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BRATTLEBORO.

Edward V. Morse's Sunday school class of the First Baptist church went on a sleighride to Newfane Friday evening.

The New England Order of Protection will hold a masquerade ball in Festival hall Feb. 7. The invitation to attend will be general.

The next meeting of the Sunshine society, branch 1, will be held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Lawrence on Williston street next Friday afternoon.

The annual meeting of the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals will be held in the north room of the Brooks library Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. All members are earnestly requested to be present.

The Girls' club will hold a social in the rest room the first Wednesday evening in February. There will be entertainment and refreshments. The classes connected with the club are being patronized beyond all expectations.

Three of the student nurses at the Memorial hospital have finished their course of three years and have graduated this week. Miss Cora Sperry will go soon to Panama and Miss Celeste Genin and Miss Jennie Corey will do private nursing in Brattleboro.

A complaint has been made to State's Attorney C. H. Williams of Bellows Falls against Charles Taft of West Dummerston for alleged cruelty to a cow. The complaint is that Mr. Taft beat one of his cows so badly that it was necessary to kill it. The state's attorney will make an investigation.

Important evidence has been collected this week for use in the suit of the people against the plumbers, which will be heard on the Auditorium stage the evening of Feb. 8. It is rumored that one of the respondents will plead guilty, but counsel for the three others are making strenuous efforts to prevent such an occurrence.

A dinner to President John M. Thomas of Middlebury college and some Brattleboro young people who have attended the institution was given Sunday by Dr. and Mrs. Fremont Hamilton, whose son is a student there. The party included Dr. W. H. Lane, Capt. E. J. Waterman, Mrs. C. A. Boyden, Miss Florence C. Allen and Miss Florence Hemenway.

Miss Rosabel Howe was thrown from a sleigh Saturday night and the horse jumped into a barbed wire fence near the Bradley farm and was badly cut. She was on her way to a birthday party, and a birthday cake which was in the sleigh was not presentable after the accident. The horse was a young animal and was startled by another horse, making two or three jumps sidewise into the fence.

A special Salvation Army service will be conducted in the Advent chapel, Esteyville, Sunday at 10.45. Captain B. Hoke and members of the local corps will conduct a typical Salvation Army service in the Congregational church in West Brattleboro Tuesday night. The subject will be: "My promise when I became a Salvationist." The corps will have a rummage sale in its hall on Elliot street tomorrow afternoon and evening and Tuesday, the proceeds to be used for the support of the local corps. Any having articles to donate may notify Captain Hoke by telephone at 9 Elm street.

Edmund A. Rockett of Springfield, Mass., formerly of Brattleboro, and Miss Ellen F. Ferriter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ferriter of Horton place, were married Monday morning in St. Michael's Roman Catholic church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father George L'Ecuyer. They were attended by John Cummings and Miss Annie P. Ferriter, sister of the bride. After the ceremony a reception was held in the home of the bride's parents with a large number in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Rockett left for a wedding trip, and on their return they will live in Springfield, where Mr. Rockett is a printer.

A feature of the program for the next Grange meeting Wednesday evening will be the brief statements of a number of members as to why they chose their occupations. Those who will respond to the question are: Carpenter, A. H. Combs; milkdealer, E. E. Mather; stenographer, Miss Bessie L. Farnum; cabinet maker, H. W. Sargent; confectioner, A. E. Miller; road builder, D. T. Perry; chef, H. W. Spaulding; farmer, F. A. Phelps; printer, A. E. Atwood; dressmaker, Mrs. A. H. Combs; gardener, A. W. Roel; electrician, W. B. Sargent; teacher, N. D. Clawson; lawyer, F. E. Barber. The program which will be presented by the lecturer will include also music by the Grange choir, papers on "Inventions that have impressed me most" by Mrs. Alma Goodenough and J. E. Lawrence, a recitation by Harold Chase and a paper on "The orchard for pleasure and profit" by F. D. E. Stowe.

A meeting of baseball players of Brattleboro was held Saturday evening in Judge E. W. Gibson's office. They were full of enthusiasm for the coming season and after a somewhat lengthy, but harmonious, discussion it was decided to organize a team. Mr. Gibson was empowered to interview the men of standing in the community who are interested in baseball with a view to securing their support in anything which might be attempted. It was the general impression that there was good material among the Brattleboro boys for a strong local team, but that a professional coach was needed to develop it. It is probable that the team will be made up of all local players, with the exception of a pitcher. A good coach will be secured, and every one in Brattleboro who thinks he can play ball will be given an opportunity to convince the coach. The game will be run more for the sport than for financial gain, but if the team comes out ahead at the end of the season the players will share in the receipts. It is planned to hold meetings about once in two weeks until the season opens.

Designs from the celebrated Bayeux Tapestry are now used in England by the Royal Doulton on their china, of which Miss M. Ritter Shea of Brattleboro has some specimens. The Bayeux Tapestry is a piece of linen 214 feet long and 20 inches wide, on which is embroidered, with woolen threads of various colors a representation of the invasion and conquest of the English by the Normans in 1066. According to tradition it was embroidered by Queen Matilda, the wife of William the Conqueror. It is considered a valuable historical relic, as it gives a correct and minute portraiture of the manners and customs of that age and of the Norman costumes. The original tapestry contains the figures of 625 men, 200 horses, 55 dogs, 40 ships and boats and numerous quadrupeds, birds, etc. The tapestry was discovered in the cathedral of Bayeux, France, about 1730, and it is now preserved in the Hotel de Ville of that place.

E. J. Fenton & Co.'s store is closed today to arrange and mark down the stock for the great 10-days' sale which starts tomorrow morning.

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Leitsinger's orchestra will play tonight at the annual ball of the Hinsdale fire department and will give a concert from 8 to 9.

A meeting of the Woman's alliance will be held with Mrs. Charles Warder tomorrow evening at 7.30, when Harry L. Piper will give a talk on "Birds."

Deputy Great Sachem E. L. Parker will trail to the hunting grounds of Ascutney tribe of Red Men in Windsor next Tuesday sleep to raise up the chiefs of that tribe.

An attachment for $1000 has been filed in the office of the registry of deeds in Springfield, Mass., by the E. A. Strout company of Boston against Jerry A. Frost, who will move to Springfield from Brattleboro soon.

Sergt. John C. Cody of the United States army will come to Brattleboro Feb. 7 for a week of work with Company I. Two company drills will be held and there will be three schools of instruction for non-commissioned officers.

John William Bass of Randolph and Miss Alma Louise Niles of Brattleboro were married Sunday night in the home of F. H. Hobson in Bellows Falls by Rev. F. L. Leavitt. Mr. and Mrs. Bass will make their home in Randolph.

There were two failures in Windham county in 1909. The liabilities, as shown by Bradstreet's weekly Vermont trade report, were $1142.49 and the assets $376.72. In but one other county, Essex, were the liabilities for the year's failures smaller than in this county.

Arthur Mower, 34, formerly of Brattleboro, died of tuberculosis in Springfield, Mass., Jan. 13. The funeral was held in the Methodist church in Shelburne Sunday, Rev. C. W. Kelley officiating. Mr. Mower at one time was employed by the S. A. Smith company and at another time he worked in the store on Central street which was conducted by his brother, H. H. Mower, now of Shelburne. He was a brother of Mrs. W. W. Macia, formerly of Brattleboro and now of Springfield, and he went to Springfield a few weeks ago to spend the winter with her. Besides his brother and sister he leaves a mother.

Harrison F. Fisk, 69, brother of Frank D. Fisk of Brattleboro, died in a hospital in Peoria, Ill., Jan. 13 after an illness of three weeks with neuralgia of the heart. His burial was in Oak Ridge cemetery in Springfield, Ill. Mr. Fisk was born in Chesterfield, N. H., May 15, 1840, and was one of three children of John B. and Arabell (Robertson) Fisk. For several years in his early life he was express agent in Hinsdale, and later he lived in Springfield, Mass. He went west about 25 years ago and since then he had been a traveling salesman. Besides his brother he leaves one son, Fred N. Fisk of New Haven, Conn. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias. He served in Company E, 6th New Hampshire regiment, in the Civil war.

Bernard H. Murray, one of the veteran conductors on the Central Vermont railway, who was widely known to the traveling public, died Jan. 12 in his home in Charlestown, N. H. He was employed by the company 43 consecutive years, 41 years as conductor. His route for a long time was between Montreal and South Vernon, but his last run was between Montreal and White River Junction on the day express. He won many friends by his invariable courtesy and it is said the company never lost a dollar through any error, oversight or neglect on his part. He is survived by a wife and one son, Charles T. Murray. The latter, who is a graduate of the University of Vermont, is associate editor of an engineering publication in Chicago.

Physicians and health officers throughout the state have had their attention directed to the prevalence of smallpox in Massachusetts and New Hampshire towns and cities this week by the state board of health through its secretary and executive officer, Dr. Henry D. Holton of Brattleboro. The disease has not appeared in this state, but it is so near that the state board wisely has taken this precautionary measure. The text of the notices sent out from Dr. Holton's office Tuesday is as follows: "Information has reached this office that smallpox is prevalent in some towns in Massachusetts and that one or more cases have developed in Keene, N. H. We would call attention of physicians and especially of all local health officers in this state to this fact, warning them to be vigilant and see that cases do not present themselves in their respective towns, promptly quarantining all suspicious cases, to the end that the disease does not obtain a foothold in any part of the state."

The first trouble with deer-killing dogs this season came to the attention of County Fish and Game commissioner Roswell L. Frost Monday. Will Harris reported to Mr. Frost that he had found a large doe on the side of Wickopee hill partly eaten up by dogs or some other animals. An investigation showed that two dogs had chased the does across the hill and had caught her on the slope. She struggled to free herself for some distance but the dogs finally pulled her down and killed her. From the appearance of the body it was evident that the doe had been dead several days. Mr. Frost has some strong suspicions as to the dogs which were responsible for the slaughter and if his further investigations seem to warrant a prosecution will follow. At the present time the snow is so deep in the woods that the deer are at the mercy of dogs. Any one who has a dog that might be tempted to kill deer would do well to keep the animal at home while the deep snow lasts. The county fish and game warden is going on the warpath against deer-killing dogs and some of them will get into trouble.

The board of civil authority met Tuesday evening in the selectmen's room to adopt measures for determining the people in Brattleboro who come under the provisions of the statute regarding aid and instruction of deaf, dumb, blind and epileptic persons. The statute requires that the board of civil authority shall file with the county clerk before Feb. 1 of each year a statement of all such persons, concerning their condition and the ability of their parents or guardians to furnish instruction for them, also whether the parents or guardians are willing that they should become beneficiaries under the provisions of the statute. The board of civil authority appointed Carl S. Hopkins and H. B. Chamberlain a committee to secure the names and information about all such persons in Brattleboro, and to report at a meeting of the board to be held Saturday, Jan. 29. Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Chamberlain would be glad to receive information concerning these cases, whether they are children or adults. The statute provides for their care and instruction at the expense of the state.

Brattleboro Trust Company.

The annual meeting of the Brattleboro Trust company was held at the company's banking rooms at 10 o'clock Monday morning. The detailed report presented by the treasurer showed a steady growth of the institution and a prosperous condition of its affairs. There was a gain in deposits of $146,573.87 during the year to Jan. 1, bringing the total up to $479,116.18. Five hundred and sixty-five new accounts were opened during the year. The earned surplus now amounts to $15,000, and the net earnings for the year were 10 per cent. on the capital stock. In its trust department the company now has six estates in its hands for settlement, five guardianships and four trusteeships.

The old board of directors was reelected: A. B. Clapp, M. J. Moran, E. W. Blodgett, George A. Eels, D. P. DeWitt, J. L. Stockwell, E. W. Gibson, John E. Gale, G. S. Howe, O. E. Randall, E. A. Melendy, George S. Foster, Adin F. Miller, George H. Gorham, M. A. Brown.

The officers will remain the same as heretofore: President, A. B. Clapp; vice president, M. J. Moran; treasurer, Chas. A. Boyden; assistant treasurer, J. R. Ryder; auditors, A. B. Clark, H. G. Barber, L. D. Taylor.

The Daughters of Pocahontas will hold a dance in Red Men's hall Saturday evening.

Beausejant commandery, K. T., conferred the Red Cross degree upon three candidates Wednesday night.

Brattleboro lodge, No. 102, F. & A. M., will confer the Entered Apprentice degree in a special communication this evening.

The high school seniors will not conduct a spelling match the latter part of the month, as planned, but will devote all of their energies toward making their fair on Feb. 21 a great success.

The teacher's training class of the Congregational church will meet Monday evening at 7.45 with Miss Florence Hemenway on High street. The subject will be "Growth." Any one interested may join the class.

In the election of the directors of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Buffalo, N. Y., Tuesday, the adherents of Mrs. Annie S. C. Leavitt, who has been at the head of the church, did not vote, and a new board was chosen, for whom 354 ballots were cast.

A pedestrian on Elm street was amused at the conversation of two little girls which he overheard one day this week. "There are two kinds of measles," said one, with an air of superior knowledge, "German measles and real measles," and the other responded demurely, "I have noticed from the signs that they are all having 'Caution Measles' this year."

Miss Catharine E. Willey, 21, died Monday in the Memorial hospital of exhaustion following a second operation. She was the daughter of George F. and Mary (Burns) Willey and came here from Massachusetts some time ago. She had been employed as a domestic in Brattleboro and Vernon. She underwent an operation in the Memorial hospital last fall and a second one last week. She leaves one sister, Miss Elizabeth E. Willey of Enfield, Mass., who came here to be with her last week. The funeral was held Tuesday at M. J. Moran's undertaking parlors. The burial was in the West Brattleboro cemetery.

No special master has been appointed yet to hear the case of W. H. Proctor against the former members of the Hooker, Corser & Mitchell company. When the case was brought up recently before Judge A. A. Hall it was left that the orator should submit a list of men, any one of whom would be satisfactory to him. This list was to be submitted to the defendants in the suit and if any one was satisfactory to them Judge Hall would appoint him a special master to hear the case. If none were satisfactory the defendants were to submit a similar list to the orator. If no master satisfactory to both sides can be selected in this way Judge Hall will select one himself. The orator has submitted his list, but the defendants have not said whether any of them is satisfactory.

By defeating Paterson, N. J., the Troy basketball team regained first place Saturday night in the Hudson River league. Eighteen hundred persons saw Troy beat the Crescents 22 to 17 at Troy. "Ed" Wachter was absent and "Socks" Davey, the old Brattleboro star, took his place in tossing for Troy from the foul line. The Troy Record of Saturday said: "'Jimmy' Davey gave a great exhibition of basket tossing from free throws. Out of ten chances, Davey scored six points and also added six points to Troy's total on goals from the field. 'Blonde' Hardman gave Davey a close run for honors, responding to the call of duty with three baskets, two scored in a manner that called forth applause both long and hearty." In its notes of the game the Record said: "'Jimmy' Davey shone in a new role last night—casting baskets from the foul line."

Loren R. Pierce of South Londonderry, district deputy grand master of the 8th Masonic district of Vermont, which includes all of the lodges in Windham county, will conduct a school for the instruction of officers of the lodges in Masonic hall in Brattleboro beginning at 1 this afternoon. The date of the annual district meeting, when grand lodge officers will be present, was set for Jan. 27 in Brattleboro, but owing to the Universalist society's fair and the public dedication of the Grange hall in Dummerston, both scheduled for the evening of the 27th, an effort is being made to have the district meeting postponed. It is expected that this effort will be successful, as the conflict of dates would tend to reduce materially the attendance at the district meeting. Probably some date in February will be selected.

A chain letter entitled "An ancient prayer," is being sent to many Brattleboro persons, and while some of the recipients are intimidated sufficiently to comply with its request others have common sense enough to consign it to the stove, at the same time expressing their contempt that they should be imposed upon to the extent of having to read such nonsense. Each recipient is asked to make an exact copy of the letter each day for nine days and mail the copies to different friends. A great joy is promised on the ninth day to those who write the letters and for those who do not comply with the request a great misfortune is asserted to be in store. One of the requirements is that no name be signed. Several of these letters have been destroyed at the post office this week, having been mailed unsealed and unstamped, so it is certain that the chain has been broken.

Address by Middlebury President.

An address of unusual interest was given under the auspices of the Centre club in the Congregational church Sunday evening, when President John M. Thomas of Middlebury college spoke on "The responsibility of the New England colleges." A good sized audience was present and all were deeply enthusiastic over the address. President Thomas spoke first of the strength and resources of the colleges in the United States, showing that there are about 600 institutions commonly known as colleges, but only 261 which come under the strict interpretation of the word college, that is, those having at least 100 students or at least $100,000 in endowment funds. These 261 colleges have $250,000,000 in endowments. Of this sum the New England colleges have $55,000,000 or about 21 per cent., while of the total number of colleges New England has only nine per cent. From these figures it will be seen that every boy or girl attending college in New England has the benefit of $3 of endowment where each student attending outside of New England has the benefit of $1 of endowment. In spite of these conditions the New England colleges are not wholly fulfilling their mission. In Connecticut a commission appointed to investigate school conditions recently reported that some of the photographs taken of country schools were so bad that they could not be sent through the mails without violating the postal laws. When the expert supervision system went into effect in Vermont a supervisor remonstrated with a teacher in a school where there was practically no equipment because a little child was studying percentage, and he was told that the child had to begin there because the front part of the book was torn out. President Thomas said it was to the shame of Yale that such conditions existed in Connecticut as it was to the shame of Middlebury that conditions like those mentioned exist in Vermont. The colleges are not serving the states as they should and there should be more direct communication between the colleges and industry.

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"Was there a flood?" is the topic for discussion at the Centre church this evening. Everybody welcome.

There will be a sociable for the parish of the Episcopal church Wednesday evening at 7.30 at the home of Mrs. G. W. Tyler on Tyler street. All are invited.

H. W. Kinson and Frederick Langille, both expert harness and trunk makers, who have been employed in recent years in the store which Henry R. Brown recently sold, are planning to establish a business of their own at the old Bassett stand on South Main street. They will be ready to meet customers there next week.

The ladies' aid society and the women of the Methodist church will meet Thursday at 5.30 o'clock in the vestry of the church. After a social hour and supper the women will each donate a dollar to the general fund of the society and give their experiences in earning it. All the women of the church are invited to be present.

Mrs. M. H. Sharples's Sunday school class made her a surprise visit Saturday evening in honor of her birthday anniversary. They carried with them the materials for a bountiful supper, and the evening was spent merrily. A handsome set of silver knives was presented to Mrs. Sharples as a token of the esteem in which she is held.

A very pleasant surprise was given Walter F. Spear Saturday evening at his home on the Chesterfield road. About 20 young people gathered to remind him of his 20th birthday anniversary. A gold watch and fob were presented to him. The guests were entertained by W. H. Thomas's phonograph and singing by Miss Gertrude Matthews. Refreshments were served.

James Howard of Prospect street burned three fingers badly Saturday morning while working about a motor in the Estey organ shops. Mr. Howard's pliers came in contact with the motor line in such a way as to form a short circuit and the electricity flashed out into his face, knocking him off a stepladder. He was taken to his home, where his injuries were dressed by a physician. Besides the burns on his hand his face was burned slightly.

The reorganized Magnet club has had hard luck with the weather, but the boys have shown their enthusiasm by attending the two class meetings in good numbers. The younger boys met in the basement of the high school building Friday night for their first systematic exercise under the leadership of Roy Miner. In spite of one of the worst snowstorms of the season about 50 boys were present and two good sized divisions were formed. Tuesday evening, when the older boys were to meet for their first class work, was so rainy that few people ventured out, but about 20 of the boys met and had a good time in spite of the weather. The boys from 12 to 16 years old will meet again this evening at 7.30 o'clock, and the high school boys, or those over 16, will meet Tuesday evening at 7.30.

The annual meeting of the Centre Congregational church was held Friday night in the chapel. The reports for the year showed a total membership of 411, 55 new members added during the year and 420 families in the parish. The total benevolences of the church for the year amounted to $2262, and the home expenses of the church and society were $3928. These officers were elected: Clerk, F. C. Adams; treasurer, G. L. Dunham; treasurer of benevolences, L. A. Whitney; assistant treasurer of benevolences, Miss Florence E. Clark; deacons, G. H. Clapp, J. G. Stafford, Dr. A. L. Miller, G. M. Clay; committee on benevolences, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hildreth; church committee, the pastor, deacons, E. C. Crosby, G. C. Averill, C. C. Fitts, G. L. Dunham, H. F. Jordan; Sunday school committee, E. C. Crosby, H. F. Jordan, H. K. Bond, F. C. Adams, Miss Mary Cabot, Mrs. Abbie M. Harlow, Miss Edith Stolte. The church voted to appropriate money for the support of the Sunday school so that the Sunday school offerings may be devoted to benevolent work.

The Pleasant Valley reservoir is filling rapidly, and under the present conditions the water will be flowing over the spillway before Feb. 1. The water in the reservoir had been rising steadily at the rate of about an inch a day until the thaw came, when it took a big jump. In the last four days it has risen about 15 inches, and it continues to rise at the rate of fully two inches a day. Yesterday the ice was within 29 inches of the spillway. As the water rises the ice is raised by its own buoyancy and there is no sign of water flowing over the surface except at the edges. It is estimated that there are more than 100,000,000 gallons stored in the reservoir now, and when the water is flowing over the spillway the amount stored will be 120,000,000 gallons. The reservoir has been filled without difficulty even with more than the natural flow being allowed to escape through the waste gate. The Brattleboro Water Works company expects to build a concrete dam two feet high across the eastern end of Sunset lake next summer in order to have an ample amount of water in reserve. The distance across the east end of the lake is 150 feet or more.

President John M. Thomas of Middlebury college gave the students of the high school something to think about Monday morning, when he gave a brief but pithy address in high school hall. President Thomas spoke especially of the need of adequate training for the filling of a large place in the world, the largest of which any man or woman is capable. For those who had the high ideals and wanted to make the most of their opportunities the college education offers great advantages. Mr. Thomas cautioned the young people about forgetting what Vermont had in the way of higher educational institutions through nearness to Massachusetts and her fine school system. It means much to a young man or woman to say they came from Vermont, it gives a standing which none of the western states can give. Mr. Thomas claimed a special connection with Brattleboro from the fact that his great-grandfather and a girl from England eloped and came to Brattleboro to make a home for themselves and that his grandfather was born in Brattleboro, but he added that he was not certain as to what position those facts gave him in Brattleboro society. In closing Mr. Thomas spoke of what Middlebury college is doing. He urged any of the young people who were thinking of going to college to write to him personally. "We college presidents," he said, "are just as glad to get a letter from a boy or a girl as a merchant is to see some one coming into his store."

The Brattleboro Savings Bank.

The annual meeting of the corporators of the Brattleboro Savings bank was held in the banking rooms at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The report of the auditors, as presented in detail, showed the year to have been a prosperous one. The increase in deposits was $97,837.35. Two per cent. dividends were paid July 1st and Jan. 1st, and $5,353.30 was carried to the reserve and surplus account. Interest payments have been promptly made and all of the bank's affairs are in a satisfactory condition. Five new corporators were chosen to fill vacancies caused by death and removal from town: C. B. Crowell, W. M. Robbins, E. E. Perry, C. R. Aldrich, F. H. O'Connor. The old board of officers were reelected. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the corporation dinner was served at the Brooks House.

Following is the list of officers: F. K. Barrows, president; L. F. Adams, vice president; C. A. Harris, treasurer; J. C. Dewitt, assistant treasurer; trustees F. K. Barrows, S. E. Lawton, J. L. Martin, C. A. Harris, C. C. Fitts, L. F. Adams, E. W. Melendy, H. P. Wellman, J. Harry Estey, C. W. Dunham, E. L. Hildreth. Board of investment: F. K. Barrows, L. F. Adams, H. P. Wellman, C. A. Harris, J. Harry Estey.

The annual meeting of the Centre Congregational Sunday school was postponed from last Sunday to next Sunday.

The Grange Dramatic club will hold a meeting Tuesday evening. There will be a social and dance. All Grangers are invited.

The women of the West Brattleboro Baptist church will serve a decorated supper next Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock.

A special meeting of Dennis Rebekah lodge will be held in Odd Fellows' hall Wednesday evening, Jan. 26, at 8 o'clock, for the installation of officers. A banquet will be served after the meeting.

District Great Sachem Herbert E. Harris will raise up the newly elected chiefs of Quonektacut tribe of Red Men in the wigwam this Friday, sleep. Corn and venison will be served afterwards.

The lecture on Russia in the Universalist church Sunday evening was one of the most enjoyable in the series. A large number of finely colored views were shown, illustrating the life of the Russian people and the social conditions which prevail there. Solos illustrated by the stereopticon were sung by W. H. Gay. Next Sunday evening the lecture will be on Greece. There will be 100 slides, illustrating the historical events and great men of that country and showing the life there today.

The annual meeting of the Brattleboro book club was held last week with Mrs. C. A. Miles. These officers were elected: Sec., Mrs. E. B. Smith; treas., Mrs. J. M. Tyler; book committee, Mrs. Charles Warder, Mrs. N. J. Hawley and Rev. E. Q. S. Osgood. Mrs. Glenn Gould and Mrs. Blake were made members of the club. A vote of regret for Mrs. Dalton's leaving left the town and hearty thanks for her long and faithful service as secretary was passed. A profitable sale followed the business meeting and a pleasant evening was enjoyed.

The ventilation system at the Auditorium works to perfection. The first actual test was of the system was made Saturday and the results were even more satisfactory than was expected. The motor and fan were run continuously throughout the afternoon and evening performances and the temperature in the room remained at 70 degrees throughout. The noise from the motor and fan cannot be heard in the hall when the people are there and only very slightly when it is empty and devoid of other sounds. No one would believe that the fan was in operation unless he experimented with the exhaust registers. A handkerchief or a light glove thrown against the register is held there by the suction. A visit to the outlet from the fan-house at the rear of the town hall building is still more convincing. A 25-mile gale is coming from the opening when the fan is in operation and the visitor has to hold on to his hat and everything else that might be blown down-stream. The motor is controlled by a simple lever beside the electrician's switchboard on the stage, and it can be speeded up or slowed down to suit the varying weather conditions and control the temperature of the room.

The annual school for instruction of the Dunham Brothers' company salesmen was held in Brattleboro yesterday and today with the entire force of salesmen present. The school opened at 9 o'clock yesterday morning in the sample room at the store and the entire forenoon was spent in discussing the lines of goods, especially the new lines which will be sold this year. In the afternoon W. E. Hemenover of the Goodrich Rubber company, Akron, Ohio, manufacturers of the Straight-line rubber goods, had the floor most of the time and gave the salesmen full information about the strong points of this line. E. W. J. Fink of the Mishawaka Woolen Manufacturing company of Mishawaka, Ind., manufacturers of the Ball-band rubber and woolen goods, was present also yesterday and today and held an extended conference with the salesmen in regard to these goods. Last night the salesmen and the store force gathered at the Brooks House for an informal reception and dance. Many of the wives and friends of the salesmen were present, and the evening was exceedingly pleasant. A luncheon was served. The school will close this afternoon and the salesmen will then pack up their samples and go into their respective fields. The salesmen who were present cover all of New England, New York, Pennsylvania and part of New Jersey. This is the 10th year that the school has been held, and it has been one of the most profitable of all.

More Than 100 Cases of Measles.

A third installment of measles developed the last of the week, and about the middle of next week the fourth crop may be expected. There have been about 120 cases thus far. The disease originally appeared in three cases of unknown origin in Brattleboro. One of these, in the fourth grade in the high school building, gave it to about 20 schoolmates. Before it was realized that these children had been exposed a number of them attended a dancing school class and spread the contagion still wider. Last week about 90 new cases developed. From these there has been a general contagion, but the physicians do not expect that the next crop will be as large. The yellow measles cards are scattered rather evenly about town with the exception of Esteyville, where there are no cases at present. Dr. Henry Tucker, health officer, has had a busy time tacking up the signs, and in one instance he had to make a second trip. He was notified by another physician that there was a case of measles on Frost street. The case was at the house of Lucian Elmer, but somehow the notification got twisted and Dr. Tucker tacked a yellow card beside J. P. Elmer's door. He was unable to find any one at the house, but he believed that he had acted in accordance with the information given him by the attending physician. Mr. Elmer was greatly surprised on reaching home to find the measles card there. There are no children in the house and all the occupants were in fine health. A little telephoning straightened out the mistake and Dr. Tucker went down at the first opportunity and released Mrs. Elmer from quarantine.

Mother Goose Market.

"The Mother Goose Market" which is to be held Thursday afternoon and evening, Jan. 27, is the name by which the ladies of the Universalist society will introduce their annual fair to the public.

Festival hall will be decorated in green and white, and the state flower of California, the gay red Poinsettia, will add color to the scheme; about forty large silhouettes, descriptive of Mother Goose scenes, have been prepared and will be used in decorations around the hall.

Booths where fancy and useful articles will be for sale, will be presided over by ladies in costume, to represent characters made familiar to us through long acquaintance with Mother Goose rhymes.

The old woman who lived in a shoe will be there, and will heartlessly sell her children; Little Jack Horner with his pie, and Simple Simon with his pail and fish line will take care of the grabs, which will interest the children; Miss Muffit and the spider will spin and sell fortunes.

An entertainment entitled "Mother Goose's Dream," will be given at 4 o'clock for the children.

Jack Spratt and wife will have the supper in charge; this will consist of chicken-pie, cold turkey and meats, and the usual good things for which the Universalist ladies have made themselves famous, and will be served from 5.30 to 7.30; Old King Cole and his Fiddlers Three will make music during the supper hour.

At 8 o'clock Mother Goose will welcome her friends, and a short entertainment will be given, after which dancing will be enjoyed for the balance of the evening.

Mi-o-na makes your stomach feel fine, stops belching, heartburn and all discomfort in a few minutes. Guaranteed by Wilfred F. Root, 50 cents.

There will be no meeting of the Centre club Sunday evening.

Sedgwick Woman's Relief corps will hold a sewing meeting Thursday afternoon.

The Odd Fellows will hold the eighth dance of the series next Friday evening. Both halls will be open and there will be the usual music.

In the annual meeting of the Grange Block association Friday afternoon these directors were elected: O. T. Ware, W. F. Goddard, H. E. Taylor, A. B. Clapp, L. D. Taylor.

The ladies' enterprise society will meet with Mrs. A. E. Thomas on Pleasant street Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Supper will be served from 6 to 8. Everybody is invited.

The meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which was postponed from Tuesday on account of the death of Mrs. George W. Pierce, will be held this afternoon at Mrs. L. E. Holden's.

In the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Grange store Friday afternoon these directors were elected: O. T. Ware, C. S. Hopkins, W. F. Goddard, E. H. Akley of Vernon and H. J. Joy. W. H. Brackett and F. S. Knight were elected auditors. The usual dividend of five per cent. on the stock was declared. The reports showed the store to be in a flourishing condition. The business for the year has amounted to about $65,000, an increase of nearly 10 per cent. over last year.

Clarence C. Tyler, 55, formerly the American Express company's agent in Brattleboro, died Wednesday in his home in West Medford, Mass. The funeral will be held there this afternoon at 2.30. Mr. Tyler had been employed as a messenger by the express company since leaving this town a dozen years ago. On January 5, while attending to his duties on a train between Randolph and Bethel, he was stricken with paralysis. On reaching White River Junction he was taken to the Junction House, where he remained several days before he was taken to his home, accompanied by a nurse from the Mary Hitchcock hospital in Hanover. He is survived by his wife and one son, Frank H. Tyler.

Miss Marion Wilson, in costume character studies, will appear in Grange hall Monday evening under the auspices of the Centre club. In an evening's program Miss Wilson gives at least six strongly striking character sketches, each different and properly costumed to the minutest detail. Many of her sketches are written by herself. Among the representations are historical types, people in fiction, everyday folk and celebrities of the hour, offering a wide range of characters. Miss Wilson is said to have created a style of entertainment distinctly her own, one that wins the hearty approval of the whole amusement-loving public, both young and old. The entertainment will be public and tickets will be on sale by members of the club. After the entertainment there will be a social for members and their friends, with music for dancing.

At the regular meeting of the Grand Army post Wednesday evening these committees for the year were appointed: Relief, M. G. Bruce, E. Clark, R. Fisher; auditing, A. B. Ashley, F. B. Warner, P. S. Chase; conference, P. J. Fenton, E. Haskell, A. H. Ward; memorial, T. W. Eason, E. B. Bissell, E. E. Fisher; trustees, E. H. Putnam, S. A. Smith, J. P. Elmer; color bearer, Isaac Roob; janitor and sentinel, A. W. Keyes. These associate members were voted in: H. W. Sanders, L. E. Holden, F. H. Brasor, A. L. Harris, F. C. Sargent, H. J. Joy, J. F. Long, W. J. Cain, F. E. Perry, H. S. Fisher, W. G. Rockwell, A. G. Arcand, W. S. Holland, L. W. Amidon, Jerome A. Amidon and Joseph A. Amidon. The associate membership of the post now numbers 90. There are 59 old soldiers in the post.

The experiment of having the Memorial hospital open practically all day Sunday for visitors is proving popular. Formerly the Sunday visiting hours were from 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the same as weekdays, but two weeks ago announcement was made that the hospital would be open Sundays from 9 o'clock in the morning until 8 in the evening. The first Sunday after the announcement was not a good test as a large number of throat and nose operations were performed by Dr. F. H. Hopkins of Springfield that day and the hospital was crowded with the relatives the children all day. Last Sunday the conditions were more normal and many people went in to visit the patients. It is believed by the management of the hospital that many of the patients who come from near-by towns would be visited more freely if the Sunday hours were made more convenient.

Professor Paton's Lecture on Discoveries in Palestine.

Prof. L. B. Paton of the Hartford Theological Seminary, and a well known summer resident of Brattleboro, gave an illustrated lecture in the Congregational church Wednesday evening—his theme being the revelations made by recent discoveries and explorations in Palestine. In opening his address Professor Paton spoke of the archeological explorations which have been made of the sites of ancient cities in recent times by various societies and individuals. In historic times, he said, these sites have appeared simply as great mounds. This is the fact because in ancient times there was no attempt by the inhabitants to remove garbage, refuse, or débris of any kind, and it was piled up in the courts among the buildings, in the streets, and in other open spaces, and the accumulation was rapid. Then, when a city was captured and razed in war, or destroyed in any other way, those who rebuilt it made no attempt to clear away the ruins, but leveled them off and built upon them. In this way there would come, during centuries of time, to be several cities built one upon another, and it is the work of the archeologists of our day to dig down through all the different strata and see what these reveal. The lecture was illustrated with a series of very excellent stereopticon views, many of those showing the work of exploration actually in progress having been taken by Professor Paton himself. Other views showed the ancient statuary and some of the primitive types of men thus revealed, places and forms of religious worship, implements and pottery, and a series of tablets and inscriptions by means of which the influence of the Babylonian empire on the one hand, and of the Egyptian on the other, on the Hebrew people is traced. The period covered was approximately 300 years before the time of Christ. The lecture was attentively listened to by a good-sized audience, and Professor Paton received many congratulations and friendly greetings at its close. It was given under the auspices of the Brattleboro Woman's club.

Gyroscope Tried in Brooklyn.

The first exhibition in this country of a monorail or gyroscope car was held during last week in Brooklyn, N. Y., where a number of German scientists demonstrated the qualities of the Scheerl invention, the inventor himself directing the operations. The visitors who had the privilege of seeing the test were first impressed with the ceaseless whining sound of the gyroscope before the car was brought into view and started on its trial trip around the oval on a single rail. The car is a double ender, 18 feet long and 4 feet wide, mounted on two single trucks. The gyroscope wheels are mounted one fore and one aft and weigh 250 pounds each, or 5½ per cent. of the total weight of the car. As five assistants stepped on to one side of the car it tilted slightly and then swung over the other way. The car is supplied with props to let down in case any accident should stop the motion of the gyroscope. The gyroscope wheels revolve at a speed of 8000 revolutions a minute. They continue to revolve for four hours after the motor stops, and for three-quarters of an hour at sufficient speed to balance the car.

DEATH OF MRS. G. W. PIERCE.

Widow of Former Master of State Grange—Taught School in Early Life—Active in Several Organizations.

Mrs. Ida M. Pierce, 65, widow of George W. Pierce, who formerly was master of the Vermont State Grange, died Friday night in her home on Linden street after a long illness. Her health had not been good for some years and the shock of the sudden death of her sister in Boston about three years ago was a heavy blow to her. Since then she had been unable to fill her old sphere of activity in the social and fraternal organizations with which she was connected, and with the exception of frequent drives she had been closely at home the past two years. Mr. Pierce's sudden death last May came as an added shock and she had been failing since, being confined to her bed about a