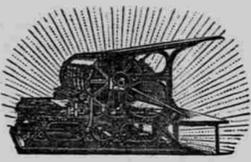


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## NEW ADS. THIS WEEK.

Masquerade Suits.  
Application for license.  
'91 Christmas—F. A. Carter.  
Ranlet's Job Printing Office.  
Painting, Papering, Glazing,  
First National Bank Report.  
Watch this space—D. E. May.  
Christmas Gifts—Steele & Co.  
A Work of Art—C. S. Hastings.  
"Deep in the man"—I. W. Smith.  
Caledonia National Bank Report.  
Mrs. E. C. Pierce—Millinery at Cost.

## Weather Record.

At Bingham's Drug Store, for the week ending Dec. 17, 1891.

	Highest	Lowest
Thursday	45	28
Friday	38	25
Saturday	35	21
Sunday	42	18
Monday	36	18
Tuesday	25	13
Wednesday	30	13

The dash indicates below zero.

## NEWS ABOUT HOME.

—The B. F. Weeks residence on Concord avenue has been sold to A. P. Taft.

—Voters should remember the village caucus at the town hall on Saturday evening at 7.30, to nominate a list of officers to be voted for January 6.

—There were two runaways on Monday. C. A. Spencer's delivery team and R. W. Laird's double team indulged in escapades on their own account, but no serious damage was done.

—The Cecilian quartette sing at the Senior exhibition tomorrow evening, at a social given here by the Knights of Honor Dec. 29, at Barnet again on Jan. 14, and are also making engagements for other places.

—At a meeting of the 2d Universalist society on the 8th inst. the following officers were chosen: E. E. Sargent, moderator; J. L. Couch, clerk; E. E. Sargent, treasurer; Carleton Felch, W. H. Hastings and Hiram Goss, trustees; F. A. Balch, collector.

—Of Reeves' American band, which appears here tonight, at Music hall, the Quebec Chronicle says: "The band, led by the skillful hand of D. W. Reeves, its far-famed musical director, was a revelation to most of those present as to what can be done by a really first-class musical organization."

—Sprigs of lilac, alder and balm of Gilead were found here a day or two ago, with the buds just ready to burst; and from Perkinsville, in the southern part of the state, comes the report that trailing arbutus in full bud was picked on Dec. 6. Who shall say that Vermont's climate is a rigorous one?

—Sample copies of the Boston Weekly Journal will be sent this week to all the Vermont subscribers of the CALEDONIAN. The Journal can be had with the CALEDONIAN one year for \$2.00. Any subscriber to this paper who is not in arrears, by paying 50 cents at this office, will have the Weekly Journal sent to his address one year. This last offer is open only until January first.

—A free entertainment will be given in Music hall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, under the auspices of Green Mountain commandery, United Order of the Golden Cross. Addresses will be delivered by Edward Hartsborn of Boston and John Swain of Nashua, N. H. There will be solo and quartet singing and music by the Summerville orchestra. The public are invited to these exercises.

—Prof. J. B. De Motte of De Pauw University, Indiana, lectured here Thursday evening in the Y. M. C. A. course. He was introduced by Prof. S. H. Brackett and his subject was "Old Ocean: Our Slave or Master." It was a popular scientific lecture that was intensely enjoyed by the audience. The speaker's experiments were good and his colored views of ocean storms, lighthouses and steamers were beautiful.

—The annual report of the superintendent of the railway mail service for the last fiscal year is out. The St. Johnsbury office makes the best record of any office in the state in regard to errors, only 13 errors being made during the year. As there are over 19,000 pouches dispatched during the year, and each pouch contains from one to fifty packages of mail matter, our postal clerks deserve great credit for their accuracy.

## DEATH OF ALBERT T. FAIRBANKS.

The whole community was saddened yesterday morning to learn of the death of Albert T. Fairbanks at Elmwood. He was the youngest son of Rev. Henry and Mrs. Ruthy P. Fairbanks and was born in St. Johnsbury July 3, 1876. For over three weeks he had been suffering from typhoid fever and the end came Wednesday morning. He had been a student at the Academy and was one of the editors of the Academy Student. He went abroad with his parents this past summer and took enjoyment in the trip as a means of educating his taste for art and travel. He was a young man of marked ability and his efforts in music, painting and writing gave promise of a bright future. His Christian character made him a favorite everywhere and the family have the deepest sympathy of a host of friends in their great bereavement. He was the first of the children to be taken, the others being Arthur, professor at Dartmouth college, Robert N., now in New York, Miss Lucy of this place, Miss Charlotte, a student at Smith college, and the two little girls, Marion and Dorothy Fairbanks.

## CHRISTMAS SALES.

The annual Christmas social and sale by the ladies of the North church on Monday evening was largely attended and proved a very pleasant affair. There were a great many very pretty articles on sale, most of which were disposed of early in the evening, while the candy and ice cream tables received their full measure of attention. The occasion was a profitable one for the ladies interested, and the proceeds are to be used in charitable work. The sale continued during Tuesday.

The parlors of the Methodist church were filled on Thursday and Friday evenings last, the occasion of a Christmas sale. Fancy articles in abundance were dispensed "for a consideration," and the opportunity for social chat was taken advantage of. On Friday evening a palatable chicken pie supper was furnished by the ladies and proved decidedly popular.

The young ladies' missionary society connected with the South church made a success of their sale on Friday afternoon and evening of last week, clearing about \$51. Fancy articles and candies were offered and quite generally purchased—as the results prove. The society are to be congratulated.

## "AND THE BAND PLAYED."

If the band concert at Music hall on Saturday evening, under Mr. Herrick's direction, is a sample of what that organization is to furnish from time to time during the winter, then the audiences should be much larger than was the case on this occasion. It was an enjoyable affair, minus the hum and buzz which are inevitable at an outdoor concert, and which interfere, seriously sometimes, with one's enjoyment of the better class of music. The appreciation which the band won from the audience on Saturday evening was fully deserved, for the manner in which such selections as the mazurka "En mi Soledad," "Torquato Tasso," the "Chilian Dance" and the "Skirt Dance" were presented was gratifyingly clean and smooth. Mr. Batchelder in his variations on the familiar air "Tramp, Tramp," Mr. Cook in his clarinet solo "Sparkling Dew Drops," and Mr. Felch in his piccolo solo "Nightingale Serenade" were especially good, and each was accorded an appreciative encore. The whole program was finely given and tended to increase local pride in the St. Johnsbury band.

## Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The reception under the auspices of the ladies auxiliary to Secretary Folsom and the local pastors on Tuesday evening was a success in every way. The attendance was large and a pleasant social time was enjoyed. Light refreshments were served upstairs. The Summerville orchestra volunteered their services on this occasion and rendered very acceptable music.

About 70 attended the meeting last Sunday afternoon and the Atwood brothers sang a duet and solo.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

E. A. Thomas of the Rutland Herald was in town on Monday.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Austin I. Morrill deeply sympathize with them in the loss of their only child, Marion Taylor Morrill, who died suddenly early Friday morning.

Clarence Benninger, for some time past employed in the CALEDONIAN office, has gone to Boston, where he has work in a job printing establishment.

Rev. C. M. Carpenter of Tyngsboro, Mass., has been here this week. Mr. Carpenter is very much liked by his parishioners who have just invited him to remain in his present field of labor.

Engineer Leslie, who was so badly hurt on the Lake road some time ago, is just getting out a little. His wife has been a most devoted attendant upon him during his long period of suffering.

J. C. Gray, principal of the Fredonia (Kan.) schools, and son of M. R. Gray of Ryegate, has recently been granted a life certificate to teach in Kansas. This is quite a distinction, and to secure it Mr. Gray had to make an average of over 90 per cent in 22 studies. He is the only educator in Kansas who now holds a life certificate.

P. J. Cowles of Richmond, F. W. Baldwin of Barton, Editor Blake and wife of the Barton Monitor, E. F. Palmer of Waterbury, state superintendent of education, Col. C. S. Forbes of St. Albans, Editor Beard of the St. Albans Advocate and Prof. C. H. Hitchcock of Dartmouth college were in town Tuesday; also Editor Davis of Lyndonville.

The Lowell (Mass.) Morning Mail of the 1st inst. contained an account of the golden wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Chase, an event which has a local significance hereabouts from the fact that Mr. Chase, who was for 38 years principal of the Lowell high school, was for six years from 1839 principal of Peacham academy in this county, and was married, fifty years ago, to Miss Martha S. Cowles of Peacham. From 1845 to 1884 Mr. Chase served continuously as principal of the Lowell school, and is now 73 years of age. He is a graduate of Dartmouth, and has four children living.

Harrie L. Truax, for a number of years foreman of the moulding room at Tower's piano factory in Cambridge, Mass., has accepted a similar position at Grant's Pass, Oregon. The change is made on account of impaired health. Mr. Truax was presented with a beautiful gold watch by his employer and fellow-workmen as a testimonial of their appreciation of his services and esteem for him as a foreman. He is accompanied West by his wife and little son and his mother, Mrs. E. B. Truax, now of Tyngsboro, Mass. Both Mr. Truax, and his mother will be remembered as former St. Johnsbury residents.

## A CORRECTION.

In our brief biographies of the medical profession in "St. Johnsbury Illustrated" an injustice was done Dr. H. S. Browne, which we hasten to correct. No mention was made there of his receiving his medical education at the McGill college, Montreal, and of his degree of M. D. at Castleton, Vt., Medical college in 1852. Dr. Browne has been a practicing physician in St. Johnsbury since 1859 and the omission of his degree in "St. Johnsbury Illustrated" was an unintentional error.

## BUSINESS NOTES.

E. D. Ramsay has located here as agent of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co.

C. T. Ranlet, formerly of Bethlehem, N. H., has located here and started a job printing office in rooms over the First National bank.

## CHURCH NOTES.

Miss Anna Goss read a sermon at the Church of the Messiah last Sunday.

Rev. M. C. Henderson preached at Railroad street Baptist church last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Estey of Syracuse, N. Y., a recent graduate of Canton, N. Y., theological seminary, will preach at the Church of the Messiah next Sunday morning and at Lyndonville Sunday afternoon.

## A RARE GIFT.

### THE FAIRBANKS MUSEUM AN OPEN DOOR TO EDUCATION.

Interesting Ceremonies in Connection with the Transfer of this Noble Institution to St. Johnsbury.

THREE EXCELLENT ADDRESSES—A LARGELY ATTENDED RECEPTION.

TUESDAY evening was a holiday occasion for St. Johnsbury, for she was at that time the glad recipient of such a Christmas gift as rarely falls to the lot of a community—such a gift as will make her a leader among New England villages in the possession of

peculiar educational advantages. The weather was not altogether favorable. Snow and sleet fell, and the walking might have been much better; but this made no difference—twelve hundred people crowded into Music hall to enjoy the exercises of the evening and to prove by this large presence their regard for the generous donor and their appreciation of what they were about to receive. The gathering was a memorable one, and Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1891, will be looked back upon by St. Johnsbury people as a red letter day. Seated upon the platform were the speakers, the local clergy, the Mahogany quartet, the faculty of the Academy and other representatives of education, while the audience was composed of people of all denominations and interests, for whose benefit the Museum doors were to be thrown open.

The St. Johnsbury band entertained the audience for the first fifteen minutes, after which Rev. C. M. Lamson opened the exercises by a loyal sentiment in honor of the village, and the reading of congratulatory greetings from Gov. Page, Prof. Mason of the National Museum at Washington, President Gates of Amherst, Secretary Smith of the American Board, Rev. Dr. Storrs of Brooklyn, Mrs. R. K. Remington of Fall River, President Bartlett of Dartmouth, President H. T. Fuller of Worcester, Gen. O. O. Howard, Senator Proctor and many others.

The Mahogany Quartet then sang in an impressive manner the 148th Psalm, as follows:

Praise ye the Lord  
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from the heavens: praise him in the heights.  
Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.  
Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise him, ye heaven of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.  
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Col. Franklin Fairbanks was next introduced to the audience and was most cordially greeted. In fulfillment of his long cherished desire he

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I have been a careful observer, going about with my eyes and ears open. Not a bird comes within my vision but I try to learn its name, its habits, and its uses, and its song if it has any. In the summer time this is a never-ending source of delight, and so I might mention butterflies, beetles and all insect life: flowers and ferns and many other objects of study which live and move in great profusion about us all the summer long.

Now if this collection will create in you a desire to know the facts regarding the life which is around you, and which your eyes see and your fingers touch; in short, if you are thereby induced to study and investigate the things that are nearest you, my aim will be accomplished, and I trust through the aid you may receive in yonder building, you may make far greater progress than I can comprehend.

In another town in this state there is a very remarkable botanical collection, the work of a laboring man whose eyes and mind were alert, in youth, in just this direction. He taught himself, or rather studied the science of botany through the flora about him, till his fame spread beyond America. He was made a member of foreign scientific societies and a professor's chair was offered him in mor-

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all deeps:  
Fire, and hail; snow, and vapors; stormy wind fulfilling his word:  
Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:  
Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:  
Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:  
Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:  
Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.  
He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the Lord.

The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Edward T. Fairbanks, and was an earnest ascription of praise and glory to the great Creator of all things in heaven and on earth; an expression of gratitude that we, God's children, had been endowed with minds that could receive and appropriate the lessons of the creation; an acknowledgement of the wonderful works of God as manifested all about us; and a petition that richest bless-

fitting us for usefulness in the world, and giving us pleasure and profit. Who has looked through a telescope at the stars, without wishing to know what there is in, or upon them, and desires to look again, hoping to discover something that is beyond? Who has used the microscope to examine the flower or the insect, which is invisible to the naked eye, without longing to know more of what this wonderful instrument alone can reveal? In so far as is possible, this thirst for knowledge should be gratified.

Those of us who have not had the privilege of a liberal education (so-called) must make up for our loss by the study of objects and beings directly around us, using our eyes and our ears, which may become the windows of our minds, letting in a flood of light and knowledge.

Mr. Moody tells of a fountain in London which is opened by a spring. A man wanted water, but could not learn how to obtain it. At last a little dirty boot-black stepped up and touched the spring and the water gushed out. Are not our eyes and ears the springs by which the great fountains of marvellous things in the earth, the air, and the water, may be touched and opened?

Life is so short and its limitations are so great, no person can know everything, but each may learn one thing, and learn it well. The child may not be able to calculate eclipses, or understand conic sections, or Greek roots, but he may begin early to learn of the life about him. For this, I have erected this building, and made accessible to you this fruitage of my own observations.

The collection comprises illustrations in Ethnology, Ornithology, Zoology, Entomology, Zoology, Conchology, Botany, Mineralogy, Geology and Palaeontology.

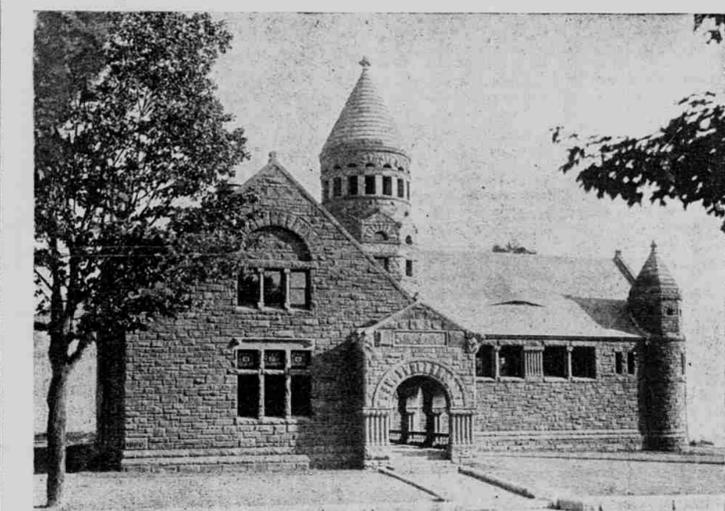
At the laying of the corner stone of the Museum on the 4th of July, 1890, I told the children that I commenced my collection when a small boy, gathering stones and minerals, because of their beauty. To illustrate I hold in my hand a grouping of crystals, which I found on the Willey Slide in the White Mt. Notch, when I was about 12 years old. My father was taking me with him on a journey and we stopped to see the slide which a few years before had buried the Willey family, and this stone attracted my attention, and today brings that visit vividly to mind.

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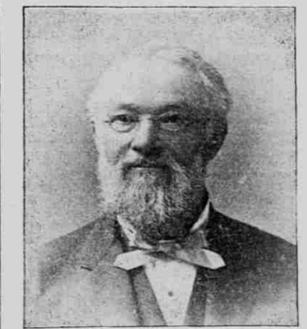
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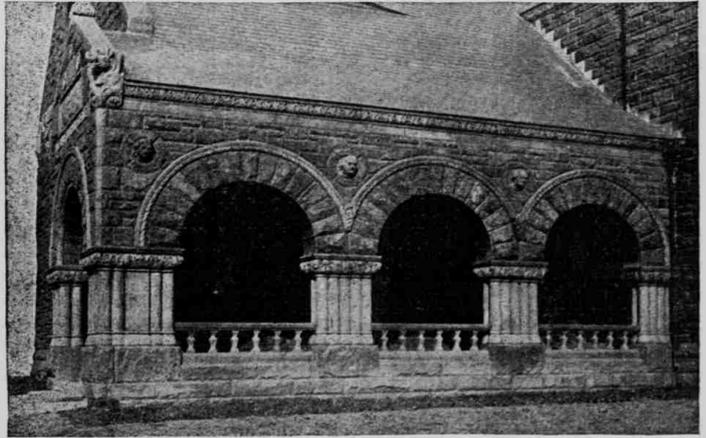


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A VIEW OF THE LOGGIA.

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