

Northfield, Mass.

BIG LOSS AT MT. HERMON.

Croley hall, the oldest large dormitory at Mt. Hermon school, was burned to the ground...

W. S. Black is visiting in Leominster.

Miss Isabel Holmes returned from her visit in Grafton Saturday.

Mrs. Fanny Colton is the guest of her mother, Mrs. N. W. Keen.

Mrs. Stockbridge has come for a visit with her mother, Mrs. W. W. Keen.

Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle is entertaining Miss Ethel Jacobus and friend.

Mrs. E. M. Lazelle was a recent guest of Mrs. Phillips, at Bernardston.

Mr. and Mrs. Jillson of Gardner were recent guests of Mrs. David Hall.

Miss Gertrude Ball fell on the ice Monday and injured her knee seriously.

The high school is preparing play to give at the town hall Jan. 13.

Prof. A. J. Phillips was a recent guest of his daughter, Mrs. S. E. Walker.

Northfield seminary and Fred L. Proctor both lost valuable horses recently.

Howard Doane is here from the Clark school at Northampton, visiting his father.

Miss Rose Cota returned from a visit to her parents in Canada over the holidays.

Mrs. Clark of New Haven, with daughter Elizabeth, is the guest of Mrs. W. W. Keen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Colton returned Saturday from a visit in Boston over the holidays.

Miss Lucy Webster is spending a few weeks with her niece, Mrs. Julia Briggs, in Springfield.

A lecture night will be given at Stone hall Monday evening by Robert W. Van Dusen of Browton.

Mrs. Roswell Dickenson has sold her stock and poultry to Rev. Mr. Briggs of the Winchester road.

Mrs. Knight, who lives on Camp road, is very ill. Her sister is with her, also Mrs. Putnam, a nurse.

Harmony lodge held its regular meeting Wednesday evening with the new master, Harry Russell, in charge.

Ruth Bigelow had a Christmas tree at her home, with many gifts from those interested in her.

A. P. Fitt will preach at the Congregational church next Sunday in the absence of the pastor at Mt. Hermon.

Miss E. Jean Greenough of Deerfield was the guest of Mrs. W. W. Keen last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Caldwell.

F. W. Doane went to Greenfield Wednesday to take the oath of office as deputy sheriff under the new sheriff.

Mrs. R. O. White, with her son and daughter, Kenneth and Katherine, from North Orange were recent guests at F. L. Proctor's.

Rev. A. E. Wilson preached an inspiring New Year's sermon last Sunday, and the choir sang "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made."

The grange held a special meeting Wednesday evening in the town hall for the initiation of 11 candidates.

Discovery of officers' names and installation of officers of the grange.

Lawrence Lazelle and family spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Lazelle's brother, Alfred Sprague, in Hinsdale, N. H. There was a reunion of the Sprague family.

The mothers' meeting was held Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. William Leavis had charge and spoke on "The Education of the Mother." She was present and a social time enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fitt entertained the Northfield Friendship club which is holding a house party at the hotel, at their home last Saturday evening. They were the old year out and the new year in.

The club held a special meeting Wednesday evening and initiated 10 new candidates in the first and second degrees. Next Tuesday will be held the annual installation of officers in the town hall, with E. B. Hall of Bernardston as installing officer.

The Unitarian Alliance met as usual Wednesday afternoon in the parlor of the church. Rev. A. E. Wilson gave an excellent address on the subject of "Friendship." The next meeting of the society will be held at the home of Mrs. Mary P. Wells Smith will address it.

The estate of John Stewart Kennedy, who died in New York Oct. 31, 1909, has been appraised at \$65,568.75. His net value being \$63,973.45. His estate is being administered by the court.

A recent valuable gift to Dickenson library is a portrait of George T. Angell, painted by his wife, who was formerly Miss Eliza A. Mattoon of this town. Mr. Angell was the founder of the American humane society and the society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals. His biography is in the library.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Fitt had a house party at their home over New Year's. Besides their daughter, Miss Emma, there were Misses Eliza and Adele Zimmerman of Brooklyn, Lawrence Ropers of New York, Miss Esther, Miss Conard, Mrs. A. W. Stephenson, E. J. Downer of Montrose, Pa., and Miss Rita Sharp of London.

Word was received on Monday of the death of Mrs. Annie R. Putnam, mother of Mrs. N. K. Kidder, in West Putnam to Northfield about a year and a half ago and lived here till they bought a small farm in Williamsville, Vt., about two months ago. Mrs. Putnam was 63 years old.

The high school will give a play in the town hall Friday evening, Jan. 13, entitled "A Rival by Request." This is a comedy in three acts and the actors have spent much time and effort in preparing it. There will be an orchestra with an orchestra and other musical selections between the acts. Tickets are on sale at the Press office and the bookstore.

The Sons of Veterans and auxiliary held their installation of officers Tuesday evening at Proctor's hall. Miss Daisy Dickenson was acting officer for the auxiliary, and D. L. Proctor for the Sons of Veterans. Mrs. F. L. Proctor is now president of the auxiliary, and Fred Irish of the Sons of Veterans. Refreshments were served after the exercises.

The play given by the Sons of Veterans and auxiliary last Friday night in the town hall drew a large audience, and judging from the amount of laughter the play was thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Kennedy, pianist, Leo Tolman, violinist, and J. W. Field, cornetist, gave several excellent selections between the acts, and also played for the dance which followed.

Dr. Pierson writes "on approaching Japan after one of the stormiest of the ninety-nine trips which the Emperor of India has made since he was crowned. He has been in Japan for 10 months and will be sacredly reserved to promote Bible study and missions, and reported on hereafter. Will you convey my thanks to the

VERNON.

Miss Ruth Fairman has returned to Northfield seminary.

Mrs. Henry Footen was an over-Sunday guest at J. E. Hubbard's.

John Johnson of Northbridge, Mass., is visiting his father, George Johnson.

Mrs. Arthur Stratton and Miss Maverette Johnson were recent guests at Warren Hale's.

Charles Amidon of Tyler Hill is assisting his brother, George Amidon, of Chesterfield, N. H.

Miss Inez Akley has returned to her duties as teacher in the third grade in the Brattleboro high school building.

The Ladies' circle will meet in its rooms as usual on Wednesday. Dinner at noon. It is hoped a large number will be present.

Cassius and William Cudworth came from Brattleboro Saturday to enjoy the fine skating with their cousins, Charles and Roscoe Jaquith.

New Year's guests at Oscar Thayer's were his brothers, Irving and Henry Thayer, and his sons, Ernest and Charles Thayer.

As a fitting adjunct to his fine new barn, A. G. Barnes has installed warm scales for his own use, from the Osgood Scale company at Binghamton, N. Y.

Recent guests in town were Mrs. Minnie Burroughs and son, Pliny, at Mrs. Isabel Burroughs's, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nesbitt and children, Hazen and Gladys, at D. G. Prescott's.

Vernon grange will hold a meeting on Saturday evening of this week.

The trustees of the Vernon Free Public library take much pleasure in announcing the accession of a valuable gift of 30 books presented by the state. The list comprises a very fine selection from the newest and best writings of modern authors, and among the number will be found many of the best published works of fiction, art, history, and general information. Our readers will greatly appreciate this latest donation to the library from the state.

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WEST HALIFAX.

A Sturdy Old Timer.

We have some old men who do not propose to take a back seat yet. Here is one of them: Lyman W. Fairbanks, who lives in the family of Margaret Bernard in the southwest corner of Halifax, just from his home at 8 o'clock with his axe, walked three-quarters of a mile, came back at noon and returned at 1 o'clock. He came back to his home again at 4 o'clock and during that time had chopped 24 cords of four-foot hard wood. Young men, think of this for a man 75 years of age to accomplish. He is a temperance man, never having used tobacco nor intoxicating drinks in his whole life. At the age of 23 he worked for Samuel Smith of Halifax and carried a sack of salt on his back up a flight of stairs 10 feet high, which weighed 540 pounds. He weighed 180 pounds and was five feet 10 inches in height. He has been a business man all his life and at one time owned a farm in North Heath, running across the line to Whitingham, Vt., of 400 acres, with a herd of 50 cattle, and 100 sheep. He died in 1890 and was considered one of the best herds in that section.

Mr. Fairbanks has been appointed a number of times to settle estates, both in Vermont and Massachusetts. There he took to the Jacksonville cattle show 12 yoke of oxen, the largest pair weighing 4,000, the lightest 2,500 pounds. He has worked 15 hours a day for 40 years. He has just a word to say to the young farmers in this section of the country. If they

Putney and Vicinity

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Hardin Bennett is ill with grip.

James H. Lester of Charlston, N. H., was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Patrick Heffron of Brattleboro was an over-Sunday guest of Miss Kate Heffron.

Harry Washburn returned to Dartmouth college in Hanover, N. H., Wednesday.

Mrs. George W. Lee of Bellows Falls, Vt., was in town Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Humphrey of Brockton, Mass., is a guest of her friend, Mrs. C. A. Poland.

Mrs. George W. Bush returned to Greenfield Sunday, and Mrs. Edna Hall returned to Brattleboro.

Miss Gertrude Whitney went to Northampton, Mass., Sunday to visit her brother, Carroll Whitney.

William Washburn returned to Norwich university at Northfield Tuesday, after spending a week at home.

Eugene Berry is spending the Christmas and New Year's vacation at home with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Berry.

Miss Ellen Crawford returned to Concord, N. H., Tuesday after spending her vacation at Mrs. Mary E. Washburn's.

Miss Ethel Page returned to the normal school at Randolph Tuesday, having been absent a few weeks on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Pierce and daughter, Gertrude, of Springfield, Mass., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Look over Sunday.

Roy Nichols has returned from a trip to New York, and has now gone to Brattleboro, where he has employment in Vinton's paper mill.

Robert Switzer, who has been a recent visitor of his sister, Mrs. M. M. Switzer, returned to his home in Easthampton, Mass., Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Congregational society, which was postponed on account of the storm to Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 2 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. James Meany were in town the first of the week. Mr. Meany returned home leaving his wife at home with his sister and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Williams.

The Ladies' Union Aid society of East Putney will meet with Mrs. D. S. Angier Thursday afternoon, Dec. 12. All former members and subscribers are cordially invited to be present.

Rev. Mr. Morey has resigned his pastorate of the Congregational church, to take effect the first of the year. Mr. Morey does not expect to take another pastorate, and will probably make his home with his sister in South Stratford.

Miss Jennie E. Pierce returned to Boston Tuesday after spending a week at her home here. Her mother, Mrs. F. L. Pierce, accompanied her to Boston, and will remain with her children until April.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Thwing opened their pleasant and commodious home Monday evening for the entertainment of a large number of guests, in honor of Mrs. Emma B. Curtis.

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Mrs. Royal Williams and little son, Edward, returned home to Middle Granville, N. Y., Wednesday after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert returned with them for a visit.

Sharon Barnes, the mail carrier between Wilmington and Somerset, made most of the trip of about 17 miles on foot Monday. The ice from the river had blocked the road so it was impossible to drive his horses through to Somerset.

The officers of North River grange were installed Tuesday evening by Past Master H. D. Allen, in the absence of the district clerk, Harry Clark. They are as follows: Master, L. H. Adams; overseer, F. S. Belows; steward, Luther Belows; assistant steward, F. E. Titus; lady assistant steward, Mrs. F. E. Titus; lecturer, P. J. Durham; chaplain, Mrs. F. S. Belows; secretary, Chauncey Mann; treasurer, C. C. Chandler; Flora, Nellie Mann; Ceres, Ruth Brown; Pomona, Christine Boyd; organist, Miss Abena Fitch.

Although there have been successive failures of the champagne crop, there are large reserves stored, and no champagne famine (or drought) is in sight.

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