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Meteorological Record.

WEEK ENDING THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 11, 1897

Date.	Barometer. Daily Mean.	Thermometer. Daily Mean.	Thermometer. Maximum.	Thermometer. Minimum.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Highest Velocity.	Wind. Total mov't in miles.	Mean Relative Humidity.	Rain in Inches.
Nov. 5	30.17	44	53	33	S.	14	257	90.5	
6	29.87	51	61	42	N. W.	30	438	85.5	
7	30.00	43	47	40	N.	20	302	78.6	
8	29.95	33	40	23	S.	12	201	91.3	
9	29.73	38	40	36	N.	8	190	100.	1.40
10	29.85	39	48	33	N. W.	31	229	80.	
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Announcements.

LOST—Wednesday forenoon, between Stockwell's stable, Brattleboro, and Vernon, a dark ulster overcoat. Suitable reward for its return to the American House, Brattleboro.

TO RENT—A small tenement. Enquire 26 Canal street.

Today 25 dozen more extra heavy ladies' fleece vests and pants, 25 cents each. T. W. BARNARD.

TO RENT—Nice tenement on lower floor, seven rooms and barn. H. C. STREETER, 6 Organ street.

TENEMENT TO RENT—Enquire of WM. S. NEWTON.

TO LET—At 13 Chestnut street, pleasant down stairs tenement of five rooms, new paint and paper, spring water, garden and barn. Enquire of J. F. White, 16 Forest street.

More blankets at 41, 50, 75 cents to $3 a pair; can save you money. T. W. BARNARD.

FOR SALE, RENT OR EXCHANGE—For other property, good two-tenement house in Brattleboro. One acre land. S. W. EDGETT & CO.

Marcus Ward & Co.'s Royal Irish linen stationery at Clapp & Jones's.

Beautiful framed pictures at low prices.
CLAPP & JONES.

Waterman fountain pens the best. Full assortment at CLAPP & JONES.

Have your pictures framed at Clapp & Jones's.

We offer today 100 pair new fall shades in kid gloves at 79 cents a pair; won't last long.
T. W. BARNARD.

Four coal stoves for sale. H. R. LAWRENCE.

$1.25 will replace that broken mainspring in your watch and warrant it for one year at C. W. Sawyer's, opposite American House.

Up-stairs tenement to rent. 93 Frost street.

Popular sheet music and books. Strings for all instruments and musical supplies at Clapp & Jones's.

TO RENT—Stores, also tenement in my block.
JOHN RETTING.

LOST—A shell side-comb with gold trimmings. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning to MISS FLORENCE THORN, 11 Forest street.

To make room for new teas, we offer our entire stock now on hand at 45 cents per pound. Five and 10 pound lots at 40 cents per pound. These are 50 and 60 cent teas at MRS. JACOBS'S, Elliot street, Opposite Grange block.

TO RENT—Tenement of five rooms in Leonard block. S. W. EDGETT & CO.

TO RENT—Cottage house at 84 Elliot street.
S. W. EDGETT & CO.

Dressmaking.

I have just returned from Boston with a line of dress patterns of the latest novelty goods, no two alike. Silks and velvets for waists, also imported trimmings in cut jet and braids, laces and silks. Made up in the latest fashion very reasonable at
MCMENIMEN'S, 9 Flat street.

Licensed Auctioneer.

G. P. Miller, office with A. E. Miller, 82 Main street, Brattleboro.

Thanksgiving, Nov. 25.

The Governor's proclamation is a reminder that a family Thanksgiving dinner will be served at the Brooks House, and those who wish to save themselves the trouble of getting dinner at home may celebrate the annual festival there in agreeable surroundings. Dinner from 12:30 to 2 o'clock.

Feet Made Easy

Corns, Bunions, Ingrowing Nails treated. Price reduced to 25 cents. I will be at the Brooks House tomorrow, Sunday and Monday.
DR. R. C. CARRICK, Chiropodist.

Wanted.

Pupils in shorthand. Typewriting solicited. LILIAN G. PARK, stenographer and typewriter, office with H. E. Taylor & Son.

BRATTLEBORO.

Patrick Austin, who works in the freight yard, and Miss Mary Hennessey were married at the Catholic church last evening by Rev. Father Cunningham.

There will be a hearing Nov. 23, in the case of Miss Serotia Alexander against the Brattleboro Street Railroad company. Miss Alexander has petitioned for the removal of the company's switch from in front of her house on Canal street.

The 48th annual meeting of the Brattleboro Book club was held at Mrs. Kirkland's on Walnut street last evening. The following officers were chosen: Mrs. James M. Tyler, treasurer; Mrs. James Dalton, secretary; Mrs. Charles Warder, Mrs. N. I. Hawley and Mrs. Royall Tyler, book committee. Then followed the sale of the books and magazines, after which refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Hannibal A. Williams of New York city will appear in the Auditorium next month in two Shakspere recitals, for the benefit of the High school library. Mr. Williams will appear Dec. 8 and will present "The Tempest;" the Sir Arthur Sullivan music will accompany this. "As You Like It" will be given Dec. 22 by Mrs. Williams (Jean Stuart Brown); the music for this is mostly by German. Mr. and Mrs. Williams give the plays entirely from memory and come to us with the highest recommendations from the many cities in which they have appeared.

Brattleboro people rubbed their eyes in amazement this morning when they gazed out upon the snow covered landscape. The rain of yesterday afternoon turned to snow about 10:30 last evening, and this morning the ground was covered to a depth of three or four inches. The streets have been stretches of slush this forenoon, and many residents have made themselves liable to a fine in not having their sidewalks clean. It might be well to try the law upon some of the authorities, as the sidewalks in front of the Elliot and South Main street engine houses and on the Main street bridge had not been cleaned at 10:30.

The first competitive hunt that Brattleboro sportsmen have held in recent years will begin next Monday, with D. G. O'Neill and Ralph Chamberlain as captains. There will be 35 men on each side. The game will be left at the Brattleboro House each night, and the count will take place there. The contest will end a week from Monday night, and the hunters will then gather at the Brattleboro House for a game supper, to be paid for by the losing side. Game will be scored as follows: Bear, 50 points; deer, 40; coon, 38; woodcock, 22; partridge, 20; quail, 18; rabbit, 15; squirrel, 10. The committee of arrangements have not had time to see all of the hunters, and those wishing to take part in the hunt are requested to leave names at the Brattleboro House.

K. L. Haskins, formerly with Holden & Martin, has employed 11 hands in his wood finishing shop at Greenfield the past season. He has a plant of his own for lighting the shop by electricity.

J. W. Clayton, a former Brattleboro boy who is postmaster at Athol, Mass., has recently put the carrier delivery system into successful operation there. He has four carriers and two substitutes.

The annual meeting of the Canal Street Book club was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. G. H. Ryder. Mrs. Ryder was elected president and Mrs. Dennison Cowles, secretary and treasurer. The magazines of the past year were sold by auction.

Sherman & Jenne paid C. A. Gifford of North Hinsdale $880 yesterday to cover the loss by the burning of Mr. Gifford's barn two months ago. The insurance was in the New Hampshire Fire Insurance company, and the amount paid was the full value of the policy.

The second lecture in the "College Course," upon the Niebelungen Leid, by Prof. H. B. Richardson of Amherst college, will be given Dec. 14 at the town hall, and not Dec. 15 as at first proposed. The Choral Union have the use of the building Dec. 15 and 16 for rehearsal and the greatly anticipated rendition of the oratorio of "Elijah."

The last issue of the Watchman, the Baptist journal, in its report of the ministers' conference at Lynn, Mass., said: "Rev. L. D. Temple of Brattleboro, Vt., spoke on the fundamental importance of a sufficient supply of ministers for the work of the Gospel at home and abroad; and the consequent priority of ministerial education in the beneficence of the churches. He made the history of Christianity testify to the prime importance of preaching, and held the church responsible for the production and equipment of preachers."

The Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts boundary line commissioners, including Col. Kittredge Haskins, who have recently erected a monument marking the intersection of the division lines between those three states, met Wednesday to audit some accounts growing out of their work and incidentally to look at the monument, which they had not seen since it was erected. They also made a satisfactory settlement with Mrs. Margaret Ragan of South Vernon who presented a bill for $25, claiming that she sustained that amount of damage when the monument was drawn through her garden.

Depositions were taken before Justice J. H. Merrifield Tuesday in the case of Celia M. Cutler of Brookline against D. D. Dickinson of Williamsville, each of whom holds a mortgage, negotiated by A. F. & L. E. Kelley of Minneapolis, on the same piece of land, each mortgage purporting to be a first lien. Mr. Dickinson's mortgage was executed prior to Mrs. Cutler's and he has never given a release of it. Mrs. Cutler asks to have Mr. Dickinson's mortgage declared invalid for the reason that the mortgagor paid to the Kelleys the amount of the Dickinson mortgage before executing the mortgage held by her.

Connecticut valley tobacco growers will receive higher prices for their crops this season than were paid a year ago. The increase in price is due to a short crop, which was caused by an overabundance of rain during July and August. Buyers are present in the valley in considerable numbers and about a third of the crop has been sold at prices ranging from 12 to 23 cents a pound in the bundle. The average price is about five cents higher than last year. A smaller proportion of the crop than usual will be available for wrappers. Ordinarily 60 or 65 per cent, sometimes as high as 80 per cent, but this year not more than 33 per cent, of the crop is available for this purpose.

The meeting of the Woman's club Friday afternoon, held at the Brooks House by invitation of Mrs. Whitaker, was well attended, and several matters of unusual interest and importance presented themselves. The announcement of the gift to the kindergarten of $15, and a hint at the movement which has since secured a generous sum to be turned into the treasury for the same purpose, called forth hearty applause. It was voted to have, some time during the winter, two organ recitals, to be given, free of charge, in some of the churches. A good degree of interest is being manifested in this movement, and it is hoped the recitals may prove as great a success as the club anticipate. It was a pleasure to the club to again have Mrs. Sallie Joy White with them, and to listen to the brief talk which she consented to give.

The marriage of Thomas Donoghue and Miss Mamie Sheehan was celebrated Tuesday morning in the convent chapel at Rutland, Rev. Father Gaffney officiating. John Mooney of Middlebury was best man and Miss Margaret Donoghue of Brattleboro, a sister of the groom, was bridemaid. A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents. In the evening the groom's father gave a largely attended reception, at which there were dancing and festivities until a late hour. Miss Donoghue was accompanied to Rutland by Miss Mary McGraw and by D. Frank Shea and E. J. Shea. The latter remains in Rutland for a visit of a week. Mrs. Donoghue was formerly a resident of Brattleboro. Her father is a well known railroad man who moved to Rutland about six years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Donoghue are to make their home at 48 Pine street, Rutland.

In the beginning of his address upon "Macbeth," last Tuesday evening, the eloquent speaker said that we must go back to the Greek drama, of Æschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, to match the profound passion and moral force of Shakspere's masterpiece. It is this magnificent literature which Prof. Henry M. Tyler of Smith college will open up in his lecture, the first of the "College Course," next Monday evening at the town hall. The stereopticon views, giving a vivid idea of the appearence and conduct of the Greek theatre, will greatly aid the hearers. It may not be widely known, that, quite recently, a very full line of Latin and Greek classical authors, covering all of the most famous works, and in the best translations, has been placed in the public library. A rich and inspiring body of reading is thus opened to those who will become acquainted with the great Greek dramatisrs; and to hely them in this as well as to give general instruction and entertainment, will be the object of Prof. Tyler's lecture.

Judge E. L. Waterman was in Keene, N. H., yesterday as one of the counsel for the defendant in the case of Sanborn against Buxton, both of Chesterfield Factory, N. H., before Referee Hiram Blake. The case was one of three years' standing and the charge was assault and battery. The testimony tended to show that Sanborn, who is of massive frame, went upon the land of Buxton, who is of smaller physique and has one empty sleeve, and took therefrom some dirt with which to change the course of water flowing in the road. When ordered to desist Sanborn refused, claiming that he had a right to get the dirt for the purpose for which he desired it, whereupon Buxton lead Sanborn's horse partly from the field. Sanborn, being the stronger, got his team back into position and then Buxton began unhitching the traces. Sanborn struck Buxton with a rake, and Buxton grabbed a board and whacked Sanborn over the head. Sanborn immediately procured the services of a lawyer rather than a physician.

The annual banquet of the Vermont Wheel club will probably be held in January.

Will Roleau, a former Brattleboro boy, had a narrow escape from death at Essex Junction some time ago while at work putting a hay rack upon a cart. He was underneath the rack when a prop gave way, letting the rack down upon him. A bolt tore the side of his face from his ear to his chin, and he would probably have been killed but for the fact that the rack first struck on his shoulders.

Conductor L. W. Hawley announced at the rehearsal of the Choral Union Wednesday evening that Dec. 16 had been decided upon as the date for the presentation of Mendelssohn's "Elijah," and that the Auditorium had been engaged. The Union has the work well in hand and, although the music is by far the "stiffest" it has yet undertaken, Dec. 16 will see everything in readiness for a grand concert.

The Baptist Sunday school, in charge of Superintendent L. W. Hawley, will give a concert or Bible day exercise in the main room of the church next Sunday evening at the usual hour. The concert will consist mainly of exercises by the children and it will take the place of the second in Rev. Mr. Temple's series of Sunday evening sermons to young people, "Friends and Companions," which will be delivered a week from Sunday.

The Sunday school of the Congregational church voted to send Mrs. H. S. Caswell, the well known missionary in the employ of the Home Missionary society, $25 to be expended in the building of a parsonage in Nebraska, which will be the only parsonage in five large counties. In the evening the Christian Endeavor society voted to add $10 to that voted by the Sunday school, and the $35 will be sent at once for immediate use. It is hoped to increase this amount to $100 next February, when the annual collection for the Church Building society will be taken.

A Thanksgiving concert is in preparation by the members of the Congregational Sunday school to be given in the audience room of the church Sunday evening, Nov. 21. The children will be assisted in their exercises by the regular choir and by a mail quartet. In connection with the preparation for this concert the announcement of a special feature will be made next week. A Thanksgiving sociable will be held in the vestry on the following Tuesday evening when the children will be entertained in a very interesting manner by H. F. Jordan and Lieut. W. T. Haigh, who are "expert mystifiers."

Montpelier Watchman: "Dr. S. E. Lawton of the Brattleboro Retreat, Dr. F. W. Page, superintendent of the state asylum for the insane at Waterbury, and Dr. P. W. Fisher of Boston went to the county jail last Saturday morning, where they made an examination of the mental condition of Mildred Brewster. They were accompanied by State's Attorney Fred A. Howland and Z. S. Stanton, counsel for the state in the coming murder trial. Whatever determination the medical experts may have come to in regard to Miss Brewster, it will not be made public until it is given by them on the witness stand."

The success of the Popular Lecture course last season has led the young people of the Baptist church to arrange for a similar course this winter, and although dates are not yet definitely fixed, it is announced that four lectures and an entertainment will be given. As difficulty is found in arranging earlier dates, because of other engagements of the speakers, it is probable that the course will not open until late in January. The lecturers secured are Rev. Dr. C. I. Scofield of Northfield, who is expected to speak upon "Personal Recollections of the Southern Confederacy," Rev. G. Glenn Atkins of Greenfield, Rev. Dr. F. J. Parry and Rev. Hal D. Maxwell. The tickets, which will be on sale soon, will be placed at the same low figure which secured so generous a patronage last year. Subjects and dates will be announced later.

A large number of boys and several older persons met at the parlors of the Young Men's Christian association Monday evening, to discuss with Arthur B Clinton of Mount Hermon, plans for organizing classes for physical instruction during the winter. The benefits to be derived from such work were discussed by Secretary L. B. Hardy, Mrs. L. D. Temple and Mr. Clinton, and at the close of the remarks so many signified their intention of joining that it was decided to engage Mr. Clinton as physical director. A young men's class will be organized and will begin work at 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening, and a boys' class will be organized between 4 and 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. These hours will be the regular ones for instruction of the respective classes. Mr. Clinton, who is a student at Mount Hermon, was for two years a successful instructor in the Young Men's Christian association at Mauch Chunk, Pa.

The following from the report of State Inspector of Finance Hosea Mann will be of interest to many people in Brattleboro and Putney: "H. K. Bush of Barre has been appointed receiver for the assets in this state of the insolvent Granite State Provident association of Manchester, N. H., and is collecting them—about $35,000—as fast as possible, which he will hold subject to direction of the Vermont courts. David A. Taggart, general assignee at Manchester, informs me that decisions so far rendered in the courts require the return of the general assets scattered through several states to him for general distribution, and he expects this decision in all courts where the question is raised. He is attempting to secure the return of the specal deposits held by several states for general distribution also, and has recently secured a decision in the state of Michigan by the United States circuit court to the effect that the law of that state which places a lien on all the assets of said association in that state for the benefit of the stockholders thereof living in that state, is unconstitutional because of preference to citizens of Michigan over those of other states."

An examination in the matter of the insolvency estate of H. M. Adams was held before Judge E. L. Waterman Monday, the assignees being represented by Haskins & Schwenk and C. C. Fitts and Mr. Adams by Waterman, Martin & Hitt. The examination was in reference to the transfer of certain real estate and personal property by Mr. Adams previous to his filing a petition in insolvency. The law provides that if a man in unsound financial circumstances disposes of his property or a part of it within four months previous to the time he goes into insolvency for the purpose of securing particular creditors such transfer of property shall be declared illegal and shall be annulled for the benefit of the entire creditors. Previous to his failure Mr. Adams transferred some Marlboro real estate to George Persons, and other property was deeded to W. H. Minor, and it was with the purpose of establishing the fact as to whether the transfers were made earlier than four months previous to the insolvency proceeding that the assignees called for this preliminary examination. The fact was also cited that a number of horses, carriages, blankets and sleighs, covered by a mortgage held by H. P. Smith, had been disposed of contrary to the provisions of the mortgage, which did not contain a "buy and sell" clause, but it is well known that these sales were made with the supposition that the "buy and sell" clause was contained in the mortgage.

C. P. Gilson announces a big auction sale of 35 draft horses at the Elliot street stables, Wednesday, Nov. 17, beginning at 10 A. M. The horses may be seen at the stable previous to the sale.

We are told that "every movement and every sentence of the famous French artiste, Rhea, show the finished artiste and actress. Not only is she superb herself, but she is surrounded this season by a company of artists of rare ability and excellent repute."

Miss M. Belle Smith, supervisor of the Brattleboro High school, was chosen a member of the executive committee of the New England association of school superintendents at the 61st annual meeting of the association in the hall of the Boston Latin school last Friday.

Chief of Police Hall arrested Samuel Boyce, the cigar maker, Friday night for being intoxicated. Boyce, who had been ejected from the night lunch room, reposed in the lock-up until morning, when Judge Newton fined him $10 and costs, which he paid. He disclosed that he obtained his liquor in Greenfield and Northampton, where he had been selling cigars.

The kinetoscopic exhibition which was to have been given in the Baptist church last night under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor society was postponed to next Thursday night, the manager having sent word that several of his films had become damaged by accident and that it would be necessary to procure new ones in order to give a satisfactory entertainment.

The Northampton board of aldermen gave a hearing Friday evening on the petition of the Northampton and Amherst electric road for a franchise to build a track on Main, King and North streets thence to the Hadley bridge and on North King street to the Hatfield line. The franchise was granted although one petition against it was filed. The capital of $150,000 has all been taken and the company propose to build at once. E. C. Crosby of this town was present at the hearing.

The Boston Sunday Globe contained a large picture of the handsome residence of Mrs. Arthur W. Blake in Brookline, Mass. This house was the home of Geo. Baty Blake, a noted banker and native of Brattleboro, who died in 1875. Mrs. Arthur Blake is his son's widow. The Globe gave an extended sketch of Mr. Blake, from which the following is taken: "Both of his parents have their resting place in the beautiful cemetery on the hill, overlooking the Connecticut river, and very near their Brattleboro home."

The Arapahoe, Oklahoma, Bee announces the arrival of Sheriff Nicolas and H. R. Knight in Arapahoe last week Tuesday. The Bee has a long article on the indictment against County Treasurer Hadlock, and says the charge made against him is the last desperate effort of a desperate gang of boodlers and bulldozers to destroy the Republican party of Custer county and gain control of the finances and offices of the county. Another issue of the paper says Knight will be able "to make it hot for his enemies."

Miss Nellie Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Austin, and William Boyce were quietly married Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents on Elliot street. The house was trimmed with evergreen and chrysanthemums and only the families of the couple were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Cunningham, George Danyeaw acting as best man, and Elizabeth Austin as bridemaid. The bride was attired in a blue traveling suit and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. A wedding supper was served after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Boyce started on their wedding tour that evening, going as far as Northfield in a hack. In the excitement of the departure, the carriage started too soon and drove away, leaving the groom standing on the sidewalk. The bride soon discovered her loss, however, and notified the hack driver who stopped his team and waited until the groom overtook them. Mr. and Mrs. Boyce will live at 126 Union street on their return. They received many elegant presents.

The Arctic fox shot in Gardner, Mass., has been identified by Robert Perry as his property. John Driscoll, a farm hand employed on the Heywood farm in Gardner, shot a strange beast that had been killing valuable fowls. No one in the neighborhood could identify the animal, and L. C. Dresser, the manager of the farm, brought the corpse to Worcester, where it was classified by a furrier as a blue fox. A good many sportsmen laughed at the idea of an Arctic fox in Worcester county, and preferred to believe it a freak. But Mr. Perry has now convinced them that the furrier was right after all. Mr. Perry is fond of adventure and went with Lieut. Peary on his Arctic trip last summer. While in Greenland he snared a blue fox and decided to make the experiment of taming it. After arriving in Boston Mr. Perry went to his home at Phillipston and installed the fox in a roomy cage. She ate well and was keeping in good condition, and her owner was becoming hopeful of ultimately gaining a place in her affections. But one morning the cage was found empty. Mr. Perry heard nothing more of his pet until last week, when a friend chanced to mention the fox shot at Gardner. Then the explorer discovered that the little beast that had accompanied him all the way from the frozen north was no more. This story has a local interest from the fact that Mr. Perry is an intimate friend of R. C. Cressy and comes here often to roam over the Vermont hills in search of the wary fox.

Principal Whitaker on Our System of School Grading.

Principal Whitaker of the High school gave last evening, in the Brooks House parlor, before the public school teachers, members of the school board and other friends who came in, his paper on "A Neglected Elective," read last month before the meeting of the State Teachers' association at Woodstock. A summary of the leading points in this paper was given in The Phœnix at the time. In its essential thought the paper is a plea for liberty on the part of the teachers to study the individual pupil, making the system conform to the ability and the needs of the pupil, and not the pupil, whether bright or dull, to a relentless system. An additional point, especially urged by Mr. Whitaker last evening, was that the inflexible time limit should be done away with in our graded school system, and that, instead of promotion depending on a certain amount of time being spent in each grade, and a certain amount of book study being gone over, it depend on the pupil having proved his ability to do work of a certain grade. He would have the grades and the course of study so arranged that promotions may be made at any time during the year. This would probably bring the present ninth grade into the High school, and if so it would make the regular High school course five years long instead of four. But the work would be so arranged that a bright pupil, mentally and physically competent for the task, might finish the work in four years, or even in three, while it would be no hindrance or discredit to the pupil less quick and alert who needed to take five or even six years to do the same work. In illustration of this point quotation was made from the report of Superintendent Shearer of the public schools in Elizabeth, N. J., where this system of frequent promotion, on a basis of proved ability to do work, has been under successful trial for the past two years.

There were 30 people on the excursion to Boston Wednesday when the train reached Millers Falls, ten of them having come from towns on the narrow gauge.

While walking in his barn in the dark last Friday N. H. White was caught near the eye by an iron hook which was suspended above the barn floor and was badly hurt.

Some old fashioned whisk brooms, such as were used 100 years ago, may be seen in the window of H. E. Bond's grocery store. They were made of birch sticks by the father of H. P. Hunter.

The case of Crosby & Adams against Dr. J. E. Prescott for the recovery of a debt, will be tried at the March term of the county court. Dr. Prescott replevied his property which was attached and filed a bond for the amount claimed.

In addition to his class of vocal students, who are taught on Saturdays, E. H. Miller has this week organized a class for instruction on Wednesday evenings. Mr. Miller has begun making weekly trips to Boston for vocal study with Ivan Morowski.

The Red Men of Quonektacat tribe will give their annual ball at the town hall next Thursday evening. The hall will be handsomely decorated and the festivities will open with an exhibition march by the braves. Leitsinger's orchestra will furnish music.

Mrs. H. H. Thompson surprised her sister, Miss Genevieve Slate, Monday by inviting 25 or 30 friends to spend the afternoon at her house, the occasion being Miss Slate's birthday anniversary. Mrs. Thompson also entertained a few intimate friends and relatives at supper in honor of Rev. C. O. Day, who celebrated his birthday anniversary on Monday.

A basket ball team was organized at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association Monday evening at the close of the meeting for the formation of classes in physical instruction. The make-up of the team will be about as last year and will include Sanders, Daniels, Cundiff, Plimpton, Howe, Allen and Stolte. Daniels refused reelection as captain of the team and Sanders was elected. Daniels will probably serve as manager. The team met for practice in the gymnasium Wednesday evening, and it will attempt to duplicate its last year's record.

The annual meeting of the Young People's Christian union of the Universalist church was held last Sunday, officers being chosen as follows: President, Frank Flagg; vice president, Miss Lucy Simonds; secretary and treasurer, Guy Tasker; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. E. Flagg; devotional committee, Mrs. Cora Wood, Miss Harriet Wilcutt, Walter Cook; lookout committee, Miss Myrtelle Eason, Miss Annie Lamb, John Tasker; calling committee, Mrs. W. C. Stone, Mrs. Emma Niles, Miss Ruby Hescock; flower committee, Mrs. Geo. Root.

Miss Albertina Anderson, who formerly worked for Howard A. Pratt, and Edward Knudston, who is coachman for Col. Richards Bradley, were quietly married last Saturday evening at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Chester Field, who lives at the corner of Cedar and Myrtle streets. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. O. Day. Mr. Lindvall acted as best man and Miss Amanda Peterson as bridemaid. The bride wore a dress of white wool and the bridemaid was dressed in white muslin over blue. Only a few friends were present at the ceremony, after which the couple went to their new home at 3 Organ street. They received many useful and ornamental gifts.

Gerald Stanley Lee appears as the writer of "Books of the Day" in this week's literary number of the Boston Transcript. His style is epigrammatic as always. These, for instance, are the opening lines of his paragraph on the death of Henry George, and his work as a writer in political economy: "By taking sufficient pains, men may speak appropriately, from time to time, and live effectively besides, but it is not given to many men in this mortal world to die to the point, like Henry George. It was an ideal death for an idealist—on the eve of defeat. No better proclamation on a higher housetop, at a more telling moment, of the principle he had tried to stand for could possibly have been conceived."

At the invitation of Rev. P. F. Barnard, pastor of the historic church in Dummerston, a number of friends from neighboring churches met at that place on Wednesday for an old-fashioned fellowship meeting. Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Babbitt, Mrs. H. E. Bond and Rev. C. O. Day went up from Brattleboro, and there were also present Rev. Smith Norton of Newfane, Rev. F. M. Wiswall of Putney, Miss A. C. Billings and a party of friends from Guilford and several others. The morning session was led by Mr. Barnard, who took for his subject "Our Need of and Way of Securing a Deeper Religious Interest." After a bountiful lunch, served with true Dummerston hospitality, the afternoon session began with a service led by Miss Billings, followed by a strong and suggestive sermon by Rev. Smith Norton upon "Redeeming the Times." An hour or so of familiar conference followed. An evening service of great helpfulness was conducted by Miss Billings. These fellowship meetings are a great means of good and should be multiplied.

About Some of the Kelley Cases.

George A. Hines has recently returned from a trip to Minneapolis taken in the interest of a Kelley case in which he is interested. It is a case where a loan was paid to Mr. Kelley before it came due and Kelley did not pay over the money to the holder of the mortgage. Payment of the loan to Kelley was made in 1895. In October, 1896, when payment of the interest coupons began to be defaulted, Mr. Hines began foreclosure proceedings. The mortgagor resisted on the ground that he had paid the loan. Suit was brought to make a legal test, and at the trial week before last the court held that, as a matter of law, the loan had not been paid. Mr. Hines thus wins in the lower court. No appeal has been entered as yet, but 30 days are given the defendant in which to do this. Information of a general nature brought by Mr. Hines about the "Kelley cases" is of interest to the Kelley clientage hereabouts. He says in substance that while there have been a number of cases tried, there have not been many decisions, and these, with but very few exceptions, have been adverse to Eastern claimants. In the remainder of the cases thus far tried, decisions are evidently delayed in order that the supreme court may pass upon the two or three cases which have already been brought before it. These decisions will, in a measure, be guides for future action. But Mr. Kelley's devices for tiding over his difficulties were so many and so varied that it will take more than one or two decisions of the court to cover all the actions which have, or will be, brought. Several cases have been settled by mutual agreement, and in one or two instances, suits involving small sums, have been discontinued. In a recent case, the defendant's attorney made the contention that Kelley's methods of doing business with certain of his Eastern clients, made the firm of A. F. & L. E. Kelley a banking firm, with accounts of debit and credit. This established, it would excuse the delinquency of the firm to account for collections made by it, in which no returns were made to the legitimate parties, but were appropriated to its own use. The court did not recognize the validity of this contention.

A DOUBLE CELEBRATION.

Marriage of Henry J. Humpstone and Miss Louise Rawson---50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bement.

Laurel and palm decorations gave an appearance of unwonted festivity to the Canal street home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rawson this afternoon, when their daughter, Miss Louise Rawson, was quietly married to Henry J. Humpstone of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. John Humpstone, the groom's brother, who is pastor of Immanuel church of Brooklyn, assisted by Rev. L. D. Temple, pastor of the Baptist church of this town. The Episcopal ring service was used. The bride wore a brown traveling dress. The bridemaids were Florence and Frances Putnam of Alstead, N. H., young cousins of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Humpstone left immediately after the ceremony for a short wedding trip, after which they will live in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Humpstone is a graduate of Rochester university and is manager of the retail department of the United States Net and Twine company of Brooklyn. He is a son of Rev. William Humpstone of Brooklyn. Mrs. Humpstone graduated from the Brattleboro High school and from Pratt institute in Brooklyn, and was for a time teacher of elocution in that institution.

Among the guests present at the ceremony from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Smith of Shelburne Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Putnam of Alstead, N. H., and Mr. Brown Pinny of Brooklyn. Mrs. Humpstone was the recipient of many handsome gifts.

After the wedding a reception was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Bement, grandparents of Mrs. Humpstone, the occasion being the 50th anniversary of their marriage. The elder couple also received many gifts from their old friends. Mr. and Mrs. Bement are both natives of Buckland, Mass. Mrs. Bement's maiden name was Anvila T. Frost. They were married in Buckland on Nov. 12, 1847, by Rev. Preston Cummings. After their marriage they lived in Buckland and Shelburne Falls until 1858, when they moved to Brattleboro. Since that time Mr. Bement has been constantly in the employ of the Estey Organ company. They have three children, Milton Bement and Mrs. H. N. Rawson of this village, and Mrs. Arthur Putnam of Alstead, N. H. Their grandchildren are Mrs. H. J. Humpstone, Frank Bement, and Florence, Frances and Harold Putnam of Alstead. Mr. and Mrs. Bement are both in good health, and their friends wish them many more years of happiness. Mr. Bement was formerly a tuner at the Estey Organ factory, but is now engaged in other work there. He will be visited this evening by the tuners and other employes at the factory, and Knapp's orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

STATE SAVINGS BANKS

An Increase of $576,061 in Deposits During the Last Six Months of the Fiscal Year.

Hosea Mann of Wilmington, state inspector of finance, has issued his report for the year ending June 30 last. By this it appears that there had been organized during the year a savings bank in Barton and a savings bank and trust company at Swanton, making a total of 23 savings banks and 19 trust companies in the state. The total of the deposits in these concerns June 30 was $32,600,627.49; an increase of $429,884.61 in the year. It appears, moreover, that there was a loss during the first half of the year of $141,176.70, so that the total gain in the last six months was $576,061.31.

Of the total deposits $27,321,008.44 is owned by 93,941 resident depositors, and $5,279,621.05 by 12,228 depositors living out of the state. The amount of deposits by non-residents decreased $94,816.20, while the deposits of residents increased $524,700.81.

The banks paid the state $214,076.98 in taxes during the year, and had other expenses amounting to $165,088.87. All the savings banks paid depositors 4 per cent interest. One trust company paid 3, one 3½, one 4½ and the others 4 per cent. Two trust companies paid no dividends, one paid 4, 11 paid 6, two paid 8 and two paid 10 per cent.

RHEA.

The Great Actress to Appear in "Camille" at the Auditorium.

Brattleboro amusement goers will welcome with pleasure the return of the celebrated artist, Mlle. Rhea, who is to appear at the Auditorium next Tuesday evening, supported by a strong company in Dumas's powerfully constructed play, "Camille." Of the central artist in this presentation a recent critic says:

"A pleasing personality and full of a magnetic charm that holds such a sway over her auditors, it is no wonder that Rhea on her entrance immediately wins her way into the hearts of her audiences. A perfect example of the good and true woman, Rhea is certainly to be admired by all. She always is and will be looked up to by society, living a life of purity and freedom to be yet marred by the least breath of scandal. Whether on or off the stage her company, one and all speak of her as a most lovable soul, an indefatigable worker and a perfect artiste."

Her supporting company for this season was chosen with special care and attention to the special ability of each artist, and it is decidedly one of the best on the road.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Our basket ball team has practiced twice this week and are rapidly getting into form.

Owing to the use of the gymnasium for class work and basket ball practice, we shall not have a bowling team this winter. The alley will be used by members only.

Regular gospel service will be held at the Young Men's Christian association rooms Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mr. Retting as leader. All young men are cordially invited.

Our physical director, Mr. Clinton, will be here for work Saturday evening. All young men interested are invited to bring their gymnasium suits and slippers, and be ready for work.

The week of prayer for the young men of the world, as observed by all associations, begins next Sunday. Several of the pastors will speak upon the topic of young men Sunday morning.

There will be special services in the rooms Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, beginning at 8:45 Tuesday evening and 7 P. M. Wednesday. A union service will be held in the Baptist chapel Friday evening beginning at 7:30, to which everyone is invited.

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REV. DR. STAFFORD'S MACBETH.

An Analytical Study of Shakspere's Masterpiece with the Expression of an Orator and an Actor.

Rev. Dr. D. J. Stafford gave an analysis and oration at once in his consideration of Macbeth at the Auditorium Monday evening—such a portrayal as is possible only to a man of rarely versatile talents—an analytical student, a master of pure and graceful diction, and an orator with the powers of an actor. Dr. Stafford carried his audience completely away from temporal and personal affairs, and their existence was lost for the time save in contemplation of what the speaker termed in his opening remarks as the most finished and sublime of Shakspere's productions. The effect was an indelible impression on the minds of all. To some it was a revelation, while even those who consider themselves Shaksperean students will read the tragedy with a new understanding of the touches, both bold and subtle, which make it a masterpiece in English literature.

The secret of the power of Macbeth, the speaker said, is that it pushes every passion to the limit, but that it never mars the effect. He reviewed the play in regular order, showing how the natural and preternatural agencies heighten the effect. The causes which stirred on Macbeth to his crime; his conflicting emotions; his sterling qualities, particularly his heroic courage (and therefore the greater pity of his fall) were all strikingly revealed. Lady Macbeth, Banquo and McDuff all stood forth in their true proportions and true relations to the tragedy.

In closing Dr. Stafford gave a brief but striking commentary on what Macbeth meant, what the poet had revealed—the never changing sequence of crime, remorse, punishment.

Previous to the discourse was a musical program of merit—violin solo by Clinton Dugan, cornet solos by Sewall Morse, and two songs by Katie O'Connor. Mr. Morse's "No Sir" was an especially pleasing number. Miss O'Connor has seldom been heard in public, but she has a soprano voice of excellent quality which shows the effects of training under the direction of Lucien Howe. Dr. Stafford was felicitously introduced by T. A. Austin. It is gratifying to note that the audience filled the Auditorium, and that the receipts will leave about $75 for the treasury of the Catholic Order of Foresters, under whose auspices Dr. Stafford appeared.

THE FREE KINDERGARTEN.

It Makes a Lasting Impression for Good on the Children---$250 Given for Maintenance of the School.

It is, perhaps, not fully known that we really have such an institution fairly started among us, and it may be that the importance of the work done in the kindergarten is little understood by the general public; and in passing, I would say that in many cities and towns in Massachusetts it is positively required that before any scholars can enter the public schools they must first have been at least one year in a kindergarten school, so important do they consider it for the welfare both of the child and the state.

Our ladies began in a small way in 1896 on Elliot street, and had a school of 12 or 15, and so much good was accomplished even to this limited number that it was really remarkable; and it was so fully apparent that it was one of the needed things for Brattleboro, that our ladies were sure that they ought to continue it. And so again the school is under way in the same room on Elliot street and under the care of the same teacher, Miss Young, whom the ladies and all who know her feel confident that they could have made no better choice. Hardly was the school opened before there came to them some 35 pupils, or some three times as many as the year before. These children are mostly from three to four years old. They are cared for until noon, thus giving relief to some mother, tired and worn and needing this rest; relieving another so that she may comfortably care for her necessary forenoon work; or again enabling another to go out and earn something for the support of the family. This is but one side of this work and is of itself in the line of practical Christianity.

But the beauty of this grand charity is on the child's side. They take these little ones and if not neat they are soon taught that they must be; if rude or noisy they soon learn that this is not the best way; and in many ways, beside the regular routine of the school, are so brought under the influence of love and care that at any time one can go in and find a beautiful class of well behaved little children. Children taken at the age of three to five are at an age keenly sensitive to all external influences, both bad and good, as every observing parent knows, often learning to be very profane or lewd in their talk when they have no real consciousness of the wrong. Taken from such influences and the hearing of so much that is corrupting into an atmosphere of sympathy and helpfulness, no one can doubt the wonderful change that is wrought in their young minds, being guided so lovingly and persistently into ways that are right, rather than be allowed to drift in the opposite direction. In fact the good done in schools of this kind is far beyond any estimate in dollars and cents, reaching forward as it does, not only to childhood and youth, but to the man and citizen. Surely no grander or more beautiful work is given unto us to do.

It is very gratifying that our citizens have come nobly to the aid of the ladies in this work, enough money having been given them to enable them to nearly, if not fully, pay the expenses of the kindergarten until May or June next. The sum so far given is about $250. C. F. T.

GRANGE NEWS.

There will be a rehearsal of the third and fourth degrees, with the marching staff, at Grange hall next Monday evening.

Protective grange will instruct a class in the third and fourth degrees next Wednesday evening. The usual harvest supper will be served. A short play will be presented by members of the Dramatic club.

The Windham county Pomona grange will meet with Broad Brook grange at Guilford Centre, Thursday, Nov. 18. The morning session, which is for members of the grange only, will begin at 10:30 and will have for its feature a discussion upon, "What Should be the Future of the Grange in Educational Lines?" The afternoon session will begin at 1 o'clock and the question for discussion will be, "Are Farmers Keeping Pace with the World in General Knowledge and Methods of Business?"

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