

JOHNSON.

Julius Green was in Enosburg last Sunday. Mrs. Maria Davis is visiting friends in Fletcher. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Drown are visiting in Troy. Mrs. J. J. Pierce is spending the week in Barre. H. W. Clark is quite ill from a severe attack of the grip. Mrs. H. Chaffee has gone to Essex for a few weeks stay. Lyman Jones has a good assortment of holiday furniture. Hon. S. A. Andrews from Vergennes was in town last Saturday. Miss Stella Smith from Eden visited friends in town last week. Mrs. Willard Warren has been quite ill—threatened with pneumonia. H. W. Stearns went to Boston last Wednesday returning Saturday. Do you want a "county" paper? If so, the News and Citizen fills the bill. Geo. E. Monteith from Brantford, N. Y., was in town on business last week. Mrs. Harvey Varum of Burlington was the guest of Mrs. C. P. Jones last week. Miss Anna Crowley spent Saturday and Sunday with her aunt in Hyde Park. Jed Perkins has gone to Eden, where he has engaged to teach the coming winter. Geo. Clark of Morrisville spent Friday and Saturday with his brother, C. S. Clark. Miss Anna Emerit is helping in Holmes & Co's bookstore through the holidays. Miss A. Cochran from Eden spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister at Millard Gray's. Mrs. R. G. Prontiss, Miss Mable Austin and Max Wilson spent Saturday in Burlington. Mrs. Bertha Hodgkins from Hardwick is visiting at the home of her father, J. C. Hodgkins. Miss Josie Dröwne has completed the fall term of school and is taking the higher course in the Normal. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hooper have taken rooms at Sanford Knifield's and will begin housekeeping soon. Cheely Hartwell has moved his family to Essex Junction, where he has been in business the past year. Miss Grace Sargent is clerking for W. H. Nye and Fred Leslie for the McFarland Co., during the holidays. The Baptist society will have a Christmas tree and exercises appropriate for the occasion on Christmas eve. Miss Hannah of Irasburg has been the guest of her friend, Mrs. H. W. Johnson the past week. The society will give a dinner on Christmas School and to church there. Ed. Wright and Mrs. Wright and mother and Mrs. Wright and mother are in town on Tuesday evening at East Johnson. The lecture on South America given Friday, was pronounced by many to have been the best entertainment of the course so far. Margaret Hunt, the three year old daughter of B. A. Hunt, fell while playing with the other children and broke her shoulder. Miss Mary Wallace from Fairfield and Miss Gray from Hardwick have entered the Normal and are taking the preparatory course. Miss Sarah Bagnall, who has been unable to attend her classes at the Normal the past week because of illness, is now convalescent. Evangelistic services are being held at the Methodist church this week under the charge of Rev. I. T. Johnson, assisted by Rev. Mr. Smith of Boston. Services are held afternoon and evening. For the best assortment of holiday goods C. P. Jones takes the lead. His stock is better than ever, larger than ever, and prices lower than ever. You certainly can find just the thing there for a holiday gift. Read his advt. The friends of Dr. Walter Heath, formerly a Johnson boy, will be pleased to learn that he is much improved in health. He is at present in Denver, Col., but expects in the spring to return to his home in Richmond. Thirty-three, of the forty-four members of the Woman's Club, were present last Thursday evening at their meeting. Japanese jokes proved quite a success, also the ghost story told by one of the members. Two new members were admitted. At the last meeting of Gihon Camp, No. 8597, M. W. of A., the following officers were elected for next year: V. C. E. S. Cooleage; W. A., H. M. Maxwell; Clerk, Fred Hutchins; Banker, L. J. Smith; Escort, Geo. M. Grady; Watchman, J. D. Odell; Sentry, Will Collins; Manager for three years, Fred Holmes. The F. & A. M. held an extra meeting last Thursday evening. After the work of the evening was over they went to the Johnson House and partook of a banquet given as a farewell to one of their oldest and most respected members, Orange Buck, who has gone to Essex to live with his daughter, Mrs. Julia Hartwell. The officers elected by the G. A. R. at their annual meeting Dec. 5, for the ensuing year are as follows:—Com., George Courser; Senior Com., Daniel Prince; Junior Com., C. D. Davis; Adjt. Com., J. O. French; Surgeon, Vernon A. Patch; Chaplain, Joseph Farnum; Q. M., Darius G. Holmes;

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Officer of Day, Geo. B. Whiting; Guard, Seth C. Hill; Serg't Major, Homer B. Caswell, Q. M. Sarg't, Vernon A. Patch; Delegate to Department Encampment, G. B. Whiting; Alternate, Stephen Gilbert.

STOWE.

Mrs. Shedd has been quite ill for several days. Geo. Sanborn was in Burlington on business, Tuesday. George Hayes was on the sick list a portion of last week. John Drugg was in Royalton on business last Thursday. Capt. A. H. Clayton was a visitor at the Capitol Wednesday. Mrs. Edward Emery is moving this week to New Bedford, Mass. Fred Campbell of Montpelier has been in town for a day or two. Pike & Benson are all right for the best bargains in holiday goods. Deputy Sheriff D. W. Cooley of Waterbury was in town Tuesday. J. M. Culver has the frame up for his new house at the Lower Village. H. G. Thomas is putting a new furnace into his house at the Park. Mrs. J. B. Hyde of Moscow is visiting relatives in Jonesville this week. Don't forget that the special town meeting comes Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Ernest Billings of Belvidere was a guest at Fred Billings', Monday. Misses Mamie and Eva Locky are working in the wrapper factory at Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. George Adams are spending a few days with friends in Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Munn of Johnson were recent guests at the home of Ossie Adams. Herbert Warren is working in H. E. Shaw's store during the absence of J. C. Shedd. Miss Gladys Houston is assisting her brother, Edwin, at Waterbury through the holidays. Walter Burnett has been nursing a badly sprained hand, resulting from

the dealers appear to take a great deal of pride in tastily arranging their counters and windows. Olin Sanborn and F. O. Burt's steam engine, one day last week and a portion of the melee second best, having a couple of fingers nearly severed. Olin is so fortunate as to be carrying an accident policy which partially removes the terror of idleness.

Supt. T. E. Smith of the Mt. Mansfield Elec. R. R. has resigned his position to take effect about the first of January. Mr. Smith will then go to Sherbrook, Can., where he has accepted a similar position. During their stay of nearly three years in town, Mr. and Mrs. Smith have made many friends who will sincerely regret their departure. Mr. Smith is a first-class electrician and his place on the road will be a difficult one to fill. The village water system has been causing its owners, C. E. and F. O. Burt, a vast deal of trouble the past week. Although the supply at the reservoir was abundant, most of the time, the greater portion of it appeared to be mysteriously lost in transit. While the shortage was at first laid to a leak, a later analysis seemed to indicate that one or more of the patrons was thoughtfully leaving a full stream running through the cold nights to prevent possibility of freezing. A house to house canvass has failed to find anyone willing to "fess and the identity of the offender is a mystery as unobscured as the whereabouts of Blondin or the early demise of our one time lusty banjo club.

Harmony Pomona Grange. The annual meeting of Harmony Pomona Grange was held with Mt. Mansfield Grange at Stowe last Wednesday, Dec. 4. Six new members were initiated. Following are the officers elected for the year ensuing:—Master, George McAllister; Overseer, Fred W. Smith; Lecturer, Mary A. Smith; Sec'y, H. P. Robinson; Assistant Sec'y, C. P. Scribner; Chaplain, Mrs. Martha P. Graves; Treasurer, C. F. Smith; Sec'y, J. H. Atchinson; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. C. P. Scribner; Flora, Mrs. H. E. Hill; Pomona, Louise Fuller; Ceres, Mrs. G. S. McAllister. After a brief repast the lecture program was taken up and proved very interesting and enjoyable to all present. The officers elected were installed by Secretary Atchinson of Morrisville.

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WOLCOTT.

W. W. Cate is attending court in St. Johnsbury. Charles Horner has finished work at G. T. Allen's. Homer Fisher went to Hardwick Monday, where he has employment. Homer Fisher has gone to Hardwick, where he has employment. Don't forget the preaching service at the Cong'l church next Sunday. William Richardson moved his family into the Darrah house Monday. B. L. Jennings is expected home from Worcester, Mass. for the holidays. Will Richardson has moved his family from Haskell's tenement to the Darrah house. Several from here took in Gorman and Ford's attraction at Morrisville Saturday night. Fred Provance of Morrisville has been engaged by W. W. Cate to haul logs this winter. Mrs. M. M. Brown, and her sister, Miss Langley of Manchester, N. H., are visiting in Craftsbury. U. J. Mudgett has purchased a pair of horses of F. J. Smalley of Morrisville, to work at the Pottersville mill. Mrs. M. M. Brown and her sister Mrs. Langley of Manchester, N. H., were the guests of friends in Craftsbury the past week. The Junior League have their quilt finished, which they are to add to the barrel to be sent to the Deaconess Home, Boston. Holiday goods in great variety at Fife's. Everything there is of good value for the money. Be sure to visit his store before purchasing elsewhere. The Junior League Missionary Concert given last week was well rendered and the collection together with the contents of the mite boxes were satisfactory, which means \$4.26 added to their fund.

NO. WOLCOTT.

Roland Moody is working in the woods for F. P. Sheldon. The ladies meet this week with Mrs. A. E. Woodmansee. Will Sheldon has hired out to Henry Ross to draw lumber. Lincy Taylor is in quite poor health at present writing. Mrs. Charles Robbins visited her daughter the first of the week. A. E. Woodmansee has finished work in Eden for the Asbestos Co. Joe and Charley Fisk of Waterbury have been visiting friends in town. W. L. Farrar's people entertained company from Morrisville last Sunday. H. Taylor has recently connected his feed store with the People's Telephone line. Mrs. Kate Franklin is working for Mrs. Smalley in the boardinghouse at Collinsville. George Martin, who went to Canada to work with F. P. Sheldon, came home last Tuesday. Mrs. James Davis and Mrs. Nancy Andrews visited their sister, Mrs. E. D. Franklin, last Thursday. Nelson Wells, who has been working in Morrisville for some time, visited his brother, J. T. Wells, the past week.

NO. CAMBRIDGE.

Mrs. Clara Kinsley had a slight shock on the 6th. John Griffin of Westford visited his sister, Mrs. Reynolds, the past week. Mrs. John Davis of the Valley visited her mother, Mrs. Fannie Reynolds, on Saturday. Mrs. M. E. Kinsley visited her cousin, Deacon S. H. Dow of Enosburg on the 7th, taking with her Deacon's 80th birthday. A young lady, that weighs only 8 pounds, came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Davis Monday. They are right glad to entertain her. The meeting of the Ladies' Aid with Mrs. P. S. Curtis was an all-round success. It was styled "Poverty Party," and of the fashions they had it, Mrs. L. C. Chase and Jessie Dunn won the prizes.

EAST ELMORE.

Mrs. H. D. Cook was in this place over Sunday. Miss Ida Swift visited in Hardwick on Saturday and Sunday. William Chase and wife of East Montpelier visited their parents over Sunday. Mrs. McConnell is not as well, and is not gaining as fast as was hoped she would. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bill of Calais were guests at W. N. Sillway's the past week. Edd Carter of Albany was brought here for burial last Saturday. He formerly lived in this town. Wildie Pibbin was kicked by a horse in his shop while working upon a shoe. No bones were broken however. Rev. George Story of Milton gave a very interesting talk to the people, about Sunday-school work, last Sunday. Miss Mabel Carpenter and Chas. Dodge were united in marriage at the home of her parents, Wm. Carpenter on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. G. W. Sanborn returned from his visit to his people in N. H., and took up the evening service on Sunday as usual. The house was well filled. The neighbors and friends of this place turned out in goodly number to give the Stinson family a warm welcome to their new home. A nice supper was served to all and a pleasant evening was spent in a social manner.

JEFFERSONVILLE.

E. N. Melvin was in Burlington Monday. Mrs. H. W. Varum of Burlington spent Saturday in town. Dr. Melville of Bakersfield was called to see A. J. Thomas, Wednesday. Martin Randall still continues to grow worse and no hopes of his recovery. The W. C. T. U. will meet with the Pres., Mrs. W. W. Smith, Thursday P. M. Rehearsals for a Juvenile Cantata are being conducted by the Christmas committee. Mrs. Albert Patten was called home very suddenly last week by the death of her father, Wm. Barrows of Coventry. The town clock committees have made arrangements with J. M. Foss & Son of Morrisville to present the Passion Play, Thursday evening at the Opera House. The members of Phoenix Lodge will hold a meeting next Friday evening at W. H. Griswold's, see what disposition will be made of the funds obtained by the sale of the Lodge furniture. The town clock fund would be a very worthy movement.

WESTFIELD.

E. S. Miller has recovered from his recent illness. Will Demarreno of Sheldon is visiting his parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryant are rejoicing over the birth of a baby boy. Miss Maud Wakefield began school in Dist. No. 11, Newport, last Monday. Clyde Reed of Woodville, N. H. spent Thanksgiving with his parents. The village schools began Monday, Dec. 9, after a vacation of three weeks. Miss Ethel Lawrence of Lowell spent a few days recently with her aunt, Mrs. E. S. Miller. Rev. J. H. Cone expects to go to Derby Jan. 1st. His many friends here and at Troy feel sad to have him leave. The Cong'l and Methodist societies unite in Christmas exercises. There is to be a tree at M. E. church Christmas eve. The employees of the railroad shops at Lyndonville have received an increase of wages amounting to \$500 a month.

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S. A. FIFE, WOLCOTT, Vt.

CRAFTSBURY.

Fred Colburn has taken unto himself a wife. Miss Mary Paddock has gone to New York City on a visit. Mrs. James Withers, who has been very sick with brain fever, is reported better. The funeral of Mrs. James Buck was largely attended at Wolcott last Saturday. Lincoln Miller has bought another addition to his herd of mules. He now has six. Miss Alice Seaver has gone to spend the winter with her brother, Dr. Seaver, in Maine. School commenced last Monday on the Branch, with Miss Wilcox of Walden as teacher. John Simpson of New York is remodeling his father's old house into a fine summer residence. Mrs. Gilbert, at the Mill Village, died last Saturday from the effects of a shock. Burial at the North Village. Mr. and Mrs. Dana Childs of Milford, Mass., are in town, called hereby the death of Mrs. Childs' brother, Edward Colderwood. Sheriff H. C. Libby of this town will receive the \$100 reward offered by the town of Hardwick for the arrest and conviction of James Buck, the wife murderer.

STATE NEWS.

The Vermont Veterans' Association of Boston elected these officers last Tuesday: President, E. J. Bliss; Vice-Presidents, Wm. M. Wires, Geo. M. Lane, Edwin A. Wilcox, J. G. Bostwick and C. E. Merrill. The number of books taken from the Ludlow library during the month of November was 2,087, as follows: Philosophy, 9; religion, 34; sociology, 66; natural science, 82; useful arts, 45; fine arts, 57; literature, 131; history, 371; fiction, 1,289. A former resident of Wilmington, a gentleman who has expressed his love for the old town in many substantial ways, stands ready to erect a large and beautiful building in the coming spring, such as the needs of the community demand. It will undoubtedly contain a hall large enough for any occasion. A Business Men's Association has been organized at Island Pond with the following officers: President, A. W. Bosworth; Vice-President, A. A. Pomeroy; Secretary, W. H. Bishop; Treasurer, L. F. Jones; Executive Committee, J. W. Thurston, E. M. Bartlett, John Willoughby. The objects of the association is to bring the business men closer together that they may be a strong factor in promoting the material welfare of the village. C. M. Steele, recently returned from Cape Nome, Alaska, in search of his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Steele formerly lived in Acton, Mass., where they burned out and Mr. Steele went to Alaska to get a new start in life. He wrote home but it appears the letters never reached his wife. A year ago, thinking her husband was dead, Mrs. Steele married again and went to Barre to live. It is said Mr. Steele will return to Alaska and leave his wife to her second husband. The Best Plaster. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pains in the side or chest, give it a trial and you are certain to be pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism. One application gives relief. For sale by Hall & Cheney, Morrisville; Foss & Strong, Hyde Park; M. J. Leach, Wolcott.

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Murder at White River Junction.

E. T. Goshier, a painter, was shot here Sunday evening by S. D. Waite, the alleged "spotter," who has been in so much trouble here the past week. Waite drove from Woodstock Sunday afternoon and took supper at the Junction house. After supper he started to go for a team and met Goshier on the steps. Some words passed when Waite drew a revolver and fired three shots. One struck Goshier two inches below the naval and an inch to the right, another went through the overcoat of W. St. John, a bystander, and the third struck the floor. Goshier walked across the street to Dr. Worthen's office and fell. The local physicians and Doctors Smith and Gale of Hanover, operated on Goshier at 8:45, but he sank rapidly and died at 2 o'clock, Monday morning. Just before the operation Goshier said that he did not expect to live, that he had not touched Waite; that the latter deliberately drew a revolver and shot him. Waite takes the situation calmly. He maintains that he was acting in self defense and would have been seriously injured if he had not used the revolver promptly.