HAPPENINGS IN VERMONT

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Blanche Stowell.—The Rev. M. W. Farrman, chaplain of the Senate, was in town Friday and Saturday, a guest of O. S. Tenney.—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hartwell, who have lately been in the West, are at the home of his parents.—Mrs. Eugene Bennett underwent an operation for the removal of a tumor at her home on Gertrude avenue.

CRAFTSBURY.

M. E. Williams is ill.—Gertrude Weaver was confined to her home all last week by illness.—Mrs. Charles Wells, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is much improved. A nurse from Burlington is caring for her.—Charles Thayer has bought of Clarence Hanson the farm known as the Clarence Woodbury farm.—Mrs. Inez Grant is in Albany caring for her mother. Charles Thayer took possession of his farm last Monday.

GREENSBORO.

The annual meeting of the Village Fire District was held Monday afternoon at the fire station. N. L. Drown was re-elected to the board of control. The treasurer's report shows $86 has been paid on the debt the past year, which is now reduced to about $700. B. M. Wiley was re-elected treasurer and F. H. Dufur collector. A tax of 25 cents on the dollar was voted.—The Water company held its annual meeting at the fire station Tuesday Jan. 5 and re-elected the old board of directors. The report of the treasurer gives the cost of the new reservoir as $3,425, and the receipts from rents for 1914 will amount to about $290. After paying the interest on the borrowed money and the other current expenses they voted to pass the dividends on the stock this year and apply 4% on the debts of the company.—E. H. Harris of New York is at the Caspian Lake House for a few weeks.—Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Howard of Georgia have been visiting Mrs. Howard's sister, Mrs. B. M. Willey. Mrs. Amanda Thomas is ill. Her niece, Ruth Williams, who lives with her, fell while playing at school Thursday, dislocated her ankle and broke one bone in the leg just above the ankle. The annual roll call of the Congregational church was held at the church parlors Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock and at noon the ladies of the parish served dinner in the dining room. The Rev. S. P. Acheson-ck has resigned as pastor of the Congregational Church, much to the regret of his many friends.

LOWELL.

S. E. Chase is ill with pneumonia.—Mr. and Mrs. Leon Carlin are the parents of a daughter, Mary, born January 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Messenger of Richford are spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kelley.—Arthur Austin of Florence, Mass., was called here last week by the death of his mother, Mrs. George Elson. Joseph Barney of Woodsville, N. H., is spending a few weeks with his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Murphy, and other relatives.—Morris Gorman and sister, Miss Nancy Farman, have started for Wakefield, Kan., where they will spend the remainder of the winter with friends.—Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Derusha spent the week-end with relatives in Derby.

DERBY.

The Rev. Mr. England has accepted a call from the Baptist Church here to become its pastor and will commence his labors in February.—E. A. Slack is at St. Johnsbury, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. A sister, who is a trained nurse, is caring for him, and a brother-in-law will carry on his business here for him during his absence.—The body of Benjamin Hinman, a native of Derby, who died in New York, was brought to Newport for burial Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nickerson and little son are at Henry Schoolcraft's.—I. E. Vinesboro has sold his dairy of cows to A. E. Tracy.—Mr. Colby is now confined to the house.

WESTFIELD.

At the annual election of officers of the Sunday school Sunday the following were elected: Superintendent, H. B. Hitchcock; assistant superintendent, Miss Mildred Bell; secretary, Miss Marion Young; treasurer, Miss Ella Grace Miller.—A bean supper will be held in the Congregational vestry Friday evening, followed by an entertainment.—About 100 of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hitchcock gave them a reception at their home Friday evening.—The union service will be held at Troy Sunday at 10:45, when District Superintendent Lowe of St. Johnsbury will preach.—Bethel Chaffee has exchanged his farm for a double house in West Derby and moves there at once to mend the whiter with his daughter.

RUTLAND COUNTY

BRANDON

Mrs. Abraham Cabee Soulia died at the Rutland hospital Jan. 5 at the age of 74 years. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Charles Wooster of Chittenden and Mrs. Joel Doolaw of Pittsford, and one son, George Cabee of Brandon. Her first husband was Robert Cabee of Brandon. The funeral was held Friday morning at ten o'clock at St. Mary's Church, with burial at Forestdale.—At the annual meeting of the Baptist Church the following officers were elected: Moderator, Frank Lovett; treasurer, Charles Warner; secretary, Mrs. W. H. Williams; secretary of benevolence, Miss Elizabeth Bacon; clerk, Miss Bertha Sumner; deacon, E. G. Carr; trustee, Mrs. R. M. R. Willey; auditors, Ira Maxfield and Martin S. Ketcham; deaconesses, Mrs. A. S. Ketcham, Mrs. S. F. Emerson, Mrs. Marion Lewis and Mrs. E. G. Carr; ushers, Olin Ketcham, Harold Fay, Harold Mills and Ralph Mills; music committee, Frank Lovett, Mrs. L. F. Manchester and Mrs. W. H. Flint; advisory board, Samuel Bacon, Frank Lovett, Mrs. Samuel Bacon, Mrs. L. F. Manchester, Mrs. W. H. Flint and Miss E. F. Winslow. The report of the pastor, the Rev. Albert Ayerson Mills, showed the church to be in a flourishing condition.—Joseph Crapo died January 6, at his home near Goshen, aged 69 years. He had been ill for some weeks with heart trouble. He was a native of Canada, but had farmed it on a small scale for many years. In his young manhood he lost an eye while dasting. His wife and several children died many years ago. The funeral was held at St. Marys Church Friday morning.—John A. Dailey has severed his connection with the Woodruff print shop and returned to Rutland.

The Rev. Densmore D. Chapin, a retired clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, is very ill at his home south of Brandon. Mr. Chapin was a pioneer missionary on the Pacific coast and is advanced in years.—Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts of St. Albans is spending the winter with her niece, Mrs. George Rolfe. The ice harvest has been completed. The houses at the Inner pond are filled with an excellent quality of ice from 14 to 16 inches in thickness.—Jerome S. Cole is able to be out after a severe illness.—The latest industry in Brandon is the manufacture of peanut butter. Charles L. Clifford has installed machinery and has begun operations.—Miss Cordine Batchelder, a teacher in the grades, has been detained at her home in Barre by the illness of her mother. Her place was filled last week by Miss Delsey Severy.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Wheeden and Mr. and Mrs. Perley Wheeden of Ludlow and Mark Wheeden of Hanover, N. H., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Wheeden.—L. J. Fortier is in Tennessee on business. He will visit Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York on the return trip.—The Rev. John A. Chapin, son of the Rev. D. D. Chapin of Brandon, has accepted a call to the rectorship of St. Thomas's Church, Dover, N. H. The church has 400 members and is the second largest P. E. Church in the State. Mr. Chapin has been for several years associate rector of Holy Trinity Church of New York City and is a summer resident of Brandon.—The Rev. W. G. Leonard is confined to the house as the result of a fall on the ice.

The stockholders of the Brandon National Bank met Tuesday morning and elected the following officers: President, E. J. Ormsbee; vice-president, D. D. Burditt; cashier, W. F. Scott; directors, F. H. Farrington, J. E. Weeks, E. H. Button, H. A. Seager, T. W. Ray and L. J. Fortier. The stockholders of the First National bank elected Tuesday: President, W. H. Wright; vice-president, G. H. Young; cashier, F. W. Briggs; directors, G. F. Hendee, W. D. Nutting, A. J. Jones, F. W. Williams, L. A. Sevey and F. E. Chandler.

The Alice Guild of St. Thomas' Church will meet at the church for its annual meeting at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon.—Mrs. Pearl C. Washburn has returned to her home at Newport, N. H., after visiting her father, E. S. Blackwell.—Mrs. Myrtle Williams has returned from Burlington, where her mother, Mrs. Minnie Atwood, is in the Mary Fletcher hospital. Mrs. Atwood's operation was very successful and she is recovering rapidly.—Humbert Bottanimui received his naturalization papers at the federal court in Rutland Monday and is now an American citizen.—The high school will give a play at the town hall Tuesday evening.—The class in etiquette conducted by the Rev. William T. Leonard will meet at his home Friday evening.—W. H. Stetson of Boston is in town.—Dr. C. C. Baker was called to Fair Haven Tuesday by the illness of his son-in-law, Joseph P. Shepherd.—Mrs. Nettie Wheeler of Baker's Mills, N. Y., is in town for a few days.—The Monday club met with Mrs. Wilson D. Nutting Monday evening and was largely attended. The subject discussed was "The Work of Our Modern Impressionists and Cubists." William Dougherty, an aged resident, is ill at his home on the Idaho east of the village.—Harry A. Collins has been elected superintendent of the Congregational Sunday school to succeed Prof. Earl T. Tracy, resigned. Mr. Collins has held the office before with great success.—Mrs. Jason Lindsay has been called to Burlington to the illness of her brother, John O'Connor.

The condition of the Rev. Densmore D. Chapin is regarded as critical.—Reuben H. Rodgers of Saratoga Springs was in town Tuesday.—The Eastern Star chapter held a card party in their rooms Tuesday evening.—Mrs. Carrie Denno of Schenectady, N. Y., is in town.—Fred H. Farrington attended a bank directors' meeting in Vergennes Tuesday.—George Forgiites, jr., had a bad fall on the ice Tuesday. Paul Rickert is driving the Forestdale stage during his enforced absence.—The officers of the Hortonia Light and Power company gave a dinner to the citizens of Hortonville Tuesday noon in the old Alexander store building. E. D. Blackwell, F. E. Chandler, T. W. Ray, C. L. Clifford and E. H. Bissell of Brandon attended. About 50 were present and an excellent dinner was served.—The Eastern Star chapter will give a military whist card party Tuesday evening.—District Deputy Miner will install the officers of Silver Lake Chapter, Knights of Pythias, this evening. A banquet will be given.—The Woman's Missionary society of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. Fred C. Kingsley this afternoon. Last evening there was a joint installation of the new officers of C. J. Compson Post, G. A. R., Davenport Circle of Sons of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans auxiliary at the G. A. R. hall.—The women of St. Thomas's parish will hold a sociable at the rectory this evening. A supper will be served.—Road Commissioner George L. Leonard is attending a dairymen's convention in Burlington.—The meeting of the Daughters of the Revolution held with Mrs. W. O. Talbot yesterday afternoon was well attended.—Mrs. J. S. Hart, who is in Brandon for the winter, has been called to Lunenburg by the illness of her husband.—Harry Burnham of Vergennes is visiting his grandfather, Harlow P. Sanders.—Roger Flood has entered the employ of Warren C. Leffingwell.

BENSON.

The Grange has installed the following officers: Master, Harry Howard; overseer, Horace King; lecturer, Mrs. Frank Johnson; secretary, E. A. Gibbs; treasurer, N. C. Harrison; chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Hayward; gatekeeper, Merrill Walker; steward, Howard Kellogg; Ceres, Mrs. Harry Howard; Flora, Mabelle Brown; Pomona, Blanche Fowler; lady assistant, Margaret Goodrich.—At the annual roll call meeting of the Congregational Church, the roll was called by the clerk, N. C. Harrison, the election of officers followed. O. H. Bump was elected to succeed himself as trustee, James H. Aiken as deacon, N. C. Harrison as clerk and Daniel Higgins as treasurer. The financial condition of the church is good.—Moses Stickney, C. N. Bond and Dr. J. P. Newton went to Rutland Monday.

FORESTDALE.

L. J. Fortier has gone on a business trip to Philadelphia, Pa., Baltimore, Md., and Tennessee.—George Forgiites fell while fishing through the ice at Lake Dunmore Saturday and broke his collarbone.—Ralph Smith, who has been ill several weeks, has returned to his home in Taunton, Mass.—H. A. Rowe has sold his dwelling house to Rollin Whitcher of Goshen. Mr. Rowe will occupy his tenement in the spring.—William Dougherty is ill with pneumonia.—Frank Derby of Rochester has moved into one of W. B. Avery's houses.—Lyman Rowe, who has been ill with mumps, has returned to his business in Rutland.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

WATERBURY.

Michael Devine, probably the oldest person in town, died at his home on Woodard Hill Thursday morning. He had been in failing health for some time, sleeping a great deal of the time, and the exact time of his death was not known. He was born in Galway county, Ireland, September 30, 1823, being 90 last September, at which time most of his children were at home. He came to this country a young man and on November 25, 1856, married Bridget Morrow of Moretown. In 1861 they moved to this town and for 53 years have lived on Woodard Hill. He was active in agricultural pursuits and has also followed somewhat his trade of stone mason. Mr. Devine is survived by his wife and seven children. Michael, the eldest boying died at the age of 22 years. The surviving children are Mrs. F. W. Boynton of Taunton, Mass., Mrs. J. R. Dillon of Duxbury, William Devine, Thomas Devine and Mrs. P. F. Casey of Waterbury, D. F. Devine of Stratford, Conn., and Mrs. L. J. Clossey of Detroit, Mich. There are also 15 grandchildren. He was the oldest member of St. Andrew's parish, by each member of whom he had been greatly honored.

Mrs. Annie J. Barry returned Thursday evening from White River Junction, where she was called to attend the funeral of her brother's wife, Mrs. P. J. O'Connor, who dropped dead Monday morning while performing her household duties.—Bertrand Hurt of Randolph is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hurt.—Mrs. J. D. Haskins of Montpelier is with her daughter, Mrs. H. S. Atkins, during the illness of her little grandson.

There was a good attendance at the union service at the Congregational Church Sunday evening, the Rev. W. E. Douglass preaching a helpful sermon. An orchestra, led by Mr. Trombly, assisted in the music and the girls' chorus sang.—The Needlecraft club gave Mrs. C. D. Swasey a surprise at her home on Union street last Thursday. A picnic supper was served by the members. The party was to show the pleasure of the members over her recovery from her recent operation at the Fanny Allen hospital.—The funeral of Michael Devine was held from St. Andrew's Church Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. The Rev. Father Deroy officiated. The bearers were Martin Moran, William Thompson, John Ryan and Robert O'Brien. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery at Duxbury Corners. Among those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. John Devine of Constable, N. Y., Mrs. Delia Henry and daughter, Lillian, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Maloney, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clossey, William Clossey, Mrs. T. Moriarty, Mrs. B. J. Crossett and F. H. Ryan of Montpelier and Mr. and Mrs. John Devine of Bolton. The son, D. P. Devine, of Taunton, Mass., was unable to come because of illness.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Ferris was the scene Tuesday night of a pretty wedding, when Miss Jessie Brown Webster became the wife of James A. Sinclair. The Episcopal service was read by the Rev. D. L. Sanford of Hardwick. Miss Ethel Colby attended the bride, who was given in marriage by Mr. Monroe of Hardwick. The bride was gowned in white crepe meteor with satin trimmings and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations and lilies of the valley. Miss Colby wore a gown of lavender silk. The decorations were of evergreen and the ceremony was performed beneath a bell of evergreen suspended from a white arch. In the dining room pink carnations were used. The bride is a native of Aberdeen and came to this country about a year and a half ago, since when she has been in the home of Mrs. Ferris. The groom is also from Aberdeen and is employed in the Union Granite sheds. Refreshments were served by Miss Colby and Miss Annie Dorothy Palmer. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Green, who were celebrating today their 19th wedding anniversary, attended the wedding in their marriage garments.—News has been received of the death Tuesday of Michael Hayes at Mecker, Colo. Mr. Hayes was a former resident of this place, being a native of Duxbury. He was married two years to Miss Bessie Murray, afterwards going to Ireland and later to Colorado. Besides his wife he leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hayes of Duxbury and nine brothers and sisters: Patrick of California, James of Mecker, Colo., William of Duxbury, John of Waterbury, Edward of Providence, R. I., and Mrs. Mary Burke of Franklin, N. H., Mrs. Ellen Ryan of Montpelier and the Misses Annie and Julia of Waterbury. The body will be brought here for the interment.

Max Myers, a peddler of dress goods, was found dead in bed this morning in the tenement occupied by the family of Ernest Joyall over the store of W. M. Greene on Park avenue. Mr. Myers went to a moving picture show Tuesday evening and seemed in his usual health, although it is understood that he had suffered from heart trouble. He had been in town only two or three days. Mr. Myers was a Russian Jew and friends of that nationality also and took the body to Burlington. Dr. H. D. Hopkins was called, but pronounced death due to natural causes.—The name of Mrs. F. W. Boynton of Taunton, Mass., a daughter of Michael Devine, should be added to a list of those who attended his funeral Sunday.—Miss Lillian Johnson, who has been trimming during the season for Mrs. Belle Corey Greene, has returned to Boston, where she is employed in a wholesale millinery house.—H. B. Perry is in Boston on business. He will also visit his father in Stoneham, Mass.—Mrs. H. L. Hill and Mrs. B. R. Demeritt went to Montpelier yesterday for the week.—Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Hurt and three children are with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hurt.

MONTPELIER.

The vital statistics for 1914 show a total of 161 births, exactly the same number as in 1913. There were 80 male children born and 81 females. Of this number 53 are of American parentage, 35 mixed nationality and 19 different nationalities. The fathers of 40 of the children are employed in the granite industry. The number of births is slightly under the average for the past six years, which is 169. The births per month are as follows: January, 11; February, 14; March, 25; April, 7; May, 14; June, 9; July, 12; August, 15; September, 17; October, 12; November, 10, and December 15. There were 73 marriages during the year. The mortality statistics have not yet been compiled.

Word has been received in this city that the condition of Dr. G. L. Lane, president of the Lane Manufacturing Co., and a former resident of this city, who is seriously ill at his home in Boston, is somewhat improved.

Charles Booth, proprietor of the Booth cigar store, this city, and well known throughout the State as a cigar salesman, is critically ill with pneumonia.

The funeral of Chauncey W. Keyes, for 12 years employed at the Montpelier & Wells River railroad shops in this city, whose death occurred Friday, was held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at his late home on Berlin street. Burial was in Green Mount cemetery. The deceased was born in Moretown, July 4, 1853, and resided in that place and West Berlin until 10 years ago, when he came to this city. He leaves a wife and two children, Mrs. George Spaulding of this city and Walter C. Keyes of Woodsville, N. H.

Montpelier National bank held its annual meeting Tuesday morning at which the old board of directors were elected as follows: A. D. Farwell, Albert Tuttle, James W. Brock, Harlan B. Kemp and Fred Blanchard. The directors elected the officers: President, Albert Tuttle; vice-president, James W. Brock; cashier, Levi Baxter; assistant cashier, H. L. Farwell.

The annual meeting of the First National bank was held Tuesday morning, officers and directors being re-elected as follows: Directors, F. A. Dwinell, L. D. Taft, Frank M. Corry, H. E. Cutler and Edward H. Deavitt; officers, President, Frank M. Corry; vice-president, F. A. Dwinell; cashier, Arthur G. Eaton.

In city court yesterday appeared Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Murphy, who claimed their place of abode as Richmond. They were arrested late Tuesday evening charged with stealing a pair of shoes from the McDonald shoe store that afternoon. The officers arrested the woman, who told a story which led to the man being taken into custody. They pleaded guilty to charges and Mrs. Murphy paid a $5 fine with costs, while her husband will spend 60 days in the county jail.

A hearing on the final settlement of the estate of Marcelle J. Dumas, of which Mrs. George W. Morse is administratrix, being the executrix of the will of the late George W. Morse, was held yesterday morning in probate court before Judge Martin.

Dr. M. F. McGuire left yesterday for Boston and points in the South. Dr. McGuire's health is such that he will give up his practice in this city for a time. It is said and it is expected that he will pass the remainder of the winter in Florida.

NORTHFIELD

William M. Pervier, the aged father of Charles L. Pervier, died Jan. 5 at his home on the Union brook road, west of the village, and funeral services, conducted by the Rev. James B. Sargent, were held on Thursday.—George W. Dunham has sold the livery business purchased by him last spring at Greenfield, Mass., and is again at his home in this village.—J. S. Loveland is very low at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph M. Bullock, on Central street, suffering from a shock received on Thursday.—Mrs. Julia Chase is very ill with pneumonia and heart trouble at her home with her daughter, Mrs. Clara Holton, at the corner of Main and Washington streets.—O. A. Rowell, express man, is ill with pneumonia.—The fourth entertainment of the lecture course was given Tuesday evening at armory hall by the "Spanish Students." E. L. Kerr has closed the corner market and moved the stock of goods to his West side market.

Mrs. Julia Chase died Sunday afternoon at her home on Main street after an illness of about a week from pneumonia and heart disease. Mrs. Chase was twice married, her first husband being Samuel Harwood of Northfield, and her second, Edmund Chase of Montpelier. Besides her daughter, Mrs. Clara Holton, with whom she made her home, she leaves one sister, Mrs. Jennie Clark of Montpelier, and three brothers, Fred L. Thresher of Northfield and George and Horace Thresher of Northfield Falls. Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. John R. Gates of the Methodist Church, were held Tuesday afternoon.—Josiah S. Loveland died Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph M. Bullock, on Central street, having sustained a shock of apoplexy a few days previously. Mrs. Loveland died a short time ago. Besides the daughter, Mrs. Bullock, the deceased left two sons, Gilson J. and Samuel.

WATERBURY CENTER.

Mrs. B. L. Moody left January 6 for Harlowton, Montana. Mr. Moody went there last summer.—A. O. Porter, who was at Mrs. Nelson Beach's several weeks this fall, is reported as seriously ill. His home is in North Willston, but at present he is in Burlington, where he is being cared for at a hospital.—The funeral of Curtis Sleeper was held January 6 at the Baptist Church. The Rev. R. P. Parker officiated and the burial was in the old cemetery.—Mrs. Jessie W. Hayes was in Montpelier Monday.—About 25 grangers attended the installation of the officers of Mount Mansfield Grange in Stowe Saturday.—Dr. Whitney of Montpelier was here Monday.—Marchal Labor has returned to town and is working for Howard Stevens.—The next attraction in the lecture course will be "The Royal Male Quartet" January 19.—Ruth Gibbs of Waterbury spent Sunday at Fred Towne's.—News has been received of the safe arrival of the Norcross and Mac families at their new home in Natchitoches, La.—The Thursday evening prayer meetings will be held this week at "The Lodge" and L. A. Lyon's.—Mrs. M. F. Stranahan is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lyon, for the winter.—Miss Mary Merriam, who has been confined to the house by illness, has so far recovered as to resume work.

MORETOWN.

Frank Sawyer attended the dairymen's meeting in Burlington Tuesday.—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Armstrong were in Montpelier Monday.—Mr. Chapman of Hartford, Conn., was in town Monday.—Miss Adde Sawyer and Miss Harriet Knapp were in Barre Tuesday to attend the funeral of Miss Sawyer's uncle, Albert Warren.—Miss Ruth Bruce is improving.—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pecor were called to Montpelier Monday by the illness of their son.—Albert Ferris was in Waitsfield and Warren Tuesday.

WAITSFIELD.

L. J. Colebrook is able to be out after a three weeks' illness.—Leon Joslyn, who has been in the West the past year, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Joslyn.—Anna Turner and Pauline Neill are boarding at W. Long's during the winter term of school.—Elsie Long was unable to go back to her school in Montpelier on account of poor health.—Miss Florence Neill was operated on at the Mary Fletcher hospital for a mastoid abscess Saturday.—Miss Carro Bucklin has been confined to the house the past two weeks with lumbago.—A. R. Vradenburgh has finished work for J. Smith and gone to work for Percy Arling.—Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Tabor of Granville have been in town.—Curtis Kibbee of Brookfield was a business visitor in town Tuesday.

MIDDLESEX.

Mrs. Aaron Rowell of Moretown spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Moulton.—Mrs. Wallace Goodwin of Montpelier visited her brothers, W. H. and Frank Vaughn, Wednesday.—Mrs. Forest Chapin has returned from Bristol, where she went recently to attend the wedding of her sister.—John Hastings has gone to remain for a time with his daughter, Mrs. Edward Cooney, at the Center.—John Hastings is in poor health.—Allen Foster of Moretown spent Sunday at the Center.—E. Chattman of Hartford, Conn., is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bigelow.—Mrs. Josephine Warren and her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Hill, were in Barre Tuesday to attend the funeral of Albert Warren.—Mrs. E. E. Hills and daughter, Miss Hazel, spent Sunday in Barre.—James Mackin of Montpelier was in Middlesex Monday.—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bigelow entertained a party of friends in the Methodist Episcopal Church parlors Monday evening.—Albert Warren, formerly of this town, but for the last 27 years of Barre, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Gamble, Sunday after six months' illness, in the 83rd year of his age. He was born on the Warren farm now owned by E. E. Hills. He was a son of Leander and Susan Webster Warren. In 1854 he married Mary Steel and began married life on the farm known as the W. B. McElroy farm, now owned by William Turney of Montpelier. He later sold and moved to the Robinson hill neighborhood, residing there some 15 or 20 years. From there he moved to Barre. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of his daughter and the remains were taken to Montpelier cemetery for burial beside his wife. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Harry Gamble, Mrs. William Wheeler and Mrs. Alice Bissette, all of Barre, and one brother, Hiram Warren of Montpelier.

SOUTH WOODBURY.

J. W. Butterfield was in town Monday on business relating to the new school buildings.—Mrs. Sarah McKnight, an aged woman, and long a resident of this town, died at the home of her nephew, Warren Ainsworth, in North Calais Sunday.—W. H. Angell has returned from the Mary Fletcher hospital, much improved in health.—Richard Batchelder was in town Monday on business.—Mrs. Lendon Haskell is ill.

WINDSOR COUNTY

BETHEL.

William Rivers has sold his cigar store and pool-room to J. Howard Myott. Mr. Rivers bought the business two years ago from Isaac Yett. Mr. Myott came here five or six years ago from Ensburg Falls and has been bookkeeper for the Woodbury Granite company at the quarries and proprietor of the Bascom House. Mr. Rivers will return to Montpelier.—Harry W. Mentley and Miss Sadie E. Fifield were married Saturday afternoon by the Rev. J. Wesley Miller and at once left for Boston to spend a short honeymoon before taking up their residence in Gowanda, N. Y., where the bridegroom is employed in the leather business.—Bethel town team defeated Randolph town team, 31 to 18, in a game of basketball last Friday night. The game was made up of three 15-minute periods. The visitors lost their game in the first period, 16 to 4, but later played much better. The same evening a team of sophomores defeated one of freshmen in a girls' game, 36 to 8.—Myron Harvey is visiting in Sullivan, Me., his old home town.—The Rev. E. L. Halfacre attended a meeting in Barre Monday and Tuesday of Universalist and Unitarian ministers of Vermont and the Province of Quebec.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.

A joint installation of officers was held here Tuesday evening by Myrtle Lodge, No. 57, I. O. O. F., Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, No. 28, and White River Encampment, No. 19. About 75 were present. Among those from out of town were: F. J. Putnam, G. M., Windsor; E. A. Spear, G. M., Woodstock; C. J. Paul, D. D. G. M., Woodstock; Mrs. Nellie Corliss, D. P., Post Mills. After the installation of officers lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.

CAPITOL BREVITIES.

Adjutant-General Tillotson has gone to Washington in the interests of the militia pay bill which is favored by army and militia authorities and which has been hanging fire for several years.

Addison county members have elected A. W. Foote of Cornwall as president and George W. Stone of Vergennes as secretary of their organization in the Legislature.

Saturday's Free Press erroneously stated that Atwood of Lyndon was on the State schools committee. Atwell of Brandon should have been given as member of this committee.

Governor Gates has accepted the invitation of the Hotel Vermont to be present at the dinner to commercial travelers on February 12.

The contest over the judge of probate in the New Haven district of Addison county has been settled, the canvassing committee having refused to undertake a recount and declaring Frank W. Tuttle of Vergennes elected as judge of probate over E. A. Hasseltine.

The Farmers' club met last night in the House chamber.

Franklin Billings of Woodstock, a member of the 1910 and 1912 Legislatures, was a visitor at the State House yesterday. He was in England when the war broke out and his stay in Europe was shortened about six months by the war.

Commissioner Brigham appeared before the committees of agriculture Tuesday. He told of the work of his department, and outlined the reasons why a larger appropriation is required.

Charles A. Plumley of Northfield has been re-appointed by Governor Gates as commissioner of taxes for a second term in this office. His name will go before the Senate soon for confirmation.

SOUTH HERO INN.

New Hotel in Grand Isle County to Open February 1.

The historical "Old Stone House" at South Hero, which for more than 100 years has been a landmark in that part of the country, has been put into excellent shape and is now to be an up-to-date hotel, with the formal date of opening fixed as February 1. It is the plan to operate the hotel, which is to be known as the South Hero Inn, throughout the entire year.

Juan Robinson and Mrs. Lillian Axtell have purchased the property and have expended a large sum in improvements. The house at present will accommodate a few more than 30, but it is planned to increase its capacity during the summer months by constructing cottages. The hotel has been equipped with steam heat, hot and cold water, baths, electric lights, hardwood floors, and the old fire places, used in colonial days, have been uncovered and put in shape for use.

The hotel is only a short distance from the railroad station and a bus will meet all trains. As the building is only a few rods from the lake and occupies a site which commands the entire view of Keeler's bay, it is expected to be a favorite summer resort. The hotel will be connected with an automobile garage and livery stable, as well as a boat livery.

Because Keeler's bay is one of the first parts of the lake to freeze over it is intended to make a strong feature of winter sports. In addition to the ice boating, etc., there will probably be erected a toboggan slide and there are already several fishing shanties which can be used. The drive from Burlington is 12 miles. A number of Burlingtonians are planning to attend the opening.

UNEMPLOYED ARMY IS OVER 562,700 IN CITY AND GROWING

125,000 Women Jobless—Immorality on Increase—Clothing Workers Hardest Hit.

Trades in Which Dull Times Have Hit Workers Hardest

This partial list of unemployed in New York was compiled for the Public Forum of the Church of the Ascension:

Clothing workers (all branches garment industry)	125,000
General unskilled laborers	100,000
Building mechanics (32 trades)	75,000
Store and office workers (bookkeepers, clerical help and stenographers)	75,000
Machinists and general metal workers	50,000
Drivers and general help (wholesale food supply and dry goods districts)	25,000
Hotel and restaurant workers	25,000
Longshoremen	15,000
Cigar and tobacco workers	15,000
Domestic help	10,000
Department store employes	10,000
Railroad workers (all grades)	10,000
Printing and allied trades (lithographers, etc.)	15,000
Shoe workers	8,000
Laundry workers	7,500
Milliners workers	5,000
City employes	5,000
Firemen (steamboat and stationary)	3,000
Engineers (steamboat and stationary)	1,500
Jewelry workers	3,000
Diamond workers	700
Total	562,700

New York, Jan. 12.—According to figures compiled for the Public Forum of the Church of the Ascension, in Fifth avenue, of which the Rev. Percy Stickney Grant is rector, a partial list of the unemployed in Greater New York totals 562,700. The number of homeless persons in the city who have not the price of shelter is estimated at 9000.

The figures were obtained by Samuel A. Strodel of No. 256 Broadway, who was assigned to the task of counting the unemployed in the city by a committee of the Public Forum. Arrangements were made to turn over the report to City Chamberlain Bruere, who agreed to consider it in an official capacity. He will receive the report in full in a few days.

Strodel began the work on December 15 and finished the compilation last Saturday. The figures include organized and unorganized labor, but do not cover all the branches of industry. This is pointed out for the benefit of those who may think them extravagant.

WOMEN FORCED INTO IMMORAL LIVES.

Many of the figures were taken from employers, and where such information was refused they were based on inquiries among the employes of various concerns as to the number of persons dependent upon the businesses they were engaged in.

In this way 12,000 clothing workers in all branches of the garment industry were found to be idle. The 15th census gives the total number of persons engaged in that industry in this city as 185,119.

One hundred thousand general unskilled laborers were reported out of work. Seventy-five thousand building mechanics in 32 trades were said to be idle, as were 75,000 store and office workers including bookkeepers, clerical workers and stenographers.

Strodel said he also found that about 125,000 of the total 562,700 unemployed were women, and in ascertaining conditions, which was part of his work, he found that immorality was greatly on the increase. This was admitted by resort keepers and shown by the many new faces in the back rooms of saloons and on the streets at night.

The investigator also learned that 60,000 men, women and boys are being kept in employment by firms reluctant to discharge them despite the fact that business would warrant their so doing.

Strodel found one woman who told him that for two months she had been getting up early and stealing a bottle of milk from her neighbors for her children. Several children in Brownsville were seen stealing plain bread from bakers' wagons.

MANY BAKESHOPS MAY CLOSE.

Several bakeshop proprietors in the Bronx, Brooklyn and the east side said they probably would close up on account of the high price of flour rather than operate at a loss or incur the disfavor of their customers by either cutting down the size of the loaf of bread or raising the price. With these shops closed, 2,000 more persons will be thrown out of employment.

Strodel was asked by the committee which engaged him for the work to make recommendations based upon conditions as he found them. In his report he states:

"I would suggest that all available buildings that could be heated and put in a sanitary condition be placed at the disposal of the homeless army; that some fund be created for furnishing nourishing food to the unfortunates; that all red tape be discarded, and that sociological experts be kept far removed from interference."

STRAUS TO OPEN "POOR MAN'S BUFFET."

With a view to relieving some of the misery in the city, Nathan Straus has laborers at work building a milk depot in City Hall park, to be operated all winter and summer. He has added substantial food to the usual milk distribution.

When the depot is opened it will be known as the "poor man's buffet," where for one cent a cup of coffee and a roll may be had; for two cents, a cup of coffee and a roll cheese sandwich or a glass of milk and roll cheese sandwich. Milk by the glass will be one cent, as usual at the Straus depot. Mr. Straus already has stands at Tompkins square and in Mount Morris park.

WARM DEBATE OVER SUPREME COURT ISSUE

Montpelier, Jan. 12.—At a hearing of the Senate judiciary committee tonight on the bill to allow Attorney Alexander Dunnett to address the committee in opposition to Senate bill No. 1, introduced by Senator Powell, fixing the term of office of supreme court judges, beginning on February 1.

Mr. Dunnett offered no new arguments on the judgeship issue but he vehemently vigorously the opinion of those who believe that the present Legislature cannot legally elect a supreme court until present justices have served for the full six years for which they were appointed. He also quoted some authorities.

There are three ways, he said, by which the Legislature could return its preference of electing judges. First it could elect now the justices for the succeeding term, beginning December 1, 1916. Second it could adjourn until some time in November, 1916, and then meet to elect justices for the succeeding term. The first is inopportune, the second would be cumbersome. But there is only way in which they could elect for the present term. This, their third remedy, could come only if the present supreme court were persuaded to resign.

"DIDN'T HAVE THE CHEEK."

Questioned at the close of his address as to whether he would not advise the present justices to resign, Mr. Dunnett replied that he didn't have the cheek. When asked what practical course he would suggest he again proposed that the supreme court be persuaded by a request of the Legislature to resign.

Mr. Dunnett's points against the Powell bill were: First, there is no vacancy at the beginning of the term. An office without an incumbent is a vacant. Second, where the constitution fixes the term of office the Legislature has no power to shorten it directly or indirectly by statute and no power to create a vacancy by statute. Third, the constitution fixes the term of office as two years but does not fix the date of the beginning or end of the term.

WOULD MAKE TWO TERMS.

In answer to the question of Senator Carver as to whether the Legislature did not have power to do it by just such a bill as the one proposed, Mr. Dunnett replied that it would, but not in the present case, which would make two terms.

He made it clear that the Legislature had power to elect for terms and vacancies occurring during the session and that the Governor had power to point for vacancies which occur when the Legislature is not in session. Judge Rowell and practically all agree that Governor Fletcher did his duty.

The election of another court by the Legislature would make two supreme courts with no one to know which is which. If a legislative term is properly filled and then the Legislature fills again it spells nearly anarchy into a thing this State has approached for hundred years.

Senator Powell attempted in a warm argument to establish the point that the Governor can appoint only until the Legislature assembles. Senator Shaw, in article 2, and stated his theory that election from of the justices was years in contradistinction to the theory of Mr. Dunnett that the appointive term also was two years.

ICE RACING OPENS AT MONTPELIER

Montpelier, Jan. 13.—The first ice race of the season was held this afternoon on the third mile course of the Winooski river there, with about a thousand people present during the meet, among whom were a number of legislators.

The three heats were required for the 2:40 and 2:30 classes. Billy Walters, owned and driven by Bedell