

## HINSDALE, N. H.

## TOWN HALL BURNED.

Total Loss of About \$40,000 From Fire Saturday Night.

Fire Started from a Furnace and After It Was Once Supposed to Be Out Spread With Great Rapidity—Help Summoned from Brattleboro and Winchester.

Hinsdale was visited by the most disastrous fire it has experienced for years, on Saturday evening, when its town hall was entirely destroyed.

Fire was discovered at about 6:45 o'clock in the upper story of the building, several persons seeing it at about the same time, though perhaps the first was John Smith, the alarm was immediately sounded and the fire department was promptly in responding. The fire caught from a furnace recently placed in the basement, the janitor having left it at 5:15 o'clock, with only a moderate fire, with all the heat turned into the room containing the public library, as that was the only room requiring heat on that evening. Upon entering the hall all the fire that could be seen was near the register at the right of the entrance to the main hall.

Several fire extinguishers were used, and it was thought for a brief time that the fire was all extinguished, and the hose which had been carried up stairs was taken out, and the pumps stopped, believing all danger was over. However, the fire had been working in the partitions, and soon broke out in the stairway leading to the belfry, up which the flames leaped with the rapidity of lightning and swept over the building until in a few minutes the whole top of the building was in a blaze.

The local firemen worked hard to master the fire and save the property, but when it was found that their facilities were unequal to the task help was summoned by telephone from Brattleboro and Winchester. Very soon after the fire broke out the credit at Halse & Frost's bank broke down, thus greatly weakening the local facilities, as only the paper mill pumps could be worked after this.

When it was seen that the town hall must go the efforts of the firemen were directed to the saving of adjoining or near-by buildings, and they are desisting of great credit for confining the fire to the building in which it started. Fortunately there was no wind, for had there been it would have been impossible to have prevented a much greater disaster.

The Brattleboro steamer arrived 40 minutes after getting the word, and the Winchester steamer about five minutes later, the being delayed by the breaking of the pole while on the way. The Brattleboro steamer was located at the river just below the Depot street bridge, and the Winchester steamer in the rear of Dr. Fay's residence. A hand engine from Brattleboro was on hand at about the same time and placed near the Winchester steamer, while the local machine was doing duty near the Brattleboro steamer.

All did excellent service, but before outside help could arrive the town hall was in ruins, and all that could be done was to protect surrounding property. The town clerk, a gift to the town from Geo. Fisk of Springfield, Mass., stopped 35 minutes after the alarm was sounded, although the fire from almost the first was raging below and around it. The bell was given by Wm. H. Halse. Both were found in about the center of the building in clearing up the rooms on the first floor, the side, were occupied by the Hinsdale savings bank, the office of the American Express company, the public library and the reading room, while the whole of the east side was occupied by G. S. Howe, general merchandise. This stock of goods was entirely destroyed. The books in the library were nearly all saved, although considerably damaged. The furniture in the express office and reading room was also saved. The basement was occupied by E. Bergeron's shoe repairing shop, the furnaces and storerooms.

The post-office block owned by G. C. Fisk, which stands west of the hall, was badly damaged by falling bricks. One of the heavy doors was broken in, a portion of the piazza torn away, places charred by the heat, etc. The old Adams house in the rear of the hall, also owned by Mr. Fisk, had the roof stove in by falling walls, going into the chambers and practically ruining the side of the house next to the hall.

The Whitaker building which stands on the east side of Depot street, had two large holes broken in the roof, the piazza demolished, and that side of the building ruined. Hotel Ashuelot, on the opposite side of Main street, became very hot, and many men were kept busy putting water on it to prevent it from catching fire. It seemed for a time that some or all of these buildings must go, but by united effort the flames were controlled.

It seems wonderful that in the falling of the tower, walls and chimneys no one was seriously hurt. Several were bruised from falling brick, and Harry Smith's face was somewhat burned in the early stages of the fire, when upon opening the door leading into the gallery the flames burst out upon him.

All of the fixtures in the post-office were removed, and a part of the goods in the Goodnow company clothing store, which is in the same building. Some of the tenants in the adjoining houses moved their furniture and others made ready for a hasty removal, if necessary.

Very soon after Frank Boucher, who was sick in bed in the Whitaker building, was removed to a neighbor's, the side of the house where the bed stood was broken in by the fall of a chimney. Mrs. E. C. Robertson was also in bed, and was removed to a neighbor's. One woman, whose husband is a member of the fire department, fainted on the street when the tower fell, which fortunately fell into the building and not toward the street.

The hall was built in 1878 by Mayo of Springfield, Mass., and with the furnishings cost about \$30,000. The insurance on the building is \$15,000. The building was brick and granite, and then built on a considered one of the best town buildings in the state. The books in the library were insured for \$2500. G. S. Howe estimates his loss at \$5000 with an insurance of \$1500. The Goodnow company's insurance is adjusted, but the loss was slight. The damage on the Adams house has been estimated and sum fixed upon at about \$400. All insurance on the property destroyed has not been adjusted at the time of this writing.

Many men and several teams were busy all day Sunday cleaning up, and as far as possible putting to rights, and much has been done during the week. The town library books were taken to the Warden company's store, and Sunday were put in an empty tenement in the rear of Todd's block. The library and reading room will be located in what was formerly the Record office in the Fisk block. G. A. Holand, agent for the express company, has found quarters in the rooms occupied by C. Barnes as a printing office in Stebbins block.

The town safe and the bank safe are found to be in very good condition. Mr. Howe's safe could not be opened when taken out of the ruins.

It would seem that the need of a first class steamer was thoroughly demonstrated on Saturday evening, when the low water made it impossible for the present system to throw water high enough to be of any avail, and it is hoped that the need will be so apparent that steps will immediately be taken for securing one.

The following is a list of the deaths which occurred in Hinsdale during the year, showing date and age:

Jan. 18—John G. Snow, 50 years, 7 mos.  
Feb. 1—Janette A. Thayer, 75 years, 5 mos.  
Feb. 8—Robert C. Stewart, 1 month.  
Feb. 28—Mary E. Roy, 2 mos.  
March 5—John Leary, 70  
March 7—Leah C. Sargent, 1 year, 2 mos.  
March 10—Joseph V. Foster, 2 days.  
April 5—Walter D. Blanchard, 31 years, 4 mos.  
April 10—John D. Smith, 30 months.  
April 11—Bridget Duggan, 30 years, 7 mos.  
April 17—Nelson R. Evans, 70  
April 19—Mrs. Christine Ellis, 80 years, 3 mos.  
May 1—Emory G. Fuller, 75 years, 10 mos.  
July 5—Edna Morse Akley, 47 years, 5 mos.  
July 9—Mary Ann Thomas, 79 years, 8 mos.  
July 16—William Welch, 29 years, 8 mos.  
Aug. 10—H. H. Halse, 2 months.  
Aug. 12—Mary Ann Thomas, 79 years, 9 mos.  
Sept. 11—Portland S. Martin, 1 day.  
Sept. 15—Benjamin F. Smith, 40  
Oct. 2—Arad Gilbert, 74 years, 11 mos.  
Oct. 15—Minerva Stevenson, 78 years, 6 mos.  
Oct. 20—John M. Shaw, 40  
Nov. 6—Henry L. Welch, 18 years, 11 mos.  
Nov. 15—Thomas W. Smith, 55 years, 11 mos.  
Nov. 20—Joseph V. Foster, 4 mos.  
Nov. 28—John Jeffords, 82 years, 8 mos.  
Dec. 1—Walter S. Williams, 6 mos.  
Dec. 4—Lena M. Robinson, 11 mos.  
Dec. 14—Eliza E. Moore, 55 years, 9 mos.  
Dec. 24—Harriet E. Akley, 74 years, 1 mos.

The books of the town clerk show that 7 bodies were brought here from out of town for burial. There were 20 marriages in town during the year, and the number of births, 31.

Mrs. Lucinda Wright has been ill several days.

Mrs. Joseph N. Howe is suffering from a bronchial trouble.

Twenty-one years ago last Sunday the town hall was dedicated.

Mrs. John Griffin is suffering from malaria and kindred troubles.

Ernest Thayer has left the High school and gone to work in the mill.

S. O. Davenport was kept indoors most of last week with crick in the back.

Miss Anna Britton of Millers Falls has been visiting in town a few days.

John Mooney of Putney, Vt., has been calling on friends in town this week.

Miss Margie White visited her sister, Mrs. Corb, in Greenfield, over Sunday.

The Chautauque meets next Monday with Jackson Leonard on Main street.

Miss Violet Robertson entertained Miss Frances Babitt of Bellows Falls recently.

Mrs. Maggie Mack is ill with dyspepsia at the home of her parents in South Vernon.

Rev. Father Delany of Manchester said mass at St. Joseph's Catholic church last Sunday.

Harry Smith was best man at the wedding of a friend in Greenfield Wednesday afternoon.

I. K. Bascom has recently had a hot air furnace placed in his farm house on the Northfield road.

Mrs. A. L. Ide of West Swanzey was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ann Thomas, Sunday and Monday.

Harry Dole of Keene has been enjoying life at the home of his grandfather, S. O. Davenport, for a few days.

John C. McCaughen left for California last Thursday, where he will enter the Leland Stanford university.

There were six accessions to the Congregational church Sunday, five on confession of faith and one by letter.

The installation of the officers of the Companions of the Forest, took place at Grand Army hall on Tuesday evening.

J. H. Wetherhead has been in Concord this week attending the meeting of the New Hampshire Undertakers' association.

It will be a long time before we shall cease to look for the town clerk to see the time of day. What could we miss more?

Miss Jennie L. Putney went to Fitchburg, Mass., Wednesday, where she will remain with her sister through the winter.

M. S. Leach has the engine and machinery set up in his new carriage shop, and is ready to get everything in operation this week.

The Hinsdale Savings bank is now located in Stebbins block, and the American Express office being in the same room.

Dorsey Conway is home from the McLean hospital for the insane at Somerville, Mass., where he has been employed for some time.

Fred Latham, who has been night watchman at Amidon's woolen mill for the past nine years, has gone to weaving at Halse & Frost's mill.

Miss Hannah Barrett has returned to Boston, and will go from there to Palm Beach, Fla., as nurse and companion for an invalid lady.

The officers of the local order of Red Men were installed Tuesday evening by D. M. Grand Sachem, W. J. Wheelock of Keene, and staff.

The officers elect of Queen Esther Rebekah lodge were installed on Wednesday evening by District Deputy Mrs. Mary Holman, and staff.

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The dancing school, which was taught in the town hall by Mr. Turner of Orange, is attended by about 20 couples. The term will be finished at Grand Army hall.

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Wm. B. Adams, Geo. P. and Anson Hooker, James Thomas and G. M. Wright disposed of their tobacco last week, the several lots amounting to about 15 tons. Report says the prices paid were 14 and 16 cents per pound.

Mr. and Mrs. Young, evangelists, will begin a series of meetings at the Congregational church next Sunday, and meetings will be held every evening through the week and probably longer. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The woolen mill of C. J. Amidon & Son was shut down Saturday night on account of low water. The industries in town which are

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dependent on power for power have been able to run nearly all the time for several days, the water being very low in the Ashuelot river.

Howard and Miss Mary Hall of Shelburne Falls, Mass., were last week guests at the home of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Leach. Mr. Hall went from there to resume his studies at Dartmouth college and Miss Hall returned to her home Saturday.

The ladies' benevolent society connected with the Baptist church held their annual meeting with Mrs. W. B. Thayer last Thursday, and elected Mrs. W. H. Woodall president; Mrs. W. B. Thayer, vice president; Mrs. Burton Spencer, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Aaron Jewell, Miss Lizzie Sargent and Miss Sarah Smith, executive committee.

The newly elected officers of the local order of Pilgrim Fathers were installed on Friday evening of last week by deputy supreme governor, Mrs. Eva J. Temple, assisted by the deputy supreme sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Addie E. Dix. The ladies have perfected themselves in this line of work, and it was exceptionally well done. The refreshments served were somewhat of a "new departure" and consisted of fried pies, cheese and coffee, a change that was greatly enjoyed.

The annual Baptist church meeting was held on Wednesday evening of last week. Rev. W. H. Woodall was chosen pastor for another year. Nelson Estey and Aaron Jewell were chosen deacons, Mrs. W. B. Thayer clerk, Miss Bertha J. Sargent, treasurer, A. Jewell, Nelson Estey and Burton Spencer trustees. The Sunday school has been re-organized with Aaron Jewell superintendent, and Miss Lizzie S. Sargent, and Miss Lizzie S. Sargent.

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gent assistant superintendent, Miss Nellie Gray secretary and treasurer, and Clarence Jewell business manager.

The W. L. Goodnow company are running a sale as a result of the recent fire. None of their goods were damaged by fire, smoke or water, but were somewhat mused by removal. The insurance has been adjusted, and their customers will reap the benefit in reduced prices. The sale of boots and shoes will be conducted in the east corner of the Fisk block, and that of the clothing at their old quarters in the post-office building. Several extra salesmen from Keene are assisting through the sale.

Miss Nonie Parcell entertained a party of 12 young friends at her home one evening last week. The young misses enjoyed themselves with games until summoned to the dining room where a fine spread had been prepared consisting of ice cream, cake, nuts, candy and cocoa. After the feast all were invited to dig in the Klondike and their efforts were rewarded by pretty gifts for each one. The arrangements were made by other members of the family, but were none the less enjoyable that all was a complete surprise to Miss Nonie.

WEST CHESTERFIELD, N. H.  
The ladies are preparing to hold their annual festival on or about Feb. 14.

C. W. Chamberlain is drawing logs for George Amidon into the lower mill here.

Rev. C. F. McIntire of Marlboro exchanged pulpits with Rev. Roulillard last Sunday.

Geo. Amidon has leased the mill of his brother Charles and has again begun filling the yard with logs ready for spring sawing.

The next regular meeting of Spafford grange will be held on Saturday evening, Jan. 13, at 7 o'clock. The officers-elect for the year 1900 will be installed.

A. M. Brown began Monday to draw logs from the Lily pond lot to George Amidon's mill. Larkin Farr also has several thousand feet to draw into the same mill.

Some eight or ten families have lost their water supply within the past ten days on account of the cold weather. There is a general scarcity of water and small amount of snow on the ground at the time.

Mrs. Estlin Smith, who is in her 83d year, is gaining slowly from the paralytic stroke which she sustained some two months ago. She can now speak a few words at a time and can use one hand slightly.

WHITINGHAM.  
A man owning a team can find plenty of work for it nowadays.

Arthur Wheeler went to North Adams Saturday, returning Monday.

Charlie Evans spent Tuesday night with his classmate, Robert Chase.

Ads Carpenter is attending the Bliss business college at North Adams.

Mrs. Marion Howard went to Frank Davis's Monday, Mrs. Davis being sick.

Judy Robbins remains about the same. Her brother returned to Cambridge, N. Y., last week.

Frank Hall is ill again and he will probably go to the hospital at North Adams as soon as he is able to be moved.

There was fine sleighing the first of the week on the main road, but growing thin in some places on the Readsboro road.

E. A. Wheeler is having his pulp wood drawn to Davis Bridge and rolled into the river ready to float to Readsboro in the spring.

Mrs. Cutler has been very ill for the past ten days and is no better now. Jennie Flemming of Bernardston is taking care of her.

David Reed has finished drawing four foot wood to the depot and will now draw H. A. Wheeler's pulp wood, about 200 cords, to Readsboro.

Whitingham public library is now open for the delivery of books Wednesday afternoons from 2 until 4 o'clock, and Saturday afternoon and evening from 1 until 9 o'clock. Mrs. C. S. Chase is librarian. Erlend J. Peebles of Jacksonville took out the first card.

VERNON.  
Farmers' Meetings Next Monday and Tuesday.

Farmers' meetings will be held here next Monday and Tuesday under the direction of the State Board of Agriculture. Program is as follows:

MONDAY EVENING AT 7 O'CLOCK.  
Welcome.  
7:15. Forage Crops. J. K. Curtis, Georgia.  
8:00. The Dairy Cow. Geo. H. Terrell, Morrisville.

TUESDAY MORNING.  
10:00. Stock Breeding. Geo. Aiken, Woodstock.  
11:00. Farm Barns. Ernest Hitchcock, Pittsford.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.  
Music.  
2:00. Farm Machinery and Labor. C. J. Bell, Walden.  
2:45. Soil. Prof. C. W. Burkett, Durham, N. H.  
3:30. Sanitation. Member State Board of Health.

TUESDAY EVENING.  
7:30. Forestry. Ernest Hitchcock, Pittsford.  
8:00. Fertilization. George Aiken, Woodstock.  
8:30. Agricultural Society.

A cordial invitation is extended to all. The ladies are especially invited. All are urged to join in discussion of the topics presented and to question the speakers.

William E. Newton lost a nice cow last Saturday.

The ladies' circle will meet with Mrs. Whithead next Wednesday afternoon.

Ernest Hubbard has gone on a two weeks' visit to Meriden, Conn., Springfield and Northampton.

The next meeting of Vernon grange will be held on Thursday evening, Jan. 18, at A. Whithead's hall at 7 o'clock.

Preaching at the Adventist chapel at 11 A. M. next Sunday morning by the pastor from the last clause of Acts v. 4. All are welcome.

Most of our progressive farmers attended the meetings of the Vermont Dairymen's association this week and we take pride in noting that a Vernon woman, Mrs. W. A. Franklin, is the winner of the two highest prizes for cheese making.

Hon. Mason S. Stone, state superintendent of education, visited some of our schools on Monday and Tuesday and on Monday evening gave a very interesting talk upon school matters at Whithead's hall. All who came out to hear him felt richly paid for their trouble and we only regret that every citizen of the town, who might have done so, did not improve the opportunity.

SOUTH VERNON.  
Fisher Brown of Meadville, Pa., is in town on a business trip.

E. O. Lee and wife expect to go to Washington next week, for a few weeks' visit.

M. H. Powers and T. E. Stockwell have delivered their tobacco crop at Sutter Brothers' warehouse.

Roland Stebbins has sold his '99 crop of tobacco to Everett of Deerfield, Mass., for 11 cents in the bundle.

Joseph Williams of Warwick, Mass., is in town this week to look after his lumber interest, and has bought a lot of G. M. Brooks and Orrin Brown and has looked at others with a view of purchasing.

## WILLIAMSVILLE.

## Vital Statistics.

The births, marriages and deaths in Newfane for 1899, as returned to the town clerk's office, were as follows:

BIRTHS.  
March 31—Daughter to George A. and Mabel E. Griswold.  
May 23—Daughter to Abbott T. and Emma W. Edwards.  
June 9—Son to Alvin H. and Kate L. White.  
June 22—Son, Leon Elmer, to Elmer W. and Lucy L. Knapp.  
July 9—Son to Albert E. and Alma M. Morse.  
July 15—Son, Harold Culworth, to Frank A. and Lena W. Dewitz.  
July 27—Son to Murray H. and Lillie Cheney.  
Aug. 1—Daughter to Lemuel C. and Mary M. Miller.  
Aug. 11—Son, Burton A., to Dwight E. and Minnie S. Bailey.  
Aug. 27—Daughter to Alexander and Philmont C. Deupree.  
Sept. 1—Son to Frank L. and Mary E. Whitaker.  
Sept. 4—Daughter to George A. and Frances I. Houghton.  
Sept. 20—Daughter to Albert E. and Ella C. Nash.  
Nov. 7—Son, William S., to Marshall D. and Annie L. Newton.  
Dec. 14—Daughter to Byron C. and Eliza Bailey.

MARRIAGES.  
Jan. 25—George H. Goodenough and Marion L. Hastings at Brattleboro.  
June 9—Herman J. Ingram, and Lillian B. Call. Sept. 9—Charles L. Hoscock and Edna F. Morse.  
Feb. 11—George C. Cook and Ellen S. Kyles, at East Poultney.  
Aug. 24—Edwin H. Richardson and Grace E. Truesdell.  
Nov. 15—Edward B. Willard and Abbie M. Dodge.

DEATHS.  
Jan. 18—Aurilia S. Wellman, 83.  
Jan. 19—Flora Hall, 6.  
Jan. 20—Alice Needham Hall, 86.  
Feb. 3—Walter C. Son of H. W. and Alice N. Hall, 4 mos.  
Feb. 3—Eugene Morse, 55.  
Feb. 12—Mary Hitchcock, 88.  
Feb. 24—Nancy Boyden Shibley, 93.  
March 1—Elizabeth A. Cook, 95.  
March 9—Rhoda P. Jackson, 73.  
March 18—Mary M. Ingram Clark, 73.  
April 20—Almira Gould Shiple, 72.  
May 14—Drury Fairbank, 78.  
May 14—Minerva C. Kyles, 78.  
July 25—Ed P. Bruce, 74.  
July 27—Infant son of Murray H. and Lillie Cheney.  
Aug. 3—Infant daughter of Lemuel C. and M. M. Miller.  
Sept. 4—Anna L. Green, 64.  
Oct. 6—Eliza A. Robins, 68.  
Dec. 23—Alvina Root, 61.  
Dec. 29—Charles Elliot Sparks, 76.

## For Protection from Fires.

The recent narrow escape from a conflagration at Newfane village suggests a reference to the Williamsville fire department. We are not able, of course, to own a fire engine. This is a very serious deficiency which seems to be doing such good service elsewhere have not yet been introduced here. There are two or three hook ladders in the place but every man is on such good borrowing terms with his neighbor that it is doubtful if the owners would be able to locate them in an emergency. Aside from the family mop-pail our entire available fire-fighting facilities could be summed up in this one item—an ability to sound an alarm.

We presume that the same conditions exist in nearly all villages of like size with ours but this does not alter the fact that it means a good deal for any small village to suffer a severe fire loss.

Although we have not had a building burned in the village proper for nearly 43 years, and our people have got through looking for such an event, still some of them think that the time is now ripe to make an expenditure of one \$100 for fire protection.

It is proposed to purchase eight or ten hand fire extinguishers, scatter them around the village and have some of our young men schooled in their use; also to have eight or ten suitable ladders made and stored at some central point on a light hand truck with a good supply of fire rope. This would make an equipment which, if properly used, would be effective in three cases out of five as fires run. Police but energetic solicitors will soon call on our citizens for subscriptions and a liberal response is hoped for. When financial success is assured an organization will be effected.