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Meteorological Record.

WEEK ENDING THURSDAY EVENING, April 14, 1898.

Date.	Barometer. Daily Mean.	Thermometer. Daily Mean.	Thermometer. Maximum.	Thermometer. Minimum.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Highest Velocity.	Wind. Total movt in miles.	Mean Relative Humidity.	Rain or Inches.
April 8	30.01	42	58	26	N. E.	22	313	70.0	
9	30.14	46	64	29	S.	18	272	63.3	
10	30.14	49	51	48	N. E.	9	191	94.3	.16
11	30.21	52	65	40	S.	14	221	83	
12	30.10	52	69	31	E.	28	310	77	
13	29.92	53	60	35	S.	18	269	63.6	
14	29.66	52	62	39	S.	12	287	79.6	

Announcements.

TO RENT—Nice modern tenement of six rooms on Harris place. Inquire of JOHN DUNLEVY, Tailor, Hooker Block.

Dr. Carlick, the chiropodist, will be at the Brooks House, Monday and Tuesday, April 25 and 26. He treats corns, bunions and ingrowing nails.

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

TO RENT—To an old couple or a new couple—a tenement at No. 20 Chestnut street.

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

TO RENT—Nice up-stairs tenement of six large rooms. A. G. BARNES, 18 Prospect street.

Beautiful framed pictures at low prices. CLAPP & JONES.

TO RENT—Up-stairs tenement of five large rooms at 32 Washington street; price $8. C. B. LAMSON.

Two tenements on High street, $6 per month. EUGENE CLARK.

WANTED—A millinery apprentice at once. MRS. G. H. SMITH.

FOR SALE—A surrey and harness. Both nearly as good as new. Enquire of REV. THOS. CULL.

GENERAL AGENCY—Read the advertisement in another column. There's money in it.

Six rooms to rent in Devens's block, over Tripp's store. Enquire of Thomas Hannon, 6 Brook St.

Have your pictures framed at Clapp & Jones's.

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

Pleasant Cottage House

To rent. Six rooms, store room, large piazza. Only one tenement in the house.
C. L. COBB, 10 Pearl street.

Licensed Auctioneer.

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

Hat Pins.

New style hat pins just received, ranging from 25 cents for a handsome plated pin to $5 for 14k gold pins. Some new style shirt waist sets this week. H. H. THOMPSON.

Pupils in Shorthand

And typewriting solicited. LILIAN G. PARK, stenographer and typewriter, office with the New York Life Insurance Co., Williston block.

BRATTLEBORO.

Hackley & Moran have secured of W. H. Vinton the old rule factory for storage purposes.

The Estey Guard exhibition drill and dance will be given at the armory Friday evening of next week.

The first passenger train south Monday afternoon blew out a cylinder head at South Vernon, delaying the train half an hour.

Mr. Taft, who has been getting out chair backs at Fletcher's mill for the past three weeks, has removed his machinery, having worked up all of his logs.

Mrs. G. H. Smith, the milliner, will open a branch store in Putney next Monday and will put in a full line of millinery and hair goods. The store will be in charge of Mrs. B. L. Ingalls of this town. Mrs. Smith will visit the store every week.

There will be no rehearsal of the Choral Union next Wednesday evening as the chapel of the Congregational church is engaged for another purpose. It is hoped that on the following Wednesday every member will be present, as the work now in preparation will require constant attention in order to be presented next month with credit to the Union.

"Yarick," the professional magician, whose real name is James Carey and who formerly lived in Brattleboro, entertained a fair-sized audience in Grange hall Monday night with bewildering tricks, sleight of hand performances, etc. A mind-reading exhibition was an apparently difficult feat. D. A. Martin, now of Northampton, rendered several vocal solos with pleasing effect.

C. F. N. Jenne makes formal announcement in our columns to-day of the fact that he will continue by himself the insurance business of the late firm of Sherman & Jenne. Mr. Jenne has grown up in the business and is thoroughly familiar with all its details. He has the confidence of all the customers of his firm, and of the community generally, and will have the good will and good wishes of everyone for the successful prosecution of the business.

P. S. Chase attended the annual session of the Supreme Colony, United Order of Pilgrim Fathers, in Boston last week as representative of Fort Dummer Colony. A resolution was adopted providing "that if any member of this order shall, in the armed forces of the United States, lose his life while battling for our common honor in a war with Spain, the order promises and binds itself to pay in full to the beneficiaries of said member all the money that would of right come to them did he, their protector and provider, die at home in times of profound peace." The order further resolved that the disaster to the Maine was more than an accident, and it demanded that reparation be asked of Spain.

The annual roll call of the members of the Universalist church was held in the church vestry Wednesday evening. A supper was served at 6 o'clock, after which the tables were cleared, the members remaining in their places. At 7 o'clock a selection was rendered by the Congregational male quartet, after which the clerk, Mrs. J. F. Stearns, began the calling of the roll. About 100 persons responded and a large number of letters from absent members were read. Letters from Rev. Merrill Ward of Hingham, Mass., Rev. T. W. Illman of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Rev. E. W. Whitney of Milford, Mass., were among those received. The calling of the roll was interspersed with remarks by Rev. L. D. Temple, Rev. C. O. Day, Rev. E. Q. S. Osgood, Rev. E. E. Marggraf of Bellows Falls, Rev. Mr. Maxwell, John P. Goodenough, Mrs. J. A. Taylor, C. D. Whitman, and Col. Thomas Hannon, all of whom commended the spirit of fraternity which prevails among the local churches. Several friendly personal reflections by the ministerial brethren kept the assembly in good humor. There was also another selection by the quartet, a piano solo by Mrs. Charles Brazer and a vocal duet by by Miss Lenna Thomas and F. H. Brasor.

The adjourned Baptist church meeting will be held to-night.

All of the local millinery stores are open every Wednesday evening.

W. L. Sylvester of West Brattleboro has again taken the county agency for Hallock's "Success" anti-clog weeder and cultivator. He sold over 50 of the machines last season.

Major F. C. Beck will sell a large quantity of furniture by auction Wednesday, April 20, at 10 A. M., in the rear of the Brooks place on the common. Nearly all of the furniture is new and some of it has never been used.

John L. Sullivan has put together a large and strong company of the best professional specialists for the express purpose of giving an entertainment second to none and it would seem that his guarantee that "his audiences may expect 60 laps to the hour of fun and laughter" is no idle promise.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Geo. E. Lyons Granite company was held at the Brooks House Tuesday and officers for the year ensuing elected as follows: Directors, E. F. Brooks and J. A. Taylor of Brattleboro; A. H. Wright of Springfield, Mass., Geo. C. Flynt and L. C. Flynt of Monson, Mass. The directors after the stockholders' meeting, organized as follows: President and treasurer, E. F. Brooks; vice president, A. H. Wright. F. G. Rogers was elected clerk and general manager.

Fire broke out in the stable of L. K. Howard at Charlestown, Mass., Sunday morning and completely destroyed the building. While the firemen were fighting the flames, a squad of policemen rescued about 70 horses which were nearly suffocated. The loss on the building is placed at about $3000, and the loss to the contents may bring the total damage up to $10,000. L. K. Howard is a cousin of F. H. Howard of this town who formerly owned and carried on the stable, but who sold out to his cousin about three months ago. Mr. Howard owned a large amount of the contents of the building which was destroyed.

The 54th annual session of the Vermont Methodist conference will open next Wednesday at Springfield, continuing through the following Sunday. The Vermont conference is composed of 125 ministers and 150 churches. The Burlington district, including Burlington, Bennington, Rutland and other towns, is in the Troy conference. The presiding elders of the St. Johnsbury and Montpelier districts have served their full terms of six years, and will return and enter the regular pastorate again unless appointed to some other districts. There is said to be a strong sentiment in the St. Johnsbury district in favor of the appointment of Rev. H. A. Spencer of Springfield as presiding elder.

An important action bearing on the Central Vermont-Grand Trunk situation was taken by the railroad committee of the Massachusetts legislature Thursday in voting to report a bill transferring the interests of the Central Vermont in the lease of the New London Northern to the American Loan and Trust company. The bill was reported with an important amendment which provides that the bill shall take effect on passage, but shall be subject to alterations at any time by the legislature. In the meantime the New London Northern or the lessee of the same or any company controlling the same shall be obliged to observe all the laws of the state of Massachusetts. The "controlling company" means the Grand Trunk.

A notable lecture, deserving a large audience, will be delivered at the Methodist church next Tuesday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, by Bishop Vincent, one of the leading divines of the denomination, and an orator of national reputation. The subject will be "Tom and His Teacher." Bishop Vincent has been selected twice as preacher at Harvard University. One of the daily papers of Colorado Springs says: "It was a grand lecture. Eloquent, pathetic, instructive. The speaker ranged the gamut of human feelings, touching the chords with a master's hand. It should have been heard by every parent, and would have imparted wisdom and given encouragement along right lines to every boy in the land. It was in every way worthy of Bishop Vincent's wide reputation as a scholar and a Christian philosopher. The The audience was the largest that ever assembled under one roof in Colorado Springs."

Daughter of an Old-Time Brattleboro Publisher.

Miss Eliza A. Nichols, 87, whose death in Boston the 6th inst. is recorded in another column, was the daughter of George W. Nichols, the old-time Brattleboro publisher. Mr. Nichols was born in Stowe, Vt., in 1782, and learned the printer's trade in Walpole, N. H. He became publisher of the Brattleboro Messenger in 1826 and ran it until that paper was merged with the Independent Inquirer, published by Wm. E. Ryther, into The Vermont Phœnix, in 1834. Two years later Mr. Nichols sold out his interest and bought the Windham County Democrat which was started by an association of Democrats and run one year under the editorial management of Joseph Steen. Mr. Nichols's second wife, Mrs. C. H. I. Nichols, a sister of Judge Howard of Townshend, was the editor of the paper several years. Under her direction the Democrat became one of the earliest champions of woman's rights in this country, and took a prominent place among the papers of the state. The paper was discontinued in 1853 and in 1855 Mr. Nichols and his family moved to Kansas, where he died the same year. The Miss Nichols who has just died and her sister, Miss M. Nichols, have been employed for many years on the World's Crisis, an Adventist paper, published in Boston.

Case Growing Out of Leon S. Burke's Transactions.

There was a hearing before Justice Merrifield Monday forenoon in the case of Mrs. Phœbe Burke vs. Sheriff R. E. Gordon. This was a suit to recover a bicycle or the value of a bicycle attached by Sheriff Gordon in behalf of F. J. Bailey and H. B. Haus, creditors of Leon S. Burke, the plaintiff's son. The plaintiff claimed that before her son left town he turned the bicycle over to her to be applied on a board bill. The defendant claimed that Leon S. Burke transferred the wheel to his mother to prevent its falling into the hands of his creditors, and the court took that view of the matter. G. B. Hitt appeared for the plaintiff and C. C. Fitts for the defendant. In the afternoon there was a hearing before Justice Newton in the case of L. B. Yauvey vs. Leon S. Burke, T. A. Murphy trustee, in which Mrs. Phœbe Burke entered as claimant for the funds in the hands of the trustee. The only question raised was as to the funds held by Mr. Murphy. It appeared from the evidence that before Burke skipped town he shipped goods to Chalmers in New York and that a check was afterwards sent to Burke's wife. The latter found it necessary to obtain an endorser to the check before she could get cash for it and she made application to Mr. Murphy. Mr. Murphy would not endorse the check until $23.30, the value of the check, had been placed in his hands as security. The plaintiff claimed that she loaned the younger Mrs. Burke the money to secure Mr. Murphy, but the court held that the trustee was liable for the amount in his hands. H. G. Barber appeared for Mrs. Burke and G. B. Hitt for Mr. Yauvey.

Ernest Hall has broken ground for a new house at the head of Union street.

A. V. May, real estate agent, has sold the Powers place in Marlboro, owned by F. C. Bixby, to F. E. Brayman.

There will be a social and dance at Masonic hall next Thursday evening. Leitsinger's orchestra will furnish music.

The press notices of Bishop Vincent extend from New York to California and from London, Ont., to Montevideo, South America.

The appraisal of the S. H. Sherman estate has been made this week by the appraisers, Dr. H. D. Holton, D. S. Pratt and R. E. Gordon.

Between 30 and 40 would-be teachers took the examinations in Brattleboro Tuesday and Wednesday before County Examiner Ryder.

Quonektacat tribe of Red Men will have a social and dance at their hall next Wednesday evening, the 20th. The invitation to attend is general.

The annual sale of the Frost street book club was held Wednesday evening at the home of A. E. Atwood. Mrs. Atwood served refreshments to all present.

The Estey Guard had a skirmish drill Friday afternoon at the range on the Miner farm in Centreville. After the drill the new rifles were used at the range for the first time, each man firing three shots.

The personal property of the late S. B. Houghton will be sold by public auction, on the farm formerly owned by him in South Vernon, next Thursday forenoon at 10 o'clock. J. H. Eames of Vernon will be the auctioneer.

News has been received here of the death in Essex of Mrs. Eva P. Severance, 40, wife of E. J. Severance. Mrs. Yeaw formerly lived in this town, moving to Shattuckville, Mass., about eight years ago, where her first husband, Mr. Yeaw, died.

The opening of the Bromfield Spa in Boston took place Monday. About 4000 persons visited the Spa during the day, and spoke in high terms of the elegance of all of the appurtenances. Maj. F. W. Childs is president of the company, and ten or more Brattleboro and Windham county young women are employed at the Spa.

The price of wheat flour has advanced 50 cents a barrel within a week. July wheat has advanced eight cents a bushel, corn has advanced three cents a bushel, and the oat market is considerably stronger than it was a week ago. The cause of the increase has been the extra foreign demand and the shortage, combined with the war scare.

At the annual meeting of Fort Dummer Royal Arch chapter, held last evening at Masonic hall, these officers were elected: Fred H. Holden, E. H. P.; George L. Spafford, K.; Edward Clark, S.; E. F. Brooks, treasurer; H. F. C. Todt, secretary; O. E. Randall, C. of H.; F. R. Vaughan, P. S.; F. Carruthers, R. A. C.; Charles Henkel, M. 3 V.; David Young, M. 2 V.; P. F. Connors, M. 1 V. These officers were appointed: I. D. Bailey, chaplain; W. B. Vinton and J. Henry Pratt, stewards; J. A. Taylor, tyler; E. F. Brooks, trustee.

The last of a series of sociables given by the women of the First Baptist church was held Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Fuller at "Pine Heights." Nearly 100 persons attended. The principal feature of the evening's entertainment consisted of guessing the identity of persons present from their tintypes or daguerreotypes, of which there was a collection of about 100. Miss Corabel Coates gave a reading, and a musical program was rendered consisting of a piano solo by Miss Anna Maud Essex, vocal solos by Mrs. John A. Davis and Mrs. W. B. Eddy and a violin solo by Miss Grace Eels, with accompaniment by Miss Izetta Stewart.

A representative of the American Surety company of New York was in Brattleboro last Saturday and established a local agency for the issuing of bonds to all persons requiring surety bonds. A board of directors was appointed, consisting of W. H. Brackett, G. C. Averill and R. E. Gordon, and George B. Hitt was appointed attorney. These officers have the authority to issue bonds as they see fit immediately upon application, whereas heretofore it has been necessary for the applicant to correspond with the company at a delay of a week or more. The correspondence has usually been done through the local insurance agents. The board will be paid a commission on the business it does.

The New Hampshire officers have been unable to find Arthur A. Thompson, who fled from Laconia over a month ago. He first attracted attention a year or two ago by taking bogus orders for mackintoshes in Brattleboro, but he settled with his customers eventually. A few months later he was arrested for fraudulent uses of the mails, but the fine was suspended. The charge against him now is drawing checks on the Lakeport national bank and filling in fictitious names. United States Marshal Clark Campbell of Concord is also on his trail. Thompson has been heard from several times in Southern New Hampshire since he left Laconia, but the officers have been unable to get definite trace of him.

Liveryman C. S. Stockwell received a letter from Hugh M. Adams Wednesday. The letter was dated Sheep Camp, Alaska, March 26, and began thus: "I am all O. K. We have gotten all of our stuff on top of Chilkoot Pass and we shall leave for Lake Linderman at 5 o'clock to-morrow (Sunday) morning and make camp there to-morrow night. It is 16 miles from the summit and we shall take 400 pounds each. I went over there yesterday and back to-day. When the wind blows here it blows like a hurricane. I expect to leave the rest of the party soon and go down the river light to a creek and try to get a claim. There are between 500 and 600 horses at work between Dyea and the summit. Each horse carries about 300 pounds at six cents a pound." The letter says that George Wilson is with the party and is also O. K. Many men are turning back, but the Brattleboro delegation will push ahead until the gold fields are reached.

Improved Mail Service Between This Village and West Brattleboro.

Postmaster-General Gary has ordered the service on star route No. 3107, from West Brattleboro to Brattleboro, to be discontinued after to-morrow and he has authorized transportation of mails by the Brattleboro street railroad from next Monday. There will be four round trips on week days and one round trip on Sundays. This order is the result of an agitation which was started a year and a half ago. At that time the experiment of having the mail carried by the electric road was made and the railroad company lodged with the department a bid for the business. The company made no charge for their services while the experiment was being made and at its close the business was returned to W. L. Walker. Mr. Walker makes two round trips a day. The improved service afforded by the railroad was appreciated by the patrons of the West Brattleboro post-office and many expressions of regret were made when it was discontinued. The patrons are now pleased over the prospect of a return of the improved service, which will be permanent. The change is made in accordance with the established rule of the department to transfer the service from the star or stage route to the railroad wherever a star route and railroad run parallel with each other.

Mr. Wales's annual reception to his dancing classes at Greenfield, Mass., will be given to-night.

Fourteen horses were disposed of at good prices at G. E. Gilman's auction at the Elliot street stables last Saturday.

A one act play founded on Kipling's "The Light that Failed," is being played in London with success. It was written by Courtenay Thorpe.

The rite of baptism was conferred upon three children at the Episcopal church Saturday. The annual meeting of the Episcopal church society will be held May 2, when officers for the year will be elected.

The Vermont Wheel club tournament was finished Saturday night, when W. H. Perry won the diamond offered to the pool players. His score was 65 to 68 for O. Frank Bailey, but the latter's mark was 70, so that he lacked only two balls of winning.

At the meeting of the Woman's auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. held in the association rooms, Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. C. F. R. Jenne was elected president, Mrs. C. B. Rice, first vice president, and Mrs. H. F. Jordan, secretary. The other officers were elected at a previous meeting.

The annual meeting of Columbian lodge, No. 36, F. and A. M., was held Tuesday evening, when these officers were elected: A. W. Crouch, W. M.; Charles A. Grant, S. W.; Charles A. Buck, J. W.; E. F. Brooks, treasurer; E. H. Putnam, secretary; J. B. Randall, S. D.; C. F. R. Jenne, J. D.; Charles Henkel, J. S.; H. H. Hackley, S. S.; J. A. Taylor, tyler.

Wilson I. Brown had a narrow escape from a serious accident while sawing wood with a circular saw at his farm on the West river road Saturday. In some unaccountable manner he slipped and fell forward upon the saw, and his arm was severely lacerated from the wrist to the elbow. The wound is healing rapidly, however, and Mr. Brown expects no serious results from it.

The arrest of Selig J. Hyman in New York last week on the charge of strangling Mary Sheaffer, maybring to light several mysterious murders which have been committed there in the last four years. Among these is the murder of Mamie Cunningham, niece of Rev. P. Cunningham of this town, which occurred in May, 1896. Miss Cunningham was found strangled to death in her room, but the police were unable to discover the perpetrator of the deed.

William Coller, cutter for the Brattleboro Overall company, and Miss Emma M. Whittaker, an employe of the same concern, were quietly married Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the bride's home in Esteyville, the ceremony being performed by Elder Cross of the Advent church. Only the immediate friends and relatives were present at the ceremony. Among those from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Whittaker of Maine and Miss Maria Coller of Northfield, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Coller left for a short wedding trip in the South.

The south bound train on the New London railroad in charge of Engineer Charles Badette of this town, when near Amherst, Mass., Monday morning, struck the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Sullivan of Springfield, Mass., injuring him so severely that death ensued in about eight hours. The train was rounding the curve after starting away from the station when Mr. Badette saw a small child playing on the track ahead. He brought the engine to a stop as soon as possible but it was down grade and the child was struck before the engine could come to a standstill. No blame can be attached to the engineer, the sharp curve and the down grade being responsible for the accident, coupled of course with the fact that the child was playing where no child ought ever to stop for a moment. Section hands state that the boy was on the track a good deal in the forenoon and they had to get him out of the way of freight trains.

A hearing was held at the Brooks House Tuesday and Wednesday before Judge Wheeler on the petition of the receivers of the Central Vermont railroad for leave to pay certain preferred claims. There were various motions brought before the court, many of which were postponed on account of the illness of B. F. Fifield, counsel for the Central Vermont company. There was a hearing on claims against the New London Northern railroad, including the Brattleboro and Whitehall division, and a list of claims was ordered to be filed, with an order that parties may have 15 days in which to file objections against any specific claim. There was also a hearing on an order to dismiss the intervening petition of the National Bank of Redemption in Boston. The decision on this hearing was reserved. Lawyers Howe, Crawford, Coombs and Story of Boston, Newton of Hartford and Wilds of Middlebury were present to represent various claimants. Waterman, Martin & Hitt of this town also represented claimants. The hearing was adjourned until May 3.

Prof. Wm. B. Clark's Important Work in Maryland.

The Maryland legislature has just enlarged the powers of the state geological survey, of which Prof. Wm. B. Clark of Johns Hopkins University is in charge, by making provision for a topographical survey of the state and also for the investigation of the question of proper road construction. The latter act calls for the investigation of and report upon the character and distribution of the natural road building materials in the several counties and a full statement regarding the present condition of the roads and the best means for their improvement, with estimates of cost for construction, repairs and maintenance. Prof. Clark is given power by the commission to employ such engineers and assistants as needed. The present legislature has appropriated $50,000 for the maintenance of the geological survey during the next two years. Such universal approval has been accorded by the people and press of the state to the survey that the act passed both houses unanimously.

Corn Canning Factory Practically Assured.

A special meeting of the directors of the board of trade was held Monday afternoon to pass upon certain questions which have arisen in connection with the corn-canning industry, which it is expected will be established here this summer. The principal question for settlement was as to whether the town would exempt Baxter Brothers from taxation for five years. This the directors voted to do and to assume the responsibility, though of course the town will concur in the action of the board. The only other business of importance was to examine specifications for the buildings which will be needed by the industry and to appoint a committee to secure contracts for building them. This committee consists of C. W. Dunham, C. O. Robbins and L. F. Adams. The amount of money necessary for the completion of the buildings has been subscribed and over 300 acres of corn has been guaranteed by the farmers of Brattleboro and vicinity. The directors of the board of trade will meet again next Monday to hear the report from those who are soliciting acreage of corn and by that time the necessary 400 acres will probably have been subscribed so that final arrangements may be made.

ATTEND THE CAUCUS.

Support Old Board of Bailiffs.

The Caucus Will Be Held at the Town Hall Next Wednesday Evening---There is a Movement to Down the Bailiffs Because of Their Activity in Fighting the Liquor Traffic.

The Republican and Democratic town committees have issued a call for a citizens' caucus to be held at the town hall next Wednesday evening, April 20, at 7:30 P. M., for the purpose of placing in nomination suitable persons for officers of the village, required by law to be elected at the annual meeting, to be held May 3.

Every citizen who upholds the course of the present board of bailiffs ought to be present at the caucus. The men nominated in the caucus are likely to be elected. There is a strong movement on foot to down the present bailiffs. That they have conducted the affairs of the village in a business-like and satisfactory way is not denied, but it is understood that the opposition to them comes because of their activity in attempting to suppress the liquor traffic. Their work against the brewery nuisance has been fearless and persistent, and there is good ground for believing that if sustained and continued it can be made effective in stopping that traffic in the end. There is no doubt that the work of the board in this respect is strongly endorsed by the public sentiment of the village, and it is for the voters to come out to the caucus and make the fact apparent. The opponents of the present board will be on hand in force and well organized. The only way to meet this effectively is for each individual voter, who wishes to see the moral standard of the village maintained, to attend the caucus. It is not a question of men, or of personal choice, but of endorsing the work and the principles which the men represent.

There is another point to be considered beyond that of looking after the liquor traffic. Important business matters on behalf of the village will require action the coming year. It is not doubted that the active members of the present board are capable, level-headed and well-experienced men, and they can be depended on to take good care of the interests of the village in these matters.

THE BREWREY BEER.

Testimony at the Hearing in Regard to the Beer Seized at the Freight Depot Last Week---A Claim That Martin Leonard Owned the Beer.

A hearing was begun before Justice John H. Merrifield Friday afternoon to determine whether the six kegs of beer which were seized at the Boston & Maine freight depot last week were liable to confiscation under the Vermont law. Much interest centered in the case because of the legal points involved and because of the rumors which preceded the hearing as to the probable method of attack and defence.

C. C. Fitts and State's Attorney Robb conducted the prosecution and G. B. Hitt and Kittredge Haskins the defence. Policeman Thayer testified that on Wednesday afternoon, on complaint of the village bailiffs, he seized six kegs of beer as they were being rolled from a freight car to the freight depot. The kegs were rolled into one of J. A. Taylor's wagons and were drawn away. While this was going on Fred C. Gale appeared and claimed to hold jurisdiction over the liquor, but he made no effort to prevent its seizure.

E. F. Brooks, station agent, testified that the kegs were sent to Martin Leonard by the Hampden Brewing company of Holyoke, Mass., as was shown by the way bill. He was asked to produce his books to show whether consignments of liquor were constantly sent here to Martin Leonard. Counsel for the defence objected to this and the matter was put over until Monday afternoon.

J. A. Taylor testified that so far as he knew Martin Leonard had no business on the island and that none of his teams had ever done trucking for Martin Leonard. The defence set up a claim that the Hampden Brewing company had telephoned the station agent to return the beer to them, claiming the right to stop the beer in transit, but it appeared from the books of Manager Henkel of the telephone exchange that a message was sent from the brewery to the Hampden Brewing company before the brewing company telephoned for the return of the beer and that both messages passed after the beer was seized. It appeared from the testimony of Edward Lavelle, an employ at the freight depot, that similar shipments of beer and ale had previously been received in the name of Martin Leonard.

From the evidence deduced the prosecution claimed that Martin Leonard had no interest in the brewery but that the beer was his to be transferred at the depot to the real proprietors of the brewery.

Upon this theory the prosecution held that they had a right to seize the beer as it was intended to be transferred at the depot or in this state in violation of the laws of the state. To meet this argument the defence put on as a witness Fred C. Gale, who testified that Martin Leonard was the proprietor of the brewery and that he was Leonard's agent and that therefore the beer was in transit when it was seized.

The prosecution offered in rebuttal to Gale's testimony the testimony which Martin Leonard gave at the trial of a case in the county court when he said that he was in business in Johnstown, N. Y., that he had no interest whatever in the brewery and that he had never been in the state of New Hampshire. Manager Henkel testified that the telephone in the brewery was in the name of O. H. Ellis. The main question at issue seemed to be whether Martin Leonard was proprietor of the brewery.

Justice Newton gave his decision last night, to the effect that the liquor is forfeited, and that it shall be destroyed. The claimant took an appeal.

Two Millions a Year.

When people buy, try and buy again, it means they're satisfied. The people of the United States are now buying Cascarets Candy Cathartic at the rate of two million boxes a year and it will be three million before New Year's. It means merit proved, that Cascarets are the most delightful bowel regulator for everybody the year round. All druggists 10, 25, 50 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. 6

For Over Fifty Years.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

All disorders caused by a bilious state of the system can be cured by using Carter's Little Liver Pills. No pain, griping or discomfort attending their use. Try them.

THE WALES RECEPTION.

A Successful Entertainment at Festival Hall---Some of the Pretty Dances Given by the Children---Crowning Feature the Battleship Maine.

Another of E. Wales's successful entertainments was given at Festival hall Tuesday evening when the 10th annual reception and exhibition of his dancing classes occurred. The attendance at the affair was not quite as large as usual, but the exhibition was fully up to the standard set by Mr. Wales in former years. Leitsinger's orchestra rendered a short musical program the first part of the evening.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the 32 young people composing the class formed for the grand march, being led by Ruth Brown and Wales Holden. They entered the hall escorted by Mrs. E. Wales and Harry Wales, but were soon left to go through the evolutions entirely by themselves. The march was an extremely pretty one and was executed without a break. The children marched up the hall in couples, separating into single file and reforming in lines of two, four and eight abreast. The march concluded with a spiral movement which left the class in position for the fantasy. This figure was danced with an ease which showed how familiar the children were with their exercises, and drew hearty applause from the spectators.

The Highland Fling, by 20 of the smaller members of the class, was done in true Scottish style, and the antics of some of the little tots in this number were exceedingly amusing. After the Highland Fling came a waltz in which nearly all of the class participated.

One of the prettiest dances of the entertainment was the serpentine by Miss Maude Young. The calcium lights added greatly to the effectiveness of the dance, and the young lady looked like a large white moth as she glided around the hall, after executing the difficult movements with a grace worthy of a professional performer. The next number on the program was a two step.

The Ballet Equestrian, one of Mr. Wales's original pieces, was a dainty little dance by seven little girls. The participants were Marion Knight, Flossie Howe, Helen Childs, Mildred Barber, Leonora Richardson, Eva Ellis and Beulah Tucker. They tripped lightly around the hall several times, after which Marion Knight, the solo dancer, performed some difficult movements. This was followed by the Lanciers quadrille.

"Folly," another of Mr. Wales's original pieces, was a beautiful and exceedingly striking dance. "Folly" was represented by Robert Mitchell, who was dressed in a suit of orange and black. He was surrounded by eight girls dressed in scarlet and white and holding silver ribbons. The movements in this dance were lively and all the participants did admirably. The girls who took part in the dance were Maude Young, Judith Allen, Pearl Gibson, Alice Colt, Laura Pentland, Rachel Carson, Edith Hunt and Sadie Ford.

"The Opening of Spring" by Marion Knight and Flossie Howe, dressed in tinsel gauze over blue, was one of the prettiest features of the evening. The little girls carried a parasol between them as they danced, and their posing beneath it was very pretty.

The crowning feature of the evening was the Battleship Maine, sixteen girls and boys dressed in white and blue sailor costumes danced in genuine sailor style after which they formed in the shape of a boat at the head of the hall, and Hattie Young danced the sailor's hornpipe in the centre. Wales Holden, Marion Simonds, Mildred Scott, and Ruth Brown then stepped into the boat, each with an American flag, and it was rowed down the hall and back again by Miss Young, amid the loud applause of the audience. The participants in this number were Judith Allen, Florence Barber, Pearle Gibson, Edith Hunt, Sadie Ford, Mabel Barrows, Ruby Clary, Alice Eels, Hattie Young, Arthur and Horace Scott, Lawrence and Lester Barber, Rollin and Lawrence White, Guy Jones and Will Richardson.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, after which everybody was invited to dance. About 40 couples accepted the invitation and dancing was kept up until 12 o'clock.

HAS CLAIMS ON THE KLONDIKE.

A Former Brattleboro Barber Believes His Fortune is Assured---Claim Adjoining One Owned by Him Sold for $50,000.

Several interesting letters have been received by Mrs. Peter Caron of Esteyville from her brother, O. E. Jacques, who is now in Dawson City. Mr. Jacques, formerly a barber in Brattleboro and Hinsdale, left for the Klondike last summer in the first rush of gold seekers, starting from Atlantic City, N. J., with a party of five. The party proceeded as far as Dyea without a mishap, but while crossing Lake Bennett their boat was overturned and all the outfits lost. Mr. Jacques succeeded in finding one of his valises after it had been in the water three days, and wrote a letter home on some paper that was in it.

The party was obliged to separate after the loss of their outfits, including provisions, etc., but Mr. Jacques continued on his journey, arriving at Dawson City in October. He now owns two 500 feet claims. Good claims are valued at from $50,000 to $200,000 each, and one near those of Mr. Jacques was sold for $50,000. He is working at his trade as a barber receiving $1 for a hair cut and 50 cents for a shave. Mr. Jacques said in his letter dated Feb. 12 that he had provisions enough to last until spring. The coldest weather he has experienced is 60 degrees below zero, 15 degrees below being considered warm for the winter months.

Mr. Jacques says that his health is good, but he does not wish to stay at Dawson any longer than he can help on account of the rough class of people there. His advice to every one is to stay at home as the hardships are so many that only those of strong constitutions can stand them.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

George Hart's old faithful black horse died last week.

Howard Johnson is recovering from an attack of the mumps, with fever.

Bessie Farnum has been spending a few days in Putney with Mrs. Jacobs.

Miss Edith Crothers of Lawrence, Mass., is on a visit at Mrs. T. A. Chamberlain's.

Mrs. Anna Farnum is in Townshend taking care of Mrs. Geo. Barrett, who is ill.

Theodore Chamberlain set a brush heap on fire last Tuesday morning. Everything went well till a brisk wind sprang up, then the fire went flying through the dead grass and leaves. It went unpleasantly near the Prouty buildings and made a close call upon the cabin of the wood choppers. Neighbors rallied to his assistance and kept the fire from doing much damage.

After using a 10 cent trial size of Ely's Cream Balm you will be sure to buy the 50-cent size. Cream Balm has no equal in curing catarrh and cold in head. Ask your druggist for it or send 10 cents to us.
ELY BROS, 56 Warren Street, New York City.

I suffered from catarrh three years; it got so bad I could not work; I used two bottles of Ely's Cream Balm and am entirely well; I would not be without it.—A. C. Clarke, 341 Shawmut Ave., Boston.

THE VILLAGE REPORTS.

Total Expenditures the Past Year of $19,385.

Fire Department Called Out 16 Times---Fire Loss $8237---48 Arrests and 138 Tramps Cared For---Health Officer's Report.

The annual village report will be issued from The Phœnix job printing office to-morrow.

Bailiffs' Report.

In presenting our report, we desire to say that it has been our endeavor to comply with the principle laid down at the last village meeting, regarding our financial affairs, and, were it not that bills were presented which were contracted before our term of service, and of which we had no knowledge, we would be able to show a balance in the treasury at this time. A detailed account of all expenditures and liabilities will be found in the treasurer's report.

During the year we have laid 2700 feet of new sewers, the greater part of which is paid for by assessments along the lines.

The police service, under the management of Chief Ernest Hall, has been entirely satisfactory in every way.

Our fire department has given us good service, as heretofore. But steamer No. 4 is in bad shape, as reported last year, and we recommend that it be thoroughly overhauled, and put in condition for efficient service.

Complaint is made that passing is obstructed by people loitering on the sidewalks in some parts of this village. The by-laws are not explicit as regards this matter, and we hope such action will be taken as will make the duty of the police plain in such cases.

The expense of lighting the streets mounts up year by year, and this is a matter that deserves careful consideration. Our present arc lights are rated at 2000 candle power. Many cities and towns are using lamps of 1200 candle power, that give good results, and as the contract for our arc lights expires very soon, we think it a favorable time to consider this matter. Some of our streets are so shaded by trees that we fail to utilize the full power of the lights. Under such conditions incandescent lights may be used to advantage and at less cost. While we believe in rigid economy in public affairs, we are aware that the best economy is not always in the line of the lowest cost any more than a lavish expenditure is a guaranty of the best results.

ESTIMATES FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Fire department,	$5,500 00
Lighting streets,	5,000 00
Sewers,	200 00
Police,	1,200 00
Collecting taxes,	200 00
Clerk and treasurer,	100 00
Abatements,	150 00
One hook and ladder bond,	1,000 00
Miscellaneous,	100 00
Balance temporary loan, April 16, 1897,	4 0 00
Interest,	350 00
	$14,500 00

RESOURCES.

Sewer assessments,	$331 25	
Cash on hand,	83 79	
		415 04

A tax of 57½ cents on the grand list is recommended. Grand list is $30,863.42. A 40 cent tax will raise $14,745.36, which, with other resources, will make estimated receipts for year, $15,160 40.

The report of the treasurer, W. D. Perry, contains in detail the expenditures of the several departments, closing with the following summary:

Fire department,	$3574 41
Police,	1192 83
Sewer account,	674 20
Miscellaneous account,	515 93
Salary account,	350 00
Loans and interest,	5640 92
Lighting streets,	4693 13
1896 bills,	437 42
	$19,385 16

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