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Vermont Farmer

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 1876.

LOCAL NEWS.

Excursions are becoming almost "too numerous to mention."

The Aqueduct Co. have purchased Stiles' Pond, paying therefor $1000.

Frank Scott and William Hall are preparing to rebuild at the Center.

The Methodist camp meeting commences at Lyndonville grove August 28.

Ed Welch is preparing to build a four-tenement house near Jo Trudell's.

E. L. Hovey has contracted to build a cottage house on Concord Avenue for Dan Cilley.

The Passumpsic R. R. pass their semi-annual dividend this month for the third time.

Town caucuses for electing delegates to District convention, Saturday Aug. 12 at 4 o'clock.

The grangers talk of raising their store and putting a cellar under it to give them more room.

Lougee & Rich from East Fairfield have opened a fish market under the Avenue House block.

Rev. D. E. Miller exchanged desks last Sunday with Rev. J. W. Johnson of Lyndon, late of Nova Scotia.

The republicans will meet at town hall Friday evening, the 4th, to organize a Hayes and Wheeler club.

Dr. S. S. Clarke of Barnet and Lorenzo Howard of this place started for a vacation on Peaks Island, Wednesday.

N. W. Peck's grain cradles have a world wide reputation; at least, he has sent one to India to be used for cutting rice.

Wm. H. Bryant has accepted a position in the Brandon cooke company as chief clerk and treasurer, and goes there at once.

The speckled buck in Mr. Fairbanks' deer park gored another buck to death on Tuesday. This is his second victim within a year.

Geo. W. Spencer and son, W. H. Harris, Henry Harris and Frank Potts set out Monday morning for a ten days visit to the centennial.

James Harris and sons are building a cottage house on Meadow street, which, report says, will be for sale unless Albert concludes to use it.

Rev. Mr. Goodell of St. Louis, officiated at the North church last Sunday morning and spoke at the union meeting at the South in the evening.

Rev. Howard F. Hill of St. Mark's Episcopal church, Ashland, N. H., will hold services at the town hall next Sunday morning and at 5 o'clock.

Tourists are said to be not very plenty at the White Mountain hotels, but the cheap boarding houses in that vicinity are filled and overflowing.

Charles F. Weeks intends soon to build a blacksmith shop on the back end of the lot he bought of the grangers on Portland street. Not a bad idea!

John Barrows of Waterford, would like to know whose cash account was $9.00 over, last Tuesday. He found his that much short when he got home.

Repairs on the South church have been commenced and will be pushed with vigor, but the inside of the building will not be disturbed at present. The repairs will cost about $2000.

About 12 o'clock Thursday night, the family of Mr Horace Fairbanks was aroused by the ringing of the burglar alarm which is attached to the house. The would-be burglar escaped.

Frank Richardson has hired the A. M. Cook premises for five years at a rent of $425. He is having a tenement finished off in the back part of it, and will keep the express office in the front part.

S. L. Baldwin, clerk in the post office, and A. M. Goodrich, tailor for Stevens Bros, think they have profitably spent a little time and money at the centennial, returning to business on Wednesday.

Widow Shorey has had her two tenement houses on Caledonia street put in thorough repair. Now, if Caledonia street could be extended through to River street, what a convenience it would be! Why not do it?

The Baptist Sunday school goes on an excursion on Friday, this week, to Joes Pond in Walden. The fare for adults is only 30 cents; those under 14 half price. Others are invited to go. The train leaves at 9.15.

A party of a dozen or more of the notables of Lamoille county passed through the place Tuesday, bent for pleasure on Memphremagog. F. S. Benjamin, Richard Parker, and Judge Powers were among them.

Rev. O. Roys has gone to Parkers Head, Me., on a vacation lasting him through the month of August. He was accompanied by Rev. Mr. Milliken of North Danville. They went by their own team, passing through the Notch.

Sheppard's Jubilee troupe will return to St. Johnsbury and give us another of their splendid musical entertainments, Saturday evening. They sang here with excellent effect a few weeks ago and our citizens ought to give them a full house this time.

J. W. Cheney, the popular pianist and prompter; V. Ackerold, violin, of Germania Band, and Arthur Hall, cornet, leader of Metropolitan Band, will be the orchestra at the Memphremagog House, Newport, Vt., this summer. The guests ought to enjoy such music.

B. F. Rollins is bound to sell horse powers at prices that the times will warrant even if he don't make anything, just to keep the wheel moving. The fact is, now is the time to buy a machine if you are ever going to want one. See his adv't in this pa per.

The democrats of this county hold a mass convention at this place this Friday at eleven o'clock. In the afternoon there is a Tilden and Hendricks ratification meeting and flag raising. The meeting is to be addressed by Hon. J. G. Sinclair and Hon. S. B. Page of Haverhill.

All the readers of the FARMER are invited to report to it all the items of interesting news that may come under their observation. If sent by mail give us the facts—fully, concisely and immediately, and sign your true name. If you wish not to have your name printed draw a line over it.

A party of excursionists filling twelve cars went from Lyndon to Lake Memphremagog on Wednesday. To day (Thursday) 12 car loads have gone from Barnet, Peacham and this place to the same beautiful sheet of water. The fares are so low there is really little use in stopping at home.

Jim O'Rourke has discovered a vein of black granite near Ely. Balch & Co.'s shops, procured a mining lease and has commenced quarrying. This granite is said to be very tough and very handsome, taking a beautiful polish and not crumbling under the chisel. It has been examined by scientists who pronounce it a valuable rock. There are but few quarries of it in the United States.

H. & H. E. Randall don't find this a very dull year for business. Only last week they contracted to build three dwelling houses; one for Henry M. Cheney on Cliff street for $1300, designed by Packard; one for Mrs. Betsey Armington at the Center, for $1500, and one at the Center for Eli Brooks for $900. They furnish all the material and finish ready for occupation, including painting, by October 15.

Finding the sum which the village proposes to give them will not pay their expenses, the band proposes to go out of business. Montpelier, we learn, pays its band $600; St. Albans $1500; and Burlington $2800 besides giving them three different style uniforms, while St. Johnsbury can pay hers, the best in the eastern part of the state, but $300. Is it best to let the pride of our village die away for want of sufficient support?

Rev. J. A. Boisonnault visited the centennial last week in company with Rev. M. Dodge of Barton. He was greatly pleased with the magnificence of the enterprize, the excellent accommodations and the perfect arrangements for the comfort and convenience of visitors. As to the show itself, the United States government department, the Ladies Pavilion and the Memorial Hall were particularly attractive.

The Passumpsic railroad is giving excursion tickets to Sherbrooke and return for $4.50, "to return in ten days" as the letter corners say. The road will give excursion tickets from St. Johnsbury to Montreal and return for $4.00; the tickets to be sold only next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and good to return in six days from their date. This is an opportunity that many of our citizens will be likely to embrace.

Three White mountain excursions over the P. & O. railroad come off next week. The first is on Tuesday and takes people from Johnson to Wolcott at $2.50 each; the second on Wednesday takes them from Hardwick to Danville at $2.25 west of Greensboro, and $2.00 east; the third, which is on Saturday, will run St. Johnsbury folks for $1.50. They go over by the regular train; stop for dinner at the Fabyan House, then run down through the Notch to Upper Bartlett, returning by special train. Should the weather be favorable the road will find their cars will filled, we imagine.

Last Friday night, about eleven o'clock, Ola Henderson the telegraph operator discovered the large doors of the freight depot wide open. Now Ola is naturally courageous, but he thought if he shut the doors some one might see him and think he had been robbing the place, so he hunted up Glynn, the P. & O. night watchman, but Pat would not go in. He was not going to be shot at by any means. So they went clear up to Maple street after James, his son, but Jim would not get up. They then routed out Sam Holman and he went down and shut the doors without getting hurt a bit. The next morning it was found that the doors were not fastened properly at night and were blown open by the wind, causing Ola and Pat their big scare.

A long-time resident of St. Johnsbury, and a man well known all through this part of Vermont and New Hampshire, went to the call of the silent messenger on Wednesday, Mr. William Fuller. Mr. Fuller was a stage driver for many years, from Stanstead to Lebanon, shortening up his route as the railroad extended northward. He was afterwards express messenger on the Passumpsic for several years, and for the past few years has been engaged by several roads in selling tickets at the White Mountains. He was a quiet, peaceable citizen, a good neighbor and an indulgent parent. His only child, a son, was killed by the cars over a year ago. Mr. Fuller was the youngest of a family of which Mrs. Paddock who died on the same day was the oldest.

West Concord.—On Tuesday Hon. Asa Hibbard was thrown from his horse which was frightened by the cars, and seriously, though not dangerously injured.....Most farmers will finish haying this week having secured a good crop.

Large Corn.—As Mr. Chaplin of Glover speaks of his large corn I will just say I have about two acres that was planted May 20th which stands eight feet and seven inches, and never saw phosphate of any kind. F. C. BUNSHOUSE, Burke, July 30.

Greensboro.—A lot of Montpelier people are camping out on Bakers points, Caspian lake, forming quite little village of tents. They find amusement by boating and fishing.....A New York family of eight persons are getting a taste of country life at the village. They have hired the Congregational parsonage, in which they are keeping house and living just about as they please.....Mrs. A. D. Rollins was thrown from a carriage last week and seriously injured.....A. D. Rollins has this summer furnished 1071 telegraph poles to go on the B. C. & M. road, and has contracted for 1100 more to go elsewhere.

Kirby.—A good and true man in the person of Merritt Newhall, Esq., passed from this life last Saturday at the age of 83 years. Sixty years ago he came from Leominster, Mass., his native place, and settled on the farm where he lived to the time of his death. In religion he was a Universalist; in politics a democrat, and in the esteem of his neighbors he was reliable and honest, even to fault. One of them declares that in thirty years constant deal he never deserved in Mr. Newhall even the slightest disposition to wrong him or anybody a farthing's worth, and does not believe the idea ever entered his mind.

Hardwick.—Otis Griswold has been appointed town liquor agent.....Last Thursday, Frank Thomas stumbled and fell on the edge of a scythe which he was carrying, receiving a severe wound on his leg, requiring the services of Dr. Ward to make it whole.....Several farmers have been swindled to the amount of $200 each by a travelling agent of the Granite Agricultural Works, so-called, of Lebanon N. H. The agent contracted or agreed to deliver a certain amount of farm machinery at some future time, and took notes for the same. The notes were transferred to third parties and it is reported that they are just making their appearance. The agent and his machinery are *non est*.....Lyman Orton is building a dwelling house.

Suicide at Waterford.—On Sunday last Adelle Nutting, wife of V. B. Blodgett, committed suicide by hanging herself with a piece of a clothes line to a hook overhead, in the kitchen of her own house. Mr. and Mrs. Blodgett lived in a farm house between Lather Greene and the town poor farm, and had lived happily as Mr. Blodgett says and as every one believes. They had two children; one a boy three years old and the other a girl of ten months. Last spring the little girl was sick and the mother worried greatly over it thinking she was going to lose her, and had become partially insane. She had been head to say at times that she should put herself out of the way. Mr. Blodgett had gone to meeting at Lower Waterford and she took advantage of his absence to terminate her life; but spared the lives of her children. The body was discovered about four o'clock by Mrs. M. W. Hovey who saw it through the window. The door was locked and the windows were closed, and the two little children were in the room with their dead mother. She was cold when found and was hanging so that her knees almost touched the floor. A plenty of assistance was had as people had gathered at the school house near by for an evening meeting. Mrs. Blodgett was highly respected by all her neighbors and acquaintances. She was 26 or 28 years old.

Fire at South Cabot.—The carriage and machine shop owned by Henry N. Clark of Barre, and occupied by B. F. Farrow, was burned last Friday night with a large part of its contents. The fire commenced in the second story near the stairs. When help arrived it was too late to save anything up stairs, but work was carried on briskly down stairs until the fire drove them out. They saved the planer and trimmer, also most of the small tools, but most of the heavy machinery was burned. The old shop and dry house were also burned together with all their stock, all the clothes dryers stored in the second story and one new two-horse wagon in the paint rooms. The fire was the work of an incendiary who took pains to unlock the doors up stairs and the sliding doors down stairs, open the windows and set it on fire. The miscreant was tracked to Cabot village and there lost track of. Some one came from Cabot and went back in his stocking feet but that might have been for a blind. The track made in the road was eleven inches in length and four in breadth and of rather peculiar shape, the left foot being somewhat out of shape. Excitement is at fever hight and feet are looked at rather sharply. The amount of insurance is about $2000; the loss about $3000, which falls heavily on Mr. Farrow, probably taking all he owns, but he has the sympathy of all and the kind of sympathy that will each their pockets. Mr. O. V. Hooker of St. Johnsbury loses $500 above insurance, on property which he left in the shop when he sold out.

STATE NEWS.

A large temperance mass meeting and basket picnic of all the temperance reform clubs is to be held at Bellows Falls, Friday, August 4, more directly under the auspices of the Bellows Falls, Keene and Brattleboro' clubs, each of whom are to invite every club in their vicinity to join, and clubs to the number of 3,000 or 4,000 members have already decided to participate. It is similar in design to the one held in Concord recently, and bids fair to equal or exceed it in magnitude. At a meeting July 28, of the Bellows Falls club, which now numbers about 800 members, final arrangements upon their part were perfected, and a meeting of committees from the three leading clubs named called to meet here, Tuesday, August 1, to close all arrangements as a combination.

The number of convicts in the state prison at Windsor, at the present time is 118, there being but one female, Mrs. Lou Williams of Rutland.

There must be a screw loose somewhere. A whole day has passed in Rutland without a police court or a raid.

The directors of the Rutland railroad have elected Hon. John B. Page, president; Joel M. Haven, treasurer, and James H. Williams of Bellows Falls, clerk.

Chauncy Richardson, an octogenarian of Woodstock, in a paper of reminiscences read at the Fourth of July celebration in that town, says that from 1820 to 1830 there were five distilleries in full blast in the town of Woodstock, producing annually 1,800 barrels of cider brandy, and over 900 barrels of gin.

At the republican district convention, in the second district, it is understood that the names of Hon. George Howe of Brattleboro, and Col. J. B. Mead of Randolph, will be brought forward as contestants against Mr. Denison.

The parties interested have given formal notice that at the coming session of the legislature application will be made for the creation of a new county and also for the establishment upon the main lines of railroads of the county seats on the east side of the state which are not at present so located.

In the River and Harbor Appropriation bill there are three items for Vermont—$371,172 for Burlington Harbor, $15,000 for Otter Creek and $21,000 for deepening the channel between the Hero Islands.

You can't talk lightning rod in some sections of Vermont. A gentleman in the northern part of the state had them put on his barn and straightway it was struck; and a man in Bennington county did the same and had four cows killed to pay for it.

Postmaster-General Marshall Jewell of Connecticut, Hon. E. W. Stoughton and Hon. Lucius E. Chittenden of New York, Gen. John L. Swift of Boston, Hon. Trenor W. Park of Bennington, Hon. Luke P. Poland of St. Johnsbury, have been invited to speak at the various republican meetings in Vermont.

A report comes from Montgomery Center, through three citizens of St. Albans, who have been there for some days, that an outrage was committed upon a school teacher in the town of Wolcott last Friday, from the effect of which she has since died. The parties bringing the intelligence are prominent citizens of St. Albans.

ADDISON COUNTY.

Middlebury has a new steam fire engine.

It looks as if the freshman class of Middlebury college this this year would largely outnumber that of many years past, as 25 or 30 have already been examined. It is expected that several more will be admitted.

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

Steps are being taken towards celebrating the 16th of August in becoming style, this year in order to become initiated for the grand celebration of 1877.

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

Col. A. P. Blunt, formerly of the 12th Vermont, now of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, is on a visit to his friends in Danville.

Rev. C. F. Montgomery, a native of Walden, and a graduate of Middlebury college in 1860, who married Emily Redington of Morrisville, has just returned from Marash, Turkey, where he and his wife have labored 13 years for the American board of foreign missions.

Hardwick brings fourth a centennial relic in the shape of a First Lieutenant's commission in the Colonial army, issued to Samuel Elmore, Jr., of Connecticut, July 25, 1776, and signed by John Hancock as president and Charles Thompson as secretary of congress. It also bears this signature: "Philip Schuyler, Maj. Gen. commanding North Department," with officers on the left hand margin. The commission is well preserved, and is now in the possession of Mrs. E. J. Carter of Hardwick who is a descendent of the Elmores.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

C. H. Arnold and R. Ray Hamilton, two young men from New York, have made the trip from New York to Burlington in a small row boat. They intend going on to St. Albans, Rouses Point, and perhaps through the St. Lawrence.

ESSEX COUNTY.

Last Sunday night the residence of Frank Hull of Guildhall was broken into and a pocket-book belonging to Mr. Hull containing a little money and valuable papers, Mrs. Hull's watch and chain worth $150, and some jewelry has stolen. No clue to the burglar is yet obtained.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

The county agricultural and mechanical society has issued its regulations for its 11th annual fair at Sheldon, Sept. 27—29.

It is expected that the Vermont militia will go into camp at St. Albans the last of August.

Burglars broke into the store of Crowley & Clark in St. Albans on July 24th, and took therefrom $110 in money.

John Bedell of Montgomery was arrested by a Morrisville officer July 27th on suspicion of having been concerned in Hyde-park outrage.

Joseph Moran of South Franklin, lately had his left hand badly mangled by the bursting of an overloaded gun which he was firing, and from which he will probably suffer for a long time.

Mary J. Nevens, of St. Albans, was 100 years old the 29th day of June last. She does a weekly washing, rakes hay in the hayfield, can read without glasses, and has pieced two quilts since her last birthday, and doubtless is capable of performing other feats of agility and skill peculiar to ladies of her advanced years.

About ten years ago, a prominent New York lawyer visited St. Albans, while suffering from cancer. He had abandoned all hopes of recovery, and took no pains to conceal his gloomy forebodings. The hostess dreamed that within a circuit of 10 miles a cure for her friend could be found. In the morning, she sent a messenger to ascertain if any healing waters were known in the neighborhood, and he encountered a farmer who told him that upon his land there was a spring whose waters "allus cured scrofula, itch, and sich like." Some of the water was obtained, the lawyer began to take it, and in two months was cured. And this was the origin of the Missisquoi Springs as a summer resort.

GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

The Grand Isle Republican County Convention will be held at North Hero, on Tuesday, August 15th.

LAMOILLE COUNTY.

An excursion to Bartlett, N. H., will come off on the 8th of August. Fare from all stations in Lamoille county, to go and return, $2.50.

One day last week William Lucas of Hyde Park flew in a passion at one of a pair of horses he was driving on a mower, and, seizing a club, struck the animal on the head a blow that instantly killed it.

ORANGE COUNTY.

The Congregationalists of Chelsea are building a fine new church.

His Excellency, Ashael Peck was at Wells River last week, as an arbitrator on the Groton pond lumber case.

Dr. Cummings, who went from Bethel to the Sandwich Islands about four years ago, for his health, has returned in a greatly invigorated condition. He designs to go back to Honolulu soon, to engage in the practice of medicine.

ORLEANS COUNTY.

Ten persons are now confined in Irasburgh jail.

Hay is selling at North Troy for from $8 to $10 per ton.

Dr. A. P. Brown removes from West Charlotte to Barton Landing.

A very excellent school house is being erected at Morgan Centre at a cost of $1,000.

Horace Bean of Newport finds himself financially embarrassed; report says, very badly.

There are no less than three firms in North Troy in the business of copying and enlarging pictures.

Over fifty persons have united with the churches in Charleston in the past few months.

H. Conway's house and shed at Brownington were destroyed by fire, last Saturday night. Insured for $1,000.

George L. Sleeper has been appointed postmaster at Newport Center in place of John Stowell, removed.

Frank Gardner has received the appointment of postmaster at West Derby in place of Cyrus Sias, resigned.

The steam saw mill at Newport village is to be sold at auction, on the 17th inst. The present owners reside at Holyoke, Mass.

Austin, Joslyn & Co., and Flint Bros. & Co., will commence the erection of new store buildings, at Barton Landing, this week.

The wife of Marson Leavens of Morgan, a lady of about sixty years, had a stroke of apoplexy last week. She still lies in a very critical condition.

Wilkie & Robinson have a frame on the ground, at Barton Landing, for a bakery, and Mr. Ingalls of Boston, has rented rooms for the same purpose.

A party visiting Willoughby lake last week happened to hear, but not see, a large chunk of rock break from the cliff and roll into the lake.

The remains of the boy who was supposed to have been drowned last winter while skating on the lake, was found last week by fisherman Taylor on Province island.

Charles Buck of Newport went across the line into Canada, a few days since, and bought two quarts of rum to do his haying with. He met the custom house officer on his way home, who relieved him of his tanglefoot, a good horse and a new wagon.

Dr. A. B. Rich of Albany had his right leg so badly mangled in a mowing machine Monday, July 24, that it had to be amputated just above the ankle. On the same day landlord E. E. Foster of Barton was thrown from a mowing machine in Glover and severely bruised upon the head, arm and back.

John Reece of Rock Island, P. Q., was arrested at Derby Line, last Friday, charged with having uttered forged paper at the National bank of Derby Line. He was taken before a magistrate's court, and, waiving, examination, was bound over for trial in the sum of $3,500 and committed to Irasburgh jail. Five distinct forgeries are charged, and the amount of forged paper discounted by the bank was $550.

A dwelling house, together with shed and horse barn, on the S. H. Lathe place in Charleston was burned on Tuesday of last week. The house belonged to the Daniel Webster estate and was occupied by Charles Warboys. The fire originated in the chamber and when discovered had made such headway as not to be extinguished. Mr. Warboys was an industrious, honest but poor man, and he lost nearly all his clothing as did his wife, his furniture, $32 in money and a pair of double harnesses. There was no insurance on any of the property.

RUTLAND COUNTY.

The report that the Brandon scale works will remove to Rutland is,—premature at last.

Dr. Henry G. Burton, formerly of Castleton, has been nominated by the president to be an assistant army surgeon.

The new Episcopal chapel at Rutland is nearly completed. It was built wholly with money raised by the ladies of the society.

It is said that the new managers of the Howe scale company at Brandon will at once enlarge the works and increase the business, which now is in a most prosperous condition.

The new mail, baggage and express car recently constructed at the Rutland railroad shops, was taken down the Harlem extension railroad recently on a trial trip. It probably is the finest and most substantial car of its class ever put upon the road.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

At the adjourned meeting of citizens of Montpelier on Friday evening, to consider the question of supplying the town with water to extinguish fires, a large majority refused to pay any part of the expense of establishing the proposed water supply.

A desperate attempt at murder was made Saturday, July 29, in the north part of Waterbury. Frank Gale, a tax-collector, called upon Cyrus Kenyon, a man some fifty years of age, for his school tax. Kenyon refused to pay. Gale pressed the collection, when Kenyon seized a sharp ax and struck at his head, cutting through his hat and making a slight scalp wound. Kenyon fled but was soon captured by Deputy Sheriff Wilkins of Stowe. Kenyon has the reputation of being an ugly fellow.

Gold mining at Worcester, where the metal was discovered, a year ago, promises to amount to something. A company known as the Placer Mining Co., was recently formed, and work is being energetically pushed. The gold is found in the soil, and the company has leased nine farms at the base of Worcester mountain, nine miles from Montpelier. Gold is said to have been found the whole distance of the territory controlled by the company, and is panned-out on the banks of a stream running through it, the miners obtaining, it is said, from 5 cents to 75 cents a pan. It is of a fine quality, being from 22 carats to 23 carats. Some pieces are said to have been worth from $1 to $5 each.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

Gold is being found in Bartonville, in small quantities.

Mr. Norman Winchester of Pawlet has been arranging for the establishment of a cheese factory in South Londonderry. We learn that the project is likely to succeed.

Dea. Daniel Thompson, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Brattleboro, died Wednesday, July 19th, at the age of 75 years. His loss was felt by the whole community in which he had resided for 60 years.

WINDSOR COUNTY.

A bright little weekly has been started in Bethel, called the Vermont News.

The drove of logs at Norwich is so large that on account of the low water it takes 200 men to handle it.

Alexis Wade's house and barn at Ludlow were burned by an incendiary fire last Friday night. Loss $3,500: insurance $2,400.

Lyman Rogers, a respetable farmer of Bethel, Vt., dropped dead in his hay field on Thursday July 20 from heat or disease. His age was 63 years.

During the terrible thunder shower which passed over Windsor on the night of the 22d, twenty-seven sheep and two cows were killed in the western part of the town by lightning.

The annual fair of the White River Agricultural Association will be held at Bethel, September 5th, 6th and 7th. The annual horse trot which usually occurs at that place in August has been abandoned.

A. J. Crane whose term of imprisonment was shortened by good behavior to June 22, recently applied for permission to take "the poor debtor's oath" and be discharged from further imprisonment on account of the fine. A hearing was held before United States Commissioner W. C. French with the result that he took the oath, and was discharged. He proceeded at once to Burlington.

CANADIAN NEWS.

During the storm on Friday, three men, about three miles from Ottawa, were struck by lightning and killed; a horse was also killed.

Seven hundred Icelanders, immigrants, arrived at Quebec, *en route* for the colony of that nationality recently established in Manitoba, and 400 more are on their way to Quebec.

A few nights ago the premises of Mr. Wm. Saxby, Mayor of Shefford, were entered by burglars. A pocket book containing quite a sum of money, a bank draft, and several notes were taken, and a silver watch worth about $40.

LIQUID EXCREMENT.—How strangely we overlook the value of the liquid excrement of our animals! A cow, under ordinary feeding, furnishes in a year twenty thousand pounds of solid excrement, and about eight thousand pounds of liquid. The comparative money value of the two is but slightly in favor of the solid. This statement has been verified as truth, over and over again. The urine of herbivorous animals holds nearly all the secretions of the body which are capable of producing the rich nitrogenous compounds so essential as forcing or leaf-forming agents in the growth of plants. The solid holds the phosphoric acid, the lime and magnesia, which go to the seeds principally; but the liquid, holding nitrogen, potash and soda, is needed in forming the stalk and leaves. The two forms of plant nutriment should never be separated or allowed to be wasted by neglect. The farmer who saves all the urine of his animals doubles his manurial resources every year. Good seasoned peat is of an immense service to farmers, when used as an absorbent, and the stalls for animals should be so constructed as to admit of a wide passage in the rear, with generous passage room for peat, to be used daily with the excrement.—*Journal of Chemistry.*

Patrons of Husbandry.

RESOLUTIONS passed by Burke Mountain Grange No. 32, July 1st, on the death of Mrs. Jane A. Gage, who died June 29, 1876.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has in his infinite wisdom seen fit to take from us one of our number by death, our beloved sister Jane A. Gage, and take her home to join his great Grange above; therefore,

Resolved, That while we mourn the loss of our dear sister as a worthy member of our Grange, we know that it is well with her, and that we will keep her memory ever green in our hearts.

Resolved, That we tender to Brother Gage and these motherless children that are left behind, our sincere love and sympathy in their affliction, and commend them to the care of that kind Father in Heaven, who is good to all, and whose tender mercies are over all his works.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the records of the Grange, and that a copy be presented to Brother Gage, and also that a copy be forwarded to the Vermont Farmer for publication.

HARLOW COE, Secretary.

At the organization of Pomona Grange, No. 4, at Ludlow, the following officers were elected:

A. D. L. HERRICK, Master.	
L. G. Fullam, O.	J. W. Blakeney, L.
E. A. Brooks, S.	A. A. Edson, A. S.
F. K. Spaulding, Chap.	C. D. Parker, T.
C. A. Greeley, Sec.	D. D. Wall, G. K.
Mrs. D. A. Parker, C.	Mrs. C. D. Parker, P.
Mrs. J. Wilson, F.	Mrs. C. Estey, L. A. S.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held at the town Hall in Andover on Saturday, September 2, at ten o'clock a. m. The fifth degree is to be conferred at that time. All Patrons who are entitled to this degree are invited to be present promptly at ten o'clock. All fourth degree members in good standing are invited to be present at the afternoon session, and all are expected to bring their own rations.

C. A. GREELEY, Secretary.

Woman Needs the Order.

Woman needs the Order far more than does the sterner, hardier sex; and the Order needs her for man's improvement. Her gentle influence, her innate tact in all matters of good taste and propriety, her instinctive perceptions of righteousness and purity—all these are needed in the Grange, and also in society at large, from which she is now so much secluded, but into which our Order would introduce her. The unkindness is therefore extended to community—especially to the rising generation, who are to be moulded and furnished for usefulness by her instructions and example. How shall she be the proper and efficient educator of the young, without being liberated in part from her confining pursuits? How teach, unless herself instructed by some such institution as ours? For it is noteworthy, that, while the man usually improves in general knowledge and business ability after he enters active life, woman too frequently retrogrades. When she reaches the period at which her children need home instructions most, she has nearly forgotten the lessons of her school days and the acquisitions of her girlhood reading, and finds that the children of twelve years old have outstripped the mother of thirty or forty; or, rather, that she has receded from her twenty-year-old attainments, until she is unable to recall the lessons that were familiar during her teens. There is no necessity, no just reasons for such a state of things. Side by side with her husband, should she advance in knowledge and wisdom, that she may be his helpmate in all things. Onward and yet onward, before her advancing children, should she be enabled to progress in useful knowlege, that she may guide their tender feet in the ways of literature and science, while she trains them to lives of virture, usefulness and peace. And he is an enemy (whether ignorantly or knowingly) to woman's improvement in knowledge, usefulness and happiness, and to the welfare of society, who by any means would prevent her escape from an inferior and hampered condition, into the elevated and enlarged area of usefulness and happiness which our Order is opening before her.

Dr. B. J. Kendall's Blackberry Balsam is a complete remedy for all bowel complaints, such as Diarrhœa, Dysentery, Cholera and Cholera Morbus. This medicine does not, like nearly all the remedies recommended for the above difficulties, depend entirely upon astringent properties to control the diseased action, but it is one of the best of tonics for the bowels, promoting digestion, giving the bowels strength to perform their natural functions and thus restores the patient to health. Perhaps there is no disease that carries more victims down to a sudden and untimely grave than the diseases which are so common during the Summer months, and as KENDALL'S BLACKBERRY BALSAM has been thoroughly tried and found to have control over these complaints, when used according to directions, it is held in the highest estimation by all that have used it. Don't be without it in the house. Sold by dealers in medicine.

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OILY SUBSTANCES ALWAYS AGGRAVATES SKIN DISEASES. Ointments are therefore rather hurtful than beneficial. GLENN'S SULPHUR SOAP, which opens, instead of clogging the pores with grease, has, as might have been expected, widely succeeded cleaginous compounds as a remedy for scorbic affections.

DYSPEPSIA. Americans are particularly subject to this disease and its effects: such as Sour Stomachs, Sick Headache, Habitual Costiveness, Heart burn, Water brash, coming up of the food, coated tongue, disagreeable taste in the mouth, palpitation of the heart and all diseases of the Stomach and Liver. Two doses of GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER will relieve you at once, and there positively is not a case in the United States it will not cure. If you doubt this