The Vermont Phœnix.

BRATTLEBORO,
FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1888.

FAST DAY PROCLAMATION.

Our ancestors, ever a law-abiding and God fearing people, lived and died imbued with an unalterable faith in Divine goodness and mercy and the efficacy of prayer. They ever recognized the duty of living religious lives, devoted to God and to the proper observance of his teachings, and in consequence enjoyed both happiness and prosperity.

In their thankfulness, and in recognition of their dependence upon Divine aid, they established a custom of having annually a day set apart by constituted authority to be devoted to religious worship and devotion to God.

Believing that this custom of the fathers was wise as well as beneficial to the state and to individuals, and that it ought to be continued and perpetuated, I do therefore appoint **Friday, the 6th day of April** next, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. Let the day be one of prayer and religious consecration; and to that end I recommend that all our people abstain from unnecessary labor, and refrain from recreation not in keeping with the occasion, and meet at their customary places of worship and there join in such observances as becometh a God-serving people.

Given under my hand and seal of the state, in the executive chamber at Brandon, this 20th day of March, A. D. 1888, and in the independence of the United States the one hundred and twelfth.

ERENEZER J. ORMSBEE.

By the Governor,
FLETCHER D. PROCTOR,
Secy Civil and Military Affairs.

President Foster, of the National Republican League, has returned from a visit to the West. He found Republican enthusiasm and confidence steadily increasing, and Republican clubs springing up everywhere, representing all classes of the population. He predicts that by June 1st there will be nearly 2000 clubs in the three states of Wisconsin, Nebraska and Illinois.

Our first page contains today, besides our regular original contributions, the address of the State Republican League on the formation of Republican clubs, a sketch of the late Chief Justice Waite, and an editorial summary regarding the claim which Gen. Badeau sets up against Gen. Grant's estate. A few readers, we presume, will smile over Mark Twain's after-dinner effort on "babies."

The official crop report says that the weather has been generally unfavorable for growing crops during the past week. The alternate thawing and freezing and great range of temperature in the winter wheat sections have probably affected that crop injuriously. The prevailing weather in the Southern states has checked vegetation, which was already reported late, and has doubtless injured small grains, fruits and vegetables in the Northern gulf states, Tennessee and North Carolina.—*Boston Journal, March 27.*

We are glad to say that the "growing crops" in this vicinity have not been interfered with by unfavorable weather.

Mrs. Grant's answer to Gen. Badeau's complaint, to which reference is made in an article on our first page today, has been filed. The paper is a brief one, and simply denies all of Badeau's particular allegations. As to the contract, or agreement between Gen. Grant and Badeau, on which the suit is brought, Mrs. Grant says Badeau refused to carry it out, demanding extra pay, and thereupon any contract of employment was waived and Badeau was discharged. This will probably be the finding of the jury, since, on Badeau's own statement, he threw up the engagement and never did any work on the last half or more of the Personal Memoirs.

The St. Johnsbury Caledonian printed, at the end of last week, a special memorial number, containing its careful and complete obituary sketch of the late ex-Gov. Horace Fairbanks, and an account of the funeral services, which were held at the North church on Thursday of last week, including the sermon by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Lamson. It is an excellent piece of newspaper work and one, we are sure, which must be appreciated by the St. Johnsbury community, which knew and loved the dead ex-governor, the upright, benevolent, public-spirited citizen, and the loyal helper and promoter of every good word and work.

The Dead Chief Justice.

When the late Chief Justice Waite received his appointment from President Grant, he was without judicial experience and without national reputation; but those who knew him well entertained no doubt of his ability to meet the requirements of the high office to which he was called. He had large natural endowments, a thorough knowledge of the law in its principles rather than in its technicalities, broad sense and judgment, and an intuitive perception of justice; so that with industry he soon commanded, and throughout his entire judicial life retained, the highest respect of the courts and bar of the country. History will accord him a rank with the ablest and best of jurists.

Those who were so fortunate as to enjoy even a slight acquaintance with him were charmed with the perfect simplicity and gentleness of his manner and the evident kindliness of his heart, although the whole cast of the man indicated the vigorous intellect, the strong will, the unbending purpose when formed for what he believed to be the right. Few public men have taken so strong a hold upon the popular heart as he has: few lives have been presented in this country worthier of imitation than that of the lamented Chief Justice. Truly, such men make a nation great.

Investigating Car-Heating Systems.

Our Vermont railroad commissioners held a hearing at White River Junction last week, as it was previously announced that they would do, on the subject of the safe warming and lighting of railway cars. Representatives of several different railroads in this state and in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Canada were present, and numerous parties were there to present and explain the merits of their systems of heating. Three Vermont parties exhibited inventions—William Scott of Cambridge, C. W. Taft of East Randolph, and J. S. Tower of Rochester. A system which seemed to meet with the favor of the railroad people was the Berry system, which is described as consisting simply of the common Baker heater with a safety attachment. This attachment is a contrivance for extinguishing both the lamps and the fire in the heater automatically if the car tips in any direction beyond an angle of 30 degrees. The extinguishing material used is carbonic acid gas. The Montpelier Watchman says: "We understand the commission will make this hearing the basis of a recommendation to the railroads of the state or to the general assembly for the adoption of some safe system for heating cars. All present agreed that in any method of steam-heating from the engine some supplementary device must be had, to be used in case of any failure of steam from the engine."

A Practical Illustration.

In the Springfield Republican on Wednesday there was announced the appointment of Chas. F. Downing to supervise the construction of the new government building which is to be erected in that city, and in the announcement much stress was laid on the fact that the appointment had been refused to other applicants because they did not possess the requisite technical knowledge. A despatch from the Republican's Washington correspondent was quoted, in which it was said that—

"Most of these mentioned had already endorsed David Power, and would have been pleased to see him appointed. Col. Forest, the supervising architect, however, was unwilling to appoint Mr. Power because of his lack of exact technical knowledge regarding some parts of the work. It was the custom under the Republican regime to appoint politicians to such places without reference to their technical skill. Col. Forest has changed that. He holds himself responsible for the construction of all the public buildings in the country, and, while he does not insist that the superintendents of construction shall be trained architects, he does insist that they shall be either that or practical builders."

With this publication we learned for the first time (by inference) why Mr. Hiram Atkins was chosen to superintend the construction of the government building at Montpelier. It was because Mr. Cleveland's supervising architect, Col. Forest, insists that all such superintendents shall be either "trained architects" or "practical builders." It is also probable that Mr. Atkins's appointment was intended as a rebuke to "the custom under the Republican regime" of appointing to such places "politicians," without reference to their technical skill."

We are glad to know that this Democratic "reform" administration is holding itself above all suspicion or imputation of inconsistency.

George H. Bigelow Dead.

The death of Hon. George H. Bigelow of Burlington took place in that city on Tuesday morning. Mr. Bigelow was born in Canada, but moved to Burlington with his father's family when he was 14 years old. He graduated at the Vermont University in 1858 and in 1860 took up newspaper work as editor and owner of the Burlington Times. He enlisted in the 12th N. Yorks in 1862 and soon became second lieutenant and acting regimental quartermaster. For four years from 1867 he was postmaster at Burlington, and for a term of years beginning 1872 he was assistant editor of the Free Press. He was a member of the state senate in 1872 and in 1873 was a delegate at large to the Republican national convention. In 1878 or '79 he became a special agent of the post-office department and held the office until the appearance of the symptoms of brain disease, which have now proved fatal. The Free Press says that "Under the progress of this disease he became a hopeless invalid; but was fortunate in having the companionship of a sister, whose devotion, watchfulness and self-denying care throughout his long and most trying illness, words are not sufficient to describe." No man in Vermont had a larger acquaintance than Mr. Bigelow and none will longer be held in kindly and affectionate remembrance. His sister, Miss Elizabeth Bigelow of Burlington, and brother, Lucius Bigelow, Esq., of Portland, Oregon, are now the only survivors of his father's family.

The Hartford Disaster.

It is said that a pool of seven lawyers has been formed to fight the Central Vermont company on behalf of the friends of victims of the White River bridge disaster in February of last year. Two of these lawyers, Meldon and Hall of Rutland, were in Springfield, Holyoke, and Greenfield last week, looking up evidence. At Holyoke their principal witness was a Mrs. Boulanger, who lost two children in the disaster. The attorney of the road, C. W. Waters of St. Albans, was also at Holyoke last week. The lawyers are trying to establish the fact that the train was running at a speed of 25 or 30 miles an hour when the accident occurred, instead of 10 or 12 as claimed by the company. A suit is on trial in Boston this week. Although the road has denied its liability for damages, it is said that over 30 claims have been settled within a few months, some of them for instances nominal amounts, while in others large sums were paid. While the railroad commissioners decided that there was no negligence on the part of the road to cause the accident, it is said that the fact that the road has paid claims will be taken as a precedent for legal action.

Honoring the Memory of Chief Justice Waite.

At the opening of the Rutland county court last Saturday morning, Hon. James Barrett made an appropriate and feeling address calling the attention of the court and bar to the sudden decease of Chief Justice Waite of the supreme court of the United States, and moved the appointment of a committee to draft a memorial to be presented to the bar at a subsequent date. Acting on the suggestion, Judge Tyler appointed ex-Judge James Barrett, Hon. Chas. H. Joyce and Judge Jerome R. Bradley as such committee. The memorial resolutions were presented Monday afternoon. Addresses were made by several members of the bar, to which Judge Tyler responded, and ordered the resolutions to be inscribed on the records of the court.

Death of ex-Judge Redfield.

The Montpelier friends of ex-Judge Timothy Redfield have received intelligence of his death in Chicago Wednesday. He was born on a farm at Cavendish in 1812, graduated at Dartmouth in 1836, and was admitted to the Orleans county bar two years later. He practiced at Irasburg till 1848, when he went to Montpelier, representing his county in the state Senate that year. He was chosen a member of the state supreme court in 1850 and continued in that office till 1861, when he declined a reelection on account of ill health. In that year the Democrats in the legislature gave him the compliment of a nomination as United States senator against Justin S. Morrill.

The death of Henry Bergh removes from a sphere of activity, where he will be sorely missed, one of the most heroic reformers of this generation. He was the pioneer in a movement in which he has had many followers, but few, if any, equals. He was the friend of those who could not befriend themselves. His voice was lifted up to right the wrongs of a class of God's creatures that were dumb except as they spoke through him. Personally one of the most gentle and long-suffering of men, he was firm as a rock and terrible as a consuming fire against the wrongdoers who inflicted torture upon the helpless. He organized the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Through them his work will be wrought long after his body has mouldered into dust; and his name will be perpetuated in the living remembrance of the wise and good.—*Boston Advertiser.*

The publishers of Scribner's Magazine announce that they will begin in June the publication of their series of articles on Railways, which will embrace a careful and complete treatment of the whole subject in a popular way, the aim being to present the greatest amount of information in the most attractive manner. Gentlemen who are peculiarly qualified for the task will write on "The Building of a Railroad," "Engineering Feats," "Passenger Travel," "Locomotives and Cars," "The Life of Railroad Employes," and so on. Special attention will be paid to the illustration of these articles.

The concluding paper on "The Campaign of Waterloo," by John C. Ropes, in Scribner's Magazine for April, is of intense interest. The first paper thoroughly prepared the way for this careful and valuable account of the great battle—which is not a description, but a critical analysis of the significant moves made by the leading generals. Mr. Ropes sets forth with remarkable clearness the mistakes made by Napoleon which led to his defeat. There are many excellent illustrations, including four full-page ones.

MINOR NOTES.

Felix O. C. Darley, the celebrated artist, designer and illustrator, is dead.

The coronation of Emperor Frederick and Empress Victoria as king and queen of Prussia is expected to occur at Konigsberg in June. The laryngeal disease of the new emperor is said to be less alarming now than for several months past.

A Masonic service was held at Berlin on Tuesday for the late Emperor William, who was a member of the order. It was attended by 2000 distinguished Freemasons from all parts of the empire.

Ex-Lieut.-Gov. William Dorsheimer, editor of the New York Star, died of pneumonia at Savannah, Ga., Tuesday.

The estate of the late Chief Justice Waite is estimated at $240,000.

The obsequies of the late Chief Justice Waite took place in the hall of the House of Representatives in Washington on Wednesday. At the conclusion of the services the body was taken to the Baltimore & Ohio railroad station en route to Toledo, Ohio, where the burial will take place.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad has substantially conquered the strike, so far as its engineers and firemen are concerned; but on Monday the strikers whose places have been filled got the switchmen to go out, and now they have broken away from the lead of Chief Engineer Arthur, and are trying to get the switchmen and brakemen of every road running into Chicago to boycott the Burlington and refuse to have one of its freight cars moved.

The Senate has passed the bill of Mr. Edmunds, providing for an inspection of meats for exportation and prohibiting the importation of adulterated articles of food or drink, and authorizing the President to make proclamation in certain cases. This is the bill which proposes to place in the hands of the President means for retaliation against France and Germany, and any other countries which, in the opinion of our government, unjustly discriminates against the importation into their respective countries of American meat products.

The Senate has passed a bill to allow soldiers and sailors who have lost both hands or the use of both hands, a pension of $100 per month.

HOME NEWS.

Meteorological Record.

WEEK ENDING THURSDAY EVENING, MAR. 29, 1888.

Date.	Thermometer. Highest.	Lowest.	Daily Mean.	Maximum.	Minimum.	Wind. Direction.	Velocity.	Miles.	Weather.
Mar. 23	50.0	17	30	44	W.	30	516.68		
24	39.00	15	21	6	W.	30	461.70		
25	31.00	21	32	0	S.E.	18	180.76		
26	50.00	30	41	17	N.E.	6	910.8	1.15	
27	50.00	29	41	29	E.	15	170.83	6.00	
28	39.00	18	32	34	S.	18	193.80	3.30	
29	29.87	41	38	36	W.	25	366.86	6.	

Announcements.

Perry, the Clothier, has just received his stock of spring clothing, and will sell good, honest goods cheaper than any travelling combination. Call and examine before being humbugged.

I want to hire a good man with wife to go on to my farm. Apply at once. J. HENRY PRATT.

A good horse for a farmer for sale cheap. Apply at Jacobs's Tea Store.

WANTED.—Ten bushels Opinion seeds; also, potato onion sets. C. E. ALLEN.

Removal. April 1st, Mrs. S. M. Chatfield will remove her business to Bytner block, Main street, up one flight. Continuance of patronage solicited.

Pictorial History of the World's Great Nations, bound in Turkey morocco for $2.25. W. F. Hoskins, Flat street. 1f10

Easter Flowers. Roses—white, yellow, pink; carnations—scarlet, pink, crimson, white; lily valley, hyacinths, white lilacs, heliotrope, violets, narcissus, tulips, callas, Easter lilies, orange, dentata. Orders received by telephone. C. E. Allen.

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

ARTISTIC PICTURE FRAMING at Clapp & Jones's.

CHOICE WESTERN MORTGAGES, bearing 7 per ct. interest, are guaranteed (both principal and interest) by a Boston bank of $100,000 capital, which is under supervision of Massachusetts savings bank commissioners. For particulars inquire of Cushworth & Childs, agents Suffolk Trust and Investment company. Also agents for the New England Loan & Trust Company and their 6 per cent Debenture Bonds.

All kinds of Cough Drops at F. L. Batchelder & Co.'s.

PICTURE FRAMES are cheap at Clapp & Jones's.

Buy Picture Frames of Geddis.

You can get a big dinner for 25 cents at the Venduse.

Easter Cards, Booklets and Novelties, in large and attractive variety at Clapp & Jones's.

Beautiful effects are produced by hanging borders inside especially for the paper it is to match. We have an endless variety in all grades. VAN DUSEN & MORSE.

Brattleboro.

All Republican voters are reminded of the caucus to be held at the town hall tomorrow evening, at 7:30, to elect delegates to the state convention at Burlington next Wednesday, and to the District convention at Montpelier next Thursday.

Chas. A. Clark of West Chesterfield has moved to Brattleboro this week, locating at No. 23 Western avenue, and adds one more to our force of good carpenters.

Mr. Chas. Fowler, after being in business in Brattleboro for a long term of years, and latterly after being burned out—or, what is as bad, drowned out and smoked out in the Vinton building—three times in three years, has sold his leather and findings and shoe making business to Samuel Wells and will give up active life for a while. Mr. Fowler followed the boot and shoe business in Halifax for 26 years and came to Brattleboro 21 years ago, engaging for seven years in slating, and then taking up the business which he has just sold out.

Geo. E. Butterfield, son of O. H. Butterfield, who graduated from the High school two years ago, and afterward took a year's post-graduate study in the school, completed last week the course of study at Childs's Business College, Springfield, Mass., and returned home Saturday with the college diploma. He also brought a personal letter from the proprietors of the school commending his constant attendance, earnest and faithful work, good habits and ambition to excel, and saying that he had completed the full course in a shorter time than any previous student at the school. Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield and their son have gone this week on a visit of several weeks to friends in Ohio and Nebraska.

Frank Reed appeared before Justice Hasknss Monday morning and paid a fine of $1 and costs, amounting to between $4 and $5 in all, for an assault on Mrs. H. M. Whitney, throwing coal ashes on her through her window in the old Brattleboro House. The case grew out of Reed's trouble about the obnoxious coal ashes in the rear of the house.

L. S. Hayes of Bellows Falls, representing the Vermont Mutual fire insurance company, and James C. Corbett of Boston, representing the Lancashire insurance company of England, were in town Wednesday to confer about the settlement of the loss of Mr. Sunkovsky, the clothing dealer, in the fire in the Vinton building. It was decided to have an appraisal made, and each side named the men to make it. They will probably do the work next week.

No musical organization has ever appeared here with more cordial endorsements than are accorded the Weber quartet, which sings in concert at the town hall next Tuesday evening, assisted by Miss Clara Hunn, soprano. We think lovers of the best music may feel assured of an evening of rare enjoyment.

Miss Maud Banks plays at the town hall, April 16, in her new piece, "Her Evil Genius."

It will be remembered that the statement was made a short time ago that Rev. Dr. Geo. L. Walker of Hartford had consented to withdraw his resignation and remain with the society, having an assistant pastor to relieve him as much as possible from pastoral work. The young man chosen for the place is James W. Bixler of New Haven. His age is 27 years. He is a graduate of Amherst college and the Yale divinity school. He has not yet been ordained over any church, but has been assisting Rev. Dr. Munger in his work. He is spoken of as "well educated, with a pleasant voice and manner, a capital speaker, and belonging to the progressive school of theology."

Brattleboro people remember with pleasure the good work which Rev. D. E. Miller did in this community during his pastorate over the Methodist church here, not the least important item in which was the building of the society's new church. For this reason an item of New Hampshire religious intelligence is of interest, which says that Mr. Miller will soon close a highly successful pastorate of three years over the Baker Memorial Methodist church at Concord, the capital of New Hampshire. During this term the church has made a net gain in membership of 95, leaving the present number 230 in full and 14 probationers, with a Sunday-school of 212 members. The church is rapidly collecting funds for the erection of an elegant house of worship.

Robins and bluebirds were heard in the village on Wednesday morning.

The Argus announces this week that A. F. Graham, jr., of Bondville, has been appointed postal clerk, to run from Brattleboro to Palmer, Mass., succeeding R. C. Baldwin, who has been transferred to the St. Albans and Boston route, where he is to run as paper clerk with W. S. Spalding, who has been promoted to the letter case in the place of George W. Soper, deceased.

Another sign of spring: The express team appeared on wheels yesterday morning.

Druggist Chapin's house is now connected by telephone.

Bryan Judge, an insane man, committed to the asylum on the first of this month, with frozen hands, has had to lose portions of all the fingers of one hand and of three on the other, but is doing well since their amputation and seems to be recovering his mind.

The handsome new edifice built by the Unitarian church of Weston, Mass., was dedicated Wednesday. The Brattleboro friends of Rev. Chas. F. Russell, the pastor, extend congratulations.

Mrs. Goodenough, who has bought Miss Doolittle's millinery business, will be ready to attend to customers in her rooms over Pratt, Wright & Co.'s store next Monday. Attention is called to her advertisement.

To-morrow is the last day of grace for the licensing of dogs.

The union Fast-day service of the Congregational, Baptist and Methodist churches will be held this year at the Baptist church, Rev. Mr. Day preaching the sermon.

The Masonic sociable Tuesday evening was attended by about 60 couples. The next gathering will be held Wednesday evening, April 11.

C. M. Russell will deliver his illustrated lecture at Rutland next Tuesday evening, under the auspices of Roberts post, G. A. R.

An exceedingly handsome show window, with a kaleidoscopic blending of colors and an almost endless variety of goods, is exhibited by Edwards & Lillie in their display of men's spring outfittings. The firm have now in stock the largest assortment of hats they have ever carried.

Maj Spooner of the Vermont academy at Saxton's River, instructed the Estey Guard in bayonet drill at the armory Wednesday evening. A business meeting followed, when the appointment of P. J. Higgins to be third sergeant in place of F. T. Hopkinson, resigned, was announced. Higgins' promotion advanced the other non-commissioned officers to the following positions: Geo. Olser, 4th sergeant; L. S. Maynard, 5th sergeant; J. C. Henkel, 1st corporal; Will Pino, 2nd corporal; C. W. Surgent, 3d corporal; J. C. Sullivan, 4th corporal; H. G. Pratt, 5th corporal. Three new members were voted into the company and one application received.

A sleigh containing Warner Barrett of Hinsdale, and a Miss Bennett was overturned near the toll bridge Sunday morning. The occupants were not seriously injured as first reported.

Patriarchs Militant have changed the date of the fifth of their series of dances, in Odd Fellows hall to next Tuesday evening.

The High school boys met Monday afternoon to organize a base ball club association, and appointed a committee of five to draw up a constitution and by-laws and to nominate officers. At a second meeting held yesterday afternoon, the organization was permanently established under the name of the Brattleboro High School Base Ball association, the constitution adopted, and these officers elected: President, Will Smith; secretary, Clarence Stickney; treasurer, Herbert Elmer; manager, Burr Smith; directors, Burr Smith, Lane Taylor, Geo. Clay, Edwin Fenton, Edwin Fenton. The directors are to select from the school 12 players, who will choose their own captain.

Rev. Benj. Ober, the oldest, or one of the oldest Congregational ministers in the state, reaches his 83d birthday on the 4th of April. He is supposed to be the only surviving member of the class of '33, Andover seminary, having been in the ministry 55 years.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Houghton, who have recently "begun life" on High street, were visited one evening last week by a delegation of friends from the Methodist society, with some of Mr. Houghton's fellow workmen. A large oil painting was brought by the visitors and presented, there were refreshments, and an evening of sociability and good fellowship which leaves a bright spot in the young people's lives.

The First Regiment band are rapidly maturing plans for a fair which will probably be held for two or three evenings during the week beginning April 15th. The purpose in view is the purchase of new dress uniforms, which will put the band on a footing with other similar organizations, the old ones having done service for eight years. The different churches, with the approval of their pastors, will assist through committees in making the fair a success. We are glad to know that the members indicate a universal interest in the band.

Alfred Thompson, son of H. H. Thompson, gave a pleasant party to a company of 24 of his young friends Tuesday evening, in honor of his 10th birthday anniversary.

The Estey Guard and Fuller Battery will attend services at the Congregational church a week from next Sunday, by invitation of Rev. C. O. Day.

The young sports about town have been discussing for some time past the advisability of having a ball nine the coming season. The principal drawback seems to be the lack of suitable grounds. Recent building has practically shut out playing on Frost's meadow and the fair ground is too far away for daily practice. It is quite probable that an effort will be made to secure the island, the only available location left. The nines showing last year, without practice, is pretty conclusive evidence that with proper training Brattleboro might have a team in the field that could successfully cope with any in the state, regardless of age, sex, color, or previous condition of servitude.

The letter carriers are rejoicing over the passage by the House of the bill extending to them the privileges of the 8 hour law, with extra pay for overwork. The bill has also been favorably reported upon by the Senate. Considerable amusement was occasioned at the post-office when a petition from the Brattleboro carriers asking Congressman Grout to support a certain measure for increase of pay, appeared on the morning mail. The petition was, however, it has been formulated into a bill, called "The Bill of the Brattleboro Letter Carriers," and referred to the committee on the post office and post roads.

Early rising newspaper men admire the new South African comet, which it is said can now be seen with the naked eye just before dawn.

The sugar season will be as late this year as a year ago, when new sugar did not begin to come in until the first of April. Sap undoubtedly ran in favorable localities on Wednesday, but the sugar places are impossible for the most part as yet. We have seen at Stickney's a little "new" sugar, undoubtedly genuine, which was made on one of the warm days last week.—Small lots have now appeared in most of the grocers' windows.

The adjourned meeting of the Congregational society, appointed for last evening, was again adjourned for two weeks, the committee on repairs not being ready to report.

The contract with the Vermont Construction company for the new Elm street iron bridge calls for a bridge which will carry a load of 140 tons, the breaking strain to be six times this amount. The price is to be $2550 and the bridge is to be in place about May 20.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Drown are two Brattleboro people who have something pleasant to look back upon this morning. Last evening a party of fifty or more from the Methodist church and society took possession of their house without sending word in advance and made themselves very much at home. After an hour or two of musical entertainment with songs by Mr. and Mrs. Drown, and piano music by Miss Alice Bixby of Adams, Mass., the Rev. Mr. Smithers presented Mr. Drown, in behalf of the company, with a handsome upside down of antique oak, and in addition to the usual amount of refreshments there was enough to furnish the stand with music. Mr. Drown responded and the company dispersed at a seasonable hour in a very happy frame of mind. The visit and gifts were in recognition of Mr. Drown's faithful and acceptable services in the choir.

Last evening the music festival chorus took up work for the first time on Gounod's Messe Solennelle, and were delighted with it. Several new and strong voices were added, and as soon as the roads, or even the sidewalks, are passable, there will be a large chorus. Chorus tickets were issued, and next week it is desirable that all the chorus supply themselves with them.

The "poverty party" given at the Baptist vestry last Saturday evening by the Ys was much enjoyed by the forty or more young people present. Some of the garments worn were decidedly striking and original in appearance, reflecting great credit upon the taste and skill of the wearers. A short but excellent program of vocal and instrumental music and readings was followed by games, and refreshments suitably plain in character were served.

Bailey & Simonds report the following sales of real estate this week: The Roxanna Miller property in West Brattleboro, known as the Betting place, to Thos. & Yeomell for $2500; Henry J. Smith's house and lot in Algiers to Thomas Montgomery of New York.

The leap-year party and dance to be given by the young ladies of the Murray club at the town hall next Thursday evening, promises to be an unusually pleasant affair. The committee in charge are arranging details in a manner evidently designed to show the sterner sex that really is necessary for constituting an enjoyable time. Four hundred invitations have been issued, and there seems to be a prevailing idea of attending among the young people. Leightsinger's orchestra will furnish music, and refreshments will be served. Reserved seat tickets go on sale at Phillips & Jones's next Monday.

Mrs. John C. Howe sailed from New York Wednesday for Germany, where she will remain with Mr. Lucien Howe and Miss Mary until they return home in July, the special object of her visit being that she may act as lady companion to Miss Howe on the occasion of her début in Berlin in May. A distinguished company goes over in the *Saale*, in which Mrs. Howe is a passenger, including the musical prodigy, Josef Hoffmann and his parents, Henry Irving and Miss Terry. The steamer went aground Wednesday night, before getting out to sea, but floated again next morning.

Petitions have been completed for the reestablishment of a mail route between Brattleboro and Chesterfield, and have been forwarded today.

The express company are keeping it a dead secret as to who is to succeed Mr. Remis as agent at this place next Monday. An inquiry from Superintendent Babbitt of Bellows Falls elicited the illuminating information that "You will know when he comes."

It was in September, 1875, that Chief Justice Waite paid a visit to Brattleboro, which is well remembered by our professional men and others who made his acquaintance at that time. He was entertained socially by several of our people, among them Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Balestier and the late George J. Brooks. He is now recalled as a man of unpretentious manners and of transparent gentleness and kindness of heart, combined at the same time with a rare impression of strength, dignity and self-poise.

The Vermont Loan and Trust company completed the first four months of business under the new organization last Monday. We are glad to know that the results are even more satisfactory than were anticipated. The company's loans have found a ready sale, the public evidently have confidence in the management, and the future outlook is as encouraging as could be wished.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Ryan are located at Anaheim in Southern California, where they have bought a large orange grove.

The salmon-hole trestle on the narrow-gauge road settled into place and the washed-out bent on West Townshend meadow was repaired last Friday, so that trains have been running as usual since. If the river breaks up suddenly the salmon-hole trestle is pretty sure to go out, however, and Mr. Brooks has sent the "J. L. Martin" to the upper end of the line and will keep the machine there for use in case of a break.

E. A. Pratt & Co. of West Brattleboro have bought A. B. Clapp's wholesale jewelry business.

Mrs. J. A. Marshall goes next week to Bainbridge, Ga., to spend a month with her aunt, Mrs. Babbitt.

The banking room and directors' room of the People's National bank are very handsome and attractive since the completion of their re-decoration this week. In the banking room the walls are finished in stipple with rosettes of gilt and red gold on the ceiling. In the directors' room the woodwork has been finished in a deep rich cherry and the whole effect is warm, cheerful and inviting. The work is Dan Sullivan's, and speaks for itself of its excellence and artistic quality.

Dr. D. P. Dearborn has been granted a pension with a small amount of back pay.

As soon as his insurance is adjusted S. Simkovetz will reopen his clothing store in the old rule factory.

The members of the Estey Guard and the old rifle club will probably form a new club for target practice as soon as the season opens.

A general meeting of the Valley Fair and Valley Fair association was held at the Brooks House Wednesday, free dinner being furnished by Landlord Goodline. The judges for the different classes, were appointed, and the premium list and all details of the fall meeting arranged.

The ice went out of the Connecticut last night. Today the river is filled with large cakes floating down from above.

The sugar supper which the men of the Universalist society were to have given last evening, had to be indefinitely postponed.

Albert B. Curtis, formerly of the West village, who has for some time been manufacturing all kinds of machine screw work at Springfield, has moved to Worcester, where he has formed a partnership with Samuel E. Winslow, the noted roller-skate man.

Posters are out announcing an assignee's sale of clothing for the next ten days in Union block.

C. M. Russell's lecture at the town hall Saturday evening, on "Battles and Leaders of the civil war," possessed an unusual interest to old soldiers who were at the front in the days of 1861-65, and was very instructive to the younger classes. The stereopticon views of the principal conflicts fought, many of them richly colored, were from photographs actually taken on the battle fields, and were therefore truly realistic, while the veterans often recognized the faces of favorite commanders by applause. At the close of the regular entertainment a number of local scenes and pictures of the leading men of the town were presented.

Two pleasant progressive euchre parties have been given this week. At Miss Kate Selleck's Tuesday evening, Ed. Tyler and Louie Fisher won the royal prizes, Julius Leach and Florence Tenney the consolation, and Bertha Hines and David Morris the booby. Last evening Miss Florence Elmer entertained a party of friends at five tables, and the prize winners were as follows: Royal, Ed. Tyler and Florence Tenney; progressive, Julius Leach and Lucy Chisholm; booby, David Morris and Addie Staples.

The young people's educational club of the Methodist society held a social meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Fisher Wednesday evening.

Lieut. Geo. H. Burns and two ladies were thrown from their sleigh near the junction of So. Main and Reed streets Wednesday evening on their way to the Masonic sociable. Mr. Burns was dragged some distance in the snow and slush, but was not seriously hurt. The horse escaped and ran to Lewis's store, and the sleigh was somewhat damaged.

A new male quartet has been formed in town consisting of Frank Crosby, 1st tenor, Fred Harlow, 2d tenor, Geo. Clay, 1st bass, Fred Brazier, 2d bass. The young men will sing at the Congregational Easter concert and at the entertainment at G. A. R. hall this evening.

Dr. Chapin of West Troy, N. Y., was called yesterday in consultation with Dr. Holton in the case of Mrs. J. E. Jacobs. No hope is entertained of her recovery.

Dennis Rebekah lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., will hold their second annual dress-as-you-please masquerade ball on Friday evening, April 13, at the town hall. All members of the different branches of the I. O. O. F. are cordially invited to be present.

At the school meeting in district No. 6, the following officers were elected: Warren E. Banks, committee; Malcolm Moody, clerk and treasurer; C. L. Fisher, collector; F. F. White, auditor. It was voted to have school keep 32 weeks the coming year, and to raise a tax of 15 cts. on the dollar.

The following is the list of letters remaining in the post office March 30:

Men's—J. Buckley, Frank O. Baxter, J. M. Barber, W. H. Burdick, Frank A. Bundy, Thos. Cain 2, F. J. Hosmer, O. M. Nowell, O. Warren 2, A. J. Whittier, R. H. Seymour, William Stockwell, Wilson.

Mrs. Martha A. Cummings, Mrs. Mary H. Herrick, Mary Morgan, E. Rodes, Josie B. Woodman.

EASTER SERVICES.

The services in St. Michael's (Episcopal) church on Easter Sunday will be the following: Early service, 7 a. m.; celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon, 10:30 a. m.; children's service, with carols, catechism and offertory, 7 p. m.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday morning there will be lay services, as during the month of March. The usual choir will be reinforced by four additional voices and the double quartet thus formed will give as Easter selections

God hath appointed a day. R Tours.
See into the altar. Faure.
Christ our Passover. Bartlett.

In the evening the Sunday school will have a musical and responsive service with carols. The double quartet will assist, giving at this service Buck's Easter anthem, "Christ the Lord is risen."

The musical program at the Universalist church will be the following:

Organ voluntary, Wagner.
Easter anthem, "Christ our Passover," W. C. Williams.
Responsive service.
"The Tomb Opened."
"Mary's Lament," (soprano solo.)
"Behold, the stone is rolled away."
"Hallelujah to our King."
"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord." J. E. Trowbridge.
Choir hymn, "How calm and beautiful the morn." Adolph Adam.

Mr. Illman's sermon will be upon "Easter Visions." Following the sermon will be communion service and reception of members. In the evening there will be a Sunday school concert.

At the Methodist church the subject of the morning sermon by the pastor will be the "Credibility of the resurrection of the body." At 7 o'clock in the evening an Easter missionary concert will be given by the Sunday school, consisting of readings, recitations, singing by the children, the choir, and an Easter solo by Mrs. Drown.

The Easter services at the St. Michael's (Roman Catholic) church will include Low Mass at 8 a. m., High Mass at 10:30 a. m., and Vespers at 7:30 p. m. At 10:30 a. m. Lambillotte's Mass will be rendered.

At the Congregational church the morning service will be suited to the Easter festival. The musical selections will be the following:

Organ offertoire, Op. 95. Wely.
Easter anthem, "Christ is Risen." Goatz.
Easter hymn, "Christ our Passover." Pontius.
Organ postlude—Fugue in G Minor. Bach.

In the evening, at 7 o'clock, the Sunday school will give an Easter concert consisting of an exercise arranged by Mr. H. H. Thompson, the assistant superintendent.

Mr. Parry's sermon at the Baptist church will emphasize the lessons of the day and this musical program has been arranged:

Opening chant. From the Messiah.
Anthem, "Christ the Lord is risen today," Trentini.
Carol, "Fear Not." J. E. Hall.
Solo, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." From the Messiah.
Hymn, "Crown His head with endless blessings."
Anthem, "Christ our Passover." Danks.

In the evening, beginning at 5:30 o'clock, the Sunday school will render an Easter service entitled, "Saviour Victorious," written by Mr. J. E. Hall. The choir will give the anthem, "Christ the Lord is risen," by Robles, and a duet will be sung by Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Jenne.

THE ESTEY PIANO IN RUTLAND.

The Rutland Herald of yesterday says: "Fifteen of the Estey Pianos have been sold within the past few weeks; among the recent purchasers are Mr. John Sanford, Mr. G. T. Loop and Mr. Barrett of Center Rutland. These instruments are so perfect in tone and action as to command the confidence, admiration and enthusiasm of all artists.

NO BURGLAR NEED APPLY.

THE NEW SAFE WHICH THE BRATTLEBORO SAVINGS BANK HAS PUT IN ITS VAULT THIS WEEK.

The Corliss safe, bought by the Brattleboro Savings bank, arrived Wednesday, and was brought up and put in its place in the vault during the afternoon and evening. The safe weighs 5½ tons, and it gave two yokes of Fred Waite's oxen a stout pull to take it across the railroad track and up the hill. With its "harness" and canvas covering, the little globe looked like anything rather than a safe, and it attracted no little attention as it came up through the street and was unloaded. It was necessary to carry it up over the corner of the counter and into the directors' room, from which it was placed in the vault through a hole cut in the brick work in the rear.

As already stated in our columns, the Corliss safe is entirely unlike any other in its principles and manner of construction. In its outward appearance it seems like a solid globe or sphere of iron set on a heavy base of the same metal. In reality it consists of a heavy outer shell, with a smaller globe within which revolves when the safe is unlocked, and renders its several compartments accessible. To give an idea of its method of construction and manner of operation would be impossible without complete diagrams and an extended description. It can only be said, then, that Mr. Corliss, its inventor and manufacturer, claims it to be the only really burglar-proof safe made, and the confidence of the Corliss company in the safe is so great that they give with each safe a written guaranty that it cannot be opened by burglars, with tools carried on their persons, in 36 hours of uninterrupted work. The outer shell is the safe 4 inches thick in its thinnest part, and varies from this to 7½ inches. The outer surface is chilled to a depth of 2½