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County News.

ADDISON.

The many friends of Geo. D. Pond, an energetic young man, formerly of this town, but now of the city of La Junta, Col., were glad to see his smiling face and healthy countenance. It speaks well for the young man to say that he has been absent about four years, in different kinds of business, namely, railway, coal, etc., and now he is a partner of the mayor of the city, and quite a place it is, judging by the papers of the place.

WEST ADDISON.

Mrs. Julia Goodale is at R. C. Goodale's in the east part of town caring for Mrs. R. C. Goodale, who is very sick. Mrs. Phebe Goodale is ill. She is staying at R. C. Goodale's.

The latest event of the season was a gathering of friends and neighbors at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hines, Dec. 1, to witness the marriage of their daughter, Emma A. Hines, and George B. Merriam of St. Paul, Minn. About eighty were present. The bride received several very fine presents, among them being two gold-lined cups from Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burwell; silver butter dish, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hines; and Mr. and Mrs. W. Rockwood; silver spoon-holder, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Frost; silver cake basket, Mr. and Mrs. Simonds; silver butter dish, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. and R. C. Whitford; silver forks, D. Jackson and wife; silver knives, H. Jackson and wife; silver butter knife, E. J. Smith and wife; silver napkin ring, W. T. Waugh, and a large number of which space forbids mention. After enjoying a very pleasant time the company were served with refreshments and then dispersed to their several homes. Mr. Merriam and bride went to their home in St. Paul, Minn.

EAST MIDDLEBURY.

C. F. Partridge is at home for a few weeks, and all are glad to meet him once more.

Rev. Dr. H. W. Worthen will deliver a series of lectures at the church here, commencing Tuesday evening, Dec. 14; subject, his travels in the East.

The next regular meeting of Needham post, G. A. R., comes on Dec. 16, at 7 p. m., at which time the election of officers will occur and other important business come before the meeting.

The Juvenile Temple will give an exhibition consisting of dialogues, recitation, music, etc., at Good Templars, hall on the evening of Dec. 15. A small admission fee will be charged. All are invited.

School commenced Monday, with D. E. Taylor of Bristol teacher in the first grade and his daughter in the primary. Mr. Taylor taught here one year ago and was popular as a teacher. The school starts off well, there being a larger attendance than a year ago.

CORNWALL.

There will be a business meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U. of Cornwall at the town hall on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 11, at two o'clock.

The next parlor meeting of the Cornwall Y. W. C. T. U. will be held Friday evening, Dec. 17, at the residence of Mr. Jared Foote. All are cordially invited.

WEST CORNWALL.

Miss Mary Field commenced a term of school last Monday in Bristol, south of the village.

We are glad to chronicle that at last we have good roads. The sleighing is fine and the jingle of bells is often a pleasant sound.

G. T. Dinmock arrived home from his trip to Ohio last week. He does not report the selling of sheep as remarkably brisk business.

The sewing circle will meet with Mrs. Edwin Jones on Wednesday afternoon of this week. Home charities keep them well supplied with work.

Our physician, Dr. G. W. Bond, has decided to remove from here to Ticonderoga. The doctor has done a successful business here and has made many friends, and it is to be regretted that we are to be again without a resident physician; but we hope some competent man may soon fill his place. We can ill afford to lose any of our good citizens. We wish him and his wife well in the new home to which they are going.

ORWELL.

[Deferred from Last Week.]

Mrs. Samuel Cook is again quite sick with a disease resembling pneumonia.

Cary Burt has returned to town after an absence of several years in Pennsylvania, and has opened the new store east of Messrs. Johnson & Williams' hardware store on Main street for the sale of oysters, candy, tobacco, etc.

[Latest.]

Messrs. E. M. Wright & Co. are doing a large business in all kinds of goods.

Mrs. Samuel Cook is better, as are the others heretofore reported on the sick list.

A heavy business in horse-shoeing is being done by Messrs. Wells & King. Their shop is full of horses from morning till night.

The Evergreens will meet at the ladies' rooms on Saturday afternoon and will be addressed by a missionary. The children will have a good time.

Sleighing is very good, but people are not prepared to use it to any great extent in the way of teaming. If it continues, however, business will soon be lively.

MONKTON.

There are a few new cases of diphtheria in town.

All the schools in town opened Monday, December 6.

It is understood that there is to be a Christmas tree at the Friends' church.

A donation visit for the benefit of Rev. S. J. Robinson will be held at the town hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15. A cordial invitation is extended.

NEW HAVEN.

Mrs. Zelle of Bangor, Me., is stopping with Mrs. Sargent, her daughter, at the parsonage.

An adopted daughter of Madame Kent from California is now with the Kents at their cottage.

At least one young man "carried over" enough of the spirit of the Burlington carnival to induce him to build a set of coasting traverses. Cui bono?

Dr. Smith of Middlebury has been called to care for Mrs. Mansfield. It is not understood that the latter is materially improved since last report.

An unfortunate misunderstanding between A. G. Mathews and Alvin Sturdevant is said to have resulted in a suit for slanderous words; damages are laid at \$1,000.

W. T. Drake has returned from California. He reports a pleasant journey, grass just starting, oranges beginning to ripen when he left, and that he did not find a large windfall for himself.

With the approval of his physician, Selectman D. H. Spaul will probably soon leave for California to spend the winter with a sister at Pasadena. A son of G. W. Barton, who is out of health, may accompany him.

At the performance of "Laura the Pauper" by the rival academy club last Friday eve, the crowd

"Flocked in so fast, 'twas plain to the eye of any observer standing by.

That party spirit was running high, and this was the popular party!"

Something over thirty dollars was taken and is to be expended for the betterment of the sidewalks. Next time the band is to be the beneficiary.

The recent experience of a married couple here illustrates the mutations of married life, which in this case had become somewhat burdensome to the wife by reason of the bibulous habits of her spouse. On Saturday last by mutual consent they dissolved partnership; she with her two small children—and, like John Rogers' wife, one at the breast—returned to her father's home. Her husband, selling the pig for fifty cents, proposed to start life anew. Within forty-eight hours the wife and babies were back, the pig repurchased and they had set up business again at the old stand.

RIPTON.

There will be a Christmas eve ball, Dec. 24, at O. Danforth's hall. His usual New Year's dance will be omitted this year.

VERGENNES.

Otter Creek will soon show a glare surface to the skaters.

Rev. Mr. Austin preached in Vergennes and Ferrisburgh, Sunday.

The snow lies two and three feet deep in the woods in Lincoln and Bristol.

Despite the severe weather, church attendance Sunday, was quite full.

The boiler for the new steam mill in Addison was transferred, last week, from Vergennes to its new quarters.

Lake crossing at Chimney Point to Crown Point, and across Bulwagga Bay to Port Henry, is now safe for teams.

Spigg & Wheeler shipped from this station, Monday, one carload of cattle for Boston market. There were twenty head.

The Indians who have been conspicuous in their exhibitions and medicine sales for some time leave for Middlebury this week.

The theme of Christmas trees, Christmas presents and Santa Claus visitations is rapidly coming to the front as the days speed by.

Look in the windows as you pass by the stores, if you are in doubt that the day for making Christmas and New Year's presents is at hand.

Next Sunday morning there will be quarterly meeting at the Methodist church, also baptismal services and the receiving of persons on probation.

Mr. Myron Bristol, who has been to Cheyenne, returned home on the early train Tuesday morning. Vergennes people in that vicinity are all well.

The snow is blowing in and packing, and travel is greatly improved. Saturday filled the streets of Vergennes with visitors, and our stores did a large trade.

The lake is "smoking" under the zero temperature, and is inclined to freeze. From Whitehall to Chimney Point good ice is formed, and it will speedily be the icky for general travel.

Friday evening of this week the Lone Minstrel troupe will give a concert at school house hall, the proceeds to go for the benefit of loan exhibition fund. Go, if you wish to thoroughly enjoy yourself.

That was a kind and thoughtful deed of some true friends of the late station agent, to trope the depot in mourning, during the transfer of the remains to the car, for removal to Pittsford, Saturday last.

A memorial discourse, in memory of the late Mr. Chas. Simons, was preached,

Sunday evening, at the Congregational church, by Rev. Mr. Robertson, from the fourth verse of the 39th Psalm—"Lord, make me to know mine end," etc. It was an earnest and feeling discourse, and was calculated to enforce the lesson of his sudden death.

State News.

John J. Barrett has been made postmaster at Center Rutland and Col. A. M. Dickey at Bradford.

The Ladies' Yacht club of Burlington has already raised about \$300 toward the purchase of a challenge cup, to be sailed for on the lake next summer.

The season of winter sports at Burlington began on Saturday evening. Gay parties thronged the streets and the toboggan slide. Two feet of snow lay on the ground, and zero weather prevailed.

Dr. A. J. Willard has resigned his position as superintendent of the Mary Fletcher hospital at Burlington after a service of six years, in which over a thousand patients have passed under his care.

H. H. Hulbut of Grand Isle made the crack shot of the season on Friday night of last week. He brought down four wild geese at one shot, the aggregate weight of the victims being 43 pounds. —(St. Albans Messenger.)

Col. W. L. Greenleaf announces these staff appointments to the State militia: Major and assistant adjutant-general, Marcus D. Green; major and assistant quartermaster-general, William Smith; captains and address-camp, Edward E. Greenleaf and Charles S. Forbes.

It is proposed to have the Castleton and West Rutland veterans unite in forming a Grand Army post to meet in the two towns alternately. The matter will probably be brought before the State encampment next month. West Rutland has a flourishing post but Castleton has not been able to establish one.

The State board of health met at Burlington Tuesday and organized by the election of Dr. A. H. Chesmore of Huntington president, and Dr. C. L. Allen of Rutland secretary. The secretary is made by the act of legislature the executive officer of the board, having among other duties to report the proceedings of the board to the legislature and to assist the secretary of state to make out the State registration report. The board will be subject to call by selectmen in any part of the State, so that the date of meetings can not be stated in advance. The board will publish a pamphlet for distribution throughout the State, giving rules for disinfecting and general sanitary measures.

Fire destroyed four wooden buildings comprising the finishing department of the Vermont Marble company's works, at Proctor, about midnight Saturday, and also the Central Vermont depot. Owing to the weather, the Rutland village department was unable to give assistance, but the flames were finally checked by a stream from a hydrant, although many buildings were endangered. A special train from Rutland was sent to remove freight cars in proximity to the burning buildings and clear the track for trains. About 150 men were employed in the department and the works will be temporarily moved to Centre Rutland. The origin of the fire is unknown. Loss about \$35,000. Insured in the Vermont Mutual.

BACK FROM SOUTH AMERICA.

Messrs. H. Bruce Wright and Page G. Potter of this town and Chas. R. Witherell of Cornwall are home from their trip to Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic. They sailed thence on the 1st of November and were landed at New York on Friday last. Mr. Wright arrived here Saturday afternoon and the others on Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and their son Robert remained. The latter will stay here for a year at least. His parents may come home in the course of a few weeks, or may not till March. Mr. T. J. Close came with the others to New York and went thence to his home in Ohio.

Mr. Ellis left here on the 29th of May for Buenos Ayres, taking 77 Merino rams and 27 ewes, the property of himself and Mr. Close. Mr. Potter accompanied them to care for the animals. They arrived in due time, only two of the sheep dying on the voyage. The sales were not brisk, owing to the bad winter which had caused severe losses to the shepherds of the country, but finally all the sheep were disposed of. A market was found for most of them at Buenos Ayres, though a few were taken to Montevideo and sold.

On the 24th of June another lot of Vermont stock was shipped hence to the same port. This consignment consisted of 67 Merino rams, 13 ewes and two stallions. Messrs. J. A. Wright of this town and Cyrus Jennings of Hubbardton were the financial backers of the enterprise. Mr. Witherell took charge of it and Mr. Wright assisted him. They, too, had a prosperous voyage and sold their stock. Of the financial results none of the returned voyagers are likely to say much. It is to be hoped, however, that they all did well as South America ought to prove an excellent market for our sheep.

The thermometer indicated from 100 degrees up during the latter part of these gentlemen's stay at Buenos Ayres, and naturally they found it rather unpleasant to be plunged at once into the midst of the coldest part of a Vermont winter. All are in the enjoyment of good health.

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General News.

CONGRESSIONAL.

The 49th Congress met on Monday for its second session, which will close on the 4th of March. Thus far little has been done except the introduction of bills, none of which is of general interest.

DOMESTIC.

Pennies are so scarce in New York city that 95 of them are worth \$1.

Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, ex-congressman, died at his home in Brooklyn Tuesday.

The reduction in the national debt during the month of November was \$3,965,249.57.

The Democratic secretary of State of Kentucky says that that State is liable to go Republican in 1888.

Ex-President Arthur's estate, valued at \$200,000, is by his will equally divided between his son and daughter.

The property destroyed by fire since January 1, in the United States and Canada, was valued at \$110,000,000.

The case of the American Board and Missionary Hume has been postponed a year by the prudential committee.

Theodore S. Mize, confidential clerk for Miner T. Ames of Chicago, is alleged to have robbed the latter of \$100,000.

In the case at Boston of the National Soldiers' home against General B. F. Butler, the jury found a verdict Thursday for \$16,537.50 against Butler.

The government counsel in the Bell telephone case are not agreed as to where the next suit will be brought, but they agreed that the suit shall be prosecuted somewhere.

Howard T. Blackstone, discount clerk, has embezzled the funds of the Canal national bank of Portland, Me., to the amount of \$25,000 and has absconded. He had speculated in stocks and lost.

Rev. Dr. McCosh laments the evils growing out of too much devotion of students to athletic sports, and proposes that colleges take concerted action on some simple restrictive measure.

Senator Sherman is in favor of reducing the tax on national banks to half of 1 per cent. He is in favor of letting the banks do business on the 4-1-2 per cent bonds now outstanding, and allow their circulation upon the face value of the bonds.

Harvard college comes in for a legacy of half a million probably by the death at Boston Saturday of E. Price Greenleaf, a strange character nearly a century old, who for half that period had pinched and scribbled and saved with no other object than to immortalize himself in just this way.

The general council of the Fenian brotherhood has issued an address in reply to O'Donovan Rossa's recent statement. It charges him with various disreputable transactions and denounces him as the cause of all the brotherhood's troubles in recent years.

Among the passengers on the steamship Fulda, which arrived at New York Sunday, was a Russian family of 40, men, women and children. They were Gustave Pieth, his wife, his five sons and their wives, and 28 grandchildren. They go to Knife River, Dak.

Snow has fallen about Asheville, N. C., to the depth of 26 inches and was still falling Monday evening. Traffic and travel of all kinds are suspended. The weight of the snow crushed in the roof of the Asheville tobacco works and a large stock of smoking tobacco was ruined.

An accident of a frightful and extraordinary character, involving the loss of six lives and serious injuries to 14 persons, occurred on Saturday last at sea, on board the steamer Westerland, Antwerp to New York. It was the result of two monster waves meeting on either side of the ship and submerging her decks.

In his annual report Attorney General Garland devotes a chapter to the subject of United States prisoners and the general question of convict labor, and advocates the building of a government penitentiary and reformatory at an early day. He recommends the appointment of a commission to inquire into the matter.

On Saturday and Sunday Southern New England had its first taste of snow for the season and in various parts the ground is mantled to the depth of a foot. The storm spread all over the country this side of the Mississippi, and sleighing is reported from Washington, Tennessee and several Southern States. In Alabama ten inches fell—the largest amount for many years.

Mr. Conkling had not spoken to the late ex-President for several years, but shortly before Mr. Arthur's death Mr. Conkling sent him a confidential message, which gave him more gratification, the sick man said, than any he had ever received, and the reply was sent the next day. Mr. Conkling did not call at the house after Gen. Arthur's death, but sent a message of sympathy and regret, and a request for a ticket to the church.

The Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette says that a national tariff association is being formed among the workmen of the country. By the next presidential election, it says, thousands of clubs will be in existence in the North and five Southern States. The organization was started in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. An unbroken tariff front will be presented from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The organization will in no way antagonize the industrial league of Philadelphia or the protective league of New York. While it is to be entirely independ-