

County News.

BRIDPORT.

Truman Hutchinson has so far recovered as to be able to walk out.

The dance at the town hall last Wednesday evening was successful. About \$25 was raised and presented to the Aid society.

E. B. Jewett is to sell 40 sheep, a number of cattle, grain, hay and farming tools at auction next Tuesday, March 30, at his house.

R. W. Ballentine and family moved last week from this place to Middlebury, where he lives on what is known as the Clark farm. They will be much missed here.

The village school closed last Friday with an entertainment in the evening which was by far the best of the season. As a teacher Miss McKee is second to none that have taught here, and providing she will accept the school another year, a strong effort will be made by parents of the district to secure her.

Morning Sun Lodge No. 5, A. F. and A. M., of Bridport held its annual election of officers on Wednesday afternoon, March 17, at 3 o'clock. The following were elected: W. M. Grandey, W. M.; W. B. Bristol, S. W.; J. C. S. Hamilton, J. W.; T. W. Fletcher, secretary; R. L. Hemeway, treasurer; C. A. Gooley, S. D.; G. F. Sollace, J. D.; Dr. H. L. Townsend, S. S.; J. C. Sollace, J. S.; J. H. Witherell, chaplain; D. H. Bennet, marshal; L. M. Taylor, tyler. The newly-elected officers were duly installed by J. H. Witherell, P. M., who conducted the services with all the dignity imaginable.

BRISTOL.

Dr. D. A. Bisbee has bought the Finney place on South street.

C. E. Smith has been appointed guardian for Geo. W. Parnlee.

The annual school meeting comes on Tuesday evening, March 30.

E. C. Dike went to Brandon Tuesday with a lot of cattle from his Starksboro farm.

E. W. Shattuck was made a member of the Dental society, at Bellows Falls, last week.

The attendance at the several churches last Sunday was small, owing to the storm.

Mrs. Mary Livermore of Boston speaks at Holley hall April 6; subject, "The Boy of Today."

Libanus Lodge will meet for instruction on Friday evenings of each week until further notice.

Mrs. Mary Moses and her daughter, Mrs. Munsill, of Malony, N. Y., returned home last Wednesday.

New sugar has made its appearance in market. A very fine article has been brought in by C. B. Drake.

Elder Haywood of the Advent church went to Addison Monday to officiate at the funeral of Harry Brevoort.

The wind storm cut some capers here Tuesday, among other freaks breaking out several lights of glass in the school building.

The Methodist donation, last week, netted nearly \$84, including \$13.50 from the cornet band to Mrs. Nash, the pastor's invalid wife.

Miss Dell Goodroe continues quite ill. Miss Anna Geary is in failing health. James Bain is failing, and others of our towns-people are more or less indisposed.

The spring term of the graded school opened last Tuesday with a large attendance. This week the attendance is 180 in all grades.

Mrs. Mary Holley was buried last Wednesday. She was the widow of Winter H. Holley, for many years a prominent resident of Bristol.

It has become an established fact that Bristol has one of the best schools in Addison county. Mr. Stone, the principal, has proved himself the right man in the right place, and he has been ably assisted in his work by his assistants, Mr. Hasselline and Misses Barry and Bissonette.

MONKTON.

Fred Barnum is very sick with typhoid fever.

The rain and snow of the past three or four days make very bad roads.

Joseph Genio of Bristol has rented the Sears place at the Boro, and Mr. Sears has rented Mrs. M. Hutchins' place upon the hill.

Those who attended the Old Folks' concert at North Ferrisburgh, last week, speak very highly of its success and felt well paid for attending.

A little three-year-old son of Mrs. Anna (Bolton) Morrell died, last Monday, of dropsy. The funeral was held on Wednesday, Rev. Mr. Kellogg officiating.

While George Sarmay was assisting in moving a blacksmith shop, one day last week, the chimney fell off, striking him on the head and injuring him severely.

Miss Mary Woodbury is now holding meetings at Barnumtown, having come here from Hinesburgh, where she has been doing a great work the past three weeks.

A double wedding occurred at the residence of Martin J. Stilson, on Thursday evening, when their daughter, Miss Raue Stilson, was married to Mr. Edward Palmer, and Mr. Ernest Stilson to Miss Minnie Rogers of Williston. They have the best wishes of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

EAST MIDDLEBURY.

The town farm is to be run by a new man.

A. Farnsworth is expected to occupy the house he bought of G. W. Hewitt.

The run of sap has been quite limited up to date.

H. D. Maynard has been prostrated by an attack of pneumonia, but seems now to be convalescent.

Ira Clark has moved into the E. N. Stearns house, and G. W. Hewitt into the house he bought of A. P. Tupper.

The forge, we are informed, is soon to blow out, having used up the stock of coal and ore.

G. M. Sessions' son-in-law, George Flint, has moved to New Haven, where he has taken Mrs. Hanchett's farm.

Mr. Durfee has left the J. Fuller house, bought and soon to be occupied by Mr. Kemp of Rippon, and moved into the Reuben Cobb house.

The shock of the powder-mill explosion at Plattsburgh, N. Y., shook the windows of your correspondent's house, and he thought it an earthquake till otherwise informed.

GOSHEN.

Allen Chamberlin has moved to Chittenden.

A very severe storm here on the 20th and 21st inst.

Harrison Fay has moved to "Fire hill" in the west part of Pittsford.

This town has met with an irreparable loss in the death of Numan Allen, which occurred on the 15th inst. The funeral was on the 17th, in the M. E. church. Rev. Walter Rice of Brandon officiating. The bearers were James Carson, J. J. Shedd, O. R. Blodgett and R. M. Brown. A large number were in attendance—some of whom were from adjoining towns—to pay their last tribute of respect to one who had been held in high esteem by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Mr. Allen was the youngest son of Noah and Sophia Allen, who settled in this town in 1809. He was a brother of Reuben, Martin, Alvin and Noah Allen, Jr., and a half brother of William Allen. He had always resided in Goshen and was prominently identified with measures that were calculated to improve society, and was highly esteemed by his towns-people, who had frequently elected him to important offices, which he filled with credit to himself. He was repeatedly one of the selectmen, and was a member of the legislature in 1872. He was prominently identified in farming and lumbering, and has furnished employment for many who now mourn his loss. Mr. Allen was born October 3, 1821, and on January 27, 1846, he was married to Minerva Capen, a sister of Nathan Capen, Esq., and the late Col. John Capen. To Mr. and Mrs. Allen were born four children, one of whom died in infancy. Their son Allen died March 4, 1869. A son and daughter—Nathan and Velma A.—and their mother survive Mr. Allen, and they have the sympathy of all.

NEW HAVEN.

Miss Minnie Dond is taking organ lessons of Mrs. Miner of Middlebury.

W. W. Warren has bought out the store lately owned by Norman C. Brooks at Brooksville.

The young ladies give a "handkerchief" social this (Friday) evening. All are invited; admission, ten cents.

Big wood piles melt like frost in the summer sun in the presence of H. P. Palmer's new engine and saw.

Judge Henry Lane and Rollin A. Foot of Cornwall will act as appraisers and commissioners upon the estate of the late Hon. E. S. Dana.

Charles Peck is quite improved in health. He has dismissed his nurse, Mr. Yott; and his brother, who has been with him some time, returns soon to his home in the West.

Alfred C. White, a student of the academy, has recently received a letter from the mail of the wrecked steamer, Oregon, from his friends in London. The letter gave full proof of its sea bath, but a gift it contained was in a good state of preservation.

The extra labors of Rev. Mr. Sargent during the religious interest of the past winter, together with a severe bronchial ailment, has rendered him too ill for pulp or pastoral work for two weeks past. The committee have tendered him a vacation of four weeks. Rev. Dr. Webber and others supplying the pulpit meanwhile.

Dr. Webber occupied the pulpit last Sabbath, speaking from Hebrews xii, 1 for his morning theme, and in the evening from Philippians iii, 13-14. Sixteen years ago the doctor occupied the desk at this church for a year or so, and it was with real pleasure this people were permitted to listen again to his forcible presentations of the truth. He will speak again April 11.

WHITING.

Tuffield Ames has moved into the house vacated by George Carpenter.

Miss Mattie Mason has gone to Addison Junction to work for Mrs. Kilburn.

John Markham, the old section boss, is again at his post—not well, he says, but better.

Mr. Burditt and his new wife, formerly Mrs. Mary Sawyer, were visiting friends here in town last week.

Jim Wilson has quit work on the Addison road and thinks of going into some other kind of business than rail-roading.

By the death of Frank Webster a gloom has been cast over all who were acquainted with him. He leaves many sincere friends and they all mourn the loss; and all sympathize with his family, father, mother, brother and sister.

ORWELL.

A little maple sugar has already been made and the prospect is fair for a good season.

Spring birds, such as robins and blue birds, have arrived, which indicates that spring is near at hand.

The mud is becoming quite deep, and the frost will soon be out in places if this weather continues.

Hon. R. W. Sanford leaves town this week to take up his abode for the present with his son, O. B. Sanford of Freeport, Illinois.

E. D. Griswold is at the Mount Clement mineral springs, Michigan, and not at the Hot Springs of Arkansas, as heretofore reported.

Wm. C. Griswold has received the appointment of postmaster for our village. It is hoped the office will not be removed from its present location.

Miss Minnie Cutts has not been as well as usual since the death of her grandmother, but was reported more comfortable on Sunday last.

Rev. Mr. Calloun's subject for Sunday morning last was "The Bible and Spiritualism." He pretty effectively used up the latter. His subject for next Sunday morning is "The Bible and Universalism."

Mr. C. E. Bush is rapidly recovering from a recent slight illness and is now able to attend to business as usual. He contemplates going West about the middle of April, to be absent several weeks.

SALISBURY.

Two belligerent characters, residents, we are sorry to say, of this town, engaged in a sparring match the other day on one of the most prominent thoroughfares. As far as can be ascertained it was not governed by the "Marquis of Queensbury rules." The timely interference of a bystander prevented much bloodshed, and as the combatants separated—each nearly hors du combat—each swore eternal vengeance on the other. The House of Correction is probably the proper place for both of them.

VERGENNES.

Fred Dean of Monkton is down with pneumonia.

The health of Mrs. F. E. Woodbridge is very poor.

There is more inquiry for good tenements than the market affords.

Mrs. W. G. Sprague is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Ross in Rutland.

Mr. J. S. Hickok is able to be up, but not well enough to attend to business.

The wife of Rev. Mr. Austin has gone to Salem, N. H., to see her mother, who is ill.

Cyrus W. Strong, formerly in business here, now a resident of Franklin, Mass., is visiting friends.

Friday evening there will be a public examination at the State school, to which the public are invited.

This term of the graded school closes Friday of this week. There will be rhetorical exercises the last day of school.

Miss Ellen Foster paid \$375 for the house belonging to the Ingham estate, on School street, near the furniture store of Smith & Ketchum.

Vermont butter has a wide reputation. A gentleman from Ferrisburgh was looking for two fifty-pound tins of butter for parties in Jacksonville, Fla., last Saturday.

Samples of ice fish caught in the lake have been sent to S. J. Preston, Mamaroneck, N. Y., for the examination of an ichthyologist, who wishes to ascertain to what family they belong.

Next Wednesday evening the "Grecian Band" will contribute to the pleasure of those who attend the sociable in the vestry of the Congregational church. It will be a pleasant occasion.

Lake crossing invites caution this month. It is generally safe now, but large cracks in the ice make the utmost care necessary. There is one between Westport and the Vermont shore.

They have horses in Pantan that indulge in the amputation of boy's fingers. At least it is reported that the son of Tim Wissell, the blacksmith, lost a finger by the kick of a sharp-shod horse, lately.

Vermont was admitted into the Union 1791, March 4th. Mr. Samuel Wilson of this place was born March 31, 1791. He will soon be ninety-five, if he lives. He is quite feeble, however; his mind has lost much of its vigor.

The Franklin House has been gradually improving in appearance, ever since it came into possession of S. S. Gaines, and now, under the management of Mr. E. H. Daniels, it will become thoroughly modernized, inside and out.

Five hundred and twenty-eight dollars is a good contribution, for a trifle over one year, for the Congregational church and society of this town, for benevolent purposes. Such is the amount as stated by Rev. Mr. Robertson last Sunday.

The presence of District Deputy Master W. H. Kingsley of Middlebury at the Masonic gathering, Wednesday evening, was a feature of interest. There was a good attendance from other lodges and the rooms of Dorchester Lodge were filled with brethren of the mystic tie.

Mrs. Cameron taught school in this place in 1798, in a house where the For-

tin block now stands. Her husband, who ran a prologue between Vergennes and Skeensboro (Whitehall) was murdered. He was a pedler. There was a school-house on the site of the present town hall, or near there, in 1794. No teacher's name is on record.

Cattle shipments from this station Monday, by Wheeler & Sprigg, were as follows: fourteen cows and calves, eight veal calves, four oxen, one bull. One yoke of oxen, bought of Wash. Ward of New Haven, weighed 3424 lbs.; one yoke from the Miss Chalkers, New Haven, weighed 3625 pounds; one bull from same farm weighed 1580 lbs. All for Boston market.

The prudential committee of the graded school have issued their annual report by which it appears that teachers' salaries amounted to \$2834. Total expenses, \$4311.96. Estimated expenses for the year ensuing, \$4,736.67; estimated assets, \$911.65. In view of which showing, the committee recommend the levying of a tax sufficient to raise \$3900.

Miss Ellen Laboo, who has been an inmate of the Mary Fletcher hospital, Burlington, and who had a limb amputated on account of a white swelling, is again suffering from the appearance of the disease on the same limb, and a second operation seems called for, or a fatal result will follow. Public sympathy is much exercised for the sufferer.

It is an open secret that John Donnelly proposes to sell out his business to Mr. H. E. Goodere, his very competent and experienced cutter. Mr. Donnelly has built up a large and flourishing custom tailoring trade, during the last eight years, surpassed by few in Vermont. He purposes going West, to Minneapolis, we understand, at an early day. Success, John, wherever you go.

A part of the result of the late religious revival was evident at the Methodist quarterly meeting Sunday. Nineteen persons were baptized. Four were received into full membership from probation, five were received by letter and thirty-one on probation. Since January 1st there have been thirty-five persons baptized, twelve received by letter and sixty-three on probation. Total, seventy-five new members.

Butter dealers have sent forward only three tons of butter for February. Of cattle, twenty tons. The certain roll shipments reached thirty tons. Of Champlain Horse Nails, twenty-seven tons were forwarded to most of the States of the Union; the market for their nails is very broad. The kaolin shipments have exceeded all other lines of trade for February, reaching as high as forty-eight tons. The month of March has been light, probably not much over three hundred tons shipments all told.

Messrs. Booth & Walker, hay dealers, are moving a large body of hay. Taking the hay season as a whole, we should infer, without particularizing, that from seven to ten thousand dollars would be required to keep their entire hay interest well in hand. They have every facility for hay pressing and shipping at New Haven depot. They have a storing capacity for two hundred tons of hay at Vergennes depot, and their shipments from Ferrisburgh depot are by no means insignificant. They have handled about five hundred tons of hay already. Last month's shipment was light, only thirty tons having been sent forward. March will be large in the hay trade.

Latterly a novel branch of business has grown up in this vicinity, which is the furnishing of help, male and female, to the farming community generally; through regularly established houses in Boston and New York parties in Denmark, Switzerland, Germany or Sweden can obtain a place as farm hand, or to help in the house work. Mr. C. H. Simonds looks after the strangers' interest if he locates them. Large numbers of excellent help have been furnished, and almost without exception, both parties have been pleased. Only parties who can furnish positive reference as to character and fitness are dealt with, thus making it perfectly safe to employ them.

The presence of Presiding Elder Rev. J. W. Bennett Sunday evening was a welcome event to his many friends here. His sermon on the parable of the leaven was plain, impressive, convincing. He never appeared better in the desk. In matter and manner he has greatly improved and few, very few ministers, are so well adapted as he to enlist the interest of an audience and hold it unflinchingly to the close. He depends very little upon excitement, flowery rhetoric or gesticulation. His gestures are few, but graceful and expressive. His earnest purpose, deep feeling and limitless faith convince the hearer that he believes every word he utters. He could have preached a much longer sermon without fatiguing his audience.

The local event of the year took place Tuesday. To the long absent the names of many of those chosen by the people Tuesday, to serve them officially for the year ensuing, will appear new. The preliminary skinning was lively, but the real work was in the interest of the citizens' ticket, which was in the main successful. After the organization of the meeting, Mayor Parker in the chair, Hon. George W. Grandey in terms of warmest commendation proposed the name of N. J. McCuen, one of the prominent young merchants, as candidate for mayor. Mayor C. E. Parker, who has held the office of mayor for two years very acceptably, was nominated by Hon. F. E. Woodbridge in words of hearty approval for re-election. In a vote of 286 N. J.

McCuen had 166, C. E. Parker 120. After this there was no sharp contest, until the office of first common councilman was reached. F. H. Foss was elected. He is a gentleman of bright business ability. The ticket entire stands as follows: Mayor, N. J. McCuen; aldermen, D. H. Lewis, J. G. Hines, H. Ketchum, A. Pegion; city clerk, Miss Electa S. Smith; common council, F. H. Foss, J. J. Barnard, O. C. Dalrymple; city sheriff, Steven Bates; constable, H. P. Fisher; listers, J. D. Smith, J. L. Miner, J. H. Smith; street commissioners, R. Plude, A. Trede, A. B. Tabor; sencer, F. T. McDonough; sencer of leather, John Kelly; fence viewers, P. Lyon, William Crosby; pound-keepers, C. Brown, L. Godette; sexton, Thomas Fish; superintendent of schools, Rev. A. A. Robertson; city grand jurors, A. Wetherbee, S. A. Tuttle, C. T. Stevens; water commissioners, S. D. Miner, E. C. Scott, J. G. Fisher; library committee, Rev. Mr. Robertson, C. E. Parker, J. D. Smith; voted to pay highway tax in money. The remaining articles in the warning were left for the consideration of the adjourned meeting. Adjourned to meet April 9, 1886.

WEST CORNWALL.

Gordon Seal and family have moved in with Mrs. Sarah Halliday for a year.

Samuel Underhill has moved into the A. L. Bingham house, and Mr. Bingham will board with them.

Fay Rockwood has moved to the north part of the town into the house once occupied by Anson Carr.

Master Bertie Moody went to Vergennes last Saturday, staying until Monday, visiting his sister Willie.

Tuesday we had quite a snow storm for the last days of March. When it melts it will take off the old snow better than rain.

Quite a number from here attended the auction in Whiting last week at the old Alden home, and some purchases were made.

Will Atwood was married, on Tuesday, at Poultney, to Miss Minnie Persons of that place. They will go to housekeeping in the southeast part of the town, on the place owned by Amos Atwood, known as the old Sawyer place. Our congratulations.

WEST SALISBURY.

W. W. Crook is much better.

E. G. Dyer, who is sojourning in the West, is not expected home until July.

Bertie Mead is thought to be somewhat better, but his ultimate recovery is considered doubtful.

W. P. Hulet has moved into the Graves house near the depot, recently purchased by him.

The going is about as bad as can be imagined and every one sighs for the time to come when the roads will be in good condition again.

Rev. J. A. Heath is holding a series of revival meetings at the Methodist church. Elder Bosworth of Bristol has been assisting him.

The sociable at F. W. Atwood's, Thursday evening of last week, was a very pleasant affair. A goodly number were in attendance and everybody enjoyed themselves hugely. The "fish pond" so called, only the "sucker" is generally on the wrong end of the pole, created a vast amount of amusement. Owing to the lateness of the season and the bad condition of the roads, no more sociables will be held.

State News.

The Vermont Bicycle is the name of a paper that will be started at West Randolph April 1.

Barre, at an adjourned town-meeting, adopted the town system of schools by a vote of 103 to 18.

The expenses of the Young Men's Christian association at Bennington last year were \$1017.94.

Michael McLaughlin's house and barn were burned at Rutland Saturday; loss, \$2500; insurance, \$1800.

M. M. Furman of Rutland owned to ten offences of selling liquor, and the fines and costs amounted to \$139.53.

Patrick Dwyer of Bennington, 30, having a wife and two children, cut his throat last week and will probably die.

Michael Hickey of Bartonville attempted suicide last week by cutting his throat with a piece of glass. Cause, temporary insanity.

Lawyer Martin F. Goddard of Ludlow has been admitted to practice before the supreme court of the United States on motion of Senator Edmunds.

Arkins's candidate for postmaster at Montpelier, F. H. Bascom, prosecuted for liquor selling, was let off, last week, for the second time by a disagreement of the jury.

John M. Castle of Westford tried to split logs with powder, and was hit in the head by a heavy stick. He managed to get to the house, half a mile away, but has since been unconscious.

The postmaster at South Ryegate resigned and at the request of the patrons of the office, the department appointed, to fill the vacancy, Miss Marion J. Hall, a young lady resident and a graduate of St. Johnsbury academy, class of 1885.

Arrangements are nearly completed for the meeting of the Vermont Baptist Theological institute, which will open Monday evening, March 29, and close Thursday morning. The meetings will be held in the First Baptist church in Burlington.

The engine in W. W. Cate's steam mill at North Wolcott exploded the other morning, killing instantly Mr. Tinker of Morrinstown. Messrs. Douglas of Stowe, Amnden of Greensboro, W. W. Cate, and Mr. Pike of Wolcott were seriously injured, the latter probably fatally.

Charles Wing of Fair Haven had a piece of clay-pipe stem removed from his mouth, the other day. About six months ago, while out riding, Mr. Wing was thrown out of the wagon and the pipe he was smoking was driven into his mouth and broken to pieces. This piece has been there ever since. It was an inch and a half long.

Editor Maloney, of the Richford Gazette, was badly whipped by T. M. Tierney at St. Albans, last week, just as he was about to take the early train for Richford. The affair grew out of certain articles published of late in the Gazette, derogatory to the memory of the late Joseph Tierney, brother of the assailant. The affair created considerable excitement.

Louise Clemons, a Dorset woman, charged with forging the names of George W. Farwell and S. F. Holley, two Dorset farmers, to a \$200 note, and getting it discounted at the Killington National bank of Rutland, had a hearing at Rutland on Saturday and was bound over to the September term of the Rutland county court. Bail was fixed at \$1000, and, not furnishing it, she was committed.

In the Rutland county court, the other day, five of the first indictments against J. M. Haven based on the Clement certificates were not pressed, leaving four still hanging over him. One of the remaining indictments charges him with embezzlement and three for over-issuing stock. In one of the latter indictments Mr. Haven's counsel entered a demurrer, which the court overruled pro forma, and the case will go to the supreme court.

Henry Lambert met with a very serious accident recently while at work for U. M. Sunderland in the manufacture of his patent land rollers at Highgate. One of the rollers was put on to the turning lathe for smoothing from the iron band, when one of the logs flew off and struck the young man on the top of the head, smashing his skull in. Drs. Bates, Baxter and Seales were called to adjust the pieces of the fractured skull. To the surprise of all, the young man was still alive at the end of the second day.

The Exvarts House at Burlington was burned on Thursday morning of last week. The fire caught in the cellar and worked to the roof before it was discovered. The hotel was owned by Dolan Brothers and leased by U. A. Woodbury, and was sublet Monday for three years to Delaney & McKenna. Dolan's loss is probably covered by insurance. The managers' loss is about \$3000, on which there was an insurance of \$2100. Furniture to the amount of \$300 was saved. Many of the boarders lost all their clothing.

Alexander T. Stewart of Proctorsville, who claims to be an heir of the late A. T. Stewart of New York city, has filed a complaint in the United States court in an equity suit against ex-Judge Henry Hilton to recover the sum of \$200,000. Stewart has been adjudged a lunatic and the action is brought by his guardian, Benjamin F. Whelden. The complaint sets forth that from August 30, 1878, to March 17, 1879, the plaintiff was kept in the Metropolitan Hotel in New York city by agents of Hilton, and was not allowed to visit his friends or see his lawyer. Promises were made that he would be given a farm in Vermont and \$200,000 in cash if he would discontinue his suit. He did so. The promises were violated. Another suit in Vermont, with like promises. The plaintiff also intimates that A. T. Stewart died intestate, and asks that this be investigated.

Some one who has studied *Wilson's Register* for 1823 finds that there were 173 post-offices in Vermont at that time, and that about \$20,000 was annually paid on the postage of letters, papers and pamphlets by the citizens of Vermont. The compensation of the postmasters was on the basis of 30 per cent on the first \$100 of receipts and 25 per cent on the next \$100. Brattleboro was then the largest office in the State. The salary of Asa Green, the postmaster, was \$630.89. Middlebury was second, George Cleveland being postmaster with a salary of \$401.25; Burlington's postmaster was Ephraim Mills, salary \$323; Windsor had Thomas Leavert, salary \$316; Rutland, Reuben M. Thrall, salary \$237.00; Bennington, William Haswell, \$234.38; Woodstock, Alexander Hutchinson, \$158.60; Swanton, W. N. Keyes, \$157.50; Montpelier, Joshua Y. Vail, \$138.81; Derby, Nehemiah Colby, \$131.99; Norwich, Cyrus Patridge, \$123; Vergennes, William R. Bixby, \$119; St. Albans, Horace James, \$111; Castleton, S. Moulton, \$106. All the other offices were under \$100. The rates of postage were for a single letter of one piece of paper for any distance not exceeding 30 miles, six cents; over 30 and not exceeding 80 miles, 10 cents; over 80 and not exceeding 150 miles, 12 1/2 cents; over 150 and not exceeding 400 miles, 18 3/4 cents; over 400 miles, 25 cents. Letters composed of two pieces of paper were charged double those rates; three pieces were charged triple rates, and more than three pieces quadruple postage. The highest salary paid any of the 4000 postmasters in the United States was then \$2000, and there were only 10 who were paid that sum, while 27 received \$1000 and upwards. The population of the State was about 235,749, an increase of 17,835 in 10 years, of