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HOME MATTERS.

CITY AND VICINITY.

The Consumers' Ice company will begin cutting ice on Shelburne pond to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Tupper of St. Paul street are the parents of a baby boy, born Saturday.

Edgar Davis of Rutland filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy Friday. The petitioner is a farmer.

The Rock Point Institute and Bishop Hopkins Hall will close for the holiday vacation on December 23d.

W. E. Hagar, who has been home on a visit for the past five weeks, started Monday for Cascade, Montana, where he is in business.

Henry Holt and family, who have been spending the summer at their summer home, Fairholt, in this city, returned to New York city Tuesday for the winter.

The trustees of the Home Savings bank met Tuesday and voted a semi-annual dividend to depositors at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable January 1.

The condition of Rev. Dr. J. Isham Bliss, who is suffering from an organic difficulty, remains about the same. Mr. Bliss is only able to sit up for a short time each day.

Deputy Sheriff Lavelle went to Milton Monday and arrested Nelson Fifer, who is charged with stealing a coat from Charles Spaulding in this city about Thanksgiving time.

N. R. Spaulding returned to this city from Morrisville yesterday morning and reports that the mercury there yesterday morning registered 26 below zero and at Waterbury 24 below zero.

State's Attorney Brown, Justice E. E. Davis and Sheriff Reeves went to Essex Junction yesterday and tried one Thomas O'Neil for a breach of the peace. A fine of $5 and costs was imposed.

D. C. Wedgeworth, who recently returned from service in the United States engineering service, went Saturday to Worcester, Vt., to spend a part of his two months' furlough at home.

Four Chinamen have been added to the list of those awaiting hearings in December 23d. The men came from Richford and were arraigned and their cases continued before Commissioner Johnson.

Several young ladies recently enjoyed a cake walk at the home of the Misses Nye on Maple street. Many of the costumes were unique and strikingly handsome. The cake was won by Miss Ethel Spear.

The rooms on the third floor over Churchill's drug store have been leased for five years by the Alpha Kappa Kappa fraternity of the medical department of the U. V. M. for their use during the college year.

The exceptions in the Barney will case have been filed with the county clerk and the case is now ready for its fourth trial. It has been twice before the County Court and once before the Supreme Court.

The breach of promise case of Keating against Paul, which was to have come up Saturday, was settled by the defendant paying the amount that Miss Keating's representative, W. H. Carney, asked for damages.

A reward of $50 is offered for the return of about $200 in bank notes and a gold watch and chain from C. E. Graham at Hull, P. Q., a few days ago. Three men are believed to have committed the robbery.

The force of men at work upon the Burlington and Hinesburgh railroad has been reduced, the weather being unsuitable for a part of the work. A comparatively large force is still retained. It is hoped to keep some men at work all winter.

The contention over the office of deputy sheriff for Hinesburgh was settled Friday, when Sheriff Reeves appointed O. A. Baldwin, the former officer. Mr. Baldwin was in this city and took the oath yesterday afternoon.

Miss Catherine Bond of West Cornwall died at the Mary Fletcher hospital Monday afternoon of peritonitis following an operation last week for the removal of a tumor. The body was taken to Cornwall on the 5:30 train Tuesday morning.

Mrs. E. M. Chandler and Mrs. L. C. White, jr., who have been visiting Mrs. W. B. Gates for several weeks, went to Boston last night for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Barber and family completed Friday moving to their new home at the Proctor place on Shelburne road. Mr. Barber has leased the place, which includes several acres of land, for a term of years.

The steamer Chateaugay made a special trip from Essex Thursday morning bringing a large number of shoppers to this city. This was the last trip of the season. At night the steamer went into Rushin Harbor and took on 16 tons of oats consigned to this city.

A. O. Ferguson drove on to Shelburne pond with a horse and buggy Thursday. The ice is 5½ inches thick. The Consumers' Ice company may cut there for present supply if necessary. They got a car load from Middlebury and another from Williston Thursday.

Capt. H. W. Hovey came to this city Tuesday from Northfield and is making arrangements to leave this week in accordance with orders which he received Saturday from Washington, directing him to go to Salt Lake City, Utah. He expects to take his family with him.

A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed Tuesday by Clark W. Graves of Underhill. Graves is a farmer and his petition is No. 76. This number, including some half a dozen involuntary petitions is the aggregate since the new bankruptcy law went into effect August 1st.

Several pairs of shoes have been stolen from the stock room of the Burlington Shoe company at Howard Park. It is believed that about 20 pairs of different styles and sizes of shoes were removed, although the manner in which entrance to the building was gained is obscure.

In conversation with a Free Press reporter yesterday Prof. J. L. Hills said he had not yet decided whether he would accept his reappointment upon the board of agriculture. No plans have been formulated as yet for the next year's work of the board.

Mrs. S. S. Costellow of North Winooski avenue was taken violently ill with a mental difficulty yesterday morning and it was with difficulty that she was restrained during the day. In the afternoon she was removed to Dr. Clarke's on North avenue to be cared for until her recovery.

Clerk of County Court O. P. Ray, who was appointed to hear the claim of Willard Ferguson as to damages in the case of A. W. Cockle versus Willard Ferguson and wife, announced a decision Saturday. The claim for damages by Mr. Ferguson was not sustained. Each side pays its costs.

Second Lieutenant G. Jean Holden of the 10th infantry arrived in this city Friday afternoon to spend a leave of absence with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Holden. Lieut. Holden has been stationed with his regiment at Huntsville, Alabama, and has been suffering from malaria.

An application for divorce was entered by Fred B. Deserville Friday for Maggie McGrain against her husband, John McGrain. The ground for separation is given as intolerable severity and the wife asks the custody of two minor children and alimony. Mrs. McGrain has been in this city about a year, having come here from Manchester, N. H.

Sheriff Reeves made a search for liquors at the basement of the building occupied by William L. Stone just north of the old Stone brewery on South Champlain street Monday night and secured four kegs and two cases of beer. The sheriff also searched the place of Michael Hamlin at the corner of Rose and Cedar streets yesterday but secured no liquor.

A large party of Burlington Odd Fellows, members of Hamilton and Green Mountain lodges, went yesterday afternoon at 1:30 to Richmond, where they assisted in the institution and working of degrees in a new lodge. The lodge was instituted in the afternoon at 4:30 by Grand Master J. H. Blakely of Bellows Falls. In the evening officers for the new lodge were elected and installed and degrees were worked. The initiatory degree was exemplified by Mentor Lodge of Waterbury, the first degree by Hamilton Lodge of this city, the second by Green Mountain Lodge of this city and the third by Vermont Lodge of Montpelier.

Higgins, the great Southern St. Bernard dog belonging to Fred T. Huntington, was killed by the electric cars on Shelburne road Wednesday night. The dog was running beside the track and was struck in the head and instantly killed. The dog was a large and handsome one and is well known about the city.

The funeral of the late Joseph King, who died from the kick of a horse received at the livery stable of C. M. Smith, was held from his home on Church street opposite the postoffice Thursday morning at 10:30. Rev. C. L. Hall officiated and the bearers were P. J. Cosgrove, William Shanley, Fred Degree and Frank Gravel. The burial was in Lake View cemetery.

Invitations have been received in this city for the marriage of Estelle Wright, daughter of Mrs. Anne Lorraine Hesther of New York, to George Nicholas Hartman on Wednesday, December 21 at 12 o'clock at 4 West Thirty-second street, New York. Miss Hesther will be remembered in this city from her connection with a concert given by Miss Ida Stanley.

All the schools of the city except the High school and the grammar department in the High school and grammar annex buildings will close to-morrow afternoon for the holiday vacation. The remainder of the schools will close one week later. At several of the schools, particularly the kindergatens, there will be Christmas exercises. The vacation continues for two weeks.

It is probable that the severe weather will make it necessary to stop work upon the Burlington and Hinesburgh railroad for the present. No work was done yesterday and if the weather continues as at present work will cease. About three and a half miles of roadbed have been prepared and something like two miles of track laid. The track is not consecutive but has been built each direction from Spear street.

It has become a custom to take nearly all local subscription papers first to the office of the Wells & Richardson company in this city and the firm do not fail to respond fittingly to worthy objects. Their interest is not confined to purely local matters, however, and President Allan D. Brown of Norwich University announces the receipt of a check for $50 from the firm to be added to the Dewey Hall fund now being received. The gift bespeaks the character of the company.

Three Burlington attorneys returned late Tuesday evening from Shelburne, where they tried two cases for breach of the peace before Justice N. R. Miller. The cases were those of the State versus Thomas Miles and the same versus Constant Perrault. Convictions were secured in both cases and fines of $1 imposed with costs. J. H. Macomber represented the State, A. L. Sherman appeared for Perrault and A. G. Whittemore for Miles.

The marriage of Commissary Sergeant Hermann E. Enselin of the Third cavalry and Miss Mary E. Chatterton of this city, which was foreshadowed in the Fort Ethan Allen notes in Saturday's Free Press as a romance of the Spanish-American war, took place at the Methodist parsonage Saturday afternoon, Rev. C. L. Hall performing the ceremony. Sergeant Enselin will go to Fort Sa Segunda, Porto Rico, this week. Mrs. Enselin will either accompany him or go as soon as the necessary permission can be obtained.

The annual Christmas sale and sociable at the Unitarian church occured Friday afternoon and evening and many from other congregations joined in filling the pleasant parlors and more than filling the large dining room. The tables were set a second time and all were provided with a bountiful supper. The sale of fancy articles, candy and the new Unitarian cook book progressed during the afternoon and evening and finally the articles not sold were disposed of at auction, A. G. Whittemore acting as auctioneer.

Deputy Marshal L. A. Drew arrived in this city yesterday with Frank Noe, a boy of about 17, living in Highgate, who is charged with smuggling chickens. The boy was taken before Clerk of the United States Court George E. Johnson, and, no one appearing to furnish bail, was remanded until December 21st, when the district attorney is to be in this city to attend some Chinese hearings. The complaint alleges the smuggling of a dozen hens across the line, but Noe tells a story of going with his brother-in-law to Berkshire, where they had several drinks of whiskey. Later he laid down in the wagon and did not know what was done after that until he reached home.

The funeral of Herbert E. Goin, who died at the Fanny Allen hospital at 6:20 Friday evening from the effects of an operation for the removal of a tumor which was performed about three weeks ago, were held at the Advent church at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Carl Brown officiated. The bearers were Walter Spear, Walter Baker, George Morgan and A. C. Daniels. The funeral was in charge of Elvin Beardman. The interment was in Lake View cemetery. Mr. Goin was a hostler at Clifford's livery stable and was born and brought up in this city. He was just 27 years of age when he died. A wife and two sisters survive him.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The Glee and Mandolin clubs will give their first concert this year on December 16 at Essex Junction. After that on Dec. 19, 20 and 21 they will give concerts in Milton, Franklin Centre and St. Albans in the order named. Both clubs are working hard and bid fair to excel the standard.

Mr. Henry Holt, who has a summer home in Burlington, recently asked the professors of the University to make a list of books published by the firm of Henry Holt & Co., which they would like to have in the library and he would see what could be done about getting them here. Soon after receiving the list he sent word that he had shipped them all by freight, prepaid. The gift is a considerable one, as the number of books wanted was not small, and Mr. Holt's kindness is greatly appreciated on the hill.

Among the new books on the library shelves are eight volumes of the edition of the "Messages and Papers of the Presidents from 1789 to 1897, compiled and edited by Representative Richardson of Tennessee. This work fills a long felt want, supplying in a compact form these important documents in our history, and was undertaken by the direction of Congress in 1894. Fine steel engravings of the Presidents add much to the interest of the books. The first edition of 10,000 was soon disposed of by the members of Congress and second and third editions were ordered. The plates have by vote of Congress been given to Mr. Richardson, who has copyrighted the work, which may now be obtained through the usual channels of trade.

After the seniors had finished speaking yesterday morning in chapel, President Buckham announced the winners of the freshman prize entrance examinations as follows: Greek, Miss Elizabeth C. Johnson of Burlington, prepared for college at Burlington High school; Latin, George P. Auld of Burlington, prepared at Burlington High school; mathematics, J. E. Donahue of Essex Junction, prepared at Burlington High school. Honorable mention in Latin was given to Howard L. Martin of Washington, D. C., prepared at Washington High school; in mathematics to W. Goss of St. Johnsbury, prepared at St. Johnsbury academy, to E. K. Severance of Brattleboro, prepared at the North street school, and to C. R. Peck of Burlington, prepared at Burlington High school. The prize in each case consisted of $20 in gold and a "detur," for which the remaining $5 of the money laid aside for the purpose was spent.

CREAMERY NOTES.

Rutland County Creamery of Pittsford, paid for 4 per cent milk for the month of November 84 cents. The average test of all patrons for the month was 4.77; the average number of pounds of milk received per day was 4,000.

THE EASY ELEGANCE

Of the Suits and Overcoats made by Rogers, Peet & Co., of New York, mark the man who wears them with the stamp of good taste. They are made for the finest retail trade in New York City, and of course made as they should be.

Worthy Christmas Presents may be selected from the line of their garments that we carry in stock. Any specialty of theirs that we may not have in store, we will get for you promptly and without advance on their price,

Bath Robes and House Coats Are expected by a great many gentlemen this year for Christmas presents. We have many very handsome garments in our stock of these goods, and any lady who wants one "just right" should see these before she decides that she has done the best she can.

We have to say to gentlemen who have no lady friends who will attend to their wants in this line, that if they want any sort of a pick it is time they began to hustle around.

CHAS. E. PEASE & CO., City Hall Square, South

DRANK FIVE PINTS OF WHISKEY.

An Afternoon's Diversion For Alexander Shackett With no Bad Effects.

There was a short session of City Court Thursday morning at which Judge Russell announced a decision in the case of Jerry Lee, who was arraigned for a disclosure on Wednesday. Lee was found guilty of a second offence and sentenced to pay a fine of $30, serve one month in the House of Correction and pay the costs. An appeal was taken and bail furnished.

John Lavigne was brought in to answer to a charge of intoxication. He was fined $5 and costs and disclosed on Louis Ouimette.

An officer was sent for Ouimette but was unable to find him or learn his present address.

The seizure case of Mary Moore of Lower Cherry street was tried Saturday afternoon and the place adjudged a nuisance. Mrs. Moore pleaded not guilty to keeping with intent to sell but was convicted and sentenced to pay $10 and costs of $14.51, as well as the $14.33 which was the cost of the seizure. To this amount was then added a fine of $20 and costs of $14.51 for keeping a nuisance.

The suit of C. M. Smith vs. Roy Andrews of Shelburne, in which damages resulting from an exchange of horses were claimed, was heard in City Court Friday. A jury was empaneled as follows: N. E. Chamberlin, Alderman E. S. Adsit, L. A. Drew, J. B. Henderson, H. C. Smith and T. H. Collins. Mr. Smith was excused, having formed an opinion and Alderman George Munson drawn. The plaintiff objected to Mr. Munson and the name of Alderman John J. Shea was drawn from the hat in his place.

Constable Salls, who has charge of the jury, was sent out for Mr. Shea, and the other members of the jury adjourned to an ante room and lighted cigars. Mr. Shea put in an appearance in a short time and made an eloquent plea to Judge Russell, which resulted in his being excused.

The case was that of an exchange of horses at the stable of Mr. Smith, in which the plaintiff claimed a readjustment was due. It was contended that the horse was not as represented and that it had the heaves. The selection of the jury and the examination of witnesses consumed all the afternoon. Both the plaintiff and defendant took the stand and some half a dozen others were examined.

Just before 6 o'clock the jury returned a verdict of guilty and assessed damages upon the defendant Andrews in the sum of $40.

The case against Caleb M. Rockwood for non-support of his wife when able to do so was heard before Judge Russell in City Court Friday forenoon. The case was instituted by Overseer of the Poor Barber for the city and Grand Juror Ferguson prosecuted. Mr. Rockwood was represented by S. M. Flint but took an unusual part in the conduct of the case and cross-examined most of the witnesses of the prosecution. Mr. Rockwood consented to a trial without a jury, Judge Russell did not announce a decision in the action.

The witnesses examined were Overseer of the Poor D. C. Barber, E. C. Powell, the father of Mrs. Rockwell, and at whose house she is now living, Attorney J. H. Macomber, L. A. Drew, O. S. Dodds and Charles Spaulding.

It appeared from the testimony that Mrs. Rockwood was suffering from a malady which required an operation at the hospital and was unwilling to go there for attendance. It was arranged to have her taken to the home of her mother, Mrs. Powell, that she might influence her to have the operation performed. Two dollars was paid by her husband toward her support and the father repeatedly asked payment for her board without response. The city has not directly assisted in her support. Some testimony was introduced showing that Mrs. Rockwood had considerable money when she was married two years ago, it having come from the estate of her first husband, and to show that Rockwood did not work and had the appearance of using liquor.

There was no trial in the seizure of liquor case against E. F. Fowler Saturday morning. Mr. Fowler was taken ill in the night with an attack of gastritis with which he suffers and was unable to stand the excitement of a trial.

The plaintiffs placed Dr. H. C. Tinkham upon the witness stand and introduced testimony to the effect that Mr. Fowler had not been well for several days and that the attack became serious that morning. Dr. Tinkham did not think it wise for Mr. Fowler to be present at the trial in his condition. Mr. Fowler was asked a few questions as to his condition and the court agreed to a continuance until December 21st. The other case against Mr. Fowler for selling liquor stands for trial this morning but will probably be continued upon the same grounds.

The bail was raised, at the request of the grand juror, C. J. Ferguson, who stated that he expected to prove several hundred offences. The amount in the first case was $200, and in the second $800, and $500 was added to the other amount, aggregating $1500.

The trial of the case of the State versus Rose Mitchell for selling liquor occupied a large part of the day in City Court Monday and was well attended by an audience of the regular habitues of the room, to which was added a liberal delegation from the Bowery. The most startling feature of the case was the testimony of Alexander Shackett, who swore to having consumed between five and six pints of whiskey during an afternoon and early evening. The witness asserted that he was not very drunk after having indulged in this indiscretion and also that he bought most of the liquor at Mrs. Mitchell's. The defence was that the liquor was not sold by Mrs. Mitchell but that William Latour was operating the bar on the date of the purchase.

After the examination of several witnesses, Mrs. Mitchell was sentenced to pay a fine of $20 and costs of $22.83 or serve an alternative sentence of 159 days. An appeal was taken and $75 bail furnished.

Samuel Hamilton was brought into court Monday on the charge of petty larceny in the theft of some tools from Otis Reynolds on the intervale. Hamilton with Charles Bacon, was arrested a few days ago on the charge of stealing about $20 from Jerome Goodrich.

The tools which Hamilton is alleged to have stolen were found by Sheriff Reeves among his effects. The prisoner formerly worked for Mr. Reynolds on his farm. After the introduction of testimony Hamilton was found guilty but sentence was reserved until the hearing upon the charge of stealing the money could be held.

John F. Delaney, who was before Justice E. W. J. Hawkins Saturday for a disclosure on an old case and was sent back upon an unsatisfactory statement, was brought in Monday morning and disclosed on two pints of whiskey which he secured at the hotel in Winooski.

Eli Kirby was brought before Justice E. W. J. Hawkins Tuesday morning to answer to a disclosure made upon him by John Delaney. Kirby pleaded not guilty to the charge of furnishing but was fined $10 with costs of $11.51, to which an appeal was taken and bail of $75 furnished.

A hearing was held Tuesday before Justice E. E. Davis in the case of Nelson Fifford, who was arrested in Milton Monday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Lavelle. Justice Davis sentenced Fifford to 30 days in the House of Correction. The charge was petty larceny in stealing a mackintosh from Charles Spaulding about a month ago.

Justice E. W. J. Hawkins has rendered judgment for W. H. S. Whitcomb to recover an old judgment in a case against Dr. W. J. Goodall of Montpelier, formerly of Cabot. The case was defaulted by the non-appearance of the defendant. The action grew out of a payment upon an insurance policy which Dr. Goodall was to have made for a young man in his employ.

Hearings have been held and continuances taken until Saturday in the two cases of E. S. Adsit vs. Charles Spaulding and the Burlington Woollen company vs. Charles Spaulding. The first suit is for about $35 and the defence is that the claim is outlawed. In the second case the defendant claims to have been acting as the agent of another party in the purchase of some goods.

SUPPLY COMPANY DEFAULTED.

Trading Stamp Managers Fail to Answer to Suits Brought by Bookholders.

Saturday was the day set for the trial of the actions of various book holders against the Traders' Supply company, against whom suits were brought when they tried to remove their goods from the city two weeks ago. There was no appearance on the part of the Supply company and they were adjudged defaulted by Justice E. W. J. Hawkins, before whom the actions were taken. The damages have not yet been assessed.

There were eighteen suits brought by the following parties: Nellie Lee, Mrs. Edward Germain, Mrs. C. B. Merrick, Mrs. H. Peck, Mrs. E. B. Hardy, Henry Ward, Mrs. T. Landor, Isaac Patient, Mrs. E. B. Bailey, Miss Minnie Donahue, Mrs. E. Martelle, M. H. Stone, W. B. Gates, M. Collins & Co., Miss Mary Griggs, Mrs. O. G. Harris, Grover Spear and Mrs. Ulric LeClair.

PRIMROSE AND DOCKSTADER'S MINSTRELS.

When two such eminent minstrels as George Primrose and Lew Dockstader join forces something unusually good is bound to result and those who witnessed the very enjoyable performance at the opera house Friday night must be prepared to admit that the acme of excellence in this direction has been reached. Both Primrose and Dockstader are old favorites in Burlington and the opera house was crowded Friday night. All the advance promises, including a beautiful stage setting for the olio, were fulfilled and the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyable. The vocal choir included some fine voices and the jokes were bright and new. The watermelon song and scene by Mr. Primrose and four pickaninnies was several times encored and Mr. Dockstader's "remarks" on the war with Spain and other subjects were very funny. The local hits were thoroughly appreciated by the audience, although the management will do well to hereafter insist on an observance of the stage rule which prohibits personal gags. The performance closed with a most remarkable exhibition of high jumping by the Deonze brothers, whose claim to be the champions of the world in this direction would seem to be well founded.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALGONQUINS.

The annual meeting of the Algonquin club was held Tuesday evening and was largely attended. Members of the governing board were elected as follows: To serve for three years, Heman W. Allen, Edward A. Pope, M. C. Berry and Charles M. Smith; to serve for two years, William H. Greene; to serve for one year, W. S. Vincent J. W. Russell. The governing board organized immediately after the adjournment of the annual meeting and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—R. G. Severson.
Vice-president—Julius W. Russell.
Secretary—George E. Johnson.
Treasurer—F. E. Burgess.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by R. B. Stearns & Co., Druggists.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Officers Elected and Committees Appointed For Next Year's Work.

A meeting of the State board of health for organization was held in this city Tuesday. The members of the board present were Dr. C. S. Caverly of Rutland, Dr. J. H. Hamilton of Richford, Dr. H. D. Holton of Brattleboro and Dr. T. R. Stiles of St. Johnsbury. An organization was effected by the re-election of the former officers and the appointment of committees as follows:

President—Dr. C. S. Caverly, Rutland.
Secretary—Dr. J. H. Hamilton, Richford.
Committee on State laboratory—Drs. Caverly and Stiles.
On finance and school house sanitation—Dr. Holton.
On health officers and infectious diseases—Dr. Hamilton.
On plumbing—Dr. Stiles.
On printing—Dr. Caverly.

The appointment of health officers was divided in the following districts marked by counties:

Dr. Stiles—Essex, Orleans, Caledonia and Lamoille.
Dr. Holton—Windsor, Windham and Orange.
Dr. Caverly—Rutland, Addison and Bennington.
Dr. Hamilton—Franklin, Chittenden, Grand Isle and Washington.

Matters relating to the management and equipment of the new State laboratory occupied the attention of the board until a late hour.

WANTS $1500 DAMAGES.

Johnson Man Claims to Have Found Another Man With His Wife.

A suit for damages which promises to develop some sensational features is set for trial in Lamoille County Court at the next June term. The suit is brought by Jerome A. Stowell of Johnson against Almon Balch of the same town for alleged criminal intercourse with the plaintiff's wife. The amount sued for is $1500.

The claim set forth by the plaintiff in the suit is that, suspecting that the defendant was visiting his home, he went away, leaving the impression that he was not to return until the following day. He returned during the night and it is alleged found the defendant in his house. The defendant on being discovered jumped from a window.

The attorneys in the case are G. W. Hendee and George M. Powers of Morrisville for the plaintiff and R. W. Hulburd of Hyde Park and V. A. Bullard of Burlington for the defendant.

PROBATE COURT.

Business Transacted For the Week Ending Dec. 14, 1898.

Jane Gibson's estate, Jericho, guardian's license to sell real estate granted.

Joel Allen's estate, Burlington, letters of administration granted.

Edwin Wood's estate, Burlington, executor's settlement.

Willie Woods, Walter Woods, and Eugene Woods, Burlington, Mary Woods Greene appointed guardian.

Martha's Hard's estate, South Burlington, administrator's license to sell the estate granted.

Ellen B. Kenny's estate, Burlington, letters of administration granted.

John Mellor's estate, Burlington, commissioners appointed.

Arthur J. Allen, Colchester, guardian appointed.

Annie Moran, Shelburne, will filed for probate.

BURLINGTON HOCKEY CLUB.

New Members Elected and Arrangements Made For Games With Other Teams.

The Burlington Hockey club held their first meeting last night and the following were elected members: E. W. Cooney, Will Brando, Tom Highland, W. C. Bowman, L. W. Pennell, H. J. Gibbons, J. A. Sneall, A. O. Brooks, E. F. Nash, John Gilmore, Paul Ledoux, E. E. Smith, F. N. Coon, Frank Bradley, Don Munson, Warren Morse, George Collison, J. M. Ashley, George W. Grandy, C. H. Smith, E. Potvin. Arrangements have been made for games with Plattsburgh, Malone and Ogdensburg and the team intends to make a trip in the latter part of the season to Montreal, where they expect to meet some of the best teams in the Dominion.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of unclaimed letters in the Burlington postoffice for the week ending Dec. 14, 1898:

WOMEN'S LIST.

Nellie Bacon, Mrs. J. Bte. Blais, Mrs. Almira Butler, Mrs. Hiram Beadleston, Josie Cavanaugh, Mrs. W. Evans, Rosa Fish, Katherine Hayes, Clara Labarge, Delia Martin, Iva Nelson, Mattie Richardson, May Smith, Mrs. Stewart, Lula Wheeler, Mrs. Addie White, Mrs. Louisa Viens.

MEN'S LIST.

N. C. Bullard, Burlington Jewelry company, Joseph David, Joseph Deyette, Edson E. Denning, Mower & Dixon, N. H. Earle, Mr. E. J., Harry Frenyear, Charlie Huff, F. L. Hall, Noah Jordan, Charles B. Kimball, G. W. Littlefield, Louis Leff, Gilbert Miller, John Rooney, Dr. Strobell, A. L. Walder, J. W. Wright, Wilson J. Warren, Fred Whittemore, Arthur D. Welsh.

THE LEGISLATURE DEFENDED.

Speaker Haskins Makes a Statement Regarding Its Character and Services.

Speaker Haskins has written the following letter to the Brattleboro Phoenix:

Dear Editor: I thank you for allowing me a brief space in the columns of your valuable paper to reply to some of the unreasonable and unfounded criticisms already published in some few of our State newspapers in regard to the Legislature which finished its work the 1st inst. I copy the following from the Burlington News:

"It strikes us that the Legislature, of which we were happily rid Thursday, registered low-water mark as compared with all previous legislatures still held in remembrance. The House, at any rate if not the Senate, was the cheapest, most offensively blatant body that could be found this side of Kansas. As well as can be seen through the smoke, not one bill of general public interest went to the governor. There is one hopeful feature in the situation. The last Legislature was such very small potatoes that the next one cannot help being an improvement."

The foregoing extract is but a specimen of the gall and vituperation which has been poured out by certain newspapers of cheap notoriety at the close of nearly every Legislature within my remembrance. To one who knows, it is evident that the critic does not see clearly, but sees "through the smoke" only. I do not deny but that the last Legislature, like all other legislative bodies, left undone some things that they ought to have done, and did some things that they ought not to have done, but I do know that they did many creditable things, and but very few, if any, to their discredit; also that very many bills of "general public interest went to the governor" and became law. If I had the space I could name many such. It would seem to all fair-minded persons that unseemly criticism and abuse should be withheld until the work of the Legislature is published by authority.

The Senate was composed of 30 very excellent gentlemen, 24 of whom had had previous legislative experience, which is all important in a law-making body. A legislature is not conducted upon the same basis as is the business of a town or village meeting, but is governed by well established rules of legislative law, which prevail alike in the English House of Commons and the Congress of the United States, together with rules of their own creation, and hence the greater has been the experience of its members the greater the efficiency of the body of law-makers.

The House of Representatives had 246 members, but 16 of whom had ever been members of a legislative assembly before, and but four of these for more than one single term. It will, therefore, be observed that the great body of the House membership, being without any experience whatever, had much to learn; and while not lacking in capacity or good intentions yet could not take up the work at the beginning of the session and speed it along like old and experienced legislators. Who but the people who persist in electing new and untried men at each biennial election, are responsible for such conditions? The question readily suggests the answer.

I have been honored with four elections to the Vermont Legislature, and have been more or less acquainted with the personnel of every Legislature since 1868, and I have no hesitation in affirming that, aside from the legislative inexperience of its members, the House of Representatives of 1898, was above the average of any preceding it as to ability and capacity to do good work. Its honesty of purpose and strong desire to deal fairly and justly were repeatedly made manifest in this, that whenever its members found that a mistake had been made they were willing and anxious to rectify their error. The House properly refused to concur with the Senate in agreeing to a final adjournment the day before Thanksgiving for there were many important measures still pending, which, with the bulk of business then on hand and undisposed of, must of necessity have been rushed through in a day and night without that consideration their merits deserved. The result was, as can be easily demonstrated, that while the extra cost was less than $9,000 more than $50,000 was saved to the State. When the record of the session of 1898 is fully written, it will, as a whole, be one of which both the Senate and House need not be ashamed.

KITTREDGE HASKINS.
Brattleboro, Vt., Dec. 7, 1898.

HOME FOR AGED WOMEN.

Officers Elected and Reports of the Year's Work Presented.

The annual meeting of the trustees of the Home for Aged Women was held at the office of the president, Hon. T. E. Wales, at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President—T. E. Wales.
Vice-President—Harriet C. Peck.
Secretary—Jennie Stacy.
Treasurer—L. E. Woodhouse.
Auditor—T. E. Wales.
Executive Committee—Edward Wells, V. G. Barbour, C. P. Smith.

A board of visitors was elected as follows, to serve one year from January 1st, 1899: Mrs. W. F. Ferguson, Mrs. M. L. Benedict, Miss Frances Walker, Mrs. W. C. Stacy, Mrs. E. B. Bailey, Mrs. K. B. Walker, Miss Carrie Roberts; to serve two years, Mrs. G. H. Holden, Mrs. Mary L. Barrows, Mrs. E. J. Booth, Mrs. Josie H. Wires, Mrs. A. B. Simonds, Mrs. Rodney Roby, Miss May Bowers.

The treasurer's report showed that during the year the contributions to the support of the Home amounted to $863.20 and that there was expended for its maintenance the sum of $1267.94. The resulting deficit was made good from rents and other sources.

The permanent fund of the Home now amounts to $19,055.74, an increase of $650 from legacies and gifts during the year. This fund being principally invested in the Home property on St. Paul street, the Home continues very largely dependent on contributions from the public for its support.

The board of trustees and the visiting board are hopeful that the contributions another year may equal, if possible, the running expenses so that money received from admission fees and other sources may be saved and invested.

The visiting board, by the efforts of its members among the different churches, secured a large proportion of the contributions.

The report of the board of visitors showed that beside other beneficient work done by them they have raised by subscriptions during the year $630.20, which with the proceeds of a reading given in March last by the daughter of Eugene Field, amounting to $144, makes the total amount raised by the visitors this year $754.20 in money. Besides this they report contributions of a ton of coal from one of the dealers, a load of wood, a bountiful supply of vegetables from the Experiment Station, tea, coffee and cereals from the grocers and a new kitchen range, soon to be set up, from one of the members of the board. Liberal contributions of turkeys, chickens, fruit and everything in fact necessary to a well appointed dinner were made at Thanksgiving.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the board of trustees of the Home for Aged Women are hereby extended to the board of visitors of the past year for its acceptable work in visitations and its efforts in securing contributions to the support of the institution.

The trustees would also express their thankful appreciation of the gifts to the Home of supplies and money from the various donors.

A CARD.

We, the undersigned, agree to refund the money on a fifty cent bottle of Greene's Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a twenty-five cent bottle to prove satisfactory or no pay.

J. E. Nayion, G. L. Campbell,
F. L. Taft & Co., Geo. Loveland & Co.,
Gosselin & Bro., Beaupre & Lowrey.
M. C. Powers, W. H. Hathawey.
E. R. Crandall, Winooski, Vt.
D. J. Cahalan, Winooski, Vt.

Crystalina cures skin troubles of any nature. No benefit no pay. Your druggist or dealer has it.

The Domestic Phone.

Hello: Jim, can you spare the office boy to bring me a bottle of Downs' Elixir? I am afraid baby has whooping-cough. Have a doctor? Oh, no; if I can have the Elixir it will be all right.

You'll come up early? Good; but don't worry. Hurry up the boy with the Elixir. The Elixir is a good medicine? Of course it is or I shouldn't give it to baby. Your mother gave it to you when you had whooping-cough. Ha, ha, ha, sensible woman! Bye, bye.

5:30 p. m. (Jim, rushing in) "How's Toozles?" "Jim, you haven't kissed me." "Excuse me; there, now, how is Toozles?" "His name is Harold." "Well, how is Harold?" "Just see the precious, does he look sick?"

Downs' Elixir never fails to relieve whooping-cough and cure the severest cases of croup.

Sold at all drug stores.

SCHOOL BOARD WANTS MONEY.

Find it Impossible to Borrow $12,000 Without Interest.

Mayor Sutton signed yesterday a call for a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen to be held on Saturday evening. The meeting is called at the request of the board of school commissioners, who find themselves unable to secure the appropriation of $12,000 made by the Board of Aldermen at the last meeting on December 5th. The fault of the resolution lies in that the clause providing for the payment of interest upon the money is stricken out.

The resolution as originally presented authorized the treasurer to borrow $12,000, the loan to be repaid in yearly installments not to extend over three years, with interest not to exceed 4 per cent., and place the same at the credit of the school department to pay for the enlargement of the Pomeroy school building. Alderman Shea maintained that it was not necessary to borrow the money inasmuch as the school department had at its disposal the unexpended balance of the $35,000 appropriated for the new High school which could be drawn on temporarily to pay for the Pomeroy school, and the additional interest saved to the city. On Mr. Shea's motion the interest-bearing clause was stricken out and the resolution was then passed.

THE DAIRY SCHOOL.

Eighth Annual Session to Open January 9 With Five Instructors.

The eighth annual session of the dairy school of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural college will open January 9th, continuing four weeks. Thorough instruction is offered in handling separators, ripening cream, making butter, testing milk, pasteurization and general dairying. Three courses of lectures are offered. Five instructors will be in service, including in the butter room Mr. R. F. Jaynes of Ryegate, who has taken in the last five years more prizes than any other one butter maker in the State. No tuition charges or fees are made, and no entrance examinations are required. Reduced fare is offered upon the principal railroads. The entire expense for board, etc., for four weeks need not exceed $20.

It is confidently asserted that nowhere in New England can more be learned about modern dairying in the same space of time than at this school. Its capacity is limited to fifty. Many names are already listed. Those desiring to attend should apply promptly to Prof. J. L. Hills, Burlington, Vt.

RECEPTION DECEMBER 30

Formal Opening of the New State Bacteriological Laboratory.

The State board of health, which adjourned from its meeting for organization at a late hour Tuesday night reassembled yesterday