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FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1886.

**Gov. Hill** of New York is enjoying a boom for the presidency. Premature moves of this sort are useful in destroying the chances of poor candidates.

The village of Rutland presents a fine spectacle to gods and men. Its trustees spent all the money provided, and, because the village wouldn't give them another pile, they discontinued the police and street lighting. President Bottum vetoed the resolution which they passed to this effect, but they over-ruled his action. The place is too big and its interests too large to be entrusted to the loose form of government it now has. If the main village were incorporated into a city, with a carefully-drawn charter, its troubles would be at an end.

That the "liberal" views of Col. Ingersoll are held with a view of pecuniary success is getting to be the opinion even of his liberal brethren. As president of the National Liberal League he delivered a lecture in a western city recently at a meeting of the league and pocketed the proceeds, which moves the *Secular Age* to remark:

If the interest which Mr. Ingersoll feels in the objects of the American secular union is not strong enough to induce him to deliver one lecture free of charge, and that at the regular convention of the society of which he is the head, the sooner he steps down and out the better for liberalism.

### THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

At this season of the year it is easier, perhaps than at any other to see what the future has in store for the business man and for all. The holiday trade is just over, and that shows a good deal how the people feel. If they are possessed of a fair amount of funds and with the idea that they can get another dollar to replace one spent, trade is likely to be brisk. The way the people generally look at it has quite as much to do with depression or its reverse as has anything else. If they feel poor, business will languish despite political economists' theories that under the existing condition of things it ought to revive. The *Boston Commercial Bulletin*, a very conservative journal, thus senses the situation:

Happy new year to our readers! Not in the hackneyed sense do we give this greeting, merely because the old year has gone, but with the heartiness and good cheer which implies a belief in better things ahead. If it were July 1, instead of Jan. 1, we should feel impelled to speak confidently of the future at this time. The indications are such as may very properly inspire confidence. It would be impossible that more prosperous days should not follow the four years of depression and retrenchment unless unforeseen calamities were at hand.

Four years of almost uninterrupted stagnation in business experience from July, 1881, to July, 1885, as nearly as dates can measure it. There is no doubt that the tide has ebbed and turned in the past six to eight months. From the embers of January 1, 1886, we may look back to July 1, 1885, and challenge the most decided pessimist to show that the movement has not been upward all along the line.

The existing condition of the wool and iron market attests the truth of this statement and even the leather market has within the past month yielded to the force of the current. The cotton market still hangs back but the manufacturers are hopeful. As for the stock market, which owing to its elasticity moves more quickly and freely than the purely commercial markets, a strong and decided advance has been developed in the past six months, and after several fluctuating waves there still remains a very material advance, with no signs of harmful reaction.

If this general improvement had just set in there might be good reasons for doubting the future. But such is not the case. The course of the markets has been tending upward for at least six months, and it has come about as naturally as possible. Overtrading and over-production has been followed by four years of depression and curtailed production. With the bottom again reached it is unreasonable to believe that the improvement is not good for a much longer period than the six months we have already experienced.

The year 1885 was one of the most unsatisfactory in the memory of the business men of this generation. Every one was glad when its

months had run their course. "A much better year," is the verdict for 1885. There have been no great failures. Collections in all branches of business have been unusually good because the people have been buying only what they could pay for. The holiday trade is excellent—an unerring sign. Labor is more fully employed than a year ago. The industrial troubles of today do not come from idle workmen but from the efforts of the employed to increase their wages.

It is possible for Congress to swell the tide of increased prosperity very materially by the passage of several important measures, notably that suspending silver coinage, but the grossest neglect of that body cannot turn the tide for no one is counting upon any aid from this source. If any comes it will be so much extra gain.

The fact is, the fever of overproduction has been followed by a long convalescence of curtailment and with the return and maintenance of undoubted signs of health there is good reason for expecting increased growth and prosperity. Hence do we say, "A happy New Year."

### MIDDLEBURY VILLAGE.

WHAT WAS SAID AND DONE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

There was a good representation of the voters of the village present at the annual meeting, which was held at the town hall on Wednesday afternoon. The officers chosen were: Moderator, L. D. Eldredge; clerk, H. L. Sheldon; treasurer, C. E. Pinney; collector, M. A. Munroe; auditors, B. S. Beckwith, G. E. Marshall; water commissioner, Justus Cobb; trustees, James M. Slade, A. A. Fletcher, Luther Farnsworth, Thad M. Chapman, A. J. Marshall, L. D. Eldredge and J. B. Benedict.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 o'clock by the clerk, Henry L. Sheldon, who read the warning. L. D. Eldredge was chosen moderator and Mr. Sheldon re-elected clerk. James M. Slade, chairman of the board, read the report of the trustees, as follows:

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT.

The trustees of the village of Middlebury herewith submit their report for the year ending January 6, A. D. 1886. The orders drawn the past year exceeded those of the previous year in amount \$1336.75. Included therein are the following:

J. J. R. Randall \$100.00  
Jesse Stearns 10.00

These were to pay the expenses of the water survey made in 1884. An order for \$50.00 was drawn for firemen's uniforms as per vote of the village at a special meeting held August 1, 1885. An order was drawn in favor of Geo. Ayres for \$50 for police services in 1883 and 1884. An order was drawn in favor of Orrin Abbey for stone furnished in 1884, in amount \$6. In addition to the above, and after the matter had been called to the attention of the tax-payers at the special meeting of August 1st last, it was deemed best to construct a substantial stone culvert on the corner near the residence of Dea. Crane to carry off the water which flowed in large quantities from the hill road to the gravel pit, and from Mr. Munroe's residence east. This corner has for many years been a bad place, as the sand was washed down by every rain-fall, and the small sluices so choked as to throw the water across the road. There is now an excellent and simple culvert provided for the water and it may well be deemed a permanent and useful improvement. The total cost of the same, including graveling and grading the road in the immediate locality was, about \$200.

The matter of proper sewerage is one that is demanding and receiving the intelligent consideration of all thinking men. No more important subject can engage the attention of any person who lives in a village of any size. The health and lives of us all are greatly endangered by the malaria of standing stagnant waters. Our beautiful village, so admirably located for perfect drainage, will never be free from fevers and sickness that arises from malarial gases, until a perfect system of drainage is constructed. During the past year quite a number of our enterprising citizens, aware of this fact, and being conveniently located to drain their premises to the river, have done so. This is commendable. As Mr. Darwin Rider and Mr. G. S. Wainwright had dug a trench for their drain to the river, it was thought that if permission could be obtained of them it would be a good time to lay a pipe from the steam pump near O'Connor's bakery to the reservoir on the hill near the Addison House, thereby affording the village a supply of water in that reservoir at all times. Their consent was obtained and a pipe laid in their ditch without expense to the village of digging, to a point near where the new watering trough now stands; from that point to the reservoir a trench was dug at the expense of the village. A return pipe was laid to the new watering trough, which was built about midway of the hill, which is convenient and useful. These are improvements that have often been suggested but never acted upon until the past year. Your board are confident that the work done by them will meet with the approval of the tax-payers. The total cost was about \$305.

In the fall the selectmen, together with the trustees, laid out a highway from the foot of the street east of the freight depot to Papermill or Seymour street. This was done upon the petition of numerous tax-payers. The town bears the expense of the land damages and the village gravelled the same and constructed crossings across the railroad tracks. The total cost to the village for the work was \$116.87. Deducting these items, which may properly be called extraordinary expenses, and the excess of orders drawn the past year exceeded those of the year previous by the sum of \$158.88.

**Highways.**—The unusual amount of rain-fall the past season has necessitated the expenditure in this department of more money than usual. The ditches and crossings were frequently cleaned out and, off and on, the gravel and work done on the roads less enduring. Still there has been done substantial and necessary work the past year. The following streets have been thoroughly repaired and gravelled: Weybridge street, entire; South street, entire; cross street from Court to Pleasant, entire; Papermill street, in part; the street leading past Henry S. Foote's residence; the road from the dry bridge to the foot of the hill near the Catholic parsonage; the new road laid out to Seymour street before mentioned also the new road to the Catholic cemetery; and many other places where

short pieces of road most needed. H. Our successors will receive the highways in good order and unless heavy rains or some unforeseen causes occur, the expenses in this department the ensuing year need not be great.

**Sidewalks.**—Our village is and always has been in the main poorly supplied with good side-walks. Recognizing this fact, your board early determined to set apart five hundred dollars of the highway money to be expended for this purpose. The former board had corresponded with H. F. Smith of Brattleboro, and at one time in 1884 he had been here and inspected affairs relating thereto. In June last he came on and laid the concrete walk with which you are all familiar. The trustees made a proposition to the property owners that the village assume one-half of the expenses of laying walk opposite private property. As the result of this proposition the village expended \$601 as its share, including \$22 for work done on the walk in front of P. Battell's residence. Mr. Battell not being in favor of the concrete walk has at his own expense laid a handsome stone walk in front and east of his residence.

Total amount paid Mr. H. F. Smith..... \$600 00  
Received from private parties..... 449 00  
Paid by village..... \$501 00

The cost per square yard averaged 75 cents and a fraction.

If this walk will withstand the severe frosts of our ordinary winters (as the contractor guaranteed) a right step has been taken, which we hope may be followed by our respective successors, until at least in that part of our village most travelled good walks will be constructed.

In addition to this walk, the walk down Court street has been extended to the residence of W. H. Allen and others beyond, and a substantial bridge built across the run.

Crossings and other pieces of walk have been constructed the past year, all of which were necessary and add much to the comfort of foot travellers.

The railing and walk near the fire engine house and a short piece of plank walk in front of Sheldon's block has this year been built.

We would recommend that our successors construct a crossing over a walk east of the residence of Luther Farnsworth, to accommodate the families who live beyond.

**Fire Department.**—Your board report this department in excellent condition. The two fire engines and steam pump are in perfect order. The company has full ranks, is under good discipline and well uniformed.

A portion of the money voted for new uniforms not being expended for that purpose, the balance was appropriated in fixing a combination box-seat, in which every uniform is kept neatly and convenient to get without confusion in case of an emergency or otherwise. These seats are numbered corresponding to the number of each member in the company, so that no member gets the uniform of his companion. The engine room was also repainted to quite an extent with the surplus of this appropriation. The inspection last fall was a new feature in the history of the company, and we hope the same will be kept up, as it will tend to create an enthusiasm in the company and aid materially in making the same, if possible, more efficient.

The foreman reports under date of Dec. 17 on hand:

Jacked hose..... 650 feet  
Webber hose..... 650 "

Leather hose..... 650 "

Total..... 2,250 "

All serviceable. There is also on hand over 30 feet of extension ladder.

The purchase of 100 feet more of extension ladder made in sections of eight feet, and three hooks and poles, to be used in pulling down buildings in case occasion requires, also 800 feet of jacket hose, to be used in connection with the three pumps, is recommended by the foreman. There has been purchased for this department the past year 21 feet suction hose and couplings at a cost of \$78.30.

The expenses the past year in this department have decreased \$64.29 as compared with the year A. D. 1885, and if we reckon the \$350 paid for uniforms, etc., the decrease has been \$414.22.

**Police and Lighting.**—The expenditure in this department has increased over the year previous \$250.65, or really \$229.65, after deducting the amount paid Geo. Ayers for police services in 1883 and 1884.

Also of this excess, \$50.50 was expended for new stove double-burner lamps, and Mr. Dickinson was voted an extra allowance of twenty-five cents per night for lighting and care of same.

Mr. Dickinson has received for lighting and police duty the past year \$37.45.

Six new street lamps have been put in the past year, and the cost of same and extra oil and chimneys has caused this increase. In addition to amount paid Mr. Dickinson there has been paid for police services \$28.25.

For the details of all expenditures you are respectfully referred to the report of the auditors, and for the state of the finances to the report of the treasurer.

Your board can truthfully state that all bills against the village have been paid by orders drawn. No bills will pass to our successors for adjustment.

Five hundred copies of the corporate act and its amendments and the existing by-laws of the village have been printed the past year and are here for distribution.

With a spirit of willingness for forgiveness on account of our numerous shortcomings the past year, and with earnest wishes for the prosperity of the village the ensuing year, we herewith submit, respectfully, our report.

The trustees of Middlebury village, by  
JAMES M. SLADE, Chairman,  
Middlebury, Vt., Jan. 6, 1886.

Mr. Slade suggested that this was the proper time to ask questions about the doings of the trustees, if any one wished for other information that was contained in the reports as presented.

A. P. Tupper said that he noticed several things that were not quite clear. Here was a bill of \$100 paid Mr. Randall of Rutland for surveying water-works. How is it about that?

Mr. Eldredge said that at the request of the trustees he went to Rutland and saw Mr. Randall, who had rendered his bill and threatened to bring suit against the village if it were not paid. He finally consented to settle for \$100; and the trustees decided that the better way was to pay that amount rather than to have suit brought.

Mr. Tupper had supposed that the water question was summarily disposed of

at the time when the village had the matter under consideration, and, as nothing was said about this survey at the last annual meeting, he had the impression that it was a private enterprise. It was a gross abuse of authority for the trustees to go on and expend so much money without first getting the consent of the village; and especially was this the case in view of the action taken.

Mr. Slade explained, further, that this bill was one incurred by the board that went out of office a year ago.

Mr. Tupper went on to say that there had been a good deal expended on highways. He doubted very much whether it was wise to lay out money in this direction when the roads, so far as he was able to perceive, were in fair condition; and it was also a question whether the sort of earth that had been drawn was of any use anyway. The special work done, such as the sluice near Mr. Crane's, was well enough, but the general expenditures were excessive. A year ago the village was substantially out of debt; now the report shows that it is over \$1500 in arrears.

Mr. Slade again went over the items of extraordinary expenses, saying that he supposed that he made the causes of the deficiency clear in his report. Not nearly as much had been laid out on the highways as on previous years, but more went into sidewalks. These matters had been in the hands of Mr. Fletcher, who pays a large tax and is a man of good judgment. In his opinion the outlay on streets and roads was, in the main, wise.

Mr. Tupper saw still more to criticize. Either the oil for the street lamps had cost a good price or the amount burned was enormous. He wanted to know whether it had been bought at wholesale or not.

Mr. Bird (who had furnished it) said that he had sold it at as low a price as he could afford, though not at the wholesale rate. Messrs. Tupper and Bird then discussed the price of oil. Mr. Bird, in answer to an inquiry, said that the new double-burner lamps consumed three times the amount of oil that the old pattern did.

Messrs. C. M. Wilds and Trustee Benedict made brief speeches on the subject of the park.

The reports of the auditors and the treasurer had been printed, and it was not thought necessary to read them. The report of the auditors shows that during the year orders were drawn by the trustees amounting to \$5,043.34. Of this sum, the expenditures on account of the fire department were \$731; police and street lighting, \$818, and roads and walks, \$2,879. The orders outstanding amount to \$3,193.23. The assets of the village are:

Cash in treasury..... \$3 71  
Balance tax on list of '84..... 150 00  
Balance tax on list of '85..... 1,082 22 1,021 93

Present indebtedness, less assets..... \$1,571 30

The estimate for 1886 is:

Clerk and treasurer..... \$20 00  
Town clock..... 20 00  
Pumps..... 50 00  
Tax bill..... 6 00  
Fire department..... 700 00  
Police and lighting..... 800 00  
Cleaning walks..... 45 00  
Interest..... 150 00  
Other expenses..... 219 00 2,000 00

Amount to be provided for..... \$3,571 30

The reports of the auditors, the treasurer and the trustees were accepted and adopted; and the treasurer, collector, auditors and water commissioner of last year were re-elected, as above stated.

The next business was the choice of a board of trustees, and it proved to be a lengthy job. Messrs Slade and Fletcher went in by acclamation.

For third trustee there were four candidates—W. H. Allen, H. W. Brewster, A. J. Marshall and Luther Farnsworth. This was the result of the ballot:

Whole number of votes..... 160  
Necessary to a choice..... 81

W. H. Allen had..... 42  
H. W. Brewster..... 30  
Luther Farnsworth..... 65  
A. J. Marshall..... 18  
Scattering..... 5

There being no choice, a second ballot was had. The vote stood:

Whole number of votes..... 160  
Necessary to a choice..... 81

W. H. Allen had..... 37  
H. W. Brewster..... 5  
L. Farnsworth..... 113  
A. J. Marshall..... 8  
Scattering..... 5

Mr. Farnsworth was elected.

For fourth trustee there were two candidates in the field, so that a ballot was taken which showed:

Whole number of votes..... 148  
Necessary to a choice..... 75

Thad M. Chapman had..... 80  
W. H. Sheldon..... 40  
Scattering..... 13

Mr. Chapman was chosen.

Then came another tough struggle over the fifth member of the board. The ballot resulted:

Whole number of votes..... 170  
Necessary to a choice..... 86

H. W. Brewster had..... 47  
J. B. Benedict..... 31  
A. J. Marshall..... 78  
W. H. Allen..... 4  
Scattering..... 1

Mr. Marshall came out ahead on the next trial, when the vote stood:

Whole number of votes..... 166  
Necessary to a choice..... 84

A. J. Marshall had..... 59  
H. W. Brewster..... 59  
J. B. Benedict..... 40  
W. H. Allen..... 3

In the election of the sixth member there was also something of a contest.

The first ballot was:

Whole number of votes..... 152  
Necessary to a choice..... 77

L. D. Eldredge had..... 68  
Peter Champagne..... 57  
Allan Calhoun..... 25  
Scattering..... 1

Nothing having been accomplished by this voting, another ballot was taken, which resulted:

Whole number of votes..... 158  
Necessary to a choice..... 80

L. D. Eldredge had..... 67  
Peter Champagne..... 75  
Allan Calhoun..... 14  
Scattering..... 1

For the seventh and last member two ballots were required. The first resulted:

Whole number of votes..... 151  
Necessary to a choice..... 76

Darwin Rider had..... 71  
J. B. Benedict..... 72  
Scattering..... 6

The result of the second balloting was announced as follows:

Whole number of votes..... 160  
Necessary to a choice..... 81

L. D. Eldredge had..... 67  
J. B. Benedict..... 92  
Scattering..... 1

Justus Cobb introduced this resolution:

Resolved, That the trustees for the coming year be instructed not to employ only paid police except as special emergency requires.

Mr. Cobb said he introduced this resolution because it seemed to him that the system that has been followed isn't equitable. Outsiders help pay the police, while the business men and those living in the central part of the village get all the benefit of his services. He didn't think there was any need of a police in the village.

Mr. Tupper seconded the resolution for the purpose of getting the matter before the meeting.

Mr. Wilds spoke strongly against the abolishing of the police. Those who are in the greatest danger ought to have the most protection, and that is what the present system gives; and our security is largely attributable to it.

A general discussion of the subject ensued, participated in by Chief of Police Thad M. Chapman, O. F. Comstock, J. E. Stapleton, Mr. Cobb and Frank A. Bond. From the statements made it appeared that Mr. Dickinson, the night police, received only \$143.50 for 365 nights service, the rest of the amount paid him being for lighting the street lamps, and that the remainder of his salary is paid by the merchants. At the close of the remarks the resolution was tabled, on motion of J. E. Stapleton.

Mr. Wilds submitted, by request, and without expression of opinion as to its expediency, this by-law:

By-law 14 shall be amended by adding the following: It is hereby ordained by the village of Middlebury that the trustees appoint a chief engineer of the fire department, who shall have authority to purchase any and all necessary apparatus for extinguishing fires and which are necessary in that department for that purpose, which may now be purchased by said trustees, and who shall perform the duties appertaining to that office in village corporations. All parts of said by-law 14 inconsistent herewith is repealed.

Henry S. Foote moved that the by-law be laid upon the table. A. S. Tracy advocated the measure, and Mr. Tupper opposed it. It was finally laid upon the table.

On motion of B. S. Beckwith, amended by Thad M. Chapman, it was voted that a sum sufficient to cover the estimated expenses for the coming year, and the deficit—altogether \$3,571.30—be raised on the grand list.

Adjourned.

**THE VILLAGE POLICE.**  
*Editor Register.*—The discussion at our village meeting in regard to the police matters of the village brings out the fact that a very great misunderstanding existed with reference to the expenditures in that department. Add to this the gross misrepresentations indulged in by a certain class who would be glad to abolish the police service, and I feel called upon to make a statement for the consideration of those whom it may interest.

I almost feel like criticising the narrow-minded and gingerly policy of some of our good men, whose tax for the support of the police would be less than fifty cents per year, and yet who have spent a fortnight's time and worn out more than fifty cents in sole leather shuffling around with senseless and impotent howl against police. I won't say anything about them however, I feel so sorry for them. I am sorry really good men at heart have thought best to adopt such unsound views. The lighting of the streets and the police expenditures were figured together. I dissect the police expenditures, and trust it will be consoling to the much-abused tax-payers who are called upon to pay their proportion of the enormous sum of \$175.85 for support of the police for the year 1885.

We paid C. N. Dickinson..... \$408 50  
Deduct from this amount care of and lighting the lamps..... 283 00

Leaving for 365 nights on duty as police and watchman, the sum of..... \$143 50

Geo. Abbey, 18 nights..... 9 00  
W. H. Cobb..... 17 85  
Chas. Piper, 1 night, 3 days..... 1 50  
Cushman and Potter..... 4 00

Total..... \$175 85

The item of \$30 to Geo. Ayers was for 42 nights on duty in 1883 and 1884 while Mr. Dickinson was disabled and can not be properly reckoned in the expenditure of 1885. It is a terrible expensive department, Mr. Editor, yet it is consoling

to know that a large majority of our best citizens are disposed to continue it.

Truly yours,  
THAD M. CHAPMAN,  
Middlebury, Vt., Jan. 7, 1886.

So thin and weak you scarcely speak,  
Flesh wastes and mind is poor,  
Does no one tell, to make you well  
Take CERRY COMPOUND?

## Local Directory.

**TRAVELERS' GUIDE.**  
Trains pass Middlebury station at the hours given below:

GOING NORTH—Express, 3:30 a. m.; local express, 7:50 a. m.; mail, 3:25 p. m.; express, 6:45 p. m.

GOING SOUTH—Mail, 9:55 a. m.; passenger, 4:32 p. m.; mixed, 8:40 p. m.; express, 9:32 p. m.

MAILS CLOSE—North, 2:50 and 7:30 p. m.; South, 9:20 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

See Central Vt. time-table, elsewhere.

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Sunday school, 12:15 p. m.  
Friday evening service in chapel, 7:00 p. m.  
Special services on Holy days.

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REV. S. LEWIS B. SPEAR, PASTOR.

Sunday services, 10:45 a. m.; 7:00 p. m.  
Sabbath school, 12:00 m.  
Thursday, general meeting, 7:00 p. m.  
Thursday, teachers' meeting, 8:00 p. m.

**BAPTIST.**  
REV. A. DEF. PALMER, PASTOR.

Sunday Services, 10:45 a. m.; 7:00 p. m.  
Sunday school, 12:00 m.  
H. J. Chapman, superintendent.  
Prayer-meeting, Thursday, 7:00 p. m.  
Seats free.

**METHODIST.**  
REV. JOHN J. NOE, PASTOR.

Sunday Services, 10:45 a. m.; 7:00 p. m.  
Preaching in winter, 10:45 a. m.  
Balance of year, 10:30 a. m.  
Class-meeting, Wednesday and prayer-meeting Thursday, at 7:30 p. m. in winter and 7:30 p. m. in summer.

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