BRATTLEBORO LOCAL NEWS

BROKERAGE HOUSE FAILED.

rattleboro Branch Office of H. R. Leighton & Co. Closed Friday-Few Local Patrons and Losses Light.

The telegraph instrument in the brokerbranch office of the firm of H. R. Leigh-n & Co. of Boston, ticked off a message out 11 o'clock Friday that the firm had The office was at once closed by John Holloran, who had it in charge. Mr. Holloran received no further particulars except from the Boston newspapers, From them it was learned that the extent of the fallure might be \$500,000. Mr. Leigh-ton says, however, that it will not exceed ton says, however, that it will not exceed half that amount. The Brattleboro losses were small. According to Mr. Holloran they will not be over \$500 or \$600, including accumulations. The Brattleboro branch office was opened about three years ago by Charles T. Grout of Bellows Falls, under whose supervision it has been ever since. At the time of the failure there were not over six or seven customers. there were not over six or seven customers

was wrong was when a notice was posted that the firm had assigned. About the same time Mr. Allen made public the following notice: "The suspension of H. R. Leighton & Co. is due to the failure of a member of the Boston Stock Exchange to meet his obligation, together with certain outside investments which could not be realized on at once. Details later." It was said that Thomas W. Lawson was a silent partner in the firm, but when interviewd on the subject Mr. Lawson denied any relation to the firm and said he would not know a member of the firm from a side of sole leather.

H. R. Leighton is the active head of the firm and G. T. Babecok are firm and he and G. L. Babcock are the principal stockholders. Mr. Babcock is principal stockholders. Mr. Babcock is president and Mr. Leighton is secretary and treasurer. There are 36 branch offices, those in Vermont being located in Burlington, Montpeller, St. Albans, Rulland, Morrisville, Woodstock, St. Johnsbury, Equipment Bellows, Falls and Park bury, Bennington, Bellows Falls and Brat-

Y. M. C. A. NOTES,

The association has a long list of fur-nished rooms available for young men. The secretary will be pleased to direct

The third entertainment in the Star curse will be given in the Auditorium uesday evening. Jan. 23. It will be a clure by Sylvester A. Long of Dayton,

H. C. Eva, of the Harlem Rescue Mission in New York city, will speak at the 4 o'clock meeting Sunday on "White Slaves." Mr. Eva is a very interesting speaker and every young man in Brat-tleboro is invited to hear him. The asso-ciation orchestra, who pleased the audience so well last Sunday, will furnish

About 300 members and friends of the association attended the New Year's re-ception given Monday evening by the auxiliary. The association orchestra gave a pleasing program, many games were played in the gymnasium and game rooms, and refreshments were served by several young ladies, Miss Emily Clapp and Miss Grace Whitaker pouring the coffee. The decorations throughout the rooms were handsome. The ten table stood in the centre of the reading room, and ropes of smilax in which were inter-woven 10 dozen red carnations, extended from the gas jet to the corners of the table, making a beautiful effect.

All young men in Brattleboro may feel free to use the papers and magazines in the association reading room. Following is the list: Daily papers, New York Tribune, Springfield Republican, Boston Herald, Boston Journal, Albany Journal; weekly papers, The Vermont Phoenix, Windham County Reference (Transfeld) Windham County Reformer, Greenfield Recorder, Bellows Falls Times, Poultney Journal, Swedish paper, Londonderry Sifter, Burlington Clipper; religious papers, Sunday School Times, Watchman, Congregationalist, Religious Forum, Ram's Horn: magazines, Century, Scribner's, Harper's Monthly, Outing, Strand, Mc-Clure's, Cosmopoiltan, Technical World, World's Work, Youth's Companion, Success, Harper's Weekly; miscellaneous, Printer's Ink, Academe, Lyceumite, Association Men, Association Boys, four university catalogues, seven college catalogues; Y. M. C. A. monthly papers from St. Louis, New York city. Boston, Cleveland, Newark, Orange and Trenton

West River Railroad Conditions. It is evident that the new year has

pened with a more hopeful feeling on the part of mill men and other business men on the line of West River railroad. so far as railroad service and facilities are concerned, than has existed before for several years—perhaps than has ever existed. This is general recognition of the fact that since the conversion of the road from the narrow to the standard gauge as much work as possible, with the time and facilities at command, has been done for the improvement of the road bed and to make it safe and available for the winter. A great deal remains to be done in the way of filling and even-ing, and of straightening curves and protecting embankments, but Superintendoubt that he will use his best efforts to have the work done when another season opens. In any case his energy and diligence have prevailed up to the present time. There has been a decided improvement in the freight car service of late, and shippers suffer much less delay than formerly in forwarding their products. Mr. Nash and Mr. Burke, the station agent at Brattleboro, are doing all they can to help shippers in this aspect. The gen-eral business of the valley suffers from the open winter and the lack of snow.

GRANGE NEWS.

Windham county Pomona Grunge will meet with Evening Star Grange, Dum-merston, on Jan. 17.

The Grange sewing society will mee Jan. 12. They will have supper in the banquet hal, at 6 o'clock, followed by a social evening.

The Grange dramatic club will hold meeting Thursday evening, Jan. 11. All members of the Grange are invited. There will be a sociable after the meet-

The officers of Protective Grange were Master Carl S. Hopkins, assisted by Austin E. Miller. Past Master Pierce gave a report of the state Grange meeting. The next meeting will be held Jan. 24.

the new Quick Desserts that grocers are now selling? They are justly termed "Easy to Make" as all ingredients are in the package. Three complete products-

D=Zerta

Quick Pudding and D-Zerta Perfect Jelly Dessert at 10c. per package, and Dizerta Ice Cream Powder, 2 packages for 25 Five choice flavors of each. trial will convince you how easy it is to have the finest desserts with no labor and little expense. Order to-day.

Professional Club Paper by Frank E. Barber-Local Agents Attended Meeting and Discussed Subject.

INSURANCE REFORMS NEEDED.

A meeting of the Brattleboro Profes-onal club was held in the Brooks House Monday night, which was timely because of the subject which it considered and was profitable because of the able way in which the speaker of the evening, Lawyer Frank E. Barber, treated the subject under consideration. There was a large uttendance, including the Brat-Mr. Barber gave a very interesting and comprehensive paper on "Fundamentai reforms needed in life insurance." After showing what constitutes life insurance he told of some of the abuses which have crept into the business and suggested the remedies. He advocated that tontine and deferred dividend policies, which constitute a large proportion of the insurance now written, be prohibited, for the reason that should the insurer surrender, lapse, change or decrease his policy or die lapse, change or decrease his policy or die within the deferred or toutine period he would forfeit all the accumulations to the having open deals. Mr. Holloran says he does not know just what he will do, but that if the firm settles with its creditors in full and the office is reopened he probably will remain in Brattleboro.

The first intimation that customers in the Leighton offices had that anything was wrong was when a notice was posted. not large enough to create a reserve to meet the increasing mertality expense. Industrial insurance should be prohibited, he advocated, because of the large amount written on infants, which invites crime. No child should be insured until it reaches

the age of usefulness to its parents.

Mr. Barber showed the need of more careful attention to duty on the part of weeks. Investments should be made with more care, and graft and negligence should not be possible. Since dummies do not direct they should have no legal status, except, indeed, to other things advocated were uniformity n laws of the different states, a law com-belling companies to make annual or freent distribution of accumulations, and a limitation of dividends on the stock of stock companies. The discussion was led by Dr. Fremont Hamilton and was participated in by nearly all present, making the meeting one of unusual

Were Married in Brattleboro Jan. 1, 1856.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Cole of Walriends at the Hotel Wallingford from 3 intil 5 o'clock Monday afternoon in ob-ervance of the 50th anniversary of their parriage. There were several people on Rutiand and surrounding towns resent besides many from Wallingford. Music was furnished during the afternoon by the Stafford-Mellow orchestra of Rutland. Mrs. F. H. Baldwin of Rut-land was caterer. Mr. and Mrs. Cole have been residents of Wallingford since 1884. The fermer was in business many years with the late John D. Miller in the manufacture of ox-bows. For several years past he has carried on an undertaking

Oct 31, 1833, being the son of Hollis and Eunice (Wilcox) Cole. Mrs Ellzabeth Gerland Merrifield Cole was the daughter of Jones J. and Laura (Holland) Merrifield of Newfane. She was born Dec. 2, 1828. The couple were married at Brattleboro by Rev. George H. Deere, a Universalist pastor, Jan. 1, 1856, They moved to Wallingford eight years later. moved to Wallingford eight years later. The Cole family consisted of two daughters, Mrs. John D. Miller and Miss Anna Cole of Wallingford. There are three grandchildren llying, Mrs. E. C. McIntyre and Mrs. F. D. Harlow of Rutland and Miss Helen F. Miller of Wallingford.

NEW HAMPSHIRE NOTES.

Death of Sumner Warren at Keene. Sumner Warren, 91, for many years an Sumner Warren, 91, for many years an active and influential business man in Cheshire county, died Tuesday from a general breaking down at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. C. T. Colony, in Keene. Mr. Warren was born in Westmoreland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Increase Warren. When 29 years of age he established a tannery at Chesterfield and for 21 years he did an extensive business. Later he was engaged in the same business in Lowell. When the first shoe factory was established in Keene. shoe factory was established in Keens about 30 years ago, Mr. Warren became an interested member of the corporation and went to Keene to live. He built and occupied the house on Court street now used as the invalids' home. In all his dealings Mr. Warren was noted for his promptness, honesty and liberality. Mr. Warren married in 1841 Miss Luthern

Death on the Rail at Walpole Monday. A young man who is supposed to have seen John W. Jurry, a weaver, about 35, ormerly of St. Albans, was struck by he southbound flyer just above the rail-oad station at Walpole Monday aftermon while crossing the tracks with the evident intention of boarding a freight train on which he had been riding. Te man on which he had been riding. Te neek was broken, but otherwise the body was only slightly injured, being thrown from the truck when struck by the locomotive. Jurry was given lodging in the police station in Keene Sunday night, went to West Swanzey, where he worked in the mill a short time Monday, and then returned to Keene where he worked. eturned to Keene, where he boarded the reight train. The selectmen took care of he body and it was taken to St. Albans by his mother, who came to Walpole from

56th, Wedding Anniversary at Bendville Hon, and Mrs. Cephas William of Win-nall observed the 56th anniversary of heir marriage at their home in the village of Bondville Jan. 1. It was also Mr Williams's 77 birthday anniversary. Both are natives of Winhall and have always lived there. They received many con-gratulations. Five children who are now ving were at home. Mrs. Williams wa ormerly Miss Harriet Benson. Mr. Wil-lams is one of the prominent Republi-ans of Bennington county and has filled many town and county offices. For four years he was an assistant judge, represented his town for a number of years in the legislature, has been a justice of the peace, and a selectman. Both have a large circle of friends.

John A. McCail has resigned the presidency of the New York Life Insurance company, and it is said that he may participate in the formation of a new company. He has paid back to the company the \$225,000 paid in 1904 to "Judge" Hamilton for which new accounts. been made in detail.

Surrounded by every luxury and wearing jewels worth a small fortune, Mrs. Emma Isabel Peabody, a handsome woman of 27, shot and killed herself in her appartment on the second floor of 74 West 52th street in New York Monday. She was the daughter of Mrs. E. D. Leavitt of Brookline, Mass., was educated at Wellesley college, and after separat's from her husband supported herself by writing. She was brilliant and versatile in this work but was in poor health and had been recommended by her physician recently 2 take a sea voyage.

IN OUR OWN STATE

VERMONT'S RECORD OF FAILURES.

Dun's Report Says There Were 197 in 1905-Liabilities \$656,494.56, Assets \$326,-

The mercantile agency of R. G. Dun & Co. furnishes the following failures with itabilities and assets, as filed in Vermont for the year ending December 20, 186. Petitions in bankruptey, Other failures,

Total failures, The number of failures as filed by 10 \$ 25,584,30 \$19,672.57 Bennington. 68,320,25 36,854.9 9,960.28 7,108.01 118,788,22 56,040,69 3,569.11 100.12 8,981.51 6,863,49

Washington

district in 1904 192 \$297,288.91 \$130,362.19 Fallures in same

Vermont Had 6581 Contagious Diseases

Dr. H. D. Halton of Braitleboro, sucre-tary of the state board of health, has compiled the record of contagious disber was 651, divided as follows: Diphth-oria and croup 422, measles 4431, menin-gitis 16, searlet fever 422, typhoid fever 301. in Grand Isle, 360 in Swanton, 172 in Fair Haven, 196 in Rutland city, 186 in North field, 365 in Brattleboro, 125 in Rocking ham, and let in Ludlow. There were let cases of whooping cough in Randolph. The complete report of deaths for 190 has not been received. During the first county record was as follows: Diphtherm and croup, 35: measles, 56; scarlet fever 5; typhoid fever, 17; whooping cough, so

Assault Case in Tunbridge. George H. Slack, 2d, of Tunbridge has assault with intent to kill. Slack's hore is near Randolph Centre. From the testi-mony of four witnesses it appeared that Slack's wife and sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Packard of Dewey Mills, arranged a Christmas reunion at the home of their mother, Mrs. Mary Barney, who keeps louse for Jonathan Moses on East hill the worse for liquor, and his conduct to ed, as she feared to take a 12-mile ride in the night with him in his condition. Slack drew a knife and started for his wife with a threat to kill her. She ran for a bedroom shricking, and Slack was overpowered by Jonathan Moses and Henry Packard, put out of the house and the door barred against him. He stayed outdoor all night. His defense was that beare in the base countered his conditions. quor in the house caused his condition

Big Deer Killed in Manchester.

A handsome five-year-old buck was found by Myron Taylor of Manchester Depot on Beech ridge in Barnumville, n the Green mountains, recently. County Warden Chase investigated the case and found that apparently the deer had been used by hounds and died from exha tion, there being no marks of any kind on the carcass. Mr. Chase finds indica-tions of bounds chasing deer on both the

To Wind Up Bank's Affairs. D. D. Muir, receiver of the Merchants the affairs of the institution and pay the final dividend to depositors. Jan. 13 he will sell at auction all the assets which promptness, honesty and Miss Luthern Warren married in 1841 Miss Luthern Willard of Charlestown, N. H., a descendant of Maj. Simon Willard, and to them five children were born, all of whom died five plicity in the wrecking of the bank.

Montpeller had 166 cases of intoxicatio

The Wright Health Underwear com-pany, which had a large mill burned in Pownal Dec. 15, will not rebuild. Calvin Hersey, 70, a farmer of East Montpeller, dropped dead at his home Saturday shortly after eating his dinner. He leaves a wife and six children.

Henry Brown. 65, one of the most highly respected residents of South Wheelock, was killed by a falling limb while driving his team in the woods near

Philo Kidder of Woodstock was brought into Windsor county court Tuesday on the charge of keeping a bucket shop. Kidder has been agent for the firm of H. R. Leighton & Co., of Boston, which recently went into the hands of a re-



in a health drink made

with wheat - besides being

Pleasing to the taste

and you don't tire of it

Try it and be healthy

OLD GRIST MILL-Charlestown, Mass.

by George Brown and leased to George Walker was burned Friday night. It contained a large stock and there was but a small insurance on the property.

Felix Boner, 15, and Roy Ciark, II, inve been bound over to the Franklin ounty court on the charge of arson. It is alleged that they attempted to burn be Baswood hill schoolbouse in Bakersfield Thursday night. Lawrence B. McEnany, 25, a brakeman

as killed in the Central Vermont rail-old yard in St. Albans early Monday corning. He supped from a flat car, fell between the rails and the car passed over him. His left arm was broken, his left leg and ankle bruised and he suffered serious internal injuries. He formerly lived in Fairfield,

Gov. Bell has appointed G. H. Terrill of Morrisville a member of the state board of cattle commissioners for a term of three years to succeed V. L. Spear of Randolph, whose term expired Jan. 1. Stephens of Hartford and F. A. Rich of Burlington are the other members of the board, of which Terrill will be secretary. Stephens and Rich are veterinaries.

The case in Windsor county court against Dr. George P. Morris, of Hartland, on the charge of assault with intent to kill Luther Pennington Nov. 25, went to the jury Dec. 30. After being out four hours the jury brought in a verdict of simple assault. Both sides took exceptions. Ball was reduced from \$2000 to \$500 and sentences. to \$500 and sentence was suspended. A furious hall and wind storm, accom-

A furious hall and wind storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning, struck Rutland Friday afternoon. Hall stones as large as marbles fell in torrents, Wirea were blown down and limbs of many trees broken off. Lightning struck the large residence of the Temple Brothers on Maple Grove farm, ripped open the roof and followed the telephone wries to the

The annual report of the state laboratory of hygiene at Burlington contains interesting figures. The total specimens examined number 6665, against 5085 in 1904, and 5412 the year before. Included in the transit present year are 2002 throat culures of diphtheria, 1320 tuberculosis, and 10 medico-legal cases, compared with \$15 yphoid, 132 liquor, and 215 pure food law ases five years ago.

The Vermont Tribune, a newspaper oublished in Ludlow, has been sold to a corporation of people of that town. The concern is capitalized at \$6000 and the officers are John G. Sargent, president; Mary E. Reed, clerk; and Winfield Sargent, secretary. W. W. Stickney, Mrs. John G. Sargent and Henry G. Bradley of Northampton, Mass, are named in the articles of incorporation.

Whiteomb Fairfield, 13, son of Charles Fairfield, editor of the Rutland Evening News, was accidentally shot in the arday in Chicago. He was operated upon at the Marshall Field, jr., hospital and it is thought be will recover. His father, who had just arrived in Rutland from the West, hastened back to Chicago.

O. S. Wilcox, about 50, shot himself with a 32-calibre rife at 7 o'clock Sun-day morning at his home in Willowvale, Woodstock. The first shot missed, but the second entered one eye and came out at the back of the head. The man died a few minutes later. It is said that he had threatened to kill himself. Wilcox lived on a small farm and did some car-bentry work. two sons, and a daughter, who is away

At the annual meeting of the Aryshire Breeders' association held in Syracuse, No. recently George W. Hallon of Middle town, N. Y., was chosen president and C. M. Winslow of Brandon, Vt., secretary and editor. In the distribution of prizes and entor. In the distribution of prizes the first prize, \$75, for a herd of five cows was awarded to Mr. Winslow, the record being 29,844 pounds of milk and 1738 peunds of butter. Mr. Winslow also won third in the single cow test, with the animal Acelista, the record being 10,-254 remains of milk and 119 neverts of her. 55 pounds of milk and 419 pounds of but-

The rate war on the price of coal, which has been war on the price of coal, which has been waged by the local dealers in Rutland since last June as a result of an effort made by the Combination Cash Store company to sell coal at a fair profit instead of the mentals and a self-coal at a of the get-rich quick plan, is probably at an end owing to influence brought to bear by the New England Re-tail Coal Dealers' association. The inlependent retailer has been forced raise prices or go out of husiness. At as low as \$5.50 per ton, but consumers there now will have to pay \$7.50.

Guy W. Hill was appointed Monday state's attorney of Caledonia county to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of D. Thompson, who has gone to Barton, where he will succeed to the practice of Judge Miles, recently appointed to the appropriate to the process of the proce December term of court in St. Johnsbury and the associate judges. Mr. Hill was born in Bethlehem, N. H., is 1878, gradu-ated from St. Johnsbury academy in 1897, and studied law in that town. He is a member of the law firm of May &

Miss Carrie Loftis, a nurse at the state ospital for the insane at Waterbury, narrowly escaped death Dec. 28 in a heroic effort to save the life of one of the patients of that institution who jumped into the Wincoski river. Miss Loftis, in company with two other curses, was in charge of a number of patients who were eding given a walk just after dinner. At point where the road came in close proximity to the river, one of the patients, a woman, made a sudden plunge through the thin ice. Miss Loftis quickly went to the rescue and both women were in danger for some time, as the efforts of two other nurses to render assistance were futile. A woodman who was passing suc-

futile. A woodman who was passing succeeded in getting both from the water.

A suit has been brought by Harold W. Rann of Derby, against Dr. M. C. Twitchell of Burlington, and the Mary Fletcher bospital for \$5,000 damages for loss of the sight of an eye. Rann, who is 13 years old, claims that advice given by Dr. Twitchell was harmful. There was a piece of tin in the eye, it is claimed, and piece of tin in the eye, it is claimed, and the doctor said no tin was there, and advised no treatment. The boy lost the sight of the eye.

Jones Will Get Wilmington Post Office. Orrin H. Jones will be recommended by Congressman Haskins for reappointby Congressman Haskins for reappointment as postmaster at Wilmington, There has been quite a spirited contest for this appointment, there having been at one time several candidates for this office, but it finally narrowed down to a contest between Orrin H. Jones and Lewis H. Strawser, editor and publisher of the Deerfield Valley Times. Petitions were circulated in the interests of both candidates and each received a large number of signatures, but the majority of the of signatures, but the majority of the patrons of the office favored the present incumbent, as was shown by the petitions. [Brattleboro letter in Springfield Sunday Republican.

Speared by a Sled Stake,

John L. Benson of Winhall met with a very painful accident last Wednesday, While drawing four-foot wood Mr. Benson was turning his team around in the woods on a steep side hill, when the rear sled caught a stump, throwing him violently upon a sharp pointed stake, which penetrated his body about three inches just under the right arm. Mr. Benson is a heavy man and he fell with great force, and as his feet went from under him his whole weight was thrown upon the stake. He succeeded in extricating himself after some difficulty. Dr. Esmond of Bondville, who was hastly summoned, dressed the wound. Mr. Benson is doing as well as could be exon is doing as well as could be ex-

Gen. Francis Fessenden, Ase of Maine's most distinguished soldier. In the civil war and a former mayor of Portland.

Irene Gleason came home last Saturday Mrs. E. M. Spencer was taken very hi

Fannic Ballard has visited in Springeld, this state, this week. A watch night service was held at the

Baptist church last Sunday night. Ellen and Henry Williams have entered the employ of the Jamajça Lumber Co. Stella Howard spent three days here ast week, going back to Chicopee Falls

ter spending Christmas with her son in

H. A. McLenn, G. J. Loveland and A. D. Piper were in Brattleboro Saturday business.

Several from here attended the dances t Londonderry and West Wardshoro on New Year's night. Rev. and Mrs. Huntley Sprague came

to Arthur Allen's Monday to stay the re-mainder of the winter. A. B. Stark has bought a valuable timber lot from Mrs. S. E. Rawson in the Pike's Palls neighborhood,

Several parties of young people have njoyed the skating on Bloodsucker pond his week. The ice is in fine condition. Mrs. W. O. Davis of Townshend and con Wardwell of Gardner, Mass., have been spending a few days at Mrs. F. C

G. H. Hollenbeck and W. F. Cutting have been in Gardner and adjoining towns, looking up the chair stock trade this week.

The Jamaica Lumber company has put out a fine valendar illustrated with a cut of the men, horses and skidways of logs on the West till job. Bert Allen has begun work in the

village mill with his gasolene engine saw-ing up the next year's supply of cord wood, which is coming in fast now. Union services will be held at the Bapchurch next Sunday morning and meeting of girls and young women wi be held at the Congregational church i

Massachusetts to visit an invalid sister and Mrs. Ledger, the evangelist, took charge of the services Sunday. Meetings are being held every afternoon and evening this week.

Sleighing is fine and logs are co fast. John Clark has two teams draw-ing from the McLean lot near Adams pond, and the Jamaica Lumber company has six teams drawing from the Hulett lot in Strutton.

The Dramatic club began this week the rehearsals of the drama "Tony the Convict," which they will present the latter part of this month. This play is something more elaborate than those heretofore undertaken by the club and much hard work is being put into it to make it the success of the senson.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Howard of Puthave visited recently at Harvey Howard's.

Dora Thayer returned to Brattlebor last week after spending some time at her home here. Some of our young people attended the ployed. The summary lance at Charles Howe's in West Townshend Friday night.

WEST WARDSBORG.

Mrs. M. L. Rice is taking care of Mrs. Mrs. E. O. Lyman will have charge of ext Sunday morning's sérvice. Mrs. P. A. Perry was in Brattleboro last week to attend the funeral of her

M. E. and Guy Putnam brought in a bear last week. The animal was minus one foot and a part of another foot. There was a good number at the sing ing service Sunday evening at H. H. For-

rester's. Next Sunday evening evening the meeting will be held at S. S. Perry's. The icy condition of the high last Friday and Saturday was very di. rag-ing, but notwithstanding this several children who had been invited to Hazel cot-

walked there and back, enjoying their visit very much. Frank Hescock of West Dover and Miss Halifax, returning here Tuesday of this week. Miss Blanche Boyd stayed with Marcia Costs. In passing through West Dover village they proved that it was a good year for rice. good year for rice.

WINDHAM.

John Roger visited in Fair Haven Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Rhoades spent New Year's at Orn Rhoades's. The annual church roll call was beld at the Congregational church Monday. Miss Winifred Chapman returned to Vermont academy, Miss Helen Adams to olby university and Paul Jones to Brat-

leboro high school this week. The Centre Congregational society have chosen the following officers for the ensu-ng year: Mederator, J. W. Gould; clerk, H. M. Abbott; collector, B. B. Prentiss; treasurer and agent, E. H. Jones; auditor, B. B. Prentiss; ministerial committee, H. E. Wood, J. W. Gould, A. A. Goodell; church committee, W. G. Adams, G. L. Dutton, H. I. Gould, and S. L. Dutton, H. L. Gould; parsonage commit-tee, A. A. Goodell, L. B. Chapman, B. B. Prentiss.

Glebe Mountain Grange has chosen the following officers for the next year: Mas-ter, J. W. Gould; overseer, L. M. Edson; lecturer, Miss Inez Edson; chaplain, Rev. J. S. Cogswell; steward, Will Tenney; assistant steward, Rescoe Ingalls; lady assistant steward, Mrs. G. E. Eddy; secretary, H. L. Gould; treasurer, W. D. Bathrie; gatekeeper, A. S. Howe, Ceres. Mins Hazel Shanks; Pomona, Mrs. Will Flora, Mrs. Will Tenney; organist, Miss Jessie Stene.

Lister Will Have a New Question. [Randolph Herald and News.]

When the lister comes around next When the lister comes around' next spring and asks you what's your politics, don't think he's joking, and don't get mad and tell him to go hang, it's none of his business. For if you do, you are liable to find out a little later that you can't vote in the caucus of either party or any party that year. Just own right up that you are a Democrat or a Republican the most simple, fair and effective of the several plans proposed. One point not to be overlooked is that it is not operative in any town unless five per cent. of the voters so petition on or before May 25. We apprehend most towns will try it, once at least.

Emma Durand, a cook, was burned to death in a fire which gutted the wooden building at 33 Bank street. New London, Conn., early Saturday. May Pierson, a lodger, was thrown from a second floor window by an explosion of gasoline in the rear of the building. She is in the hospital seriously injured, but will recover. The loss is estimated at \$15,000. The cause of the fire is not known.

Frank Steuenberg, former governor of idaho, was assassinated while entering his home in Caidwell, that state, Saturday night, by the explosion of a dynamite bomb, set off by some one who pulled a wire. Two bombs had been placed under the sais at the entrance of his house. der the gate at the entrance of his house, so that they could be exploded when he approached. It is thought that the murder is a result of Steuenberg's activity in crushing the miners' riots at Coeur D'Alene in 1899.

A. STEIGER & CO., Holyoke, Mass.

January Clearance Sale Women's Cloaks, Suits, Skirts and Millinery

This sale has been a remarkable success so far with us, on account of the extremely low prices which we have placed on good, desirable merchandise. It testifies that the thrifty, economic traders of this vicinity fully appreciate the values which we

If you have not attended this sale, you should make it a point to visit the store some time during the coming week, and enjoy your share of the bargains.

Good, desirable merchandise extremely low prices goods that are guaranteed in quality.

A. STEIGER & CO., Holyoke, Mass.

BRATTLEBORO LOCAL

BEATEN AT NEWPORT, N. H.

Score Against Brattleboro Athletics 41

to 24-One Mix-Up a "Feature." The Athletics were defeated by the Newport Athletics in Newport, N. H., Mooday night 41 to 24. The Newports have not been defeated on their floor this season, but if the referee and Newport players have been in colusion at every game as they were in this one it is easy to understand why they have not been beaten. The game was fast, but there were no special features aside from a little mix-up between Stafford and Kearns. Kearns persisted in Jabbing his show into the visitors, and after Stafford

had given him a few warnings without result more effective means were employed. The summary: McGuiggan, c ...

Score, Newport 41, Brattleboro 24, Goals from floor, Doyle 8, Manseau 3, Mc-Guiggan 3, Kearns 2, Brill 2, Riley 5, Ellis 5. Stafford 2, Davy. Goals from fowls, McGuiggan 5. Davey 2. Referee, Ladue. Scorer, Stratton, Timer, Maley, three 20m. periods. Attendance 400.

A return game with the Newport Athletics is scheduled for Jan. 29, in Festival hall. The Brattleboro Athletics will play Co. D. in St. Johnsbury tonight and the Bellows Fails team in Bellows Fails next Thursday night.

Dan Stolte was referee in Greenfield last evening in the game between the Father Matthews team of Turners F and the St. Jerome team of Holyoke. Henry Martens and Charlie Martens, late of the Brattleboro Independent basket

Advices from Detroft Indicate that James Barrett, the crack centre fielder of the team which represents that city in the American association, may be traded to some other club. Barrett, whose homto some other club. Barrett, whose home was formerly in Brattleboro, where he began playing ball while attending the parochial school, led all the fielders of the league last year, not having an error in the 24 games which he played. He sustained an injury to his knee which put him out of the game a large part of the season, and when his relatives here last heard from him he had been advised to heard from him he had been advised to have the knee placed in a cast two months, with the expectation that the treatment would put him in good condition for playing this year.

WESTMINSTER WEST.

Miss Nellie Cutting returned to Hamilton, Mass., last Saturday. Mrs. J. P. Ranney is in East Putney, airsing, but is expected home the last of

home for the holidays have returned to Mrs. J. L. Orms Falls with her daug. Mrs. Edson, who us been ill several seks.

Most of the students who have been

The pastor prepared a printed prayer as New Year's greeting to his people, thich he has distributed among his parishloners and which is much appreciated by them.

The mission study class which has been taking up the study of Africa, held the closing meeting at the parsonage Tuesday evening. The meetings have been well attended and much profit has been derived by those taking the course. The librarian's report for 1905 shows that there are in the library 972 volumes, 45 having been added the past year. Number of subscribers for the year 34, number of volumes taken from library 631, of these 102 were travels, histories and

biography, the rest fiction. Books have been denated by E. A. Wilcox and J. O. Codding. Considering the size of the place this seems a good showing as to the reading capacity of the people. The Only Survivor of the Hayes Arctic Expedition, Mr. S. J. McCormick, now U. S. Deputy Mineral Surveyor, Rliss Station, Idaho, says; "For years I have suffered from severe pains in the hip joint and hack bone, depriving me of all power. The cause was Stone in the Bladder and Gravel in the Kidneys. After using Dr. David Kennedy's Faworite Remedy, of Rondout, N. Y., I was completely cured."

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WEST BRATTLEBORG

Sixty Years Married.

Monday was the 60th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hazelton Rice, and the event was celebrated by their relatives and friends, some spending the day at feasting and games and good cheer, while others were coming and going leaving gifts and congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Rice, though no longer young in years, exercised their right to be the gayest and happiest of all. Hazelton Rice was born in Somerset and Esther Smith in Londonderry, the former is 83 and the latter 78 years old, yet those who witness their activity and

former is 83 and the latter 78 years old, yet those who witness their activity and perennial youth can hardly believe the chronologist. For the last 21 years they have lived in West Brattleboro and have a large hold on the friendship of the people. Previous to coming here they lived in Somerset and Newfane, Vt., and West Chesterfield, N. H. It seems a curious coincidence that Mr. Rice was selectiman of each of the above named towns at the time of leaving. He several times held every office in the gift of his native town except that of town clerk. He was elected representative two terms. He was elected representative two terms, the second time unanimously. He was a member of the house of representatives at the extra session called in 1861. Mr.
Rice has been a life-long Republican,
voted for John C. Fremont, and was
fresent at the "Hard Cider," "Tippecanoe
and Tyler Too" campaign raily on Stratton mountain when Daniel Webser gave
the address.

the address.
Mr. and Mrs. Rice buried two children many years ago, a daughter three years old and a son about II. They are members of the First Congregational church bers of the First Congregational church and staunch supporters of everything that makes for morality and good cit-izenship. Their home is a bright spot in izenship, who share with hem the joys of long life, good health,

Mrs. Eliza Ames is critically ill at Mrs. Bert Miller spent Tuesday in Greenfield, Mass.

E. H. Davenport was in Wilmington Wednesday and Thursday. Miss Mattle Clark of Troy, N. Y., spent several days at David Perry's.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Blodgett of Green-field were at home for Christmas. Miss Edna Wheeler has returned from a visit in Springfield and Worcester, Mass. Mrs. Charles Pettee of Boston is visit-ng her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hill. Homer Higley returned Tuesday to Al-bany after spending New Year's at home. Mrs. Fisher and three daughters re-turned Monday from a week's visit in

Lynn, Mass. Mrs. J. L. Stockwell and children spent unday and Monday with her mother in South Vernon.

A gathering of the Miller family was held at David Perry's Monday. It was very enjoyable occasion. Miss Ruby S. Clary, who came to spend Christmas with her mother, re-turned Tuesday to the Rochester art

Frank Tuttle has taken a job of teaming for Charles Johnson and has hired Mrs. Stoddard's house for the winter. He will move there tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fox were visitors in the village over Sunday and Monday. Mr. Fox coming to look after the affairs of the late Miss Lucy Fox, being exec-

utor of her will.

The annual meeting of fire district No. 5 was called Monday evening, but the attendance was so small that no business was done and the meeting was adjourned until the first Tuesday in April.

Several people called upon C. A. Van Doorn Wednesday, his Sist birthday an-niversary. He is in comfortable health, although not able to be on the street often or to attend to much business. The Near and Farther Lights society of the Baptist church met with Miss Kate Wheeler Wednesday, when gentlemen's night was celebrated. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed with games,

mental and vocal music The young people of the Congregational Christian Endeavor society gave a successful Mother Goose social in the church pariors Tuesday evening. Pantomimes illustrating Mother Goose rhymes comprised a part of the entertainment.

The woman's aid society of the Baptist church met at Mrs. Evans's Thursday afternoon of last week. They have had a very prosperous year, raising over \$100. Mrs. Len Taylor and Mrs. Edward Thurber were elected president and vice president ident, and Mrs. O. G. Covey se

The home of L. H. Stellman was the scene of unusual festivities Monday evening when a party was given in honor of L. M. Stellman, who is at home from the University of Michigan at Ann Arber. The evening was filled with games, music and social entertainment. Refreshments were served. The occasion will be counted as one of the pleasant events of the season.

A reception and euchre party was given-A reception and euchre party was given recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Wood in honor of the tenth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Knight of Providence, R. I. There were six tables at cards and prizos were won by Austin Akley, Mrs. Margaret Liscom. Edson Akley, Carrie Marsh. Peter Baker and Daniel Harris. Refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Knight received \$25, subscribed by friends and neighbors. They returned to their Providence home Thursday afternoon.

George Lenn, 6, son of George Lenn, who lives about two miles from Millers Falls, was drowned Friday by falling in-to a well near the house while attempting