

BELLOWS FALLS NEWS. Surprising Insolvency Proceedings.

The Old Manufacturing Firm of Alexander, Smith & Co. of Saxtons River the One Involved... Complications Rather Than Excess of Liabilities Over Assets the Cause.

Considerable surprise is manifested this week among the citizens who know of the fact of Alexander, Smith & Co. having been petitioned into insolvency. This firm are the owners of the woolen mill property at Saxtons River formerly owned by Farnsworth & Co., and which, until the last three years, had been an excellent paying property, the owners having always stood high in financial circles.

The present embarrassment seems attributable to differences between members of the firm, rather than any excess of liabilities above assets. It is understood all liabilities of the firm would be more than covered had the sale of the property that was announced in this column two weeks ago been consummated.

"Dr." H. F. Virtue Again. He is a witness in the poisoning case at Milton, N. H.---Said to have furnished arsenic to young Jones, who is charged with killing his mother.

Dr. Virtue lived in Northfield, Mass., a short time and was in Bel lows Falls for a year preceding April, 1896. About that time it was intimated that he was responsible for the death of several valuable horses in the town and an investigation revealed the fact that his pretended diploma was a fake.

Measles, Coons, or What? The quarterly meeting of the Young Men's Christian association was held in the association parlors Monday evening. Reports were given by the chairmen of the different committees.

A New Fall Mountain Paper Mill.

About two months ago the Fall Mountain Paper company began putting in the foundation for another mill, in which is to be placed another large paper machine, for making heavy paper, principally for the coating department.

The Bellows Falls Electric Light Company. In the changes which are coming into the business of the Fall Mountain Paper company by the formation of the paper trust, it has become necessary for that company to make a change in the electric light ownership, separating that from the paper making department, with which it has heretofore been connected.

The widow of the late Rev. A. R. Trux of Swanton is visiting her two sons, who live here. Rev. A. T. Newton, D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., is to preach at the Congregational church next Sunday.

Ira Whitman of Madison, Wis., a former resident here, is spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Rich. The quarantine board has been notified that the residence of F. J. Tidd, his daughter having recovered from the diphtheria.

C. W. Orsmond attended the annual meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary society, of which he is a director, at Burlington, Tuesday and Wednesday. There were several large family parties Christmas day. At Carroll Black's was a gathering of the Blake families, and at P. H. Haldy's of the Campbell family.

It was ladies' night at the Mount Kilburn wheel club Tuesday evening. What was indulged in, the prizes being taken by A. H. Hildy and Mrs. Fred Deane. The union services of the week of prayer are to be held in the Baptist, Congregational and Methodist churches as usual, beginning Sunday evening at the Baptist church.

Solo services were held at the Baptist church Sunday by Miss Jessie Buckman in the morning and by Mrs. Frost of Saxtons River and Willard Bacon of Brown university in the evening.

Henry C. Johnson is this week putting the furniture into the tenement in Clinton Hatch's new dwelling, which he and his daughter are to occupy, and they expect to spend Sunday in their new home. M. B. Kelley of Riverton, Ct., formerly in the grocery trade here, was in town yesterday, taking this opportunity to call upon his old friends, having been called to Putney to attend the funeral of a relative.

Wm. H. Johnson of New York, a former merchant, and Mrs. Frost of Saxtons River, is in town this week accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Holbrook of Rutland. They are visiting their sister, Mrs. George H. Babbitt.

Another successful raid was made in North Walpole last Thursday, six or eight places being visited by the officers. They made a similar call upon them within two weeks and it was seen that it must be coming to be expensive business to break the law over there.

The cold weather of the past few days has made fairly good skating on Minard's pond, Webb's brook, and a few venturesome ones have even gone out to the river. The slight fall of snow interferes somewhat with the sport, but the snow has been scraped from a portion of the pond.

Dr. Daniel Campbell of Saxtons River, who is about 78 years old and one of the best known physicians in this part of the state, was stricken with paralysis last Friday and lies in a critical condition at his home. Both lower limbs are completely paralyzed and it seems approaching the vital. His mind is perfectly clear.

FOOD'S PILLS

Stimulate the stomach, rouse the liver, cure biliousness, headache, dizziness, sour stomach, constipation, etc. Sold by all druggists. The only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

claim that the association, through the insurance companies that carry its risks, is violating the state law regarding rebating. Nelson P. Brown, son of George A. Brown, a former attorney of our village, who is a member of Dartmouth college, class of '70, is making a mark as an orator.

Mrs. Colin Lake is visiting this week in Boston. Both churches will observe the week of prayer. Mrs. M. C. Bowen returned today to Nahant, Mass.

Messrs. Whipple & Thompson have sold several stacks of seasoned boards this week. The purchaser has begun to move the lumber to the railroad station. A wide circle of friends will regret to learn of Dr. Campbell's serious condition.

Mrs. Louise Goddard and daughter are visiting at J. McQuade's. Mrs. F. H. Howard and children are at Wallingford ten days' visit. Miss Adelaide Bigelow came on Saturday for a visit with her sisters.

There was no service at the Congregational church last Sunday. Mr. Leach being unable to preach. Rev. W. H. Campbell of St. Mark's school gave an interesting address at the chapel in the evening.

John S. Leach is quite ill. Miss Ida Wright is at home from Granby, Mass. Mrs. Anders Nilson has been quite ill, but is improving.

Mrs. Ellen Cummings, who lives at Old Gageville, is reported very ill. Mrs. L. C. Wyman was very ill Tuesday, but was more comfortable Wednesday.

The Valley creamery is making a large amount of butter. On Saturday last this product was about 800 pounds. Butter is churned five days in the week. The sales for November amounted to nearly \$2500 and will be more for December.

Miss Anna Chandler 's at home from her school in Providence. Charles G. Miller is away for a week's visit in Malden and Boston. Miss Mabel Chandler has returned from a trip to Providence and vicinity, having been home several months.

When people buy, try and buy again, it means they are satisfied. The people of the United States are buying more than ever before. The fact of two million boxes a year and it will be growing before the year is over. It is proved, that Cascades are the most delicious and healthful food for everybody the year round.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES. Celebrations of the Brattleboro Religious Societies.

As six o'clock Christmas eve approached, the children of the primary and junior classes of the Baptist Sunday school began to gather in the parlor and dining room of the church, expectantly awaiting the serving of the annual Christmas supper.

A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation by L. W. Hawley on behalf of the donors of a gold watch and chain to the pastor, Rev. L. D. Temple. At the conclusion of the entertainment the members of the primary and junior classes were taken to the dining room to receive their candy boxes.

The Christmas festival for the children of the Unitarian society was held in Wells hall Friday evening, many older people being present. At an appointed hour Father Time and New Year entered the room followed by the Twelve Months and after marching around the supper table Father Time addressed the months, who gave him in turn something symbolic of the month they represented.

At 6 o'clock Sunday evening, the audience room was filled to overflowing with extra chairs, also the first and second galleries with the exception of a few seats, perhaps every Sunday school in town. Opening exercises, conducted by Mr. Hawley, consisted of a Christmas anthem by the quartet choir, composed of Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Landry, Mr. Maynard and Mr. Knight, a reading of the scriptures, prayer and prayer by Mr. Temple, a five minute address by Rev. C. O. Day of the Congregational church on "What the Apostle Paul has Done for Me," also the reading of a letter from the eminent pastor and evangelist of Baltimore, Rev. H. M. W. of the same denomination, and a letter from Rev. J. E. Clough, D. D., the world-renowned missionary at Ongole, India, on "Paul as a Missionary."

Then came the views illustrating the life and times of Jesus the Apostle, with a lecture or reading by Mr. Hawley. There were upwards of 30 of these colored slides and the whole public life of the great apostle was brought very vividly to mind through their display upon the canvas. The choir of the unitarian congregation was managed by C. T. Hays of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Every one was loud in praise of the evening's service as affording a fitting close to the year's study in the book of the Acts of the apostles.

"The Nativity of Our Lord," or the birthday of Christ, commonly called Christmas day, was appropriately observed in St. Michael's church. The church was decorated with evergreen after the usual manner. The music by the vested choir of young men and women was of a high order and the hymns that they sang were unusual. Holy baptism was administered at this service and the holy communion celebrated. The pastor delivered a Christmas sermon, the text being taken from St. Luke's gospel, II, 15. He referred to the birth of Jesus, and how it has been poured forth like a river, to achieve this beneficent result.

Patience, care, loving self-denial, and the sweet spirit of the Son of man himself, are all necessary, would one do such good in the world. This is our lesson, above all other lessons, as we glory in the light of this new Christmas, namely, that we consecrate ourselves afresh to the comforting and encouraging and uplifting of our fellow men, striving, with what strength there is in us, to bring each and every one to satisfy each home, with a portion of that peace and that joy and that gladness with which the season comes laden.

At the Roman Catholic church the usual services were observed on Christmas day. The altars were trimmed with evergreen and lighted by 500 candles. The attendance at the various services was large. At the midnight mass and the high mass Leonard's mass in E was sung, also "Adeste Fideles," chorus, "Gloria to God in the Highest," and solo "There were Shepherds." At the low mass the children sang "Savior's Star," "With Hearts Truly Grateful," "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," and "Ring the Merry Christmas Bells." "Adeste Fideles," "Ave Maria" and "Alma Redemptoris" were sung at the vesper service.

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In these days a larger meaning is placed upon the incarnation, it is regarded as a more universal, a more eternal, and a more natural process. We think of it as the coming of God into the life of man from the very earliest day of conscious life as the inflowing of the holy spirit into the various channels of human activity; as the life of God welling up in human consciousness. Wherever there has been or is anything of truth, honesty, purity and faithfulness we see the process of the incarnation at work.

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LATE NEWS.

NO Hope for O'Neil.

Gov. Wolcott Refuses to Interfere---Execution will Probably Take Place at Greenfield Next Friday.

Jack O'Neil, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Hattie McCloud, will undoubtedly be executed at Greenfield, Jan. 7. F. J. Lawler of Greenfield, counsel for the condemned man, was given a hearing by Gov. Wolcott yesterday morning. The governor, however, declined to take any action looking to a hearing by the pardon committee at the present time, being of the opinion that the evidence submitted to him was not of such importance as to justify action. It is understood Mr. Lawler's main points were a discrepancy in time, as shown by the government, and the absence of blood on O'Neil's clothing.

The weakness of any effort to prove that death came from natural causes, becomes more apparent when all the testimony in the trial is considered, and the 11th hour effort made by O'Neil's behalf will in all probability amount to nothing.

Boiler Explosion at Colrain.

Frederick Schieffer, the Engineer, Supposed to be Buried in the Debris---Cause of the Accident Not Known.

A 100-horse power boiler, which, with another of similar size, was used partly as an auxiliary in furnishing motive power and for heating purposes in the Griswoldville Manufacturing company's No. 2 mill at Griswoldville, Colrain, blew up Wednesday night, wrecking the building in which it was located and probably causing one death. Frederick Schieffer, the night watchman and fireman, is missing, and is believed to be buried under the great mass of debris. Schieffer was 45 years old. He leaves a widow and four children.

The cause of the explosion is not known. The boiler was a new one, and had been inspected and insured. The second boiler, which stood beside it, was also wrecked, but did not explode.

The Griswoldville mills manufacture cotton goods, and their motive power is chiefly by water, but in summer this is supplemented by steam from these boilers. In winter the boilers are used for heating purposes.

Joseph and Lorenzo Griswold of the company were seen after the explosion, but neither would estimate the loss nor venture an opinion as to what might have been the cause of the accident.

The loss will be at least several thousand dollars.

Real Estate For Sale!

The following real estate belonging to the estate of the late Charles H. Church situated in the north east part of Westminster, is offered for sale. It is a well wooded tract of 100 acres, with a good pasture, and a timber tract of 100 acres. The pasture is a good one with apple and sugar orchards, and estimates to be 800 cords of wood. It is a good one with apple and sugar orchards, and estimates to be 800 cords of wood. It is a good one with apple and sugar orchards, and estimates to be 800 cords of wood.

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