freshmen defeated our ball team Saturday by score of 14 to 7. The local battery were Kidder, W. Concord, and Daniel Lamere. It is hoped a game can be arranged with the Passumpsic on Saturday.

The railroad shops are working over 100 men on a larger force than ever before. The locomotive "Union," which was begun here, has been sent to the Manchester locomotive works as there is so much repairing to be done here that it cannot be finished.

A memorial service was held in Music hall on Sunday evening with a sermon by Rev. E. A. Hoyt of St. Johnsbury. A St. Johnsbury male quartette was expected for the occasion but failed to materialize. After a delay of

LYNDON CENTRE.

The anniversary exercises at Lyndon Institute come next week. Here is the program for Sunday before the graduating class by Rev. Mr. Ranger 3.30 p. m., at Free Baptist church; declarations by the middle class Monday evening, 7.45 o'clock at Institute; and exercises at Lyndon on Tuesday afternoon beginning at 1.30; address by Mrs. Mary A. Livermore Tuesday evening, 8 o'clock, at Music hall; exercises and examinations of classes Wednesday morning at 9 a. m. and 1.30 p. m.; exercises of the graduating class Thursday morning, 10 o'clock, at Music hall; closing concert Thursday evening, 8 o'clock, at Music hall.

B. O. Cheney and family have returned from Worcester. Mr. Cheney is somewhat improved in health.

The total valuation of the tax payable on this village is \$172,454 against \$169,639 in 1887. The tax is six cents on a dollar.

W. S. Stoddard has sold his house to S. G. Prescott for \$1000. Mr. Prescott has bought the buildings and part of the lot on the hill, and the latter will occupy the house which his son bought in the village.

The next meeting of Shepherd Pomona grade will be held at this place Wednesday June 6, at 10.30 a. m. The formation was voted to the initiation of members in the fifth degree. The afternoon meeting will be open to the public. At 1.20 John R. Thompson, Esq., of Washington, will call a talk on the orange and its worth; after which original papers will be read by members of the order.

MEADOWS FALLS. Messrs. Bruce and Finel are having a fine granite monument placed in their family lot in the cemetery.

The remains of Mrs. French Morrill were taken to Danville, her former home, Thursday afternoon for burial.

The selectmen of the town of Monroe are making arrangements to commence building a new road across the great washout next Monday.

The memorial sermon by Rev. Langford of Monroe Sunday, was an eloquent tribute to the valor and patriotism of the Union army.

The memorial sermon here before the G. A. R. Post by Mr. Drew was one of his best efforts, and was listened to by a large and attentive audience.

Innocent as a Lamb. Woodcock Standard.

The attack on Mr. Page is wholly unjustifiable. He had no right to do with running anybody on or off the track in the canvass for lieutenant governor. He hasn't set up any pins nor knocked any over.

NEW SUMMER GOODS.

MRS. HELEN F. CARPENTER.

Full line of Sewing Machines in all the desirable shades, Infant's Caps and Lace Collars from \$2.00 to \$5.00. Trimming Laces in Cream and White. Antique Lace Ties, Fines and Bookings. New materials for Art. Embroidery in Hoop Silk and Bargain Trunks.

CORSETS.

A light, handsome Corset for Summer wear, easy fitting, perfect shape and finely made. 2.50

FOR SALE.

The well known Lafayette Chickering farm, containing 200 acres of land, on the North Danville road, 3 miles from St. Johnsbury, Vt. will be sold very low on credit. The farm is well fenced, close an acre, in good soil. The buildings are new, and the farm is well watered. The price is \$2000 for him he will rebuild. It looks now as though the \$2000 would be forthcoming. Farmers will build, and they cannot afford to let this opportunity pass to get a good mill, run by an honest miller.

PASSUMPSIC.

Horace Peck shipped a carload of horses to Boston last week.

Families from out of town will soon move into the W. A. Somers' house and into the Ide tenement, recently vacated by H. A. Beerworth.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Moreau expect to leave next week for Chicago where their son is in business. They may be gone quite a number of weeks.

Memorial services were held at the cemetery last Sabbath afternoon. Hon. H. C. Bates of St. Johnsbury made a short address. Brief remarks were made by other members of Chamberlin Post.

The Baptist society continue to improve the appearance of the inside of the church. They are kalsomining the walls and painting the pews this week, and talk of erecting a new building for the floor and pews with carpet and cushions, and may possibly put in a furnace. The latter idea is surely a good one.

PEACHAM.

It was the Woman who Suffered. Ora Woodward, living near South Danville, got drunk one day last week and acted so that his wife started for help when she fell and broke her arm and leg. She is now in a hospital. The husband was complained of for drunkenness, claimed he got alcohol at the Peacham agency, and paid a fine of \$5 and costs.

Good sized snowbanks are still visible from our north windows.

The road machine is at work. We understand that the estimated expense of repairing the road will be \$1000, and at the same time as much apparent work will be done, because in the first years of using the machine the greater part of the work was removing boulders so that the machine could be used.

It will be remembered that during the great blizzard last winter the stage was unable to get through from Barnet to Peacham. For this winter the U. S. postal department deducts eighteen cents from the salary of the stage driver. Now last week it took the U. S. postal department two days and a half to carry the text of the Caledonian from Peacham to St. Johnsbury, so they were too late to be used. Wonder if we can't get a fine on the department somehow.

RYEGATE. James Low has taken the contract to build a meeting house at Monroe, N. H.

W. W. Wright and wife are at "Fairview" enjoying the pure fresh air of their summer home.

Alex Cochran and wife start for St. Louis this week Thursday, first going to Rutland, then taking a special through car.

James L. Mills, our village blacksmith, was kicked by a horse last week in the lug above the ankle, and it has been so much swollen, that doctors are undecided whether broken or not.

The farm and personal property of W. H. Symes has been sold to Carrie J. Nelson for \$7500. This is one of the best equipped farms in town. The

ST. JOHNSBURY CENTRE.

Arthur Kidney has moved from Lyndon into the tenement over the post office.

There will be a union gospel temperance meeting in the M. E. church next Sabbath evening at 6.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Dr. C. D. Newell left Tuesday to visit her father, Dr. Kilbourne of Aurora, Ill., who is in failing health.

Col. J. R. Thompson, who came on from Washington, D. C., to deliver the memorial address, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Frank Miles.

SHEFFIELD. Charles Wood is clerking for Folsom & Giffin.

George Phillips has sold his farm to A. J. Drown and purposes going to Springfield, Mass. Sheffield is sorry to lose so good a citizen.

LOWER WATERFORD. Death of an Infant. Abraham Ross was born Nov. 11, 1813, the sixth child of Jonathan and Lucy Ross, in Waterford, on the farm now owned by B. D. Brown and A. B. Goss. His father died Nov. 11, 1820, leaving more than \$1000, which he used for the care of his mother and his brother, Royal Ross, who was his senior by 14 years. March 2, 1836, he married Hannah Carpenter, the youngest daughter of the late Dea. Jonathan Carpenter of Waterford, the Rev. Thomas Hall, father of Samuel W. Hall and the late Thomas L. Hall of St. Johnsbury, performing the ceremony. They were born in this union one son, Charles Ross, with whom he was living at the time of his death. During the time of that terrible epidemic of 1840 to 1842, the typhoid fever, he buried his wife, and Feb. 23, 1843, he married Harriet N. Johnson of Ryegate who now survives him. To this union there was born one son, Aladew Ross, who died at Pittsburgh, Pa., March 25, 1877. Mr. Ross resided on the place where he died