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ADDISON C NTY.

VERGENNES.

Frank L. Fish, Elisha Smith and Wil- d F. Barnes have been appointed com- issioners of the estate of the late Wal- r Merrill of Fort Henry, who owned roperty in this Probate district.—A pleasant wedding occurred Thurs- ay afternoon at the residence of Mr. d Mrs. George F. Young in the presence a large number of friends, when their aughter, Mattie A., was married to Mr. ed E. Whitcomb of Fitchburgh, Mass., Rev. Father Beauchaine. They were e recipients of many valuable and use- l presents. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dan- ult acted as best man and bridesmaid, d they also acted in the same capacity the wedding of the bride's parents, hich took place just 25 years ago to-day. A reception was given the bride and om from 4 to 8 o'clock, and in honor of r. and Mrs. Young's 25th anniversary om 8 till 8 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Whit- omb took the flyer for Montreal for a ed wedding trip and will reside in Holyoke, Mass., where he is connected ith an express office.—Among the people om out of town were Mr. A. C. Gorton of Albany, Mrs. Lillie Barney of Highgate, d Mrs. Whitcomb and son of Chittenden. Charles Holcomb killed his fat mammoth pig Saturday, which weighed when essed 36 pounds.

Mrs. Anna Hindes, wife of William F. indes, died here Sunday morning, aged years, after a long illness of consumpti n. She leaves a husband and seven ildren, one of whom is Mrs. F. C. Ladd Milton.

Deputy Sheriff T. C. Middlebrook re- rned Saturday evening from Haverhill, N. H., and brought with him Charles are and put him in Middlebury jail, and will be tried at the December term of e Addison County Court for stealing a rse and sleigh from Richard D. Booth t January. Wade is thought to be an d offender, as he is wanted in other aces for similar offenses.—Antoine Jerome was on trial Tuesday fore Judge Roberts and a jury in ate's Attorney F. L. Fish's office, for apping on land which had been posted d owned by A. A. Bell of Ferrisburgh d had been leased by him to Messrs. eston and Burkett.—The Baptist society here have extended call to Rev. R. H. Cantwell.—Dr. John E. Taggart of Burlington has rchased of Wallace J. Thompson his use at the corner of Green and King eets for $[illegible].—There will be a private dance at the vens House hall on Thursday evening, sic will be furnished by Prof. A. D. rtum.—Miss E. H. Delevan will commence a ies of revival meetings on Sunday next ecember 1 in the Methodist church in nson. Miss Delevan has long been own here as an earnest Christian worke and supplied the pulpit in the Metho- church in Weybridge two years.

BRISTOL.

A. Lawrence and family have moved o their new home on Mountain avenue.—Miss Lottie Read of Addison has been guest of F. C.Ike and family for veral days past.—Mrs. J. L. Lincoln has ted her house on Spring street to John rke, Mrs. Lincoln, her daughter Lula d for aunt, Mrs. Edwards, expect to ve for California this week, to be gone r.—The winter term of school begins h. 9th.—Rev. Frank Bigelow of Brandon ached at the Methodist church Sun- , in exchange with his father, Rev. L. Bigelow.—A regular meeting of Dunton t, G. A. R., was held Wednesday ening, Nov. 27.—H. P. Sherwin has been the sick list for several days.—George Hasseltine will teach school at Monk- Ridge this winter.—Levi M. Bates and e are at home from Crown Point.—re will be union services Thanksgiv- day at the Advent church at 10:30 a. —Christian culture meeting at the Bap- church Tuesday evening.—The cotil- n party at the G. A. R. hall for last nesday evening has been postponed Thanksgiving evening, Nov. 28th.—Mrs. man Varney is at home from Stam- deville, N. Y.—Patrick Whalen has pur- sed the trucking business of Fred ight and will run it in connection with coal business.—Rev. Mr. Underwood sed his meetings at the Methodist rch Friday night.—The Baptist so- y are repairing their pine grove.—he Pond Gatherers meet at the Bap- parsonage next Saturday afternoon.—y are filling a barrel for the Kern Hal- Home at Westminster and contribu- e of children's second hand clothing are uested.—Stewart & Hill's delivery team away Tuesday morning, bringing up the store all right.—George W. Lawre e of Bloomingdale, N. Y., has been guest of G. W. Cary and family for a days.—An electric wire burned off in at of Lawrence's shoe store Tuesday ening, creating a little ripple of excite nt.—A. O. Moody of Potsdam, N. Y., is town. He has sold his farm in South ol to Joseph Ash for $1350.—J. M. Mix wife visited in Middlebury Monday.—orge R. Patch of the Queen City is in n and visited Lilanus Lodge, which nferred the second degree on two victims nday night.—John Gilmore's large ble tenement house on Taylor avenue early completed.

MIDDLEBURY.

nteen cents per pound was paid for e butter in this market Monday and s were worth 23 and 24 cents a dozen. ge shipments of Thanksgiving poul- were shipped by express during the in addition to the large quantity that t on the regular poultry train last k. Prices were generally low running n 9 to 14 cents a pound.—There was a church full of people at St. ry's Catholic church Monday evening witness the marriage of Miss Katherine eldest daughter of Mr. Patrick Car- of Middlebury, to Mr. Joseph W. Rul- of Providence, R. I., which occurred at clock. Rev. Father J. M. Gelot per- med the ceremony. Mr. F. J. Murphy Providence was the best man and Miss nie Carroll, sister of the bride, acted bridesmaid. The ushers were Messrs. T. Durick, John H. Barrett, William H. dwin and Edward Seymour, all of Mid- bury. The affair was elaborately and utifully trimmed with flowers. At the clusion of the ceremony a reception held at the home of the bride's pa- s. A large number of friends were sent and very palatable refreshments e served. The guests spent consider- e time in examining the large and beau- l array of wedding presents, and the py couple took the night train for Cadence, where they will make their re home.—Tuesday morning Herbert Lowell and Mary Adams, daughter of Joseph ms, both of Cornwall, were married in Catholic church here at 10 o'clock by Father Gelot. After the ceremony wedding party returned to Cornwall, h the evening had a largely-attended ding supper at West Cornwall.—Willie J. Campbell of Malone, N. Y., returned home after a ten days' visit relatives and friends in Middlebury. ere will be a Thanksgiving vacation the college from Wednesday forenoon l Monday afternoon of next week.—e rains of the past few days have ed the water in Otter creek to a ht seldom seen at this time of year, and it is still rising. Some of the low lands on the river are flooded nearly as bad as after a big spring freshet.—Mr. James Tierney of St. Albans, for- merly of Ripton, is down on a visit to relatives and friends in this vicinity.—The fifth annual ball of the Battell Hose company takes place this evening. The Thanksgiving ball at East Middlebury will come on Thursday night.—Nelson P. Canning of Broadalbin, N. Y., and James R. Mills of Carnville, Pa., are in town.

SHOREHAM.

Services are to be held at the Con- gregational church Thanksgiving day at 10:30 a. m.—Mr. Angie R. Vaughan is spending some time at Dr. C. W. How- ard's.—Mrs. Mabery Bingham goes to Troy, N. Y., this week to spend Thanksgiving and will return next Monday.—George Wright and family have gone to Medfield, Mass., to live, and Mr. Fred Brookins and Geo. Barnes are occupying the house vacated by them.—The Dodd gave "A Tale of a Cat" last Friday evening. The lecture by Rev. S. E. Dogg was full of puns and fun, as well as sense. The recitations by Misses Grace Bingham and Bessie North and Master Charlie Dunn were well received. The topic for next Friday evening is John Milton.—Mrs. Arthur Field is at home and will remain until after Thanksgiving.

ORWELL.

Rollin Wood, who is convalescing from ty- phoid fever.—Mrs. George Wolcott is slowly recovering from diphtheria.—Mr. Irby, a guest of Eagle Inn, is in Boston this week.—Mr. Benjamin Overhiser, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is improving.—The third entertainment in the course was given Saturday evening, when Col. Bain of Kentucky delivered his popu- lar lecture, "Among the Masses," or "Pearls of Human Character." He also gave a brilliant temperance lecture Sun- day evening in the Congregational church. Col. Bain was most heartily appreciated here.

WHITING.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Atkins of Lake Pleasant, Mass., are spending a few days with Mrs. Atkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Kelsey.—Miss Etta J. Abbey of Orwell is engaged to teach the village school, commencing on December 3.—Miss Isa- belle Phelps will teach the winter term in district No. 5.—There are to be Christmas exercises at the Congregational church.

ADDISON.

Joseph E. Crane has purchased the Rector place and has moved there with his son, Bert, and his family.—Mattie Clark is at home.—Schools break Monday, the 25th inst.—Mrs. J. R. Day is very ill.—Truman Jones has been on the sick list the past week.—Will Gorham is critically ill.—Edna Jones is at home.—Mrs. Gordon Banks has gone to Benett, N. J., to visit friends.

STARKSBORO.

Miss Minnie Smith is expected home for Thanksgiving.—Other teachers from the Green Mountain seminary will come with her and will give a recital in the Baptist church Friday evening, November 29.—The W. C. T. U. will hold a gospel meet- ing Sunday evening and expect the teach- ers will aid in the service.—Telephone poles have been set from F. A. Ballwin's to Schofield's, and the wire will be strung this week.—Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Julia Clifford and Mr. Jesse Carpenter.—Mrs. Kingsley has re- covered sufficiently to return to her son's home in Lincoln.

SOUTH STARKSBORO.

Perley Doty of this place has taken Harvey Farr's farm in Lincoln, better known as the Nelson Chase farm.—Rinal- do Wheeler's wife and children arrived from the West last Saturday.—Dr. Dodge's telephone goes around the mountain, back to its original starting point, making a circuit of about twenty miles. He ex- pects to finish it this week.

BRIDPORT.

Miss H. E. Goodwin has closed her house, and has gone to B. A. Shiffe for the winter.—W. Norton of Michigan is visiting friends in town.—Miss Stella Wil- liams is spending some time with her sis- ter, Mrs. G. H. Walker.—There will be Thanksgiving services Thursday morning at the vestry.—S. J. Cook, who was re- cently burned out, has moved his family into T. W. Fletcher's cottage, for the winter. He is making arrangements to build as soon as possible.

WEST ADDISON.

Guy Bushnell and wife of Starksboro have been the guests of Mrs. F. C. Smith.—Mrs. Elbert Hanchett and niece of Moriah, N. Y., visited relatives in town last week.—Mr. J. W. Wright expects to leave for the West in a few days.

WEYBRIDGE.

Abram Swenor's infant daughter died Tuesday of last week.—Mrs. O. K. Brit- tell has returned and reports her niece, Miss Gordon, in a fair way to recover.—The Good Templars will give a sociable at G. H. Wright's Friday evening, Novem- ber 29.—Mrs. M. A. Kittell has decided to remain East for the present.—Mrs. H. B. Hagar has returned to her home after an absence of several weeks in Norwood, N. Y.—Rev. Frances Townsley, the national W. C. T. U. evangelist, is expected to hold evangelistic services here soon. The exact date is not yet determined.—Mrs. J. S. Cole is spending this week in Brandon, with her daughter.

CORNWALL.

The farm owned and occupied for many years by the late Franklin Dean of West Cornwall has recently been purchased by F. C. Bingham.—Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sampson left on Saturday for Hartford, Conn., to attend the marriage of their son, Arthur, to Miss Ida Grant on Wed- nesday, November 27.—M. B. Williamson is in Texas, looking after affairs in his ranch.—Mrs. Sarah Bingham and son, Dean, are soon to locate in Tennessee.—The Junior Christian Endeavor society will give a social at the town hall Friday evening, November 29. A Thanksgiving programme will be rendered.

GRANVILLE.

Jennie Whitney has returned from Ran- dolph.—Andrew Blair and wife, George Wilson and wife and James Blair and Etta Freeman were in Waitsfield last week.—The snow is fast disappearing.—Clarance Vinton and wife of Hancock were guests of George E. Wilson recently.—Mrs. Edward Wilson is at George E. Wilson's.—Luther Chatterton is in town.

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

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The court and jury calendar for the December term of the county court which meets here Tuesday, December 3, next, has been issued. There are 21 civil cases entered for trial. Thirty liquor cases are on the calendar. Twenty-three cases are set for hearing before the court, of which 11 are divorce suits.

A male quartette composed of E. C. Bennett, James Wood, Loring D. Bing- ham and Carroll Partridge gave a concert in the Soldiers' Home chapel for the bene- fit of the veterans Thursday evening. They were assisted by Miss Rose Blair of Fort Worth, Texas, who sang three solos. The managers of the Home have recently been presented with a couple of Guinea pigs. The W. R. C. at Brandon St. Johnsbury, Morrisville and Vergennes has recently sent the Home contributions of fruit jellies, etc.

The annual convention of the Benning- ton county Sunday-school union will be held in South Shaftsbury December 10. Among the speakers will be Revs. George L. Richardson and George B. Lawson of this village.

The board of railroad commissioners

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SUPREME COURT IN SESSION

DECISION OF THE CASES OF THE RECENT SITTING ANNOUNCED.

Considerable Discussion Over Points of Law—Decision Against T. C. Fletcher Sustained—Final Session Yesterday Morning.

Montpelier, Vt., Nov. 26.—The Supreme Court met this morning in the Supreme Court room at the State House to render their decisions upon cases heard at the recent session of that court. The bench of judges present consisted of Hon. Jonat- han Ross, chief judge, presiding; Hon. John W. Rowell, Hon. James M. Tyler, Hon. Loveland Munson, Hon. Henry R. Start, and Hon. Laforest Thompson. There was a large number of interested lawyers present to listen to the reading of the court's opinions on the cases heard. Some of the decisions were accompanied by very long discussions upon interesting points of law involved. The cases upon which they rendered decisions were:

Rutland Electric Light Co. vs. Harry M. Bates, in an action in equity, decree was reversed and cause remanded. Lyn- donville National bank vs. T. C. Fletcher, in general and special assumpsit, judg- ment was affirmed. Aurilla Scales vs. Andrew Wiley, adm., case, judgment af- firmed, $75 and costs. State vs. Asa Mas- goon, for larceny, respondent takes nothing by exceptions, sentence to be proceeded with, namely 60 days in the workhouse, in re Montgomery Snow and Isabelle Co., exceptions dismissed and case ordered certified in court of insolvency. George W. Hurlburt vs. estate of Walt Hurl- burt, judgment affirmed and ex- dered certified by the probate court. Asa W. Kenney and Francis R. Downer, executors, vs. Austin Howard and F. H. Holt for a debt, judgment for defendants affirmed. Rollin Amsden vs. John At- wood for general assumpsit, judgment of $61.18 for plaintiff reversed and cause re- manded. Town of Springfield apt. vs. town of Chester, a case of care of pauper, judg- ment affirmed. Edward H. Genio by Jos- eph Geno, n. f., vs. Fall Mountain Paper company for injuries received while work- ing at defendant's mill, judgment affirmed. Frank Bean vs. J. F. Bunker verdict of $435.29 reversed and cause remanded. The State Trust company vs. John A. Sheldon, Charles H. Sheldon, William K. Sheldon, Michael Quinn and Lyman W. Redington for an assumpsit in common counts, judg- ment affirmed and cause remanded for as- sessment of damages. Selmer B. Hibbard executor of last will of Pauline A. Cabot, Lizzie P. Smith, legatee, apt., vs. Sara Jones in an appeal from Probate, judg- ment affirmed and ordered certified by the Probate Court. Enos C. Fish vs. Charles A. Thompson, Sarah A. Turtle and Celia A. Slason, decision reversed and cause remanded. Martin H. Ovitt vs. Hattie E. Smith, alias Hattie E. Farrand in a petition to annul marriage, judgment re- versed and marriage declared null and void. John J. Enright vs. J. W. Beau- mond, apt., a case of assumpsit, judgment reversed and judgment of $7.99 and in- terest ordered for the plaintiff. Ira W. Thorp vs. A. D. Robbins, apt., judgment of $62.10 for plaintiff affirmed and defend- ant to recover costs. Charlotte W. Hack- et vs. Lorenzo D. Moxley for a bill, decree of County Court reversed and bill dis- missed with costs. Barre Water company vs. William M. Carnes, et al., judgment af- firmed and cause remanded to County Court. Alonzo Barney vs. Sarah A. Cun- yus in a petition to annul marriage, order- ed dismissed by lower court, decree rever- sed and marriage declared null and void. Robert Chalmers vs. John A. McAuley, apt., a case of general assumpsit, judg- ment of $10 for plaintiff, given by County Court, reversed and cause remanded. Henry M. Brown vs. Seth and Henry Moal for trespass quare clausum, judg- ment of County Court of costs for defen- dant affirmed and judgment to recover $23.12 and interest. Henry M. Hull, et al., vs. Enzoli Sanctuary for trespass quare clausum, judgment of County Court of costs for defendant affirmed and cause remanded. Bank of America, apt., vs. Fred S. Platt, assignee of Poultney Slate works in an insolvency appeal, judgment for plaintiff affirmed in accordance with a certificate to court of insolvency. Connec- ticut River Lumber company vs. A. B. & F. H. Brown, a book account; judgment for defendants to recover their costs af- firmed. Mary J. Matthews vs. David H. Watkins' estate, in an appeal from com- missioners; judgment affirmed and ordered certified. Town of Weston vs. town of Mount Tabor, to establish town line, re- port of commissioners accepted and line ordered established accordingly. Frank H. Baker vs. the New England Fire In- surance Co., in an assumpsit, judgment of County Court for plaintiff to recover $741.19 reversed and judgment for defendant without costs. James M. Kent vs. I. D. Miles, judgment of County Court af- firmed and cause remanded. Chauncey Cutler vs. Will Blanchard, apt., for tres- pass; judgment of County Court of $12.74 for plaintiff affirmed.

Court adjourned at 1:30 to finish up a little business to-morrow morning.

CELEBRATED THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING.

Bennington, Nov. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Keyes celebrated the 60th anni- versary of their marriage at their home here Monday evening. The affair was kept very quiet only about 20 of their intimate friends being present. Mr. Keyes is 84 years of age and Mrs. Keyes 80. Both are in good health and bid fair to live several years. Both were born in Pownal where they were married by Dr. B. F. Morgan, for years a leading physician of the coun- ty. They have resided here 40 years. Of six children, three sons and three daugh- ters, all the latter were present at the anniversary, two sons are leading citizens of Minneapolis, Minn. Of those present at the original wedding only one is a sister of Mrs. Keyes is now living. She was unable to be present by reason of ill- health. Mr. Keyes was for a number of years a leading contractor in this section and built the Wilson House in North Adams, the Arnold mill, a part of the Williams college buildings and other buildings in North Adams. There has never been but one like anniversary ob- served here before.

BLIZZARD IN MISSOURI.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 26.—The first bliz- zard of the season struck this city early last evening and continued until nearly daylight this morning. The snow fall is about five inches, but on account of the high winds it is badly drifted. The heavy sleet had a bad effect on telegraph, tele- phone and electric wires and the service was paralyzed. From 11 o'clock last night until 11 o'clock this morning St. Louis was cut off from all telegraphic communication with all points east, west and north. The reports received so far to-night say that the blizzard extended from North Dakota to Texas and from Colorado to the Atlantic ocean. Railroad traffic suffered severe- ly and nearly all roads report trains from one to four hours late. It is feared the storm will cause great havoc in the ter- ritories and in Texas.

KILLED HIS ENEMY.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 26.—Near Brown- lingsville yesterday John Orville shot and killed John Fields for running away with Mrs. Orville. This was the third time she had left home with a man. Orville then barricaded the doors of his house and is now defying arrest.

The treasury gold reserve at the close of business yesterday with the day's gold en- gagements deducted, stands at $80,324,950. Gold was withdrawn at New York as re- ported to the treasury, to the amount of $1,120,000.

MRS. COLT GETS A DIVORCE.

The Van Alen Case Dropped and Both Parties Pleased.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 26.—Mrs. Samuel P. Colt, who made charges against her husband, is to have an absolute divorce. This has been agreed to by those who rep- resented the different interests at the con- ference brought after the collapse of the charges made against Col. Colt's conduct at Jackson, N. H.

The divorce has been amicably agreed to, and will be sought from the Rhode Island courts upon the ground of refusal to provide, or something of that sort. No serious charge against the respondent will be alleged.

The negotiations of the past few days have resulted in a complete settlement of the whole Colt family scandal, including an agreement to the withdrawal of the two-hundred-thousand-dollar suit against James J. Van Alen for alienating the af- fections of Mrs. Colt.

Col. Colt will retain the family mansion in Bristol, and the money payment to the wife will be a sum of money to be paid in full settlement and at once. Both sides ex- press satisfaction at the result.

DESERTS THE DEMOCRATS.

Dr. Pope Their Late Candidate For Governor Becomes a Republican.

Columbia, N. C., Nov. 26.—Dr. Samson Pope, who was defeated in the last elec- tion for governor in an up hill review to-night, in which he announces that he has joined the republican party. Speak- ing of the situation he says: "I believe I can rate in saying that there is much pa- triotical unrest. The convention now about closing its labors has framed a constitu- tion for the people, which if submitted to them would be rejected by a large ma- jority. There are too many objectionable features in it to refer to all of them but the suffrage clause is the most objection- able. It places the power in the hands of the respective boards of registration and I predict that thousands of white men will be disfranchised by them and more than 100,000 negroes. In fact, as in Missi- ssippi, I do not expect 10,000 negroes to be registered.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CLOSED.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 26.—South Caro- lina's constitutional convention to-day completed its work, so far as the constitu- tion is concerned, having been in session almost continuously for over two months. It now only remains for the delegates to return here on Tuesday next to ratify the new constitution. The convention to-day reversed itself on the divorce question, striking out the provision that this State shall recognize divorces granted by other States.

SULTAN STILL EVASIVE.

Fears That Warships Would Cause More Armenian Atrocities.

London, Nov. 26.—The Times will to- morrow publish a despatch from Constan- tinople saying that the ministers re- port on the guard ship demands which was sent to the sultan, was returned yes- terday for revision, accompanied by a memorandum from the sultan's first sec- retary which stated that his majesty feared that the arrival of the six warships would encourage the Armenians to renew the disorders. The ministers yesterday again debated their replies and came to the conclusion that no reason could be seen for the sultan's fears. They again recommended compliance with the de- mands. Halil Rifaat Pasha, the grand vizier, sought an audience with the sultan to-day with a view to persuading him to sanction the firmans but he was not suc- cessful.

ARE SERVING WILDE RIGHT.

Paris, Nov. 26.—Emile Zola has refused to sign a petition for the release of Oscar Wilde from prison, and most of the other literateurs who have been approached on the subject have either declined or re- turned ambiguous replies.

ONLY TEN BUFFALOES LEFT.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 26.—There are only 10 head of buffalo left in the National Park. The soldiers and park officials are unable to protect them from the poachers, and the true condition of affairs has been kept from the department at Washington.

There are warrants out for the arrest of six men, but so far they have eluded ar- rest.

It is said that other wild animals in the park are slaughtered as rapidly and re- morselessly as the buffaloes.

IS HIS BROTHER'S KEEPER NOW.

Boston, Nov. 26.—Stanley B. Smith of Detroit was to-day appointed special United States deputy marshal to act as keeper of his brother, H. G. Frank Hyatt Smith, until orders are received from Washington. Rev. Mr. Smith, pending the trial on charge of sending scurrilous and defamatory postal cards through the mails was arraigned insane and was to have been taken to the government asy- lum at Washington.

NEW MEXICO TRAIN WRECKED.

Shoemaker, N. M., Nov. 26.—By the wrecking of a passenger train on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe last night two postal clerks were killed, a negro boy and freight conductor probably fa- tally injured and 17 others were seriously hurt.

LANGERMAN FOUND GUILTY.

New York, Nov. 26.—The jury in the case of Walter Langerman, a lawyer of this city, who was charged with criminal as- sault on Miss Barbara Aub, returned a verdict of guilty of rape in the first de- gree this afternoon. Langerman became pale when the verdict was announced and clung to the railing in front of him. He was remanded until Friday for sentence. The extreme penalty for the offence is 20 years' imprisonment.

Miss Aub was a book canvasser and went to Langerman's apartments with a letter of introduction for the purpose of getting him to subscribe to a book for which she was acting as agent. She claimed that while in the apartments Langerman assaulted her. Langerman de- nied the assault but admitted being inti- mate with the woman.

ARE AFTER SUSPECTS.

Sheriff Thinks He Has a Clue to the Manchester Child Murderer.

Rutland, Vt., Nov. 26.—Sheriff Giddings of Manchester has been thoroughly inves- tigating the circumstances surrounding the death of the child found in the Batten- kill river, an account of which is pub- lished elsewhere, since Sunday and to- night is working upon several important clues. The family of Myron West have shown unusual interest in the case and when the discovery of the crime was an- nounced, immediately called at the of- fice of Undertaker Wilson, who had charge of the remains and asked to see the body of the little one. After viewing it they remarked that they did not recognize it.

To-night the West family have all left town and it is reported that they are in Londonderry. The sheriff also has an other clue which involves a well known young woman of the town, who is about 25 years of age and quite good looking. She was seen in the general cash store at the village Friday and carried a young babe in her arms, closely concealed by a heavy shawl. She vigorously denies hav- ing at the village with a child, but the sheriff has very strong evidence to the contrary and feels sure that he will cap- ture the guilty one within 24 hours.

DELUGED AND WIND SWEPT

TERRIBLE STORM IN NEW YORK AND THE CENTRAL STATES.

Trees, Buildings, Telegraph Poles and Boats Wrecked Along its Path—Railroad Tracks Washed Out Along the Lake Shore.

Cincinnati, Nov. 26.—A terrific wind storm swept over this section last night doing considerable damage to property. Trees were uprooted, buildings unroofed or wrecked, telegraph poles and wires blown down and several boats in the rivers were torn from their moorings and set adrift. The watchmen and crews of peckers and towboats were all aboard and consternation reigned among them. None of the boats had steam up and they were therefore left to the mercy of the gale after the lines had parted. Just above the Big Sandy wharfboat were moored the steamers T. J. O'Connell, Rob Roy and Leo Brooks. The shore lines of all three were snapped and when the wind subsided they were all in a bunch at Brown's coal fleet, a distance of fully half a mile away. A $4000 barge was sunk at the Marine dry docks. Nearly a hundred empty barges were set adrift from the Queen City landing at the foot of Wash- ington street. The damage in the river here will amount to $10,000.

LAKE ERIE BREAKS ITS BOUNDS.

Waves Have Washed Away a Large Amount of Railroad Track.

Buffalo, Nov. 26.—A gale of wind has been blowing since early morning, succe- eding a terrible downpour of rain. Great damage is done to telegraph and telephone wires. Communication with Canada is practically shut off, and only now and then a wire can be found working West. The lake is very high at this point. The water is over the breakwater at the entrance to the harbor, and freight is being taken up to the second story of the transfer houses which are inundated on the ground floor. The harbor has risen to an almost unprec- edented height.

More than 100 feet of the west-bound track of the Buffalo Creek railroad and over 200 feet of the east-bound track near the junction of South Michigan street and the Hamburg turnpike has been washed away by the waves from the lake. Near the same point about 400 feet of the Erie track has also gone, and 250 feet from each of the double tracks. A dozen or more cars of the Erie line in the same vicinity are wrecked. They are derailed and are tossed about like a child's playthings by the mighty breakers.

At the Erie coal docks the damage has been considerable and many coal cars have been wrecked. The waves are still rolling in by the south end of the pier upon the beach and over into the ship canal. The action of the waves is eating away the road beds of both the Buffalo Creek and the Erie railroads, and it is feared that much greater damage will ensue un- less the storm abates soon.

Superintendent Rohloff of the Buffalo Creek railway said this afternoon that the action of the waves on the beach was more severe than it had been in ten years before and that it demonstrated the necess- sity of the extension of the government breakwater.

NIAGARA BRIDGE THREATENED.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Nov. 26.—The rai- ahead is greatly augmented in volume by the force of the westerly winds, and the wind itself has attained a velocity scarcely paralleled here. The Suspension Bridge has been subjected to a tremen- dous strain, and it was feared that some of the cables might part. The Erie freight sheds were blown down for a distance of [illegible] feet.

DRIFTS SIX FEET DEEP.

Grand Haven, Mich., Nov. 26.—It snowed hard here all last night and there were drifts six feet high in the main streets to- day. The country roads are completely blocked.

70 MILES AN HOUR.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 26.—A terrific wind storm raged here this morning. The wind at times reaching a velocity of 70 miles. The damage to property throughout the city will amount to several thousand dol- lars. Wires are down in all directions.

KILLED LIVE STOCK.

Bowling Green, O., Nov. 26.—A hurri- cane struck Wood county early this morn- ing. In this city buildings were unroofed, plate glass broken, chimneys blown down and the streets strewn with debris. The loss will probably reach $10,000. Great havoc was wrought in the oil fields where the damage is estimated at $50,000. Far- mers report much stock killed.

OIL FIELDS DAMAGED.

Toledo, O., Nov. 26.—Reports from the oil fields south of this city says the damage will be over $100,000, caused by the storm last night and this morning. Not a der- rick is standing and boiler houses and en- gines are dismantled.

THE STORM IN CANADA.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 26.—Despatches from different parts of the country report great damage to property by yesterday's gale. Buildings were unroofed, fences and trees blown down and telegraph and telephone wires demoralized. So far no loss of life is reported. The wind blew 70 miles an hour and much anxiety is felt for the safety of several vessels supposed to be on the lake.

WIND IN INDIANA.

Many Thousands of Dollars Damage Done to Buildings.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 26.—A severe wind storm prevailed in Indianapolis last night, doing much damage. It's path was due north and south and a heavy loss is reported from the country districts. At Elwood the casting hall and one furnace of the Pittsburg plate glass plant was de- molished, nearly killing two men. Loss $6,000. Many buildings were demolished and all the telegraph and telephone com- munication was cut off for 12 hours.

At Frankton, the new window glass factory was unroofed and three business houses and the pumping station of the Indianapolis Gas company were demol- ished. The loss will exceed $25,000.

At Alexandria, the roof of the sheet mill was lifted off and the main part of the machine shops destroyed. The American plate glass plant was partially destroyed.

At Anderson, the new church of the United Brethren on College Hill was de- molished, a bridge was blown down and part of the rubber works destroyed.

At Franklin the greatest damage was done to the new city hall building. The loss will be $30,000.

PASSENGER STEAMERS MISSING.

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Considerable anxiety was manifested in marine circles to-day for the safety of four passenger steam- ers, the Jay Gould, the Peerless, Traverse City, and the City of Duluth. The City of Duluth left Chicago for Duluth last Tues- day, while the Peerless, Traverse City and Jay Gould are bound from Duluth to Chicago. Nothing has been heard of any of the boats for 24 hours but the agent of the company is not apprehensive. The Peerless and Traverse City arrived at Sault Ste. Marie yesterday morning and the company's officials say that it is hard- ly possible that they left that port, know- ing that a storm was brewing.

OF INTEREST TO VERMONTERS.

Mormons Propose to Bring Their Ancestors Into the Fold.

Two members of the Mormon church arrived in Brattleboro from Utah recently. They were on their way to Londonderry in search of some evidence of their ancestors, who, according to family traditions, many years ago lived in Londonderry or near there. One of the pilgrims named Brown, had discovered that his grandfather was in the Revolutionary war, being a soldier from Vermont, his grandmother was a Sheldon. He removed to Ohio more than 50 years ago with his parents, who subse- quently went to Utah and joined the Mormon church. Mr. Brown, in explaining the object of his visit said that he hoped to trace his ancestors back many genera- tions for the purpose of bringing their names by proxy to the church, where, when he had succeeded in establishing their iden- tity, he would be baptized in their several names, and thus his ancestors would be- come children of the true faith. He said that he knew of men in his church who had been baptized several thousand times for those friends who had died outside the church.

Both he and his companion searched local publications, hoping to find some trace of their ancestors, and a night went up to Londonderry to look over the grave- stones in church yards and the town records.

Arrangements have been completed by the Fitchburg railroad for the immediate erection of a new building at Bellows Falls between the express office and the old freight office to be used for a division and freight office. The quarters occupied by the division office in the passenger depot, have both become entirely too small and inadequate for the volume of business done, and the number of em- ployes who occupy them.

Patrolman Knox was called to the house of George Arnold on Pine Hill, Rutland, Saturday to take charge of John Eustace, who was wandering on the hill in a dazed condition. When found the man was with- out hat or shoes. He told several rambling stories to the officer, but did not seem to be able to give an intelligent account of himself.

F. L. Temple, the landscape gardener of Westminster, shipped from Bellows Falls a short time ago a carload of shrubbery and trees for the ornamentation of public grounds in Burlington, and for Mayor Van Patten and other citizens. He also has a contract to furnish and place the shrubbery decorations on the grounds of the new Billings-Hubbard library at Montpelier.

Erastus C. Scoville of Rutland dropped dead from heart disease late Saturday afternoon at the Columbian Marble Co's works where he was employed as an engineer. Mr. Scoville was 55 years old and a veteran belonging to the 14th New York regiment. He lost a leg at the battle of Gettysburg.

George Bolton of Chester found a valise in the covered railroad bridge, about one mile below that village, last week, con- taining a new pair of shoes marked $4.50, a moccasinum pipe marked $4.00 and 2- pound shot bag, nearly filled with pennies. It was up under the roof of the bridge, and doubtless had been there some time.

S. L. Griffith, a wealthy resident of Danby is growing in the large conserva- tories on his estate in that village what is probably the finest collection of chrys- anthemums in Vermont, and one of the finest in New England. Mr. Griffith has at present 104 different varieties, contain- ing over 1,200 blossoms. Many of them have taken prizes at the chrysanthemum shows in various parts of the country. The collections include some of the rarest varieties in the markets, several of them having been national prize winners in the last few years. Among them is "Mrs. Griffith's favorite," which took the first prize at the last national show.

C. M. Winslow, of Brandon, sold last week ten yearling heifers and a bull calf from his noted herd of Ayrshires and shipped them to Costa Rica. The prices were $50 each for the heifers and $75 for the calf. This shipment makes thirty- five head of cattle from this herd that Mr. Winslow has shipped south of the equator.

While Mrs. George Niles and a lady friend were driving in South Shaftsbury village Wednesday their horse ran, throw- ing both ladies out of the carriage, which was demolished.

A girl apparently about eight weeks old was found dead in the river just below the bridge at Manchester Centre, Vt., about 1 p. m. Saturday. The town authori- ties took the body in charge and a post- mortem examination disclosed that the child came to its death by drowning. The body was free from marks of injury. It is thought the child must have been put in the river Friday night. The child was well dressed, but there was nothing on its head. A baby's hood was found in the road near the depot Saturday morning, which probably belonged to the child. The affair has caused a sensation around town, as it is a mystery. A reward will probab- ly be offered by the town authorities for the apprehension of the guilty parties.

At the next session of the Vermont legislature an effort will be made to take the town of Williamstown from Orange county and add it to Washington county. This matter has been agitated for several years, and the citizens of that town claim that the geographical situation and rail- road facilities make it proper that the town should be annexed to Washington county. If such a move is made a hard fight will be made by Orange county.

The series of mission services to be held in Bellows Falls by Bishop Hall will begin Sunday, December 1, and continue until Sunday, December 8. The services will be held in Immanuel church, except Monday evening, when a mission preaching service will be held in the opera house. The other week-day services, Tuesday and Saturday morning prayer, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 8; evening prayer followed by scripture exposition, every afternoon at 4, and mission preaching services every evening at 7:30.

One night last week as Mr. Toussaint of St. Johnsbury was returning from work he found a woman and child on the stairs leading from Prospect to Cherry street. As the woman was crying, Mr. Toussaint naturally asked the cause. He was in- formed that she had just come from Bos- ton and had no place to stay, being with- out money. Although a poor man, he took her into his family where every- thing was done for her comfort. The next day she and the child were taken into the family of David Lamere, where they were to remain till her friends could be informed of their whereabouts and aid them. Friday morning Mrs. Lamere hearing the girl crying stepped into the bed- room and found the woman's face buried in the pillow. Upon turning her over it was found that she was dead. The physi- cian was called and pronounced death caused by suffocation and presumably while in a fit.

CONCERNING VERMONT PEOPLE.

Thursday was the 21st birthday of Col. Frederick Fletcher, of St. Johnsbury, and he was the recipient of many congratula- tions. The Rector's Aid Society gave a supper and social at Grand Army hall in the evening, and as Col. Fletcher was the guest of the evening an occasion was for- nished for an entirely informal reception.—The Sisters of Charity of St. Johnsbury, intend to enter their new Hospital this week. The doors will be open on Thanks- giving day.—Rev. George W. Perry, the state geolo- gist has taken up his permanent residence at Chester.

VERMONT PENSIONERS.

Washington, Nov. 26.—The following Vermonters have been granted pensions: Original, George E. Allen, Brattleboro, additional, George A. Crellar, Albany Springs, Increase, Charles Bruya, Middle- bury.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WILL BE SENT TO CONGRESS NEXT TUESDAY NOON.

**Believed That He Will Tackle the Foreign Complications First in His Message—In Consultation With Secret