The Vermont Phœnix.

BRATTLEBORO:
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1887.

The New York supreme court, convened in special general term, has confirmed the verdict in the case of Jacob Sharp and the venerable briber will have to go to Sing Sing.

"This eminently respectable journal with a Democratic annex" assures the editor of the Argus of its distinguished consideration, and it takes great pleasure in the consciousness that this distinguished consideration is mutual.

In the alleged bribery case in the New Hampshire legislature the committee find that a bribe was tendered by a member of a paid lobby, but that the bribe was not authorized by the railroad corporation in whose interest it was offered.

In the United States circuit court at Boston on Monday Judges Colt and Nelson rendered a decision throwing out of court the suit of the United States to cancel the Bell patent. The decision takes the ground that the government has no power to bring a suit to cancel a patent, without the authority of an act of Congress. It leaves untouched all the questions raised against the validity of the Bell patent, but it knocks the bottom out of the Pan-electric scheme to reach the Bell monopoly through the device of a government suit. The case will be appealed to the supreme court.

Gov. Ormsbee has shown himself a level-headed man, with a sense of the fitness of things, by refusing to pardon Miles, the Barre bank robber whose term of imprisonment will soon expire. The Governor says, in effect, that Vermont has got the reputation of being a bad place for bank robbers to get caught in, and he thinks she had better keep it. The petition for a pardon was signed by "several eminent citizens, including prison officials,"—but we cannot think of any good ground on which any citizen, "eminent" or otherwise, should wish the pardon of one of the most skilful, daring and dangerous criminals which the country has produced.

Vermont Valley Railroad Fares.

The Brattleboro letter to the Springfield Republican of last Sunday contained an allusion to the high rates of local fares charged on the Vermont Valley railroad. This called out the editorial paragraph in the Republican which is elsewhere reproduced, and this in its turn called out a letter or statement from A. B. Harris, president of the road, which was printed in the Republican of Wednesday. Mr. Harris's statement is the same which he made to the Vermont railroad commissioners last March, when The Phœnix, supplemented by a personal appeal to the commission from Mr. Swain of the Bellows Falls Times, urged that a reduction of fares on the Valley road ought to be made, corresponding to the reduction which had just been made on the New London Northern road out of Brattleboro. On the first of last January the Central Vermont company voluntarily reduced the local fares over the New London road to three cents per mile, the fare to South Vernon, 10 miles, now being only 30 cents, and to Millers Falls, 21 miles, 65 cents; while on the Valley road to Putney, 9 miles, it is 40 cents, and to Bellows Falls, 24 miles, it is $1.00.

Mr. Harris's statement, or reply, consists of a skillfully drawn compilation of figures, which are made to show that the passenger traffic over the Valley road is very small and unprofitable, and that even at 4 cents per mile it does not pay more than half as well as the traffic over other roads which charge only 2 cents or 3 cents a mile. The saving to the local public, he says, if the fares were reduced, would be only about $1500, while the loss to the road would be about $12,000, because the road "pro rates" with other companies on through business in proportion to its charge per mile for local fares. "The inevitable result" of a reduction in local fares, he adds, would be that the company would have to reduce the number of trains per day to make up the loss.

Mr. Harris's answer strikes us now, as it did last spring, when he made it to the commission, as a piece of special pleading which will not bear analysis and examination in the light of what experience and precedent have shown in this matter of the reduction of railroad fares. The Vermont Valley road is a profitable piece of property, but its local fares are kept up to the same high rates which were in force when all railroad fares were proportionally high, and no attempt has been made to find out whether lower fares would not increase the travel. Mr. Harris's argument is the same which the New York elevated roads used when they were asked to reduce their fares from 10 cents to 5 cents; but they were compelled to make the reduction, and they immediately found themselves overwhelmed with traffic and their profits greater than ever before. The fact is, that at the present day a passenger rate of 4¼ cents per mile amounts to prohibition of traffic, unless in some exceptional case like that of the Brattleboro & Whitehall road, and all experience shows that passenger traffic increases just in proportion as inducement for its increase is offered. Moreover, it is hardly possible that traffic on the Valley road is less profitable than over the New London Northern from Brattleboro to Millers Falls.

We think the least that can be done is for the railroad commissioners to hold a hearing on the subject, and if Mr. Harris and the other officers of his company can than convince the commissioners and the public that the peculiar situation of the road compels them to keep the fares up to the old-time prohibitory rates, we presume that our local public would then submit to the extortion with the best grace they could command.

Some Further Points in the Railroad Decision.

The full text of the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission vs. the Central Vermont and other railroad companies, which has come to hand this week, is of even more interest than the abstract printed last week would indicate. It covers the whole ground with a quick, strong grasp, and shows that the commissioners do not conceive it to be their duty under the law to quibble over technicalities or split legal hairs, but that they aim instead to get at the spirit and intent of the law and to administer it in behalf of the people on a basis which shall be equitable and just for both the people and the railroad corporations. It will be remembered, for instance, that in our report of the hearing at Rutland we stated that Mr. Fifield, the counsel for the Central Vermont company, presented a carefully prepared tabular statement showing how Vermont agricultural and other industrial interests have grown since the introduction of railroads, and that Mr. Fifield made a strong point in urging that this showing should be set down to the credit of the Central Vermont company and counted as a counterbalance to the charges alleged against his client. Without alluding specifically to this presentation the commissioners freely concede all the force which it contains. Their opinion says that while the population along the line of the Central Vermont road has remained nearly stationary for many years "the wealth of the people has been steadily increasing, and to this increase the railroads have no doubt largely contributed; perhaps it is not too much to say that they have rendered it possible." The company could not maintain its first-class road and equipment on the proceeds of its local and joint traffic; a large through business is essential to its prosperity; and furthermore, this is essential if the road is to continue to be a useful line even for local business. "We are also satisfied," the commissioners continue, "that the people of Vermont are largely interested in the low rates on long-haul traffic, not only because to some extent they send manufactured articles to distant points, but much more because Vermont relies very largely on the West for grain, flour, meats, and provisions. It is highly probable that if the people of the state pay high rates on local traffic they are fully compensated in the low rates on long-haul traffic. A board having full power to adjust rates as circumstances should seem to require might perhaps so hold."

Here is a broad look at the whole subject, and even a widened application of the principle which Mr. Fifield tried to lay down. But even such facts and such a view of the subject, the opinion goes on to say, do not justify the company in disobeying the plain provisions of the law. The "dissimilar circumstances" claimed do not exist; the greater charges for the short haul than for the long haul are illegal and must be stopped.

The pretence that the case made up and brought by the state grange did not come within the fourth section of the law because long-haul rates are made by the National Despatch line and not by the companies individually, is stripped away most unceremoniously by the commission:

"The National Despatch line is one of the many fast freight lines of the country, but is perhaps in some respects peculiar. It is neither a corporation nor an association of persons. It exists by virtue of no formal agreement or writing. One witness speaks of it as a name merely; another as a trade mark. It is nevertheless, so far as the public dealing with it are concerned, an actuality of much importance, for it not only transacts a large business but takes all the traffic passing over the Central Vermont destined to or coming from points beyond St. Albans. It has for general manager Mr. John Porteous, who owes his office or position to the president of the Central Vermont Railroad company, whose power to appoint does not appear. Mr. Porteous appoints some assistants, but in general the railroad agents are agents of the National Despatch line also. The reason for establishing the line originally was that the roads were greatly deficient in rolling stock, and a car company was formed to loan them cars, and this line called into existence to operate the cars. The roads pay mileage for the use of the cars. The earnings of the line less the expenses are divided among the roads in agreed proportions. Mr. Porteous makes the tariffs for traffic taken by the line. The long-haul traffic rates mentioned in the complaints are rates made by him, the several defendants taking no part in making them.

"These are the facts as they appear from the proofs. We deem it unnecessary to comment upon them any further than is needful to draw a legal conclusion. The responsibility of the defendant carriers for the long-haul rates is unquestionable. They did not through their own officers fix them, but they one and all acquiesced in the designation of a person to be allowed to fix them, they permit the business to be done over their roads respectively at the rates named, and they accept their several proportions. It would be difficult to imagine a method whereby they would become bound more conclusively, for Mr. Porteous is agent for all in making the rates, and they all acquiesce in what he does, so that they would be bound even if he had acted at first without full authority. The arrangement as it exists in fact, though it be only a name or a trade mark, makes the National Despatch line or its manager representing it, the agent for such roads as the line is operated over. Its rates are their rates for the business done, and at their peril they must see that its tariffs are filed with this commission, and that in other particulars the law is obeyed by it."

No language could be more explicit than this. Little remains to be said except that it furnishes ground for a very justifiable feeling of satisfaction that such a decision as this, covering ground which concerns so intimately the farmers, and all the common folk of this and every state, has been rendered in a case made up by our Vermont people, prepared under the authority of an appointment by the governor of the state, and defended by counsel who are of our people and live among them. The decision was given with remarkable promptitude. It came much sooner than was expected, and it is reasonable to believe that the commissioners regarded it as a tpyical and representative case and therefore gave it their immediate attention. The decision was unanimous, all the five members of the board concurring.

The Commission's Order to the Railroad Companies.

The Interstate Commission's opinion in the Vermont railroad case, and its order thereon, bear date "At a session of the Interstate Commerce Commission held at rooms of the Board of Trade in the city of Chicago and state of Illinois on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1887." The order of the commission to the Central Vermont and other defendant companies is in full as follows:

"These three cases [those of the Boston & Albany railroad company and the Vermont state grange against the offending companies] having been brought on to be heard at Rutland, in the state of Vermont, on documentary and oral testimony, and counsel having been heard on behalf of the respective parties—that is to say, Mr. Sam'l Hoar for the complainants in the first two [Boston & Albany] cases, Mr. George F. Edmunds and Mr. Haskins of Haskins & Stoddard for the complainant in the third case [that of the state grange], and Messrs. B. F. Fifield and A. A. Strout for the defendants—and due deliberation having been had and the report and opinion of the commission being now filed—

"It is now ordered and adjudged that the Central Vermont railroad company and the other defendants concerned with it in interstate traffic between Boston, in the state of Massachusetts, and St. Albans in the state of Vermont, or between Boston aforesaid and Ogdensburg in the state of New York, including those points respectively, do and shall wholly and immediately desist from charging or receiving in respect of any part of such traffic a greater compensation for the transportation of a like kind of property for a shorter than for a longer distance over the same line in the same direction, the shorter being included within the longer distance.

"And it is further ordered that a copy of this order, with notice requiring obedience thereto, be forthwith sent to each of the defendant corporations, and that at the same time there be also sent to each of such defendants a copy of the report and opinion of the Commission above referred to.

(Signed) EDWARD A. MOSELEY,
Secretary."

The Victorious Volunteer.

The first of the races between the Scotch yacht "Thistle" and Gen. Paine's "Volunteer" was sailed on Tuesday. The Thistle was one minute ahead on crossing the line at the start, but the Volunteer *soon* closed the gap, took the lead, gained rapidly on her contestant, and at the finish was 18 minutes of time and two miles of distance ahead. The wind was a "Thistle wind," that is to say it was a light wind, in which it has been claimed that the Thistle would surely show herself a faster boat than the Volunteer.

A second race was to have taken place yesterday, but a dense fog prevented it.

Later.—The second race is in progress as we go to press. At 1:48 the Volunteer was one mile ahead and nearing the stake boat. Wind due east, blowing 24 miles an hour, and freshening.

Unexpected Testimony.

The Noyes will case, which involves the disposal of a very large sum of money, came to an unceremonious ending in the Chittenden county court at Burlington last Friday. The testator, Vernon P. Noyes, a Burlington banker, left a will bequeathing most of his property to his brother, a New York banker, and cutting off one daughter, whose son claims inheritance by a later will. The only witness to the existence of the later document is G. M. Delaney—the same person, it is discovered, who was involved in the Maine paper credit frauds during the war, and was tried by military commission and sentenced to the New Hampshire state prison. There was a sensation in the court on Friday morning when Senator Edmunds drew these facts out of Mr. Delaney. After making him admit several malodorous points in his career, Mr. Edmunds put in evidence a certificate of the proceedings of a special military commission held at Washington, to show that Delaney was tried and convicted for aiding in desertion, of procuring false and fraudulent certificates of discharge, of recruiting without authority from the war department, and various other charges, and that he was sentenced to be imprisoned ten years in a state prison to be designated, to pay a fine of $45,000, and be imprisoned till the fine was paid. Delaney then testified that he was sent to the state prison at Concord, N. H., but was confined only five or six days, after which he was given the liberty of Merrimack county. At the end of 18 months he was pardoned as the result of proceedings in the United States court.

At the opening of the session, before the

evidence was introduced, Judge Veazey had made a ruling on a law point which was adverse to the contestant, and after the unwelcome and unexpected Delaney development the counsel for the contestant refused to let the case go to the jury, and it was taken to the full bench on an exception to the judge's ruling.

It transpires that the counsel for the defence did not know of the certificate of Delaney's trial in the war department until the first of the week, and in answer to a telegram from Senator Edmunds to the secretary of war it was brought to Burlington by a special messenger, who arrived Wednesday night.

A Job for the State Commission.

[From the Springfield Republican.]

Railroad domination in Vermont has now had its back broken by the inter-state commerce commission. There ought to be no farther hesitation in the matter of bringing the roads up there to reasonable terms. Our Brattleboro correspondent says that the passenger rate between that place and Bellows Falls, a distance of 24 miles, is still $1 as it long has been. This is on the Vermont Valley line which is operated in the interest of the Connecticut River company. Four cents a mile on a road that pays 6 per cent dividends is too high for these days. It belongs to the state railroad commissioners to supplement the work of the inter-state commission and suggest to this company that it is time to favor the people a little more.

Where Thanks are Due.

[From the Burlington Free Press.]

The decision of the committee will be final in the case; and that it was fully expected by the Central managers, after the explosion of the figment of the National Despatch line took place, was indicated by the proposition made by them, to voluntarily lower their short haul rates to the rate to Detroit, provided the other roads would concur. The lessening of rates will work no hardship to the roads, while it will benefit the public. The public will thus have abundant reason to thank the state grange for acting as their agent in presenting the case; nor will the people forget that Senator Edmunds gave his valuable services, without retainer or fee, to bring about this result.

MINOR NOTES.

Mrs Clinton Smith of Middlebury, superintendent of the Vermont Woman's Christian Temperance union, gives the figures of the vote on the resolution allying that organization with the political prohibition party, and thus taking the W. C. T. U. into party politics as follows: Members present, 193; for the resolution, 75; against, 52; leaving 66 who did not vote.

A drug clerk in Wichita, Kan., has been sentenced to 17 years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of $20,800 for 2080 offences of selling liquor illegally. His case is to be taken to the United States supreme court on the provision in the constitution that "cruel and unusual punishments" are prohibited.

The claim that the present Administration has recovered millions of acres of public land from the railways and cattle kings and turned it over to settlers is pronounced false. Not a railway or cattle company holds less land now than it did two years ago.

The will of the late William A. Wheeler, ex-Vice President of the United States, is to be contested on the ground that he was not competent to make a will at the time it was dated, and that the signature is not genuine.

Mrs. Cleveland never drinks any kind of wine, and when at dinners where wine is served she takes Apollinaris water.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Fire in the town of Danby, Canada, on Wednesday destroyed more than one hundred houses, and left about four hundred people homeless. Loss $250,000.

Four little girls, playing on the island of Orleans, near Quebec, picked up an old shell left on the field by an artillery camp and applied a lighted match to it. Three were killed instantly and the fourth was fatally injured.

A druggist's clerk at Mill Grove, Canada, put up morphine instead of quinine, and killed three persons.

Reports that came last Saturday about a terrible cyclone at points on the Texas coast were greatly exaggerated.

The steamer Alesia arrived last week Thursday night at New York from Marseilles and Naples with Asiatic cholera on board. Eight passengers had died of the disease during the passage and several others were sick. It broke out in the steerage. Prompt quarantine measures were taken to prevent the scourge from gaining a foothold in this country.

President Cleveland has engaged a special train for his trip to the West and South. The journey will cover about 4500 miles and will cost him $10,000.

While a passenger train on the Mobile and Ohio railroad was running at the rate of 40 miles an hour near Jackson, Tenn., on Tuesday morning the baggage car jumped the track and every coach and the tender went over an embankment. Thirty passengers were on board and more than half of them were more or less injured.

Nine of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Indians arived at Castle Garden Tuesday morning on the steamer Wyoming. They could not stand the London fogs and were sent home.

Miss Phœbe W. Couzins has been appointed a United States marshal at St. Louis by Justice Miller, in place of her father, deceased. Miss Couzins has for a long time directed the executive affairs of the office.

The corn crop of the country is estimated at 1,300,000,000 bushels.

STATE NEWS.

Desperate Attempts at Train Wrecking.

There was a deliberate attempt made on Sunday evening to wreck the St. Louis express train on the Fitchburg railroad near South Pownal, where it crosses the southwestern corner of this state, and had it not been for the almost miraculous discovery by the engineer of the obstruction placed on the track there would have been a terrible loss of life. The obstruction consisted of nine ties, two of which were spiked down and held the others. Immediately behind the express was the night boat train from Boston, which would probably have been wrecked also had the St. Louis train been. On Wednesday the 14th and Thursday the 15th attempts were made to derail trains by misplacing a switch. These facts point to discharged employés as the guilty persons.

Two narrow escapes are reported on Vermont railroads. A Central Vermont train running at full speed struck a man walking on the track near Rutland, who was not seen by the engineer, and he was thrown up on the front of the engine and not discovered till the train entered Rutland depot, where he got down and walked away, not much injured. He refused to give his name. A day or two afterward a man fell from a train running 25 miles an hour on the Rutland and Washington road without injury.

The village of Montpelier voted Monday night at a special meeting to lay another water main from the reservoir in Berlin and authorized the treasurer to borrow $30,000 to cover the expense.

Burglars at Chester last Friday night entered the sleeping room of J. J. E. Pollard, taking a gold watch, money, the keys to the store and the safe. They then took $500 from the safe, and no clew has yet been found.

One of the four sections of the new iron railroad bridge at Hartford, the scene of the great disaster in February, was moved into position Sunday. The other three are nearly completed and two, if not all of them, will be placed next Sunday. It is a lattice deck bridge, all wrought iron, and was built by the Vermont construction company.

Reuben R. Thrall, 93, of Rutland, said to be the oldest active lawyer in the world, is attending the present session of the Rutland county court, looking after some old cases on the docket.

A general term of the supreme court has been ordered to be held at Montpelier, convening on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Phineas Chamberlain, 32, a well-known Bradford lawyer, died at Minneapolis last week. He was for several years press reporter at Washington, but afterward became the law partner of ex-Gov. Farnum of Bradford. He was born at Bath, N. H., and leaves a wife and two children living at Bradford.

A young son of John Howard of Peru was killed in a singular manner last week. He started with an ox-team loaded with heavy lumber for East Dorset, when he was overtaken by a herd of cattle which had broken out of the pasture and which attacked his oxen, overturning the cart and crushing him under the load. The boy and his team were discovered in a lonely spot by men who were hunting for bees.

HOME NEWS.

Meteorological Record.

WEEK ENDING THURSDAY EVENING, SEPT. 29, 1887.

Date.	Barometer. Daily Mean.	Thermometer. Daily Mean.	Thermometer. Maximum.	Thermometer. Minimum.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Highest Velocity.	Wind. Total mov't in miles.	Mean Relative Humidity.	Rainfall in inches.
Sept. 23	29.99	48	57	39	N. W.	18	218	86.	
24	30.16	46	60	30	N.	20	301	77.	
25	30.11	38	59	40	N.	36	336	78.	
26	30.10	46	60	31	N.	19	232	80.	
27	30.17	41	53	30	N.	14	82	89.5	
28	30.23	52	61	41	S.E.	4	10	89.6	
29	30.19	56	61	47	S.E.	8	124	96.	

Announcements.

Jacobs is to furnish and make the coffee for the W. C. T. U. at the Valley fair.

Come everybody from everywhere
To the Brattleboro fair;
Come saint and sinner
And get a good dinner

At Bliss's, under the grand stand. The price is only 25 cents.

For No. 1 Ashes apply to F. W. Powers, Newbury, Vt.

Call for the Berlin Imported Linen Collar for sale by Knapp.

To close out and make room for other purposes, C. E. Allen offers 50 pear trees, 7 ft., in lots of 10, for $3; 150 apple trees, in lots of 10, for $1.

Select your clothing from Knapp's new stock.

A few more of those horses left. We also have a few second-hand harnesses (good ones) to be sold very cheap.

J. H. CHAMBERLAIN HORSE CO.

Look at Knapp's new stock of overcoats before making your selection.

TO RENT TO A SMALL FAMILY. Tenement of four rooms. Price, $7. Inquire at Phœnix office.

Photogravure, photographs, etchings, frames and easels. MRS. S. M. CHATFIELD, Hooker Block.

W. H. Fisher offers his house and lot at the West village for sale at a low price; $800 can lie on mortgage.

PICTURE FRAMES are cheap at Clapp & Jones's.

Artists' materials, full stock. Reduced prices since April 1st at Clapp & Jones's.

Remember the second annual Fair Dance at the Town Hall, Thursday evening, Oct. 6. Refreshments will be served by F. L. Batchelder & Co.

ARTISTIC PICTURE FRAMING at Clapp & Jones's.

Picture frames in variety at A. F. Wilder's. Also academy board. Shop open evenings 7 to 8.

Buy Picture Frames of Geddis.

Brattleboro.

N. I. Hawley has his large fall stock of standard goods and specialties now in store and ready for inspection. Elsewhere in this paper a column is devoted to a partial enumeration of them, and we think the ladies will find it very interesting.

Judge Tyler having given a few days to the arrangement of his private affairs, left for Burlington on Monday afternoon and resumed his place on the bench of the Chittenden county court on Tuesday morning.

The "points condensed" from Col. Hooker's address at the Newfane fair, which our agricultural editor gives in his department today, contain a good many hints which the farmers would not be the worse for living up to.

The Carpenter organ company will turn out 200 organs this month—the largest month's work in the history of the concern.

The estate of the late Wm. L. Bemis is expected to pay 81 cents on the dollar.

Beginning to-morrow the letter-carriers will deliver mail to residents of Centreville once a day, at 11 A. M.

An agent of the Rutland shirt company has been in town within a few days to look the town over with a view of removing the business of the company to this place provided sufficient encouragement was offered. The company give employment to between one and two hundred women, and have the reputation of turning out a good article. It is understood that some of our leading citizens now have the matter under advisement.

Mr. Knapp has added new selections, both of clothing and of hats, to his stock in Ryther's building. New advertisement next week.

The "corn festival" given by the Ruthians at the Baptist vestry last evening was a pleasant affair. The room was tastefully decorated with cornstalks, autumn leaves, etc., a cornstalk wigwam stood in the centre; and besides the supper tables there were side tables filled with fancy articles and other attractions. Following the supper—which comprised an amazing variety of substantial dishes—a musical and literary entertainment was given, embracing a charade in tableaux, recitations by Misses Minnie Brasor and Annie Wise, a song by Miss Susie Kirwan, a clarinet solo by Mr. Poore, and a euphonium solo by Mr. Shearer, Miss Stewart presiding at the organ.

A party of gentlemen consisting of Dr. Webster, Chas. A. Tripp, Fred Lewis and Conductor Williams went to New London Monday afternoon to enjoy a few days of sailing and fishing on the sound, and are expected back today.

Rev. Mr. Parry, Deacon Estey, J. J. Estey and Lieut. Gov. Fuller were at Manchester yesterday in attendance upon the Baptist state convention.

Pratt, Wright & Co. now have in store their full stock of winter goods, including their usual large assortment of clothes for custom clothing. Customers from a distance can rely on finding their stock large enough to meet every demand of the trade. See their new advertisement.

Several of the Artist Hardie's friends were favored with a view of an oil portrait of Dr. William P. Wesselhoeft of Boston which Mr. Hardie has made during the past month at the Wesselhoeft summer camp in Jaffrey, N. H., and which he had in town over Sunday. In many respects it is Mr. Hardie's finest piece of work yet, the general treatment of the subject giving opportunity for some unusually satisfactory effects in tone and color. Mr. Hardie went to New York on Monday, but is to return soon to Jaffrey to make a portrait of Mrs. Wesselhoeft.

The First Regiment band gave the tenth and last open air concert of the summer on Wednesday evening, and it was a good one, gaining unusual applause, which a Brattleboro crowd do not give unless deserved. The series as a whole have been highly successful and have not only been appreciated by our own people in large numbers, but summer visitors from the large cities have been surprised to find here a band which could render satisfactorily the difficult class of music which has appeared on the programs. The band will be heard from frequently during the next month, as serenades, we understand, are in order. They accompanied the G. A. R. to Putney this afternoon, and will furnish music for the Valley fair next week.

Mrs. Frances J. Barnes, national superintendent of young women's work in the W. C. T. U., will give an address in the Baptist church next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

The ladies' benevolent society connected with the Congregational church held their annual meeting on Wednesday, when the following officers were chosen: President, Mrs. F. A. Whitney; vice president, Mrs. C. O. Day; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. F. A. Wells; assistant secretary, Miss Genevieve Slate; directors, Mrs. Willis Bemis, Mrs. E. L. Parker, Mrs. W. W. Walker, Mrs. C. B. Rice, Mrs. Annie Fulton, Mrs. N. I. Hawley.

Col. Hooker gave the address at the fair of the Otter Creek Valley agricultural society held at Wallingford on Wednesday.

Dr. E. S. Bowen of Orange, Mass., is to locate here in a week or two as an associate with Dr. Tucker.

Some 25 or 30 Brattleboro people attended the Halifax and Wilmington fairs this week, and several have been in attendance at the Greenfield fair yesterday and today.

Fred Waite, Henry Clark and John Nichols exhibited their draft oxen at the Cheshire county fair in Keene; and for the special purse open to all cattle, Clark's took the first premium, drawing a load of 7900 pounds, while Waite's drew 7500 pounds and took second money.

Rev. A. S. Annis of Manchester, N. H., will preach at the Unitarian church next Sunday.

M. L. Reed of Vernon has bought Walter Haywood's house on Oak Street, and intends coming here to live.

The Philharmonic society are to have a musicale at their rooms next Tuesday evening.

Rev. Mr. Smithers of the M. E. church baptised ten persons last Sunday afternoon, four of them by immersion.

Miss Augusta Van Doren appears at the town hall on Wednesday evening, October 5th, in her very successful comedy entitled "Charlotte Russe." Miss Van Doren is supported by a strong and efficient dramatic company. Wherever they have appeared the press has given them unqualified praise.

The rate of increase in the business of the post office under the free delivery system has been maintained through September. The figures will show tonight a total of over 53,000 pieces handled during the month, which is a gain of more than 3000 over August, and the month is one day shorter.

The post-office has received from the dead letter office a letter returned to the writer which with others has lain in the Ogdensburg (N. Y.) office almost 15 years, and which were recently discovered while the office was undergoing repairs. The one sent here was written by R. H. Austin, who lived here until recently and was employed by Alfred Sargeant.

The new Roman Catholic parsonage was somewhat damaged Sunday night by fire which started from an open grate.

P. Barrows announces elsewhere some special bargains at his closing out sale in Tyler's block.

The prospect of rain on Thursday did not deter the ladies of the Universalist church from going ahead with their preparations for their annual harvest festival. The rain kept off and the vestry was crowded. The place was beautifully decorated with flowers, leaves, fruits and showy vegetables, and the tables, fringed with tinted leaves and golden corn, were laden with a variety of the products of field and orchard. One pyramid of leaves and fruits and vegetables was a veritable work of art. Supper was eaten and enjoyed by all, and every article on the tables was sold. The ladies put into their treasury the comfortable sum of $45.

The following is the list of letters remaining in the post office Sept. 29:

Women—Mary E Baker, Rose M Best, Mrs E S Chamberlain, Julia Cassiday, Mrs Mary M Clark (2) Addie W Hills, Mrs Gleenny, Mrs Maggie Gregory, Emma Johnson, Mrs Dan Kingsley, E Moran, Mrs I P Miller, Ida G Roberts, Nellie L Rickert, Minnie Quittner, Mrs A J Spears, Mrs Sophronia M Sugland, Mrs S W Shumway, Mrs W H Skinners, M G White (2), Mrs S E Winslow.

Men—C G Adams, Clark L Brown, George E Briggs, Henry Briggs, C C Cutler, A S Hitchcock, Lucian Hewett, Irving W Johnson, C E Lester, D J McCurdy, M P Moody, Willie I Pasco, Capt I C Rooke, J C Robinson, John E Riley, E Towne, Geo T Spear, S L Wheeler, E D Woods.

PERSONAL.

Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Putnam returned last week from a visit of several weeks in Boston.—Col. Wm. C. Holbrook returned to New York yesterday and F. F. Holbrook returns to Boston today.—Mr. Abram B. Simonds of Jericho is visiting friends in town, and may remain all winter.—G. M. Taylor returns to Washington next week.—Walter Haywood and family departed for Detroit on Monday.—George Cutler removes next week to a tenement in John Retting's house.—Rev. C. H. Merrill is looking for a suitable tenement in this village in which to spend the winter.—Ben Cook, of the High school class of '87, went last week to take a position as clerk in a hardware store in Fitchburg.—Mrs. W. L. Bemis is here on a visit from Lynn.—E. H. Thomas's son-in-law, J. C. DeWitt, living in San Diego, Cal., is very sick, but a late despatch gives hope of his recovery.—Miss A. C. Andrews, who has been with Miss Dalton for some years past, has been compelled by ill health to return to her friends near Boston. She left on Thursday morning.—Maj. H. R. Chase, now of Northampton, was in town Tuesday on his way to attend the reunion of his old regiment, the Eleventh Vermont, at Burlington. Mr. Chase was accompanied by his daughter, who is now in her second year in Smith college. His son is bookkeeper for one of the large Holyoke manufacturing concerns.—Mr. W. B. Clark left on Monday for Baltimore to take up his duties in the Johns Hopkins university.—Mrs. D. Leonard and her two elder daughters are visiting at Fairhaven.—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Flint of Lynn, Mass., are in town on their annual visit.

CROSBY'S NEW STOREHOUSE.

Messrs. E. Crosby & Co., wholesale flour dealers, have got their new storehouse nearly ready for occupancy. The building, which stands about on the site of the old Tyler foundry, near the west end of the Hinsdale toll bridge, is probably the strongest and most substantial structure in this part of the state. Its dimensions are about 80 by 100 feet, with two stories and basement. The foundation wall is mostly of granite from the Dummerston quarries, of which over 2800 perches were required, and the rear wall, which rises from the margin of Whetstone brook to a height of about 15 feet above the surface of the ground, has its base as far below, where it is 10 feet in thickness. The basement or ground floor of the building is divided into several compartments, of which the easternmost, 24 by 80 feet, is to be occupied by the Boston wholesale grocery firm of Timothy Gay & Son, of which Chas. D. Noyes is the local agent. Another compartment adjoining will be occupied for storage by Gleason & Robbins, hardware dealers. The western compartment, comprising one-half the room on this floor, is to be used as a carriage repository. The walls of the basement or ground story of the building are of brick, 16 inches thick, while those of the two upper stories are built up of plank nailed one to another, elevator style, forming a solid wall seven inches in thickness, of great strength, and rat-proof. The posts which support the several floors are a foot square. The first or main story, aside from an office in one corner, forms one immense room, which will be used by Messrs. Crosby & Co. for the accommodation of their large wholesale business, and affords ample room for storing 3000 to 4000 barrels of flour. Three large doors at the west end give ample convenience for loading and unloading direct from the cars, which will be run to the building on a spur track. The upper story is to be used by the Carpenter organ company for the storage of organs and fine lumber. The building has a flat roof with asphalt covering. The exterior of the building is papered and covered with slate, which adds to its substantial appearance and makes it nearly fire proof. Besides the large amount of stone used, 105,000 brick and 185,000 feet of lumber were required in the construction of the building, which in its solidity, ample proportions and thoroughness of detail is a model of its kind and a credit to its enterprising owners. The building of course will not be complete without the elevator, which will be of ample capacity and will be in readiness as soon as Mr. Crowell gets his aqueduct extended across the brook to furnish the hydraulic power.

COMING REUNIONS.

Invitations have been issued for the twenty-fourth annual reunion of Vermont officers, which is to be held here on Tuesday, Oct. 18. The members of the society, and all Vermont officers and non-commissioned officers of the army and navy, are invited to be present. The business meeting will be held at the town hall at 4:30 P. M. The oration will be delivered at the armory at 7:30 P. M., by Hon. John D. Long of Massachusetts. Senator Edmunds will also be present by invitation. After the oration the toasts and responses will follow, with music by band, orchestra and quartet. A reception will be tendered the officers by the Philharmonic society at 10 o'clock in their rooms. At the same hour the ladies in attendance will hold a social at the Brooks House.

The First Regiment Vermont Cavalry will hold their reunion on the day preceding that of the Vermont officers, Monday, Oct. 17.

NEW POST OFFICES WANTED.

The people living in the locality known as "Hinesburg," lying near the junction of the three towns of Guilford, Halifax and Marlboro, have long felt that the post office department ought to grant them better mail facilities; and a few years ago a movement to this end was started, but for some reason failed of success. We learn that a new scheme is now on foot looking to the creation of three new offices—one at Hinesburg, one at Reed Hollow in Halifax, and one in the Cutting neighborhood in the southwest part of this town—to be supplied by a tri-weekly route running from this village. The maintenance of such a route, with offices at the points indicated, would cost the government but a small sum, while it would accommodate a great many people to whom the present offices are from three to six miles distant. The petition for the establishment of such a route will not lack for signatures, and we hope will be granted.

"WOMAN'S RIGHTS."

Editor Phœnix: While waiting to pay my subscription in a newspaper office not a hundred miles from Brattleboro, recently, a lady came in with a notice of a ten-cent supper, which she requested the editor to publish. He replied courteously that he would do so, but as soon as madam was out of hearing he remarked (presumably to the wall): "Talk about woman's not having her rights! I'd like to know what man would consider that he had a right to ask me to advertise a money-making enterprise for him without paying for it?" Now, while I don't blame Mr. Editor one bit for feeling as he did, I want to say just a word in defence of my sisters. It was not a desire on madam's part to get a valuable service without paying for it that led to her action; it was simply ignorance of business principles. And how could she help being ignorant? Doubtless her brothers (if she had any) were trained to be business-like and conduct their affairs on a value-for-value principle, while her "right" to a similar training was ignored, whether in expectation that she would never need it or that she would in time evolve the knowledge out of her own inner consciousness, I am unable to say. The probability is that there was no expectation of any kind. Your brother of the fraternity has a daughter, and to save him possible (yes, probable) mortification in the days to come, when she shall have become secretary of the Society for Feeding the Hungry and goes about imposing upon hapless editors, I hope you will publish this "word to the wise," and oblige a believer in editors' wrongs and

WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

THE COMING VALLEY FAIR.

Prospects and Preparations for a Large Exhibition.

The officers of the Valley Fair society elsewhere call attention to the exhibition which is to take place in this town on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Preparations for the event are now in an advanced stage of progress, and everything betokens a large display in all departments and a proportionately large attendance of people. The officers of the society, recently elected for the year, are: President, George W. Hooker; vice president, F. M. Waite; secretary, Charles W. Sargent of Guilford; assistant secretaries, W. S. McKenney, Leslie Scott; treasurer, Julius J. Estey; superintendent, F. M. Waite; board of directors, H. G. Clark, E. E. Stockwell, J. A. Taylor, O. H. Carpenter, Samuel Sargent, T. L. Johnson of Guilford, Arms Miller of Dummerston, F. W. Johnson of Vernon, William Robertson of Putney, H. J. Richmond, J. J. Ward, Eugene Akely, O. T. Ware.

The exhibition will be held on the grounds known as the old fair ground, one mile south of the village, which the society have purchased and upon which workmen have been for several weeks engaged in erecting buildings, repairing the race track, and putting things generally into proper condition for the permanent use of the society. Most conspicuous of the new buildings erected is the grand stand 200 by 30 feet in dimensions and capable of seating nearly 2000 people, underneath which are located two dining rooms with kitchens at each end, the whole surmounted by a high slated roof. An exhibition hall has also been erected 100 by 24 feet, and two stories high, which is to be devoted to the display of farm produce, fancy articles, etc. On the east side of the grounds horse stables, 30 or more in number, with carriage and harness sheds connecting, extend for a distance of six or eight hundred feet. For the present season the sheep, swine, poultry and other small stock will find accommodations in the old buildings standing near the west side of the ground; while large tents will be brought into requisition for the display of farming implements and machinery.

The old race track, as well as the streets and walks leading to the grounds, are being put in first class condition under the immediate charge of Mr. G. G. Allen. The judges' stand has also been renewed in appearance, and a neat picket fence surrounds the track, with a rail some 15 feet from it to give spectators protection from encroaching teams.

An ample water supply for the accommodation of man and beast has been secured by bringing it from the hillside some 5000 feet distant to tanks located on different parts of the ground, besides which there is a cistern of 4000 gallons capacity.

Wednesday, the first day of the fair, will be devoted to the exhibition of cattle and general farm stock, and miscellaneous products; Thursday to the exhibition of horses. There are no entrance fees whatever except for trotting purses.

Stock for exhibition will be transported free of charge, both coming and returning, on the Brattleboro & Whitehall and Vermont valley railroads.

Half-fare excursion tickets will be sold on the Ashuelot, Connecticut River, Vermont Valley, Sullivan County, New London Northern and Brattleboro and Whitehall roads.

The directors of the state agricultural society have been specially invited to be present at the exhibition in the hope and expectation that by so doing they will think best to hold next year's state fair here in connection with our society.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will furnish dinners in one of the dining rooms under the grand stand, while the other has been let to G. A. Bliss.

Carriages will carry passengers from the village to and from the fair ground for 15 cents each way.

Persons in the village who are willing to accommodate one or more lodgers Wednesday night for 50 cents apiece are requested to give due notice to that effect to Col. Hooker.

One of the special attractions of the fair will be a pair of twin horses, "Daisy and Bessie," exhibited by C. F. Gilson. Twin horses are very rarely seen. This pair arrived in Mr. Gilson's last importation.

The managers of the bench show wish all exhibitors to have their dogs on the grounds early in the forenoon of the first day so that the judge, Dr. Geo. Walton of Boston, may finish his work as soon as possible.

It is hoped that the several committees and judges appointed will report for duty promptly Wednesday morning, that all unnecessary delay may be avoided.

We are glad to know that the farmers of this section are showing a disposition to assist in the exhibition by their contributions of stock, etc., and we hope that all who attend will add their mite to make the show the success which it ought to be. The ladies are especially invited to contribute to the household and ornamental departments.

As there has been some misapprehension in regard to the price of admission to the fair, we are desired to say that the price will be 25 cents, with the privilege of going on and off the grounds as many times during the day as desired, by taking a check at the gate when you go out. Teams free. Tickets will be stamped with date and will be good *for that day only*. Admission to the grand stand will be the same, with the same privilege of going on and off during the day by taking a check.

BASE BALL.

The Salem, Mass., ball team, one of the strongest in the New England league, defeated the Brattleboros on Frost's meadow last Saturday afternoon by a score of 18 to 11. It was the first appearance of a professional ball club here since the Boston's visit in 1883, and nearly 600 people witnessed the game. Martin pitched the first four innings for the home nine and was batted hard, but his support was enough to discourage any pitcher. Horrigan came into the box in the fifth inning and pitched so well that after that the Salems failed to score. Frank Turner pitched part of the game for the Salems and completely baffled his old associates, striking out three men in the last inning. Burke and Fitzgerald were less puzzling and were batted freely. The best features of the game were the first base playing of Boyce, Donovan's work at centre, Turner's batting and the clever base stealing of Berad and Henry. The score:

SALEMS.

	A.B.	R.	B.	T.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Campana, 1b,	6	2	3	3	11	0	2
Ray, ss,	5	2	3	3	0	2	0
Donovan, cf,	6	1	1	1	3	1	0
Burke, lf, p, 2b,	6	2	2	2	2	1	0
Murphy, 3b, c,	5	3	3	3	5	1	1
Henry, rf,	5	1	1	1	0	0	1
Farrell, c, lf,	5	2	2	2	4	2	2
Turner, p, 3b,	5	4	3	7	0	9	2
Fitzgerald, 2b, p,	5	1	2	2	2	2	3
Totals,	48	18	20	24	27	18	11

BRATTLEBOROS.

	A.B.	R.	B.	T.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Berad, c,	5	2	1	1	4	1	2
Horrigan, 3b, p,	5	0	1	1	0	3	1
Hunter, 2b,	5	1	0	0	5	3	3
McKenney, ss,	5	1	1	2	1	3	4
Ware, cf,	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hubbard, rf,	4	2	2	3	1	0	2
LeRay, lf,	5	0	1	1	1	0	0
Boyce, 1b,	4	2	1	1	11	0	0
Martin, p, 3b,	4	2	0	0	1	3	2
Totals,	42	11	7	9	24	13	14

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Salems,	6	8	1	3	0	0	0	0		—18
Brattleboros,	1	1	0	0	0	6	0	3	0	—11

Two base hits—Turner, McKenney, Hubbard. Home run—Turner. Bases on balls—Ray, Hubbard. Struck out by Turner 7, by Fitzgerald 1, by Martin 1, by Horrigan 1. Hit by pitched ball—Henry, Campana. Left on bases—Salems 7, Brattleboros 5. Stolen bases—Salems 7, Brattleboros 1. Double play—Berad to Hunter. Wild pitch—Turner. Passed balls—Berad 2. Time—2h., 20m. Umpire—Flagg.

Wednesday afternoon the regular High school nine and a picked nine of school boys played on Frost's meadow, the former winning 14 to 12.

A COMMODIOUS STORE.

The extensive improvements which Mr. O. J. Pratt has had in progress on his store for some two months past are now substantially completed and the end of this week will see the workmen well out of the way and everything in order ready to serve the patrons of this well-known establishment. The most noticeable improvement from the outside is the replacing of the old front with a handsome new one of iron, plate glass and cherry. In style this is nearly uniform with that of Pratt, Wright & Co., and the appearance is very elegant. Inside, however, a still more important work has been done in the complete reconstruction of the basement, the whole of which will now be devoted to the sale of goods. By the changes made a handsome room has been obtained of the full size of the main floor, and well lighted front and rear. On this basement floor there will be sold, besides carpetings, rugs, oilcloths and mattings, as heretofore, heavy domestic goods, including cottons, blankets, comfortables and similar goods. A handsome staircase of ash and walnut has been built, connecting the basement with the main floor. The removal of the heavy domestics spoken of to the floor below will give more room on the main floor for fine dress goods, trimmings and the like, and the stock of these finer dry goods will be larger than ever before. It will be remembered that some two or three years ago Mr. Pratt devoted the whole of his second floor to the sale of cloaks and other over-garments, connecting this second floor with the main floor by a broad staircase. With the changes now made there are three floors, each 85 by 25 feet in size, devoted to the sale of goods in the several departments of Mr. Pratt's trade—making a total floor space occupied of over 6000 square feet. This makes by far the largest store of its kind in Vermont, and there are few dry goods stores in New England, outside of Boston, of equal extent and carrying so large and varied a stock of goods. Mr. Pratt carries a full assortment of the more expensive dress goods like silks, velvets, satins and corresponding fabrics, and customers both at home and from a distance may always depend on finding here such a large stock and full variety of goods as will give full scope for satisfactory selections.

IT IS EVERYBODY'S FAIR.

Some have the impression that the fair next week is to be a town fair. To such we would say that a general invitation is extended throughout the Connecticut valley and to all the towns in this county. Let the people all come, and see that each department is well represented. Let the farmers bring their best fruits and vegetables, as well as cattle and horses. We want to be well up to our neighbors in Franklin county, who always make their fair a success in all departments.

ONE OF THE COMMITTEE.

Bellows Falls.

The interest of our people centres just now in the movement to raise money for the library. The fund has already reached $2300 exclusive of the receipts of the fair, or "Kirmess," now in progress. This unique enterprise opened on Wednesday, and closes to-night with a grand old folks' concert. The receipts of the first day alone were $400, so general is the interest felt. All imaginable sorts of goods are contributed, and are sold mostly in booths representing different nationalities.

R. W. Robinson has bought the old rink property, and it will be occupied, in addition to the sale of carriages, as an assorting room for paper stock.

A large party of Hon. M. W. Davis's neighbors and friends gathered at his home in Westminster on Wednesday, while he and Mrs. Davis were attending the Kirmess, and made ready for a jolly time on their return, it being the 38th anniversary of their marriage. The congratulations of the company were hearty and full of good cheer, and many substantial remembrances were brought and presented.

An effort is being made in the matter of the enforcement of the prohibition law. At a meeting of the citizens some few months ago a committee was appointed for the getting of signatures requesting its enforcement, and that committee secured considerably over 500 names. A committee, consisting of F. P. Ball, N. W. Dawes and John O. Spring, was chosen, with the backing of these signatures, to see to the prosecutions, and they seem to be doing thorough work. The proprietors of all places where liquors have been sold have been notified that they must desist therefrom or suffer the consequences. In some cases these suggestions have not been heeded, and a number of prosecutions have occurred out of their neglect to do so. It has gone to the extent of officers watching for teams driving lager beer from the express office or to private dwellings, and two or three seizures have been made, including fines upon the drivers. Located as we are, with the brewery upon the opposite side of the river, this is seriously interfering with their shipping of goods and delivering of the same. It would seem as if the citizens had taken an effective course in the matter.

The Fall Mountain Paper company are making an interesting test of the relative expense of keeping up steam under their 10 boilers by using either hard or soft coal or sawdust. They have purchased four new cars of the Laconia Car company, and arranged the same with immense tops, and they are run to the mills of the Connecticut River Lumber company across the river each day and loaded. From there they can be run almost into the boiler rooms, and the company are testing the matter thoroughly by mixing coal with the sawdust or using it alone, or using coal alone, having all of the important devices for ascertaining the results.

All classes of our citizens are getting deeply interested in the matter of base ball, which has never been the case before. The local base ball team has played 22 games this season with nearly all of the leading clubs in this state and New Hampshire, and have lost only three games during the season. Last week Friday they played against the Claremonts at Charleston, resulting in a score of 21 to 6, and on Saturday against the Dartmouth nine of the class of '90 in this place, resulting in a score of 15 to 3, both in favor of the Bellows Falls. The game on Saturday was a very interesting one and attracted a large crowd of our leading citizens. On Tuesday of this week a game was played between the finishers of the different paper mills here, the proceeds of which were devoted to the library fund.

For the past four months Rev. Father Reynolds, of the St. Charles Catholic church, has been traveling extensively in the old world, returning on Monday evening of this week. His parish and many of the other citizens turned out to give him a cordial welcome upon his return, meeting him at the depot with a band and an extensive illumination of his grounds and house when he reached home. A purse containing $330 in cash was presented him, and remarks of welcome were made by neighboring priests, among whom were Father Cunningham of Brattleboro, Father Higgins of Windsor, Rev. Dr. Lynch of Montreal, and Father Feeney of North Walpole, making indeed a very pleasant and cordial meeting.

Rev. S. W. Dyke of Auburndale, Mass., preached at the Congregational church last Sunday, and in the evening gave an outline of the work upon which he is engaged, he being secretary of the "National Divorce League."

Last Sunday Frank E. Clement, with his wife and children, started out for a walk on the other side of the river, and seeing a chestnut tree, went up into it, and in some way fell, striking upon his head on the rocks, breaking his nose, and, as the surgeons decided, fractured the frontal bone of the skull. It is not known yet how serious the result may be. He has the full use of his intellect and limbs, but paralysis is expected.

A. F. Holden has sold his residence on the South Terrace to S. T. Coy, who is to take possession of the same at once.

A thorough system of sewerage is just being completed throughout the Square and the business portion of the village, with a main leading to the eddy quite a distance below the mills. This is a matter which has been seriously needed for years and neglected until now.

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West Brattleboro.

L. A. Barney has sold the meat market building to Hazelton Rice for $1250.

REV. C. H. MERRILL'S DEPARTURE—RESOLUTIONS OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

At recent meetings of the Congregational church and society the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Our pastor, Rev. C. H. Merrill, after a pastorate of 14 years, having been called to another department of labor in the Master's vineyard, has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Congregational church and society in West Brattleboro; and

WHEREAS, We have found in him an able, faithful, conscientious and godly pastor, doing the Master's work; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Congregational church and society of West Brattleboro, recognizing the call of the Master, do accept with unfeigned regret his resignation, and most cheerfully commend him to his work, ever praying the great Head of the Church to guide and bless both him and his.

Mr. Merrill closes his labors here next Sunday.

Brookline.

Arrivals the past week are: Ned Rist of Mankoto, Minn., at Mrs. David Hitchcock's; C. W. Adams and wife of Middletown, Conn., at Mrs. L. L. Ranney's; Mrs. Warren Allbee of Fairlee at T. M. Allbee's; F. Coombs and family of Hinsdale, N. H., at C. P. Stickney's; Mr. Harwood and wife of Orange, Mass., at C. W. Stebbins's.

The body of Russell Mason, a native and former resident, was recently brought here for burial.

Wm. Hastings and wife are taking a carriage tour to several of the mountain towns on business.

Dummerston.

Hon. D. H. Thing, deputy of the National Grange, will give a public lecture before the farmers in the vestry, East Dummerston, tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock. All are invited.

There will be services in the Congregational church next Sunday at 11 A. M.

West Dummerston.

Miss Alice Betterley expects to spend the winter in New Haven, Conn.

School in District No. 5 began Sept. 5th with Miss Alice E. Albee of Brookline as teacher.

William Combs has sold his house and about half an acre of land to E. D. Reed, who takes possession the first of next May.

Last Wednesday Mr. Combs broke rock for a new house near the main road.

The lecture at Townsend hall Monday evening was well attended. The speakers, Rev. F. D. Hardy of Williamsville, Rev. E. F. Mitchell of Pondville and Mr. Davidson of Newfane, gave the prohibition party a good airing, and went home hoping that their efforts had not been in vain.

Accidents

And how to deal with them, and other valuable medical information, will be found in Dr. Kaufmann's great medical work; fine colored plates. Send three 2-cent stamps to A. P. Ordway & Co., Boston, Mass., for a copy.

Guilford.

Miss Cotta Gale is attending a normal school in Worcester; Frank Burnett a medical school in New York.

Mrs. Laura Hume Chase and son of Worcester have been visiting relatives in town.

Miss Josie Reed has gone to Westfield for a visit.

Guilford Centre.

Frank L. Hunt and family have returned to Philadelphia.

Dr. Henry I. Ward goes to Mystic, Conn., to practice medicine.

Mrs. E. W. Packer from Barre has spent a week with her brother, G. Barstow.

A. Wayne Putnam is visiting his son Nathan A. Putnam in Boston, also his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Houghton, in Brockton, Mass.

Mrs. Herbert W. Jacobs has gone for a four weeks' visit in Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Weeks, from Boston, are at their farm for a few days.

Mrs. Willis Barnes from New Haven, Conn., has come to her father-in-law's, N. Conant's, to assist in caring for him, as he is gradually failing.

Mrs. L. S. Chamberlain and family, from Goshen, N. H., are pleasantly settled in their new home in this village.

Rev. T. W. Illman will preach at this place next Sunday at 2:30 P. M.

Green River.

Our school house is undergoing thorough repairs inside and out.

Henry Stowe has bought the Wilcox place and sold the old house to E. C. Howard, who has taken it down and moved it to his place.

Owing to an increase of business and to make more room for the fall and winter trade, Merchant Clisbee is enlarging his store by putting on an addition of 12 by 22 feet.

Mr. Dana Hyde and wife made a flying visit to their friends here last week, and returned last Sunday to their home in Cambridgeport, Mass.

Jamaica.

There will be a Sunday school temperance concert at the Congregational church next Sunday evening.

Jerry Young and his sister, Mrs. Mahala Wilson, have been in town on a visit this week.

Mrs. G. M. Brown is boarding with Mrs. Lucy Kellogg.

H. J. Sage and E. A. Bills are planning for a trip to New York with a view to locate in business.

It is expected that Mrs. F. L. Sprague will carry on the millinery business the coming season.

Jacksonville.

Many of our people attended the fairs at Halifax and Wilmington on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

A few young cattle have recently died in this vicinity of blackleg.

The potato crop is suffering very much from rot in this section.

S. M. Snyder will sell his farm and a variety of personal property at public auction next Wednesday.

Stephen Bishop has bought a valuable horse of Frank Bell.

Most of the summer visitors and boarders have left.

Farmers are cutting a good second crop of hay.

A few scholars from abroad are attending the village school.

A bicycle appeared on the street the other day—the first seen in this section.

Halifax.

Last Saturday the house of L. F. Chase caught fire from soot falling upon the shingles, and burned to the ground. The occupants threw most of the things out of the house, but did not move them far away, so that they caught fire and burned. Two beds, six chairs, a stand and bureau somewhat injured were all that was saved. Mr. Chase has Candace Pratt, who is 101 years old, living with him. Mr. Blanchard has opened his house to them and given them the use of his things.

Marlboro.

Clark Adams, with his daughter, Mrs. C. Ames, are visiting his brother in North Adams, Mass.

J. Hughes and J. W. Hamilton have their new houses enclosed.

Mrs. Dr. Tucker is sick.

The ladies' aid society will meet next Thursday with Mrs. M. Mather.

Newfane.

Rev. C. H. Smith will give a lecture on Africa at the Congregational church next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The only "collection" desired for the occasion is a goodly collection of people.

Wednesday evening Union hall was filled with the people who gathered in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Higgins. The occasion was planned as a surprise to the chief actors in the event of a quarter of a century ago, and the numerous friendly tokens presented showed a hearty interest in the affair. Besides home attendance there were old neighbors from Brookline and friends from Townshend, Dummerston and Brattleboro, and all contributed to make it a pleasant social occasion.

South Newfane.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Shields returned to Philadelphia on the 26th inst.—Mr. F. E. Ingram left for Kansas City on Friday, 23d inst.—Mr. Frank Powers of Newbury is visiting his relatives hereabouts.—Mr. F. Kelsey and Mr. Geo. Bruce from New Hampshire are visiting friends and relatives here.—Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Morse of Norwich, Conn., are visiting their relatives in this place.

Several persons interested in the improvement of the cemetery grounds spent last Monday at work there. Though the force was not as large as hoped for, yet the good work progresses.

Mr. Russell Mason, whose death occurred on the 20th inst., had lived in our village for more than 20 years and was regarded by the people as a quiet, peaceable, honest and upright man. He leaves a wife and eight children. Two sons from Philadelphia, one son and daughter from Townshend, one son from Pittstown, N. Y., and a daughter from Fairlee were present at the funeral. Two daughters living in Minnesota were absent. The funeral services were held at the church on Friday last, and the remains were taken to Brookline for burial.

Putney.

Ada G. Pierce is suffering from an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs.

The W. C. T. U., beginning with next week, will hold its regular meetings at the reading room on Friday afternoons until further notice.

The musicale given on Monday under the direction of Mr. E. E. Gorham brought out a corps of artists and afforded our citizens a fine musical treat. The Brattleboro parties who had been programmed all appeared and added largely to the enjoyment of the occasion. Mr. Thomas Cushman of Springfield, Mass., who is ingratiated in the favor of our music lovers—having sung here some time last winter—was also present and rendered a fine tenor solo. Mrs. Allie Converse, who sings with a caroling and bird-like expression, and our own sweet-voiced Linna Thwing, appeared to good advantage as soprano soloists. At the piano Miss Stewart presided with readiness and grace, and we questioned with some uncertainty where to rest the personality, so much did Miss Stewart and the piano seem a part of each other, and together as one whole. Of the director, Mr. Gorham, we will briefly remark that he sung with his usual ease, certainty and unaffectedness. For the Brattleboro singers, Mr. L. K. Willis and the male quartette, consisting of Messrs. Taylor, Fraleigh, Harlow and Stevens, we voice the community in expressing hearty thanks for their kindness in coming and sharing with us the pleasure of their artistic acquirements. The opening and closing choruses were by local talent mainly, and we could but note a marked improvement in the last few months. The tasteful arrangement of the stage was the work of Misses Zetta Stewart and Helen Robertson.

IN MEMORIAM.

In Boston, Mass., Sept. 20, Frederick D. Newcomb, aged 42 yrs. 27 days.

This death affects a very large circle of relatives and friends. Mr. Newcomb was one of 12 children born to Geo. W. and Martha A. Newcomb, whose residence was for many years in Putney, but more recently in Westminster. The father passed away some three years ago; the mother still survives, and, at the age of 82, shows most remarkable powers of body and mind. At her delightful residence she still keeps open door and warmly welcomes children and friends and all who may come. She has outlived six of her children; with the remaining six—four sons and their wives and two daughters and their husbands—she was able to be present at the funeral and the burial of Frederick.

Mr. Newcomb left the paternal roof in early life, and his last 20 years were spent in Boston, where, with his amiable wife, he made a pleasant and hospitable home and had very many friends. He was a member of Bethesda Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F. The ties that bound him to the lodge were very strong, and were duly reciprocated by his brother members. The record they have made in the treatment of their departed brother is a beautiful and striking illustration of the beneficent workings of the order, and an indisputable proof that their lodge is worthy of the name it bears—Bethesda, "House of Mercy." His last sickness was protracted and distressing in the extreme. For 18 weeks he was confined to his house and his bed. Dear friends did all that affection could prompt to alleviate his sufferings; the wife of his youth and his love hovered constantly, an angel of mercy, over and about him; and constantly, by day or by night, a tried and trusted nurse, a brother beloved from his lodge, was by his side; ministers of the gospel were in attendance, and brought to him the consolations of our holy religion, which he most gratefully received. His widow cherishes most tender recollections of delicate services rendered by Revs. W. I. Ingraham, J. W. Hamilton, and other clergymen. Mr. Hamilton said tender and appropriate words at the funeral in Boston. Our departed brother fought a long and brave fight with disease and death, but through it all he could say, "All is well," and gave abundant evidence

> "That at the last the Saviour smiled,
> And owned the sufferer as his child."

As was most fitting, and in accordance with his own request, Mr. Newcomb's remains were brought for burial to Putney, the town of his birth and the home of his childhood. Here, in the church where in other days he worshipped with father and mother and brothers and sisters, funeral services were held on Friday last at 11 A. M., Rev. J. A. Steele officiating, assisted by Rev. N. D. Parsons. The body was then tenderly taken up, carried away, and deposited in the family lot in our beautiful Mount Pleasant cemetery. A representative of Bethesda lodge accompanied the remains, and with a brother's loving care watched over them until they reached their last resting place; and then, as with tearful eye he took the last look and dropped the evergreen upon the casket in the grave, the voice that fell in subdued but significant tones upon our ears voiced the sentiment not only of the "Noble Grand," but of many a weeping friend: "My brother, we shall meet again."

J. A. S.

Putney, Sept. 27, 1887.

Townshend.

The ladies connected with the Congregational society will hold a sociable in the town hall on Wednesday evening, Oct. 12, for the benefit of the society. Biscuits and honey will be served, also a ten cent supper from six to eight o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited. The ladies connected with the society will be expected to provide for the occasion.

R. F. Jennison's bobbin shop was burned last Saturday afternoon, together with quite a lot of bobbins and part of the machinery. Mr. Jennison and his two sons were at work in the shop at the time, but the machinery made so much noise that the fire, which took from the smoke-stack on the roof, was not discovered by them until it was beyond control. The barns of Mr. Jennison and Mr. Weatherbee both took fire several times during the burning of the shop, but they were saved by the efforts of the people of the village. Mr. Jennison had no insurance, and as he is a good citizen and cannot start again unless he gets some help, it is earnestly hoped the citizens of the town will aid him in starting.

Vernon.

Elder J. Hemenway of Athol Mass., will preach in the Chapel next Sunday at 10.30 A. M. and 1.30 P. M.

G. H. Hubbard is building an addition to his house.

The new Hinsdale ferry is open to the public, the selectmen having leased a right of way across the Stebbins meadow.

South Vernon.

Chas. Aldrich has traded his house for Frank Smith's farm and crops in West Northfield, and has taken possession. Mr. Smith has moved back to Coleraine.

C. Buckwheat has sold his house to Burton Clark.

Wesley Dunklee is at work in a box shop at Winchester, N. H.

Westminster.

THE DEATH AND BURIAL OF MRS. ELIZA FRENCH.

On Saturday, Sept. 17th, Mrs. Eliza French, who died in Lowell, Mass., Sept. 15th, at the age of 74, was brought to her native town to be buried by the side of her kindred. The funeral services was held in the Congregational church on Sunday afternoon, Rev. A. B. Dascomb officiating, and the arrangements being under the direction of Dr. S. L. Ward of Lowell, assisted by Mr. D. A. Hills of Westminster. Mrs. French was the eldest daughter of the late Capt. James Titcomb. She married Alvin Dickinson of Westminster by whom she had two sons, Levi Alvin and Charles Albert. Mr. Dickinson died in 1858 and her eldest son in 1855. She married for her second husband Stillman French of Keene, N. H., who, dying in 1873, left her the second time a widow. Since the death of her second husband she has lived most of the time with her son, Rev. Chas. A. Dickinson, first at Cambridge, Mass., while he was a student at Harvard college, then at Portland, Maine, while he was a pastor in that city, and for the past five years in Lowell, Mass., where he is pastor of the Kirk street church. Mrs. French was a member of the Congregational church at Westminster and her life was that of a consistent Christian. For a number of years she was feeble from a heart trouble. Her mind appeared clear to the close of life and she often talked of death and the life beyond. When near her end, being distressed for breath, after asking those who stood by her dying bed if they could not give her relief, she said, "I know you cannot help me; no one can help me but Christ." When her hour of departure came she kissed her son a last good-bye just as her spirit was passing through the pearly gates into the eternal city. Besides her son she leaves an only sister, Miss Ruth Titcomb, who lives in Westminster.

Westminster West.

A SAD BEREAVEMENT.

The wife of Albert S. Hall, Esq., a Boston lawyer well known in this vicinity, died here on Monday, leaving two young children. She was predisposed to pulmonary disease, and on that account Mr. Hall had just abandoned his profitable and pleasant practice in Boston, broken up housekeeping, and arranged to go to Minneapolis, to which city the household effects of the family had already been shipped. Mrs. Hall came to Vermont in good health to visit friends, while her husband remained to make a few final arrangements and receive a complimentary dinner by the members of the Suffolk bar. The very day that he was thus honored Mrs. Hall was taken ill, and after a ten days' struggle she entered into rest.

Mrs. Hall, whose maiden name was Annette M. Hitchcock, was born in Putney in 1850 and graduated at Mount Holyoke seminary in 1872. Her marriage to Mr. Hall took place in 1878. The Rutland Herald, from which this notice is in substance taken, says of her: "She was beautiful in person and character, fine in scholarship and sensibilities, modest, devoted, helpful, exalted in aspirations, winsome in every word and deed. Suffering from such a loss, her husband and little son and daughter have the sympathy of numerous friends in Vermont and Massachusetts."

Brief funeral services were held here Thursday; the burial, with further services, takes place today at Winchester, Mass., the late home of the family.

Williamsville.

Next Sunday will be communion service at the Universalist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Hovey and friend are visiting at his brother's, C. H. Hovey's.

Over one thousand bushels of apples have been brought this week to Albert Timson's mill ready for jelly making, though this is not an apple season and the fruit is considered scarce.

West Wardsboro.

Miss Carrie Haskins is still dangerously sick, with not much hope of her recovery.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Eva Davidson on Wednesday, Oct. 5th. It is hoped there will be a full attendance.

Landlord Wait and wife have started on a trip to Worcester and Boston, going by private conveyance, and will be gone two weeks or more.

Northfield, Mass.

H. H. Chamberlin has bought the John Grout place on Warwick street and will take possession immediately.

Hiram Parmenter, who has been confined to the house for the past month with typhoid fever, is convalescent.

Work on the new street, which is a little over a mile in length, and runs parallel with Main street, is progressing finely, with Rugg and Mason as contractors. Several building lots on this street have already been sold to different parties, who intend to build either this fall or next spring, the most important of which is the new hotel, which is to be 100 feet long, 40 feet wide, and three stories high, beautifully situated on a little elevation of land which overlooks the entire village, with a splendid view up and down the Connecticut river. The object of this building is for the accommodation of summer boarders. The foundation was commenced last week, and will be pushed along rapidly so as to have the roof on before the snow falls and cold weather comes, in order to finish the inside this winter. Mr. H. N. F. Marshall is the contractor. Prof. Towner, also, will soon commence his $10,000 house on this street.

C. P. Moody, our tailor, owing to the increase in his business, is building a commodious shop, where he will keep several men at work.

Charles Jaynes's little 6-years-old daughter Isabel, who broke her arm in the elbow joint a few weeks ago, is making good recovery.

The potato crop is not so light as was at first anticipated, although the tubers are selling for 85 cents a bushel. Apples are quite plenty at $1.50 per barrel.

Greenfield, Mass.

Patrick Murray was discharged after his examination, last Friday, on a charge of killing his wife, the justice finding that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant holding him for appearance before the county court.

Horace Allen, 83 years old, a grand-nephew of Ethan Allen, and a veritable Rip Van Winkle in appearance, turned up in Albany N. Y., the other day, trundling a wheel-barrow which he had pushed more than 600 miles from his home in Delaware, O. After resting a while at Albany, he pushed on toward the Green mountains of his native state. He says that his walk was most enjoyable, and that he was well treated everywhere. After seeing his old friends in Vermont he will return home by rail.