

Social Matters.

THE WEATHER.

Table with columns: Date, Wind, Thermometer (7 a.m., Noon, 4 p.m.). Rows for Thurs. April 1, Fri. 2, Sat. 3, Sun. 4, Mon. 5, Tues. 6, Wed. 7.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Wall paper at Alden's. Pickles at Manney's. Milk pans \$1 a doz. at A. Calhoun's. Spring styles in hats, at Frank A. Bond's. Oranges, lemons, dates, at Manney's. Try Brown's best flour. W. H. SHELDON. The Garland oil stove, sold by J. H. Sargent. Five dollars will buy a good lounge at B. B. Hope's. A fine line of baby carriages at B. B. Hope's furniture store. Get you a new lantern at F. T. McDonough's, Vergennes. Cheap and good. Chimneys and burners, cheap and good, call at F. T. McDonough's, Vergennes, Vt. Fresh nuts, raisins, figs, dates, oranges and lemons at Bond Bros. A large new stock and best styles in shoes and slippers at Bond Bros. All persons indebted to us will please call and settle. BENEDICT & BIRD. Barley, Canada peas, best seed, carrot seed, etc., at Earl & Smith's. FOR RENT—An excellent tenement. Inquire at this office. Some goods a little shop-worn, at very low prices. W. H. SHELDON. Best tea very cheap for cash, at Case & Rider drug store. Frank A. Bond continues to make low prices on gents' furnishings at his new store. New additions to our stock of boots and shoes just received at Beckwith & Co.'s. Stewart's cough cure, every bottle warranted; at the Case & Rider drug store. Yellow onion seed for sale by Louis Bisette of Whiting, raised in 1885. Just received, a fresh line of salt and fresh fish, at Vallette's block. A full line of men's, boys', ladies' and children's rubber boots, at Beckwith & Co.'s. Cows.—Two good new-natched cows for sale. L. C. BARROWS. You will find the celebrated Paris range at J. H. Sargent's, formerly sold by Earl & Barnum. Examine my stock and prices of baby carriages before purchasing and be wise. R. W. PITTS, Agent. Tin ware in all its varieties for the household cheap, at F. T. McDonough's, Vergennes. Call and get prices. FOR SALE—Good work mare, also land roller, cheap; address, F. W. WARD, New Haven. For dairy goods, tin pans, pulls, etc., the best and the cheapest, call on F. T. McDonough, Vergennes, Vt. Jobbing in all its branches, repairing, piping at half prices, by the best of workmen, at F. T. McDonough's, Vergennes, Vt. Two good work horses for sale cheap for cash. AUSTIN PECK, 142 W. East Middlebury. Don't be surprised if you receive a statement of your account. Accounts must be settled. W. H. SHELDON. Cranberries, sweet oranges, lemons, figs, new line canned goods of all kinds, and don't forget the oysters at Colby's. Oil, oil stoves! The Monitor oil stove, the latest improved. Call and see before purchasing. Sold by J. H. Sargent. We have a few (4) one-quarter barrels of nice No. 1 split herring that we will sell cheap to close out. BENEDICT & BIRD. Rates to California lower than ever. First-class tickets, Middlebury to San Francisco, only \$47.50; second-class only \$33. Buy of G. E. Marshall. The Y. M. C. A. is in immediate need of funds for current expenses. Will those who have subscribed please hand their subscriptions to the treasurer, G. E. Marshall, at once. POULTRY—I will buy poultry at my house Seymour street, near the cattle yards, every day in the week; and will pay the highest market price. JOS. LALOCK. Have you examined the "Peerless"? It is from the Ransom Store Co., Albany, N. Y., and is one of the best ranges in the market. F. T. McDonough, Main and Green streets, Vergennes, Vt. Read the new advertisement of S. M. Dorris's Sons to-day. They visit Kansas every six months and look over the property on which they loan money, and in every case protect their own interests by protecting their customers. The stability of their business depends on doing this, and in twelve years business they have never bought or sold a poor investment.

LOCAL NEWS.

Fast day. Mrs. C. S. Murkland is visiting her parents in town. The repairs on the Catholic church have been commenced. Mrs. E. B. Clay, who has been ill several weeks, is improving. Butter sold Monday at the prices of former weeks—from 28 cents down. Hon. L. D. Eldredge arrived home Friday night from his trip to Washington and Boston. It is now said that James Farrell received only about \$1350 back pay with his pension. Frank Lucia is building a house on his Chipman hill lot, and will put up another when this is done. Henry W. Brewster has been confined to the house for several days by an attack of rheumatism. The students of the college resumed their studies yesterday. Commencement-nay, this year, is the 30th of June. S. R. Mills and wife of Munger street passed the fiftieth anniversary of their wedded life on Wednesday, March 31. Mr. A. L. Parsons will relate his experience in becoming a Christian, in the Methodist church, next Sunday evening. Camp Tracy, No. 25, Sons of Veterans, will have a drill this forenoon, and, if the weather is favorable, will parade the streets.

E. P. Cushman is just back from market. B. S. Beckwith and F. A. Bond went Monday and have not yet returned. Samuel Brooks has been seriously ill since Saturday and his physicians think it hardly possible that he can survive today. George E. Wales of the junior class at the college is teaching the grammar school temporarily, Miss Bond being disabled by illness. Miss Ada B. Calendar went, Wednesday, to New York to visit her cousins, the Misses Austin of Burlington, who are spending the winter there. The creek has reached its customary spring altitude, flooding the meadows from here south to Sutherland Falls. No damage is reported hereabouts. Rev. Mr. Noe will preach at the union Fast-day services to be held at the Congregational church at 10:45 this morning. At St. Stephen's services will be held at the same hour. The foundation of the creamery F. W. Atwood is building near the freight depot is partly laid and lumber is being drawn for the superstructure. If nothing happens it will be ready for operation by June 1. Alfred Woodward has entered the employ of Beckwith & Co. as clerk in the grocery department. He had worked seven years at the Addison House, among whose guests he made many friends. Rev. Dr. Webber has consented, at the request of the Woman's auxiliary give a talk on "Ireland" at the town hall sometime, next week or the week after, for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. The date will be announced later. At Wm. Carr's place, east of the village, is a poplar tree that measures 22 feet four inches in circumference at one foot from the ground. A sprout of the same tree, standing about a rod from the parent stem, is eleven feet in circumference. John L. Buttolph received a painful injury Wednesday morning. He was feeding a root-cutter, when he got the second finger of his right hand into the knives, cutting and mauling it so that it was necessary to amputate it at the second joint. Mrs. A. M. Beckwith went Friday to Washington for a brief stay. Mrs. Dugald Stewart, who has spent the winter in the South, will join Mrs. Beckwith at the capital, and come home with her. Dugald Stewart will stay for a time at Thomasville, Ga. The commissioners appointed by the county court in the matter of the New Haven highway from the railroad station east to the Bristol line will look over the ground tomorrow. They are Lieut.-Gov. Ormsbee, Judge Lane of Cornwall and H. S. Jackson of Waltham. W. A. Tyrell, formerly connected with marble companies at Dorset and Manchester, has come to Middlebury to manage the marble business carried on by the Burlington Manufacturing Co. at Belden's Falls. He and his family, consisting of his wife and two daughters, are boarding at Mrs. Batchelder's. The young ladies of the college, assisted by their friends, will give an entertainment at the town hall on the evening of Monday, April 26, to secure funds to complete the furnishing of the "Brown Study." It will consist of Howells' farce, "The Register," together with a comedy "In the Farmer's Kitchen." Further announcement will be made next week. Rev. Mr. Spence exchanges pulpits next Sabbath with Rev. E. P. Gould of the Berean Baptist church, Burlington, having accepted an invitation to address the Burlington Y. M. C. A. at their anniversary, Sabbath evening. Rev. Mr. Gould was until recently professor in the Theological seminary at Newton, Mass. He will preach morning and evening. Joseph Brouillett left town on the 3:36 train Saturday morning. He is said to have gone into the saloon business at Plattsburgh, N. Y., whither his family will soon remove. This town had become too hot for him. The day before his departure two officers were after him with warrants charging him with a large number of offenses of selling liquor; and, as these would have been second convictions, he wisely made himself scarce. A. Gonzales, a rich planter of Costa Rica, came to this country early in the winter, and bought a number of thoroughbred cattle, horses and sheep, among the latter several purchased of J. B. Cherbino of Weybridge through A. J. Severance of New York. Mr. Gonzales sailed for home the latter part of February; but the steamer has never been heard of since it left port. He expected to return to the United States in a few months after more improved stock. Our business men are branching out considerably this year. Smith & Allen have a large job on their hands at Belows Falls, as before stated, and now Mr. Calhoun has taken the contract to put in the plumbing, steam boilers and piping and gas fitting at the State capital and new State library building, Montpelier. The capitol has never been properly fitted with heating apparatus, and it has been decided to take out the entire plant and substitute new that is equal to the work required of it. At a meeting of ladies at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Saturday, Mrs. B. S. Beckwith, Mrs. Eells, Mrs. E. W. Judd and Mrs. Chadwick were chosen a committee to furnish the parlor in the building, funds for that purpose having been raised by subscription. Steps were also taken looking to the formation of a Woman's

Auxiliary. The object of the organization is to assist the association in its work among young men. Twenty-six ladies expressed a desire to become members. A committee was appointed to bring in a list of officers at an adjourned meeting to be held at the rooms tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, sharp, when the organization will be completed. The annual meeting of the town superintendents of schools of Addison county was held at the court house on Tuesday. The following were present: G. A. Kimball of Orwell, Dr. C. W. Howard of Shoreham, Dr. E. F. Preston of New Haven, Arthur Clark of Addison, Rev. A. A. Robertson of Vergennes, F. E. Sears of Panton, J. R. B. Wilkins of Ferrisburgh, Rev. A. DeF. Palmer of Middlebury, Miss Anna L. Huntley of Bridport, Miss Julia E. Barry of Bristol, T. P. D. Matthews of Cornwall. G. A. Kimball was chosen chairman and Rev. A. DeF. Palmer, secretary. G. A. Kimball of Orwell, C. D. Mead of Middlebury and Wm. H. Shaw of Vergennes were chosen a board of County examiners. April 22 and Nov. 17 were agreed upon as the time for the public examinations and a list of questions for those examinations was prepared and adopted. THE SHEEP SHEARING. We print on the seventh page the full official record of the shearing held at the Vermont Merino Sheep-Shearing association's barn in this village on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. There is little to add to the report already published. The bad roads, which were the worst possible, made it impracticable to get sheep here from a distance and consequently fewer were shorn than in former years. But the records were excellent, as will be seen by the table. REV. MR. SPENCE'S LECTURE. The lecture at the town hall, Wednesday evening, by Rev. S. L. B. Spence, on "Life Seen through Prison Bars," was exceedingly interesting. Unfortunately, the night was the stormiest for weeks, and the audience consequently not large. Col. A. S. Tracy—commander of Post Russell, G. A. R., for whose benefit the lecture was given—presided. A quartet made up of Mrs. Miner, Mrs. Pitts, Mr. Graham and Dr. Sheldon sang very acceptably a "Festival Hymn"; Rev. Mr. Noe offered prayer, the quartet gave "Marching through Georgia," and Col. Tracy introduced the speaker. Mr. Spence spoke of the importance of prisons and the claim of the convict to the attention of his fellows; alluded to the reforms in prison management the last century had seen; stated the magnitude of the prison problem of to-day, and described a modern prison, the life of a convict, his work, studies, amusements, worship, etc. He denied that the majority of convicts differed essentially from their fellows outside prison walls; there is no distinctively criminal class, as many suppose. Of the 40,000 prisoners of the United States, 30,000 became such through rum. In closing he discussed the philosophy of punishment, which, he said, was not inflicted by virtue of society's right of retaliating, for it had no such right; or of reforming, for more outside than inside prison walls need this, but was simply society's method of self-protection. Hence the necessity and the right of guarding against alcohol, the source of so much crime. We have space only to mention the principal points of the lecture, which was interesting and valuable, both for the information and suggestions it contained. The quartet sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the close. Col. Tracy gave notice that Adirondack Murray would lecture here on Friday evening next, the 16th, in completion of an arrangement made with the Post early in the winter. THE COLLEGE ALUMNI AT BOSTON. [From Friday's Boston Herald.] The annual gathering of the alumni of Middlebury college, Vermont, took place at the Parker House yesterday afternoon, and was a most enjoyable occasion. The gentlemen began arriving at 5 o'clock, and an hour later, under escort of Mr. George Ware, Jr., chairman of the committee of arrangements, proceeded to the banquet, about 40 members taking seats at the tables. After the elaborate menu had been partaken of, the presiding officer, Prof. William R. Shipman of Tufts college, who filled the position in the absence of Joshua Bates, LL. D., formerly master of the Brimmer school in Boston, called the company to order. Among those present were Messrs. L. D. Eldredge and George W. Ware, Jr., of the board of trustees of the college, Sumner Albee, Baxter E. Perry, Thomas J. Sawyer, Prof. W. W. Eaton, Prof. Edward H. Higley, Dr. P. D. Goodsell, Rev. Henry W. Perkins, Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. Lawrence Phelps, Rev. Julius W. Atwood, Rev. George W. Brooks, C. C. Bixby, George W. Kemele, Dr. Edward Parker, S. B. Cady, C. B. Ross, J. B. O'Neil, E. W. Howe, A. C. Peck, Edward R. Brainerd, Prof. Edward Perry of Williams college and others. The post prandial exercises were of much interest to those present, and the necessities of the college were explained and many reminiscences were given, all of which were heartily applauded. The principal speakers were President Shipman, Messrs. Perry, Ware, Rev. Mr. Ware, Mr. Sawyer, Mr. Eldredge, Dr. Goodsell, Prof. Higley, Revs. Mr. Atwood, Brooks and Blake, Mr. Albee and others. Letters of regret at inability to be present, but with the warmest wishes of the writers for the welfare of the college, were read from Dr. Joshua Bates,

Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, the former president of the college, ex-Gov. J. W. Stewart of Vermont, Hon. S. A. Walker, district attorney of New York, Dr. C. T. Hurlburt, J. M. Slade, Rufus Wainwright, Rev. John C. Labaree, C. G. Farwell, G. W. Colburn, E. H. Baxter and others. GOING OUT OF BUSINESS. N. C. Brooks, who has for many years carried on the manufacture of axes at Brooksville, is closing up his business. He says there is no money in it these times. It is hardly probable that the manufacture will be resumed. Many of the tenements at Brooksville have been rented to the employees of the Burlington Manufacturing Co. and Belden's Falls Pulp Co., whose mills are not far distant. SAVE MONEY! THE NEW NO. 8 LEADS. A light running and noiseless machine. Everybody invited to come in on above-named date to examine stock and store, and see the lowest prices ever quoted in Vermont on honest Goods. Don't fail to call on us next Thursday (day or evening). No store in Vermont shall excel in stock or make lower prices than we can had at Pine Hall, Middlebury, Vt. FRANK A. BOND. EVERYBODY INVITED TO COME IN ON ABOVE-NAMED DATE TO EXAMINE STOCK AND STORE, AND SEE THE LOWEST PRICES EVER QUOTED IN VERMONT ON HONEST GOODS. Don't fail to call on us next Thursday (day or evening). No store in Vermont shall excel in stock or make lower prices than we can had at Pine Hall, Middlebury, Vt. FRANK A. BOND. Do not buy a sewing machine until you have examined the Wheeler & Wilson at our store. We have two extra good bargains in new machines. G. E. MARSHALL. NASON & SMITH, MACHINE, FOUNDRY AND REPAIR SHOP. NEAR FREIGHT DEPOT. MIDDLEBURY, Vt. Orders for castings and machine work of every description taken and filled with accuracy and promptness. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED. Remember the old Langworthy Shop. R. P. NASON. E. B. SMITH. Middlebury, Vt., April 1, 1886. J. B. HUSTED, MERCHANT TAILOR AND CLOTHIER. VERGENNES, - VERMONT. Keeps constantly on hand a large and well-selected stock of CLOTHS, and is prepared to make them up in latest style, best manner and at the lowest prices. We guarantee our cutting and work to be first-class, and all work made by us is subject to the approval of our customers. We have recently added to our custom tailoring. Ready-Made Clothing. A Fine Stock of GENTS' YOUTH'S AND BOYS', At the Lowest Prices. Call and see for yourselves, and you will be convinced of what we say. Dyer's Block, Opp. Stevens' House. Vergennes, Vt., 1886.

PINE HALL! GENTS' FURNISHING STORE! THE LARGEST, LIGHTEST AND MOST CONVENIENT CLOTHING STORE IN VERMONT, WILL BE FORMALLY OPENED WITH A TREMENDOUS STOCK OF NEW GOODS! Thursday, April 15, 1886! (DAY and EVENING). BY FRANK A. BOND. Everybody invited to come in on above-named date to examine stock and store, and see the lowest prices ever quoted in Vermont on honest Goods. Don't fail to call on us next Thursday (day or evening). No store in Vermont shall excel in stock or make lower prices than we can had at Pine Hall, Middlebury, Vt. BOND BROTHERS. C. D. EARL. H. E. SMITH. EARL & SMITH HAVE FOR SALE Grass and Clover Seeds, CHEAP, FOR CASH; Three Tiger Seeders, FOR \$40 EACH, CASH. Lowland, Upland, Subsoil and Sidehill Deere Plows. THE LADOW WHEEL HARROW, of which we have the agency. REMEMBER It is the lightest draft, the most thorough pulverizer, the best made and finest finished and will be sold on its merits, cheap for cash. PLOWS, PLOWS, PLOWS! 100 Bushels Fodder Corn Seed. Wool Twine and Sheep Shears! All the above will be sold low for cash; everything warranted satisfactory; and, if not, goods replaced or money refunded. Middlebury, Vt., March 16, 1886. AT THE BREAD LOAF STOCK FARM, TWO MILES NORTH OF MIDDLEBURY VILLAGE, WILL STAND THE SEASON OF 1886. DANIEL LAMBERT, SIRE OF MORE WINNERS OF PUBLIC RACES; MORE TROTTERS WITH RECORDS; MORE TROTTERS WITH RECORDS OF 2:40 OR BETTER; MORE TROTTERS WITH RECORDS OF 2:30 OR BETTER; MORE TROTTERS OF FIFTY RACES OR MORE EACH; Than any other living Stallion. MOTION, 2:29, Son of DANIEL LAMBERT. TERMS:—DANIEL LAMBERT, Season \$50, Season with privilege of Return, \$75. To insure in foal, \$100. MOTION—Twenty Dollars to Warrant. Address, D. W. BLISS, Supt., Middlebury, Vt.