

County News.

BRIDPORT.

Perry R. Fletcher was in town Monday. The Masons give a dance at their hall on Wednesday evening next. On Friday evening, the 26th, there will be given in the Congregational church an Old Folks' concert for the benefit of the Congregational society; popular prices.

BRISTOL.

The town authorities settled up last Saturday. Charley Hanchett has sold his ice house to Dea. Dumas for a hen house. L. P. Orcutt lost his cow last week. She was choked with a potatoe. Mrs. Mary Holley, Mrs. G. W. Parmelee and James Bain are failing. Agent Carpenter has paid Pat Ryan \$15 for damages on his house by fire. H. P. Sherwin is getting together material for a barn on Mountain street. Mrs. Orin Moses of Malone, N. Y., is here attending her mother, Mrs. Holley. There is a rumor that the cigar factory is to be transferred from O'Neil's block to Mountain street. Rev. S. Gardner officiates at the Methodist church during the absence of the pastor, Mr. Nash. The singing last Friday evening by the quartet club and Misses Vinton and Parmelee was splendid. Miss Ollie Burke, who was thrown out by a sleigh last week, is still confined to her bed at A. E. Mannum's. The lecture by G. P. Gilman last Friday evening was interesting to every one of the large audience present. The sudden rise of the river last week caused some uneasiness among mill and shop owners here for a few hours. Homer Gauthier is quite ill. He is attended by Dr. Prime. Fred Mannum is also under the care of Dr. Farnham. Elder Jackson of Ludlow preached at the Advent church last Sunday. The pastor, Elder Hayward, went to Addison. Will Chase cut off one finger and injured two others while at work in the shop of the Bristol Manufacturing Co., last week. Telegrams from Rev. Mr. Nash dated Tampa Bay, Florida, Feb. 12, inform his friends here that his wife is still living, but very low. In the law-suit between the Bristol Manufacturing company and Carlton Dunshee, last week, the jury brought in a verdict in favor of the company. The suit was for lumber claimed to have been delivered by Dunshee to the company and never paid for.

CORNWALL.

C. B. Fiske and wife of Brookfield are visiting friends in town. Miss Emery Griswold is at the old home-stead on a visit, and to recuperate. The recent thaw has caused Lemon Fair to overflow its banks for the eighth time within a few months. N. B. Douglass & Son have erected a large ice-house and filled it with fine ice to use in the creamery which they expect to run during the coming season. Another one of our young men has listened to the advice "Go West, young man." Fred C. Jones left town last week for Michigan, where he intends to make his future home. The Y. W. C. T. U. gave one of their parlor meetings last Friday evening at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robbins, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Quite a spirited debate was held on the subject, "Resolved, That the more we have the more we want." Refreshments of cake and coffee were served during the evening by the ladies of the union. There will be a basket sociable given under the auspices of the Y. W. C. T. U. at the town hall in Cornwall, Thursday evening, Feb. 25. Each lady is invited to bring a fancy basket containing lunch. A card bearing the lady's name should be attached to each basket. These are to be sold to the gentlemen at 15 cents each, and the lunch to be shared with the lady who provided it. The proceeds are to be given to the Sunday school to purchase books for the library.

SOUTH CORNWALL.

Elias Stevens and wife are visiting at the old home-stead. Mrs. E. M. Wright of Stratford, N. H., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Bond. Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Douglas are spending a few days with friends across the lake. Miss Emma Griswold of Brattleboro is spending a vacation with her mother and sisters. Mr. Ferguson is doing quite a business in the boot, shoe and harness line, giving excellent satisfaction. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Button of Rutland have been spending a few days in town, guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Stevens. The creek has again overflowed its banks and the road from South Cornwall to Salisbury station is covered with water. George Bond has purchased and become agent for a machine for building cheap portable fence, which he intends introducing among farmers the coming season.

EAST MIDDLEBURY.

There will be a donation at Edgar J. Olmsted's Tuesday evening, Feb. 23, for the benefit of Rev. J. A. Heath; also music and a literary entertainment at the Good Templars' hall. All are cordially invited to attend.

LEICESTER.

A few farmers filled their ice-houses during the cold weather. Those who did reported the ice as never better. It is feared the opportunity for securing as good has gone by for this winter. The lime companies are doing a prosperous business. The yards were well filled with wood while the sleighing continued. Both kilns are, however, well stocked with dry wood, enough, doubtless, to keep them going a year each. The Brandon Lime Co. has struck a vein of the best of lime rock, which increases in width the farther it is penetrated. Their one kiln turns out from 75 to 85 barrels of No. 1 lime each day, for which a ready market is found. We have had throughout the town nearly three weeks of very good sleighing, and it was well improved. A large amount of hay, for such a small town as Leicester, has been moved away and distributed in other towns. George Briggs of Brandon has sold the hay on the Higgins meadow to parties in Rutland at \$10 a ton. Messrs. A. C. Needham of Whiting and W. Sawyer of Sudbury purchased the old Atwood farm, lying in the north part of the town, last spring, and have sold nearly 100 tons, most of it going to Sudbury, Whiting and Brandon. We learn also that 180 tons were sold to different parties from another farm in January last. This is the banner town for hay in this county.

NEW HAVEN.

Mr. O. S. Dickinson had the misfortune to break his leg recently while drawing logs. Mr. J. A. Cadwell has gone to Ferrisburgh to spend a few days visiting friends. Those who designed to attend the carnival have "folded their tents like the Arabs and silently stole away." Mr. Charles Peck is somewhat better, but is still in a serious condition. Mr. Yott is still caring for him and is a most excellent nurse. Meetings were held at the church on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings this week. About forty have proposed to join the church at the next communion. [From Another Correspondent.] Mrs. J. A. Cadwell left on Monday for Swanton, for a week's absence among relatives and friends. There was to have been quite a delegation from town to "take in" the carnival at Burlington this week. Mr. and Mrs. George Chase and son of Crown Point, N. Y., were in town last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Carter. Mr. Alonzo Mansfield was agreeably surprised last week by the unexpected arrival of his two sons from Massachusetts for a visit. The Sunday-school voted last Sunday to send \$10 to Mrs. Carrie Tobey, who, with her husband, Rev. Rufus B. Tobey, is engaged in a missionary work at Carlington, Dakota. These funds are being solicited for the purpose of establishing a reading room for young men as a counter attraction to the saloon. Mrs. Tobey is the eldest daughter of Henry O. Gifford of Russell, Kansas, a former resident of this town.

PANTON.

[Deferred from Last Week.] Mrs. Everest, who has been sick for a number of months, is not forgotten amid these jollifications in the neighborhood, but has been remembered substantially by the kind-hearted people in the vicinity. Wedding anniversaries just now are the amusement of the general run of pleasure-loving people of the place. On Monday evening, Feb. 1, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. White invited their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Hatch, and her husband to celebrate the fifth anniversary of their marriage with them under the paternal roof and also invited a housefull of friends to greet them. This was a surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Hatch. The presents were a set of chairs, a sofa, 50 yards of cotton, a bed blanket, and a set of dishes from Hon. H. N. White, grandfather of Mrs. Hatch, that were among his housekeeping outfit over sixty years ago. Tuesday evening, Feb. 2, a few straggling neighbors dropped in early at Elisha Doten's, but when they began to come thicker and faster by the double-sleigh load Mr. and Mrs. Doten remembered that it was the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. It is useless to add that it passed off merrily, as such an occasion ought, and the presents included a pair of vases, pickle-caster, butter knife, a black satin apron, a table-caster and a few of Uncle Sam's paper weights. The music for these two weddings was furnished by Hatch's band, and of course was excellent. Church members were allowed to dance a limited number of the less objectionable figures. Friday night Mrs. Wm. H. Currier was called home from a neighbor's, where she was engaged for the evening, to find about 75 friends had taken possession of their home for the celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of their marriage. George Hatch, P. McIntire and Clayton Currier furnished good music and all who desired tripped the "light fantastic" to their hearts' content. This day was also

the fifty-sixth anniversary of the first marriage of Deacon Aaron Currier, who resides with his son, William. A complete chamber set, a nice Brussels rug from C. Haven and Will Hawkins, a large lamp from F. K. Haven, a picture and a castor were presented to the bride and groom by Guy Holcomb, and were happily acknowledged by Mr. Currier. Another wedding celebration is already in prospect at no distant evening. [Latest.] The Widow Summers Spaulding has been indisposed with heart disease, but is better. George Allen and wife of Weybridge have been visiting friends and relatives in town and vicinity for a few days. There was preaching at the Baptist church Sunday last, and rumor says the society are about to engage a pastor. Lots of blue fish and smelt are being taken in the vicinity of Adams' Ferry, two persons taking over three hundred blue fish on Saturday. Dr. and Mrs. Towsley went to visit their son, Rev. X. H. Towsley of Moore's N. Y., last week. The doctor returned Saturday, Mrs. Towsley remaining for a few weeks. Mrs. Olive Spaulding was found by her son, Ward, one morning last week, in an unconscious condition, being unable to move or speak for some time. She has nearly recovered. The Sunday-school class of Mrs. Anna S. Allen assembled at her residence by invitation on Monday evening and before going away presented her with a handsome silver cake basket, which was a complete surprise to Mrs. Allen.

RIPTON.

G. A. Baker has drawn a prize in the form of a pension amounting to about \$500 for disabilities incurred while serving in the Second Vermont battery. We were pleased to see Myron Paige, one of our old townsmen, but now residing in West Salisbury, among us last week, apparently as hale and hearty as in the years gone by. He was looking for timber wherewith to build a barn to replace one destroyed by fire some time ago. If by any reason the town is not conducive to the accumulation of great riches, it can certainly be claimed for it that its citizens live to a good old age. Washington Cook was 86 years of age Jan. 6, 1886; his wife, Temperance, will be 86 in April next. They will have lived together as man and wife 62 years April 15, next; they moved into town in April, 1842, that is, 44 years ago, and are bearing the weight of their years well. H. I. Spoor, while drawing logs a few days ago, met with a severe and painful accident. It seems that, when coming into the mill yard with a load, his load slewed, tipped partially and struck with great force against a pile of logs, catching one of his feet between the load and pile, crushing the foot badly; in consequence he at present is on the retired list. It is learned later that Mr. Spoor's foot is so badly injured that grave fears are entertained that he will lose his leg and possibly his life.

SHOREHAM.

There is to be a social hop at Academy hall in this village on the evening of Friday, the 26th inst., for the benefit of the Universalist church. Birchard's orchestra of five pieces will provide the music. All are cordially invited to attend. At the last hop given for the same purpose, a few weeks ago, 80 couples were present.

WEYBRIDGE.

Mrs. Cardie Webb has a bad attack of the prevailing influenza. The sleighing is all gone and we have very rough roads, which are now frozen hard. Mr. L. B. Sturtevant is about to erect a large barn on the lot of land just purchased by him. Prof. Buckham has formed a class in vocal music at the Monument church and also at the M. E. church. He is assisted by his two daughters. E. L. Moody is also to make extensive repairs upon his barn and out-buildings the coming season. L. J. Thompson follows in the same line. The members of the Y. W. C. T. U. in Weybridge will hold a parlor meeting at the residence of E. S. Wright on Tuesday evening, Feb. 23. A good programme is provided and a good time expected; let the lovers of truth and righteousness and good order give them their company and presence.

WHITING.

The work on the Baptist parsonage is dragging its slow length along. As we understood, the building was to have been finished by Jan. 1 last, but will it be completed by the first of March? That is the question. The painters are painting, and the builder is building, let us hope. A delegation appointed by the Baptist State convention held a meeting with the church people on Wednesday, Feb. 10, and after visiting the parsonage, and learning the condition of the society both financially and spiritually, left with the impression that the church was in as prosperous condition as it has been for many years. The few days of sleighing previous to the warm weather of this and last week were well improved by the farmers, although some of them begin to think that it would have been better if they had worked for themselves, drawing wood to

their own doors, instead of working for the Lime companies in Leicester; but they think an opportunity will yet be afforded them in March. Considering the almost impassable going on the clay roads, both churches were well attended last Sunday, and those present were well paid for their attendance, as two better discourses have not been delivered in town in one day for a series of years. The Rev. Mr. Williams, the evangelist, occupied the desk of the Union church, and their old pastor, Dr. Freeman, that in the Baptist church.

WEST FERRISBURGH.

[Deferred from Last Week.] There is a fine boy at Harvey Beach's. Joseph Newton has purchased a place in New Hampshire, and is going to remove as soon as practicable. Miss Bertha Kenyon is visiting at her uncle's, S. A. Kenyon, having returned with his family, who have been recently visiting in Richmond, Vt. While Samuel Kenyon was exercising a valuable young mare Tuesday for which he had but recently refused an offer of \$250, the cutter struck a stone a little north of the residence of Dr. Towsley in Pantan. She feeling rather frisky, kicked over the thill, breaking it. The piece that was broken off and was in the thill strap entered her body, disemboweling her. She was taken to the barn of Fayette Harris, but was shortly afterwards killed. This is the third valuable horse Mr. Kenyon has lost in about a dozen years. [Latest.] On the evening of Feb. 12 the friends and neighbors of Samuel A. Kenyon to the number of nearly one hundred assembled at his residence to remind himself and bride of thirty-five years that it was their wedding anniversary. Many remained until the light of another day had dawned. All enjoyed the occasion immensely. The presentation of a sofa, pickle-caster, box of cigars, pair of vases and a pair of towels was made by Guy Holcomb and briefly responded to by Mr. Kenyon.

VERGENNES.

Mrs. George Cota is quite sick with nervous prostration. Geo. W. Peck of the American House is soon to start a team to the depot. The revival meetings are still in progress and several converts have been made. The Misses Stevens have returned from visiting friends at Lansingburgh, N. Y., and Castleton, Vt. Isaac Cummings is building an addition to his paint shop and doing off the upper story for a dwelling. The warm weather has taken the snow all off and business is at a standstill. The roads are in a terrible condition. The next sociable held by the ladies of St. Paul's parish will be at the residence of C. E. Parker, next Wednesday evening. E. D. Washburne of New York city paid his parents a short visit last week. He is in the jewelry business in New York with W. B. Thrall & Co. A large amount of ice fish were offered for sale on our streets and several of our townsmen have been to the lake and had extra good success fishing through the ice. It is rumored that Dr. E. R. Merrill is soon to start a first-class restaurant. If he does, it will be a place where ladies and gentlemen can drop in and get an elegant lunch. N. J. Renaud, our enterprising news-dealer and barber, has purchased the Swiney building on Green street and will move his establishment there about April 1. T. R. Noonan of Addison killed a hog that weighed over 600 pounds, and last week he brought to our market two of the nicest and fattest sheep that we have seen in a long time. F. B. Monroe, the watch repairer at Foss' store, has taken rooms at Geo. E. Stone's, and H. S. Stone has gone to house-keeping in the Franklin House block. A. H. Murphy is soon to take rooms in the same building. The appointment of E. C. Scott as assistant quarter-master general is a good one, as he will fill the bill, and his many friends will rejoice with him. It is a justly deserved compliment to him. Take notice, it is Gen. Scott now. F. E. Hatch of Pantan has sold Harvester horse to Frank Miner of Holyoke, Mass., for a good price. Andrew Huey has had the exclusive handling of this horse for nearly three years and he is now handling one for C. W. Barber and one for Judson Carpenter of Addison. A trotting track has been made on the ice above the falls, and if the thaw does not last too long the fast horses will be given their usual airing and no doubt scrub races will be in order. [From Another Correspondent.] There is but one exclusive dry goods store in this place. Young Jimmie Rock and wife united with the Baptist church Sunday evening. The ladies of the Congregational church and society held their usual weekly meeting at Mrs. Herrick Stevens', Wednesday. Bad roads and light trade on market day. Ice in the creek badly broken up. Creek covered with water. Many ice houses not yet supplied. The number of births in this place during the year 1884 was eighteen; deaths, thirteen. Births during the year 1885,

forty-one; deaths, twenty-two; applications for marriage license, thirteen for 1885. A box of clothing has been sent to Rev. Mr. Whitney of Wolcott, Lanolle county, Vt., by the ladies of the Congregational church for distribution. The thrifty forests of Lincoln and that mountainous section have contributed liberally towards filling the lumber yards connected with the Islands Mills, this winter. Rev. Henry Hickok of Orange, N. J., arrived in town Monday evening. He is the guest of Mr. J. S. Hickok. He will probably occupy Mr. Robertson's desk next Sunday. The remains of the late Hiram Walker of Ferrisburgh, who died so suddenly near the American House, a year ago last July, have been removed, by relatives, to Mooers, N. Y. Frank McDonough made a good job of the galvanized iron pipe leading from the furnace to the chimney in the vestry of the Methodist church. Those round elbows are well done. Messrs. Chamberlain & Co. have taken an account of stock this week under the careful eye of the resident member of the firm, Mr. W. H. Patten. Messrs. Chamberlain and Huntress were also in town. There is one office in the gift of the voters of Vergennes over which there will be no contest, viz.: the office of city clerk. Miss E. S. Smith does the work too promptly and too well to admit of criticism. Trees are budding and the heat of the sun is fairly deceiving vegetation into premature development in many places. Occasionally a stray spring bird ventures out, but one robin will not bring the real spring-time. It was expected that Mr. A. N. Bessey, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Maine, who resides at Bibleford, would take an active part in the union revival meetings Saturday and Sunday last, but he was detained in Boston. This is probably the last week of Miss Woodbury's labors in the revival meetings in Vergennes. If she had physical health equal to her volume of soul-power, it would difficult to limit the good she could accomplish. Little Otter and Mud creeks have been laboring hard the past eight or ten days to overflow their banks and turn the intervals east of the centre into a lake, and it must be admitted that they have partially succeeded. Young Conro, while fishing in the bay near Adams' ferry, broke through the ice three times the other day where only a short time before some one had gone over the same spot in safety on their way to cross the lake. "Billy Bowlegs" was the name of a small, speedy horse, with crooked fore legs, owned by Jas. Rounds of Monkton. He was of St. Lawrence stock. Jud. Carpenter has a \$250 horse, six years old, of this stock, in care of A. Huey. Vergennes has a fine cemetery, that is, its location and surroundings are superior, but there is no receiving vault. The subject has often been spoken of, but nothing done. Will the voters see to this at the next annual meeting? Vergennes needs a public receiving vault. Lake fishing pans out rich, so far. N. Grosvenor caught one hundred pickerel, Saturday, near the junction of Otter and Dead creeks. Some of them weighed five pounds. They were caught through the ice, with hook. Many mudrills have been caught in the vicinity, this winter. The rain and warm south wind weakened the ice in many places on creek and lake. Mr. Jacob Kellogg of West Ferrisburgh broke through the ice, on his return home from Vergennes, Saturday, near Tim Donovan's. Horse and cutter saved; the latter slightly injured. The slippery condition of the streets and sidewalks Tuesday made it unpleasant and dangerous walking. Mr. Henry Reed fell down a flight of steps at Mr. C. A. Boulder's and bruised his right side and shoulder so seriously that he had to be taken home in a cutter by Mr. W. W. Booth. One of the oldest and best located business blocks in this place is the stone or Sherman block. We understand that this property is now in the market. There are eight stores on Main street and a grocery in the basement on Elbow street. There are several rooms for shops and offices on the second floor. Vergennes has no laundry, as such, but the number of families Mrs. Robert McLaughlin does the washing for would justify the application of that term to her residence. The work must certainly be well done, or families from adjoining towns would not take the trouble to give her their washing to do. The mild wave has effectually subdued the toboggan fever. There is a good place for a display of toboggans on the fair grounds, but not much snow or ice. The condition of things there reminds us of a funny story which Hon. E. Seymour could tell admirably. The merits of a certain water privilege were in question, before a Western legislature, and a committee was appointed to investigate. They reported slight improvements made, that there was a dam, but no mill site and no mill by a dam site. Over one hundred persons of various ages have acknowledged to a change of heart as the result of the revival meetings held here, mostly in the Methodist church, during the past eleven weeks. There has been a noticeable and marked

absence of excitable demonstrations, but a deep and strong current of religious convictions has changed the purposes and the future of many lives from vacillating impressions on religious subjects to a settled purpose to live exemplary and useful men and women. [Latest.] F. K. Haven's trip to Shoreham left him with a cold that makes him about sick. The children's meeting Wednesday afternoon was not as fully attended as was hoped for. Vergennes was largely represented at the Mikado performance in Burlington, Wednesday night. Since the last cold snap the country roads are simply horrible. Nothing short of a bob sled or a farm wagon can meet the case. Most of the Lake Champlain crossing, since the thaw, has been, for this section, at Button bay. That is considered perfectly safe. Mrs. Arthur C. Lamb of Portland, Me., and her sister, Mrs. G. W. Ross of Rutland, are the guests of their mother, Mrs. W. G. Sprague. The toboggan chute is undergoing repairs, which, with favoring weather, will soon bring out the belles and beaux to enjoy its glassy favors. The management merit success. To C sharp or B flat has been the struggle for pedestrians during the past few days. Innumerable have been the bumps, contusions and swear words precipitated upon us by the frozen rain of Tuesday night.

GENERAL COUNTY ITEMS.

As a result of the recent religious awakening in New Haven over twenty candidates for church membership have been accepted. D. B. Merwin has been appointed postmaster at Chipman's Point. The Memorial-day address at Vergennes will be made by Speaker Batchelder of Arlington.

State News.

Warner Carr of Brandon has a violin which is said to be 150 years old. F. W. McGettrick of St. Albans is to deliver the Memorial-day address at Bakerfield. John Utton of Morrisville has just paid its Hartford (Ct.) owners \$1350 for the trotting horse Earle. City Physician Linsley says there has not been a case of typhoid fever in Burlington in a year. Specimens of the stamp issued by the postmaster of Brattleboro in 1847 are said to be worth \$700 each. Mrs. Nettie Hunt of West Bolton, aged 22, died last week from an overdose of morphine, taken purposely probably. Ex-Gov Smith and family of St. Albans started Tuesday on a two-months' trip through Mexico, California and the West. William Batchelder of Barre was standing on a sled with an axe on his shoulder Monday when he fell in such a way as to break a hip. Judge Asa L. French of St. Johnsbury, ex-State senator and probate judge of Caledonia county for 27 years, died Sunday, aged 81. A Ludlow editor issued an extra edition of his paper the other day to announce a youthful addition to his family and the arrival of his mother-in-law. Benjamin Lear of Bridgewater has invented a foot-rest for shoeing horses, and sold the right to dispose of the machine in five western States for \$2000. The State printers are sending out the blank tax inventories for the current year. It takes 100,000 of them to go round. The form is the same as last year. Mrs. John B. Hunt of Peacham, who is about 75 years old, was knocked down by children coasting, on Wednesday last week, and one leg was broken in two places. Her recovery is considered doubtful. A mimic bullet lodged in the breast of J. C. Richardson of Morrisville in the Virginia campaign of 1864, was extracted the other day after it had several times nearly killed him with lung troubles. Charles St. Peter of South Burlington, 15 years old, was thrown from a sled while riding down hill in the woods, and an axe which he held in his hand struck him and cut a deep gash in his thigh. He may lose the use of his limb. A big black bear with foot-prints six inches long has been infesting the suburbs of Rutland and causes a great flurry. When there is snow enough to track the animal a general hunt will be started. A drunken joker caused the death of Mrs. Martha Johnson of Pownal the other day. She was an old woman and went into convulsions when the fellow told her for fun that her son had dropped dead on the street, and died soon after. John H. Remington of Rutland has just received a pension of \$8 a month and arrears, amounting to \$2304. This is on account of his son James, who was in the Second Vermont regiment, Company B, and died in the service Dec. 28, 1861. It is said the shipment of witch hazel from the south part of the State to Massachusetts for making various extracts is becoming an extensive business. Three dollars a ton is paid for the brush, and it