THE VERMONT PHŒNIX has a larger circulation than any other Newspaper In Southern Vermont.

The Senate in executive session on Wednesday unanimously confirmed the somination of Morrison R. Waite as Chief Justice of the United States.

The committee which has the proposed changes in the bankrupt law in charge con-sists of Senators Edmunds, Conkling, Frelingbuysen, Carpenter, Wright, Thurman and Stevenson, all able men and "learned

The Albany Journal exactly hits the present state of public feeling when it says that the key note of congressional policy should be "No more greenbacks, no more taxes, if they can be avoided, and reduced expenditures."

The notorious Bender family have a rival in the person of a bloodthirsty brute named Bob Turner of Potosi, Wisconsin This man, who was arrested last week for the murder of his own brother, has since confessed to a series of the most herrible murders, and says that if his victims were "all in a pile," he "reckons there would be nearly forty of them."

Woodhull & Claffin don't seem, some how, to have prospered well in their un-dertakings of late. Not long since "Tennie" (Miss Claffin) started out on a starring tour, with a dramatic troupe of her own or ganization, but the public didn't appreciate the talent offered them, the company came to grief, and at Providence, last week, the trunks as security for unpaid board bills.

It is said that no less than eighty-seven names have already been "mentioned" in three most prominent are the Hon. Bradley Barlow of St. Albans, banker and Government contractor; the Hon. N. T. Sprague, Jr., of Brandon, member of the State Senate, farmer and manufacturer of Howe's scales, and the Hon, T. W. Park of Bennington. These are all gentlemen o ability and have influential friends at work in their behalf.

Our government paid \$75,000 for the reb el archives, which many people thought was a great deal more than they were worth, but Thurlow Weed says that they have already paid for themselves five times over "in furnishing evidence which preserves the bench of the supreme court from the dishonor, and the American reople from the mortification of seeing Caleb Cushing made chief-justice." Mr. Weed thinks that the congressional printing-house could not be better employed than in giving the whole people a chance to read the robel se-

Judge Asa O. Aldis of this State is credited with being the first to bring Caleb Cushing's letter to Jeff Davis to light. About a year ago Judge Aldis had occasion to overhaul the whole lot of rebel archives, while in the performance of his duties as a member of the Southern claims commission, and in doing so came across the letter. The nomination of Cushing to be Chief Justice brought the document again to his mind, and, looking it up, he had a copy made, which he sent to th retary of war, who in turn forwarded it to

It is said that negotiations are now in progress looking to the nurchase of the whole of the Vermont and Canada railroad property by the Vermont Central. The terms are, three millions dollars, in mortgage bonds on the Vermont and Canada payable in 30 years, with 6 per cent inter est,-this being the amount of the capita stock of the Vermont and Canada, -the assumption of all liabilities of the corporation-and 50 per cent of the \$360,000 past due rent of the road, payable in 8 per cent equipment bonds. Some weeks, at least, will be required for the perfection of the bargain, even if all parties are agreeable to it; but the announcement of the negotia-tions has favorably affected the Vermont Central securities.

Nast has one of his happiest efforts it Harper's for this week, wherein he repre sents himself robed in his night-gown and bolstered in an easy-chair, with a bowl of gruel on the table at his side, his feet in a teaming tub of warm water, one hand pressed to his bandaged head, while the other holds a newspaper with headings,-"News from Washington—Caleb Cushing for Chief Justice,"—and underneath the picture is printed, "Notice—No Cartoon this Week. The news from Washington was too much for our artist," The expression on the face is unmistakably that of a completely "used-up man," and the number contains no other of Nast's productions but this is a host in itself, and is one of the very best which the great caricaturist has ever brought out.

The recent purchase of the West Dum merston granite quarries by the Bodwell Granite Company is, in this vicinity, naturally directing public attention anew to the West River railroad project. The companies now owning these quarries, should their expectations regarding their value be met on more extended excavation, will be under the necessity of providing some better method of transportation to the exist-ing lines of railroad than could be furnished by ordinary roads; and the time would seem to have come, therefore, for a concert of action to bring about the building of the West River railroad to Jamaica. The directors of the road are undoubtedly alive to the importance of the occasion, and, as soon as the Granite company are prepared to say what they will do in the way of as sistance, will be ready to "push things."

We presume that most of our readers are aware that Jan. 1, 1874, came and went, in accordance with the usual order of things, and still that much-predicted event-"The End of the World"-did not take place, and the Terry Island Adventists are lest with the rest of us to struggle on in this earthly existence. But these Terry Islauders, it is said, are utterly at a loss to know why the old machine still continues to work, for, having carefully revised their mathematical calculations, they cannot discover a flaw in them. They, however, accept the situation, and "The Watchman's Cry," the organ of the sect, has put on a new dress of type, as if anticipating a prolonged existence, and resumed publication The publisher, after expressing his astonishment, inquires: "After all, may it not be true that we are the simple-minded, foolish people the world at large esteem us to be, and our hopes a mere dream, a hallucination?" Most people would have no hesitation in answering the question in the ford additional and unwholesome facilities affirmative, but we shall nevertheless be for speculation,

very greatly surprised if the present year goes by without the precise day and hour being at least once definitely fixed at which we are all to "go up."

The woman suffragists have been holding convention to Washington the past week, and two incidents, at least, con ded with be gathering, are worthy to be related, One is that Susan B. Anthony, president of the convention, caffed up Vice President Wilson and forced him to acknowledge, upon the spur of the moment, that "twenyears ago he came to the conclusion that his wife, his mother and his sisters were as nimself," and Mr. Wilson added, "I have not changed my mind since." The other is that Miss Anthony met President Grant on the avenue by accident, and quite a conersation took place. At length the President asked Miss Anthony if there was any thing he could do for her. Miss Anthony replied by telling him that she thought the request came preity late, as she stumped New York for him in 1872 and was arrested and put in fall for trying to vote for him, but if the President was really in carnest in desiring to do something for her, he might please nominate Mrs. Cady Stanton. for chief-justice! The President laughed, said he would think the matter over, and

The opinion which we expressed at the opening of the present session of Congress, that no definite steps would be taken, during the session, towards the resumption of specie payments, finds confirmation in the deliates which have thus far taken place on financial matters. In a speech in the Senate on Thursday last Mr. Morton of Indiann opposed contraction and said he would rather see the volume of the currency in creased than diminished. In support of his views he said that in those European countries which had been the most prosperous during the last ten years, the curreney had been at a discount of from 5 to 25 per cent. Senator Howe of Wiscon hard-hearted hotel proprietors seized their advocated the gradual withdrawal from circulation of bredeemable national notes, and the substitution therefor of redeemable national bank notes. Senator Buckingham of Connecticut favored free bankconnection with the next gubernatorial ing, opposed any expansion of the coun-nomination in this State! Of these the try's indebtedness, and said that the question was not upon the contraction or expantion or expansion of the indebtedness. So wide a divergence of views does not look like coming down to "hard pan" at pres- | the House. ent.

> The President's third nomination for the opposition in any quarter, and the selection a generally commended as an eminently Mr. Walte, President Grant was evidently actuated by a conscientions desire to present a candidate who should be thoroughly qualified for the office, and at the same the first commissioners for the perform time in every way satisfactory to the peuple-and this without any reference to elique or party. The objection raised in Johnson. They accomplished but little, some quarters that Mr. Waite has not achieved fame or notoriety, we do not berequisites in a candidate for this important osition, unquestionably are that he should ntellect and character which ensure calm and sound judgment, and original and unbiased opinions. That Mr. Walte possesses hese qualifications in a high degree none attempt to deny; and that he has never the lawyer in the office seeker, or used his protession as a means of political preferment, will be to most people a very atisfactory, though quite unusual, recom mendation.

# The New Chief Poster.

On Monday President Grant sent to the senate the nomination of Hon. Morrison R. Walte of Toledo, Ohio, for Chief Justice of the United States. Mr. Walte was born in Lyme, Conn., in 1818, and was the son of Chief Justice Waite of that State. He was educated at Yale College, graduat-Edwards Pierropont. After the comple-tion of his legal studies he went from Con nectiont to Ohio, and began the practice of law at Manmee City. After a brief prac tice there he removed to Toledo, where he has ever since resided. For the last twen ty-five years scarcely a case of great importance has been tried in North-western Ohio that Mr. Waite has not been engaged as counsel one side or the other. His knowl edge of the law extends to all its branche neluding admiralty and constitutional law and it is said by those who are acquainted with Mr. White that no Justice has ever been appointed to the Supreme Bench who had, at the time of the appointment, the same versatility and range of practice and man of solid rather than brilliant attainments, and as having a thoroughly judicial

mind and character. Mr. Walte was originally a Whig, but on the formation of the Republican party, he became a Republican, and has been known to his friends from that time to this as a noderate but firm anti-slavery man and Republican in all his sentiments and feelings. Although frequently urged to accept nominations for various public offices refused all until 1862, when he accepted the Republican nomination for Congress for the Toledo District, in opposition to J. M. Ashley, who defeated him by a small majority, the Democrats voting for General Phelps. With this exception, Mr. Waite has never been a candidate for a public office until elected, last spring, a member of the Ohio Constitutional Convention, which body is now in session in that State, and of which he is the President. He has two or three times declined a place on the Supreme Bench of Ohlo. He was one of the counsel for the Government in the Geneva arbitra ion, and the services which he rendered in that capacity are represented to have been of a marked and valuable character. Wil liani M. Evarts indorses Mr. Waite as one of the ablest men of the law whom he ever met, and Judge Rockwood Hoar gives him a most hearty and complete indorsement and support.

York Mail has a chcerful article upon the present fluancial outlook, in which it says : To us the prospect seems full of encouragement. From the West the reports are exeedingly cheerful. The movement of Western produce, even since the close of navigation, is very heavy. Toe money received from the sale of 100,000,000 bushels of grain sent to Chicago alone, in 1873, has been scattered among the farmers, artisans, merchants and railways of the West. The spring trade from that region will open eary, and will be very large. In New England, New York and Pennsylvania, the manufacturing establishments are more generally active than any one dreamed would be the case, two months ago. At the financial centres broken banking-houses are resuming business or getting ready to do so. A surplus of money is tending to speculative activity, while it is evident that at least the whole of the \$44,000,000 greenback reserve will be issued. In fact ur great danger is that Congress will afCONGRESS.

The Senate has been chiefly occupied in the past week with the discussion of financial matters, and there is no prospect that a final vote will be reached on the resolutions now under consideration before the last of this week, if even then. It becomes daily more apparent that no scheme to increase the volume of the currency can be passed in the Senate, but it is very doubtful if any positive action will end the long debate. The Hou e, too, is giving its attention to financial questions. It has passed a naval appropriation bill entring down the marine corps and the bureau system and putting unch entitled to the right of suffrage as the Navy upon a posce footing. On Monday the question of inflation was apparently settled for the present, when Mr. Wilson of Indiana introduced a resolution providing that the proper way to relieve the present necessity of the Governme t is not by additional taxation, but by an increase of currency, and that the Committee on Banking and Carrency be instructed to prepare a bill for such increase. He moved that the rules be suspended and the resolution passed. After brief discussion the proposition came to a vote and was defeat-

A proposition to restore the franking privilege temporarily for the distribution of documents now on hand, which is the mildest form in which the subject could be presented, was voted down by a large maority on the same day. Much of the opposition to this bill arose from member who intend to vote for the bill recommended by the Committee on Post Offices, which proposes a permanent law providing for the free transmission through the mails of public documents and of newspapers within the county of their elreulation. The indiestions now are that this bill of the Com-

mittee's will pass,
Alexander H. Stephens has introduced a bill for the purchase of the homestead of

Friday morning the Senate stole a march on Mr. Sumner, which will make him regret for the remainder of his life that be happened to be out of the chamber. For many years he has e-usidered it his special prerogative and privilege to defeat the proposition which has been frequently made place a bust of Chief Justice Tancy in the room of the Supreme Court, with the busts of other Chief Justices. Priday in his absence, a bill was brought forward and passed making provision or a bust of Chief Justice Taxon, and also one for Chief Jus-tice Chase, which will medanidedly pass

#### The Revision of the Laus-

Judge Poland reported to the House of Chief Justiceship meets with very little Representatives on Friday the Revised Statutes of the United States, and succeeded in having two evenings a week set aside for wise and judicious one. In nominating their consideration, until they can be passed upon by that lody. The revision and codification of the laws is a task which Congress has had in hand for several years, and of the work having been appointed, under an act of Congress, by bowever, and in 1870 another set of commissioners were appointed by Gen. Grant. lieve to be at all to the point. The chief | When their term expired in May last they had gone over the statutes generally, but as different portions of the work were done e a man of first-class legal training and by different hands, there were found many ability, coupled with those rare qualities of | incongruities. The revision committees of both Houses, under special authority from Congress, employed Judge T. J. Darant, an eminent lawyer, to go again over the work, reduce it to barmony, index it, and prepare it in form of a bill to lay before Congress. Then when the present Congress assembled, his revised work had to undergo the careful scruting of the revis ion committees of the House and Senate, Judge Poland being the chairman of one, and Senator Conkling of the other. On Priday Judge Poland presented the perfeeted code, in one volume, containing all that is of value in the seventeen large volemes which now form the Revised Statates. If he can carry this through Congress, and the national legislation can be brought into memodical form, it will be a eral acis, private laws, appropriation bills and postal routes contained in the existing

A SHORT SERMON TO CONORUSS, -The question the people are seriously ponder-ing now is whether the government is conducted primarily in their interest, or in the interest of those to whom they have intrusted temporarily the management of their affairs. Of one thing there is a pretty general conviction, that the present management is unnecessarily expensive. They emand a reduction, and they will have it. They depend upon Congress to stop the vaste. We speak what we believe to be true when we say that, unless the waste is egal experience. He is represented as a stopped, there will be sweeping changes, next fall, in the constitution of Congress There is no reason to regret this condition f public sentiment. It is right and full of omise. The people want to know why is that, in spite of an annual appropria ion of twenty millions or more for a navy, here is so little to show for it. They beeve the force of pensioners on the treas ury, nominally employed from one to six urs a day at the departments, is out of all reasonable ratio to the requirements of the public business. If the republican party es to the country, next fall, having expanded the currency to the war limit, it will find it has forfeited the confidence of an influential body of citizens, without whose support no party can long prosper. The real work of retrenchment and reform has not yet been begun. The repeal of the salary bill is only the retracing of a recent step in the direction of extravagance. There are old abuses to be corrected, and some not so very old that have grown up without the sauction of explicit legislation. The demand is that new and old together shall

> NEW PHASE OF THE WOMAN QUESTION Miss Abby Smith of Glastenbury, Ct., is in a fair way to achieve a reputation as the hampion of woman's rights. She does not believe in paying taxes without she has the right to a voice in saying how the tax shall be applied. She refused to pay her tax. and the collector, as in duty bound, distrained seven of her Alderney cows. But Abby, with that feminine instinct which goes straight to the justice of things, reparks that the town waited upon a corporation for its tax until it failed, and she had to make up her share of the loss; that she is the largest tax-payer in town, and the town knows she is able to pay; that her refusal to pay was not absolute, but a plea for time till she could reason with the town meeting; and lastly that, whereas the tax was only one hundred dollars, the collecto drove off for sale seven dearly beloved, and, from very calfbood, petted Alderney cows. And herein it would seem, Abby has the best of the collector. Even in Glastenbury, Connecticut, it cannot be possible that it should require seven Alderney lows to bring one hundred dollars. There s a legal discrtion, and there is a personal discretion. The Glastenbury collector ould appear to have had but very little of

-Two slight shocks of earthquake were feit in San Francisco, Monday. No dani-

Grand Army Encampment.

The annual encampment of the State de-ariment of the G. A. R., was neld in Brattleboro on Wednesday, the 21st inst. The meeting for the choice of officers was held at Odd Fellows Hall, the headquarters of Post Sedgwick, in the afternoon, and the evening's "camp fire" was tighted at the town hall, where the public generally were nyited to come and liston to stories or the war from lips of veterans. The audience filled the half at 7 o'clock, and the band in the gallery opened with "The Star Spangled Banner." This was followed by a quartette consisting of Miss Sprague, M.s. Haskins, Mr. L. W. Hawley and Mr. George M. Taylor, with Miss Wilkins presiding at the piano. H. E. Taylor, mar-shal, then introduced to the audience Gen. W. W. Henry of Burilington, formerly commander of the 19th Vt. Vols., who gave at length a most interesting account of his experiences in that portion of the campaign of 1864, under Grant, beginning a he crossing of the Rapidan and ending at fold Harbor, Including the horrors of the Wilderness' and the grand flank move ment which preceded the capture of Petersburg. The General's account was no varuished tale and of no protentions as a history, but the plain, homely story of a soldfer, naking the scenes he described appear all e more real to those who listened.

Another quartette followed, after which on, W. G. Veazey of Retland, formerly the 3d and 16th Vermont regiments, was troduced, who related in his own eloent manner an incident connected with

he Peninsula campaign under Me Ciellan. The band followed with "Hail Columa," when Capt. Baker of the Rutland Herald, formerly of the 9th Vt. Regiment, gave some amusing incidents which of urred in his experience at Newport Bar racks in North Carolina.

Another quariette was sung and the band played, while the andience dispersed, and ha members of the Grand Army adjourned to Old Fellows' hall, where a collation was served by the members of the Bratile

The department officers chosen for the ensuing year are as follows:

Stephen Thomas of Montpeller, Department Commander; Geo. E. Selteck of Brattlebore, S. V. C.; Henry S. Hard of Arington J. V. C.; Charles L. Allen of Ruland Medical Director; L. D. Ames of West Braddoph, Chaplain; Council of Administration, Rowell Farnham of Bradford, S. F. Stratham of St. Albans, Joel C. Baker of Rotland, J. W. Hastings of Springhold and Ewin A. Howe of Laddow; Representatives to the National Engampment, John W. Newton of St. Albans, W. W. Henry of Burlington; Alternates, J. C. Livingston of Montpeller, Fred E. Lew-Teor of St. Albans, W. W. St. Albans, W. St. Albans, M. St. Albans, M. St. Albans, C. Livingston of Montpeller, Fred E. Lew-Teor of St. Albans, M. St. Albans usuing year are as follows: Livingston of

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## A Remarkable Adventure.

Two men named McEwan and Smit were fishing through the ice on Yaginaw Bay, Lake Michigan, on Wednesday, De 31, and while thus engaged were cut off from the shore by the separation of the porto be at the time. All their attempts to escape from their frail raft were unavailing, and in spite of their endeavors they drift ed as ceral miles from the shore. With them they had a few tish, their spears, a handsled and some blankets. With only these for food and shelter they were drifted about n the lake for six days, the lee continual cielding to the force of the wind and waves Not till the fourth night did they try to get a little sleep. While rolled in their blan-kets they were waltened by the cracking of the ice within two feet of them, and had barely time to remove further away when also cracked and gave way. After that, sleep was not again thought of. On the fifth night the wind had so acted upon the co that is was reduced to a thickness r bree inches. Holes were constantly breakog in it. The eastaways bad almost de respaired of life, when the wind changed, and the lee began to close. On the seventh day they discovered, to their joy, that the hard frost of the previous night had made wonderful relief to everybody who has oe- an avenue of escapy. Shortly afterward casion to hunt through the jungle of genwho, at the risk of his own life, crossed he new ice in a hand-sleigh, and rescued them. From the time of the parting of the ce from the shore until their deliverance they had only one meal and, that consisted of raw fish. Their feet were leadly frostbitten and swollen, but otherwise they were in pretty good condition after their ong exposure and were able to walk to a arm-house, where they were cared for But the saddest part of the story is that, tion it was fearned that these men had drifted out into the lake six of their neighors (they were residents of Bay City, Mich. tarted in search of them in a fishing boat, and undoubtedly lost their lives in the no ble effort to save their fellows. On the first night out it is supposed that they encour tered a heavy gale and were capsized, inasmuch as the boat has since been found close to the shore, bottom upwards, and there is little doubt that all were drowned.

A HIGH HONOR WORTHILY BESTOWED, Who could have predicted that the chief ionor coming to the United States from the Vienna exhibition, would fall to the lot of a quiet, hard working eitizen of a little town in Northern Vermont? But so it is, Medals and diplomas from the exposition are plenty enough, but the only American made a Knight of the Imperial Order of Francis Joseph, is Mr. Timddens Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury, VI., the invento of the Fairbanks' scales. And in singling im out for this distinguished mark of favor, the Emperor of Austria has shown a most intelligent appreciation of the value of his invention, the perfection to which it has been brought, and the rapid progress in is making toward recognition as the standard of all the world, as it is already of very many nations. Mr. Thaddeus Fairbanks, or must we say Sir Timddens now ?-is he only survivor of the brothers that orignally constituted the scale making firm, and is the head of the present firm of E. & T. Fairbanks & Co. He is an old man now, but he is still able to attend to husiness, and daily accomplishes more than a great many younger men. He will wear ils new honors modestly, we are sure; and still continue, doubtless, to find his chief pleasure in his business, in the advance-ment of the educational and other interests of the town he has done so much to build up, and in the love and regard of his neighbors, who, worthy of knighthood as they know him to be, could not esteem him any more highly than they did before, if he should receive a decoration from every sovereign in Europe,—Springfield Union.

A NEW INDUSTRIAL ORDER.-The "Sovereigns of Industry" is the name of a new order which was organized in Springfield, Mass., on the 14th inst., by representatives of themechanics and workingmen from different parts of the country. The new order is designed to do for the classes represented at the organization that which the Patrons of Husbandry are doing for the farmers. The extension of the order through out the United States is aimed at. Mr. J. C. Abbot, well known through his labors in connection with the Patrons of Husbandry, is Secretary of the Sovereigns of Industry, with headquarters at Worcester.

-The fee for registered letters is now only S cents in addition to the regular postage, of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Willard was made to any office in the United States.

Local Intelligence.

Brattleboro. -The new drag store will be opened about Feb. 1st.

Lecture in the Universalist church next Sunday evening. Subject, "Economies,"
-To get all the news, read our "New Advertisements" this week, and every quiits, set of crockery, one set of silver week.

mont Blide Society, will occupy the Methodist pulpit next Sunday evening.

-The Methodist festival on Thursday evening of last week was a very pleasant nifair and neited the society about \$180. -Henry Burniam has bought the old Unitarian church. He will probably have it moved back on to his lot, convert it into a shop, and have the old one removed. -The series of revival meetings in prog-

ress at the Baptist church, under the ministrations of Rev. A. P. Graves of New York, are well attended, and apparently a good degree of interest has been awakened, -George W. Washburne of Mariboro has exchanged his farm for James Hernex's cottage and lot on Porest square, and his brother-in-law, H. Clark Adams, has bought the lot adjoining.

-J. H. Simonds has sold his leather

store, of which he has been proprietor for over thirty years, to Cauries Fowler. Mr. Simonds sells on account of his health, with the idea of engaging in some ent-of-door

-The Old Folks' Concerts given here last winter were so much of a success, that it is proposed to try again; and a concert will accordingly be given on Wednesday evening next, at the Congregational church. which will probably excel all previous one, in interest. Forty singers in costume, will take part, under the direction of Dr. Tennay; and our readers will need no hint to induce them to fail not in attendance, -Thursday evening of last week, some

of the young people connected with the Universalist Sunday school gave a dramatsentertainment at the church ball, which drew so much of a crowd that many who came were unable to gain admittance. The play was a three act drama entitled "My Br. ther's Keeper," and the several parts were sustained exceedingly well. The performance will be repeated this (Thursday; evening, and the proceeds are to ge oward farnishing the half.

-Whitmore & Clark's minstrel concert at he town hall, Tuesday evening, drew an audience of about 500 people-which tends | Carley to give them instructions for one of to prove that the day of "nigger min-strels" is not yet over. Indeed, since this troupe have dropped their "combination" performances, and become "niggers" pure sores us, has perceptibly increased. The ng was very superlor, and George Cark and Hank White, as humorists, were | Question for discussion Jan. 27, is in re-

as irresistible as ever. At the third annual meeting of the Brattleboro Savings Bank, held on the 15th Allen will deliver the eway on that occaust, the following officers were chosen: President, Parley Starr; Vice President, R. W. Clarke: Secretary and Treasurer, S. Herrick; Trustees, Geo. J. Brooks, B. D. Harris, John W. Burnap, Parley Starr, Edward Crosby, Peleg Barrows, O. D. Eserbrook, H. F. Smith, J. J. Estey, Fred R. Harris, C. W. Wyman, Brattleboro; Wm. W. Lynde, Marlboro; Wm. O. Milter, Dummerston; D. A. Dickinson, Newfane ; S. E. Wheat, Putney.

-C. H. Stevens, clerk of school district No. 2-embracing Bruttleboro east village -has completed his annual census, with the following result: Population of the number of families, 953; children under 20. 840; births 92 -males 51, females 41; 3 | church before, pr. twins; It born in one family same year. Deaths 69 - males 40, females 29. Diseases -11 of consumption, 5 of old are, 4 of heart disease, 5 of spoplexy. No one discase very prevalent during the year 1873,

-The present, in many respects, remarkable winter is not without its curious effects on animal life. We have now in our office a dizen or more small but lively As he is pointing others to the kind Father Patney found upon a bare hillock on his receive to himself a double portion of the farm on the 9th inst,, which will be remem- oil of joy and may quaff deep at the founwarm and bright days for the seaso They were at first thought to be a new variety of grasshopper, but Mr. C. C. Frost of this village, a recognized authority in enomological matters, informs us that they are simply the larvæ of two common varicties the brown and the green grasshopper-the eggs of which are deposited in the fall, and they ordinarily remain dormant through the winter, but in this case warm weather gave them the use of their legs prematurely. The little fellows seem o enjoy themselves and apparently need only a little "green fodder" and the warm unshine to make them perfectly resigned o this novel vicissitude of their insect life

-Last Tuesday, certain parties, not be ing disposed to lament over "lost opportunities," conspired to have a general good time by getting up a surprise party on the ceasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of be marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John Pellet, Mrs. Pellet having been willly beguiled away to a neighbor's to spend the afternoon, and Mr. P. being at his labor, those who knew what they were about proceeded to take possession of the vacated domicile. Carrying in with them of the good things of the world, they quietly removed the baked beans that Mrs. P. had prepared for Mr. P.'s tea, extended the table and set it to their own taste: then they audaelously sent for Mrs. P. to come home, as she had com pany. At six o'clock an order was given o clear that table. Five times it was charged upon, and five times did they fall back, all in good order, however. Except in the clearing of that table, the plot was carried out with success; that was an utter failure. Panic, the subject of so many newspaper items of late, was not known or felt there, unless the victims were a little panicky on returning to the home they had left so quiet to find it so miraculously changed to a house of feasting and bilarity There were about seventy-five of the par ty, including conspirators, innocents and victims, and Mrs. P. could hardly express her emotion, claiming them all to be "cozens" in her eestasy. There were represe ed in the party those whose hair was white with age, joined with Young America in the bud, by youth and middle age, but all were young in the enjoyment of the festivities. At an early hour the party, not being ambitious to make their friends twice glad, withdrew, leaving their parting blessing. And so your correspondent will retire, praying that beaven's richest blessngs may rest upon them, and that their ast days may be their best days,

## Yours truly, West Brattleboro

-J. H. Plummer made 23 lbs of nice naple sugar during a few days of warm weather in the early part of the present

-Mr. Lang, principal of Brattlebor Academy, is giving excellent satisfaction, People living in neighboring towns who have children to educate, cannot do better than to patronize him.

# Dummerston

-The tenth anniversary of the marriage

gather at their residence on the evening of Ciub in this town on the Grange question, and pays the Club a high compliment by January 13th, and present them testimonsaying that "It is one of the most selive tals of regard and friendship. The comand intelligent Farmer's Clubs in the State, pany numbered about one hundred. The and that "its debates always contain matpresents were numerous, useful, and "substantla;," as the donors intended, consist-

Westminster West. -The Y. L. A. Society gave an entertalnment on the 1st inst., consisting of a spoons, one set of tea knives and forks, a drams, "Down by the Sea," declamatic -Rev. J. W. Bemis, agent of the Ver- lump, a nice castor, spice-box, carving recitations, tableaux, etc., for the benefit of the library and church. They are to have another, with supper, about the 20th of 'greenbacks"-which are handy to have in the house in these plucking days-increas- February.

-There was one marriage, two births, and no deaths in this parish last year. If any one wants to live forever and keep what morey they happen to have to take with them when they do go, let them have And when they next do celebrate may we be there to a home in W. W.

-Mr. Sidney Holmes, has a singing school here which is very well attended Guilford. and gives perfect satisfaction.

## -The children of school District No 3,

Wilmington. Gulfford, are to have a public exhibition at -The measles are very prevalent through Congregational Church on Thursday out the town. Among those sick with this eve, Jan. 29th, for the purpose of raising means to purchase some outline maps for disease is fley, Mr. Goodnow, who was unsaid District. All are cordially invited. The | able to preach last Subbath; consequently the Baptist church was closed. At the undoors will be open at 7 o'clock. An admittence fee of 15 cents will be charged; ion meeting in the morning, Rev. Mr. Dodd advocated the doctrine of the resurrection children under 10 years, 10 cents. -Preaching throughout the day next of the natural body, and will continue the Sabbath in the Congregational church, by some subject next Sunday. In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Fleid severely criticised the "Christian Union," warning the people Blutifax.

present week,

agains the lufluence of that paper. -The Windham County Association of -At ovr last annual March meeting i Baptist ministers met in this place last was voted that all taxes not collected and Tuesday. Owing to the rain the day previous, and the lad travelling, the sitend-

## South Windham.

Minstale, N. M.

-The Methodists held their quarterly

-The subject of Mr. Harris's lecture next

-At the annual meeting of the Hinsdale

Library Association, on Wednesday eve-ning of list week, the following board of of-

On Saturday exening last the board of trus-

ees organized by choosing W. S. Barrows, chairman; G. S. Wilder, secretary; Rev.

C. C. Watson, Dr. O. J. Martin, N. E. Pratt.

executive committee. Miss Althea Stearns

inue the mercanille business in the place

-The Universalists are making up a very

attractive and interesting programme for

are confident that it will seeme the attend-

ance of a large number of ladies and gentle-

men from Brattleboro and other towns in

ions to be presented may be named as fol-

ows: A pleasing farce entitled The Ver-

iont Wool Dealer; a sylvan grotte, a pis-

atorial cove, a splendid article of wax to be

oted to same lady or gentleman, designs

gold and silver to be guessed for, fancy

ome fucky individual is to get a fine gift

of a large four octave melodion, with plano

case. Daneing will close the entertain-

West Chesterfield, N. H.

-The ladies of the Universalist society

in West Chesterfield are to hold their an-

dual festival at the town hall in Chester

field Centre on Friday evening, Jan. 50

Bernardston. Mass.

f their store, which gives it a much in

West Northfield.

-The children, grandchildren and great

for their annual re-union, that being the

both ber mental and physical abilities to a

many who have numbered but half the

stantial tokens of love were left behind by

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MAJOR CHILDS

of the finest stores in this vicinity.

-Read notice of Powers Institute.

-Gould & Park have painted the interior

The proceedings will close with a dance.

L. Nute v. Abraham Nute.

tables, boquets, refreshments, music, &c

their festival, to be held in American Hall,

was elected librarian.

named.

Church, will be " Classov in Society,

meeting on Monday evening last in Hop-

paid into the town treasurer on or before the first day of April should be paid by the collector. L. B. Hall was chosen collector and accepted the tax bill with that understanding, and by the appearance of things he does not calculate to by behind the ride; -Rev. C. H. Carpenter, son of Rev. Mark and all lax-payers that wish to save their hae in had better pick up some of their rusbe 17, by steamer for Rangoon, Burmah, ty coppers and be ready for him. By the via Glasgow, Scotland, and the lathmus of way, where is Niles, the old collector? Sucz, to take charge of the Karen College at Some tax-payers think he is dead. Rangoon, under the patronage of the Haplist Missionary Union.

-The ladies of the Universalist society are to hold a fair and festival at the ball of Martin Scott, 2d, in West Halifax, on Friday evening of this week, closing with a

ing of nearly one bundred yards of cotton

cloth, four dress patterns, napkins, towels,

knife and fork, &c, &c, Including some

ing the sum total to \$107.41 in valuation.

After a bountiful repast from the well fur-

nished tables, the company separated and

Long live the bride I and the bridegroom, long live be;

the

Rev. Mr. Dickerson.

oolien yarn, hamlkerchiefs, two bed-

## Jacksonville.

The Jacksonville Cornet Band bere have procured the services of Rufus W.

-At its last meeting, the Farmers and Mechanics' Club discussed, "Granges, and it appears they are not satisfied, as hey have ordered their Secretary to espond with some grange and find Rose ser crossult—
Jewett Wellman, chairman; George S.
Wilder, secretary; W. S. Burrows, Esq.,
Geo. S. Wilder, Rev. C. C. Watson, N. E.
Pratt, Dr. O. J. Mariin, A. B. Davis, Edw.
Siebblus, C. J. Amidon, C. D. Merriman, more about the principal of the orde ation to repairing highways, whether it is best to have commissioners or not. E. S.

-Mr. Ezra Stetson, while intering a short time since struck a chisel in his leg. The wound was supposed to be nearly bealed up, when he took cold in it and has or the past week been lying dangerously il, but he seems to be getting better now. -That "neighbor" of ours who desired an introduction to the Brattleboro preacher at Wilmington, Sunday before last, rather got the worst of it. The reason for deing an introduction, as assigned by Hon. C. N. Davenport, who introduced him, was that he wanted to get acquainted with a man who could preach so well, affirming district, 4481; increase 1872, 203; whole that he never heard such preaching, where upon one of his "neighbors" explained 20, 1232; under 5 years, 392; between 5 and that the reason was, he never went to

this vicinity. A few of the many attrac--While we are in the midst of life we are in death. How vividly our people felt this on the 11th inst., at the funeral of Mrs. Rev. W. D. Hall. Young, amiable, pleasant, kind, affectionate and joyous; but death claimed her for its own, and sympathising with Mr. Hall, our people are in mourning, deep mourning, for his loss, grasshoppers, which Mr. Jason Knight of | who is the friend of the sorrowing, he may

-A house owned by Job Young, and empled by George Boynton, caught fire Saturday afternoon. Jan. 17th, but by the vigorous efforts of the fire company the flames were extinguished before great damage was done,

-Dr. C. E. Spring has sold his house to E. L. Waterman, and has left our place to practice his profession in Holliston, Mass. where his family will soon join him.

-Parsons & Holton continue their part pership in the boot business and are about

### to open their shop and resume work. Et.L.

-The West Hallfax Dramatic Club will give an entertainment in the basement of the church at Mariboro, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 27. The programme includes the temperance drams, "The Last Loaf," and "The Pirate's Legacy, or the Wrecker's

### Newfane. -Mr. Asabel Moore has made two or

three gallons of excellent maple syrup. Doesn't know which is the best month for the business, December or January.

-The ladles of the Congregational so siety will hold their Annual Festival at the Town Hall, Potney, Thursday, Jan. 29th. The entectainment will consist of music by the Putney Band, illustrated bullads, songs, ableaux, and a comedy entitled "The Peo ple's Lawyer." Refreshments in the low-

# Sadawga.

Thurdon L. Marsh has purchssed o John W. Sawyer, the Houghton Sawyer boose and eleven acres of land connected herewith, for \$800. We are pleased to learn that Mr. Marsh intends to make this his permanent residence, and we welcome Mr. and Mrs. Marsh in our neighborhood with a hearty good will, as they are good and industrious citizens.

-John W. Sawyer has purchased or George H. Pike all of that tract of land ly ing west of the "Sadawga Lake," which onged to the Charles P. Murdock farm, for \$1000, which mukes a valuable addition his aiready valuable and beautiful prem-

-Willie W. Follett, son of William H. Follett, Esq., has taken the place of Abrain F. Chase in Hix's store, and is disposing of the stock of goods for the benefit of Chase's

# Westminster.

-On Tuesday, the 20th inst., on most prominent business men, Mr. Allen Weils, 68 years of age, committed suicide in his barn by cutting his throat with a present at his obsequies from all directions,
The Rev. Mr. Harris, of the Universalist
church at Brattleboro, officiated, assisted by
the Congregational and Methodist elergymen of Wilmington. All of his ten surviving children were present, except one
son, who lives in San Francisco, Cal. Never before had Wilmington witnessed so
large an assemblage at a funeral.—Argus
and Patriot. razor. He has for some time been unwell, and seemed to have been laboring under great depression of mind, causing, undoubtedly, temporary insanity. His death is not only a great loss to his family but also to the business community. -The Burlington Free Press copies the

report of the discussion of the Farmers'

ters of interest and value."

we purposed to do with this question. I answer that I believe much more or the success of farming depends upon perfect adaptation than is generally admined, I one perfect adaptation of means to the end, The forest supplies a certain want, vege. tation another, the animal kingdom snother, and so we might enumerate the birth of the air and the fishes of the sea, and and that each and every variety was adapted to

some particular purpose. Man, we find, is a being adapted to a certain end. We are not all adopted to any particular pursual, we should therefore learn, early in hip, in study our fitness. We find members of the same family very unlike in their fitness, very unequally qualified in manual ability to succeed in the same paragina We sometimes say that such a man is a "lucky farmer," but the secret of the success is in the fact that be has adopted himself to his business. You had better be a good farmer than a third rate lawyer When you have ascertained that you are adapted to the business of agriculture you should study how best to apply yourself, remembering that some farms had better be abandoned altogether, and others need to be questioned as to their peculiar fitness to stock-rearing or grain-raising. You should study the best adaptation of crops; of tools to be used; of team to be worked on your particular farm; and, not least, us lady for your farm-wife, add her admission to the business. The reason why symmy become disgusted with farm-life is in cause every thing is out of gear. When adaptation is perfect every needed wheat in the machinery will be in motion and mosh together, friction overcome, making arpenter of this place, sailed on Saturday us fords of our business in our allowed sphere, with no pain, no bankrupte breathing the atmosphere of natural inde-

WESTMINSTER PARMERS CLUB

Jan. 16. Subject, Resolved that the suc-

east of farming depends wholly upon ada;

M. W. Davis-I have been asked wim

pendence. N. G. Pierce-The first question of sdaptation relates to man, and the second, if he Is to be a farmer, should relate to the farm the mature of the soil and the crops been adarded. If you have a cold sluggish soil those crops that mature quick should be applied; if a warm, lively soil, those that king's Hall. Elder Cilley of Keene was make a larger growth. If you have the present and preached. Notice was given proper soil, it is as easy to graw 75 or its that he would preach every evening the unhels of corn per acre, us to grow only 30 or 50 on a different soil. Adaptation of tools and stock are important items. In suc Faceday evening, 27th, in the Universalist cessful farming. Whether cows, sheep or any other stock, you should look well to food, taking care to make good selection A little of Bradley's phosphate has a pleasing adaptation to the farm. But above all. a good farm-wife, well adapted to the bus ness, is the one thing important to success. Geo. Sabin-This question of adaptation

is a life-study for all mankind. We observe that members of our own families are differently constituted, and consequently adapted to different pursuits in life, We desire that they should all succeed. Different men appear to be adapted to different departments of agriculture. One has a love for stock, another for grain-rais--Henry E. Swan has sold his stock of ing-they should never change places. If a man purposes to raise stock he should lry goods, groceries, &c., in Todd's block, to Dea, Wellman and others, who will conhave a farm mlapted. For such business cheap land is usually the most profinble. Notwithstanding the theoretical teachings of popular demagogues, it requires a man with a "level bead" to be a successful firmer. Farmers' clubs or farmers' granges, on Wednesday evening of next week, and to my mind, are adapted to the work levelling our heads, if we use them. To-

successful farmers are those whose efforts are seconded by the efforts of the wife. Harry Floyd-Mr. Davis thinks that we are all adapted to some noble pursuit, but I am of the opinion that most of the bors of the present age are better adapted to be zoness. When I was a boy I was adapted to fishing, but my father took a switch and adapted me to farming, and I've been a farmer ever since. Mr. Pierce thinks we ould marry a wife adapted to the farmthat is all very well, but I should prefer the one I "loved best" and thought was best

adapted to me, Geo, M. Chase-I am not adapted to -In the Supreme Judicial Court (ad-journed term) held in Keene last week, a has been said about adaptation of toolslivoice was decreed in the suit of Adeline suppose you haven't the money and the means to adapt them? does it follow that you are not adapted to your business? If a man has a fortune fall to him he can go ally adapt blueself to it, but if he has a poor firm and "poor" pocket the case is different. By education we can adapt ourselves to many different kinds of business, but we seem to be better adapted to the "fire sides" than to sheefarm. Our daughters are not adapted to the business of a farm-wife, and I have not the disposition

proved appearance. They now have one are those that are adapted, and others that can adapt the macives if they choose. Such should be sought after by the farmer. W. B. Kimball-According to remarks made here to-night, success in farming consists in the amount of money accumu lated. Is it true? Who are our successful grandchildren of Mrs. Polly Holton met at he old homestead on the eve of the 12:b, farmers? those that stay at home-that cer er leave the farm week day or Sanday except to attend town meeting or school mee-23d anniversary birthday of the venerable ing, to vote against liberal men and libera mother of the group. Mrs. Holton retains measures, or those that own near and de

sirable farms-minus the fortune?

o blame them for trying to dodge it. There

remarkable degree for one so advanced in Rev. A. P. Barnard-This is an impor years, and is younger in appearance than ant and interesting question, and not at years. The united ages of mother and easy one to solve to the satisfaction thinking minds. I think a good distuchildren amount to 670 years. Many subtion could be made between natural and acquired adaptation. There are some malloving hearts, who wish the old homestead may be the happy scene of many more similar meetings.-Geenfield Gazette, ural proclivities that stand out so prom nent that it never seems right to ellp then ends or lower their aim; others may be changed in their Inclination without has A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MAJOR CHILDS.

A strong man has failen. A good man has gone to his rest. Maj. A. B. Childs, of Wilmington, who died Thursday of last week, aged 75 years, was both of those, and his departure will leave a void that cannot be readily filled. To us personally the intelligence of his death caused keen regret, he having been one of our earliest friends in Vermont, and one of the most stedfast and reliable. In all matters everybody knew just where to find him. There were no syasions or concealments on any quesing the individual in the least. I think that many hows have been sent to college their ruin, that might have made respect ble and honored citizens, had they reed on the farm. We should not rely who ly upon natural adaptation. There are many young men so circumstanced that it becomes necessary that they should remain and reliable. In all matters everybody knew just where to find him. There were no evasions or concealments on any question with him. Frank and carnest, and a man or most excellent judgment, he took his position and never wavered, no matter what the pressure. He was the first merchant where now are so many prosperous stores, and from the opening of his career as a basiness man up to the day of his decease he retained the confidence and esteem of all. A Democrat always, and under all circumstances, he never lowered his standard before the severest blast of opposition, even though it seemed a verilable cyclone. From the days of Andrew Jackson till the close of the Administration of James Buchanan, Major Childs was Postmaster at Wilmington all the time the Democrats were in power, and none ever said aught against his official faithfulness and courtesy. He was also for many years Sheriff, and for 54 years has been an honored and trusted member of the Masonic fraternity, in whose councils he stood high. Among the large family who mourn the loss of an affectionate father and a trasted adviser are A. P. Childs, for a long time connected with the Brattlebore post office, and Mrs. Rittredge Haskins, of Brattleboro. He was burled on Sunday last, with Masonic honors, members of the Masonic fraternity being pressut at his obsequies irom all directions. The Key, Mr. Harris, of the Universalist. on the farm. It seems to me that such young men are serving a noble purpose. They may not be able to educate themselves as they otherwise would, but the can at least become men of practical abiliwe have failed to give to the business it proper dignity. We need to learn that it is nobe and honorable to work. We do not expect to keep all our sons and daughters on the farm, but I see no reason why pe ple cannot make farming pleasant. I see no reason why they cannot work intelligently. There is much in our ability to adapt ourselves to our work. Whatever we do we should do well, that our place it honorable society may be justry meri By a vote of the society it is expected that the State Board of Agriculture will meet with us on the 10th and 11th of Feb., at which time we hope to meet a large number of farmers and friends from neighboring towns. Come one, come all I and we will welcome you to our homes and pub

The club adjourned to meet with Henry Floyd, Friday evening, Jan. 23, Subject Resolved: That the present tendency to leave the farm for a village or city resi dence, should not be encouraged.

-Judge Thurman was re-electe United States Senator by the Ohlo Legisla

ture last week.

ic places, is the sentiment we present