



NEW ADS. THIS WEEK.

Star Theatre Co.
Liberation Notice.
Lamouille Crackers.
Fertilizers—T. Gagner.
Wood and Hay for Sale.
Teachers' Examinations.
Fassumpsc Savings Bank.
Watch Works—Geo. E. Grow.
Water Sale—Andrews & Dawes.
L. L. McClary's Est. Com. Notice.
A Plain Statement—C. S. Hastig.
Wanted, a Woman to do Housework.
We Are Showing—Lougee Bros. & Smythe.

Weather Record.

At Bingham's Drug Store, for the week ending February 27, 1894.

	Highest.	Lowest.
Wednesday	24	8
Thursday	24	15
Friday	12	5
Saturday	12	23
Sunday	10	37
Monday	22	15
Tuesday	30	8

Dash indicates below zero.

NEWS ABOUT HOME.

—Notices appear elsewhere of the teachers' examinations in Caledonia and Essex counties. All intending to take the examinations will govern themselves accordingly.

—F. G. Bundy has entered the lists as a candidate for the post office. The town committee are now waiting to hear from Col. Smalley before making any move to choose a new postmaster.

—The Northwestern Guaranty and Loan Company of Minneapolis continues to furnish items of local interest. The latest is to the effect that Hitam K. Cole, its treasurer, has been arrested for grand larceny in a note transaction.

CHURCH NOTES.

The Church of the Messiah has called to its pastorate Hervey Hastings Hoyt, of Methuen, Mass., who will commence his labors here next Sunday. Mr. Hoyt will graduate from Tufts College in June, but has preached the last year in Methuen. He is a nephew of Rev. E. A. Hoyt, who was pastor of this church for six years.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman of Boston, managing editor of the Congregationalist, will preach at the North church next Sunday.

The Sunday evening service at Grace church is to be a missionary concert, given by members of the Junior League assisted by some from the Epworth League. The public are cordially invited.

AT THE ACADEMY.

Twenty of the Middle class had a ride to Concord last Saturday.

The half-holiday on Washington's birthday was fully appreciated by the students. Driving was the chief enjoyment.

Many of the students attended the reception at the South church parlors Thursday evening.

The Senior gentlemen finished speaking on Tuesday morning. The speakers were Blake, Cowles, Nelson, Sykes and May, Misses Carrick, Lewis, Morse, Moseman and Putney.

All are cordially invited to the joint debate at No. 2 of the Academy, Saturday evening, March 3.

Joseph A. Goodrich, Academy '89, was the guest of Thos. I. Janes on Tuesday, on his return to Andover Theological Seminary.

Miss Elsie Ranney, '93, is home for vacation from the Emerson College of Oratory.

A large number of visitors were in chapel Tuesday morning.

WEATHER ITEMS.

The backbone of winter received considerable stiffening on Saturday and Sunday mornings last. There were no microbes in the air, and the times were very trying—for coal bins and thin-blooded persons.

At Lunenburg it was five degrees lower than has been known there for 12 years past.

Word comes from Barnet that a woodchuck was seen to come out of his hole last week and linger for half an hour. And this is argued as a sign of the near approach of spring. But mercury had not yet got in its last Sunday morning's work.

Several water pipes succumbed to the pressure, and but for lively work in pushing furnace fires the plumber's harvest would have been even greater.

Mercury's record here on Sunday morning, by Bingham's standard thermometer, was 37° below, which is some four degrees colder than this "observatory" has before recorded this winter. In other localities in town the figure touched 42° below.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss May Streeter of Concord, N. H., spent the past few days at her old home.

Wm. L. Pearl has been quite ill for several days with grip, but is convalescing.

Principal Landon of the Burlington high school, and three of his assistants, Miss Moore, Miss Hawes and Miss Towle, were in town on Friday, visiting the Academy.

At the annual meeting of the Southern New Hampshire Bar Association in Concord Friday, Hon. Frank S. Streeter was elected on the executive committee and also responded to a toast at the banquet.

James A. Lytle, Academy '92, has been chosen a delegate from Williams College to the international convention of student volunteer movement to be held in Detroit, Feb. 28 through March 4.

Fred E. Carpenter of School street was stricken with paralysis, and at present writing is in a critical condition. His two sons were telegraphed for and are here. Mr. Carpenter's recovery is, we are sorry to say, a matter of much doubt.

The Tyngsborough correspondent of a Lowell (Mass.) paper recently paid warm tribute to Rev. C. M. Carpenter, formerly of St. Johnsbury, but now located at Cambridge, Mass. The occasion was a visit by Mr. Carpenter to his former charge at Tyngsborough, and what the correspondent says evidences a deep regard for him and an appreciation of his services.

Geo. E. Hazen has been very ill with the grip, and is still confined to the house, although he is convalescing satisfactorily.—Herbert Hawley of the First National Bank is confined to the house with slow fever.—Z. A. Richardson is very ill, suffering from abscesses in the head.

Rev. F. B. Phelps preached his farewell sermon at Irasburg last Sunday, where he has been pastor of the Congregational church for the last four and one-half years. His friends here and at his old pastorate at the East village hope he may soon find another field.

ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER.

The "Old Folks Concert," which was to have been given this (Thursday) evening, has been postponed on account of sickness.

The schools in this village closed last Friday with interesting exercises in the primary department.

Col. Fairbanks will deliver his illustrated lecture on his trip to the far East, at the Congregational church next Monday evening at 7.30. Admission free.

A fine record comes from the "Bible Hill" school, taught by Miss Lena A. Severance. Two of the pupils, Frankie and Willie Delworth, had no mark against them for a year. Edith Delworth lost only one day during the year, and there were two others besides the Delworths who had no marks this term—Susie Ayer and Wilbur Gilman.

ACCIDENTS.

The past week has been a lively one for runaways, each day furnishing at least one. Sunday a team driven by T. Rickaby was overturned just opposite the CALEDONIAN office. The horse dashed down the avenue and as it turned at the Avenue House brushed up against Druggist Bagley's plate glass windows, the sleigh marking the glass but not breaking it. Just after the team passed Mr. Bagley's store it struck a post and the sleigh was smashed into kindling wood. Had the runaway occurred on another day, the result might have been very serious.

Mrs. H. Laird of North Danville was thrown from her sleigh on Railroad street Monday by an accident which let the shafts of the sleigh upon the horse. She was badly bruised and the sleigh was smashed.

Rev. H. M. Douglas had a narrow escape Tuesday afternoon. His sleigh was struck by the afternoon express at the last crossing in Summerville and Mr. Douglas found himself after the accident in a snow bank. Whether he was thrown there or whether he jumped out he does not remember. Just as he reached the crossing the horse began to back and the train could not be stopped in time. Mr. Douglas and his horse were not injured, but little was left of the sleigh.

RECENT DEATHS.

Gray.
Mrs. Sophronia Gray died on Sunday, at the residence of her son, Julius Gray of Spring street, in her 70th year. Mrs. Gray had been in feeble health for some time. She had suffered from an attack of the grip this winter; this was followed about two weeks ago, by pneumonia, and though she had the best of care it was evident from the first that she could not recover. Mrs. Gray came here from Sutton about 20 years ago, and had resided in town ever since.

Goodwin.
Entered into rest on the morning of Feb. 26, Henry S. Goodwin, aged 57 years. He was a native of Newbury, Vt., but the most of his early life was spent in Lisbon, N. H. He came to St. Johnsbury in the spring of '68, and had been employed in the scale works since that time, until about one year ago, when he gave up work entirely on account of failing health, the dread disease, consumption, doing its work very rapidly in the last four weeks. He leaves a wife and daughter in St. Johnsbury, and a son in Chicago.

The funeral occurred on Wednesday, and the remains will be taken later to Lisbon, N. H., for interment in the family lot.

TOWN AFFAIRS.

The annual town meeting will be held in the Town Hall next Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. The usual business of importance will be transacted and the officers elected. The only additions to the ticket are the nomination of three listers by the "citizens reform ticket." Crawford Ranney appears on the latter ticket and the two new listers are William B. Johnson and F. V. Powers. The town reports have been delivered to the selectmen. The orders drawn last year were \$52,548.33. A profit of \$912.03 was derived from the liquor agency and the net cost of the poor department was \$10,231.83. For repairing highways \$1369.02 was spent, and for building new roads and damage paid for land \$1583.35. Road Commissioner Higgins reports \$1986.47 spent in his department. The special orders amounted to \$31,065.57. The town has a bonded debt of \$30,000 at 4½ per cent and \$70,000 at 4 per cent. The first amount will be paid up in 1900 and the second in 1910.

THE SCHOOL REPORT.

This is an interesting document, bringing out in detail as it does the results of the first year's operation of the new town system. Chairman Fletcher and his associates on the board have labored to get the best possible results, and this report, which is printed separately from the town report, should be carefully read. Mrs. Fletcher, the superintendent, reviews the work in the outside schools, and makes some good suggestions for the future.

The school expenses for the year have been \$16,773.82, divided as follows: Teachers' salaries, \$8659.90; janitors \$718.30; tuition at St. Johnsbury Academy \$1579.90; fuel \$915.48; carrying scholars \$322.50; repairs \$1262.70; school supplies \$1333.39; general expenses \$981.65.

LOCOMOTIVE AND STALLION.

The Barton Monitor of this week tells how a locomotive chased a stallion and how the race ended: "On Saturday noon, as the 'noon' train left West Burke coming north, it was learned that a valuable stallion, belonging to Lewis Winslow, had got away from his hitching place in a shed and had started up the track at great speed. A little way north are two bridges of ten or fifteen feet in width to which it was thought the horse must fall as he attempted to cross. The engineer kept close watch and soon came in sight of the team, the horse making great speed up the track. Somehow he crossed the bridge below Sutton station safely, the engineer following him and tooting him up when his speed slackened. At Clark's crossing it was hoped the horse would leave the track, but he struck off at a terrific rate for the Summit, four miles farther. The engineer followed as fast as he dared and succeeded in frightening the animal off the track a mile or more south of the Summit. The animal plunged down over a railroad embankment, piling up with the sleigh. The train was stopped, and by a dint of strong help the horse was got back on to the track behind the train and led up to the Summit telegraph station, having received no serious injury."

THE OFFICERS' SCHOOL.

Capt. Bonett and Lieuts. Moulton and Steady returned yesterday from the officers' school at Burlington, and report a profitable trip. The officers visited the new military post at Essex Junction, "Fort Ethan Allen," and were greatly pleased with the arrangements there. The school was conducted on the principle of less play and more work, and was very beneficial.

DEDICATED.

The Knights of Pythias in their New Temple.

The American flag floated over the Pythian building Tuesday and their new temple was dedicated in the evening. Over 250 ladies and gentlemen were present to witness the dedicatory exercises. Delegations from the neighboring lodges were present, including 10 from Hector lodge, McIndoes; two from Philemon lodge, Barton Landing; 13 from Vincinia lodge of Barre and 12 from Union lodge of Hardwick. The exercises were freely interspersed with music by Monarch Banjo and Guitar club and an orchestra with N. R. Young, violinist. A musical novelty by Mrs. George H. Frost and Mrs. H. A. Stanley, assisted by several singers, was much enjoyed and heartily encored.

After a short reception Chancellor Commander Arthur C. Randall called the gathering to order and prayer was offered by Rev. F. Appleton. The ode was then sung by the members, after which the address of welcome was given by the chancellor commander. He extended to all present a most cordial welcome, saying that this was a time long anticipated by the members of the order. It was the first Pythian temple in Vermont and was to be a home for every Pythian in the state.

Following his address came the dedicatory exercises by the officers of the grand lodge. These officers dedicated the building to "friendship, charity and benevolence." Vice Grand Chancellor W. H. Gilchrist of McIndoes, District Deputy Grand Chancellor H. C. Bond, Grand Vice Chancellor B. W. Hooker of Barre, Grand Prelate Frank Huntoon of Barre.

After these solemn exercises letters and greetings were read from Grand Chancellor Needham of Brandon, Major N. P. Bowman, Past Grand Chancellor Farrar, Mr. Moore of Rutland, G. K. of R. and S., A. D. Tenney of St. Albans, Gen. F. W. McKinley of Manchester and C. B. Spofford of Claremont, G. K. of R. and S. of New Hampshire.

Following the reading of the letters by the chancellor commander were the addresses. W. H. Gilchrist was first called out and he spoke of the fact that 30 years ago the order was founded in Washington by five men. Today the Knights of Pythias numbered 500,000. Mr. Bond brought greetings from the lodge at Barre and P. J. Cowles of the Hardwick lodge spoke of the starting of Apollo lodge at St. Johnsbury six years ago. Mr. Buchanan of Barton Landing and George Payne of McIndoes took this occasion to thank Apollo lodge for starting lodges at Barton Landing and McIndoes. Mr. Brown of Barton Landing spoke briefly and Burns Gamwell of Danville made a short but characteristic speech. Col. T. C. Fletcher congratulated the boys on securing such a fine home and said the young men in the lodge deserved the credit of erecting this home.

Dr. C. F. O. Tinker was the last speaker and was cordially received by the members, a fitting recognition of his services to the order and of his untiring work in building the temple. He said this was one of the proudest moments of his life and he was glad to be there. He then recited some humorous incidents of lodge life. In closing he thanked all visitors for their presence and invited them to come often.

The doors of the banquet hall were then opened and all sat down to an excellent spread furnished by Caterer Murray Clifford. About 225 enjoyed the banquet which closed the exercises of the evening.

Pythian temple is a handsome, three-story brick structure, costing about \$16,000. The basement and first floor are rented to merchants, and apartment rooms and the third floor is entirely used by the Pythians. The lodge room and banquet hall are handsomely finished and very attractive. The building is owned by individual Pythians and by Apollo lodge and is a credit to the town of St. Johnsbury.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Bagley Dandelion Company last Saturday evening these directors were elected for the year ensuing: E. H. Blossom, Charles D. Bagley, T. R. Stiles, Robert Mackinnon, Josiah B. Gage.

The company's first year's business has been very gratifying. The medicine is being sold in all the Northern New England states and the team that is canvassing Vermont is meeting with good success. The company will do some big advertising this spring.

THE WATER QUESTION.

EDITOR CALEDONIAN:

Will you kindly permit me to present to the voters of this village, through your valuable paper, some thoughts, which to me seem pertinent, upon the question of water supply for our municipality on which our action is soon to be demanded.

From the report of the village trustees now before me, and the facts that we must be more or less conversant with; the present system of "village water works" is entirely inadequate for our necessities and is not susceptible of that increase that will make the same efficient and unobjectionable for domestic uses. Hence we are confronted with the problem of "what shall we do about it?"

I think under these circumstances our trustees have acted wisely in "investigating other sources of supply," the result of which must be unquestioned, that only three items in their "recapitulation" can seriously be discussed: to wit; the 2d, 3d and 4th. On the 3d, "to bring water from Goss Hollow brook," I will not comment further than appears in the report of the trustees, as by that report it will not seem to awaken the voters to its serious consideration, although from my standpoint other serious objections might be raised that would forbid its adoption.

The 4th item in the trustees' report or summary is to sell to the Aqueduct Company the present plant of the village and entail upon the tax payers of the village a perpetual tax for fire service and domestic purposes and in addition a town, county, state and school tax of an unknown amount, and furthermore reduce the amount of the grand list of the E. & T. Fairbanks Co. the amount of the appraised value of the St. Johnsbury Aqueduct Co.

The 5th item not in the trustees' report "recapitulation," to bring the St. Johnsbury Aqueduct Company's plant and increase the efficiency of our water supply from Stiles pond or such other sources as might seem proper in the premises and thereby control for all time free from taxation, other than the interest on the investment of its cost and the expense of repairs, cannot be intelligently discussed in the absence of any figures.

The 2d item in the trustees' recapitulation, "to bring water from Joe's Pond" at a cost of \$188,273, aside from the question of damage to water power, at or below the pond (which seems to me would be a proper question to consider, and could be investigated with nominal expense, as I understand the riparian rights of New England are pretty well defined.)

This latter scheme presents the advantage of adequacy of supply for all time and for all practical purposes of a municipal water supply and is free from any objection in a sanitary point of view, forever settling these two questions that have so seriously menaced our community for the recent past. Assuming the estimate by Mr. Ellsworth to be approximately correct, to carry out this enterprise will require an outlay of possibly \$200,000, the interest of which at 4 per cent would be \$8000 per annum. The necessary changes made to provide for the Summerville addition, and in the present system, will involve a yearly rental under the terms offered by the Aqueduct Company of not less than \$4000, besides the taxes, the municipality will have to assume with the addition of loss to our grand list of the appraised value of the Aqueduct Company's present plant, thus practically involving the village in an increased interest of not more than from \$3000 to \$4000 per annum, which will be still further reduced by rentals for domestic supply, which must inevitably be large from the popular feeling of its sanitary quality and the public sentiment of supporting one's own industry.

In adopting the above plan, at the expiration of thirty years the village will own a plant of permanent efficiency and self-supporting for all time of the value of its cost and forever settling those prejudices that have so seriously harassed the community for a few years past, and which must surely be a question more or less discussed if the Stiles pond supply is introduced.

A further and as it seems to me a potent consideration is if our present system is worth \$30,000 to the St. Johnsbury Aqueduct Company to take and add to and enlarge the supply for the village, why is it not worth as much for the village to retain? If not, why not?

In the financial showing of the village plant from its establishment as given by the trustees' report, I fail to discover any application to the consideration of the question at

issue, unless some significance in connection with the first, as each of the others appears to be based principally upon efficiency; and it seems to me that no sane person, familiar with the conditions, will for a moment advocate any further outlay upon our pumping system, which is now entirely inefficient and will diminish as time rolls on in spite of further outlay.

Another feature, and which seems a vital one to me, as being objectionable to selling the present system to the Aqueduct Company, is the placing by the terms of the contract proposed, a mortgage or embargo on the village or any of its citizens from supplying themselves with water from any other source, giving the Aqueduct Company a monopoly of all the water for all purposes. Are we ready and willing to sell our birthright in this beautiful village or a "mess of pottage?"

Again by the terms of the contract proposed, should the Aqueduct Company fail to carry out their part in any essential feature we have to give them three months notice, thereby jeopardizing our interests—our lives, and have no indemnity from them; and we must bear in mind that we are dealing with frail human nature; we cannot tell what a year may bring forth, much less thirty.

We may not always have such honorable and magnanimous managers to deal with as the management of the present. It appears to me a momentous question and one we are to decide not only for ourselves but for those who come after us, and we ought to be careful that we impose no fatal entailment on the present generation, much more on our children and those that succeed us.

Mr. Ellsworth's opinion favoring municipal control of water works is not to be lightly estimated in view for his experience, and it is supported by all who have had any experience of any length of time with thoroughly built systems. So far as the writer knows, and he is familiar with many, any argument that a private corporation can in a better, business-like manner manage the care of a system of water works than a municipality on account of the frequent changes of officers in the municipality, seems to the writer to be imaginary. Private corporations are constantly being subject to change—especially where moneyed interests figure conspicuously—and we may bear in mind that with a system of gravity much less detail of management is required than where artificial power is required.

Other vital points might be cited, but I forbear as I am burdening you with much more than I intended at the start.

N. M. JOHNSON.
St. Johnsbury, Feb. 27, '94.

WATER RATES.

The trustees and Aqueduct Company have been at work upon the proposed water rates, with view to making them more complete and self-explanatory. The schedule has been revised from that given in special village report, and now reads as follows:

ARTICLE 5: And further, that the said company will furnish to such inhabitants of the said village as shall apply therefor a supply of potable water for ordinary domestic purposes, at yearly rates not to exceed those in the following schedule, the said supply of potable water to be used with due care and without waste.

First faucet private family (without boarders)	\$7.00
When two or more families are supplied through one faucet, each family	5.00
When two or more families are supplied through one service pipe, the water being carried into each tenement, each family	6.00
Family with boarders, with a total including boarders of more than six persons, each additional person	.75
Additional faucets, receiving vessel connected with same, each	1.00
Water closets, self closing, not exceeding two, each family	3.00
Bath tubs in private family, not exceeding two, each family	2.50
Hand hose with nozzle not exceeding ¼ inch, to be used not exceeding two hours each day	3.00
Horses and cows, each animal	1.00
Offices, each	5.00
Barber shop, first chair	4.00
Each additional chair	1.50
Stores, ordinary, each, family rates	
Hotels, boarding houses, laundries, photograph galleries, public buildings, and livery stables, special	
When two faucets are used—one for hot and one for cold water—both emptying into one vessel, but one charge will be made for both	
Where the rate in any private family exceeds \$18 per year, special rates will be made.	

The special village meeting next Monday afternoon is one of the most important ever held and should be attended by every voter in the village.

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

The 50th annual meeting of the Vermont Conference will be held at Bradford this spring, beginning April 18. Bishop Warden of Colorado will preside. Among the speakers will be Rev. J. O. Peck of New York, Rev. J. C. Hartzell of Cincinnati, Rev. M. S. Hard of Philadelphia, Rev. Lewis B. Bates of Boston and Rev. E. A. Schell of Chicago.