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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1885.

CONGRESS did quite a little work before it adjourned for the holidays, at least in the direction of preparing bills.

HERE is some advice which the New York Sun recently gave to merchants. It was intended for holiday consumption.

Keep really desirable and attractive goods, sell them at a moderate profit in a situation that is favorable for trade.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.—This is the last issue of the REGISTER in its present dress and make-up.

MORMONISM is sure to go to the wall. If legislation can bring it about; and the experience of the past year has shown that a great deal is possible through this means.

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Needham Post No. 88, G. A. R., will hold a public installation of officers and camp-fire at their post room Jan. 7, 1886, at 7 o'clock p. m.

The drama, "Our Folks," which was to come off this week, is necessarily postponed till next Monday evening, the 28th.

Bridport.

Preparations are making for a Christmas tree in the M. E. church. All the wood is being cut off the Wilcox lot, south of the village.

Will Finnessy, who was taken quite sick on Monday, is now able to be about. John Sears, while crossing the lake at Port Franklin on Sunday last, broke through the ice.

Watson Hamilton was taken sick with inflammatory rheumatism two weeks ago. Getting better, he went out, but was taken down again and is in serious danger.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. of Bridport will give a free entertainment, in the interest of the cause of temperance, at the Congregational church of this place Tuesday evening, Dec. 23.

Cornwall.

Mrs. Martin Peck is no better. Mrs. Della Thomas is home again, after a five months' absence. The town hall has recently been provided with new seats and put in fine shape.

At this writing (Wednesday) B. S. Field is still ailing; but there is no hope of his recovery. Those of the farmers who have a quantity of potatoes stored are rejoicing over the rise in price.

Miss Emma Seovel is in Middlebury taking care of Miss Cora Porter, who is sick with a fever. C. M. Jones figures out that in taking milk to the creamery this season he has traveled over 2000 miles; and yet he is well satisfied with the result.

Since the close of Mr. Buckman's singing school, Mr. James Wing is kindly assisting the music-loving youngsters to at least retain what they have already learned.

Speaking of fast work, Julius Wilnot & Son this fall threshed 1700 bushels of oats and a quantity of timothy in six and a half days, and moved his machine seven times.

New Haven.

Geo. W. Barton spent last week in Boston, and returned Saturday night. Rev. C. S. Sargent preached in Vergennes last Sabbath in exchange with Mr. Robertson.

The Christmas cantata was well rendered at the church last Wednesday evening to a good audience. H. C. Roscoe has bought the goods in the store belonging to his brother's estate and will continue the business on his own account.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rice of Bridport were in town on Wednesday last. They were going thence to Hinesburgh to meet with a family gathering at Christmas.

George D. Hinman has sold his farm to A. A. Farnsworth. Mr. Hinman is going to travel this winter for a mercantile firm and Mrs. Hinman will stop in Burlington with her daughter, Mrs. Palmer.

Miss Alice A. Hinman, youngest daughter of the late Judge Hinman, has sold her interest in her father's estate to Dea. J. C. Wilder, jr., and wife of Charlotte. The price paid is reported to be \$2450. It is not known whether Dea. Wilder will come there to live or otherwise.

Ripton.

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Miss Hattie Chandler, who has been very ill with diphtheria at her grandfather's, Dea. J. C. Kirby, is improving. Up to date very little snow has remained, and such little as we now have will not give much access to our timber lots on account of lack of frost in the woods.

A few nights ago your correspondent was agreeably surprised to meet W. H. Farr, who is in the blacksmith business at Potton, P. Q. He reports himself as doing well, despite the hard times. Since the last report marrying and giving in marriage has been the rule here. It is confidently predicted that in the near future others will do likewise; and it is also said that one or more of the happy ones had a nice little bill to pay to settle with one of his old flames.

Whiting.

A few cases of sickness in town, most of them whooping cough. Kate Hubbard is teaching school in Leicester—the part called Jerusalem.

Judge Abel Walker is quite sick at this time. It is quite unfortunate for him, as he had a very important suit to be tried at this term of court.

It is understood that George Carpenter and family are soon going back to Dixie to live. Mrs. Carpenter has never become really acclimated here.

Lewis Bisette is buying and shipping potatoes and onions from this station in the Eaton heating cars. This is a fine enterprise; one heating lasts ten days.

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A. A. Pond and family are to move to Middlebury. What we lose, Middlebury will gain. The question is, How can we get along without them? Mr. Pond is always ready to buy anything we have for the market.

Fifty cents for potatoes and 80 cents for onions was offered here Saturday by Bisette & Washburn. This is just as it should be. Boston and Providence market reports quote potatoes and onions higher, and our farmers ought to have the benefit of the rise in price.

The chicken-pie supper at the old church is to be Thursday evening, Dec. 24. It does prove to be a success. It will be almost a wonder, for the young people have been opposed by a few of the older members in the church in this matter, until they are nearly discouraged.

The untimely appearance of a grizzly bear should never be allowed. Buckingham's Deer for the whickers will change their color to a brown or black, at discretion, and thus keep up your reputation for neatness and good looks.

FOREFATHERS' DAY.

The Observance of Its 26th Anniversary. The 26th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims was observed in Middlebury, as the day has been for the past 14 years. The attendance at the exercises, which were held Monday evening, both those in the church and the social party that followed, was much larger than usual, and the affair was more than ordinarily pleasant throughout.

This was the programme of the exercises in the church. I. Voluntary and Anthem. "Gloria in Excelsis." II. Invocation and Reading of Scripture, Rev. S. L. R. Speare.

III. Ode, "The breaking waves dashed high." Mrs. Minner. IV. Prayer, Rev. J. J. Noe. V. Response, "Oh, let our mingling voices rise."

VI. Address by Rev. L. S. Tarbox, D. D. VII. Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." VIII. Hymn, "The Pilgrims' Song."

Hon. John W. Stewart presided. The singing was well done by a double quartet composed of Mrs. Pitts, Miss Cady, Miss Eliza Stewart, Miss Bolton, Dr. Sheldon and Messrs. E. D. Howe, J. S. Zelle and E. L. Allen. Mrs. Minner was the organist.

The portion of Scripture read by Rev. Mr. Speare was the eighth chapter of Deuteronomy. The address, by Rev. Dr. Tarbox of West Newton, Mass., was unlike those of former years in that it was devoted to matters of personal rather than general history.

It dealt chiefly with the military heroes of early New England days—the causes that led them to cast their lot with the emigrants, their achievements and their characters, as men and soldiers. Among the captains thus described were Miles Standish, Underhill and Patrick, all employed by the Massachusetts colonists to conduct their military operations; Lion Gardner, John Mason and others who were prominent in the wars which the first New Englanders waged with the Indians.

It would be impossible in any abstract to give a fair idea of the address, so we shall attempt nothing more than to state its general drift. The speaker referred to the fact that, though the Pilgrims did not believe in the observance of Christmas, that day and the anniversary of their arrival came very near together. That prejudice of the Pilgrims was one of the little things of their faith and practice.

The great principles which they sought to maintain have grown into institutions, and these unimportant things are forgotten. Were the Pilgrims now alive they would celebrate Christmas as we do. He closed by reading this Christmas hymn of his own composition:

O night of nights! crown of the gathered ages, The mighty dream of long prophetic years, The hoary seers, the ancient saints and sages, Watched for thy coming through their patient eyes.

O holy night! celestial bells are ringing, And heaven bends down the waiting earth to greet. From airy heights the angel bands are singing, And in his choir the halleluiah strains repeat.

O silent night! the quiet dews are falling, And moonlight broods o'er vale and mountain steep. The wakened shepherds, each to other calling, Guard through the midnight hours the gentle sheep.

O wondrous night! thy moving star is tracing Its lonely pathway through the eastern skies; And now it stands, with heavenly splendor, gazing On the humble dwelling where the young Child lies.

O night of joy! the years to come shall brighten, Beneath the hallowed light of Bethlehem's star. A Prince is born, whose gentle sway shall lighten The burdened race, and still the house of war.

The ladies' social party was held in the lecture-room of the church immediately after the close of these exercises. A bountiful supper, such as is always to be had upon these occasions, was served after supper had been said by Rev. Dr. C. C. McIntire of Pittsford.

After the supper, Mrs. Pitts and Mrs. Minner sang first on the programme after the assembly had again been called to order.

New England Patriotic.—Not duty nor beauty thy passion shall mock, Fresh from the mountain, pure from the rock, Was the first toast proposed by Mr. Stewart, who presided and called upon Rev. Dr. Webber to respond. Dr. Webber's remarks were full of good hits and happy allusions.

Next came a song by Mr. Fuller of Burlington, the teacher of vocal music. Fernost.—At highest honors with noblest memories are repaid. Was the second toast of the evening, Mr. Slade, who was down to respond, had gone out of town and Mr. Stewart spoke briefly. While listening to the address, in which the condition of early New England had been so vividly brought out, he was led to think of the country as it now is.

His observations of its representatives and representative men at Washington had given him greater confidence in the nation's permanence than he had had before seeing them. With all their diversity of interests, sectional and commercial, they first of all are citizens of these United States. There is no reason why any one should apprehend any lack of patriotism on the part of those who represent the various sections of the Union.

Then a quartet, made up of Mrs. Minner, Mrs. Pitts, Mr. Stewart and Dr. Sheldon, sang a song, Miss Stewart playing the accompaniment.

Rev. Mr. Speare read this poem, written for the occasion by Mrs. W. W. Thomas:

White calmly glow the stars of peace above, And lo! their echoes ring from tower and dome, And lo! the sacred shrine of Law and Love Our Pilgrims birthright, Freedom's chosen home!

Agate in lighted halls of truth and song, We catch the echo that the centuries keep, And bless anew the brave grand and strong Whose notes of triumph swept the stormy deep!

Oh darkly fell the night of '76, that gave us law to preserve—and the sea! But God, their leader, calmed the western wave And gave the shores they trod to Liberty.

Beside their altars musing pines were dim, And lo! the nation's birthright, Freedom's chosen home! And Plymouth soil grew consecrate to Him, Whose might still keeps a universe in bond.

But lo! the hours grow dark with peril then, The red man's war-cry stirred each silent hall! But past the lurid shock, peace smiled again, And cities rose where burning forests fell.

Addison County Court.

The December term of the county court came to an end on Saturday afternoon. The really important case of the session—State against John Flint—resulted in a disagreement of the jury. It was understood that three were for conviction and nine for acquittal.

The arguments of counsel in this case began Thursday and continued well into Friday. Judge Veazey's charge was regarded as exceptionally able and impartial. The jury took the case Friday afternoon and were kept upon it till Saturday afternoon, coming in for instructions twice in the meantime, but finally it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that they could not agree, they were discharged.

Flint was placed under \$750 bonds, and his friends at once furnished surety to this amount. After the Flint matter had been disposed of trial of a Vergennes trespass case, that of Thompson against Strong, was begun. It was finally continued to the next term.

In the matter of the Ripton and New Haven highways Hon. E. J. Ormsbee of Brandon, Hon. Henry Lane of Cornwall and H. S. Jaekman of Waltham were appointed commissioners. These are petitions under act No. 11 of the legislature of 1884, which provides for State aid in the maintenance of highways in certain cases.

Personal. Rev. J. Mervin Hull, lately of Windsor and well known here, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Kingston, Mass.

E. E. Brunelle, formerly of New Haven and this town, is soon to leave the employ of O. A. Cunningham of Rutland, for whom he has worked several years, and go to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where his brother Henry is.

Wesley Hansard and W. L. Slanks, prominent sheep men residing at Sweet Grass, Montana, came East a few weeks ago to visit V. L. Spaine of Braintree, Mr. Spaine brought them over to Addison county and they spent several days examining the flocks hereabouts. They are now in Canada with relatives, and will pass the winter there, but are likely to return to Vermont and purchase sheep before their return to Montana, in the spring.

Facts and Opinions. The wonderful prosperity and growth of Minneapolis are explained. The town has never had a Democratic newspaper.—Bacon Herald.

Atkins and the Vermont machine score another victory in the appointment of Metcalf as postmaster at St. Albans. A good-sized protest from local Democrats is already on file against the nomination.—Springfield Republican.

A Covington (Ga.) paper announces that "Miss Carrie Whitlock, the beautiful and vivacious belle of dashing Marietta, is in the city, the guest of Miss Annie Pace one of Covington's many spirituelle, fascinating young ladies."

"Why couldst thou, Wall Street" is the caption of an editorial in the New York Herald. Without going deeper into the matter we are satisfied with the theory that it was mainly because it did not see his way clear to taking it with him.—Chicago Tribune.

The Birmingham Medical Review tells of an old Highlander who was ordered by his doctor not to exceed two ounces of spirits daily. He asked his son how much liquor that was. "Sixteen drams," was the reply. "What a good doctor!" said the Highlander. Run and tell Donald McTavish and Big John the cat down the night."

The Puritan did not say with Louis the Fourteenth "I am the state," but they said "No one man is the state; all men, exercising equal rights of speech and action are the State." Beginning with the sacred individual right in the home they applied it to the church, the school and the town meeting, and, as Gov. Robinson well says, the republic is the natural logical child of the New England town meeting.—Rutland Herald.

The New England Farmer says that farmers have settled down to the conviction that the silo is a valuable auxiliary to the stock farmer, enabling him to become a little more independent than formerly of unfavorable weather for curing and preserving the crops grown. The Massachusetts farmer who cultivates forty-five acres has fodder enough on hand to winter fifty head of cattle and will sell his best hay at \$20 a ton.

There is nothing in Japan odder and prettier than the bright-eyed, clean-faced Japanese school-children. These bewitching babies have the ideal sort of a school-room, open on all sides to heaven's breezes and sunshine, with no painted or ground wind-walls to keep them from seeing all that goes on in the little world around the school-house. Their school begins at 7 o'clock on these summer mornings, and they have a long recess of four hours at noon before they pick up their tasks again.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Obituary. MRS. SIDNEY HENMAN. The death of Mrs. Henman touched a wide circle of relation and friends. Related as she was to some of the leading families in Cornwall, and connected with many in New Haven, she will be missed and mourned by those who knew her well and loved her. Her husband, the late Judge, died the 23d of July. He had borne all the honor and trusts that were in the gift of the town and some from the county. His wife had shared in all his honors, borne her part in his struggles and could not long be separated from him even by death. She was attacked with that disease that is so fatal in our land, pneumonia, while attending her brother's funeral in Cornwall. That brother (the late Mr. Sampson, of whose death and family you are aware) gave an account a few weeks ago had purposed to spend the winter with his sister, Mrs. Henman, but the winter came both had passed beyond the limit of winter. Her husband will be missed in her home and in the church, and in that land of other ones who seem to cling to each other when their numbers diminish. The funeral service was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. M. A. Sheldon of Cornwall. He spoke most fittingly of her ten in her life and of the influence that a Christian ancestry has upon their posterity. Mrs. Henman's daughter Alice has the sympathy of all in this double loss of both father and mother.

EX-GOV. HALL AND FLETCHER.

Hon. Willard Hall and Hon. Hyland Fletcher, both ex-governors of this State, died last week, the former at the home of his son, Charles in Springfield, Mass., on Friday, and the latter at his home in Cavendish on Saturday. Mr. Hall was a native of Bennington, where he was born July 20, 1776. The record of his life is, in brief: He was admitted to the bar in 1810, served in the State legislature in 1817, was a member of Congress from 1821 to 1824, State bank commissioner from 1824 to 1826, was four years judge of the supreme court, in 1826 was appointed second comptroller of the United States treasury, from 1831 to 1834 was land commissioner for California, was governor of Vermont in 1839 and 1840.

governor Hall was delegate to the peace congress in February, 1861, was president of the Vermont Historical society for twelve years, and was the moving spirit in the Bennington Battle Monument association. He was vice-president of the New England Historical and Genealogical society for twenty-five years, and was the author of a history of Vermont. Governor Hall maintained his remarkable vigor of mind and body to the last. His protest against the Phelps plan for the Bennington monument published during the present year, is striking testimony to the remarkable endurance of his intellect. After having served as State senator, he was, in 1854, elected lieutenant-governor on the ticket headed by Judge Stephen Boyce, and served until 1856, when he was elected by the free soil party the twenty-sixth governor of Vermont and served until 1858. By the death of these men four of the 13 ex-governors of the State who were living six months ago are taken away. The other two who have died this year are Julius Converse of Woodstock and John B. Page of Kattland. Those now living are Frederick Holbrook of Brattleboro, J. Gregory Smith of St. Albans, Paul Dillingham of Waterbury, John W. Stewart of Middlebury, George W. Beale of Morrisville, Horace Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury, Redfield Proctor of Proctor, Roswell Farnham of Bradford and John L. Barstow of Shelburne.

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