FARM AND GARDEN.

DEVOTED TO AGRICULTURE IN ITS VARIOUS BRANCHES.

Glass in the Poultry House—Amount Required, with Suggestions as to Where It Shall Be Placed—Opinions from Poultry Keepers on the Subject.

In a recent issue of Rural New Yorker a number of prominent poultry keepers expressed themselves as to the advisability of glass in poultry houses, etc. Following is a brief resume of these expressions:

A POULTRY HOUSE WITH LITTLE LUMBER.

P. H. Jacobs, Hammonton, N. J., said: "Our poultrymen here face their houses to the southeast. For a house 10x10 feet, a green house sash 3x6 feet is about correct." C. E. L. Haywood, Hancock, N. H., who has 1,400 hens and 152 hen houses, uses no glass. He substitutes one inch mesh wire netting. His houses are 8 feet square, face the south and contain twelve hens each. C. S. Cooper, New Jersey, thought where glass is placed in the south side of the house there is too much heat for summer, unless it be coated with whitewash in hot weather. He favored glass in the east and west ends of the house. A. P. Allen, Pennsylvania, did not advise much glass. P. Williams, of Massachusetts, preferred windows on the south side, also one on the east end to catch the sun in the morning.

A. M. Wood, Geneseo, N. Y., who furnished the sketch here presented, said in explanation of the same: The slope of the house gives plenty of floor room for the poultry, and saves quite a considerable sum in the lumber bill. Front, 11 feet high; rear, 5 feet; roof, 12 feet, and made of boards; floor area, 16x32 feet nearly, in two sections, divided by lattice work into rooms 16x16 feet each. The houses face the south. In summer the sun shines on the edge of the roof. The windows hung from the top can be raised outward and are covered with netting and front sun shades. In winter the sun is low and shines squarely into the windows.

The Care of Colts.

Colts are often fed nothing but hay through the winter, and sometimes that of poor quality. This is poor policy, and the result is the colt's growth is nearly stopped, and what little takes place is uneven. A correspondent in The New York Tribune states the matter correctly when he says that the medium sized colt should be fed for the first two or three months after weaning time one quart of oats mixed with the same quantity of wheat bran and a gill of oilmeal morning and night. The bran, aside from being nutritious, tends to keep the colt free from worms, while the oats are excellent to make superior muscle and form a good quality of bones. The oilmeal aids digestion and keeps the bowels in order.

As the winter advances this ration may be gradually increased to one-half more, or perhaps be doubled by March or April. The stable of the colt should have an earth floor, as standing on boards or any hard substance is injurious to the feet and ankles, they having not yet become solid and firm, and it often engenders ringbone. He ought to be turned out into a dry yard every pleasant day for exercise; this is absolutely necessary to secure a good, even growth of bone and muscle.

Save the Poultry Feathers.

A Vermont woman who has made poultry pay says: "I save feathers not only from ducks and geese, but from chickens and turkeys. I have two big bags, one for the geese and duck and one for chicken and turkey feathers. When enough feathers have been collected to make a pillow or cushion I cut the shape out of bed ticking and stitch closely all around the edges, with the exception of a small opening left at the top in which to put the feathers. Before filling I turn the bag or case inside out and rub what is now the right or outside of the bag well with common bar soap, then put in the feathers, tie up the hole in the bag and place it with its contents in a clothes boiler and boil for a few minutes, moving it about with a stick and lifting it up and down. Finally, I take it out, drain and squeeze out the water as well as I can and hang up in a light, airy place to dry. In a few days the feathers will be light and fluffy and free from any unpleasant odor."

Single Walled Hives.

"In the comparatively moderate climate of Kentucky," writes G. W. Demaree, "bees succeed best in single walled hives. In my apiary of from fifty to one hundred and twenty colonies, I experimented with fourteen chaff hives and about ten double walled, 'dead air space' hives for five or six years, the rest of my bees being in single walled hives. The latter have given much better results than the chaff, etc., hives. But I attribute the superiority of these single walled hives to their better adaptability to skillful management in 'tiering up,' without which the best results are unattainable."

Flat Bottom Foundation.

At the Michigan state beekeepers' convention quite a number of apiarists testified to the fact that comb built on flat bottom foundation has less of a fishbone than on foundation made of the natural shape. The reason seems to be that the bees, in changing the flat bottom to the natural shape cell, thin the base more to the thickness of natural comb than with the other. I believe it was generally admitted that bees are often slower to commence working on it, but this is not always so, and need not prove to be very much of a hindrance.

LESSONS IN CULTIVATION OF OATS.

Best Soils for Oats—Effects of Manures and Fertilizers.

In the majority of last season's oat contests for the prizes offered by American Agriculturist, a level clay loam soil was selected. The largest yields are almost invariably on soil of this nature, at least in the northwest, in the Middle and Eastern states and in Ontario. The alluvial river bottoms of Ohio, although also originally in hardwood timber, did not average as much as the clay loam soils, though these bottoms, under good treatment, exceeded in productiveness the most virgin soil of Oregon. A strong, sandy loam, under irrigation, in Utah, produced a large crop (nearly ninety-three bushels), and the average of the oats grown under irrigation in Colorado and elsewhere was also fair. These, however, are special cases, and farming on such soils with irrigation is quite different from the practices which prevail over a large part of our farming area. In most cases, also, the best crops grow on well drained land. Where this was not accomplished naturally, tile drains or open ditches were reported. On the other hand, many of the failures seem to have been in a measure due to the selection of too wet a soil. The oat is not as great a lover of moisture as it is commonly accepted to be—an important truth that needs to be realized by the many who persist in sowing this grain on naturally wet and undrained lands, with but poor average results. The necessity of proper drainage for oat fields receives marked emphasis in the competition under consideration.

Wherever a clover or alfalfa sod was plowed down, either last year or in 1888, oats did well. A rotation with clover seems to be quite as useful with oats as with wheat. Stable manure was broadcasted and plowed under, four to six inches deep, in a number of cases, with good results, but the best average product, where stable manure was alone used, is on fields where the manure applied was quite fine and was well harrowed in. This seems to well justify the theory and practice of many of our best farmers, who hold that, although oats is a gross feeder, it grows so rapidly that, to feed to the best advantage, finely divided manure, well distributed through the surface soil, is far better than coarse stuff plowed down six inches. Another important point is the conclusive evidence that oats can easily be over manured.

Fertilizers of one kind or another were frequently employed, either alone or in conjunction with stable manure. Their use alone on land well manured last year, or earlier, was popular.

Things That Are Told.

"Feed more oats this year," advises Rural New Yorker. "There is no reason why oats should not be fed with profit to all kinds of stock, cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry. We do not mean feed exclusively, but feed in combination with other grains and fodders."

G. W. Demaree, commenting on the comparative merits of artificial comb foundation and foundation made by the bees, says: Use comb foundation, by all means. In my locality, to set the bees to building their combs in the surplus cases, with a view to obtain combs for extracting, would be the worst sort of management. The foundation will pay 200 per cent. on the investment the first season.

Col. Curtis is credited with the statement that a well balanced cheese should have from 25 to 33 per cent. of fats in it, and then with an equal proportion of casein and moisture it would digest better, taste better and make its way to the table of consumers; and when once introduced into the family circle it would come to stay.

Roots of all kinds are better kept in pits than in cellars, where they are exposed to currents of air, says The American Cultivator, which recommends, also, that some earth be mixed with them to fill up the spaces and thus prevent the evaporation that usually makes them dry and tasteless before spring.

Early Steel Pens.

The earliest notice of steel pens that I have met is by Wordsworth. In 1806 he and his family were occupying the house at Colerton during the absence of Sir George and Lady Beaumont, and in the month of December the poet wrote to the latter what he calls "the longest letter I ever wrote in my life," and with reason, as it fills eighteen pages. He begins: "My Dear Lady Beaumont: There's penmanship for you! I shall not be able to keep it up to the end in this style, notwithstanding I have the advantage of writing with one of your steel pens, with which Miss Hutchinson has just furnished me."

The next mention that I have noted is by Dr. Kitchiner in 1824; when speaking of a friend above 60 he says: "This strain of the eye and occasion for spectacles of a high magnifying power is particularly found in mending pens, so that he has a sufficient number of pens to prevent the necessity of mending any of them until he has finished writing."

To this there is appended a note: "To those who find the mending of pens rather a difficult job, I recommend the occasional use of a steel pen, especially when they wish to write very small and neatly." The steel pen seems to have been still a rarity at that time, and my own schoolboy experience tends to show that it was. From about 1824 to 1834 I do not remember the use of steel pens in school, and in the earlier years, 1825 to 1830, I have a distinct recollection of our using quills.—Notes and Queries.

In Contact with Himself.

"Pat, you must be an early riser. I always find you at work the first thing in the morning."

"Indade, and Oi am sorr. It's a family trait Oi do be thinkin'."

"Then your father is an early riser, too, eh?"

"Me feyther, is it? Faix and he roises that early that of he'd go to bed a little later he'd mate himself gettin' up in the mornin'."—Richmond Dispatch.

HORSE GOSSIP.

Notes from Track and Stable About Noted Drivers and Flyers.

May King, a stallion purchased about a year ago by W. E. Spier of Glen Falls, N. Y., for $8000 has just been sold to Sibley & Miller of Frankfort, Ky., for $20,000.

"My horses get 15 miles daily whenever the roads will admit, and they are in good health and ready for business," was the remark made by a successful Maine breeder recently.

W. T. Follansbee, the St. Albans, Vt., carriage manufacturer, has decided to remove to Amesbury, Mass., and will take with him his speedy pacer, Roy Lambert, by Ward's Lambert.

John Parker of Coventry, Vt., has purchased of the Maplewood stock farm, East Hardwick, Vt., the bay gelding Hardwick, four years old, by Movement, son of Almont Eagle, 2:27.

Continual hard work has put the Vermont Association of Road and Trotting Horse Breeders in the proud position they now occupy, says Horse and Stable. They are already booming their August show.

J. B. McCarthy, Vincennes, Ind., has sold to B. J. Tracy, Lexington, Ky., the four-year-old bay filly Mazzy Nutwood, by Nutwood, dam Flora Bell, 2:13¾, pacing, by White Cloud. She will be bred to Fayette Wilkes.

Dirigo Maid, 2:21¼, the valiant little pacing mare who got a mark of 2:26¼ after suckling a colt all summer, is wintering at Franklin Park, Saugus, Mass., in charge of Jed Woodbury. Her filly by Aral, 2:25½, two years old, is with her. Both are owned by C. W. Meady, Salem, Mass.

The executive committee of the Eastern Vermont Association of Road and Trotting Horse Breeders will meet at the Memphremagog house, Newport, April 9, to decide on the location for the annual fall exhibition, make up stakes, premiums, and to transact other important business.

T. F. Curtis of Independence, Iowa, has lost by death the bro d mare Lady Allensworth. She was well bred, and in her prime could trot close to 2:25. Lady Allensworth was in foal by Axtel, and Mr. Curtis had been offered $2,500 for the colt.

Spencer Borden has bought of R. W. Goodrich of Vermont a fine Morgan stallion tracing 20 times from the celebrated Billy Root, son of Sherman, and resembling the latter very much. It is a brown chestnut, 14½ hands high, weighing 850 pounds. The price which Mr. Borden paid for the animal is not made public.

John B. Clark of Manchester, N. H., has sold the black colt Almont Eclipse, jr., foaled May 22, 1888, by Mambrino Wilkes, 2:28¾, dam Susie Wilkes, by Almont Eclipse sire of five 2:30 performers; second dam Lady Simmons dam of David Wilkes, 2:28¼, by George Wilkes, to John Murphy of Pittsburg, Penn.

S. W. Smith of Ansonia, Conn., has purchased the handsome chestnut stallion Maltwood, by Wedgewood, 2:19, dam Middletown Belle, by Daniel Lambert. This combination of blood should produce stylish trotters of extreme speed and excellent road qualities. The stallion will be used for breeding purposes this spring.

George K. Russell of Bellows Falls, has bought Eleano 8376, bred by Charles Backman, foaled in 1876, sire Mansfield with record of 2:26; he by Messenger Duroc out of Green Mountain Maid who has produced seven with record of 2:30 or better. She was the dam of Electioneer who sired Sunol, three years old, 2:10¼; Palo Alto, 2:12¼, and 49 others. Mr. Russell owns several other fine horses and colts.

It is reported that Dynamite 2:31¼, by Ben Franklin, dam Kate, by Blackstone, has been sold to George H. Hicks of Beacon Park, Boston. Mr. Hicks states that Mrs. Moffitt of West Rutland, the owner of Dynamite, asked $2500 for the horse, but what was really paid is not made public. Dynamite will be entered in this season's races. He is six years old this spring and made his record at the State fair last fall at Howard Park, Burlington.

The speedy little pacer, "Nigger," owned by A. Ingalls of Swanton has developed considerable speed this winter and is likely to make some of the trotters hustle on the track this coming season. It is said that Mr. Ingalls has frequently driven "Nigger" a mile on trial the past winter in 2:27. It is a gamey, fleet-footed little animal and appears to be well handled by his owner. The Grand Isle County Horse Breeders association owner of Clay Almont, son of Almont have decided to have Clay trained for the track and have sent the animal to Morrisville to be handled by the Uttons. Just what Clay Almont can do remains to be seen, but in the little speeding he has had his owners are encouraged in the belief that he can go some if his speed is developed.

The celebrated stallion "Allen" has been sold for a large sum and is to be taken to the far West for stock purposes. It will be remembered that "Allen" gave the horsemen of Vermont quite a surprise at the State fair races in 1887, exhibiting wonderful speed and showing great endurance in the race which he won at that time. "Allen" is claimed to be the fastest horse in Vermont, and is probably the fastest that has ever been sold to go out of Vermont. The same parties that bought "Allen" purchased several of his colts to take West.

The manner in which our correspondents "go for" a misstatement or an exaggerated estimate of a horse's qualities show that "Horse Gossip" is read very closely. An item which was reprinted from the St. Albans Messenger the other day regarding the sale of the stallion Allen, which was recently sold to be taken West for stock raising purposes is thus criticized: "Allen is a very handsome bay with black points, and any amount of style and gait, but when they talk about his being the fastest horse in the State they are away off as he has not even got a mark in 30, and it is not because he has not had a chance to do it either."

During the recent Kellogg sales "Counselor" Crawford, C. H. Nelson and other noted horsemen got into quite a warm discussion over the merits of trotting stallions. Mr. Crawford offered to wager that Nelson, 2:14¼, would not beat 2:12 this year, and in reply Mr. Nelson said: "Time is a funny thing; it is always on an edge, and is a hard thing to beat sometimes. It is different with a horse; he has his off days, and if I make my matches it will be horse against horse. Now, I will tell you what I will do. I will match Nelson against Axtell, Stambul or Palo Alto for $5,000 a side, and trot the race this season." The "Counselor" said he did not control either of the horses, and, therefore, could not make the match.

There never was a time in the history of the trotting horse, says the Kentucky Stock Farm, when good trotters for the track and for breeding purposes were more in demand than at present. Horses that combine good individual qualities with good breeding are in greater demand now than at any previous epoch. The business of raising and handling trotters is growing with the growth of the country. It has made rapid advances in the last few years, and great as is the production of trotters, the demand not only keeps pace with it, but outruns the supply. This is a very extensive country and there is no considerable portion of it where the trotting horse is not used either for the trotting track or the road. This class of animals is rapidly driving out the scrubs. People all over the country are getting to understand that breeding horses of an inferior class is not a profitable business; that it costs as much to rear a common or inferior brute as it does to raise a good one. Poor horses are not in demand at any price. The unfortunate owner generally discovers that he cannot get rid of them at the cost of production. There has never yet been a time when a good horse was a drug on the market at remunerative figures.

A Middlebury correspondent writing from Appletree farm to the Sportsman, says: These three colts, by Melchior, Randy Dolly, Jessie H. and Dixy H., are evidence that he is a sire of trotters. It will take time to find out whether they are race horses or not, but they are certainly trotters now. The best of these yearlings will be selected to start at Rutland, so that Appletree farm will be represented in the one, two, three, four and five-year old classes, and if they are as successful as they were last season when they started in the one, three, four and five-year old classes and one second two-thirds and one-fourth, they will do pretty well, and they certainly deserve success, for they are very candid, fair men, and are aiming high. I have Tom E. yet and a five-year-old gelding, by De Long's Ethan, and out of Tom E.'s dam. This fellow is an elegant gentleman's driver right in hand all the time, and will be fast. Tom E. could trot in 2:35 last fall, and I think the younger one will be full as fast. In addition to these two, I have a bay mare, four years old, a nice green one, and two colts, just breaking, one a stallion, called Victor Eagle, by Golden Eagle, dam Snip, by Victor, 937, by Cassius M. Clay 18. Golden Eagle is own brother to Golden Bow 2:36, so you see this colt is a pretty well bred fellow. He is handsome and very nice gaited. The other colt is Hattie Sweet, by Garthwaite, dam by Daniel Lambert. She is a handsome bay filly, coming three years old, and will, I think, make a fast mare. We are sorry to lose Ben Franklin, but think we have a better one left in Aristos, say nothing of his son Gillig.

In a description of Glensville the Horse and Stable gives Messenger Duroc's role of honor, which will be of interest to many of the FREE PRESS readers: Messenger Duroc, sire of Glenville, is sire of 17 trotters with records from 2:20 to 2:30; six of his sons have sired 17 trotters with records from 2:22¼ to 2:30; and four of his daughters have produced 12 with records 2:30 to 2:19¾. Egbert, who is out of a daughter of Messenger Duroc, placed 17 new ones in the 30 list in 1889. Norlaine, who holds the yearling record, 2:13¼, was a daughter of Elaine, the daughter of Messenger Duroc. The roll of honor of the great Messenger Duroc shows the claim he has on the support of the public. He was the sire of Elaine, 2:20, dam of Norlaine, 2:31¼, the fastest yearling record in the world; Prospero, 2:20; Charlie Champlin, 2:21¾; Duroc Trot, 2:22; John D., 2:23¼; Troublesome, 2:25¼; Star Duroc, 2:25¾; Hogarth, 2:26; Mansfield, 2:26; Bergen, 2:27; Antonio, 2:28¾; Gilroy, 2:28¾; Praetor, 2:29¼; Duroc Maid, 2:29¼. He was by the fountain head of the trotters, Hambletonian, 10, who got, besides 34 others in 2:30; Dexter, 2:17¼; Nettie, 2:18; Orange Girl, 2:20; Jay Gould, 2:20¼; Gazelle, 2:21; Artillery, 2:21¼; George Wilkes, 2:22 (the sire of Harry Wilkes, 2:13¾); Harold (sire of Maud S., 2:08¼); Noontide, 2:20¼; Dictator (the sire of Jay-Eye-See, 2:10; Phallas, 2:13¾; Director, 2:17; Electioneer (sire of Manzanita, four years, 2:16; Antevea, 2:16¼; Adair, 2:18¼; Lot Slocum, 2:17¼; Bonita, 2:18¼; Willflower, two years, 2:21); Happy Medium (sire of Maxie Cobb, 2:13¾); Norman Medium, 2:20; Buzz Medium, 2:20¼; Brigadier, 2:21¼; Breeze Medium, 2:22¼; R. P., 2:24¼.

MONTPELIER.

Merrill Russell is moving from the Hubbard house on Elm street to his new house on State street, and D. D. Fellows is to occupy the vacant premises.

Several chevaliers of Canton Montpelier, P. M., No 8, I. O. O. F., talk of attending the national gathering of Patriarch Militants at Chicago next August.

T. J. Deavitt has procured original pensions for Lyman Churchill, Stowe, of $27 a month and $900 arrears, and Willard Fay, North Calais, of $14 a month and $194 arrears.

The Chinese laundry is to be moved into the building behind the postoffice.

T. R. Merrill is to teach the brass band at Stowe.

The degree of truth was conferred on two candidates in Vermont lodge, I. O. O. F. Wednesday night.

E. E. Towner, H. M. Pierce and C. Blakeley went to Burlington Thursday, as delegates to the N. E. O. P. meeting.

Baptist church.—The Young Ladies' Missionary society held a sociable, with literary exercises and refreshments, at the home of Rev. G. L. Raymond, last Friday evening.—"Heaven, and how to get there," was the subject of a sermon Sunday morning. One year ago the pastor gave five cents to each member of the Christian Endeavor society, with instructions to invest them and see how large an amount they could make from each inside of one year, the proceeds to go for missionary work, and the person who brought the largest sum to receive a five dollar book as a present.

The children's carnival, to be held at the opera house, April 7, promises to be a fine affair, between 50 and 60 children are rehearsing a variety of songs, declamation, grand march, maypole dance, other dances and attractions for the occasion. The society is to purchase a flag for the union school building.

The sugar social and entertainment at Bethany chapel, Friday evening, to raise funds toward purchasing a large crayon portrait of the late Rev. Dr. Lord to place in the chapel, was a pleasantly carried out, although the attendance was small because of the bad weather.

Carpenters are fitting up the rooms in the French block, formerly known as the Capital cafe, for an extension to the flourishing business of C. F. Russell.

A purse of about $20 has been presented Martin E. Hill, who has been sick with a broken leg for something past, by several of his friends.

It is said that the Redfield block, on State street, has been sold.

Mt. Zion Commandery, No. 9, K. T., conferred the orders of knighthood on three candidates, Friday evening, and elected three more. The Commandery have received and accepted an invitation from G. A. R. Post, U. S. Grant of Wed Randolph, to participate with them in Memorial day exercises. This Commandery now has a membership of 134, with about 100 uniforms.

Walsh Tribe, I. O. R. M., are holding interesting meetings every Friday night. During the absence of Worthy Sachem G. H. Rolfe, who is now located at Boston, Senior Sagamore S. W. Corse is filling the principal chair.

E. E. Towner returned Saturday evening from a trip in Georgia and Alabama. W. R. Weston and wife attended the funeral of his father, at Windsor, Sunday.—Clara, aged 16, daughter of Francis Shambo, died at her home on Berlin side, Friday. Pardon Bushnell, aged 81, one of the oldest residents in Waitsfield, died suddenly of apoplexy, Saturday.

Misses Jennie Trick and Ida Rideau of Burlington, are visiting at the home of George M. Gross.—George E. Tuplin is in New York.

Bethany church.—Rev. G. W. Gallagher's text Sunday morning was "The Power of Love," and in the evening "The Almighty Dollar." During the latter he dwelt on the fact that there ought to be a public reading room and gymnasium in Montpelier for young men. The sermon next Sunday morning will be on "Easter Themes," and a special Easter music service will be given in the evening with a short address by the pastor.—Union Fast day services will be held at the Baptist church at 10:30 a. m., Friday, with a sermon on "Socialism" by Rev. G. L. Raymond.—It is expected that Mt. Zion Commandery, No. 9, K. T., will hold their Ascension day service in this church Sunday afternoon, May 18, and in addition to a sermon by Rev. G. W. Gallagher, will be exercises by the prelate and six knights.

Unitarian.—In place of the regular fortnightly sociable next week Thursday evening, the ladies will give an entertainment in the opera house. Parties from Burlington will present the play entitled "A Box of Monkeys," and some of the best local instrumental and vocal music will be present.

The manufactory of Johnson & Colton, which was closed Thursday night for repairs and invoicing, was started up again this Tuesday morning.

W. Arthur Jones has moved his family and household goods from 16 Barre street to his new purchase at 21 Bailey avenue.

The Montpelier and Wells River railroad last week received a large and handsome new passenger engine named D. R. Sortwell from the Manchester, N. H., Locomotive works. They will rechristen the old engine of the same name.

John Snow, aged 82, the "famous old stage driver," received a fall last Thursday, breaking one bone in his right wrist.

The Trinity Ladies' Aid society will hold a sociable Wednesday evening at the home of George Parmenter. Everybody is invited, and teams will carry free between the church and home.

Corinne, daughter of Albert D. Lane, entertained 38 little friends at a supper one afternoon last week, the occasion being her 7th birthday.

Personals.—Fred E. Spaulding says he will soon locate in the West.—Fred Carr went to East Elmore Monday to place a telephone instrument in the house of G. W. LaBarron and move one from the George Morse house to J. R. Parker's.

The Wheel Whist club will enjoy a "picnic" and sugar party on Fast day at the home of N. C. Talson, Barre Junction.

Dyspepsia's victims are numbered by thousands. So are those who have been restored to health by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

VERGENNES.

The maple sugar makers are busy. Mr. W. H. Holcomb of Starksboro put out 1000 sap buckets in one of his orchards this season and might have added 500 more trees but could not handle them, although he has two evaporators. He made 1100 pounds of maple sugar within two weeks, with several good days and brought into Vergennes 50 pounds Monday. Mr. Holcomb's California patrons will take a quarter of a ton of sugar this season.

In the death of Dr. F. W. Coe Sunday, Vergennes loses a widely known and useful citizen. He came here from Madison, Conn., his native town in 1844, and soon became popular; has been married about 53 years and was 74 years old at the time of his death; he leaves a widow, a daughter and a son. The funeral will be held at St. Paul's church of which he was a member at 10:30 o'clock a. m., Wednesday. The doctor has filled positions of public trust and responsibility and was junior warden of the church at the time of his death.

The concert Sunday evening by the Ladies' Foreign missionary society of the Methodist church was a success. Mrs. Rulison and Mrs. Joseph Carter had seats on the platform. Mrs. M. Harris announced the subjects, and Mrs. F. H. Taylor conducted the music. There were recitations, "Little Builders," by Jessie Hilliard; "How to Do It," by Grace Gordon, and also one by Charlie Moore; duett, Jessie Hilliard and Clara Shepherd; reading, by Mrs. Joseph Carter; song, "Giving," by Mrs. Taylor's class; recitation, "Missionary Doll," by Clara Shepherd; recitation, "Tobacco," by Grace Kingsland; recitations, "What Maudie Did," by Clara Pullman; "A Hem and Desire," by Ethel Rull on; "A Short Sermon," by Johnie Pullman; and another recitation by Earl Kingsland.

A crayon of the McIntosh house on Comfort hill, built nearly 120 years ago, is on exhibition in D. R. Young's drug store. It is an excellent picture and should be framed and presented to the Vergennes library. The Donald McIntosh house was the first house built in Vergennes.

Mrs. Anna Rogers of West Ferrisburgh died Sunday of dropsy, aged 54 years. The funeral is to-day from the house, Rev. Mr. Schermerhorn officiating.

Rev. Dr. Philips of Rutland Congregational church will occupy Rev. Mr. Pillsbury's pulpit Sunday next.—Joseph Monat from Butte City, Mont., who has been in town a few days, returned to his home at St. Johns, P. Q., Monday.—William Hayes of West Ferrisburgh, having sold his farm, removed Monday to Canaan, N. H., his future home.—Warren Kellogg, son of G. W. Kellogg, who has been suffering from fever, is better.—Jacob Kellogg is improving. Vergennes contributes some 20 mourners of Miss Mary Howe to the opera house concert this evening.—William Woodman's double dwelling on Elbow street, opposite Mr. Norton's, is to be put in first-class condition as a double tenement by E. D. Chilson.—Frank Sears, aged 17, son of Peter Sears, Ferrisburgh "Corners," is very low with consumption.—The family of John Parsys, living at the brick yard, will leave for Keene, N. H., Wednesday and will join him in Fitchburg, Mass., where Mr. Barnes is to reside, and will have charge of a brick yard.

The resignation of Prof. W. H. Shaw as principal of the graded school, after nearly six years service, is a source of general regret. He is a teacher from choice, has few superiors in his profession, is eminently successful, and fills a large place in the social and religious element of society. He is succeeded by Prof. H. S. Pratt, a Yale graduate, who has been connected with the Hitchcock free school of Trinsfield, Mass., and who has excellent endorsers. The school will reopen April 7. It is said Mr. Shaw and family will remain in Vergennes for the present.

A man in search of an experienced boat builder in this city had occasion to visit Whitehall, which he found so crowded with ship carpenters, building and repairing canal boats, and between there and Crown Point scows men were busy cutting, packing and shipping ice. The presence of so many operations has made trade lively in the town on the west shore of the lake.

Spring & Co. shipped 180 veals to Boston market Friday. The question of procuring a stone crusher for the city, will be brought before the adjourned meeting, April 9 for action. G. F. O. Kimball will not return at once to Boston. Arrangements will probably be made for union services April 6. Antoine Jerome, the fisherman, at Fort Cassin, landed 190 dozen fish in this market Friday. The blue fish are not abundant, but perch, smelt and pickerel are plenty in Lake Champlain. Pout are now caught in the river. Paul Mattaw, about 78 years of age, is supposed to be the oldest native of this city living.

Cards of invitation are out for the marriage of Miss Mary A. Kimball and Dr. Jesse R. Powers, at St. Paul's church, Vergennes, Tuesday evening, April 8. Mr. and Mrs. G. F. O. Kimball and their daughter are home.

W. R. Dalrymple is transferring his stock to his new store, centre of McCuen's block.—The sociable Wednesday evening, at the parsonage was thoroughly enjoyed by the 40 to 60 who participated. The literary exercises and the vocal and the piano music were most gratifying to all. Receipts about $8.—Dr. F. W. Coe's health is more feeble than it has been.—Some bluebirds are seen frequently on the river and several flocks of wild geese were observed near the lake, having the appearance of exhaustion from a long flight from the south.—Salmon, herring and smelt are caught in abundance near Westport, N. Y.—Crown Point ferry between Wilson & Garnison's, commenced running Monday Father Fred Paquet of Burlington, who has been visiting Father Compain, has returned home.—Miss Mary Grinnes, aged 62 years, died Tuesday and was buried Wednesday from St. Peter's church.—In the matter of the Floyd murder case further investigation leads to the belief that two men were engaged in the crime, thus freeing from suspicion all heretofore suspected.—Sheriff Tappen of Troy, formerly of Panton, is likely to get his official bill paid, after all the efforts of the democrats to prevent it. Justice Farnsun has granted a mandamus to compel county Treasurer Dickson to pay the bill.—Miss Alice Lee of Boston, proprietor of the elegant hotel, Westport Inn, opened the same April 1. Mrs. Lyon of California will run the hotel.—The rhetorical at the graded school Wednesday were finely conducted. The singing was excellent, the compositions were good, and the humorous one by Bates and the funny declamation by Willmarth were excellent. The attendance was far above the average.—Phelps H. Smith has removed his family from the Woodbridge place to Bridgeport. His address is Town Line, Vt.—Seymour Washburn, 82 years of age, walks nearly every day from his residence, west side of the bridge, up Creek hill, to the postoffice; he has lived in Vergennes for 40 years.

Chas. L. Kimball of Hartsvaan, N. Y., is the guest of his son, C. L. Kimball, jr., of Ferrisburgh.—Preparations are maturing for the appropriate observance of Easter Sunday at the State Reform school.—Spring & Co. shipped half a car load of cows to Boston market today. The fastening to a hanging lamp in the house of E. N. Carpenter, Addison, gave way Wednesday evening and the house caught fire, which was extinguished with slight damage, insured in the Vermont Mutual. J. S. Hickok, agents.—Booth & Walker began shipping ice from the lake by car, Friday, cut in Ball's bay, but the snowfall suspended operations. Their three roomy ice houses are all well packed with good ice and ice cutting is suspended for this season.—Boys! don't shoot the birds; they destroy the bugs and worms that infest the apple, pear, plum and cherry trees.—The members of the class which is to graduate next June have presented the retiring principal with a gold pen.—Mr. Meech and daughter of the Burlington tea store are visiting friends in town.—The ice cutting has closed in Addison; Agnew & Weston have 500 tons of ice stored on the George French farm; Wright & Norton have 400 tons packed on Mr. Wright's farm, Chimney Point, for New York parties; George Dudley, north of Elm point, has between 900 and 400 tons packed and has sold it all; Luther Whitney has stored 1000 tons on Elm point; work has closed at all of these points and so far as we learn, all hands have been paid satisfactory prices.—The Vergennes Graded school presented Mr. Shaw with a valuable encyclopedia, as an evidence of their regard for him, on his surrendering the school Friday last.—Joseph Monat of Butte City, Montana, a relative of S. H. Miner, arrived in town Friday evening with his mother-in-law and both are guests of Mrs. A. Baldwin. He brings news of the health and business prosperity of Fred Grandey and family and of Daniel Donnelly, who went West from here and live in Butte City.

MORGAN.

I. L. Cobb and Henry Rood have exchanged farms, Rood paying $2100. Willie Cox is to work for Edward Hutchinson for six months. George Wilder, George Taylor, Homer Albee and Herman Johnson go to New York city this week to work in the lumber business.—Frank T. Taylor does not improve much from his shock of paralysis. Mertie Moore is to teach at the Centre this spring. Some officers were chosen at our town meeting that could not hold the office on account of holding other offices.

Be sure and call for Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, if you are troubled with a bad cough or cold.

Mr. L. B. Kiefer, of Lancaster, Pa., wrote us—Having a sprained leg of almost thirty days standing, and after trying half a dozen advertised preparations in the market without satisfactory results, I tried Salvation Oil, and I feel it does my leg was all right again. There's nothing like it.

MIDDLEBURY.

The Russell Post G. A. R. celebrate the 25th anniversary of Lee's surrender April 9, by a grand promenade concert and banquet at the Town hall. Music for both occasions will be furnished by the Howard Opera House orchestra of Burlington. The Central Vermont railroad will sell return tickets for fare one way at all stations between Burlington and Rutland and on the Addison road. A general invitation is extended to the people in other towns, and especially to the Soldiers' Veterans. The G. A. R. are doing for this town a commendable and praiseworthy thing, and the public ought to patronize and encourage them.

The Graves school closed its winter term Friday with appropriate exercises by the pupils in Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4. The showing was one which did credit to the teachers who have them in charge. The spring term begins April 1.

The usual union fast day services of the Methodist, Baptist and Congregational churches will be held Friday, beginning April 4, at the Baptist church. The services will be conducted by Rev. A. L. Kellogg of the Congregational church.

Prof. Artemus Ward Carey is engaged in making an echo of horseshoes for the Buenos Ayres, South America, market. Mr. Carey forges his shoes out of steel and they weigh from 6 to 12 ounces each. He makes 12 different kinds, and his show cases contain probably the finest samples of horseshoes to be seen in New England.

Mrs. Phelps, Sarah, daughter of Columbus Smith of Salisbury, is one of the eighteen maids, at Miss Veazey's wedding at Washington D. C. April 9.

There is to be a series of illustrated lectures on mission fields at the Baptist church, time will be given every month. The next will be the last subject and was announced for Friday evening. The object of the lectures being, as I understand, the knowledge of those fields and peoples whom our missionary societies are financially interested in.

C. L. Nutting who is travelling for a Cincinnati drug house, is home for a vacation of a few weeks.—Jerry Vesey of A. K. Carr has been appointed one of the aides-de-camp on the staff of Geo. R. A. Allen, national commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. A. P. Tuttle's cases of to jail in lieu of the fines for the putting in of the electric lights.—Ben Hoag and wife are visiting in Williamstown, Mass.—The farms at Leicester junction are getting one from a lime stone pit. Mrs. A. W. Foote and Robert Cockrell are spending a week in Burlington.

MORRISVILLE.

L. D. Paul (assistant from Manchester, N. H.) where he has been receiving instruction in textile paying. The old boys' supper to contract in aid of the benefit of the entertainment committee, was an success. Rev. Mr. Fisk of the Congregational church is in his usual service each evening at the week, connecting Palm and Easter Sundays. A minstrel club of some 15 or 20 members has been formed and are defining an island for about a month to stay, commencing at 8 o'clock, at the school of Chas. Ward on Wednesday evenings. Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D. of Homer, N. Y., formerly of Morrisville, who has by a unanimous vote been given a second call to the Congregational church, gave a sermon here on Sunday of the week of our annual festival celebration. George Lamoreux and family closed up their house and left for Montana, and we learn it is our intention to buy and run the morrisville house. The Degree Sunday of Mount Mansfield lodge was held on Friday evening. The 20th anniversary of the order occurs next October.

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