

County News.

BRISTOL.

N. F. Dunster has gone to Iowa. W. R. Peake went to Glens Falls last week, returning Friday. Mrs. M. D. Paroloe of Middlebury was in town last Saturday. The school lyceum meet every Tuesday evening in the High-school room. E. H. Dunton has hung out a new sign in front of his photograph gallery. The saw-mill at "Rocky Dale" is being stocked with logs this winter. The union meetings are held this week at the Baptist church every evening. Hon. Geo. R. Wendling speaks at Holly hall Feb. 1; subject, "Saul of Tarsus." Lumber and wood-men are improving the good sleighing, and that kind of business is lively. The concert by the Shepherd family was attended by a good-sized audience. And all were delighted. The Bristol cornet band meets for practice Monday and Saturday evenings in the basement of Holly hall. A ladies' meeting is held every afternoon, at private houses, in connection with the meetings at the church. A young man from East Middlebury was the lucky man in the horse lottery at the Bristol House last Saturday. J. C. Grover of Middlebury has taken the Eastman farm in the south part of the town, taking possession next April. Several of our horsemen and others who are not horsemen are out of pocket on the result of the horse drawing last Saturday. The sick here are reported—James Bain, improving; Mrs. Moody, no better; Mrs. Paroloe, failing; Stephen Bartlett and Alva Bush, in poor health. The meetings now being held at the Baptist and Methodist churches are very interesting, and a deep religious feeling is prevailing in the community.

CORNWALL.

Mrs. Henry T. Peck is quite sick. Dr. G. W. Bond is her attending physician. Matthew Ferguson has rented J. M. Stevens' shop and will do repairing of boots, shoes and harnesses. Mrs. Cordelia Ellsworth returned last week from Northern New York, where she has been on a visit for several weeks. Quite a good deal of interest is being manifested in the meetings that have been held several evenings each week since the week of prayer. The ice harvest has commenced. Messrs. Goulette and Blair will furnish all who wish at Piper's crossing on the creek. The Y. W. C. T. U. gave last week a very pleasant parlor entertainment at the residence of Silas C. Parkhill, and are to give another this (Friday) evening at Rollin Lane's. O. H. Zoller and wife of Nicholville, N. Y., are in town visiting Mrs. Zoller's daughter, Mrs. Charles Benedict. Mr. Zoller represents the Olmstead, Sanford & Page patent double-blade cutting apparatus for mowers and reapers.

WEST CORNWALL.

Mrs. Henry Peck is on the sick list. F. S. Haskell attended the Masonic reunion held at Fair Haven last week. Miss Mary Bingham is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Bacon of Waltham. Mrs. Elizabeth Peck has been visiting at George Towne's in Shoreham and other friends in that vicinity. Henry James has so far recovered from his illness as to be able to ride out. His sister, Mrs. Robinson, does not improve so fast. On Thursday evening, the 21st, a party numbering over sixty "surprised" Mr. and Mrs. Frank Randall, the occasion being the twelfth anniversary of their marriage and Mr. Randall's thirty-second birthday. Choice refreshments in great abundance were furnished and served by the guests, after which Ira Hamblin presented, in a neat little speech, a nice sofa lounge and a hanging lamp, gifts from friends. Mr. Bangall's response was brief, but to the point, and the few well-chosen words testified to his appreciation. Rev. Mr. Stebbins was called upon, and responded in his usual manner. There were presents of fine linen, towels, handkerchiefs, and linen ornamented in fine Kensington from Mrs. Randall's sisters, all very nice, and, of course, very acceptable. At an early hour the guests took leave of host and hostess, wishing them many pleasant anniversaries, hoping, too, that they would remember this as among the pleasantest, and taking with them the glad thought that perhaps they had helped in a way to make the evening one of the milestones of a journey to which they could look back with pleasure and forward with more faith in the common brotherhood of man.

PANTON.

Mrs. Josiah Stagg returned from her western trip on Thursday last. People are beginning to fill their ice-houses. The ice is 11 inches thick in the lake. Hiram Sprague and wife visited relatives in Mineville a few days a short time ago. Elbert Stagg is engaged in drawing hay for Dudley Addison to North Hudson, N. Y., a distance of 21 miles from Port Henry.

EAST MIDDLEBURY.

The health of Mr. McCabe's family has improved. The teamsters hail the sledding with joy and are improving it. Mrs. T. Rockwood has been quite out of health for some time and her case does not yield to medical treatment as was hoped. The grist-mill has been badly blockaded through the cold spell by anchor ice. The forge, too, suffered from the same cause. During the past week the colored evangelist, Chris. Roberts, has been preaching here evenings to good audiences and with some success. Wm. Cobb had another paralytic shock last week, after returning home from the street. He was near his house. At first he could not converse and at the latest accounts was in a low, speechless condition. The sick grandson was taken home to his father's, Wallace Sumner. He has been quite low for several weeks. The citizens of the village met at the school house on the evening of Jan. 4 and organized a lyceum for the benefit of the young people of the place. These officers were chosen: President, D. E. Taylor; vice-president, Will Turner; secretary, H. L. Wood; executive committee, H. D. Maynard. The next meeting was on the 11th, when Greeley's advice to young men about going West was discussed and declamations and recitations were heard. The question for debate on Wednesday evening of this week was: "Resolved, That the present prohibitory law is better than a stringent license law." The programme also included a spy paper, recitations, declamations, etc.

ORWELL.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Parks are rejoicing over the birth of a son. Miss Minnie Curtis remains about as she has for several days, in a critical condition. Several of our people attended the Vermont Bee-keepers' association at Middlebury on Thursday of last week. Sleighing might be better, but is much improved since the first of last week, and people look more cheerful about their winter work. The mission meetings which have been held at the Catholic church through the past week have been largely attended and closed on Sunday last. Rev. Mr. Calhoun gave us a very able, Christian sermon on Sabbath morning; subject, "The Lost Sheep," which he handled very ably and forcibly. Mr. Henry Babbitt of California is in town, the guest of his father, D. R. Babbitt, and will be greeted by many old friends after an absence of about 17 years. Meetings have been held during the past week at the Congregational church as heretofore, and will continue for a few weeks to come. Our pastor is soon to be assisted by a reverend gentleman and his wife from Maine. We did not learn his name. The absence from the Congregational choir last Sunday of our leading soprano singers, Mrs. B. T. Cuts and Miss Eva Abbey, was occasioned by the sickness of the former's daughter Minnie, and the latter was absent from town visiting friends in Cornwall and Middlebury. Miss Caroline Lewis died on Tuesday afternoon at the residence of her cousin, Miss Mary Braubler, where she was visiting when taken sick. Her funeral was attended from the residence of her brother, T. D. Lewis, on Thursday afternoon. Rev. S. F. Calhoun officiating. Miss Lewis was a devoted Christian and a member of the Congregational church, and was ever alert to do her great Master's will. Her great life work has been within her own family circle.

SHOREHAM.

Mrs. Averill is very sick with pneumonia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Rivett. The drama entitled "Our Folks," having been rendered so acceptably, will be repeated at Academy hall Tuesday evening, Feb. 2. To the programme will be added the popular farce "Tel on Parlo Français" and music. "Aunt Lydia" Curtis has been sick with inflammatory rheumatism, but is somewhat better. Samuel Hayes, over 80 years old, deaf and dumb, died at the residence of his brother, Wm. R. Hayes, on Monday last. He had been sick some little time. The funeral took place on Wednesday at the house. There has been trouble in school in the Harbor district. Various rumors are afloat, but Supt. Wilkins sent home several big boys to stay until they could behave themselves. Partiality on the part of the teacher is alleged as the cause of the disturbance.

WHITING.

Mr. Clinton Mason has been on the sick list the past week. Mr. Pitts, wife and little girl have lately visited at A. F. Ellsworth's. Mrs. E. D. Peck and daughter have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Parker. Chas. Parker, station agent at Port Henry, was at his father's over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Volney Kelsey have been entertaining a bride and groom the past week. It is reported that one of the old residents of the town, Joseph Bodfish, is soon to leave it. It is to be regretted that this is the case. The last storm blocked the highways to a considerable extent. The highway proper is very little used, as the travel is chiefly on the sides. Frank Williams uses the crutches like a veteran. A two-inch gash on a man's instep and the loss of a large amount of blood are serious matters. He is able to be out again. F. D. Douglas' milk room took fire in a very mysterious way last Friday night; and why his whole establishment was not burned is still more of a mystery. Mr. Douglas was absent at the time. The past has been an enjoyable week for the church-going part of the town. Rev. Mr. Williams, a member of the Congregational Home Mission board, has been holding a series of day and evening meetings at the Union church. A part of the time the weather has been very unfavorable, still he has not lacked hearers. A good-sized purse was raised before he left by voluntary subscription. It is hoped that he may return sometime.

VERGENNES.

G. F. Kimball is home from Albany on a short visit. Hon. W. A. Weed of Shelburne was in town last Saturday. F. A. Woodbridge is making a trip to Minnesota on business. The Fisher saw mill is running every day. The yard is filling up rapidly. Isaac Cummings is doing off living apartments over his paint shop on Green street. Mrs. R. A. Peters is improving in health, but requires the attendance of a nurse yet. Hay is selling at \$15 a ton; potatoes, 50 to 60c a bushel; wood, \$4 to \$5 a cord; bark, \$6 a cord. Ice cutting has begun, it being nearly a foot thick. The railroad have filled their ice-house at the depot. The festival at the M. E. church last Friday evening was a grand success. Quite a neat sum was realized. Mrs. Alex. Meech is very sick with pneumonia, but it is thought she will recover with good care and nursing. Last Sunday morning the mercury registered 16 degrees below at Mr. E. S. Champion's near the Reform school. E. C. Scott, S. J. Allen and others were in attendance on the G. A. R. reunion at Burlington last week. They report a very pleasant time. S. S. Gaines, proprietor of the Stevens House, has procured new numbers for his rooms at the hotel and for his rooms at the Franklin House block, which he owns. They are very neat and tasty. It would be well for the several organizations that meet at the Stevens House to call the meetings in the forenoon, and to say the least, patronize the house for a dinner, as rooms for meetings are furnished free. The Shepherd family, consisting of father, mother and five daughters, gave one of their interesting and amusing musical entertainments at the Baptist vestry last Friday evening. The attendance was slim, but they are deserving of liberal patronage. The penuriousness of many of our farmers is readily seen by their driving into town and hitching their horses to the posts to stand nearly all day in the cold wind while they are inside warming themselves at the hotel stoves. Much more humane it would be if they would at an expense of 25 cents put them in a barn or some other comfortable place. The grand opening of the Arctic toboggan chute took place Tuesday night at the fair grounds. A large crowd was present and it looks as if it was going to be a popular place of resort, as the management have provided a comfortable room for those waiting. A. B. Taber is the proprietor and Dr. E. R. Merrill the manager.

WEST FERRISBURGH.

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WALTHAM AND VERGENNES DETECTIVE SOCIETY.

The third annual meeting of this thieft-pursuing and property-recovering organization was held at the Stevens House, Vergennes, Saturday, January 23d inst., at 11:30 a. m. H. C. Martin, president, called the meeting to order. The reading of the minutes of last meeting was called for. H. E. Allen, secretary, submitted his report, which also embodied that of the treasurer, Wm. Durin. The society has seventy-one members. The treasurer reports fifty-one dollars balance in hand. The pursuers have not been called out during the past year. The reports of secretary and treasurer were, on motion, accepted and adopted. On motion the old board of officers were renominated and elected, as follows: President, H. C. Martin, Ferrisburgh; vice-president, F. D. Barton, Waltham; secretary, H. E. Allen, Ferrisburgh; assistant secretary, E. G. Norton, Vergennes; treasurer, Wm. Durin; prudential committee, H. T. Booth, Reuben Parker, N. Grosvenor, N. Delano, S. P. Hoyt, E. A. Fields, D. Hare, G. Burroughs, F. E. Woodbridge, N. G. Norton; pursuers, H. G. Martin, R. Sattley, A. O. Newton, Chas. Tall, E. A. Fields, W. Spaulding, G. Burroughs, D. Hare, G. F. O. Kimball, S. S. Gaines, N. G. Norton, S. Burroughs, S. P. Hoyt, W. W. Booth. On motion the name of Chas. Tall was added to the list of pursuers in place of M. W. Winans, deceased. On motion it was ordered that an assistant secretary be appointed for each town. On motion Chas. Tall was appointed assistant secretary for Panton, D. Hare for Waltham and E. G. Norton for Vergennes. It was ordered that the constitution and by-laws of this society be spread upon the records of each town included in this organization, in compliance with the general statutes of the year 1880. The auditors were instructed to draw an order for the payment of bill for printing. The next annual meeting will be held the second Saturday in January, 1887. On motion, adjourned sine die.

WALTHAM.

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coming to Weybridge to locate her business. If she should do so, our people will be favored with the opportunity of getting any work they may have in the dressmaking line done in a first-class manner. Mrs. Cameron is somewhat a stranger among Weybridge people, but is fully recommended by her patrons in Haven New as one who thoroughly understands her business. She will receive orders for the present at her brother's near Mr. S. Wright's.

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DOMESTIC.

The St. Cloud Hotel and half a dozen wholesale stores were burnt at Philadelphia Tuesday morning; loss, \$250,000. The issue of standard silver dollars for the week ending January 23 was \$205,451; for the same period last year, \$129,495. The newest natural gas well in Ohio was struck recently at a depth of 450 feet at Tiffin. The gas belt has also been tapped at Toledo, Bowling Green and Findlay. Moh-Jack bay, Virginia, furnishes the champion oysters this season. Eleven of them filled a quart measure; 10 weighed 16 1/2 pounds, and the largest was 8 1/2 inches long. The citizens of northern Idaho are protesting against annexation to Washington Territory because the laws of that Territory are antagonistic to mining. They want annexation to Montana. The jury in the suit of Thomas H. Stringham against Mrs. A. T. Stewart to recover \$50,000 damages for injuries received while in her employ on a farm at Garden City, L. I., returned a verdict of \$42,500 in favor of the plaintiff in the Kings county supreme court. The production of all kinds of pig-iron in the United States in 1885 was 4,529,869 net tons or 4,044,526 gross tons. In 1884 the production was 4,589,613 net tons or 4,097,868 gross tons. The near approach of the production of 1885 to that of 1884 was the result of the great activity which prevailed in the second half of 1885 as compared with the first half. The visitors at a reception in the gymnasium of the Buffalo Young Men's Christian association were startled recently at seeing Michael Friedel, 17, fall dead to the floor after performing an over-

pound of cheese requiring 933-100 pounds of milk. The sum realized for the sales made was \$9743 17, or a trifle over eight cents a pound for the whole product of the season.

The directors of the Woodstock railroad continue the old officers as follows: President, Fredrick Billings; vice-president, J. F. McKenzie; clerk, C. P. Marsh; superintendent, J. G. Porter; engineer, Hosea Dotson; managing director, S. S. Thompson; auditors, Lewis Pratt, F. N. Billings, J. S. Montague.

The court of insolvency for Rutland has appointed February 3 for the choice of assignee of the bankrupt West Rutland Marble company. It was found from the records of the company that Book-keeper Barnum was appointed secretary of the company last November and the order to furnish schedules of creditors to the court was served upon Barnum.

There is likely to be a summer colony of New Yorkers on the shores of the lake in the town of Shelburne. A number of gentlemen of that city have secured the option for thirty days to take seventeen hundred acres in a body, twelve farms. Prices have been agreed upon, contracts drawn and signed, and proper considerations paid. Dr. Webb is one of the parties and other proper associates of that same class are connected with him.

The grand jury at Worcester, Mass., has found indictments against Charles H. Vee and Dr. E. M. Nelson for participating in the recent theft of money from the Lancaster National bank at Clinton, Mass. An indictment was reported against the bank president, McNeill. The Vee indictment charges the larceny of bonds, stock and money, aggregating \$175,000. Nelson was called to plead, but as he was not in court he was defaulted. It is understood he will appear for trial later in the term.

The Franklin county Supreme court grants a new trial to Meyer, convicted of the murder of Krause in 1884, on the ground that in the absence of any direct proof of malice on the part of Meyer towards Krause, if the jury had been more particularly instructed as to the difference between murder in the first degree and manslaughter under the Vermont statute, they might have rendered a different verdict, and the court gave Meyer the benefit of that doubt. Meyer has confessed the killing, but claims it was done in self-defense.

The Chicago association of Sons of Vermont, which held its annual meeting and banquet the other evening, elected these officers: Col. Arba N. Waterman, president; E. B. Sherman, John M. Thatcher and A. W. Butler, vice-presidents; Franklin Dennison, secretary; H. H. Nash, treasurer; executive committee, William N. Campbell, John H. Southworth, A. B. Case, J. L. Woodward and George W. Newcomb. Among those present were Hon. John A. Jameson, Rev. Dr. Boardman, Rev. Arthur Little, Dr. C. W. Purdy, A. C. Bartlett, Hon. H. N. Hibbard, Robert Clark, Dr. I. N. Danforth, Col. L. L. Colburn, and some others equally well known in professional and commercial circles.

A fire broke out in Wheeler's block on St. Paul street in Burlington early Tuesday morning and the big four-story brick building was completely gutted. The Evaris house, just south, was slightly damaged. A spontaneous combustion of paint and oil in the upper story is supposed to have been the cause. Sanford Wetherby & Co., dry goods, loss, \$200,000, insurance \$25,500; George A. Hall, furniture, \$8000, insurance \$4000; C. N. Coon, restaurant, \$1500, insurance \$1500; C. F. Brown, undertaker, \$2000, insurance \$1000; E. H. Shattuck, restaurant, \$2000, no insurance; loss on the block \$18,000, insurance \$12,000. Other slight losses will make a total of over \$60,000. The Fire and Marine insurance company of Springfield, Mass., had insurance of \$1000 placed on the building.

The State grand lodge of Good Templars held its annual meeting at Waterbury last week. Secretary Chandler reports a total number of 81 lodges, having a membership of 4855. This is a net gain of two lodges during the year. Eight have surrendered their charters and ten new ones have been instituted. These officers were chosen: G. W. C. T., Frank Plumley of Northfield; G. W. C., George H. Smalley of Lyndonville; G. W. V. T., Mrs. Susan B. Avery of Burlington; G. W. S., M. H. Chandler of Woodstock; G. W. T., Joseph Barton of Burlington; G. W. A., O. D. Edgerton of Northfield; G. S. J. T., Mrs. L. C. Grandy of Newport; G. W. chaplain, Rev. Thomas Crudgen, Johnson; G. W. M., Ziba H. McAllister, Waitsfield; G. W. guard, Mrs. J. C. Howe of Brattleboro; G. W. sentinel, L. B. Flint of St. Johnsbury; G. W. A. S., C. D. Edgerton of Northfield; G. W. D. M., Mrs. W. H. Hyde of West Berkshire. The grand lodge will hold its next meeting at Newport in October.

The National bank of Rutland obtained a decree of foreclosure against the Howe Scale company at the last term of Rutland county court of chancery, by the terms of which the scale company must pay \$100,000 of its indebtedness to the bank on or before April 1 and the balance within a year. Otherwise the buildings, shops and other scale property in Rutland will become the property of the bank. The amount of indebtedness to the bank as found and reported to the court by A. P. Huntoon of Bethel, the master to take the account, was: Amount due October 1, 1885, \$228,515; amount to become due February 15, 1886, \$100,381; amount of all other indebtedness of the scale company to the

bank under the mortgage, \$31,715; amount of other creditors' claims: besides the bank of Rutland, entitled to share in the security of the mortgage, about \$63,500. The mortgage upon which the bank of Rutland obtained the decree of foreclosure as above is a second mortgage to the bonded indebtedness of \$150,000.

George G. Smith, son of ex-Gov. Smith of St. Albans, was one of the speakers at the fifth annual Enslage congress, held at New York last week. Speaking of his experience on his two farms at St. Albans he said: I have fed my stock on ensilage for the last six years, and today they are in splendid condition. From the 70 acres of land that I planted with corn I obtained last year 1200 tons of ensilage. To make ensilage that will produce the best butter the corn should be planted in hills from four to six inches apart, and then carefully cultivated. In this way we raised 27 1-2 tons to the acre last year, and hope to raise 40 tons next year. The total cost per ton of plowing, planting, cutting and putting in silos was 77 cents per ton. The corn should be cut when it is beginning to glaze and the weather is dry. After being put in the silos it should be carefully tramped down, especially around the edges, and then should be weighted so as to exclude the air. I use 220 pounds weight to the square inch. My ensilage is cut three-eighths of an inch in length.

The Vermont Baptist Annual, lately published, shows that there are in the State seven Baptist associations with 116 churches and 8880 members. The amount of home expenses last year was \$82,815, and of benevolent contributions \$7742. There are 7073 scholars and 1029 officers and teachers. There are 106 ordained ministers, of whom 75 are pastors. The convention gave assistance to sixteen churches, to enable them to support pastors, to an aggregate amount of \$2254. One of these churches, St. Johnsbury, having been assisted for about nine years, nearly the whole time of its existence, is now able to depend on its own resources. A new church has been organized at Starnard, and church edifices have been erected at Mechanicville and Putney. The largest Baptist church in Vermont is at Brattleboro, with 550 members. Rev. F. E. Tower pastor, and the next largest is at Rutland, with 390 members, Rev. C. A. Reese, pastor. Thirty churches have less than fifty members each, and seven less than twenty-five. Twenty-seven of the churches were organized in the last century, the oldest being Manchester, 1771.

Harry Darling, about 30 years old, son of Dr. Darling of Keene, N. H., died at Putney Sunday night from an overdose of chloroform, self-administered, but whether with suicidal intent or not is not known. He had been a dentist in Putney for about two years, and boarded at Lewis' hotel. He called for a room at Cook's hotel late Saturday night, saying that he was unable to get into Lewis' hotel, and not making his appearance during Sunday forenoon the landlord went up to his room, when Darling told him he was trying to make up his sleep. Later the clerk called and found the door locked. He forced an entrance and found Darling awake with a towel across his forehead apparently trying to rest. Early in the evening the landlord again went to the room, where he found Darling dead with the towel arranged in the shape of a cone over his mouth and nose and saturated with chloroform. Young Darling has had a rather intemperate life, but recently he had taken the pledge which he was evidently struggling to keep. He recently told his friends that his life wholly depended upon his ability to keep his vow, which strengthens the theory of suicide.

General News.

The St. Cloud Hotel and half a dozen wholesale stores were burnt at Philadelphia Tuesday morning; loss, \$250,000. The issue of standard silver dollars for the week ending January 23 was \$205,451; for the same period last year, \$129,495. The newest natural gas well in Ohio was struck recently at a depth of 450 feet at Tiffin. The gas belt has also been tapped at Toledo, Bowling Green and Findlay. Moh-Jack bay, Virginia, furnishes the champion oysters this season. Eleven of them filled a quart measure; 10 weighed 16 1/2 pounds, and the largest was 8 1/2 inches long. The citizens of northern Idaho are protesting against annexation to Washington Territory because the laws of that Territory are antagonistic to mining. They want annexation to Montana. The jury in the suit of Thomas H. Stringham against Mrs. A. T. Stewart to recover \$50,000 damages for injuries received while in her employ on a farm at Garden City, L. I., returned a verdict of \$42,500 in favor of the plaintiff in the Kings county supreme court. The production of all kinds of pig-iron in the United States in 1885 was 4,529,869 net tons or 4,044,526 gross tons. In 1884 the production was 4,589,613 net tons or 4,097,868 gross tons. The near approach of the production of 1885 to that of 1884 was the result of the great activity which prevailed in the second half of 1885 as compared with the first half. The visitors at a reception in the gymnasium of the Buffalo Young Men's Christian association were startled recently at seeing Michael Friedel, 17, fall dead to the floor after performing an over-