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Orange County Republican Convention.

The republicans of Orange County, through their delegates, are invited to meet, in convention, at Chelsea, on Tuesday, the 1st day of July, A. D. 1884, at ten o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for two Senators, two Assistant Judges of the County Court, two Judges of the Probate Court, State's Attorney, High Sheriff and High Bailiff, to be supported for the several respective offices by the freemen of the county at the next biennial election; also for the appointment of a county committee. Towns will be represented in convention on the basis of five delegates from each town. Delegates will provide themselves with proper credentials, signed by the officers of their several primary meetings, and present them to the county committee at their headquarters, Whitney's Hotel, immediately on their arrival in Chelsea.

HENRY McDUFFEE,
JOHN B. BACON,
H. A. WHITE,
N. S. SMITH,
C. C. SARGENT,
} Orange County Republican Committee.

Corinth, Vt., June 9, 1884.

Current Mention.

THE president has signed the bill providing that newspapers weighing less than four ounces shall be sent through the mails for one cent.

AMONG those who are receiving favorable mention as senators from Windham county is A. N. Swain, editor of the Bellows Falls *Times*.

IT is now stated that Hon. Carroll S. Page is not a candidate for the office of secretary of state, and the suggestion of his name was entirely unauthorized, and in answer to inquiries from his friends in Lamoille county, he has expressed a desire that they do not present his name.

THE following figures are taken from the consolidated report of the assistant quartermaster-general, department of Vermont, Grand Army of the Republic, for the first quarter of 1884: Balances in hands of post quartermasters at last reports, $2,930.08; received from all sources during the first quarter, $2,066.64; paid per capita tax on 2,656 members, $212.48; paid for relief from post funds, $193.08; paid incidental expenses, $1,417.73; balances remaining in hands of quartermaster, $3,173.43. Relief fund, balance last report, $838.55; received from all sources, $792.04; paid for relief of distressed comrades, 341.06; balance on hand, $1,289.53.

THE programme for Commencement week (from June 22d to the 27th) at the Randolph State Normal School is as follows: Sunday evening, sermon by Rev. T. P. Frost of Montpelier. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, examinations. Wednesday evening, address by Rev. V. M. Hardy. Thursday, at ten o'clock A. M., class-day exercises; two P. M., alumni meeting; eight P. M., competitive speaking. Friday, at ten o'clock A. M., graduating exercises; two P. M., alumni dinner. Arrangements have been made for full reports from every class since the establishment of the Normal and it is expected there will be an unusually large attendance of alumni. Free return checks over the Central Vermont railroad will be furnished to all who pay full fare one way.

NEXT week occurs the eightieth commencement of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College. The exercises of the week are as follows: Sunday, June 22, Baccalaureate discourse by the president; anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association. Monday, June 23, Medical College Commencement; address by Professor King. Tuesday, June 24, annual meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa society; meeting of alumni; meeting of Medical Alumni Association; celebration of the Phi Beta Kappa society; oration by Hon. D. H. Chamberlain of New York city; junior exhibition. Wednesday, June 25, procession from the college; orations of graduating class, and conferring of degrees; corporation dinner; commencement levee. Thursday, June 26, examination for admission to the university. Music will be furnished by the Howard opera house orchestra.

THE guileless Barton *Monitor*, in a manner that is exceedingly fresh, announces that General Grout is a candidate for congress. The *Monitor* says: "In answer to numerous inquiries, as to whether General Grout is to allow his name to be used as a candidate at the second district convention, we answer that we suppose he will be in the field. During the last two months he has received a large number of letters from nearly all parts of the district, and many proffered assurances of support from influential men both among those who favored and those who opposed him two years ago. His friends feel, in deference to these wishes and the expressed desire of many others in the northern portion of the district, that he should not hesitate longer to declare his willingness to be 'in the hands of his friends.'" Probably the gallant general had never dreamed of being a candidate again until, "during the last two months," when "the large number of letters" recalled his thoughts from briefs and silos to things political.

IN reply to our strictures on L. W. Redington's remarks about the corporation tax law, the *Reformer* says: "The *Watchman* does not report Mr. Redington quite fairly. What he did say was that 'the law should be given a fair trial, although a departure from the old system of list taxation.' It is true that to avoid stirring up bad feeling his statement in the convention was not so pronounced as the *Reformer* would wish, or as we have reason to believe his convictions would justify. But really all anyone can ask is that the law have a 'fair trial,' and there can be no doubt then of its permanence as a principle of taxation. The *Watchman* need have no fears but that if the democratic party or a democratic candidate should take a position against the corporation tax law, the *Reformer* would fight them the best it knows how." If Mr. Redington hesitates to speak out strongly in favor of the law "to avoid stirring up bad feeling," although he believes in it himself, he has not the courage of his convictions and is not a suitable man to lead his party.

THE *Argus & Patriot* of last week published a brief article personal to Hon. Homer E. Hubbell of Fairfax, in which mention was made of the fact that he was a member in the first Vermont senate in 1836, and gave some reminiscences in relation to the membership of that early senate. The retrospect might properly have been extended to the house of that same year, and certain interesting facts developed. Horace Eaton of Enosburgh, Carlos Cooledge of Windsor and Erastus Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury, three gentlemen who afterwards became governors of the state, were members of that body. The following other distinguished gentlemen were also members: Solomon Foote of Rutland, John Smith of St. Albans, Charles K. Field of Wilmington, Roswell M. Field of Newfane, Lucius B. Peck of Montpelier, Jacob Scott of Barre, Harry Hale of Chelsea and Levi B. Vilas of Johnson. That senate of forty-eight years ago had in it O. C. Merrill of Bennington county, Waitstill Ranney of Windham county, Robert Pierpoint of Rutland county, Samuel W. Porter and Julius Converse of Windsor county, Ebenezer N. Briggs of Addison county, William Hebard of Orange county, Nathan Smillie of Franklin county and William A. Palmer of Caledonia county. David M. Camp was lieutenant-governor and *ex-officio* president of the senate and Norman Williams was secretary. Carlos Cooledge was speaker of the house, Chauncey L. Knapp was secretary of state and A. L. Miner, clerk of the house.

THE *Messenger* has the following tale: "The attention of Remus was recently called to a new method of piling wood—a method which combines ventilation with imposing appearance, and which, if it can be made to work successfully, will materially aid in replenishing the wood-seller's exchequer. A Roxbury man is entitled to the credit of experimenting with this method, and sixteen inch wood was the material he used. The pile was about fifty by one hundred feet and eight feet high. A casual observer would naturally have concluded that the pile rested on the ground; but the wood agent of the railroad company is more than a casual observer, and he found the ground some distance from the bottom of the pile. This state of affairs was not caused by any undue action of the ground in that locality, though an earthquake at Roxbury would not be a surprising thing; but sixteen-inch wood had been set on end and built over in such a way as to induce the belief that the pile was solid from the ground up. The agent on removing the outside tier, found an extensive air chamber underneath the wood, so capacious as to admit of his making a tour through it in an attitude of humility. He was entirely overcome with a sense of profound admiration for the genius which could conceive of such an innovation in the matter of wood-piling; and he declined to measure that vast amount of air, on the noble principle that the productions of genius should not be associated for a moment with so coarse an object as sixteen-inch wood. As a means of ventilating the wood-pile the Roxbury man's scheme was a success. Whether it will be generally adopted remains to be seen."

Montpelier.

THE Sunday evening sermons at Christ church are to be omitted during the summer months.

C. I. HOOD of Lowell, Mass., was in town yesterday and made THE WATCHMAN a pleasant call.

THE closing exercises of the Montpelier Union and Washington county grammar school occur next week.

THE Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. D. L. Fuller this (Wednesday) afternoon at three o'clock.

O'BRIEN'S advertising car was in town on Monday and citizens as well as bill-boards are likely to keep posted for the present.

SEVEN carloads of pipe for the main aqueduct of the Montpelier waterworks have arrived, and the work of "laying" is progressing at a rapid rate.

MRS. F. I. PITKIN, Miss Mary A. Phinney and F. W. Bancroft are to assist in the commencement concert at Goddard Seminary next Monday evening.

A FAIR-SIZED audience attended the organ recital at Trinity church Friday evening. In addition to the instrumental selections were vocal solos by Mrs. C. M. Cleveland.

MISS MARY KNAPP was accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Cheetham, of Southport, England, on her return home. They will remain here until September, when both will return to England.

FANNIE FIFIELD returned home from her studies on Friday and Ruth Jewett, on Saturday. The latter was accompanied by Mary Reed, who expects to remain in Montpelier for a time, before going to her home in Sterling, Ill.

A STREET lamp has been suspended from an arch over the Baldwin street entrance to the State House yard. The lamp is of the new style and is supported by an ornamental scroll. It is the first piece of work of this kind which the gaslight company has furnished here.

THE ladies of St. Augustine's church will have a strawberry festival at Capital Hall Thursday evening of next week, June 26. A beautiful silver ice pitcher, which is now on exhibition at A. A. Mead's store, will be disposed of by vote on that occasion. The candidates are T. Allard, president of the St. Jean Baptiste society, and John Mooney.

THOMAS GISBORNE, foreman of one of the branches of the Montpelier Carriage Company's establishment, caught one of his hands in a new planing machine, Monday, and it was thought that he must lose the whole hand. He was taken to Dr. Reid, who amputated the little finger, and the rest of the hand will heal, though it will probably be useless for a time.

THE semi-centennial anniversary exercises of the Vermont Conference Seminary occur the first week in July. The programme in brief is as follows: Tuesday, July 1, excursion to Newbury, leaving Montpelier at twenty minutes past eight A. M. and returning at half-past five P. M.; evening, meeting of alumni and former students; Wednesday, poem; oration; banquet at the Pavilion; speeches by prominent alumni and citizens.

ED. LANE was seriously jammed between some logs at his place of business near Marshfield summit on the Montpelier & Wells River railroad, one day last week. His sufferings were not alleviated in the least upon learning that the men heard his calls for help and neglected to heed them for some time because they thought some one was trying to sell them. Mr. Lane has nearly recovered from the effects of the injury.

LAST Wednesday as Mrs. Frank Guyette was driving into town with a companion, her horse became frightened at the sight of engines which were moving in the yard near the Central depot. The horse turned and ran, throwing Mrs. Guyette out and inflicting serious bruises. She was picked up in an unconscious state and Dr. Chandler was summoned. The lady was taken to her home and under proper care is recovering from the effect of her injuries.

AT the convention of Congregational ministers and churches, held in St. Albans last week, Hon Joseph Poland was elected president and Rev. J. H. Hincks, vice-president. Rev. C. S. Smith was chosen a member of a committee to secure better legislation upon the subject of divorce. At the Diocesan convention, held at the same place and time, Rev. H. F. Hill and Hon. T. P. Redfield were chosen upon a similar committee. The next Diocesan convention will be held in this village.

THERE was a large party at the armory rink Wednesday evening to witness the potato race. This was conducted in an orderly and satisfactory manner. The race was fairly won by young Jackson and the second prize was taken by Charles Alexander. Messrs. Hart extend their thanks to those who kindly assisted them on this occasion and to the public for their patronage. In accordance with the desire of several patrons, a costume party will be given next week Wednesday evening.

LETTERS uncalled for at Montpelier, (Vermont) post-office, June 14: Ladies—Miss Norah K. Callahan, Lois Durfey, Mrs. Winnie M. E. O'Grady, Mrs. Bell Willey, Nellie Wells (2). Gentlemen—Charles W. Bruce, Stephen Farrar, W. I. Fletcher, T. J. Holman, J. A. Jackman, E. H. Jones, Michael Lambert (2), Fred W. Sloan, B. F. Turner, A. U. Wyman, Hugh B. Quinn (2). Parties applying for any of the above must say "advertised" and give the date.

GEORGE W. WING, Acting Postmaster.

MENTION was made last week of the fact that Ensign Theodore G. Dewey has gone to Washington, D. C., whence he is to sail on the Carlisle Patterson for Alaska. The ship is a new one, having been launched but a few days, and was built especially for the United States coast survey in Alaskan waters. In about two weeks she will have been equipped for the voyage and will sail by way of Cape Horn to San Francisco, a distance of fifteen thousand miles, reaching there some time next December. Early in the spring of 1885 she will go on the working grounds off the coast of Alaska. She carries a crew of but thirty-six men, exclusive of officers.

JUNE 20, 1849, thirty-five years ago, was an eventful day in this village. The date fell on Wednesday in that year and THE WATCHMAN dated the 21st says: "Our boys claim Wednesday as holiday, and our paper is put to press on Tuesday; we cannot therefore say that the cars have reached Montpelier. They will be there on Wednesday the 20th. In the issue of June 28, we find that "On Wednesday the 20th instant the Central Road was opened for business. The combined attractions of the railway and circus [Sand's & Lent's] brought together thousands of people and both novelties were duly honored." The train which came to Montpelier on that day was drawn by the "Flying Dutchman" and James A. Bowers, who is still engineer on the Barre branch, was the engineer at that time.

THE dates for the appearance of C. R. Gardiner's theatrical troupe at Capital hall have been changed to June 20 and 21, Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. Of the drama "Only a Farmer's Daughter," which will be presented Friday evening, the Burlington *Hawkeye* says: "The theme is pure, the plot strong, the moral of the best, and the story intensely interesting. We welcome such American plays." The London (Ont.) *Advertiser* speaks of "Only a Woman's Heart" thus: "There is a flavor of nature about it that is refreshing, and the sentiment throughout is of the purest. While the interest of the audience is sustained, there is not an expression to which exception can be taken." The latter play will be given by the same company at the same place on Saturday evening.

ARRANGEMENTS for the grand Fourth of July celebration are being rapidly completed. Posters and programmes are out announcing the attractions to be offered and have been distributed throughout the state. All possible means will be taken to preserve order. A large number of people from other towns have signified their intention to visit Montpelier on that day. A party will come from Burlington with the Ethans and Shermans and it is probable that several St. Albans people will accompany their drum corps. The prizes offered for winners in the grand bicycle race have been increased to $20 to first, $10 to second, and $5 to third. The course of the race will be on Main street from the foot of Barre street to the Academy bridge, around the triangle in front of Mr. Hubbard's residence and back to the place of starting. It is probable, though not officially announced, that the balloon ascension will take place from the Union school-house grounds and the display of fireworks from the hill at the rear of the building. The concert by the Sherman military band is advertised to be given on the State House grounds.

THE people of Montpelier are to be congratulated upon the prospect of an acquisition of a public character that will have a direct bearing upon the prosperity of the place and add materially to its means of wholesome amusement. D. A. Guptil has recently bought for $3,000 the T. W. Wood property on South Main street and will begin immediately the erection of a commodious building for public entertainments and for use on great public occasions. The building will be of brick, fifty feet front by one hundred and fifty feet deep and two stories high above the basement. On either side of the front entrance there will be spacious reception and toilet rooms. The remainder of the ground floor will be fitted up for a skating rink. The area devoted to this purpose will have a seating capacity of at least two thousand people and will be surrounded by ample galleries. An arched roof twenty-two feet above the floor will cover the rink. In front over the reception rooms, there will be a large dining room, for use on festive occasions, or for fairs, festivals or church sociables, supplemented by a well-equipped kitchen in the basement. This, we understand, is the general plan of the building. It will be a handsome structure architecturally, and will be a very desirable addition to the section of the village where it is to be erected. For great public occasions, political conventions, mass meetings, concerts, musical festivals, the building will be precisely what Montpelier has long needed, the lack of which has kept away great gatherings for which the capital of the state is the natural center. The primary object of the builder, however, is to furnish to the young people an adequate and a convenient and comfortable place for a most healthful and exhilirating popular amusement at all seasons, skating. Independent of public and social considerations this alone must very cordially commend this scheme to the sympathy and substantial support of every citizen. Mr. Guptil is enterprising and public-spirited in this matter, and of course he will have, as he deserves, no lack of practical good cheer from his fellow-townsmen. It is intended to have the rink completed and opened to the public by September first.

L. BART CROSS has purchased a horse of Sheldon parties.... Dr. E. P. Bailey, formerly of the New York Colored Home and hospital, has opened an office for the practice of medicine at Oneida, N. Y.....J. T. Sabin is spending a vacation of three weeks in central New Hampshire.....Rev. J. H. Hincks and Rev. W. L. Anderson of Stowe exchanged pulpits on Sunday.....Miss Phene Pratt went to West Lebanon, N. H., last week to be present at the reunion of her graduating class, that of '81, at Tilden Seminary. She is also expecting to remain through commencement at Dartmouth. ....J. G. Brown went to Boston yesterday to be present at the commencement exercises of Harvard College.....Mr. F. W. Bancroft is expected home on Saturday of this week.

SEMINARY HILL.

MR. A. A. HADLEY'S twelfth piano and vocal recital is to be given next Friday evening, June 20, in the seminary chapel, at half-past seven o'clock.

THE trustees have decided not to repair the boarding-house, as was intended, the coming vacation, on account of its being only seven weeks instead of nine.

Goddard Seminary.

THE fifteenth annual commencement exercises of Goddard Seminary, Barre, will begin with the sermon before the graduating class, Sunday, June 22d, by A. A. Miner, D.D., LL. D., of Boston, Mass. The rhetorical exercises of the junior class will take place Monday afternoon at two o'clock. In the evening the commencement concert will be given at the town hall, and the following talent will appear. Mr. Harold Nye, violinist; Miss Ellen Nye, pianist; Mrs. F. I. Pitkin, soprano; Miss Mary A. Phinney, alto; Mr. A. N. Wheelock, basso; Mr. F. W. Bancroft, tenor; Mr. H. H. Scribner, accompanist. Tuesday will be "Alumni day," and the public exercises at two o'clock P. M., will consist of an oration by H. H. Dunham of Woodstock, an essay by Miss Gertie Ormsbee of East Montpelier and music by others of the alumni. In the evening the following students will compete for the prizes offered by the alumni association: Della Fay of Williston, Mame Leonard of Gaysville, Florence Powers of Washington, Etta Stebbins of Northfield, Nellie White of Calais, Frank C. Bancroft of Barre, Elmond A. Burnham of Putney, Omeron H. Coolidge of Plymouth Union, Elmer E. Dean of Keene, N. H., Orlando K. Hollister of North Montpelier. Wednesday, Commencement day, will be opened by the exercises of the graduating class at ten o'clock A. M. The annual address will be given at half-past two o'clock P. M., by Rev. J. Edward Wright of Montpelier. In the evening there will be a reception of the teachers and class. All are cordially invited to be present at the above exercises. The Central Vermont railroad will carry for fare one way. Return checks can be obtained at the seminary. Gilson & Cushman's orchestra will furnish the music Commencement day.

THE enterprising proprietors of Hood's Sarsaparilla are the first in the field with a campaign card giving an excellent lithographic portrait and sketch of James G. Blaine, the republican presidential candidate. The back of the card also gives the last electoral vote, the new apportionment, and other valuable information. Copies may be had by sending stamp to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Obituary.

COOK.—Died in Portland, Maine, on the 15th instant, of consumption, Martha P. Bailey, wife of Charles Cook, aged thirty-nine years. Only a brief ten years since "Mattie Bailey," as her large circle of friends in Montpelier and elsewhere familiarly called her, left the pleasant surroundings of her adopted home with her aunt, Mrs. John A. Page, to establish a home of her own upon the borders of the sea at Portland. Fortune smiled; a kind and noble husband, tender pledges of her wedded love, a charming home, were hers. But alas, all these could not stay the footsteps of insidious disease, and the relentless reaper marked her for his own.

"Shall I have naught that is *fair?*" saith he;
"Have naught but the bearded grain?
Though the breath of these flowers is sweet to me,
I will give them all back again."

But while this intelligence brings pain to many absent friends, who loved Mattie, not merely for her attractiveness of person and her winning ways, but even more for her uniform sweetness of temper and crystal purity of heart and life,—who can picture the desolation of that darkened home? May the God of all comfort take up his abode with the stricken husband, and fold the motherless little ones to his bosom!

PADDOCK.—Our mortuary record this week announces the death of Mrs. John H. Paddock of St. Johnsbury, which occurred on the 10th instant. Mrs. Paddock was a daughter of the late Governor Erastus Fairbanks. At the time of their marriage some twenty-five years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Paddock came to Montpelier to reside and, remained a year or two. The St. Johnsbury *Caledonian* of last week has an appreciative notice of the excellent life and character of Mrs. Paddock which, from our somewhat familiar acquaintance with her, we are fully prepared to endorse. Her going hence cannot but be a great grief to her surviving husband, who, by this dispensation, is left quite alone in the world, and to her other relatives and friends, among whom her pure and beautiful life was lived. Among her friends here, where her condition was not known, and the inevitable was not foreseen, as it was at St. Johnsbury, the sad tidings came suddenly, as a great bereavement, but knowing as we now do the burden of pain which she has borne these many years, and that her case held out to her friends no hope of relief, we can but rejoice that her poor suffering flesh is at rest, and that a gentle spirit "purified as by fire" has entered upon the realm of sights which mortal eye hath not seen, and sounds which mortal ear hath not heard. Mrs. Paddock's illness, though long and tedious, was endured with that uncompliaining cheerfulness and Christian fortitude which one who knew her might have expected. Of course a life which had been so prolific of the sweetest Christian graces would not, "when the dark hour came on," yield to petulance and complaining. No, though the body was tossed with pain, she repined not, and to the last seemed to say, in the spirit of meek submission, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." She "rested for the Lord, and waited patiently for him," not doubting that what she could not know now, she should know hereafter. It does not require a great exercise of faith to believe that all the joys of the heavenly state are fulfilled to one who in life gave such care and cheerful labor to the needs of those about her and whose life in every respect was an epistle of love and good will. Verily, it must be she rests not only from her labors, but from her pains as well.

"I know not, oh, I know not
What social joys are there,
What radiancy of glory,
What bliss beyond compare!" H.

Masonic Anniversaries.

The Masonic anniversaries were held at Burlington, last week, beginning on Monday and closing on Friday. A large number were in attendance and the various gatherings passed off in a very satisfactory manner. On Monday the following officers of the Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine were elected:

Charles H. Heaton of Montpelier.....Grand Sovereign.
Wm. Brinsmaid of Burlington.....Grand Viceroy.
George W. Wing of Montpelier...Grand Senior General.
W. H. S. Whitcomb of Burlington.Grand Junior General.
Charles J. Jones of Windsor.....Grand High Prelate.
Milton K. Paine of Windsor....Grand High Chancellor.
Marsh O. Perkins of Windsor.....Grand Treasurer.
Edward E. Greenleaf of Winooski....Grand Recorder.
Fayette F. Fletcher of St. Johnsbury....Grand High Almoner.
Henry R. Conger of Burlington. ..Grand Chamberlin.
Henry D. Bean of Northfield....Grand Architect and Engineer.
Frank H. Bascom of Montpelier.....Grand Orator.
Theo. S. Peck of Burlington.....Grand Marshal.
J. W. F. Washburn of Montpelier....Grand Standard Bearer.
Wilson Briton of Windsor.....Grand Herald.
W. A. Tyler of Burlington.....Grand Sentinel.

On Tuesday the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and appendant orders elected the following officers:

Alfred A. Hall of St. Albans. .R. E. Grand Commander.
Thad M. Chapman of Middlebury....V. E. Dep. Grand Commander.
George W. Wing of Montpelier.E. Grand Generalissimo.
Delos M. Bacon of St. Johnsbury....E. Grand Captain General.
Rev. Frederick S. Fisher of St. Johnsbury....E. G. and Prelate.
Fayette F. Fletcher of St. Johnsbury..E. Grand Senior Warden.
Charles J. Jones of Windsor..E. Grand Junion Warden.
Elihu B. Taft of Burlington.....E. Grand Treasurer.
William C. Bradbury of Vergennes..E. Grand Recorder.
Charles E. Campbell of Rutland....E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Frank H. Bascom of Montpelier....E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Henry Pratt of Brattleboro.....E. Grand Warden.
John R. Filling of Bennington....E. Grand Captain of the Guard.

Tuesday evening the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters elected the officers, as follows:

W. H. S. Whitcomb of Burlington.....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
Elihu B. Taft of Burlington.....Deputy Grand Master.
Henry W. Hutchins of Bellows Falls..Grand Principal Conductor of Work.
Fayette F. Fletcher of St. Johnsbury..Grand Treasurer.
Warren G. Reynolds of Burlington ...Grand Recorder.
Orrin W. Orcutt of St. Johnsbury....Grand Captain of the Guard.
Charles J. Jones of Windsor.....Grand Conductor.

Thursday morning the Grand Lodge elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Ozro Meacham of Brandon.....Grand Master.
Marsh O. Perkins of Windsor... Deputy Grand Master.
Alfred A. Hall of St. Albans.....Grand Senior Warden.
George W. Wing of Montpelier..Grand Junior Warden.
John A. Butler of Jamaica.....Grand Treasurer.
Wm. H. Root of Burlington.....Grand Secretary.
Allen L. Pease of Hartford.....Grand Senior Deacon.
Henry W. Hutchins of Bellows Falls... Grand Junior Deacon.
Charles H. Holbrook of Brandon.....Grand Lecturer.
Rev. Edwin Wheelock of Cambridge...Grand Chaplain.
Rev. F. S. Fisher of St. Johnsbury....Assistant Grand Chaplain.
T. S. Peck of Burlington.....Grand Marshal.
Ethan Dimond of Vershire.....Grand Pursuivant.
Wm. J. Sperry of Cavendish.....Grand Sword Bearer.
Daniel C. Barber, } of Burlington.....Gu'd Stewards.
George F. Morse, }
Asa T. Taft of White River Junction.....Grand Tyler.

On Friday the Grand Chapter made the following choice of officers:

Kittredge Haskins of Brattleboro....Grand High Priest.
William Brinsmaid of Burlington...Deputy Grand High Priest.
Frank H. Carner of Morrisville.....Grand King.
Marsh O. Perkins of Windsor.....Grand Scribe.
John A. Butler of Jamaica.....Grand Treasurer.
Wm. H. S. Whitcomb of Burlington...Grand Secretary.
George H. Kinsley of Burlington....Grand Captain of the Host.
Rev. Thaddeus F. Stuart of Burlington, Grand Chaplain.
Rev. Frederick S. Fisher of St. Johnsbury....Assistant Grand Chaplain.
Edwin O. Hibbard of West Randolph.....Grand Principal Sojourner.
Samuel Terrill of Rutland..Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Frank H. Bascom of Montpelier....Grand Master Third Veil.
A. F. Nichols of St. Johnsbury, Grand Master Second Veil.
Luther C. Parkhurst of Windsor....Grand Master First Veil.
Geo. W. Wing of Montpelier.....Grand Lecturer.
Geo. F. Morse of Burlington.....Grand Steward.
Andrew McGaffey of Burlington.....Grand Sentinel.
Emory Town of Waterbury.....Grand Tyler.
U. A. Underwood of Burlington.....Grand Organist.
M. J. Horton of Poultney.....Grand Marshal.

The annual assembly of the Order of High Priesthood was held Friday, at 12 M. The following officers were elected for the year ensuing:

Kittredge Haskins.....President.
Alfred A. Hall.....Vice-President.
Homer M. Phelps.....Conductor.
Frank H. Bascom.....Recorder.
Edwin B. True.....Steward.
Frank H. Carner.....Sentinel.

Middlesex.—About two o'clock Saturday morning Dr. W. G. Church's drug and fancy goods store was discovered to be on fire. The store had recently been removed to a new site and was open underneath. Fire was seen by Mrs. Enos Stiles dropping through the floor into the cellar. By prompt and efficient work the fire was kept inside the building. The stock, estimated at about $4,000, was nearly ruined. Insured for $1,700. Store insured for $400.

North Montpelier.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE KELTON started Tuesday of this week for a several days' trip to the "Hub."

MR. AND MRS. J. M. WILLARD, JR., of the East Village have returned from a week's visit to friends in St. Albans.

J. W. BUTTERFIELD is pushing the work on his new barn "right smart" now-a-days, so as to have it ready for his hay crop.

LIGHT frosts are reported from several localities Friday and Saturday nights, but not severe enough to do very much damage.

HAROLD and Ellen Nye are engaged to assist at the Goddard Seminary commencement concert, which takes place at town hall, Barre, next week Monday evening.

IF pies at fifty cents each are not cheap enough, why not next time patronize some five cent lunch counter where good ones can be had at five cents per quarter and cheese thrown in? Eh! boys?

MRS. ALICE HOLLISTER JONES and two children, of Chicago, are here for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hollister, and her many friends here wish her a long and pleasant sojourn at her childhood's home.

AT the caucus held at the East Village last week Saturday, Rev. J. C. McInerney, Timothy Davis and Hon. James A. Coburn were elected as delegates to represent this town in the state convention at Burlington this week Wednesday. They were uninstructed.

EIGHTEEN couples of the young folks from this neighborhood enjoyed a ride, supper and dance at the Plainfield Springs house last week Friday afternoon and evening, and, according to all reports, mine host Page gave them a fine spread and courteous treatment.

BY the numerous calls that come through the mail and by telephone to A D. Coburn, the proprietor of the cheese factory in this place, as to how soon the new cheese will be ready for marketing, it is very evident to our mind that our North Montpelier cheese has a reputation second to none in this state.

IN the death of Mrs. Philura Clark, which occurred at her old home last week Saturday, the already small circle of old people in town is sadly lessened, and the vicinity where she has so long made it her home, loses a kind neighbor and treasured friend. The bereaved family have the heart-felt sympathy of the entire community in this last sad affliction.

THE stage line through this place and on to Hardwick has again changed hands, and Joseph Benjamin, the old-time favorite, is once more the holder of the ribbons, Warren Fifield, the old driver, having decided to devote his time and energies to keeping a livery stable through the season at his home in South Woodbury. Here's success to you, Warren, in your new venture.

A COUNCIL of doctors, consisting of Dr. Gray of Calais and Drs. Wiswell and Warren of Cabot, was called here last week Tuesday, the patient being Cherrie, the bright little two-years-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeLottinville, who is thus early in life afflicted with curvature of the spine. The doctors give hope that with continued quiet and careful nursing she in time will outgrow it.

THE young married people of town are to indulge in the pleasures of a picnic trip to "Summit Park" on the Montpelier & Wells River railroad this week Friday, going on the morning train and returning on the five o'clock to Plainfield, where they will endeavor to while away the remainder of the day and night with a supper and dance at A. C. Slayton's hotel and hall. A grand gala time is anticipated.

A WEEK ago last Sunday, about four o'clock in the morning, W. G. Nye was aroused from his morning nap by a loud knocking at his front door accompanied by cries for help, "I'm in trouble," etc. Upon going to the door he found a gentleman from Barre in a rather "how-come-you-so" condition, who, in a bewildered way, informed him that he was in a heap of trouble just over the bank wall by his barn, and sure enough he was. Mr. Nye found the wagon bottom side up, with blankets, halter, lunch, fish-poles and a jug—right side up of course—distributed promiscuously around in the grass. The horse, still hitched to the wagon, was as it went over the bank thrown upon its side and lay there quietly feeding upon the grass. With the help of Mr. Albert Ormsbee from just over the way, the team of the gentleman from Barre was soon set at rights, and after imbibing several times from the jug, and an injunction to Messrs. Ormsbee and Nye that if they ever found themselves in like circumstances to call on him, he went on his way rejoicing.

East Montpelier.

A. D. ARMS purchased a Sterling organ last week.

MASON PAINE'S "Old Dan" fell dead in the harness while plowing last week.

WE understand that H. O. Steward is about to purchase a piano for his daughter.

JACK Frost paid us an unwelcome visit last Friday and Saturday mornings, doing considerable damage in some localities.

THE mission school has removed from its old quarters in E. W. Ormsbee's hall to the church. Its sessions will be held at two o'clock, to be followed by preaching at three.

A MAN in the employ of L. D. Hill, while drawing sugar wood, slipped from the load and fell under the horse's feet. He was quite severely injured, but was able to return to his work Monday.

REV. T. P. FROST'S sermon at the Centre last Sunday was one of those rare discourses that seem to touch a responsive chord in every heart. He was accompanied by E. E. Reynolds, who assisted in the services. Rev. L. O. Sherburne of Randolph, will preach next Sunday, at three o'clock.

Two boys who were fishing in the brook at the Centre Saturday, left their horse standing in the thills from nine o'clock till twelve, when the horse evidently thought it was time to change the order of exercises, and did so by turning a somersault over the fence. Horse, wagon and fence all went over and down together, but fortunately the driver was near and prevented what otherwise might have been a serious accident.

MR. AND MRS. HARVEY CUMMINGS returned Thursday from a visit to their daughter in Stowe.....Mrs. John Clough of Barre has been spending a few days with relatives here....Ira Dodge is entertaining a sister from Massachusetts. ..J. D. Clough of Boston was in town last week....Mr. and Mrs. George Angell of Woodbury, accompanied by their son and sister, have been visiting at Sylvanus Angell's.... Mrs. Alva Johnson has been spending a week at the Centre....Mrs. Robinson is stopping with her sister....Fred Southwick is on the sick list, and has gone to his home in Corinth....Mrs. Almina Batchelder, who has been quite ill several weeks, is still failing....Rowena Batchelder is improving and able to ride out again, after ten months confinement to the house.... Alex. Dingwall commenced work Monday for George Guernsey on the Blanchard block.

Waterbury Center.—The Methodist minister returned from Boston last week, bringing with him a bride. While away his society furnished the parsonage with the good things necessary for their comfort, and were many of them present on their return, to give them a cordial welcome.... The Rev. Mr. Church and wife returned from Providence, R. I., last week Tuesday, where they had been to bury a brother of Mrs. Church. Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Church's mother, returned with them..... There has been no service at the Baptist church for two Sundays, on account of the absence of the pastor....Miss Mary E. Gunn returned to her home at Worcester, Mass., last Monday. ....Our village has a telephone line in running order from the street. The poles are also set part of the way to Stowe.

Worcester.—At the temperance meeting at the Congregational church, Sunday evening, Captain H. C. Lull and others from Montpelier came up to encourage the good work. Mr. Isaac Wheeler presided....On Wednesday of last week Edwin Kellogg's little son, while playing croquet with other boys, came very near losing his eye. The handle came off of the mallet and struck him over his eye....Captain L. M. Hutchinson and A. J. Stone were elected delegates to attend the state convention at Burlington; alternates, J. R. Wilson and Samuel Pratt.

Northfield.

THE band gave a fine concert on the common last Friday evening.

NINE were confirmed at the Episcopal church Monday evening by Bishop Bissell.

A STRAWBERRY festival was held at Howe's hall Friday evening by the ladies of the Episcopal society.

A NIGHT-BLOOMING CEREUS belonging to Mrs. O. D. Edgerton had one blossom Sunday evening and two Monday.

REV. J. F. BRODIE, pastor of the Congregational church at Woodstock, preached Sunday in exchange with Rev. W. S. Hazen.

THE Bethel nine came up Tuesday morning and played six innings with a picked nine of this town. The Bethels scored four runs and their opponents twenty-eight.

THE baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of Lewis College was preached at the Universalist church Sunday afternoon by Rev. Walter Dole of the class of 1870. It was a very good discourse and was listened to by a full house.

J. H. HAZELTON took his little girl to Burlington last Wednesday and had her arm examined by the lecturer on surgery, Dr. Little of New York. He pronounced it a fracture and thought she would in time regain perfect use of her arm.

ROSE Sunday was observed at the Universalist church Sunday. The church was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and pot plants. Seven young people united with the church and two children were baptized. The pastor made some remarks to the children and a concert exercise was given by the Sunday-school.

THE Adventists erected their tent last week in the railroad yard near the foot bridge and began Thursday evening to hold meetings. A cowardly hoodlum threw a brick through the top of their tent Saturday night, but fortunately no one was injured. We understand that a policeman has been detailed to prevent a repetition of anything of the kind.

WEDNESDAY James P. Johnston and Lucius C. Webster were arraigned before Justice Judd charged with keeping nuisances. They pleaded guilty, were fined $27.50 each and paid up. Their saloons were ordered to be closed and not opened unless bonds of $300 for each were furnished that no more liquor would be sold in them. They probably will not be reopened. The justice in pronouncing sentence admonished them that they now had a "record" and could not enter a "green race" again.

SCHOOL meeting in the village last Tuesday evening resulted as follows: moderator, J. H. Orcutt; clerk, Edward Ingalls; treasurer, J. C. B. Thayer; collector, F. A. Preston; auditors, A. E. Denny, J. H. Winch, H. R. Brown; directors for three years, Dr. W. B. Mayo, H. L. Kenyon. Voted a tax of fifty-five cents on the dollar with four per cent discount to taxpayers for all payments by October 1st and two per cent to the collector for all taxes paid in by October 1st and four per cent after that date. The auditor's report shows that the debt has been reduced about $500, leaving a balance of about $5,600. The amount of tuition received the past year is $413, the largest since the school began.

DR. NICHOLS returned from Chicago via Boston last Thursday....'Squire Plumley was in Hancock last Thursday and delivered a temperance speech at North Pomfret Friday evening.....Mr and Mrs. C. A. Edgerton went to Waitsfield Saturday for a visit of a few days. ....Miss Ella Dutton was at home over Sunday.....S. E. Carpenter was in town Monday delivering the first volume of Blaine's history. ....Rev. F. M. Miller of Bernardston, Mass., has been in town the past week. His wife and children are spending the summer at Mr. R. H. Miller's....Professor C. W. Emerson arrived in town Monday.

Waitsfield.—J. H. Hastings is at Montpelier, trying to so fix the court house that the lawyers may be able to get their ideas clearly before the court....Erastus Camp of