BELLOWS FALLS NEWS.

Special Corporation Meeting.

New Water Pipes to be Laid---Family Rate Fixed at $3 a Year---Prospective Gift of $10,000 Accepted.

The corporation meeting of the village was held last week Thursday evening, for the first time, in the opera house. There was a good attendance, George A. Weston moderator. The warning for the meeting had as its first article "To see if the corporation will vote to rescind the vote passed at the regular meeting of the corporation, held January 28, 1895, to lay water pipe from the pond down and elsewhere." After a discussion participated in by H. D. Ryder, George A. Weston, Wyman Flint, John T. Moore, A. H. Brown and others, it was voted 135 to 4 to leave it as decided at the annual meeting. A 20-inch pipe will be laid from the pond half-way down to the highway, 16-inch pipe from there to Rockingham street, and a still smaller pipe from there. Under Article 2d, in regard to laying new pipe in any part of the village, it was voted that a four-inch pipe be laid on the extension of Williams and Henry streets.

A new contract is to be made for lighting the streets for three years, the old one soon expiring. It was voted that water metres be placed in all schoolhouses before Aug. 1, also that the rental for each family of nine persons or less be $3 a year.

The resolution offered by L. G. Howard to give the village $10,000, one-half in 1900 and the remainder at his death, "to be forever known as 'The Sarah Buss Howard Memorial Fund,' the annual interest of which is to be used in aid of the poor who are residents of said village and who are not supported in whole or in part by the state or any town or county," was adopted.

At the Trotting Track.

L. T. Lovell's trotting track near the Clark farm is being utilized by a number of horsemen this season and is in fine condition. Joe Severance is working horses there every day and has some very promising colts in training. Among them is one owned by Lewis Lovell, a chestnut mare known as Maymont that has never been on a track before. In his care also is a black gelding owned by Geo. M. Cory of Saxtons River, sired by Abdallah Prince, which is improving rapidly. He is to have a four-year-old chestnut stallion owned by E. P. Gay, named Eclamont. Mr. Severance had the handling of this horse last year which was taken to the Springfield fair the first time he was hitched to a sulky and won the three-year-old race, making in the first and second heats 2:55 and 2:51¼, with no errors. Mr. Severance seems to be having very good success with horses entrusted to his care.

Odd Fellows' Big Day.

Wednesday next is looked forward to with great anticipations by the Odd Fellows, and their arrangements are completed for a notable gathering. The principal streets are to be paraded in the afternoon, a banquet served at 6 o'clock in banquet hall, a public installation of officers and a concert following in Union hall. Dancing is to begin at 9:15; supper at Town's Hotel. Beedle's orchestra furnishes music for the concert and dancing. Two bands are to accompany them in the parade.

The New Editor of the Times.

L. P. Thayer has sold a third interest in the Bellows Falls Times to Willis C. Belknap, a native of Berlin, a graduate of Dartmouth and of the law department of the University of Michigan. Mr. Belknap at one time worked on the Montpelier Watchman and for the past year has been connected with the Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times. He will be the editor of the Times, and Mr. Thayer will attend to the business management.

James Diggins's brother Thomas, from Iowa, spent a few days with him last week.

Pupils are in training by Miss Mary McLeod for the junior exhibition which occurs the last of May.

The ball team of the High school go to Keene in the near future to play the team of the High school there.

Department Commander B. Cannon, jr., is in Barre this week visiting the Grand Army post of that place.

The sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Alexander, Harry of Boston and Hugh of Colorado, are visiting them.

John Chipman was home last week from Rochester, this state, where the Fall Mountain company has a logging camp.

The Forresters of Court William French go to Rutland Tuesday of next week to assist in the organization of a court there.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Osgood left on Tuesday for Harrisburg, Penn., to attend the marriage of Mrs. Osgood's brother, Will Farnham.

Rev. E. L. Sanford, brother of the rector of Immanuel church, is in town and will assist at the services of the church next Sunday.

Bishop Hall made his regular visitation to Immanuel church Wednesday, preaching in the evening to a large congregation, and confirming a class of four.

The 70th anniversary of the founding of the order of odd fellows will be observed by the local canton, by attending the Methodist church in a body on Sunday.

A thorough search has been made and careful watch kept of the banks of the river this week for the bodies of the young men drowned on Tuesday of last week, but nothing has been found of them yet.

Mrs. W. J. Wheeler, who, with her little child, has been for some weeks at her old home here, has gone to her new home in Philadelphia. Mrs. Wheeler will be remembered as Kate Diggins. Since her marriage her home has been in Worcester, Mass.

Dr. John T. Rudden of this place and Miss Mary Brennan of Windsor were married in St. Francis church in the latter place, Wednesday morning. Miss Brennan will be remembered as having been in the store of Stone, Tuxbury & Co. for some time. Dr. and Mrs. Rudden have the hearty good wishes of their many friends here.

Mrs. Randilla Thompson died at the home of her son, Horace W. Thompson, Monday. Mrs. Thompson was 88 years old, and had been ill, confined to her bed, for five years. The funeral was held at Mr. Thompson's Thursday, Rev. Mr. Navramore of the Methodist church, of which Mrs. Thompson was a communicant, officiating. The burial was at Springfield, Vt., her old home.

Telephone rates have had a fall this month and it is expected quite an increase in number of subscribers will be the result. The prices from April 1 are to be $2.00 for residences, and $2.50 for places of business. The best of service is given by this exchange, and as all villages within a large radius are connected, as well as long distance connection with the cities, it is a great assistance to business of all kinds.

Superintendent H. D. Ryder of our school board has called the attention of all teachers in town to the new law passed at the recent session of the legislature requiring the last half day's session of school before Memorial day to be devoted to services commemorative of the history of our nation during the war of the rebellion. After quoting from the law his circular letter says, "it is expected that every teacher will fully comply with the requirements of the statute both in letter and in spirit. The manner of such compliance is left to the good sense and patriotism of each teacher."

The Oracle, our High school paper, is out this week and devotes over a page, very pleasantly, to a tribute to Mrs. A. H. Webb, nee Barry, who is greatly endeared to such a large number of the past and present pupils. The page contains a finely executed picture of their former teacher, making a very fitting remembrance from the school, testifying to the sixteen years devoted to the welfare of the young people of our village. An editorial in the same paper refers very pertinently to the great loss which the school experiences in her leaving it for a different sphere of life.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Williams tendered a very pleasant reception Monday evening to the members of the Congregational Sunday school, of which he is superintendent, and to the members of the congregation. The reception was given in the vestry and parlors of the church, and the pastors and officers of other schools in town were included in the invitations. The primary scholars were entertained from six to eight, and the older members after that hour. An orchestra was in attendance, and a pleasing program of vocal and instrumental music was enjoyed, as well as a number of readings by Miss Conant, teacher of elocution at Vermont Academy.

Mrs. Hetty Green appeared before the commissioners of taxes and assessments at New York Monday, attended by two lawyers and two stenographers—the latter two, she explained, in order that one should be a check upon the other. This "richest woman in America" is trying to get out of paying taxes on a personal estate of $1,540,000, on the ground that she is not a resident of New York city. But a rigid examination failed to discover where she did live. If she had any home it was Bellows Falls, but when there she stopped at a hotel. She told over the places she had lived at in New York, in the course of the last year, but vowed that she had been a visitor and paid no board at any one of them, except at one boarding house, where she stayed two weeks.

Personal.

Miss Gertrude Hayes is spending a week or two visiting her grandmother, Mrs. A. T. Danforth at Royalton, Vt.

Rev. Mr. Sanford has so far recovered from his recent severe illness as to be able to preach last Sunday for the first time.

Rev. J. E. Fullerton of the Congregational church exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Chapin of Saxtons River last Sunday.

C. W. Osgood attended the rallies of the New England constituency of the American Board, of which he is a corporate member, in Boston Tuesday and Wednesday.

S. C. Fleming went a week or so ago to Pomfret, Conn., where he is to have the management of the Pomfret Inn, one of the best hotels in that state, having a contract until November. Mrs. Fleming's health is much improved from what it has been the past two years.

CAMBRIDGEPORT.

Frank Davis is in Buffalo, N. Y., visiting his brother.

Mrs. F. E. Howard is visiting at her old home in Wallingford.

The families of Frank Lawrence and E. Martin are moving to Springfield.

L. H. Eastman, who has a throat and lung trouble, has been very ill the past week.

F. A. Stevens has bought a farm in Windham and will leave here in a few weeks.

Mrs. Hannah Bemis has bought the place lately occupied by Mr. Redfield's family.

The W. C. T. U. will hold their annual meeting Thursday afternoon, May 2, in the chapel.

Rev. Mr. Williamson, sent here by the Methodist conference, preached last Sunday for the first time.

SAXTONS RIVER.

F. B. Locke has been in Boston this week.

P. Mack is moving into the boarding house up-stairs.

Miss Anna Alexander is with her sister in New York city.

Jefferson Severance returns this week to Staffordville, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dean are visiting Mr. Dean's mother.

Miss Hilliard returned Monday to her normal school work.

W. Barry carries on at the halves the Warner farm this year.

E. Vancour is quite ill, suffering acutely. His case appears critical.

J. Whitcomb advertises an auction sale on Saturday of this week.

There will be a service of praise Sunday evening at the Congregational vestry.

Bishop Hall lectured at Fuller hall last evening. Subject, "Education a trust for the common good."

Miss Abbie R. Huntington, we are happy to report, intends to resume her residence in our village about July 1.

Fences gradually disappear in front of our residences. Our street will be improved in the removal of all the fences.

For days men have been at work upon our cemetery grounds. The grounds will soon be in their usual fine condition.

WESTMINSTER.

R. S. Safford arrived at his home here Wednesday.

Mrs. Ira Smith is at her home again and expects to remain here for the summer.

C. H. Church returned from the hospital last week. He is able to be up and take exercise out of doors.

The primary school opened with 35 scholars, the grammar 17. Mr. Fullam is carrying the scholars from Nos. 10 and 11, running two teams.

GROVE.

People are taking in their buckets and putting up their fences and some are plowing.

The school at this place began last Monday with Miss Edith M. Evans as teacher.

D. M. Thompson has been at work for C. E. Prouty

Ten Years' Experience.

I have experimented more or less for the last ten years with different varieties of potatoes in different locations, with varying conditions of soil and with different kinds of fertilizers, including both stable manure and commercial fertilizers. For the last three years I have had very good success under the following conditions:—

The location being a gravelly ridge, I put on a clover sod for potatoes, and next to that, land planted to corn the previous year. I use varieties of potatoes that are good yielders, and grow rank tops. I used one-half ton Stockbridge Manure per acre, and planted from three to five acres each year, harvesting at the rate of 300 bushels to the acre, the last season harvesting 1,320 bushels from four acres.

My manner for caring for them is this:—I plow about 9 inches deep, harrow the land thoroughly, and furrow out 5 inches deep, 3 feet apart, for the rows, strew the fertilizer, mixing it with the soil before planting. I use a medium sized potato, cutting to one or two eyes, dropping two pieces in a hill, two feet apart in a row, and cover them by hand, being very particular with this part of the work. As soon as weeds make their appearance, we harrow with a smoothing harrow two or three times, or until the potatoes are three inches high, cultivate them when six inches high, going twice in a row, and use the hiller when a foot high, going twice in a row, making wide flat hills or rows.

I have used Paris green for bugs, with water, until the last season, when I used the Cyclone duster. I have used the Bordeaux mixture for the past three years. Under this method of cultivation, very little hand hoeing is necessary. Previous to 1891 I experimented with stable manure, both green and rotted, ploughing in, also spreading on top with unsatisfactory results. I could grow tops and potatoes, but they would be scabby or rotten as to make it unprofitable. I have used many different brands of commercial fertilizers, but have had the best results with the Stockbridge Manure. Although costing more per ton than some others, I consider it much the cheapest to buy.

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