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BRATTLEBORO: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Young Joseph Leiter is said to have cleared \$2,000,000 on his Chicago wheat deal, and P. D. Armour has lost one half of this sum. Leiter owns 8,000,000 bushels of wheat today.

Secretary Gage, when questioned in Washington Wednesday, as to a report that he had tendered his resignation to the President, and that it had been firmly declined, said he had not tendered his resignation, nor had he any reason to believe that he and the President were not in substantial accord on the great questions now before the country. The report, he said, probably sprung from a remark he had made to intimate friends to the effect that not for anything would he embarrass the President, and if he saw that he was doing this he would resign at once,

A hot fight is expected at the officers' school at St. Johnsbury, when a colonel of the First Regiment will be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Col. G. H. Bond of Brattleboro, Lieut, Col. Watson of Bradford is in line for promotion, but Major O. D. Clark of Montpeller is a candidate against him, and his friends claim that he will have the support of the officers of six companies. The Randolph Herald is authority for the statement that [Major "Jack" Mimms of St. Albans will try to oust Gen. Peck of Burlington from the adjutant general's position at the next session of the legislature,

over expenditures for canal improvements. An appropriation of \$9,000,000 was made a year ago and \$7,000,000 more are needed to complete the work. The people were led to believe that \$9,000,000 would be sufficient for all purposes. New York business men are waking up to the fact that the Eric canal is in peril, as it may be difficult to persuade the people to vote more money for the work, and, moreover, railroad influence is all the time actively antagonizing the waterway which has done so much for the upbuilding of the commerce of New York.

Men who own steamers or who have ressels chartered will coin money on the Pacific coast next spring. Never in the history of the coast has there been so great a demand for vessels. The big grain crop stripped the coast of deep-sea ships, and the Klondike rush bids fair to engage every steamer that can be pressed into service. & All the coal-carrying vessels will be used for passenger traffic, and the result is that it will be difficult to maintain a supply of coal at Unalaska, Dutch Harbor and St. Michaels. . The rates for passage and freight are sure to be high, as the demand will far exceed the supply. Thousands of men are planning to go to Alaska via San Francisco alone,

A report that the Carnegie company is about to [crect a "universal plate mill" which will be the largest in the world is accompanied by the statement that the company has the estimated amount of \$15. 000,000 invested in its Homestead, Pa., plant, which covers two miles of water front. This! company has its own ore banks, its own transportation lines, and, operating on a gigantic scale, is able to save so much in manufacturing expenses that it can compete successfully with foreign mills, notwithstanding the disadvantages of a tlong haul to tidewater and a long ocean ivoyage after that. There are several other plants on a not much smaller scale, which are able to do the same thing, and thus the United States is beginning to compete with England, Germany and Belgium in one of their leading industries and to take away their trade.

The Congregationalist of Dec. 23 contained the following under the heading "Education": "The scheme for a national university at Washington will come before Congress at an early day in the form of a carefully drafted bill which will have influential advocates in both houses. It would be more likely to pass were the national revenues larger, though those who are fostering the scheme do not, as we understand it, ask for perpetual government support. They only ask for appropriations covering the initial cost." It is in-Test 17 1 this connection to note that the pioneer advocate of a national university was undoubtedly Rev. Lewis Grout, the well-known retired missionary of West Brattleboro. The Yale Literary Magazine of November, 1841, contains an article of four pages in which he gives reasons why such an institution ought to be established.



Booker Washington is the foremost negro of America. He excels as an orator, but he is best known through his work for the Tuskegee, Ala., institute and its col-onies. The Hartford Courant correctly characterizes this work as "constructive statesmanship," and even the fire-eating Charleston, S. C., News and Courier refers to Mr. Washington as a "great man." The institution at Tuskegee was founded 16 years ago in a shanty with one teacher, 30 pupils and no property. There are now 42 school, shop and farm buildings, 2267 acres of land, a \$200,000 educational and industrial plant, 24 industries in prosperous operation, 88 teachers and nearly 1100 pupils. It is the centre and source of civitizing influences which radiate into 21 states, and which reach the Indian territory, the West Indies and Africa.

The Foremost Negro of America.

In addition to educating directly hundreds of young men and women as teachers, mechanics, farmers, housekeepers and industrial leaders, it keeps in operation the Tuskegee negro conference, with its numerous local conferences scattered all over the South, the mothers' meetings, plantation settlement work, and helps and encourages such smaller schools as those at Snow Hill, Wangh and Kowaliga, Ala., and Cambria, Va.

Every year sees the work extending and ittle Tuskegees springing up-each becoming at once a centre of light for its own region. All conform closely to the distinctive Tuskegee idea, thus stated by the man who has accomplished such results

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In his 16th annual report issued recently Principal Washington states some of the needs of Tuskegee-two new dormitories, a hospital or infirmary, some scholarships, and a \$500,000 endowment.

A SUNDAY BLAZE.

S. A. Smith & Co.'s Barn Damaged to the Extent of \$500.

Fire was discovered in S. A. Smith & Co.'s barn on the corner of Elm and Frost streets shortly after 11 o'clock Sunday No. 35 was immediately given. The men in the paper mill were attracted by the stamping of the horses in the barn and on Jan. 2, the service will be appropriate investigating found smoke issuing from the New Year, Mr. Osgood taking "Self the roof and windows. On their way to Examination" as his theme. the roof and windows. On their way, the roof and windows. On their way, the alarm box they notified S. A. Smith, S. S. Hunt, F. L. Hunt and F. L. Smith, at the Methodist church to-night by the members of the various societies of the members of the various societies of the Reginning at 8 o'clock there will and got out the harnesses, wagons and the eight horses which were there. The fire lepartment responded quickly to the alarm and had four streams of water upon the building in six minutes. The fire was confined almost wholly to the second story of the barn where there were about five tons of hay, and the flames were difficult to

The firemen went about their work promptly, however, and after about a half hour of hard fighting had the fire under control. Hiland Perry, in attempting to go up a ladder with the nozzle of one line of hose in his hand, was thrown to the ground by the pressure of the water. Another exciting incident was when a ladder holding several firemen collapsed. John Blake and Dan Curtin, who were near the top, were slightly injured, the former striking his back on a large rock and the

latter injuring his leg.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Although it has been said that it was started by someone going into the hay loft with a cigar, this theory is discredited by the owners of the building. S. A. Smith and S. S. Hunt were in the barn at about 10:30 o'clock to put up their teams and at that time there was nothing on fire in the building. The damage on the building amounts to about \$500. The building will be repaired at once.

Golden Wedding.

Deacon and Mrs. Ebenezer Hall of Westminster West celebrated their golden wedding at their home yesterday afternoon. A poem written for the occasion by their absent daughter, Mrs. S. M. Davis of Minneapolis, Minn., was read, as well as more than 30 letters from absent friends. Remarks were made by several of those present, after which refreshments were Deacon Hall has long been identified in all useful work in the church and

Mimms Wants to Succeed Peck.

(From the Randolph Herald.) It is said that Maj. J. H. Mimms is going after Gen. T. S. Peck's scalp in dead earnest next year. At the last legislative session, with practically no effort put into the canvass, he received a very gratifying support for the office of adjutant general. Peck having held the place for time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, it would be deemed proper in any other state for some one else to try for it, but it will be considered rank treason in some quarters. However, Mimms is a pusher, and if anybody is capable of unsick or unable to attend. These toasts horsing the redoubtable general, "Jack" is

Fred Tenney will coach the Brown university base ball players. Three of the Brown pitchers have left college, including Summersgill, the ex-Vermont Academy crack, and the mainstay of the club in the box will be Sedgwick, who had his first experience in fast company as a member of the Brattleboro team. Whittemore, the Vermont Academy man who played tackle on the Brown foot ball team the past season, and who was expected to be the regular catch next summer, has been comilled to leave college on account of trouble

CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

The Baptist church will next week ob-erve the week of prayer by services every vening except Saturday. Columbian lodge worked the third de-gree at Masonic hall Tuesday night. A

oliation was served after the work. One of the social gatherings under the auspices of the Eastern Star will be held at Masonic hall next Thursday evening.

Saturday, New Year's day, is a holiday of obligation, and mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Roman Catholic church at

Christian Science service and Sunday school at 10:45; class meeting Friday evening at 7:30 at their pariors, 26 Pros-

Services in St. Michael's Episcopal church on the second Sunday after Christ-mas, Jan. 2: 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M.; Sunday school and catechising, 12:15 P. M. Elder J. E. Cross of Kezar Falls, Me., will give a series of illustrated Bible lec-tures at the Advent chapel Jan. 2 at 2:30

and 7 P. M , continuing over the following Next Sunday morning Rev. L. D. Temple will preach on "Aspects of Moral Tri-umph." In the evening he will begin a new course of lectures. Subject for Jan. 2, "Tennyson's Palace of Art."

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian association will meet at the association rooms next Tuesday after-noon at 3 o'clock for business transactions and devotional exercises

The Universalist ladies' sewing circle will meet in the church parlors Thursday afternoon, Jan. 6. The business meeting will begin promptly at 3 o'clock and sup-per will be served at 6 o'clock.

The week of prayer at the Methodist church will begin at 7 o'clock Sunday evening. Meetings will be held each evening through the week, except Saturday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

President Brown of Norwich university will give a familiar talk on "Business in Great Waters" at his residence on Tyler street next Tucsday evening for the benefit church. The W. C. T. U. will meet next Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 4, with Mrs. F. E. Perry,

corner of Central and Washington streets, in a parlor meeting. This being the first meeting of the New Year, a full attendance is expected.

At the Methodist church next Sunday will be held the third quarterly meeting of the conference year. An old-fashioned love feast will be held at 9:30 o'clock, followed by the regular service and commun-ion at 10:30 o'clock.

The Rev. C. O. Day will hold a New Year's reception at the Congregational church parlors on Saturday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. There will be music from 4 to 5. It is hoped that all members of the congregation may be present; also any others who would enjoy being there. The women of the Congregational socie-ty will give a New Year's reception in the church parlors from 3 to 6 o'clock to-mor-row afternoon. Music will be furnished from 4 to 5 o'clock. All members of the

congregation and any others who wish are invited to be present. First Unitarian society, Rev. Sunset paper mill, and an alarm from box | Osgood pastor. Residence, 39 High street. Service every Sunday at 10:30 A. M.; Sunday school at 11:45 A. M. Next Sunday,

> occur the installation of officers of the junior Epworth league and the senior league and the roll call of the Epworth league and of the church.

> Rev. L. D. Temple announces a new course of Sunday evening lectures to begin Jan 2. The general subject is to be: "Po-etical Interpretations of Life." The tollowing poems will be on dates named: Jan., "Tennyson's Palace of Art;" Jan. 9; "Burn's Cotter's Saturday Night;" Jan. 10, "Lowell's Vision of Sir Lauufal;" Jan.

> 23, "Browning's Pippa Passes." Morning worship next Sunday at the Universalist church at the usual hour, with preaching by the pastor, theme, "The So-cial Meaning of the Religion of Jesus;" 11:45, Sunday school and pastor's Bible class; 5:45, Young People's Christian union; 7, vesper service, at which special music will be rendered, including an instrumental solo by Mr. Messer; the pastor will take for his theme, "Reading." All are cordially invited to these services.

> The annual parish festival of St. Michael's church, with a Christmas tree for the children, was held in Red Men's hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 29. There was a large attendance on the part of the parishioners. The choir of St. Michael's church, under the leadership of A. W. Childs, assisted by Mrs. Sherwin and Fred S. Brasor, rendered the Christmas hymns. olos, etc. The solos given by Miss Eels and Mr. Brasor were greatly appreciated. The Christmas tree was a brilliant sight with its colored electric lights. After the gifts had been distributed games for the younger children followed with a march played by Miss Charlotte Kidder, and the entertainment concluded with dancing. thought that every one present heartily en-joyed the evening. On Christmas day the members of Beau-

seant commandery, Knights Tem-plar, convened in their asylum and at precisely 12 o'clock, noon, par-ticipated in the following toast: "To our most eminent grand master, W. LaRue Thomas, a faithful leader: may his days be long and may the blessings of our Lord and Master follow him all the days of his life," to which the most eminent grand master sent the following response: "To all knights of the temple, health and peace; God bless us every one." The toast to the most eminent grand master was posed simultaneously in all the Knight Templar lodge rooms in the United States. Sentiments were also participated in by the members to the grand commander of were communicated by letter accompanied by Christmas greeting to those of the sick. Selections applicable to the day were read from the holy scriptures by their prelate, Kittredge Haskins, who also read to those assembled a sermon appropriate to the Christmas season. Remarks were also made by Eminent Commander I. D. Bailey, Sir Knight H. E. Taylor and others.

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