

County News.

CORNWALL.

Dr. F. Bond is gaining slowly. The roads are getting quite good. Mrs. H. G. Scovel is very sick. Sugar makers report an excellent sugar season. Walter Atwood has been spending a few days on his Goshen farm. A move is being made to establish a mail route to South Cornwall. There are rumors that more weddings are to follow soon. Frank Trudo is making quick work among the woodpiles in this section. Charles Persons is moving to Whiting. Will Atwood is to occupy the place he vacates. The creamery of Douglas & Son is well under way. It is expected to be ready for operation by the first of May. George Bond is improving the appearance of his dwelling by a coat of paint. Gilbert Dumas is doing the work. The Y. W. C. T. U. of Cornwall will hold a business meeting in the town hall Saturday, April 10, at 2 p. m. All the members are requested to be present.

WEST CORNWALL.

Will E. Taylor and wife of Whiting visited at A. S. Bingham's and H. E. Taylor's last Thursday and Friday. Fred Deane and bride are home from their trip and nearly settled in their new home. It is warm spring weather. The birds are singing, nearly all the early ones being represented. Wood piles are being cut and all odd jobs attended to preparatory to spring's work. School meeting passed off in the usual manner—some pleased and some not. G. T. Dimmock is prudential committee. The other officers are the same as years before. A few weeks since we were asked to notice the death of Mrs. Abijah Abbott, a former resident of this place and sister of O. A. Field, and now the news comes of the death of her husband, the subject of the following sketch. Mr. Abbott was, in his younger days, a clerk for Asa Chapman of Middlebury, father of G. C. Chapman of that place. Mr. Abbott also traveled through this part of the State selling monuments, etc., as he was an extensive dealer in marble, owning an interest in the business in Sudbury. He was also in business in Weybridge with a brother of Mrs. Orin Field, Sr. Doubtless he will be well and kindly remembered by many old friends in these several places. A stranger to us, we have only these facts to add to what has already been said by those who knew him better than any here; knowing him in his home life and in the long sickness through which he has passed, they were better able to judge the man, and he was "weighed in the balance and not found wanting."

ABBOTT.—In this city, (Madison, Wis.) at his home on Main street, in the Fourth ward, Tuesday afternoon, March 23, 1886, Abijah Abbott, in the 75th year of his age. The death of Abijah Abbott, who departed this life yesterday afternoon, at his home on West Main street, removes one more of the few now remaining who established themselves in Madison before a locomotive had here been seen. He followed his brother Chauncey, long so prominent a lawyer, legislator and university regent, and who, pushing still further West, died in Nebraska fourteen years ago. The nature of Mr. Abbott's business brought him into a tender relation, at some time, to most of our citizens, and none can fail to remember him with respect and regard. For two years past he has been sought in vain at his place of business, but hundreds have seen him, at least with the mind's eye, on his bed of languishing. They have followed him with sympathy and pity and prayer, in his chronic infirmity. So long as his wife survived, they thanked God that such an incomparable nurse sat at his bedside. When she died their hopes, and his hope as well, died with her. They felt that those who had been lovely to each other all their lives, ought not in death to be long divided. He survived her less than two months. His "falling asleep" was a tender mercy. Mr. Abbott, sprung from an old Connecticut stock, was born in Cornwall, Vt., Sept. 23, 1811. His life before coming West was spent either there, or in the neighboring towns of Middlebury and Sudbury. Belonging to a longevitarian family, though struck down prematurely and forced to cling to his couch for two years, life always hanging in doubt before him—his Christian patience and resignation were not of this world.

WEYBRIDGE.

Rev. John Quay has been called to supply the W. M. church the coming year. The trustees of the M. E. church are making preparations to rebuild their parsonage the coming season. Mr. H. Tyler, we understand, is to remodel and thoroughly repair the Otter Creek House. Frank Wright has removed to New Haven street upon his father's farm. Mr. Alfred Mott has purchased the brood mare "Gray Eagle," owned by Rev. F. Wright. D. F. Twitchell has left for a two-months' tour in the northern part of this State. Rev. E. Delevan has returned and occupied her desk on Sunday, but is suffering from a severe attack of influenza. The result of the election in school district No. 3 is: Moderator, G. W. Cobb; clerk, M. N. Baker; prudential committee, E. M. Roscoe, W. C. Sturtevant, L. C. Sturtevant; auditor, G. L. Harrington; collector, A. N. Sturtevant. There is \$17 in the treasury.

LINCOLN.

Miss Fannie M. Gove of Charlotte is clerking for Gove & Green. The river district has voted to build a new school-house. Sugar-making is the order of the day, and the work is fully commenced. The new store at South Lincoln is receiving its share of patronage. W. S. Benton, who worked John Barlow's farm last year, has moved back to Middlebury. Alva A. Hanks of Warren has purchased of W. E. Hanks the house occupied by Edson Irish.

WEST ADDISON.

E. Gough is building a new barn. Frank Titus is building a new ice-house. Another boy baby at Dennis Norton's. The infant son of D. J. Vanderhoof is quite ill with heart disease. Gideon Norton and family have moved into the house with Matthew Daniels. R. W. Eaton has become a town charge. He is staying at William Merrill's. Cora B. Strong has gone to Elizabethtown, N. Y., to visit her uncle, Dr. Ed. Strong. Lizzie B. Goodale has returned to C. L. Jackson's in Pantown, where she intends to spend the summer. Paul Bertrand has moved on to Lake street on a farm owned by Mrs. Phoebe (Everest) Adams of New Haven. A Mr. Fuller from Ferrisburgh has moved on to the Wilmarth farm, lately occupied by Paul Bertrand.

WHITING.

Miss Minnie Farnham of Poulney is visiting at A. H. Hubbard's. Dr. Henry Wright was home at his father's, Dr. W. P. Wright, over Sunday. Frank Williams returned Saturday night after an absence of several days. Tip counts \$312.50 for the little pacing mare he let T. A. Hammond have last week, and says she was not half sold at that. Mrs. E. D. Peck and daughter, Maude, with Mrs. J. E. Parker, have gone to Port Henry to visit Charles Parker, the station agent there. Work is progressing finely on the vestry room at the Union church. If the weather is favorable all will be ready for the painter by Saturday night. Some of our young men and boys have returned home from their cases abroad, among whom are John Casey, L. A. Huntley, Herbert Holmes, Fred Brown and Henry Wells. It is a busy time in the sugar bush. So far this week it has been night and day work with our friend, F. H. Daniels, who is making some of the nicest sugar and syrup we have seen for many a day. The sugar harvest will count among the thousands of pounds if this weather holds good a few days longer.

VERGENNES.

Rev. Mr. Robertson and Rev. Mr. Sherman exchanged pulpits last Sunday. DeWitt Parker has charge of Mr. E. F. Benton's farm, Waltham, for the ensuing season. Winter's "innocuous desuetude" has been reached. Miss Alice Hinman of New Haven is the guest Mrs. E. Wheeler. Mr. J. S. Hiekk is out again, but far from well. It is rumored that Miss R. A. Preston would sell her fine business in ladies' furnishing goods to a desirable party. Mrs. Thos. Field has removed from Vergennes to the residence of her son, B. F. Field, Ferrisburgh. From this station, Monday, Sprigg & Wheeler shipped eleven cows and calves and eighteen veal calves to Boston market. The Childs Bros. of Weybridge will build a summer house on the Kellogg farm near the lake shore for the convenience of themselves and friends during the season when fishing is good and relaxation from labor so welcome. The contemplated sale of J. H. Donnelly's custom-tailoring establishment to Mr. Goodere has fallen through and John will continue the business at the old stand on Green street, and says he will give every patron "particular fits." The very best of maple sugar, fresh from the maple orchards of Starksboro and other mountain towns, may be had at very reasonable prices. We are having favorable sugar weather. Sugar retails at from 12 to 15 cents per lb. The sociable, by the Dorcas society of young ladies, despite the threatening weather and intolerable traveling, crowded the Congregational vestry Wednesday evening with a delighted audience. The refreshments and all the accessories of articles for sale, etc., were wholly the work of the young ladies, and they showed for the result that the cast of characters, for all the work to be done, was excellent. The dialogue, which was an amusing criticism on an obsolete fashion, known as "The Grecian Bend," by Geo. M. Baker, was enacted with the following cast of characters:

- Mr. Field.....Herrika Stevens
Miss Field.....Julia Ross
Miss Field.....Nellie Hiekk
Miss Field.....Ada Fisher
Miss Field.....Lizzie Hiekk
Miss Field.....Mamie Johnson
Miss Field.....Lucy Jackman

of cedar, south of the Strong improvement. Mr. Benton will put up a 13x20 dwelling with kitchen attached, all in tip-top order for comfort. The frame, window casings, etc., are all ready to put up as soon as the roads are suitable. Chas. Labouef will finish the whole in good shape for occupancy and use. "Teating on the old camp ground," near the lake shore, during the heated season, is rapidly giving way to more substantial structures. The Vermont shore is the most attractive and many fine spots best of clusters of houses and even streets. The vicinity of Basin Harbor, West Ferrisburgh, has been very much changed by such improvements. On a projecting point, south of Fort Cassin, Mr. F. C. Strong put up a dwelling, years ago. Dr. Dickinson of New York who has for years spent a portion of each summer on the western shore of Lake Champlain, near Westport, has leased the Strong property and will fill the house with city people this summer. Mr. Geo. W. Kellogg will make arrangements to accommodate a few boarders at his house. The public exercises at the State school Friday evening were largely attended and full of interest. The chapel was decorated with evergreens and the room looked very neat and inviting. Two members of the board of directors were present, viz.: Lieut.-Gov. Ormsbee and Hon. J. N. North. Rev. Mr. Robertson and Rev. Mr. Austin were also on the platform with Supt. Fairbank. Promptly at 7 o'clock the exercises began with reading, spelling and phonetic drill. This was followed by exercises in arithmetic, geography, mental arithmetic, grammar, civil government, mental arithmetic by superintendent and physical exercise by the girls. Among the rhetorical exercises were: "The Little Mushrooms," "In Answer," "The Baptism by the River," "Volcanoes," a composition; "The Pumpkin Pie," "The Engineer's Story," "Vegetable Ivory," "The Glass Railroad," "The Milk Maid," "A Little Boy's Troubles," "Advice to Young Ladies." From first to last, the exercises clearly indicated good administrative ability and the ready adaptation of means to a well-defined result. The teachers were competent, the pupils attentive; the exercises showed good training. The questions on mental arithmetic by Mr. Fairbank were trying, but well met. The questions on civil government and the ready answers suggested that this much-neglected and all-important branch of study should be more generally recognized in the schools of the State. The physical exercises by the girls is a feature in hygiene better understood theoretically than practically, but well worthy the attention given it at the Reform school. The directors took a deep interest in all they saw, and but for the lateness of the hour would have been called out to express their views. The annual school meeting Tuesday evening was largely attended at school-house hall. Thos. Mack was chosen moderator and A. Ross, clerk. On motion S. D. Miner was chosen collector; C. A. Booth, treasurer; J. S. Hiekk, auditor. Several persons were put in nomination for first prudential committee, but all withdrew and the old board were re-elected, as follows: Prudential committee, F. A. Goss, M. T. Bristol, L. Bartley. The report of the prudential committee was called for and read by the chairman, from which it appears that the total expenses for the year were \$4,311.96; estimated expenses for the year ensuing, \$4,736.57; estimated assets, \$611.65, leaving \$3,825.02 to be provided for. The committee recommended the raising of \$3800 to meet the year's expenses. The matter was discussed quite generally and the final outcome was the leaving of the whole matter in the hands of the committee. The impression is that a tax of about 60 per cent will be called for. W. H. Shaw, A. M., principal, submitted to the meeting a report of the attendance of the schools of Vergennes for the year ending March 31, 1886: School in western part of Vergennes, number of scholars for the year, 65; average attendance per day, 37. In graded school, 1st primary, 83, average daily 44; intermediate, average, 42; 2d primary, average, 53; grammar school, average, 59; high school, average, 29. During the year 406 different scholars have attended school. Average attendance per day for all the schools through the year, 256; graded school, 341, average 219; western school, 65, total, 406. On motion 4 per cent deduction to be allowed on all taxes paid by July 1 of this year. Ordered that the whole tax be made payable by October 1, 1886. On motion adjourned.

State News.

J. N. Crain, a Rutland druggist, has failed. Northfield is soon to have a new Grand Army post. The town's only surviving soldier of the war of 1812. A camp of Sons of Veterans has been organized at Rochester. The Randolph normal school closes the 20th year of its existence in June. Another delegation, chiefly from South Royalton, started for Dakota Monday. The Stratford Grand Army post recently gave a reception to Robert Sargeant. A whip-lash struck Charles Baxter of West Halifax in the eye a few days ago, making a painful wound, and it is feared the sight will be destroyed.

The Congregational church at Rutland is the fourth largest in the New England States. Col. G. W. Hooker of Brattleboro will make the Decoration-day address at St. Johnsbury. The ownership of a goose over 60 years of age is claimed by Nelson Hoyt of Craftsbury. The laborers of Island Pond have formed an assembly of Knights of Labor with 80 members. During the first year of the Democratic administration 128 fourth-class postmasters were removed in this State. George A. Ballard of Fairfax has been appointed State's attorney to succeed George W. Burleson for Franklin county. Plymouth has a progressive youth in Orson Butler, who grows at the rate of about 50 pounds a year. He is now 14 years old and weighs 304 pounds. Small-pox has again broken out just over the border from Richford. There are several persons sick from the disease at Mansville, P. Q., and one has died. The Baptists of St. Albans last week dedicated a new church built on the site of the one burned in 1883. The house, complete and furnished, cost about \$17,000. The marble business in Rutland is said to be beginning to improve materially, and the volume of orders received by the several firms in town is increasing daily. Amasa Newell of East Burke, while chopping, the other day, accidentally hit his two-year-old brother on the head with the axe, cutting a bad gash just above one ear. In the Rutland county court, Saturday, Sheridan F. Langdon pleaded guilty to stealing a horse from Charles A. Stiles of Proctor and was sentenced to four years in State's prison. The appointment of F. W. McGettrick as postmaster at St. Albans, which had been rejected and reconsidered, was for a second time rejected by the United States Senate Tuesday. W. J. Skinner, while handling slabs at a Center Rutland marble mill, drove the crowbar he was using almost through his foot, between the toes and the ankle, making a very ugly wound. Nathaniel N. Canfield, a Manchester boy, was gored Saturday by a Jersey bull. The animal's horn entered the breast, breaking one rib and penetrating a lung. The boy is in a critical condition. Rutland's new library gets a valuable contribution from Mrs. Julia C. R. Dorr. She contributes 2500 volumes as a memorial to the late Judge Dorr. The works are mostly on political science and memoirs of statesmen. Rutland streets are now brilliantly illuminated at night by 27 arc lights of 2000 candle power each. Many of the business-houses are lighted by the Edison incandescence lamp system, while several stores have the arc electric light. Mrs. S. L. Griffith of Danby was granted a divorce in the Rutland county court last week and \$20,000 alimony. Though given a year in which to pay, Mr. Griffith met Mrs. Griffith's lawyers and gave them a check for the amount at once. The Sedgwick Grand Army post at Brattleboro have voted to accept George E. Lyon's design for the proposed soldiers' monument. This is of Dunmore granite surmounted by a bronze figure, designed by Mosman of Chicopee, Mass. An attempt was made one day last week to burn the court-house at Rutland, but Sheriff Peabody discovered the fire, which had been set in a pile of old lath in the basement, before it had made much headway and put it out. Court was in session at the time. The Chelsea Methodist church has added 50 names to its membership roll, as the result of a six-weeks' revival conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ballou. Another result of the revival has been the insanity of a well-known citizen, whose mind broke down under the excitement. The Knights of Honor of the State will hold their annual convention at Brattleboro on the 14th inst., when there will be an election and installation of officers. On the evening of the 15th public addresses will be made in opera hall by L. W. Redington, Frank D. Sloat and L. M. Read. The Philharmonic orchestra will furnish music. A story is told of a deacon of a church at Hyde Park who was somewhat surprised on a recent morning, when he arrived at a saw mill with a load of logs, to be told that it was Sunday. He quickly deposited his load, and after inquiring for a short cut through the woods, he started for home, greatly wondering how he could have made such a mistake. Gen. W. W. Wells of Burlington, who has the matter in charge, says the work of canvassing the State in the matter of the "Soldiers home" is being pushed as rapidly as possible, but the committee are not getting along with the work as fast as they would like to. Several very flattering offers of assistance have been received from towns in different parts of the state for the location of the "home" in them. Persons exhibiting thoroughbred animals at the coming joint exhibition of the State Agricultural society and Champlain Valley association will be required to furnish the clerk satisfactory evidence of purity of blood, before being allowed to compete for premiums. The herd books of the several breeds will be taken

as such evidence. This rule will apply to horses, cattle and fine-wool sheep. Entries close August 30. Miss Louisa Howard, sister of the late John P. Howard, died at Burlington last week. She made these public bequests: Two hundred dollars to the Providence Orphan Asylum of Burlington; \$500 to the society for increasing the Protestant Episcopal ministry, located at Hartford, Ct.; \$400 to the diocesan and \$200 to the foreign mission of St. Paul's church, Burlington; \$500 to the Howard chapel in Lake View cemetery at Burlington; \$1000 to the medical department of the University; \$500 as a fund for the relief of needy firemen; \$30,000 to the Howard Relief society, for establishing a "Louisa Howard Mission Home;" and \$1000 more to the same society for another purpose. A Chinaman bound for San Francisco passed through Island Pond the other day. He was bonded through the Canadian territory the same as a piece of baggage would be, being entered on the customs manifest as "one live Chinaman." Ex-Justice Ward Hunt of the U. S. Supreme court is dead at Washington. He was born in Utica, N. Y., June 14, 1810, and was educated in Hamilton and Union colleges, graduating in 1828. He was mayor of Utica and member of the New York assembly, and was judge of the court of appeals for the State of New York from 1845 to 1873, when he was made a justice of the United States Supreme court. His health failed him in time, and in 1882 Congress retired him on a pension. George Sample, a 15-years-old clerk in Ball, Warfield & Co's drug store at Ironton, O., was making blue-fire in a mortar Saturday by mixing chlorate of potassium, sulphur and strong etched alum, when the composition exploded, blowing Sample into atoms, wrecking the store and causing \$10,000 damage. The unfortunate man, it is surmised, let the pestle fall. His right arm was blown off below the elbow and was driven through the ceiling and found upstairs. Conferences between Jay Gould and T. V. Powderly, grand master of the Knights of Labor, at New York Sunday resulted in orders from each of them, to the parties to the southwestern strike, for an immediate resumption of work and traffic pending arbitration to which Mr. Gould consents. Mr. Powderly and W. B. McDowell called upon Jay Gould at his residence in the morning. There they met Messrs. Gould, Hopkins and George Gould. There was general discussion of the situation in the Southwest by both sides and a better understanding was arrived at than had been had by either party hitherto; and in the evening it was agreed that the orders stated should be sent out. Traffic has been resumed, and the trouble is at an end, for the present at least. FOREIGN. Sir Henry Taylor, the English dramatist and essayist, is dead. In the Dominion Parliament, the other day, the debate on the Riel question ended in a government majority of 53. The government has consented to make experiments on the practicability of the cultivation of tobacco in England. Four Athens women recently bitten by a dog have started for Paris to place themselves under M. Pasteur's treatment. Several French newspapers accuse Prince Bismarck of having incited the riots in Belgium and warn Belgium to beware of him. Messrs. Chamberlain and Trevelyan have been succeeded in the English cabinet by Mr. Stanfield and the Earl of Dalhousie respectively. The fact that the steamship Oregon was not provided with enough boats to save her passengers has been brought to the attention of Parliament. The election by which Henry Ballard, conservative, was returned to the British Parliament from Norwich has been declared void owing to bribery. The death of the Rev. Dr. Richard Chenevix Trench, formerly archbishop of the Dublin diocese of the church of Ireland, is announced. He was an author of some note. The rioting by the striking miners in Belgium has assumed formidable proportions. In and about Charleroi there have been many acts of incendiarism, and the killed and wounded in the conflict with the troops are numbered by the hundred. Mr. Gladstone was too ill, because of a cold, to attend the House of Commons Thursday. In his stead, Sir William Vernon Harcourt announced that the budget would be introduced before the middle of April, and that the Irish policy would be announced on April 8. OUR SCHOOLS. Editor Register.—Having devoted the greater portion of my active life to the work of an educator, I have been, quite constantly, brought face to face with the practical problems of that work. The period through which that experience has extended has been marked by rapid strides of improvement in every department of business, as well as in every branch of science. On the farm, the scythe and the sickle have given place to the mowing machine, the reaper and binder. The processes of the dairy no longer depend upon scores of six-quart pans and the little churn with broom-stick handle. Citizens of Vermont no longer count it a great achievement to visit Boston. Journeys that used to require months are easily performed in a day. Telegraphs and telephones have condensed into minutes the work of years. The educator who has lived in the atmosphere of this intensely earnest and active onward movement without catching the spirit of the age; who has been content to plod on in the old grooves without thought and without progress, ought long ago to have been "put into his little bed" and tucked up to enjoy a Rip Van Winkle slumber, so that the world might at least be allowed to move on unhindered by his dullness.

General News.

DOMESTIC.

A fire in Buffalo, N. Y., Friday afternoon, caused a loss of more than half a million dollars. Secretary Lamar is confined to his bed at Washington in consequence of a severe cold contracted Monday. Ex-President Arthur, who has been ill for some time at his New York home, is better and able to see friends. The Northern Pacific car and locomotive shops at Brainerd, Minn., with 25 freight cars, were burned Sunday; loss, \$100,000, fully insured. Attorney-General Garland is suffering from a severe cold and is confined to his bed. His physician advised him to remain away from the department a few days. The President has recognized Charles Alan Henderson, consul of her Britannic majesty for the States of Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, to reside at Boston. The postmaster-general, in response to a Senate resolution, has reported to that body that the total number of removals of fourth-class postmasters from March 4, 1885, to March 3, 1886, was 8035. The business failures during the week ended Friday numbered for the United States, 197, and for Canada 24, or a total of 221, as against a total of 225 the week before and 230 the week before that. Mrs. Parnell, mother of Charles Stewart Parnell, is seriously sick at New York, but her physicians, in response to a cablegram from her son, report that her condition is not immediately dangerous. The total values of the exports of merchandise to the United States during the year ended February 28 were \$993,723,574, against \$748,993,201 the year before; imports \$607,711,701, against \$694,489,440. Jacob Hoffman, owner of the flour mills at Elba, Minn., and his son were drowned in their water wheel Thursday night. They had gone into the wheel to remove an obstruction when the water was turned on. The President has transmitted to Congress the third annual report of the civil service commission, and with a message commending the usefulness of the board and asking that Congress give to it its liberal care and protection. The Blair educational bill has been referred by the House of Representatives to the committee on labor by a vote of 138 to 113. The Randall amendment to send it to the educational committee was defeated by a vote of 115 to 134. Senator Fair on Tuesday introduced the Morrow Chinese bill in the Senate with an amendment changing from 20 years to 10 years the period during which the entrance of Chinese laborers into the United States shall be prohibited. Congress authorized the postmaster general to establish the special delivery service, but did not make the requisite appropriation, and now the question is, will he be sustained in carrying on the work without a special appropriation. A great sensation was created at Oxford, a small town in Connecticut, Monday, by the most brutal murder of Miss Louisa P. Williams, a young and handsome lady, by her rejected lover, Jay Andrews, and the latter's tragical suicide. The question of silver coinage was discussed in the national House of Representatives on Saturday. Speeches were made by Messrs. Long and Whiting of Massachusetts; by Mr. Culberson of Kentucky; and Taylor of Tennessee. Secretary of the Treasury Manning is a very sick man according to all accounts; and his recovery will probably be very slow. He seems to have had a stroke of paralysis, which may be of permanent effect. His early resignation from the cabinet is expected. Gen. Logan has introduced a bill in the Senate providing for an increase in the army and Gen. Sherman writes a letter favoring the bill and saying that the saving in the cost of bringing troops from a distance to quell Indian outbreaks would nearly meet the expenses of maintaining the additional number of men for which the bill provides. Ex-Senator Bruce and a delegation of prominent colored men have applied to the President for his support to put an end to the wholesale murder of negroes in the South, like the late massacre in