Williamstown.

DEACON ORCUTT ABBOTT's place in church, which is very seldom vacant, has been so for two Sundays past by reason of ill health.

DEACON BURNHAM SEAVER of Burlington is visiting this his native place. We hear he has been in poor health to some extent of late.

ELIOT WATSON is to teach the winter term of our village school. Tracy L. Jeffords will teach in South Barre, and Miss Lucia Harriman in Gospel Village, Barre.

THANKSGIVING services will be held at the usual hour, on Thursday morning, at the Methodist house, and all who will, may join in them, with assurance of hearty welcome.

MESSRS. GEORGE BLANCHARD AND WILLIS H. GALE are in demand as vocal music teachers, this season, the former working south of here and the latter in a north-westerly direction.

THE ill health of our townsfolk, Mr. and Mrs. Asa S. Simonds continues, but we are glad to note that Mr. Simonds' physician speaks encouragingly of his case, for which his friends are thankful.

MRS. JULIA BECKETT MARTIN and son went to Washington, D. C., last week to reside, her husband being employed in one of the district institutions. We are sorry to lose this family from our midst.

AT a "benefit" for Rev. Mr. Crain, projected by L. C. Norris, and to be held at the Free Baptist church on Tuesday evening of this week, some of our best singers will assist James Walbridge in the musical programme.

WILLIAM G. PUTNAM, a very successful farmer here, explained to us, the other day, somewhat of his reasons for believing that he has been more successful on his small farm of seventy-five acres, than he could have been on a large farm.

"ST. MARGARET'S HOME," in Boston, where our townswoman, Mrs. Barnet Goodrich, is being treated, is a Catholic institution. Only the best of news continues to come concerning her case, and she hopes to return in two or three weeks, healed.

GRANITE-WORK has been in some measure a disturbing factor in the farm-labor question hereabouts, in late years. A man with a family, who left the farm to labor in a quarry, tells us he concludes, after his experiment, that he can save more in a year to hire out on a farm.

DR. C. C. ELLIS and wife of Nashua, N. H., propose a thanksgiving this week at Barre with Dr. J. C. Briggs' family. The doctor is again in poor health, and seems to be tempted to come up here, and live on his "J. M. Palmer farm," as a matter of health and longer life. That would please his friends here.

IF our citizens shall duly encourage it, there is hope that some of Mr. George Blanchard's former classes and our own singers would unite for a day and evening of song at the town hall when the roads shall be in the best condition. It is to be hoped that such an arrangement can be perfected before long.

THE centennial of our place will be "marked" by Mrs. Harte Dickenson Hubbard's pretty new house, now in process of erection. It is to be hoped this town will not take on the habit of the "century plant," and thus not "blossom" with another new house till the next centennial. With grit, "get-up," and our own granite, this need not be.

THERE is to be a Congregational society meeting at their vestry on Thursday evening at eight o'clock, to consider the question of securing the services of Rev. C. J. Richardson of Newbury if possible. Mr. Richardson is liked here, after a few Sabbaths' trial, but it is an open question whether he can be had, another church also wanting him. Let the meeting on Thursday evening, then, be fully attended.

A FARMER in Caledonia county, a stranger to us, but a member of THE WATCHMAN family, writes that he has just sold his farm and wants to investigate the inducements to come to Williamstown to live. He wants, if he purchases, to get a place worth one to two thousand dollars at a convenient distance from church and the village. Parties here who have such places to sell can be put in communication with him by notifying us.

WE asked our young townsman, James N. Adams, who this fall went to seek his fortune in the West, to give us his opinion of what he should find. Under recent date, from Chebanse, Iroquois County, Ill., he writes that it now seems to him as if that section offers greater inducements to a young farmer (even without any means) than Vermont does. He finds the rent for farms one half less than here; fertilizers not needed, etc.

DON'T we all understand that the teacher, preacher, or writer who sets us to thinking, is doing the best work for us? A certain periodical of note has done this work for ourself by the following statement, written upon and since the recent presidential election. What say you to it, reader? The writer says, "Our personal prosperity is as intimately bound up with the condition of our roads as with any but a half dozen exceptional bills which congress is likely to pass. The most important election is that of the school district; next, that of the township; next, that of the county; next, that of the state; next, that of the congressional district; last, and least of all comes that of the president." Who agrees with this?

Bethel.—The republicans who bet with the democrats on the election have all paid up. Besides the money paid, we think silk hats came in for a share, for at the grand jubilation Saturday evening quite a good many democrats wore the latest style of those hats in the procession. ═══ Last Thursday morning we had just six inches of snow, but there is none to be seen now. ═══ Wednesday, the 12th instant, Ed. Wilson bought the first building lot north of the Arnold block on Main street. The next day he had fifteen men and six teams at work on the foundation for a block sixty-five feet in front and thirty feet back. There will be a basement, four stores on the first floor and two tenements on the next floor. The whole building is already rented for five years, with the exception of one tenement, which he will himself occupy. The whole job, above the foundation, is let to responsible parties and is to be ready for the painters the first day of March next. ═══ Everybody was glad to see the heavy rain Sunday night, for many wells and springs in the village were still dry. ═══ A gang of men are at work extending the telephone line from West Randolph to White River Junction, so that in a very few days we shall have telephonic communication with the outside world in almost every direction. ═══ There seems just now to be pretty warm feelings as to who shall be the lucky man when the present incumbent (Mr. Fisher) of the post-office gets orders to leave. Gossip says there are some ten or twelve aspirants for the spoils.

East Montpelier.—Rev. E. N. Morse has exchanged his home place for the mill property at the East village. ═══ Marcella Young went to Boston last week, in response to a telegram announcing the dangerous illness of her sister, Mrs. Maria Chester. ═══ Dr. J. S. Dodge of Lincoln arrived on Saturday, being called here by the illness of his son, who is visiting relatives in town. He found the boy better, but not able to return with him on Monday. ═══ Stephen Gould, after depending on the old well for nearly fifty years, has at last succeeded in getting a stream of running water to the house. The same is true at Rodney Young's. The laying of the pipe in each instance was attended with considerable labor and expense. Mr. Gould and Mr. Young are both nearly eighty years old, and ready to acknowledge that their boys have done well. ═══ Cornelius Bass of Braintree has been visiting relatives in town the past week. ═══ Arrrangements are being made for the opening of a singing-school at the Center, with Charles Dudley as teacher. ═══ We hear that Mrs. Nancy Pitkin of Montpelier, a long-time resident at the Center, expects to spend the winter with her daughter in Boston.

Gaysville.—Singing schools, under the tuition of George Blanchard, will be held at the town hall on Tuesday and Friday evenings. ═══ Miss Mary Leonard is at home from Barre on a vacation. ═══ Cyrus Abbott has had a sum of money left him by the death of his son, Elbridge Abbott.

YOUR health depends on the purity of your blood. People who realize this are taking Hood's Sarsaparilla with the best results.

Chelsea.

THE Young Woman's Christian Temperence Union gave a fancy dress promanade at the town hall on Friday evening, November 21. Music was furnished by the band and all had a pleasant time. There were one hundred twenty-five present, of whom about sixty were in costume. Representative costumes of Night, Summer, Winter, Swiss and French peasants, Pocahontas, Oscar Wilde, gipsey queen, different kinds of flowers, old-style costumes, soldiers, sailors, hunters, highlander, dude, and many others too numerous to mention. The costumes were nicely gotten up and all looked fine. Miss Lillian Peters was floor manager and did herself much credit. All pronounced the entertainment a success, and by request of many the union will give an entertainment of similar kind Friday evening, November 28, to which all are invited to attend in costume. ═══ Three teachers were examined Saturday by Superintendent Keyes, all passing satisfactorily. ═══ Mrs. Frances W. Bixby spent last week at St. Johnsbury visiting friends. ═══ Grace M. Noyes is home on a short vacation from her school at Wells River, as is Nancie E. Jones from Lancaster, N. H. ═══ L. G. Hinckley's sister, Mrs. Clough of Boston, is visiting him. ═══ Eunie A. Noyes returned from Boston, Wednesday, where she has been spending the past few weeks with friends. ═══ Ned A. Davis is home from St. Johnsbury Academy for Thanksgiving. ═══ The Methodist society held a sociable with Rev. J. E. Knapp Thursday evening, November 20.

Hardwick.—We understand the photograph gallery here is to be opened soon by Brown & Heard of Burlington. There seems no good reason why an artist of skill, who can do good work, may not succeed well here. ═══ The winter term of the academy and village schools begins Monday, December 1st. ═══ The Adventists have had a conference meeting at this place the past week, commencing Thursday evening and continuing with afternoon and evening sessions Friday and Saturday, and three sessions on Sunday. ═══ B. F. Smith advertises a Thanksgiving ball at Continental House on Thanksgiving evening. Burdick and Kittredge's band furnish the music. ═══ The Methodists are to hold a series of meetings the present week, commencing Tuesday evening, with afternoon and evening services the rest of the week. ═══ J. J. Burdick has exchanged his residence in this village for a farm near East Hardwick owned by F. J. French, Esq. ═══ The present prospect is that much less lumbering will be done this winter than for several years past. Very little, if any, hard wood will be cut.

Tunbridge.—Mrs. Sarah Kibbee is visiting friends in Montpelier. ═══ The winter term of the school in the village commences next Monday. ═══ Grand Army of the Republic meeting at the hall Saturday evening. ═══ Mr. O. M. Morris of Visalia, California, is visiting in the state. He was at one time a resident here. ═══ The school exhibition of the north village district is to be held in the Universalist house Tuesday evening of this week. ═══ The Band of Hope meet at H. R. Hayward's to elect officers next Friday evening. ═══ Mr. John Mudgett returned from Boston last Friday. ═══ Webster Noyes has been quite unwell lately. ═══ Mrs. Asa B. Stiles died last Wednesday, aged sixty-three. ═══ Mr. Herbert P. Rolfe made but a short visit here, business calling him to Washington, D. C. The last of the week he goes from Washington to his home in Fort Benton, Montana. ═══ Mr. A. P. Cushman is very sick. ═══ King bought and shipped several tons of turkeys last week.

Newbury.—Mrs. Pike is going to Littleton to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Hilliker. ═══ Mrs. Houston and Miss Howe returned from Michigan last week. Mrs. Houston's health is very much improved. ═══ Seth A. Blodgett began work at Wells River, Monday, as telegraph operator. ═══ Miss Belle Hibbard has been engaged to teach the winter school in the Oxbow district and Miss Abbie Meader in No. 4. ═══ Mr. Charles George returned home from Dakota last week. ═══ School at the Seminary commences next Monday. ═══ The village schools also commence Monday. ═══ Miss Mamie Clark is stopping at the present with her aunt, Mrs. Damon Hall, in North Haverhill. ═══ Miss Mattie J. Crawford is visiting her sister on Jefferson Hill.

Roxbury.—The Congregational society is about to add to the comfort and convenience of its house of worship by the putting in of additional registers. The acting pastor has recently taken to himself a helpmeet, and the society hope much prosperity may attend them in their labors. ═══ The term of singing-school recently commenced in this place bids fair to be a decided success. The numbers and enthusiasm of the class at the opening session were a token of the good will and hearty appreciation which the instructor, Professor Ober of Waterbury, won for himself by his very efficient work here last season. The professor is a teacher of unusual ability, and we consider ourselves fortunate in securing his services for another term.

North Thetford.—Rev. Mr. Brickett from Thetford Hill supplied the pulpit last Sabbath in exchange with Mr. Reynolds. ═══ Mrs. Murfey has come on from New York to stop a while at the old home. ═══ Station Agent Howe has gone to Massachusetts for a few weeks. ═══ School commenced last Monday. ═══ We are to have a Thanksgiving sermon by Rev. Mr. Reynolds. ═══ Our old acquaintance and neighbor, Miss Louisa Breck, was married last week Wednesday to Mr. Batchelder, who has been employed by T. F. Howe & Co. the past season. The happy couple started immediately for Landaff, N. H., where they expect to reside.

Braintree.—Last Wednesday night V. I. Spear's cider mill caught fire, but by means of the cider the flames were extinguished. ═══ One day last week H. M. Blanchard's grist mill caught fire but was discovered in time to save it. ═══ Surprise visit at I. D. Williams' last Friday night. About sixty were in attendance. ═══ John M. Peavey is sick at his father's. ═══ Jefferson Flint has moved to Strafford. ═══ Walter Fuller of Natick, Conn., is at home on a visit. ═══ Mrs. L. H. Spear has gone to Chicago, Ill., to spend the winter. ═══ George W. Hunt and family have moved to West Randolph.

Corinth.—Mrs. E. C. Knowlton, a former resident, and Miss Kate Burgin have been visiting friends here. ═══ The graded school at Cookville closed recently with an exhibition. Mr. and Miss Piper have been engaged to teach the winter term.

Business Notices.

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No License.—H. 249, to control the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors, was reported favorably from jud. com. by Mr. Walker, and the question being on its third reading, Mr. Clark of Halifax moved it be ordered to lie. Mr. Barrett of Rutland moved to dismiss the bill. On this question Mr. Conland of Brattleboro demanded the yeas and nays, and the bill was dismissed. The vote was as follows:

Yeas.

Abell of West Haven,	Johnson of Georgia,
Adams of Fair Haven,	Kenfield of Hyde Park,
Andrews of Johnson,	Kenfield of Morristown,
Arms of Springfield,	King of Tunbridge,
Bailey of Newbury,	Lazelle of Dover,
Barrett of Rutland	Leland of Middlesex,
Beach of Westford,	McCollum of Pittsfield,
Beck of Westmore,	McKay of Topsham,
Benjamin of Woodbury,	Martin of Marshfield,
Bennett of Calais,	Martin of South Hero,
Billings of Hubbardton,	Martyn of Orange,
Bonney of Brighton,	Mears of Danby,
Bottum of Orwell,	Meech of Monkton,
Briggs of Brandon,	Miller of Westfield,
Brock of Montpelier,	Nash of New Haven,
Brownell of Pownal,	Olmsted of Elmore,
Butterfield of Wilmington,	Parker of Cambridge,
Cate of Washington,	Parker of Ferrisburgh,
Carpenter of Barton,	Parker of Troy,
Chamberlin of Albany,	Parks of Wells,
Chapman of Middlebury,	Perkins of Pomfret,
Child of Weybridge,	Pinney of Bridgewater,
Claflin of Brookfield,	Powell of Irasburgh,
Darling of Hancock,	Pratt of Pawlet,
Davis of East Montpelier,	Randall of Glover,
Davis of Wilmington,	Rawson of Montgomery,
Densmore of Lyndon,	Renfrew of Craftsbury,
Dickerman of Mt. Holly,	Reynolds of Alburgh,
Dillingham of Waterbury,	Reynolds of Milton,
Douglass of Whiting,	Robertson of Rockingham,
Durkee of Sheldon,	Robinson of Weathersfield,
Easterbrook of Sutton,	Ruggles of Burke,
Ellis of Royalton,	Rutter of Townshend,
Fairbanks of St. Johnsb'y,	Savage of Waitsfield,
Fairman of Fairfax,	Sears of Panton,
Fish of Ira,	Seward of Mendon,
Fletcher of Essex,	Shaw of Victory,
Flint of Granville,	Shepardson of Fletcher,
Foster of Weston,	Sherman of Wallingford,
Franklin of Newfane,	Skinner of Lowell,
French of Addison,	Slayton of Warren,
Gambell of Barnard,	Smith of Stowe,
Giffin of Sheffield,	Spooner of Sudbury,
Gilbert of Enosburgh,	Stone of Jericho,
Gilfillan of Barnet,	Storrs of Randolph,
Glover of Groton,	Stranahan of St. Albans,
Green of Plymouth,	Taylor of Waterville,
Grout of Derby,	Thayer of Lincoln,
Haines of Cabot,	Thompson of Grafton,
Haynes of Canaan,	Towle of Franklin,
Hale of Lunenburgh,	Tracy of Chelsea,
Hale of West Windsor,	Trussell of Peacham,
Hasseltine of Bristol,	Turner of Norwich,
Hewitt of Berlin,	Van Vliet of Shelburn,
Holden of Pittsford,	Walker of Bridport,
Hooker of Goshen,	Walker of Ludlow,
Hopkins of So. Burlington,	Ward of Guilford,
Hovey of Hardwick,	Wetherbee of Kirby,
Howard of Benson,	Wemett of Barre,
Humphrey of Underhill,	Williams of Coventry,
Hutchinson of Worcester,	Young of Greensboro—122.
Jackman of Waltham,	

Nays.

Adams of Marlboro,	Kendall of Winhall,
Aldrich of Brownington,	Kidder of Wardsboro,
Allen of Whitingham,	Kingsley of Athens,
Arnold of Westminster,	Knapp of Woodford,
Atwood of Chittenden,	Kopper of Salisbury,
Bartlett of Morgan,	Lewis of Vergennes,
Barton of Shaftsbury,	McQueeney of Fairfield,
Benson of Andover,	Mathewson of Glastenbury,
Blanchard of Readsboro,	Mayo of Northfield,
Brigham of Bakersfield,	Parks of Waterford,
Brown of Belvidere,	Perkins of Windsor,
Childs of Landgrove,	Perry of Brookline,
Clark of Castleton,	Pilling of Bennington,
Clark of Halifax,	Prouty of Newport,
Combs of Richford,	Quinlan of Charlotte,
Conland of Brattleboro,	Reed of Vernon,
Covey of Sandgate,	Rice of Somerset,
Crane of Williamstown,	Robinson of Grand Isle,
Cudworth of Londonderry,	Rolfe of Colchester,
Dean of Cornwall,	Rowland of Poultney,
Dearborn of Vershire,	Sargent of Jay,
Estey of Dummerston,	Sheldon of Dorset,
Evans of Moretown,	Shepard of Stratton,
Farnham of Sheffield,	Sherwin of Jamaica,
Farnham of West Fairlee,	Smith of Clarendon,
Farrington of Searsburgh,	Smith of Stockbridge,
Fisk of Isle La Motte,	Stafford of Tinmouth,
Foster of Walden,	Stanhope of Berkshire,
French of Woodstock,	Stone of Eden,
Fullerton of Manchester,	Tice of Holland,
Green of Richmond,	Turner of Duxbury,
Hawley of Swanton,	Walker of Peru,
Hawrican of North Hero,	Webb of Sunderland,
Henry of Chester,	Weed of Hartland,
Houghton of Stamford,	White of Huntington,
Jones of Wheelock,	Woodward of Newark—72.

Absent and Not Voting.

Adams of Sherburne,	Jenne of Corinth,
Aldrich of Shrewsbury,	Johnson of Concord,
Albee of Fairlee,	Kathan of Putney,
Austin of Brunswick,	Lamkin of Maidstone,
Ayer of Stannard,	Mattocks of Danville,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Maxwell of Fayston,
Bond of Mount Tabor,	Needham of Leicester,
Chaffee of Strafford,	Newton of Ripton,
Cochran of Bygate,	Patrick of Pittsburgh,
Davis of Baltimore,	Pease of Hartford,
Dunton of Charleston,	Piper of Cavendish,
Gray of Lemington,	Powers of Braintree,
Hall of Bolton,	Sanderson of Highgate,
Hastings of Windham,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Hay of Bradford,	Sherwin of Sharon,
Hibbard of Burlington,	Silver of Bloomfield,
Hill of Starksboro,	Stanton of Roxbury,
Hinsdill of George,	Stickney of Bethel,
Howard of Thetford,	White of Reading,
Hubbard of Rochester,	Wilson of Granby—41.
Humphrey of East Haven,	

Special Orders.—Mr. Fisk of Isle La Motte called up S. 61, relating to the construction of a bridge from North Hero to Alburgh, which the com. on highways, bridges and ferries report favorably, and on his motion it was ordered to lie and be made the special order for to-morrow at 2 P. M. S. 80, relating to repairs of highways and bridges, was reported from com. on highways, bridges and ferries by Mr. Walker, and ordered to lie and be made a special order for to-morrow at 11 A. M.

Reconsideration.—Mr. Robinson of Weathersfield moved a reconsideration of the vote by which S. 8, authorizing the appointment of special prosecutors of criminal offences, was passed, and that the motion to reconsider be ordered to lie; carred. Mr. Henry of Chester moved that the senate be requested to return the bill to the possession of the house; carried.

Joint Resolution.—Mr. Franklin of Newfane offered a joint resolution relating to the appointment of a railroad committee and prescribing its duties, which was referred to com. on railroads. The resolution authorizes and directs the governor to appoint a committee of three to ascertain the facts in regard to the relations between the railroads and the people, inquire into rates and methods in this and other states, examine books, papers, etc., and report by printed report, and be allowed not exceeding $1,000 and printers' bill.

Recess.—At 9:55 P. M., the house took a recess of ten minutes.

Passed in Concurrence.—Bills as follows were read the third time and passed in concurrence: S. 87, laying a tax on the county of Rutland, with amendments in phraseology, which were agreed to; S. 63, relating to bail in civil causes; S. 16, relating to accounts of probate judges; S. 98, amending sec. 2,480, revised laws; S. 6, in addition to chap. 147, revised laws, entitled burial grounds, with proposals of amendment having been adopted, providing for appeal to county court by land-holders, and that no additional burial ground shall be situated within twenty rods and no grave within twenty rods of a dwelling-house; S. 24, relating to the pay of commissioners appointed by the county or supreme court; S. 96, to pay Luke Parish; S. 142, in relation to the expenses of warming jails; S. 136, relating to school taxes and school money, with proposals of amendment which insert "fifteen per cent" for "nine per cent of the grand list," which were agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury, adj.

Tuesday, November 25.

SENATE—FORENOON.

Called to order by the president. Devotional exercises by the chaplain.

Bills Passed.—The following bills were reported favorably by the committees and were read third time and passed: H. 421, an act to pay the treasurer of Georgia the sum therein named; H. 433, an act to pay A. H. Sabin the sum therein named; H. 145, an act to pay Edgar A. Ballard the sum therein named; H. 429, an act to pay Dr. A. T. Woodward the sum therein named; H. 405, to amend sec. 2,811, revised laws, relating to local settlement; H. 194, in amendment of chap. 179, revised laws, relating to the protection of fish, birds and game; H. 437, an act relating to traps; H. 369, to amend chap. 93, revised laws, relating to courts of insolvency; H. 253, an act for the better protection of children; H. 186, relating to the appointment of cadets to Norwich University; H. 260, relating to the appointment of county treasurers, auditor and jail commissioners; H. 428, in amendment of sec. 2,539, relating to adoptions; S. 96, in amendment of No. 1 of the laws of 1882, to provide a revenue for the payment of state expenses (makes pay of tax commissioner $800 per annum); S. 109, relating to service of process; S. 152, relating to the index of the session laws; H. 319, extending the provisions of sec. 3,633 to 3,643, revised laws, relating to telegraph companies; S. 26, to increase the governor's salary; H. 118, providing for the concealment of personal property on which there is a lien; H. 282, providing for the attendance of witnesses before the grand jury; H. 306, in amendment of secs. 876, 877 and 878, revised laws, relating to attachment; H. 422, in amendment of sec. 4,251, revised laws, relating to houses of ill-fame.

Rule Suspended.—Senator Ide moved that the rule requiring twenty-four hours between the first and last reading of a bill be suspended during the remainder of the session; agreed to.

Bills Introduced.—Senator Hobson introduced a bill from the railroad committee, S. 158, relating to cattle guards; read three times and passed.

Senator Jones introduced a bill from the general committee, S. 159, to incorporate the National land and loan company, which is a substitute for act No. 19 of 1882, incorporating the mortgage security company. On motion of Senator Jones the third reading was ordered and the bill passed.

House Bills Referred.—The following bills were referred to their respective committees: H. 166, in addition to secs. 208, revised laws, to protect game; H. 184, to amend sec. 4,530, revised laws, relating to compensation of registers of probate; H. 261, to provide for transfer of stock as collateral security; H. 198, to pay L. B. Boynton the sum therein named; H. 294, to amend No. 119, laws of 1882, relating to commercial fertilizers; H. 357, limiting the powers of county road commissioners, construing the word "sluice" and relating to highways; H. 360, to pay A. H. Bennett the sum therein named; H. 413, restoring the equalizing system and repealing the provisions assessing taxes per capita; H. 418, relating to the actions and duties of listers and restricting costs; H. 432, in amendment of sec. 1,013, revised laws; H. 434, to amend sec. 3,757, revised laws, relating to oleomargarine; H. 457, in amendment of sec. 2,946, revised laws, relating to wills; H. 463, to incorporate the Morrisville aqueduct company; H. 464, to incorporate the village of Morrisville; H. 467, an act to pay A. H. Perry the sum therein named; H. 481, in amendment of sec. 4,203, revised laws, relating to injuries to trees; H. 488, relating to the Vermont Historical Gazetteer; H. 495, authorizing county courts to transcribe defaced records; H. 504, relating to a cemetery in Montpelier; H. 511, relating to the formulation of tax inventories and duties of listers; H. 375, to prevent fraud in the sale of oleomargarine; H. 518, relating to savings banks and trust companies; H. 519, relating to the supreme court; H. 523, relating to legal settlement of paupers; H. 524, to authorize selectmen to purchase road machines; H. 526, relating to bear traps; H. 527, relating to elections; H. 528, to pay the town of Canaan the sum therein named; H. 529, to prevent communication of disease; H. 530, relating to insurance companies.

Complied With.—On motion of Senator Ide, the senate complied with the request of the house to return S. 8 to that body. H. 523, relating to settlement of paupers, on motion of Senator Ide was returned to the house, agreeably to its request.

Short Haul Bill.—S. 74, to prevent discrimination in freight rates, was ordered to lie, on motion of Senator Brainerd, after Senator Gibbs had offered an amendment providing that the provisions of the bill should not apply to freight and merchandise from competing points.

Free Text-Books.—Senator Mott moved to reconsider the vote refusing passage to H. 244, authorizing and requiring towns to furnish text-books. The motion was carried by a vote of 15 to 14. Senator Mott then moved to make it a special order for three o'clock this afternoon, but upon request of Senator Ide withdrew his motion. Senator Ide proposed to amend by making the bill take effect January 1, 1885, which was agreed to. Another long discussion took place upon the merits of the bill. Senator Amsden called for the yeas and nays, and they were taken as follows: Yeas, Senators Amsden, Chapin, Cristy, Day, Field, Fletcher, Gibbs, Greene, Hebard, Hill, Hobson, Holton, Horton and Ide—14; nays, Senators Brainerd, Brewster, Carney, Clark, Curtis, Garfield, Howe, Johnson, Jones, McDuffee, Moren, Mott, Paul, Thompson and Williams—15. And the passage of the bill was refused.

The Short Haul Bill.—Senator Brainerd called up S. 74, and Senator Ide opposed the amendment offered by Senator Gibbs, saying that it undid all legislation regulating railroad corporations. Senators Gibbs said if we would not allow railroads to compete with other roads, the whole management might as well be put into the hands of the state. Senators Holton and Field argued that the proposed bill was the same law that now stood upon our statutes, except that it adds a penalty for a violation of the law, and no one disputed that some legislation was necessary in order that local manufacturers shall not be crushed by excessive rates. Senators Johnson, Mott, Howe, Thompson, Hebard, Carney and Amsden argued that Vermont was a poor state for railroading, and no clogs should be put upon the roads here; that if we are to regulate freight rates, find out what it is worth to haul a ton of freight a mile and make local rates upon that basis; that rates were established on a regular tariff, but every man was charged alike; that all the law penalty and all that can possibly be needed is to reform the statute law, and legislation in ignorance of the real facts should not be further enacted. Senator Ide called for the yeas and nays on the amendment. Senator Johnson then moved to dismiss. Senator Holton called for the yeas and nays on that and they were taken as follows: Yeas, Senators Amsden, Carney, Clark, Curtis, Gibbs, Hebard, Howe, Johnson, Jones, Moren, Mott, Paul, Thompson and Williams—14; nays, Senators Brainerd, Chapin, Cristy, Field, Fletcher, Garfield, Greene, Hill, Hobson, Holton, Horton and Ide—12. And the bill was dismissed.

On motion of Senator Johnson, adjourned.

HOUSE—FORENOON.

Called to order at 9 o'clock, the speaker in the chair. Devotional exercises by the chaplain.

Passed.—H. 494, amending secs. 3,872 and 3,897, revised laws, was taken up as unfinished business and passed. Bills as follows were reported favorably, read the third time and passed: H. 478, relating to the preservation of fish; H. 432, relating to the legislative directory, with proposals of amendment limiting expense to $750, which were agreed to; H. 206, to provide for the building and maintaining of highways and bridges in certain exceptional cases; H. 223, amending the incorporating act of the village of Rutland, with proposed amendments, which were agreed to; H. 487, providing for the annexation to villages of outlying districts.

Passed in Concurrence.—Bills as follows were reported favorably, read the third time and passed in concurrence: S. 123, laying a tax on the county of Chittenden; S. 119, relating to officers of savings banks, savings institutions and trust companies; S. 154, to incorporate the Green Mountain Live Stock Company; S. 51, amending the act to provide a revenue for the payment of state expenses.

Killed.—Bills as follows were reported adversely and their third reading refused: H. 496, in regard to the appraisal of the shares of national banks by listers; H. 322, incorporating the West Concord cemetery association; H. 376, incorporating the Vermont oil company; S. 80, relating to repairing highways and bridges, taken up as a special order.

Joint Resolution.—Mr. Kenfield of Morristown offered a joint resolution instructing the auditor of accounts to examine into the matter of the state war claims and, if anything is recovered, turn it over to the fund for the soldiers' home; adopted on the part of the house.

New Laws.—The governor announced, by the secretary of civil and military affairs, that he had approved and signed H. 267, 100, 112, 131, 134, 183, 188, 193, 300, 312, 333, 356 and 371.

State Board of Health.—S. 1, establishing a state board of health and vital statistics, was reported favorably from gen. com. by Mr. Arms. The question being on its third reading, on this question Mr. Reed of Vernon demanded the yeas and nays, which were taken, with the following result: Yeas, 81; nays, 129—and the third reading was refused.

Town System of Schools.—H. 130, to amend chapter 36, revised laws, relating to the town system of schools, was taken up as a special order, the question being on its passage. Mr. Clark of Halifax moved to amend, allowing selectmen to appropriate three-fourths of the grand list. The amendment was refused. Mr. Perkins of Windsor offered an amendment, which was adopted, amending sub-section 601 so as to provide that the selectmen shall annually appropriate not less than one-fifth of the grand list of the town and restricting it to the grand list outside the limits of any graded or union school district incorporated by act of the legislature. Mr. Hopkins of South Burlington offered an amendment providing for the abolishing of the school district system for a period of three years, after April 1st, 1887. On suggestion of Mr. Clark of Halifax, Mr. Hopkins extended the time named to five years, and this amendment was also adopted. Mr. Grout of Derby moved to further amend by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

"SEC. 1.—The selectmen of towns that have not adopted the town system, in calling the town meetings for the years 1885 and 1886, shall put in the warnings for such meetings an article allowing the several towns to consider and vote upon the question of adopting the town system of schools, according to the provisions of the revised laws, and a refusal of any selectman to so put such an article shall be deemed an offence and be punished by a fine of $25, recoverable by prosecution against any one of or all of such offending selectmen before any justice of the peace in the county where such selectmen reside.

"SEC. 2.—All laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

"SEC. 3.—This act shall take effect from its passage."

Messrs. Grout of Derby, Walker of Ludlow and Glover of Groton favored, and Messrs. Perkins of Windsor, Henry of Chester and Dillingham of Waterbury opposed, the amendment. Mr. Knapp of Woodford moved the previous question and the house seconded the motion. On the question of the adoption of the amendments offered by Mr. Grout, Mr. Smith of Stockbridge demanded the yeas and nays, which were taken with the following result: Yeas, 136; nays, 71—and Mr. Grout's amendments were adopted. The question then being on the passage of the bill as amended, on this question Messrs. Smith of Clarendon and Bennett of Calais demanded the yeas and nays, which were taken with the following result: Yeas, 107; nays, 102—and the bill, as amended, was passed. On motion of Mr. Grout the title was changed to read: "An act requiring towns to vote upon the town system of schools for the years 1885 and 1886."

On motion of Mr. Carpenter of Barton, it was voted to request the senate to return to the possession of the house S. 48 and H. 523.

Special Prosecutors.—Mr. Williams of Coventry called up the motion to reconsider the vote of the house on S. 8, authorizing the appointment of special prosecutions of criminal offences, by which the bill was passed. Messrs. Williams of Coventry, Parker of Cambridge, Fairman of Fairfax, Barrett of Rutland, Butterfield of Wilmington and Dillingham of Waterbury opposed the motion to reconsider. Messrs. Henry of Chester and Perkins of Windsor favored it. Mr. Glover of Groton moved the previous question. The house seconded the motion and the main question being thereon, Mr. Hutchinson of Worcester demanded the yeas and nays, which were taken with the following result: Yeas, 74; nays, 128. And the motion to reconsider was lost.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Newbury, adjourned.

SENATE—AFTERNOON.

House Bills Referred.—The following bills were referred to their respective committees: H. 206, to provide for maintaining highways and bridges in certain exceptional cases; H. 323, in amendment of an act consolidating the various acts incorporating the village of Rutland; H. 432, relating to the Legislative Directory; H. 476, in amendment of sec. 3,872, revised laws, relating to the preservation of fish; H. 487, providing for annexation of the village of Morrisville; H. 494, in amendment of sec. 3,872 and 3,874, revised laws; H. 180, requiring towns to vote on the town system of schools for 1885 and 1886; H. 336, authorizing county courts to refer cases without consent of parties; H. 245, relating to alterations in public highways; H. 360, relating to the adulteration of food and drugs; H. 396, an act providing a lien on animals for pasturage, food and shelter; H. 428, to amend sec. 3,607, revised laws, relating to insurance; H. 496, providing for verification and signing of engrossed bills and resolutions; H. 415, relating to the laying of pipes along and beneath the road-bed of railroads; H. 288, in amendment of secs. 5, 6, 12, 17, 18 and 19 of No. 1 of the laws of 1882.

Bills Passed.—The following bills were reported favorably and passed: H. 319, relating to the supreme court; H. 418, relating to the consolidation of actions and restricting costs; H. 405, to authorize county courts to transcribe defaced records; H. 434, in amendment of sec. 1,013, revised laws; H. 457, in amendment of sec. 2,946, revised laws, relating to wills; H. 261, to provide for the transfer of stock in corporations as collateral security; H. 432, relating to the Legislative Directory; H. 486, relating to the Vermont Historical Gazetteer; H. 518, relating to savings banks and trust companies; S. 160, to amend sec. 2,648, revised laws, making the section apply to towns of ten instead of seven thousand inhabitants; H. 419, providing for the erection of a monument to the memory of Theophilus Harrington; H. 314, in amendment of No. 2 of the laws of 1882; H. 71, prohibiting certain persons from acting as the agents of publishers; H. 248, authorizing the town of Chester to maintain a central high school department in connection with any school district in said town; H. 482, relating to the grammar school lands in Richford, Montgomery and Fletcher; H. 424, to amend No. 107, acts of 1882, and to repeal sec. 4,561; H. 302, to pay the treasurer of the town of Pownal the sum therein named; H. 151, to authorize the construction of a bridge from North Hero to Alburgh; H. 493, relating to officers' fees; H. 410, in addition to an act relating to the water department of the city of Vergennes, approved November, 1862; S. 153, relating to skating rinks; H. 127, relating to the election and drawing of grand and petit jurors, with proposals of amendment; H. 522, relating to the insane (after a long discussion); H. 525, in relation to the Huntington fund (after a discussion, in which Senator Thompson opposed the measure, because not consistent with the wishes of the testator); H. 528, to pay the town of Canaan the sum therein named; H. 530, relating to insurance companies; H. 497, relating to the division of public school money; H. 577, to pay A. B. Perry the sum therein named.

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