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VERMONT.

Local Items of Interest From All Parts of the Green Mountain State.

THE NEWS BY COUNTIES

The Winooski Valley, Villages up North, From the Island in the Lake to the Passumpsic, Along Otter Creek and by the Shores of White River Covered by Special Correspondents.

ADDISON COUNTY

MIDDLEBURY.

Mrs. N. W. Birch, who has been sick for the past 10 days with typhoid fever, died early Friday morning. She is survived by a husband, who is dangerously ill with the fever. She was 22 years of age, a member of the Methodist church, and was recently elected president of the Epworth League of that church. A prayer was offered by Rev. E. J. Guernsey at the home Sunday noon and the remains were taken on the river to Poultney her former home, where funeral services were held, and the interment was in the family lot in that town.

Charles Harvey of Weybridge drove into town Friday a fine blooded horse and put up at the Addison House stable where the horse was taken sick with the colic and died in a few hours.

The remains of Miss Julia Vallett of New York were brought here Saturday night on the flyer and taken to the undertaking rooms of Piper and Goyette, where they remained until Sunday morning at 9:30, when they were taken to the west cemetery for interment. Rev. W. T. Forsyth offered a prayer at the grave, the regular funeral service being held in New York city Friday.

Mrs. Melvin Damon, who has been ill for some time with a complication of diseases, died Friday afternoon at the age of 41 years. She is survived by a husband and one daughter. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. E. J. Guernsey officiated and the interment was in the family lot in the Foote street cemetery.

Charles Bruya, who has been ill for some time, died early Sunday morning at the age of 70 years. He is survived by a wife, six daughters, Mrs. J. V. Gaudette of Hartford, Conn., Mrs. Frank Barrows of Vergennes, Miss Sarah Bruya of Worcester, Mass., and Miss Delia and Clara Bruya of Middlebury and five sons, Frank of Tacoma, Wash., Charles of Providence, R. I., Louis of Boston, Arthur of Putnam, Conn., and Edward Bruya of this town. Mr. Bruya was a carpenter by trade and was a soldier in the civil war. The funeral was held from St. Mary's Roman Catholic church Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock and the interment was in the Catholic cemetery, Father Shannon officiating.

On Monday, market day, butter brought 30 cents and eggs 30 cents.

At the annual meeting of the Century club the following officers were elected: President, Miss S. Archibald; first vice president, Miss L. E. Goodrich; second vice president, Mrs. A. K. Carr; third vice president, Mrs. H. H. Bryant; secretary, Mrs. C. J. Kraft; treasurer, Miss Alice Bird; executive committee, Mrs. William Jackson, Mrs. B. F. Wales, and Mrs. Eugene Twitchell; member of State executive committee, Miss H. M. Seely. The next meeting of the society will be held with Mrs. A. H. Bristol on Wednesday evening, Jan. 15.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the volunteers of '88 Hose Co., Tuesday evening: Foreman, William Noland; first assistant, C. P. Rich; second assistant, Noble Sanford; secretary, Guard Duncan; treasurer, G. E. Turner; clerk, James Conden; delegate, C. F. Rich.

At the annual meeting of the Battell Hose company No. 3, Tuesday evening the following officers were elected: Foreman, Mark Bissette; first assistant, Peter Donnelly; second assistant, William Terrill; clerk, C. Brunelle; treasurer, Richard Pegoir.

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VERGENNES.

A meeting of the business men of this city was held at the Meridian club rooms Friday evening to meet F. H. Mead of the Meade Manufacturing company of Derby, N. H., and to listen to propositions from him in regard to moving the plant to this city. The meeting, which was informal, was called to order by Dr. E. W. Shipman, president of the Meridian club. H. W. McClure stated the object for which the meeting was called and F. L. Fish on behalf of Mr. Mead, gave a description of the business and the reasons why the company desired to move and also the amount necessary to secure this industry for Vergennes. Dr. E. W. Shipman read letters received by Mr. Mead from business houses and manufacturers that were highly creditable to him and the business he represents. After some discussion a committee composed of F. L. Fish, W. C. Foote, F. J. Morrison, F. H. Foss and F. A. Goss were elected to investigate as to the desirability of making arrangements to bring this industry here and to report as soon as possible.

A son was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hanks.

L. A. Shepard has entered the employ of the Hygiene Milk company of Burlington and will move his family there this week.

The report current on the streets that Dr. O. L. Woodworth, formerly of this city, now of Los Angeles, Cal., has received a sentence of 20 years in State's prison is not correct. A letter was received in this city, written by the doctor himself January 1, 1902 and stating that he had not had his trial yet and asking that some things he left here should be sent to him to help in proving his innocence.

Thomas Cahill died Monday morning after an illness of only five days of pneumonia, aged 56 years. He leaves a wife. The funeral was held from St. Peter's church Wednesday, Rev. P. A. Campeau officiating.

Mrs. John Norton has gone to Orange, N. J., where she will spend the winter.

The graded school opened Monday with Miss Edith McGovern as teacher in the place of Miss Maud Field, resigned.

Dr. G. M. Hawley of Swanton, a graduate of the Baltimore Dental college, has purchased the dental office of G. F. O. Kimball and will take possession soon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ramsey are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby girl on Saturday.

The case of the State vs. Elmer Hier and others, which was brought before the Addison county court at Middlebury Tuesday, was continued until the June term. The history of this case, which has excited a good deal of interest and caused considerable comment in this section, is of substance as follows: Hier was arrested two weeks ago last September charged with stealing a two year old heifer from one Callahan of Bristol and was held for trial at the following term of the Addison county court at Middlebury. Arrangements were made by which W. W. Booth and George Pilger and Amos Needham of Ferrisburgh agreed to become surety for Hier's appearance. Hier was let go and immediately left and has not been seen publicly in this section since. When the bail was called, the bondsmen objected to paying it, claiming the condition under which they agreed to become surety for Hier had not been carried out. The condition they claim was that Hier was not to be released from custody until he had turned over to the bondsmen property amounting to $200 or more to secure them from loss in case he did not appear for trial. This condition was broken by the officers releasing him before he had turned over the property. It is thought by many that the action of the court in continuing the case ends the matter as far as the bondsmen are concerned.

John Kelley, who has been ill for some time, is able to be out.

The funeral of the late Thomas Cahill, who died Monday after a short illness from pneumonia, was held Wednesday at 2 p. m., Rev. W. B. Crowell officiating. The burial was in Prospect cemetery.

Carlos Plude is ill.

Henry Plude, who has been ill for some time with typhoid penumonia, is somewhat better.

Frank Shorkey is recovering from a three weeks' illness.

BRISTOL.

The library trustees met in the library room Saturday and organized by electing W. A. Lawrence, president; E. W. Varney, secretary, and E. B. Patterson, treasurer. As soon as the necessary arrangements are made with the State, the property will be turned over to the Bristol free library.

Miss Rena Calahan will lead the Christian Endeavor meeting, and Miss Amy Sumner the Epworth League meeting next Sunday evening.—E. R. Lee is very low with Bright's disease.—Mrs. Victoria Hamblin is in very poor health.—The Baptist society elected officers as follows last Saturday night: Clerk, E. E. Allison; assistant clerk, Bert Calkins; deacon for three years, W. B. Nevins, treasurer, W. M. Farr; trustees, L. M. Bates, F. R. Dickerman, J. J. Dumas.—Howard Ackrill returned to his dental studies in Baltimore, Md., Monday.—D. E. Farr has returned to his law studies in New York and Arlie Farr to the Albany business college.—E. J. Hewitt received a telegram Monday morning informing him that his brother, Crosby Hewitt, was dead in Framingham, Mass. The body was brought here for burial.—Mrs. W. H. Hutchens is on the sick list.—The winter term of the graded school opened Monday with a large attendance.—The week of prayer is being observed at the Baptist church. Meetings will be held every evening this week except Saturday.

The fire district elected officers Monday evening as follows: Clerk, L. W. Bates; trustees, F. S. Drake, M. P. Varney, E. A. Hasselting; collector, H. P. Sherwin; treasurer, S. D. Farr; chief engineer, W. C. Bingham; first assistant, F. T. Briggs; second assistant, W. A. Lawrence; third assistant, C. W. Corey. It was voted to pay the firemen 20 cents an hour for time spent at fires. Voted to pay the Hose company $200; voted a tax of 10 per cent; voted to extend the fire alarm system.—Letters advertised in the Bristol postoffice January 6: Norman Atwood, Leon Eddy, John L. Townes.

The Munsill Hose Co. held their annual meeting Tuesday night and elected officers as follows: Foreman, A. L. Cain; first assistant, R. S. Smith; second assistant, G. S. Farr; clerk, E. W. Varney; treasurer, W. W. Wilson; steward, E. W. Varney. After the election of officers, the company and invited guests repaired to the Bristol house, where they partook of their annual banquet furnished in Landlord Leonard's usual good taste. The music was furnished by Hatch's orchestra. Short speeches were made by E. A. Hasselting and others.—The drama, "Loyal Hearts," will be given January 15th by the ladies' aid society.—W. A. Lawrence has gone to Ticonderoga to officiate at an auction sale.—G. H. Brooks of this town was badly hurt Tuesday by the fall of a stairs in the church at New Haven Mills.

CORNWALL.

Subscribers of the Cornwall Telephone company are very much pleased with the connections they are given with the New England, Shoreham, Weybridge and Addison lines. It was largely through Mr. Foote of the Cornwall company that these privileges were made possible. There are at present 21 resident subscribers, Mr. Foote having placed 20 'phones on his lines since the consolidation. Among the late subscribers are Dr. E. O. Porter and I. L. Ellis.—Miss Lorina Baldwin of Whiting has charge of the Central at A. W. Foote's.—Mrs. Ruth Manchester is very ill with pleuro pneumonia at her father's, William Manchester's.—The Congregational and Baptist churches are holding union meetings this week, Tuesday and Wednesday at West Cornwall; Sunday, Thursday and Friday at Cornwall.—Miss Libbie Lane of Williamstown is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. C. E. Samuson.—Charles Mack, eldest son of James Mack, is seriously ill with pneumonia.—Miss Jennie Witherell of Shoreham is at her brother's, C. R. Witherell's, for the remainder of the winter.

GRANVILLE.

News was received here Monday of the death of William Bass at the home of his father, C. Bass, in Braintree. He had been sick nearly a year with consumption.—James Stillwater had his shoulder dislocated Friday while hauling logs for the Paper company.—George Sargent sprained his ankle New Year's while loading logs. He has been laid up ever since.—Mrs. Zeb Lamb is quite poorly. She has been suffering from nervous debility for some time. It is hoped she will recover soon.—Mrs. C. R. Bagley is in Braintree caring for her daughter, Mrs. Walter Archer, who is ill.—Wales Sargent of Randolph was in town last week.—Miss Grace Abel was in Rochester Sunday.—Miss Sarah Downs of Northfield and Miss Lizzie Downs of Hancock visited their sister, Mrs. B. W. Bold last week.—Mrs. Levi Abel is convalescent.—Daniel Bass of Braintree visited George Sargent and his mother, Mrs. Zeba Lamb, the first of the week.—Deputy Sheriff E. Clement was in Windsor Friday on official business.—Miss Lillian Hubbard has returned to the normal school at Randolph Center.—Clark Abel is attending the High school at Rochester.—Miss Lou Whitney has returned to the Whitcomb school in Bethel after spending the holidays at home.—W. J. Carpenter of Roxbury is at work in Rice's mill.—Nelson Spalding of Roxbury is working for N. D. Rice.—N. D. Rice and son of Roxbury are in town running the steam mill.—J. W. Brown of Lynnfield visited George Sargent the first of the week.—Mrs. William Huntley is quite sick.—Miss Bertha Sweeney of Rochester is critically ill. She was a former resident of this town and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sawyer.—Mrs. Robert Marsh of Rochester is with her mother, Mrs. Sawyer.

WHITING.

Miss Ellen Walker of Leicester, a former resident, was brought to the cemetery on Monday last for burial.—Mr. Dorfany was killed in the woods last week by the falling of a large branch, which struck on his head, crushing the skull. He was taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Antoine Shenkey, where he died in the evening without recovering consciousness. His remains were taken to West Chazy, N. Y., for burial.—Mrs. Peck visited her daughter in Brandon this week.—Miss Clara Ketcham spent a few days in Brandon last week.—A large gathering, mostly of young people, met with Rev. and Mrs. H. H. White on Monday evening. Cake and coffee were served, and games were indulged in and all passed a pleasant evening. Mr. and Mrs. Barrett's meetings are well attended, and it is hoped much good will be done.

BRIDPORT.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Payne is improving.—News has been received of the marriage of Ida Hemenway, recently of this town.—Mrs. Martha Hayes is in Poultney with her sister, Mrs. Hubbard.—Miss Patty Fletcher is recovering from her recent illness.—Rev. W. N. Bacon officiated at the funeral of Mr. Walker in Shoreham last Sunday.—Messrs. Wright and Bush of Orwell were in town last week.—An effort is being made to secure a railroad freight depot route in the south part of the town.—The week of prayer was observed at the vestry.—Miss Theda Baldwin of Shoreham was the recent guest of friends in town.—Mrs. J. H. Witherell visited her daughter at Chimney Point the first of the week.

SHOREHAM.

Mrs. M. W. Bingham went Saturday to Connecticut to visit her sister.—Misses Gertrude and Grace Bingham returned to Philadelphia and Miss Grace Bingham returned to Hartford, Conn.—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boardman and daughter of Essex, N. Y., visited Mrs. M. L. Baldwin last week.—Sheldon Cook and family have moved into M. W. Bingham's house and will care for Madame Bingham.—Mrs. Frances Bullon of Ticonderoga spent Sunday with Mrs. T. H. Moore.—The annual roll-call of the Congregational church will occur Thursday, January 16. Supper will be served promptly at 6 o'clock, after which the reports will be read and business transacted. All are cordially invited to be present.—The second evening in the entertainment course is January 21, when Mr. Attehjaydee, the London entertainer, will appear. The Boston Globe says: "Attehjaydee carried the audience by storm in each of his numbers at Berkeley Temple last evening."

FERRISBURGH.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Carpenter recently visited their son in Burlington.—James Adams, who has made an extended visit to friends in this vicinity, was summoned to his home in Lawrence, Kan., by the death of his wife's mother, and left on Thursday.—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ripley and young son expect to leave this week for Hyde Park, Mass.—Miss Frieda Rotax has gone to Shelburne to spend some time with her mother.—L. E. Avery went to Brandon Saturday evening to attend the funeral of Major J. W. Symonds, which was held Sunday afternoon with Masonic honors.—Vaccination is over.—Miss Anna Kingman has returned to her duties at Allentown, Pa. Orvis Collins and sister, Miss Bertha, have returned to Middlebury college. Elizabeth Adams, Ralph Booth and Karl Field have resumed their studies at the Vergennes high school, and Miss Katharine Collins has begun teaching in the Hollow at North Ferrisburgh.

WEYBRIDGE.

The Epworth League held their regular monthly meeting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Thompson.—Mr. O. E. Pritchard has rented her farm for the coming year to Mr. Wright of Westport, N. Y.—The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church meet on Thursday of this week with their president, Mrs. Warren Knapp.—Rev. R. W. Haskins of Reading, Mass., preached last Sunday in the Congregational church.

RICHVILLE.

Those of our young people, who have been at home during the holidays, have returned to their studies.—Mrs. M. Rich is home from Castleton.—Robert Baldwin of Putnam, N. Y., is visiting relatives.—Mrs. Dennis Fullon and children who have been at her father's, James Baldwin's, have returned to their home at New Haven Mills.—William Potter of Montreal is at home for a short stay.—Henry Walker died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Birchard, Friday, Jan. 3. The funeral was held Sunday, Rev. William Bacon of Bridport, officiating. Mr. Walker was a man of quiet habits and best known to his family and immediate neighbors.

ADDISON.

Miss Lizzie Smith, who has been quite ill, is better.—Roy Gage has purchased the Gordon Hanks place, where he now lives, consideration $3,500.—The next club dance will be January 17.—Mrs. Bert Gage of Waterbury, Conn., is the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Bert Crane.—Mrs. Rube Day has returned from an extended visit to her old home in Summit, N. J.—The Ladies' Aid society met January 8, with Mrs. Ezra Smith.—L. P. Tracy, Seward Smith and Miss F. W. Read are added to the telephone line.—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Noonan and family spent New Year's at Cyrus Smith's in Bridport.—Mrs. George Day is ill.—Miss Belle Powell injured her head badly while sliding down hill Jan. 3.

MONKTON.

The Masonic funeral services of Arthur W. Bidwell, which was held at the Friends church at Monkton Ridge Friday, January 3, were well attended, the church being filled with relatives and friends from this and adjoining towns, and with members of the Masonic order from the following lodges: Patriot, No. 32 of Hinesburgh, had charge of the services, and of which Mr. Bidwell was an esteemed member; Dorchester lodge of Vergennes; Libanus lodge of Bristol; and Friendship lodge of Charlotte. The services were conducted by Rev. M. R. France of Fairbanks. Arthur W. Bidwell was born in Starksboro, February 11, 1862, and came to Monkton in 1874. He died December 30, 1901, of pneumonia, at his brother Frank's at Springfield, Vt., where he was working for Dr. W. J. Ackerman in his meat market. Among the floral offerings were a beautiful wreath from Dr. and Mrs. Ackerman.

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SHOREHAM.

Mrs. Susan Parker is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Cook.—Dr. and Mrs. Platt have returned from Boston.—Miss Bingham returned to Shoreham Monday accompanied by her brother James.—T. H. Brown is spending a few days at M. L. Baldwin's.—The ladies of the Moravian club entertained the gentlemen Tuesday evening, December 31, at Mrs. L. H. Tottingham's. On the programme was a paper by Mrs. A. M. Smith on Dutch customs and characteristics, which was very well written. Mrs. Tottingham read an ably written paper on the Life and Writings of Eugene Field. The poem, Ring Out Wild Bells was read. Solos were rendered by Mrs. E. F. Townshend, Miss Abbey and Mr. Carlson. A supper, which for variety and abundance, seemed to satisfy the wants of the inner man was then served. Mrs. Townshend gave a toast to our guests the gentlemen, which was happily responded to by Rev. T. A. Carlson. The remainder of the evening was spent in conversation, games and charades. After watching the old year out and the new year in, the company went to their several homes, wishing the club success and each other a happy new year.

LINCOLN.

David Merrill of this town and Miss Lilian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Young of South Starksboro, were united in marriage at the home of the bride at high noon, January 1. They left immediately for a bridal trip to Shirley, Mass., after which they will reside here.—The same day at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Gove of Ferrisburgh, their daughter, Edna was married to Bert Estey of this place. After a few days spent with friends here, they will go to Middletown, Conn., where Mr. Estey has a position in the State Industrial school. Hosts of friends wish these young people much happiness.—Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bunker and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gove attended the Gove-Estey wedding in Ferrisburgh, Wednesday.—Mrs. Sylvester Atkins and Mrs. Davis, returned Tuesday from a few days visit to friends in Jericho and Essex Junction.—Lottie Sargent and Dora James, who spent the holidays with their parents here, returned to their work in the underwear factory in Richmond, Thursday. Mabel Estes and Gertrude Varney returned with them.—Cora Hatch is no better.—Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hale returned to their home in Sudbury, Thursday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet in the library Wednesday, January 15. A full attendance is desired.—Miss Stella Gove made a flying trip to Ludlow and return Saturday.—James King made a business trip to Hancock Monday.—Mr. and Mrs. Orville Estes visited in Weybridge over Sunday.—Maud Siple returned from a few days' stay in New Haven Sunday.—Miss Cora Hatch is better.—Jennie Morgan, Edna Bristol, Angie Bryant and Emma Brand attended the play, "Ten Nights in a Barroom," Saturday night, remaining with friends over Sunday.—The Y. P. S. C. E. have elected the following officers to serve the next six months: President, Mrs. A. L. Brand; vice-presidents, Mrs. Josie Morgan, Miss Edna Bristol; corresponding secretary, Miss Carrie Purington; recording secretary, Edna Bristol; treasurer, Mrs. Hannah Varney.—The Lincoln Lumber company's mill is nearly finished and machinery is being put in place.—Sleighing is excellent and the lumber men are busy.

STARKSBORO.

William Wyman and wife are in Bristol caring for their daughter, Mrs. Mark Bushnell, who is ill.—There was a family reunion at Henry Dike's Christmas, about 25 were in attendance.—Abner Ravlin died at his home Tuesday night. The funeral was held Friday afternoon. News was received in town of the death of Arthur Bidwell of Springfield, Mass., from pneumonia.—Mark Bushnell returned to Thomaston, Conn., Monday night.—Alson Collins' teams are hauling logs for O. D. Baldwin.—The union Christmas tree at the Baptist church was well attended, each pastor being remembered with a purse of money.

NORTH FERRISBURGH.

This week is being observed as the week of prayer in the Methodist church.—The Ladies' Aid Society met at Mrs. Lucinda Allen's Wednesday afternoon.—M. F. Allen has gone to Montpelier to attend the Dairymen's meeting.—Mrs. Herbert Kingsland, Miss Lancaster, Miss France Wheeler and John Wheeler were in Burlington Tuesday.—Mrs. Henry Rowley of Shelburne is visiting her mother, Mrs. Esma Palmer.

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SOUTH STARKSBORO.

A quiet home wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch H. Young at high noon on New Year's day when their daughter, Lillian Agnes, was united in marriage to David Walter, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Merrill of Lincoln. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. L. Kelton of Bristol in the presence of the immediate relatives of the family. The bride, D. Colby, cousin of the groom, of Bristol, was attended by Miss Naomi Follansbee, bridesmaid. The bride was dressed in white and wore white roses in her hair. The bridesmaid wore yellow organdie. The wedding march and appropriate selections during congratulations were played by Miss Carrie Patterson of Bristol. After a wedding dinner the happy couple took the train for a wedding trip after which they will be at home with Mr. Merrill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Merrill in Lincoln. Miss Young was a very successful school teacher and worker in the Sunday school and among the Band of Hope children, and will be greatly missed in the community.—Miss Cora Orine of Bristol is with her aunt, Mrs. Abbie Tyndall, for a visit.—The Band of Hope children presented Mrs. Etta Sargent with the Life of Joy, also as a Christmas present, which will be highly appreciated by her.—O. W. Sweet, who has been sick, is better.

LEICESTER.

Mr. Hiram Capron after suffering a long time from a cancer, died at his home Dec. 24th, and was buried the following Sunday, Dec. 29th. Interment at Brandon.—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Capron Dec. 29th.—Mr. Roberts of Castleton made a visit to his farm last week.—Miss Inez Disko of Rutland spent a few days with friends recently.—Curtis Brownson was unable to attend school last week, but is able to attend school again this week.

NEW HAVEN.

J. W. Kingsley is teaching school in Ferrisburgh.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gates of Addison visited friends in town last week.—Miss Marcia Winslow and E. M. Roscoe returned to Waterbury last week.—Mrs. J. E. Davis is visiting friends in Pittsford.—The social at the town hall Tuesday evening was a very successful affair. A little over $10 was paid in.—Mrs. Edward Swenor has gone to Newark, N. J., to help care for Mrs. C. C. Minor.—Charles Ernest returned to South Shaftsbury Monday.

FERRISBURGH.

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RIPTON.

Samuel Hendricks, one of the oldest citizens and at one time a representative of the town, is very ill with but little hope of recovery. Mr. Hendricks was 90 years old in March, 1901.—Miss Kate Fay has returned to her work in Weybridge.—George Fisher, who spent the summer in Colorado for his health, but returned little benefitted, is reported very low.—Miss Susan Hendricks had the misfortune last week to fall and break her arm.—Friends of Mrs. Melvin Damon are grieved to learn of her death in Middlebury Thursday last. Mrs. Damon was a former resident of Ripton, having lived here during her childhood and much of her married life.

PANTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Deyeo and children spent Sunday with friends in East Addison.—Grant Allen and bride have returned from their wedding trip.—Miss Grace Gordon of Vergennes is visiting Mrs. Clara Warner.—Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Kent are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter.—Mrs. J. F. Barto and daughter, Wealtha, went to Charlotte last Saturday to attend the funeral of a relative.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eggleston of Burlington visited at Fred Grandy's the past week.—The Methodist Sunday-school has chosen the following officers for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Mr. E. S. Torrey; assistant superintendent, Miss Wealtha Barto; treasurer, Miss Grace Barto; secretary, Miss Anna Grandy; librarian, Ben Adams.—There is to be an oyster supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Dean Wednesday evening, January 15. Bill one dollar per couple, an allowance being made for children. The proceeds are for the benefit of Rev. L. N. Taylor.

SALISBURY.

The new furnace for the church is received and is being put in place.—Mr. Calhoun of Middlebury furnishes it.—Rev. R. J. Barton closed his pastorate with the church in Salisbury January 5, at which time six persons were received into the church on profession of faith.—Mrs. I. N. Waterhouse died about 2 o'clock Monday morning after a short illness with pneumonia.—Several members of the Dunmore Grange visited the grange in Brandon Saturday evening.

BENNINGTON COUNTY

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Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Sheriff Godfrey left Wednesday morning for Fort Banks, at Winthrop, Mass., returning to Captain Anderson, commanding the post, Robert McFarlane, who was held here as a deserter from the 76th company, U. S. Coast Artillery. The prisoner seemed willing to go and was duly handed over to the military authorities.

The meteorological report for the month of December as taken at the graded schools shows that the mean maximum temperature was 36.6 degrees; mean minimum 15.7. The maximum temperature was 65, the minimum 16. The total precipitation was 3.85 inches. The total snow fall was 18.5 inches, the largest for the month of December in years. There were 6 clear days, 5 cloudy, and 19 partly cloudy. Seven inches of snow fell on the 26th.

Eli Briggs, commander of G. A. Custer post, has been granted an increase of pension to $10 per month.

One of the leading events of New Year's day in this section was the reunion in the village of Dorset of the Gilbert and Holley families, representatives of which are found in every town in the county. Only residents of Dorset were present at this gathering, and they numbered 50, most of them being over 50 years of age. The reunion was held at the home of Professor George Gilbert, formerly of Oberlin College. There were beautiful and artistic decorations of varied kinds and form, a musical and literary entertainment, with a New Year's favor to every person present, the whole supplemented by a fine supper. The oldest person present was Mrs. Harriet Holley Gilbert, 87 years of age, and most of the others were direct descendants of the venerable woman. She is the last of eleven children. Eight of them, four sons and four daughters, lived to be over 80 years of age, one of the latter reaching the age of 85. Their father lived to be 86, and the mother 85.

A letter was received Friday from John Fox, a member of Company C, 21st United States Infantry, now stationed at Batangas. The letter does not give a very encouraging idea of things in that country, where he says that his company has already had several scrapes with Indians. He says that the insurrection in the province where he is now situated is worse than it ever was, and the infantrymen have to wear their bayonets all the time in order to have something with which to protect themselves. The cavalrymen never leave their quarters without a revolver in their belt. The officers and men are on the lookout every minute to be prepared for a surprise, or an attempt to massacre the men, as the rebels did one company of the Ninth Infantry. The natives say that they have it in for the company, and will get satisfaction if they can but get a chance. Fox writes that it was understood there the General Sumner was to be relieved of the command of the district as he did not give satisfaction. He says that he general is well liked by the soldiers and if left alone he would make it hot for the natives. He also says that he has had all the soldiering that he wants, that when his time expires, in about three months, if he is living he shall take his discharge, and the first opportunity start for the United States. He enlisted at Plattsburgh near by three years ago, and is ready to get out.

SOUTH DORSET.

The marble quarry, which lay so long undeveloped, but which Norcross Brothers of New working, has turned out a boom. A test has shown the marble bed to be over one hundred feet thick. About five hundred carloads have been taken out so far. Five miles of railway is to be built to Manchester. It is believed here that the marble bed is over twenty-five miles square, all high grade marble and worth millions of dollars.

CALEDONIA COUNTY

EAST HARDWICK.

B. F. Currier has the job to fill the ice house for the Lamoille Valley creamery.—Mrs. C. C. Cole is gaining, but very slowly.—Mrs. Luther Dow died Jan. 6 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Wilkins. The remains were taken to Albany for interment which place was her former home.—Mrs. Burton Swett is better.—W. W. Talbot and wife were in Morrisville a few days the first of this week.—H. F. Cutler was in Stannard Tuesday to attend the funeral of his nephew, Maurice Brown.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY

WINOOSKI.

The installation of the recently elected officers of Iroquois Camp No. 896, Modern Woodmen of America, took place Friday evening in Woodmen's hall in Corporation block. National Lecturer Charles E. Whallon of Madison, Wis., was the installing officer and installed the following officers for the year ensuing: Venerable consul, E. L. Lansemeier; worthy adviser, P. J. Cahalan; eminent banker, J. D. Vandow; clerk, J. D. Bazinet; escort, J. S. O'Brien; sentry, A. H. Whittekind; watchman, Sidney Snyder; chief forester, C. C. Allard. Following the installation ceremony the floor was cleared for dancing, which was kept up until the small hours, about sixty couples participating. Music was furnished by Mrs. L. A. Henry and George Lessor. The committee who had the affair in charge were C. G. Allard, O. S. Cameron, H. L. Johonnott, J. M. Deady, E. E. Gates, A. L. Lavaigne, Sidney Snyder, J. L. Shanley, F. C. Allard and G. S. Sinclair. The floor committee was J. L. Shanley, J. M. Deady and George S. Sinclair. Barges accommodated parties attending from Burlington. Through the kindness of C. S. Lord, the rooms formerly occupied by the Iron Hall club were given up to the use of the Woodmen for a ladies' coat room. During intermission refreshments were served.

Ernest Lassare, aged 19 years, died quite suddenly Friday morning. He was taken ill Wednesday and did not take to his bed until Thursday. He suffered a choking spell Friday morning, from which he failed to rally. He is survived by a wife and ten children. The funeral took place Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock from St. Francis Xavier church.

George D. Nash has been engaged by the American Woolen company as master mechanic at their mills here. Mr. Nash held the same position under the old management.

With the passing of each day some improvement is taking place at the plant of the American Woolen Company. Less than two weeks ago the plant was exempted from taxation by the citizens of Colchester, but since that time the American Woolen company have made the most of their opportunity. About 70 looms are now running, and about 150 people are employed in all departments. This number will be increased as rapidly as work is prepared for them. Three car loads of finishing machinery has already arrived and is being unloaded and set up, while more is being shipped every day. The negotiations for the transfer of the property from W. W. Wood to the American Woolen company have not been completed, although it was understood they were to be yesterday. Engineers are still busy making surveys of the property. S. M. Welch of Lebanon, N. H., has been appointed superintendent of the mills, while the overseers are F. J. Brennen, carding department; J. G. Burns, spinning department; John Hardacre, weaving department. Electrician Hall is busy overhauling the electrical apparatus, while Mr. Lathe has charge of the construction and George D. Nash the repairs. The corporation boarding house at the north of the mills has been leased to Philip M. Mohr, an experienced chef and is being thoroughly overhauled and put in the best of shape and is expected to be occupied about the 15th of January. New floors, hot air, bath, and closets are being put in, while the whole building is being repapered and painted. Many other tenements about town are also being put in shape for occupancy. This work is being superintended by Oscar W. Edwards.

The first wedding of the new year at St. Francis Xavier church took place Tuesday morning, when Miss Eva Barron was married to William Walker, by Rev. J. F. Audet in the presence of a few invited friends and relatives. Following the ceremony, breakfast was served at the home of the groom on Chase street, and in the evening a reception was tendered them. They were the recipients of numerous gifts.

The advertised letters in the post office for the week ending January 4th are as follows: Jean Benoit, Edward Butler, Ralph Carpentier, Laura Demars.

The marriage of Wilfred Babbitt and Miss Albena St. Peter, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph St. Peter of this place, is announced to take place Thursday morning at St. Francis Xavier church.

ESSEX JUNCTION

Court Chittenden No. 8110, Independent Order of Foresters, has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Chief ranger, P. Parlee, jr.; past chief ranger, Joseph Seymour; vice chief ranger, T. E. Brady; treasurer, John L. Ross; financial secretary, H. W. Chase; senior woodward, F. Remington; senior beadle, Joseph Shiner; junior beadle, W. H. Lewis; superintendent junior court, C. B. Grow.

A. D. Allen has traded his place in this village with J. H. May for his place of about 10 acres just out of the village, on the Essex road. The possession will be given April 1.

At the annual business meeting of the Essex Co-operative Savings and Loan association Monday evening the following officers were re-elected: S. A. Trowbridge, president; William Fletcher, vice-president; J. A. Donahue, secretary; T. W. Shibley, treasurer; William Fletcher, William B. Johnson, C. S. Fletcher, E. M. Whitcomb, A. B. Window, C. M. Ferrin and P. J. Sawyer, directors.

At the meeting of the directors of the Deany Brick and Tile company Monday, officers were elected as follows: G. R. Drury, president; M. A. Bingham, vice-president; H. D. Drury, secretary and treasurer.

J. S. Reynolds has sold for Joseph Franz his place on West street to Rev. George L. Story of Milton.

Miss Annis Thompson, aged 82 years, died Tuesday night of erysipelas and a second stroke of paralysis. She leaves a sister, Miss Harriet Thompson with whom she had made her home here for the past 36 years. Miss Thompson was born and lived always lived in this town. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Hatch and Miss Hatch of Waterbury are to be the guests of Mrs. G. W. Gove to-day.

The first meeting of the Present Day club will be held next Monday evening. Programmes have been mapped out for ten evenings. "Socialism" in all its varied aspects will be the subject for the winter. At the first meeting Misses Maud Boyd, Mary Brownell, Marion Bates and Eliza Read will contribute papers on Socialism in general.

S. E. Miller is visiting at George Clark's.

RICHMOND.

The Rev. Theodore Holmes of Portsmouth, N. H., preached at the Congregational church the 5th inst and will preach here for several Sundays to come.—Mrs. Margaret Ryan, wife of Daniel Burk, died December 31. The funeral was held at the Catholic church, the 2d inst., the interment being in the family lot in Burlington.—The village schools will not open until Monday, January 14, owing to whooping cough.—Frank Gauvin, a student of St. Hyacinthe college, P. Q., is spending his vacation at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gauvin.—Albert Towne, two sons and one daughter, have moved into their house on the corner of Tilden and Baker avenue.—At the regular meeting of Samaritan lodge, I. O. O. F., held at their lodge room last Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: P. G. Nichols, N. G.; D. J. Squires, V. G.; A. J. Hall, secretary; W. E. Flagg, per secretary; R. E. Jones, treasurer. The appointed officers are as follows: A. C. Curtis, warden; C. A. Averill, conductor; C. H. Clifford, C. W. Green, supporters, N. G.; W. C. Goodrich, N. G., Kenyon, supporters to V. G.; W. C. Vincent, R. S. S.; Arnold J. Sherman, L. G.; L. A. Johnson, O. G.; Alonzo Chase, chaplain.—Mr. A. E. Robinson is very ill at the home of his father-in-law, Henry Gissett.—Rev. Alonzo Chase preached his farewell sermon last Sunday.—Miss Sadie Green is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. C. Smith, in Middlebury.—At the annual meeting of the Congregational church January 1, Salmon Green was elected deacon for three years and clerk for one year; M. S. Whitcomb, treasurer; Mrs. E. D. Mason, trustee for three years. At the Congregational Sunday-school the 5th inst. Frank Balch was elected superintendent; F. H. Sleperson, clerk; S. Squires, librarian. Miss Carlotta Andrews, organist.—Z. C. Hindes, principal of the graded school, has moved into Charles Bostwick's house on Main street.—The old circle of King's Daughters will meet at the vestry of the Congregational church next Friday afternoon.—Mr. Holmes, who preached here last Sunday, was preaching here when the rebellion broke out in 1861. He soon after enlisted as a private, was appointed chaplain, and was on Gen. Custer's staff at the battle of Cedar Creek. He was shot through his right wrist while haranguing the troops with uplifted hand.

WESTFORD.

Fred Rice is attending the Business college at Burlington.—Rev. Mr. Watt of Richmond preached in the Congregational church Sunday.—Miss Phila Hall returned to New Hampshire Saturday and Miss