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STATE OF VERMONT, Marthorn, SS. The Probate Court for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of UYN
THIA A, KING, late of Guilford, by said district You are here'sy not fleed that this court will de-rede upon the allowance of the accounts of 8 L. Hent and G. L. Bullock, executors of the last will of said decreased, and decree distribution thereof to the persons entitled, at the seasons thereof to be held at the Probate Office in B attle-bore on the 22nd day of May, A. D 1891, when and where you may be heard in the premises, if you see cause.

18 E. W. STODDARD, Register.

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TATE OF VERMONT, We stimuster, SS.
The Probate Court in and for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of RUS-SEL UNDERWOOD, late of Jamaios, in said District, deceased.
You are hereby notified that this court will decide upon the allowance of the account of Oscar R. Garfield, Administrator upon estate of said deceased, and decree distribution thereof to be held at the inn of O. F. Coombs in Townshould, on the third day of June. A. D. 1991, when and where you may be heard in the premises. If you see Cause. you see cause.
18 CHARLES B EDDY, Register.

TATE OF VERMONT, Westminster, 88,
The Protecte Court for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of JOHN
W. PIERCE, late of Januares in said district decensed,
You are hereby notified that this court will de-cide upon the application of Acissa Lerres, without of said devensed. For the assignment of personal property from said estate, at the assignment of hereof to be field at the un of O. F. Combs in Townshend on the third day of June. A. D. 1891, when and where you may be heard in the prem-ises, if you see cause.

10 CRAS B. EDDY, Register.

TATE OF VERMONT, Westernster, SS The Probate Court for said District
To all persons interested in the estate of JOHN
W. PIERCE, late of Jamarca, in said district de-censed. oensed. Greeting.
You are hereby notified that this court will de-cide upon the allowance of the account of O car R.
Gardield, Administrator of and estate, and decre-distribution thereof to the persons entitled at the session thereof to be held at the run of O.F. Counts in Townshend, on the fird day of June, 1891, when and where you may be heard in the results of the test cause.

emises, if you see cause.
10 CH vS. B. EDDY, Register. STATE OF VERMONT, Maribore, SS.
By the Pre-late Court for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of AME-LIA BUTTERFIELD, late of Brattlebore, in said Whereas A. A. Butterfield has presented t Whereas A. A. Butterfield has presented to this Court an instrument purporting to be the last Will of said deceased, for probate: You are hereby notified that this Court will decide upof the probate of said instrument at a session there of to be held at the Probate Office in Brattleboro in said district, on the first Saturday of June 1891, when and where you may appear and con

test the same, if you see cause.

E. W. STODDARD, Register. STATEOF VERMONT, Mariboro, SS.
The Probate Court for said District
To all persons interested in the estate of E. I
CAMPHELLs, late of Brattleboro, in said di
Greeting. CAMPHELL. late of point of Greeting.

You are hereby notified that this court will decide upon the allowance of the account of Henry D. Holton, Administrator upon the estate of said deceased, and decree distribution thereof to all persons entitled thereto, at a session thereof to be held at the Probate Office in Brattlebore on the first Saturday of June, A. D. 1891, when and where you may be heard in the premises, if if you see cause.

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You are hereby notified that this court will decide upon the allowance of the account of S. H. Lanelle. Administrator upon the estate of said deceased and decree distribution thereof to the persons entitled, at the resisting thereof to be held at the Probote Office in Bratiletoro, on the first Saturday of June. A. D. 1891, when and where you may be heard in the premises, if you see cause.

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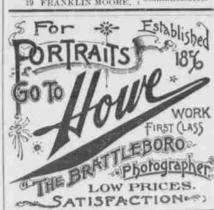
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we will meet for the purjose aforesaid at the
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late dwelling of said decrased in Newfane on the
late dwelling of said decrased in Newfane on the
late dwelling of said days, and that six months
from the 2d day of May, 1891, is the time
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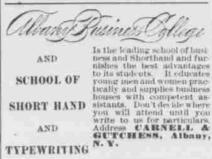
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BEATTLEBORO: FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1801.

The Vermont Phonix has a larger 6 1-4 cents a yard. One of pald circulation in Windham county than any other paper.

> England states to join the provinces and become a part of the Dominion has been pers on the McKinley bill.

The St. Johnsbury Caledonian surprised enlargement was called for by increasing business. The Caledonian has a record One hundred "Handy" Dic- and character distinctively its own, such The Caledonian has always been so hand-

out the North will suffer from it.

## The Norton Mills Swedes. Several weeks ago a statement galned

At same time new things in Norton Mills in Essex county were endurdestitute condition, and that several of out at our ports to engage in war against a them had left, one walking 70 miles to Rut- tation with which we are at peace. Such striped Grenadine. Now is land to get work in the marble quarries. the time to select a Parasol This story came to the notice of the Sweda letter to Gov. Page, asking to be inform- tribunal. The war ship Charleston, lying ed of the facts in the matter. Gov. Page at San Francisco, was therefore ordered Hobson of Brighton, asking him to ascer- day with orders, as is supposed, to capture Erikson, who writes in a straight-forward, lean coast, as rapidly as may be, is a quesintelligent way. He says the Norton Mills | tion of interest, dently that the Swedes would work at lum- and Minnie, was captured on Saturday bering for the company, and at the same and her officers placed under arrest. time build homes for themselves, which | Reports come from Mexico of two vesthe wages paid the settlers was \$1.25 per | firmation. day, with house rent and fuel free, and every settler was given steady work from the day of his arrival. Some came from eaving the colony. This the writer of the awaiting his attention. letter says is the substance of the whole | On arrival at Springfield, Ill., yesterday, matter. Those who are willing to adapt the President was given a warm greeting,

In my own case I am well satisfied. I am by the on my place, having built me a home and got in pretty good start, have been recard kindly, and been offered all the assistance I may need. I have no desire to return to Springfield, my former.

A Black Eye for Saids Insurance. isome. If I have my health I have good reason to think that in a little while I will have a nice little home that I can call my own. In execusion I can reallifully say there is not one word of truth about my countrymon being destitute or in want here n the contrary they are all at work here, receivgood wages, are well elothed, children well dresse Probably the Canadian statesman who has drawn up a resolution inviting the New there has not been a single instance where there has been any destitution or hunger, or any person who has received aid in this town during the pass

The letter bears in its tone and seening effectually set at rest the charge that im- ties. This makes the last man insured its friends last week by discarding the migrants who have been persuaded to come folio form and appearing as a neat six-col- to Vermont from other states or from for- the first policy. Of the 200 orders in New umn quarto, adding one-quarter to its pre- eign countries have come to want, or have

## A Bit of Excitement.

The public excitement of the week has as are enjoyed by few papers, and its pres- been furnished by the case of the Itata, a ent young editor is working diligently and Chilian steamer, which dropped anchor in clusion can be reached by a man who cares successfully to maintain its high standing. the harbor of San Diego, Cal., on Tuesday for his reputation as a public servant, and some typographically and mechanically to be that of taking arms and supplies to orders which have thus far reported are that it admits of no improvement in this the insurgents, which are in open rebellion founded are not such as to justify the be-Intense feeling has been aroused among erament authorities under instructions the Michigan Grand Army men by the ac- from Washington, and a United States teeted with him who has taken the first tion of the Democratic house of that state | Marshal was placed on board in charge of | risk or policy," they are all notoriously in defeating an appropriation of \$30,000 her. The Chilian war ship Esmeralda wanting; and hence he refuses a license to for feeding and lodging the visiting Grand was known to have accompanied the Itata any of the 28, and they will therefore be Army men who will attend the national a part of the way, at least, on her voyage forced to decamp, the order of the "Golden Lonsdale bleached Cotton at encampment which is to be held in De to the north, and an American schooner. troit next August. The Detroit Journal the Robert and Minnie, was cruising out- etc., included. The remaining 173 or declares, in a leading editorial, that "this side in San Diego harbor with munitions more operating in New Hampshire will in Special Ribbon Sale is still is a recival of copperheadism pure and of war which were finally delivered on due time be tried by the same rest, presimple," that the animus of the action is board the Itata. Wednesday night the sumably, and summarily ordered out of the same that led to Democratic opposi- Itata unexpectedly raised her anchors and the state. tion to voting supplies for the Union sole steamed away south, putting the United diers during the war, and that the refusal States marshal on shore eight miles down will react ghot only on the Democratic the coast. The marshal reported that afparty of Michigan, but the party through- ter weighing anchor a battery of heavy gams was raised from the hold, the officers and men were armed to the feeth, and the vessel was converted into a war ship,

Her action was a violation of neutrality urrency in some of the public prims to laws, and her escape placed the United the effect that the Swedish colonists at States government in an embarrassing position as not having used proper diligence negligence on the part of our government was clearly a violation of the underlying ish vice consulat Boston, and he addressed principle established before the Geneva at once addressed a leiter to Hon, S. D. into commission, and she sailed on Saturtain the facts and report to him. In and the Itata if possible. Whether the Itata swer Mr. Hobson has forwarded a letter will put into some Mexican port, or whethfrom one of the Swedes, named A. L. er she will proceed down the South Amer-Swedes went to that place to enter the eagerly awaited. The Omaha, which had employ of Manuall & Co. of Springfield, just arrived from a cruise in foreign wa-Mass., who bought a large quantity of land ters, and other government ships on that in Norton Mills, offering it to the Swedes | coast, were also instructed to look out for

they would own in due time. There are sels being seen off that coast, presumably Stetson of Boston, where the Swedes were. There is also a story of an engagement bealso given employment. Mr. Erikson says tween them, but such reports lack con-

The President's Journey. President Harrison received an enthusithe New England states and others direct astic reception on his visit to Washington from Sweden. In several cases Mr. Stetson and Oregon last week, and his homeward advanced money for the men to send for course from the Pacific coast has been a their families, and furnished them neces- continued ovation. The special train bearsaries to live upon. Everything went well ing his party entered Nebraska on Wednesuntil some of the colonists, who were not | day, and nowhere has his reception been accustomed to the kind of hard work which | more cordial. At Omaha the people turned their new life compelled them to do, be- out en masse to receive him, and a procescame dissatisfied, and got an idea that they sion of police and military escorted him could do better in the factories in the cities. through the streets of the city. He was reached by other dredges coming after. These were only two or three in number, welcomed at the High school building by but they communicated their own dissatis- 12,000 school children. The President is faction to others, and persuaded several to due to arrive in Washington today, and tie to the Pacific, 170 miles in length, of oin with them in their complaints and in will there find important matters of state

themselves to their new conditions and do and was escorted to the tomb of Lincoln,

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Certain baking powder makers are publishing falsified extracts from the Government reports, with pretended analyses and certificates, wherein an attempt is made to compare their baking powders with the "Royal," or making bogus tests from house to house, their obvious purpose being to counteract the recent exposures of the inferiority of their own goods arising from their impurity, low strength, and lack of keeping qualities as shown by the Government chemists and others.

As to whether any of these baking powders are equal to the "Royal," the official tests clearly determine. When samples of various baking powders were purchased from the grocers, and analyzed by the United States Government Chemists and the Chemists of State and City Boards of Health, the reports revealed the fact that the "Royal" contained from 28 per cent. to 60 per cent. more leavening strength than any other cream of tartar baking powder and also that it was more perfectly made, of

purer ingredients, and altogether wholesome. As these powders are sold to consumers at the same price, by the use of the Royal Baking Powder there is an average saving of over one third, besides the advantage of assured purity and wholesomeness of food, and of bread, biscuit and cake made perfectly light, sweet, and palatable -advantages not to be had in the use of the low grade, cheaply made baking powders that contain lime, alum, and other impurities.

The Dermont Phanix. the work of a new country are getting on where he made a fitting and eloquent well. At the end of his letter he says: speech. He stopped only briefly at Indianapolis, where the entire populace gave him a welcome. From there the party

A Black Eye for Suide Insurance. The snide insurance concerns have received a side-winder in New Hampshire, Insurance Commissioner Linnehan having notified them that they must comply with the Barber law, passed by the last legislature, or quit the state. Under this law insurance companies doing business in New Hampshire must have a paid-up capital of reading the timales of the magwamp parameter winter; all the reports you have sent to this effect. \$200,000, or each assets of the same archae-falsehoods." in addition are obliged to possess assets the evidence of its truthfulness, and will equal in amount to all outstanding liabiliequally protected with the one who takes Hampshire only 28 have thus far made reports to the commissioners, and these have only \$328,041.85 on hand, with \$16,254,450

> due to certificate holders. On such a showing Commissioner Linnehan naturally says: "But one conof last week. Her mission was suspected that is that the various plans on which the against the government of Chill, and she lief that they are sound financially or benwas therefore formally seized by our gov- ficial morally." Tried by the test "that the last man insured should be equally pro-Seal," "People's Five Year Benefit Order,"

### The Bering Sea Question.

In his latest diplomatic letter on the Berny sea seal fisheries Mr. Blaine argues with irresistible logic the right of our government to protect the seal from slaughter during the breeding season. In doing this he completely turns the tables on Lord Salisbury by citing the law under which Great Britain regulates the method of fishing over 2700 square miles of water off the worsted Dress Goods, and a ing great hardships, that they were in a to prevent an insurgent tessel from fitting the northwestern coast of Scotland. Mr. Blaine shows that the language of this British statute would require only to be changed in its expressions to adapt it to the seal fishery and cover all the rights which the United States claims in the waters of Bering sea. So far as arbitration is concerned Mr. Blaine does not object to admitting the question of damages to English vessels, if the case goes against us, but very properly suggests that It be supplemented by that of compensation for the seals wrongfully taken by Canadian vessels

# The Nicaragna Canal.

Ex-Senator Warner Miller of New York. the president of the Nicaragua Canal comfor settlement. The expectation was evid the Chilian vessel. The schooner Robert pany, who has recently been on a tour of inspection of that great American under taking, brings home a highly satisfactory account of his tour. Mr. Miller left New York for Greytown on the 14th of March. large lumber mills there, owned by A. M. the Charleston in chase of the Itata. He was shipwrecked on his way, but reached his destination on the second of April. The steamer which carried him to Grevtown sailed into the harbor there in a 14foot channel. Only a year ago the port was choked by a sandbar, but the canal company has succeeded in opening it, and is building a long breakwater to make the channel permanent. The work of the construction parties has thus far been devoted chiefly to the erection of piers, barracks, workshops and storehouses, and the building of a railroad, but Mr. Miller found that the big dredges had a half mile of the canal aiready excavated to the depth of 10 feet, and the full depth of 30 feet will be President Miller and his party inspected the whole line of the canal from the Atlanwhich about 64 is river, 56 1-2 lake and 20 1-2 basin navigation, leaving only about 29 miles for actual excavation. The entire party, he says, were greatly pleased with heir trip across the country, and all of the ngineers expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the feasibility of the route and of the perfection of the plans of the engineers of the canal. Still more than this, Mr. Miller is satisfied that the work can be down within the estimates.

# MINOR NOTES.

It is reported at Boston that Canon Farrar, the noted English divine, is to succeed Phillips Brooks as rector of Trinity church in that city. The officials of the church refuse to say whether the report is correct or not, declaring that no selection can be made until Dr. Brooks is consecrated as bishop of the diocese next fall.

A notable musical combination which has been agreed upon at Boston is that of the Symphony Orchestra and Boston Sing-

The prince of Wales is said to be in debt to the amount of \$1,500,000, three-fourths of which resulted from heavy play and betting transactions during the past seven months. The only way out of the difficulty seems to be for the Queen to pay the debts of her unworthy offspring, but she has not the reputation of being very liberal

with her immense fortune. One hundred and ninety-nine "Bond Investment" companies chartered in other states must stop doing business in Massachusetts, a new law just passed cutting off the golden opportunities of the people who

are engaged in these peculiar enterprises. Secretary Blaine has been ill in New York this week, but is now improving. It is said to be doubtful, however, whether he will attempt to resume his duties in Washington during the hot weather.

## Why I Am a Protectionist.

BY THE HON. JUSTIN S. MORRILL.

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every person to find the employment best adapted to his or her genius and capacity, that will secure the largest income or the greatest happiness.

Fourth-It creates a home market, without which the cultivators of land in America would be but a little better off than our aborigines.

Fifth-It is the bulwark of national independence in peace or war. JUSTIN S. MORRILL.

The above appeared in the Economist of

## May 8th, with a fac simile of Senator Morrill's well-known signature

(From Harper's Weekly.) Those who are disposed to class oratory among the lost arts must reconsider that conclusion in view of the President's tour, He has been travelling across the continent to the Pacific, and every day he has made two or three clever speeches, good-natured, varied, full of tact, and expressing his views courteously, and the whole country reads in surprise, and a great many worthy people say that here is a great man who has been some how concealed under a visionary hat, but who will be henceforth estimated at his true value, and undoubtedly renominated and re-elected to the Presidency by the acclamation of his party. If oratory can so radically change the general impres-

# sion in regard to the President, it is certainly not a lost art. Our Huge Internal Commerce.

Senator Frye in the May Forum. Statistics of our internal commerce have lever been accurately collected, but it has been estimated that the domestic produce moved and exchanged in this country last year amounted in value to \$25,000,000,000. The annual river commerce of Cincinnati is valued at more than \$50,000,000. The tonnage that passes up and down the De-troit river annually is greater than that which enters the port of Liverpool. The number of vessels that enter and clear at Chicago exceeds every year by 7,000 the number of those that enter and clear at New York. The tonnage passing through the Sault Ste. Marie in 1890 exceeded that passing through the great Suez canal by 1,000,000 tons. Our lake, river, and coastwise tonnage amounts to nearly 4,000,000. The present marvelous cheapness of water people in enabling that transportation to compete with railroads and to regulate their seals wrongfully taken by Canadian vessels charges. Naturally the demand for the during the period, if the case is decided in improvement of the lake harbors, of conmense water-courses of this country has increased in its importunity with the increase of this commerce; but the increasing appropriations in the river and harbor bills are not even yet one-half as large as the amounts proposed by the engineer board.

It will be remembered that in a series of tests at the Annapolis proving grounds last fall the government found that steel plates in which there was a small admixture of nickel developed a power of resistance greatly in advance of the armor plates ordinarily used. Another advance even more important has now been made, by treating the nickel-steel plates by a process of surface carbonization invented by H. A. Harvey of Newark, N. J., and known as the Harvey process. Plates so treated were penetrated no more than a quarter of an inch when attacked by a rapid-firing Hotchkiss gun with forged steel projectiles having a striking velocity of 1800 feet per second. Similar shots easily pierced the ordi-nary steel plates in almost every instance. The results indicated are important. They show that the armor of battle ships treated by the new process may be very much lightened, while still giving complete protection, thus allowing more and beavier guns to be carried, greater coal capacity and other ad-

The discovery of an enormous underground reservoir of water in the midst of the Sahara desert will undoubtedly develop trade and travel throughout that region Explorations have shown that there are large portions of the Sahara which are really capable of cultivation, and after a time it will doubtless be as completely effaced from the map as has been the great American desert.

The Johns Hopkins university has re-ceived from Col. J. Thomas Scharf, the Maryland historian, one of the most valuable private collections of Americana in this country. The collection includes a great number of books, more than 50,000 pamphlets, several hundred unpublished manu scripts, materials for a history of New York city and vicinity, and of Missouri, Pennsylvania, Maryland and the Southern states, and several thousand rare autographs and

While the population of Maine has in-creased since 1880 only 12,150, or 1.87 per cent, the 26 cities and towns, with a population of 4000 and over, have increased 31,616, or 16.24 per cent in population.

The wool clip in Australia this year is the largest in the history of the colonies, and will reach \$100,000,000 in value. There will be 20,000,000 bushels of wheat for export. The colonies are said to be extremely anxious to trade with the United States. What is said to be the largest block of stone ever quarried lies now on the ground at the Vinalhaven granite quarries of Maine. It is a solid shaft without a crack

or flaw, 115 feet long and 10 feet square at the base. The great difficulty will be in moving it, for it is 850 tons in weight. The late Henry Bergh, the friend of dumb animals, is now commemorated by a statue in City Hall square, Milwaukee. It is of heroic size, cost \$30,000, and shows Mr. Bergh stroking the head of a crippled

The value of diamonds and other precious stones imported into this country in a sin-gle year is set by the census returns at about \$12,000,000, and the demand is rapidly increasing. In no other country in the world are so many of these expensive orna-