

The Vermont Phoenix.

HOME NEWS.

Metropolitan Record.

WEEK ENDING THURSDAY EVENING, MAR. 24, 1893.

Date.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Wind.	Direction.	Force.	Relative Humidity.	State of Sky.	Temperature.
Mar. 23	30.20	34	S. E.		3	85	Cloudy	47.0
24	30.20	34	S. E.		3	85	Cloudy	47.0
25	30.20	34	S. E.		3	85	Cloudy	47.0
26	30.20	34	S. E.		3	85	Cloudy	47.0
27	30.20	34	S. E.		3	85	Cloudy	47.0
28	30.20	34	S. E.		3	85	Cloudy	47.0
29	30.20	34	S. E.		3	85	Cloudy	47.0
30	30.20	34	S. E.		3	85	Cloudy	47.0
31	30.20	34	S. E.		3	85	Cloudy	47.0

Eggs for setting from my prize-winning pen of S. C. brown leghorns, 50 cents per 15.

S. E. MERRILL.

A plain and simple policy, an annual distribution of surplus, and the protection of the Massachusetts Non-Fortune Law, are among the advantages offered by the New England Mutual Life Insurance company of Boston, whose annual statement of business is published in another column.

FOUR—A heavy shower in the road just above the old Brattleboro village. Enquire of Mrs. P. K. White.

We want a man and wife for a gentleman's farm near Brattleboro. Also a man and wife to go to Fisher's Island, N. Y. Have sold another farm. Enquire of Mrs. P. K. White.

A few more boards can be accommodated at the old Brattleboro House. Enquire of Mrs. P. K. White.

WANTED—Two girls at the Brattleboro House.

LOST—March 16, between O. L. Miner's barn and the army, a checked yellow horse-blanket. The finder will confer a favor by returning the same to O. L. Miner.

I shall be at the Brattleboro House Monday and Tuesday, March 20 and 21, and every other week on Monday and Tuesday thereafter, to take orders for custom-made trousers for Walter S. Evans, merchant tailor, North Adams, Mass. Prices \$2.50 and up. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Beautiful pictures, new mouldings in latest styles and effects at Clapp & Jones's.

Oxford editions of the New Standard Book of Common Prayer at Clapp & Jones's.

Mrs. L. W. Pratt, agent for Dr. Nichols Spinal Supporter, 60 Elliot street.

E. Wales, teacher of dancing and deportment. Private and class lessons given.

WANTED—I want your magazines and other periodicals to bind. Your name stamped on your Bible or pocketbook for 25c. W. F. GORDON.

World's Fair souvenir medals of pure aluminum mailed for 25 cents by Clapp & Jones.

Buy Picture Frames of Geddis.

"Whiting" paper and envelopes in fashionable styles and tints at Clapp & Jones's.

The Brooks House Hack and Coupe Line

now under one management and is prepared to carry passengers to and from all trains and to all parts of the village. Orders may be given by telephone to the Brooks House, coupe stand on Main street, or at the Brooks House stables. All baggage carried free. We shall strive by prompt and courteous service to merit the public patronage. H. O. COLEMAN.

Important.

BRATTLEBORO, Vt., Feb. 27, 1893.

Dear Sir:—It is a pleasure for me to say to the farmers of Windsor county that I have been successful in securing the rights to the use of the crop of the year of twenty years and my experience has been that there is no fertilizer that equals Bradley's X. L. In the experiments made by me on corn, potatoes and grass Bradley's has led nearly every time. It hastens the crop, increases the product and enhances the value of the crop. Bradley's fertilizers are especially adapted to early market gardening. As a top dresser there is nothing better if applied just before a rain. Many farmers fail to receive the full benefit of commercial fertilizers by not properly applying them. In using fertilizer in the hill it should be thoroughly mixed with the earth over a space of at least one foot in diameter; never drop in a bunch. There are several good fertilizers in the market, but I know of none that has stood the test of years like Bradley's. Very truly, G. W. PHIBBS.

The Lamps in Our Window

For the past two weeks were lit off as follows: Banquet lamp, H. O. Coleman; \$3.25; hanging lamp, Spencer W. Knight; \$2.50; table lamp, George E. Seelye; \$2.50. Our sales of lamps continue until April 1. VAN DOORN & MORRIS.

BRATTLEBORO.

The Hedger debating society give a sugar supper at Wells hall this evening.

Morse & Simpson are to receive 1000 lilacs from Bermuda for distribution Easter.

The Brattleboro Overall company have put in 12 new machines, making 35 in all.

Dist. Clerk Kimball finds that there are 1062 children of school age in district No. 2.

Crosby & Co. are about to close a contract for building a large storehouse at Ogdensburg, N. Y., to accommodate their increasing business in New England.

It is rumored that the managers of a suspender factory are seeking a location in town, but the capitalists supposed to be interested in the scheme will not divulge the facts.

The three-ring runaway performance was in operation again Sunday night. The occupants of two double teams were thrown out on the Putney road, but escaped unhurt. The sleighs were partially wrecked, and one span of horses killed through Main street at a lively rate. The third sleigh was not badly damaged.

The women of the Industrial Union served a delicious supper to their friends in the town hall Wednesday evening. The display of fancy articles was unusually fine, and they commanded a ready sale. The West Brattleboro dramatic club failing to appear, through a misunderstanding, Leslie Braser filled the gap with a recitation of great dramatic force, which won the deserved applause of his auditors and the thanks of the ladies in charge of the entertainment. The evening closed with dancing. The net proceeds were upwards of \$100.

The Globe's World's Fair contest will be decided to-morrow. Yesterday, the closing day, 2,000,000 votes were received. Thursday Miss West of Barre had approximately 31,000 and Lieut. Austin 17,000; Miss Fisher of Bethel in the teachers' class 25,000, Miss Billings of Montpelier 22,000, and Miss Eaton of this place 13,000; Exner of Bellows Falls led the mechanics with 7000, Carroll of Okeet Falls 3000 and D. A. Cavanaugh 3400. It is understood that the final installment of votes for Lieut. Austin numbered from 30,000 to 50,000.

The pupils of St. Michael's school acquitted themselves with great credit in their entertainment at the town hall Friday evening. There were a number of well rendered musical selections, but one of the striking features was the march and drill, which was very gracefully executed. The operetta, "The fair crown," and the drama, "Erin elect and free," were highly creditable productions. Leitinger's orchestra assisted in the program. A large audience was present. The receipts exceeded \$400.

Leitinger's orchestra, 11 pieces, plays in Newport, N. H., the 4th of April and in Hinsdale the 5th.

The northern watercure building, known as Francis block, has been sold to Mrs. Ducloux of Valatie, N. Y.

E. B. Bissell has bought the Dowd house on Washington street, and will move to it from Centerville.

It is expected that Gov. Fuller will give a reception to Lieut. and Mrs. Peary when the lieutenant lectures here April 7.

Pellet Brothers have the contract for the building which the Brattleboro Gas Light company is to erect the coming season.

Donnell & Davis, having just returned from New York, are now ready to show customers the latest novelties in millinery.

Almost no maple sugar has been made the past week, but the farmers are expecting the season to open in full blast any day.

E. Wales gives receptions to his dancing classes in Northfield and Shelburne Falls, Mass., the 4th and 5th of April respectively.

Frank Mayo owns probably the largest dog in America. It is a pure St. Bernard and weighs nearly 200 pounds. It is named D'Armaghan, and has a pedigree tracing back nine generations.

Through the operation of the rubber and sole-leather trusts there is to be an advance in the prices of all kinds of footwear. D. L. H. Bros., who are in the situation in their advertisement this week.

There was a large attendance at the sugar supper given by the Epworth league in Grand Army hall Wednesday evening. After the supper the time was spent with games and socially. The receipts were upward of \$30.

Griggs & Perry have established a branch real estate office in Springfield, Mass., on Main street, 14 Republican block, with W. W. Thomas of West Springfield as manager. They will have a large office selling the Bailey clothes reel in Springfield and elsewhere.

The Wilmington Forest and Stream club will soon publish an illustrated book setting forth the attractions of their preserve. The frontispiece will be a picture of the Brooks House, with the tally-ho parties in front, ready to start on the drive to Wilmington.

The Murray club held a meeting in the United States vestry Tuesday evening after the supper. The program included piano solos by Sadie Mann and Walter Eddy, recitations by Lucy Simonds, Walter Cook, Annie Lamb, Nan Houghton and Ethel Niles, and songs by Ned Blanchard and H. M. Wood.

The meeting of the Connecticut Valley postmasters will be held at the Brooks House Tuesday afternoon. Nearly all the postmasters of this county, and those from the larger offices in the state, will be invited. A paper will be given by Postmaster Campbell of Northampton. The meeting will be open to the public.

Miss Rose Stewart, a seamstress who had worked in many families in this village, and who was held in high esteem by all, died Wednesday in a hospital in Boston, where she had gone for treatment. The body will be brought here, and the funeral held at the Congregational chapel to-morrow at 10 A. M. Miss Stewart was a sister of A. F. Stewart of this village and F. T. Stewart of West Chesterfield.

Drs. Webster, Pratt and Conland amputated the right leg of John M. Baker of Putney at the Brattleboro House Friday. Mr. Baker froze his foot a winter or two ago and his toes were amputated a few weeks ago. The operation appears to have been very successful and he is now recovering. His uncle, H. M. Farnham of Arlington, and his mother, Mrs. Baker, are caring for him.

The final intermediate contest at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium has been postponed for one week, on account of the preparations for the public exhibition at the town hall next Thursday evening. A company of 30 will take part in the exhibition, which will include Indian club drill, wand and dumb bell drills, special horizontal and parallel bar work, tumbling, pyramids, individual club swinging, etc.

John Moore, the veteran baggage master of the New London Northern railroad, who has of late come into Brattleboro every other day on the boat train, died at New London Tuesday from pneumonia. Mr. Moore will be buried today at Middlebury. The funeral will be held at the town hall and the railroad employees will send beautiful floral tributes. Mr. Moore ran on the first train over the New London road, and his last trip was a week ago today on the short run, with Conductor Spafford.

James B. Eustis of Louisiana, who has been appointed minister to France, was a well-known visitor in Brattleboro when a young man, coming here as the guest of the Buckner family, who lived in the house now owned and occupied by George E. Crowell. Mr. Eustis is a graduate of the Harvard law school, and during the civil war served in the Confederate armies on the staffs of Gen. Magruder and Johnston. He was a prominent figure in the reconstruction of Louisiana, and served six years of service in the state legislature. He was elected to the United States Senate for two terms.

Mr. Mayo will be seen here April 5 in his livery of the back woods, "Davy Crockett," a characterization that has brought fame to the celebrated actor. The Indian-applauded Sentinel says: "Strictly American in name and motive, devoid of the offensive Indian character, it stands today the most distinctive American play ever written. Its romance is of a delightful character—winning in its nature, pure in sentiment—such sentiment as should find a resting place in every American's heart. To see 'Davy Crockett' is to be armed with a telling proof against the oft stated argument that an American life offers no theme for dramatists."

Faithfulness to duty is sometimes rewarded, even in an official of Republican proclivities under a Democratic administration—especially when the Republican has made his services well-nigh indispensable. The case in point is that of George M. Taylor, formerly of Brattleboro and since of New York, who has been connected with the finance committee of the United States Senate for the past 10 years. When the committee were recently reorganized Senator Voorhees of Indiana (Democrat) succeeded Senator Morrill of Vermont. The committee, through Mr. Voorhees, has informed Mr. Taylor that they wish him to remain with them, and the committee is to be congratulated on its good sense and Mr. Taylor on this recognition of his work.

Thomas D. Brooks, father of Herbert F. Brooks of this place, died of apoplexy at his home in Athol, Mass., Wednesday evening, at the age of 82. Although thus advanced in years, he had retained his vigor and activity to a remarkable degree. The fatal stroke came suddenly Sunday morning, and he never recovered consciousness. H. F. Brooks was notified by telephone and he and Mrs. Brooks left for Athol Monday morning. The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon. Thomas D. Brooks was for a time engaged in the boot and shoe business on a large scale at Wendell, Mass., but in recent years has lived on his farm a mile and a half from Athol village. It was only on the Wednesday preceding his death that he told his son, who then paid him a visit, that he had never felt better or enjoyed a winter more than he had the past one.

The Hinsdale stage began to make its regular trips on wheels last Friday.

Several venturesome robins were seen and heard in different parts of the village Tuesday and Wednesday.

L. B. Taft has bought D. P. Cobb's interest in the four-story manufacturing building on Flat street, which they erected last season.

Ralph Chamberlain has bought a building lot on the west side of the Boyden place on Canal street, on which he will erect a house the coming season.

There will be a special meeting of the Brattleboro rifle club at the army next week Friday evening at 7:30, when all members are requested to be present.

The March number of the North American Review and the cover holding it have been taken away from the reading-room of the Free library. Their immediate return is desired.

Charles H. Upham of Westminster has bought E. B. Bissell's house, barn and acre of land in Centerville through May & Crown's agency. Mr. Upham will come here to live.

Members of the Non-Secret Endowment Order have this week received \$3 each, the amount of their last assessment, which was received by the officers of the order being placed in the hands of a receiver.

John L. Howard now has 240 pupils at the High school building. He also has large classes at the Northfield seminary and Mr. Hermon school, making 600 pupils in all, in addition to those taught privately.

The report of the 26th annual convention of the Young Men's Christian association of Vermont, held at Brattleboro last January, has been issued from The Phoenix job printing office. It makes a handsome pamphlet of 16 pages.

The next meeting of the Fortnightly club will be held at the house of E. D. Whitney on Green street next Tuesday evening at 7:45. The papers to be read will have for their subject "The German influence in the United States."

The death of Ella E., wife of Wilbur George, the foreman at the Holden & Martin factory, occurred Monday from consumption, after a long illness. The funeral was held Wednesday and the body was taken to Newport, this state, for burial. Mr. George is left with four small children.

The Brattleboro savings bank has recently bought a Hammond Universal typewriter through Miss Florence E. Clark. Miss Clark is working up a good supply trade in connection with her sale of typewriters, including ribbons for Caligraph and Remington machines as well as all supplies for Hammond typewriters.

Miss Addie Reed gave a very interesting account of her trip to the life of the southern Africa before the Good Will club Monday evening. Her talk was illustrated by views of Edinburgh, Scotland, and several African towns, including Graaf-Reynet and Cape Town. She made the evening very instructive and enjoyable to all who listened to her.

Capt. Tuthery, who was recently detailed to the war department to inspect the Vermont National Guard, has been assigned to the staff of the commander-in-chief as assistant inspector general by Gov. Fuller. Capt. Tuthery will communicate with Gen. Estey and arrange for such instruction of the National Guard as may be found practicable.

The men of the Universalist society served their annual sugar supper with neatness and despatch at the vestry Tuesday evening. A large number were in attendance and the proceeds were \$37. F. R. Vaughan was general manager, L. H. Barrett, C. D. Whitman, J. F. Stearns, George Smith, Oscar Smith and Wm. Ellis had charge of the culinary department, while Thomas Hannon, Harry Rowe, S. W. Edwards, Albert Taylor and W. E. Combs, with a corps of younger assistants, were "good waits."

H. E. Howard has been appointed superintendent of the Connecticut River, Vermont Valley and Sullivan County railroad by the management of the Boston & Maine railroad. The position is now divided between H. F. Sampson, who has the first road, and John Mulligan, who has the second. W. E. Ray will be assistant superintendent. Mr. Howard is now general freight traffic manager and has been 30 years connected with the road, and Mr. Ray is passenger trainmaster, with 20 years' experience with the company. The change will be made April 1.

Many young men of the village feel a sense of personal loss in the death of Alonzo J. Atwood, which took place last Saturday morning. Mr. Atwood was only 26 years of age. He was a son of Mrs. E. R. Atwood, with whom he had always lived. He also leaves a brother, living in Worcester, Mass. The cause of death was consumption, and although it was known that the disease was incurable the end came with unexpected suddenness. Mr. Atwood was an employee of the Eastern Vermont company and a member of the Vermont Wheel club. Thirty-five members of that organization attended the funeral, which was held Monday, Rev. Mr. Webb officiating.

Marshall H. Peck of Brookfield and Miss Fannie H. Knapp, daughter of Mrs. R. H. Stoddard of West Dummerston, were married Wednesday at Mr. Kirkland's by Rev. C. O. Day. They left for a short wedding trip but will return and spend two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard. Miss Knapp graduated from the Brattleboro High school in the class of '90, and has been teacher of the High school primary school for two years. Mr. Peck's future home will be in Brookfield, where the groom owns a farm, which was the gift of his father, Hon. Cassius Peck of that town, one of the leading grangers and agriculturists of the state. They have the best wishes of the bride's large circle of friends in this vicinity.

Last September a horse-stealing affair, involving \$7500 worth of property, was brought to the attention of people in this vicinity by the arrest of James Kanrey at the Houghton farm in Putney, charged with knowingly receiving stolen property. Kanrey presented a bill of sale, showing that he had paid \$500 for a team which one Isaac F. Hare of Barre, Mass., secured in Boston by giving bogus checks in payment. Hare and an accomplice, who had been in Putney for several days, drove away a few hours before Officer McCulloch arrived there. Hare returned to Worcester, Mass., from the West a few days ago and was arrested on a warrant sworn to by Mrs. Isaac Hare, from whom he secured a horse and buggy worth \$350. Hare has several victims in Worcester, Boston and Waltham.

Windham County Pomona grange will meet with Protective grange of Brattleboro at Grand Army hall next Thursday. In the morning general business will be transacted, reports of the subordinate granges given and the 5th degree conferred. After the dinner is served there will be a public meeting, beginning at 1:30. The address of welcome will be delivered by George W. Pierce and Mrs. C. H. Newton of Vernon will respond. The question, "The claims of the farmer and his family, how met, or what is to make farming better," will be considered by O. T. Ware, Mrs. Jane Goodenough, Mrs. C. H. Ware, Mrs. M. J. Chase of the company of Burlington, and Miles S. McMahon of Stowe. Mr. Whitman will go to Chicago next month and will remain throughout the fair.

A harbinger of spring—a flock of 30 wild geese passed over the village Monday. Fleming & Son have put in a new boiler for supplying the Brooks House with hot water.

Only a few days remain in which the dog show can get an entry registered at the town clerk's office for \$1.

The winter term of the North street school closes next Tuesday. The spring term will begin Wednesday, April 12.

About 40 couples attended the dance at Odd Fellows hall last evening. Another dance will be given next Friday evening.

A. E. Thurber's bakery force has been diminished this week, both drivers and two other employees being ill with measles.

Several of the Boston & Maine and Connecticut River railroad officials were in town Friday and Saturday, on a trip to take an inventory of stock.

The contributions of \$675, received by the state at the convention in Brattleboro in January, have been increased to a total of \$1000.

Rev. Gerald Stanley of Sharon, Conn., son of Rev. S. H. Lee, formerly of Brattleboro, has accepted the call to the Park church of West Springfield, Mass.

Mr. Sherman, from the office of the superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company, was in town yesterday, trying to obtain quarters for a new local office.

Willis D. Gilson of this place has bought of Hon. Silas Hardy the Joseph Wilson homestead and mill property at West Keene, N. H. The property includes 30 acres of land, the mill pond and water privileges.

The Postal Telegraph company will run four copper wire lines from Springfield, Mass., to Montreal this summer. The number by routing at Brattleboro, White River Junction, and Montpelier to Burlington. At present Brattleboro is the most northerly point reached by the company on the east side of the mountain.

Col. Hooker, as chairman of the old board of selectmen, received last week from the Central Vermont railroad company a check of \$830 for Joseph Levesque, whose leg was cut off while coupling cars in the railroad yard last fall. Of this amount \$300 is paid to the injured man, \$50 is for an artificial leg, and the balance is for his support.

Mrs. Jesse Burdett of Rutland, the state regent of southern Vermont, has instituted a chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Brattleboro, appointing Mrs. A. G. Cobb as the chapter regent, Mrs. L. K. Fuller, vice regent, and Mrs. J. J. Estey, treasurer. Any woman may become a member by proving that her ancestors were patriots and fought in the Revolutionary war. A meeting will soon be held, when persons wishing to become members may make their applications.

James Lee, aged 37, who had been employed at the Lyons granite quarry at West Dummerston, was killed on the Connecticut River railroad track near Brightwood, Mass., last week Thursday. To avoid a southbound freight train he stepped on the spur track between two freight cars. When the freight train had passed he stepped in front of the locomotive of the passenger train, which he could not see approaching. He was thrown about 30 feet into the ditch. His right ankle, right shoulder and rib on the right side were broken, and he died in a few moments. His home was in Augusta, Me.

There was a meeting of the Connecticut valley cattlemen on Thursday of last week at the farm of James S. and George L. Henry in South Deerfield, Mass. Among the visitors, who came by invitation, were C. W. Smead of Greenfield, Messrs. Waite, Nichols, Clark, Sargent, Lucas and Fred Richardson of Brattleboro, George Phillips of Putney, J. M. and C. K. Smith of Sunderland and Fred Stone of Amherst. The occasion reminded the older ones of the time when many barns in Deerfield, Hatfield, Hadley and Northampton were filled every winter with fine cattle for fattening, but now the industry has been transferred to the western prairies where feed is cheaper.

Nathan D. Allen, for 15 years a deputy sheriff and for nine years past jailor and master of the Franklin county house of correction at Greenfield, has been appointed as inspector of the state prison, to succeed prison by Warden Bridges. Inspector Allen will be next in authority to Deputy Warden Hinkins and will have charge of the workshops and cells. Mr. Allen is 42 years of age, and in connection with his office as jailor and deputy sheriff has been especially referred to in the prison commission report. The points definitely set out on officers in the state. He will begin his new duties April 1. Mr. Allen was employed in the book store here by Mr. Steen and Mr. Felton nearly 20 years ago. His wife is daughter of C. W. Wyman.

Isaac P. Edmonds, chairman of the advisory board of the Lombard investment company, denounces, in a letter to the press, the "malicious, sensational and untrue" statements which are being sent over the country to discredit the Lombard investment company. The circular recently sent over the country is not the report of experts, but an issue of several dissatisfied stockholders and ex-employees in Philadelphia who are endeavoring to pull down the present management. He says the Lombard has not failed, is perfectly solvent, and has on hand \$700,000 and \$800,000 cash, and will continue to pay all its interest coupons when due and meet all liabilities.

Fred Mallory was arraigned before Justice Newton Saturday, charged with cruelty to a horse, and fined \$5 and costs, amounting to \$18.45. S. T. Davenport of West Brattleboro was Mallory's counsel. An appeal was taken to the county court. Mallory and P. Miller drove to Robert Earl's farm and took a 15-year-old team horse which had always been used on the "off" side, and which therefore persisted in running to that side, causing great annoyance to Mallory, who was driving. An alder stick was first applied to the animal. When driving through West Brattleboro on the return trip Mallory continually urged on his plodding steed by use of a strap. The horse at that time showed the effects of hard driving.

Commissioner C. D. Whitman, who is to have charge of the Vermont maple sugar exhibit at the World's Fair, has received the plans of the pavilion for the exhibit. They were drawn by Architect Hunt of Weathersfield, who designed the state building. The pavilion will be located in the agricultural building. It will be of attractive design, 20 by 27 in size. Mr. Whitman's idea of building it of maple wood will not be carried out, but the structure will be of wood, handsomely painted. Between the base and the ornamental top will be supporting columns, with figures at the entrance. The exhibit will be in the centre of the pavilion, with the sugar and syrup in glass cans so arranged as to be seen to good advantage. The cabinet containing the cases will be surmounted with a large globe filled with syrup. Among those who will contribute to the exhibit are the Vermont Maple Sugar exchange of Brattleboro, Mr. Prouty of Marlboro, the Millers of Dummerston, Mr. Fitch and Leonard & Son of Wilmington, Mr. Foster of Keene, the Welch Maple company of Burlington, and Miles S. McMahon of Stowe. Mr. Whitman will go to Chicago next month and will remain throughout the fair.

THE RAMBLER COGITATES.

Good friends:—The Rambler has been led in recent days to cogitate; yes, to cogitate. Strange as it may seem, these days, which always lead to cogitation. One of these things was a rumor. Now mayhap a rumor—a simple, innocent rumor—should not have led an old one like the Rambler into cogitation realms, but, whether proper or not, the fact remains that the Rambler cogitated.

And his cogitations, kind reader, were concerning the young. The Rambler remembers a day, or possibly several days of yore, considerably yore—as much as a yore and a half, mayhap—when there was "hurrying to and fro" (this the Rambler honestly confesses is a quotation), and looks of anger, surprise, mortification, and possibly other kinds, on the physiognomies of some students in that pride of the village, the High school. And for what, do you ask, gentle peruser of these pensive lines? The Rambler will elucidate. Some differences of opinion as to what constituted the governing power of the school, or some other mighty problem of like import—in his dotage the memory of the Rambler must ask indulgence: it is only a cogitation, so to speak. But the recollection of those days, and of those who should have been graduated that summer for some mysterious reason were set aside. Be that as it may, the Rambler has been led into this reverie, so to speak, as before stated, by reason of a rumor. Now the Rambler has been led to believe that a rumor, large, medium or small, may or may not be founded upon fact, and it would be a source of satisfaction if those kind persons who have knowledge of the matter would inform him concerning this particular rumor. But the Rambler must not lose his long syne reputation for brevity, and hence he finds it necessary to allude, with the modesty and delicacy which have always characterized all his writings, to the subject, which, as he has said, has reached his ears. Reader, it is nothing less than (and here the Rambler would reiterate and emphasize the fact that this rumor may not be a fact)—he repeats, it is nothing less than the actual withdrawal from the High school of one, two, or possibly more members of the "class of '93," because they are not only could not have the valedictory or salutatory address at the graduation, but "O ye who have tears" etc. (there is not room or time for the whole quotation, affecting as it is)—yes, gentle reader, they were not even chosen to orate or gyrate in any capacity whatever at the graduation exercises.

The Rambler cogitates, were some mathematical, to wit: If 15 are to be chosen from 30 to represent their class, how would it be possible for 30 to take a prominent part in the proceedings? Mind you, kind friend, the Rambler does not say this cannot be done, but his old rule of three won't somehow fit in. But the Rambler is satisfied that such must be the case, for otherwise these fair and studious gentlemen would not have taken umbrage thereunto.

The Rambler, to be lucid beyond misunderstanding, is in a profound state of mind. His old friend, Colburn, affirmed that when 15 were taken from 30 there must be 15 left. The rumor is that some have left, but will the logical conclusion be that the board of selectmen, the executive committee, or the faculty, are dropping into the old way of designating them go to school till they are 18 years of age in order to appear once on the town hall stage in "best bib and tucker" and talk back to their dear teachers and their fathers and mothers? Is this, in this decaying and dissolute age, the goal of their ambition?

In the Rambler's day it was thought to be a real good thing to have an education, but it pains him to cogitate (it does, dear friend, it always pains him to cogitate) that the rising generation, male and female, are all bending their energies to get into Congress, and being disappointed in the opportunity of immortalizing themselves, they are turning to the other side of the coin, and who must sit and throw bouquets and burn their hands through the living night, they propose to let the old High school, of blessed memory, go down to oblivion.

Well, reader, this is a weary world, and the Rambler is reminded of an expression used recently in his hearing by a young man, who, it is not to be simply reminded of it, and would not in any sense be guilty of using the expression. The aforesaid irreverent and shocking phrase was: "Such folks make me tired!"

THE WATER QUESTION.

The board of healths held a special meeting Monday evening at which Mr. Crowell was present, and the water question was fully discussed. The points definitely set out on officers in the state. He will begin his new duties April 1. Mr. Allen was employed in the book store here by Mr. Steen and Mr. Felton nearly 20 years ago. His wife is daughter of C. W. Wyman.

Isaac P. Edmonds, chairman of the advisory board of the Lombard investment company, denounces, in a letter to the press, the "malicious, sensational and untrue" statements which are being sent over the country to discredit the Lombard investment company. The circular recently sent over the country is not the report of experts, but an issue of several dissatisfied stockholders and ex-employees in Philadelphia who are endeavoring to pull down the present management. He says the Lombard has not failed, is perfectly solvent, and has on hand \$700,000 and \$800,000 cash, and will continue to pay all its interest coupons when due and meet all liabilities.

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Commissioner C. D. Whitman, who is to have charge of the Vermont maple sugar exhibit at the World's Fair, has received the plans of the pavilion for the exhibit. They were drawn by Architect Hunt of Weathersfield, who designed the state building. The pavilion will be located in the agricultural building. It will be of attractive design, 20 by 27 in size. Mr. Whitman's idea of building it of maple wood will not be carried out, but the structure will be of wood, handsomely painted. Between the base and the ornamental top will be supporting columns, with figures at the entrance. The exhibit will be in the centre of the pavilion, with the sugar and syrup in glass cans so arranged as to be seen to good advantage. The cabinet containing the cases will be surmounted with a large globe filled with syrup. Among those who will contribute to the exhibit are the Vermont Maple Sugar exchange of Brattleboro, Mr. Prouty of Marlboro, the Millers of Dummerston, Mr. Fitch and Leonard & Son of Wilmington, Mr. Foster of Keene, the Welch Maple company of Burlington, and Miles S. McMahon of Stowe. Mr. Whitman will go to Chicago next month and will remain throughout the fair.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than at any other