been in the United States, because of her magnificent pine forests; but now lumber comes 2,000 miles to market. As to the amount of firewood required, it is estimated that the mills, schools, &c. use 850,000 cords, besides 100,000 cords for railroads, and thousands of cords for other purposes, amounting in all to a million cords a year. In timber it is estimated that the mills of the State turn out 115 million feet a year. The railroad consumption is estimated at $350,000 worth for fuel, besides ties, &c. Thirty thousand acres of heavy timbered land will be required to furnish all this wood, and fifty years will exhaust all we have in the State.

Every man is interested in the wood question, in one way or other. As means for the preservation and perpetuation of our forests, animals should be carefully kept out of all woodlots; for young trees and decaying ones should be removed where thinning is needed, care should be used. The matter should be made a subject of both State and national legislation. The planting of forests can be made by seed, requires little skill; and the strong motive of self-interest must be brought to bear to secure it. Let us protect our forests, cover our now jagged hills with healthy crops of trees, and then shall we have done something not only for ourselves but for generations to follow.

Neither Mr. Hager nor Mr. Clark appearing, and many manifesting a desire to leave, the subject was pursued no further.

The Chairman announced that at the next meeting, Wednesday evening, an address would be given on Vermont Farms and Farming, by Capt. Jameson of Tranbrook, —and a discussion on the most profitable breed of cattle for Vermont.

The meeting then adjourned.

WOOD'S HALL.

The rain was of course the main feature of the session, today. In spite of which, however, there was a large attendance on the ground, and numerous additions to the Exhibition. The Menagerie made its grand entree at nine o'clock, and occupies a large space inside the trotting course with no great rent. The cavalcade of cows was postponed to afternoon on account of rain. The Hinesburgh Band are on hand and add their fine music to the other attractions. The rain came in the afternoon put a better face on everybody and everything. The "sight of sights" of Snake charmers and Mountebanks, the peddlers of Yankee Notions, and the extractions the Spring gun sows, and whole any of course on hand in force. The people are also out in goodly numbers, the Railroad Road, having brought in eleven car loads since train. The numbers on the Ground in the afternoon, were estimated at 2,000, and the receipts of the Fair, up to the evening, to be over $1,700. The rush of spectators was fairly on us, and promises, with fair weather, to be tremendous feeding and business.

The grand cavalcade did not come off promptly, owing to the rain. There was considerable disappointment feeling on the course, and some ill-natured words displayed. Many of the little teams were from Burlington and Essex, to hear speakers. A tandem team of two matched gray ponies, owned and driven by Mr. Hosea Rice, of Bennington, attracted general attention by its appearance. A fine exhibition of fancy driving horses may be expected to-day if the weather permits!

At precisely the appointed hour, the cavalcade of five ponies and over left, place. Excuses were made by the following gentlemen: J. H. Cooper, Bennington; H. T. Bennett, South Woodstock; W. S. Tale, Williston; C. C. Lane, Jericho; Sherman, Cleveland; J. Saunders, Brookfield; H. W. Walker, Woodstock, and Mon. Gump, Hartford. The start was not very of speed for present opinion. The horses proceeded in fine appearance, and only an experienced eye could detect any difference between several of them. In a turn of a mile between the horses of Moses, Bennett, Sherman, Saunders and Walker, the second of the "Gen. Sherman" took and left the lead easily, showing more good powers of speed.

The proceedings were not concluded at day time.

At three o'clock the track was cleared for the ponies.

The first was open to all horses that have never trotted for a premium. There were six entries, as follows:

D. Bailey, White River Junction, ch. m. "Unknown."
M. N. Murray, Shelburne, ch. g. "——"
C. H. Gilman, Montpelier, ch. g. "Green Mountain Maid."
N. Thompson, ——, ch. g. "Mercury Maid."
B. D. Kent, Berlin, ch. m. "Maggie."
T. F. Williams, Shoreham, ch. m. "Shoreham Maid."

Best 2 in 3, silk hoist.

The race was won by the Mercury lady, as the following summary will show:

Unknown.	2	1	1
Maggie.	1	3	2
Green Mountain Maid.	3	4	3
Mercury Maid.	4	2	4
Time: —, 2:47, 2:45, 2:50.			

There were three premiums which were awarded in accordance with the above results.

The second race was for all horses that have never trotted in public faster than 2:45. There were five entries, as follows:

J. Thomas, Cornell, ch. g. "Bob." W. Lane, Northfield, ch. m. "Goldsee." E. H. Gilman, Montpelier, ch. m. "Lady Bee." H. G. Kent, Bennington, b. m. "Fanny." D. Bailey, W. R. Junction, br. m. "Unknown." Best three in five.

Four heats were trotted without finishing the race, and at the end of the fifth heat it was postponed till eight o'clock the morning. Of the five heats, two were won by "Bob," two by "Fanny," and one by "Lady Bee." We will give the race of the same to-day as it is completed.

Prof. Bonilon, the horse tamer, was on the ground patronizing exhibiting his trained horses, driving without any bridle, &c. He promises to give some fine exhibitions of his animals and skill in breaking colts today. This will be a fine opportunity for showing to many.

The mistake of the directors in admitting the menagerie to the grounds, was made painfully apparent during the raining yesterday. The tent obstructs the view of the track from the judges stand for a considerable distance. In some cases it was found necessary to station men behind the tent to watch the horses as they passed, that portion of the course which was hidden from the eyes of the judges.

THE SHOW.

Starting out among the cattle of an early hour this morning, we were pleased to find that some additions had been made to the stock in the stalls and yard. The most prominent of the accessions is the newly purchased herd of Messrs. Simons and Van Slyckes, of Burlington, Vt. These were tried by Samuel Thorne, Esq., of Thorndale, Duchess County, N. Y., by Jas. J. O. Sheldon, of Geneva, N. Y., by Hon. J. H. Cooper, of Wallkill, N. Y., one by the Hon. Francis M. Rotch, Esq., of Morris, N.Y.; two by R. A. Alexander, Esq., of Woodford County, Ky., and three by the owners. This list of breeders speaks for the herd, and had we time to enter upon a minute description of it we could not add a word that would carry more with a discriminating public.

Mr. Peter LaClair, of Middlebury, has an imported Ayrshire bull, and a heifer, also a short-horn bull.

Mr. Wm. G. Bellows has a yearling bull and two calves, thoroughbred Ayrshires.

D. G. Cleveland, of Franklin, exhibits an Ayrshire cow and yearling bull; Larkin D. Roberts a two-year old bull and three yearling heifers; and Carmi Osgood, of Westford, a yearling bull and a yearling heifer.

In another place may be found the full entries of working oxen. Although the display in this class falls short of that made at Brattleboro last year, it is far from meager or discreditable. It is enough for us to say that where all are so good we do not dare to attempt to discriminate.

The show of milch cows is not large. Mr. Peter Brady, of Colchester, shows four nice large ones that look as if they might give at least a pailful of milk a piece.

Why will people insist on using the terms grade and native as synonymous? The term "native" is used by common consent to indicate the common stock of the country, that is made up of various crosses indiscriminately, while the term "grade" indicates an animal having an infusion of the blood of some recognized breed. Hence we speak of grade Short horns and grade Ayrshires.

In the Sheep department there is a very creditable show, especially when we take into consideration the very great apathy that seems to prevail about Sheep. Col. Edwin S. Stowell, of Cornwall, is the leading contributor. His flock has already been noticed in the FREE PRESS, but it may be proper to say in this connection that he does not take the desponding view of the "future of wool-growing" that many of the wool growers of the country do, and that he has not abated one jot or title of his zeal in the improvement of his flock. He says he went into the business deliberately and with a determination to make it the business of his life, and he does not see any cause for backing out. He thinks when the scared wool-growers shall have get out of the business the panic will be over, and the business become as good as ever before.

The other contributors in the merino class are Messrs. L. P. Clark, of Addison, B. F. Van Vliet, of Shelburn, L. S. Drew, of South Burlington, M. D. Abbott, of Fairfax, Mr. Spalding, of Bridport, W. F. Weston, of Shelburn, Frank D. Barton, of Waltham, and perhaps some few others that we may have overlooked.

A disinterested connoisseur in this department, whose advice we invoked while looking over the sheep, was quite enthusiastic in his praise of the flock of Mr. Clark, of Addison. He traced the pedigrees, manipulated the carcasses, applied all the scientific tests, and pronounced several of the individuals of the flock unsurpassed. He says the two years old ewe Rosa, got by Hammond's Green Mountain, has the finest fleece in the State. But while thus enthusiastic in regard to this flock, he insists that there are but very few sheep on exhibition that may justly be classed as ordinary, and not over two or three that should be classed below ordinary—a creditable record truly.

In the class "Long and Middle Wooled" (an old classification truly), there are but two entries, Mr. E. Buttolph, of Essex, entering nine, and W. S. Allen, of Vergennes, sixteen individuals of various ages and kinds. Both contributors are Leicesters, and there are some fine specimens among them.

The entries in the Poultry Class have been published. Among the specimens on exhibition are several worthy of special notice.

EVENING.

There was a fair attendance on the Evening Session in the Court House on Wednesday evening; President Gregory was in the chair. The essay of the evening was by Mr. Z. C. Jameson of Tranbrook, on "Vermont Farms and Farming." Mr. Jameson embodied in this the results of his investigations as Secretary of the Orleans Co. Agricultural Society, giving the averages computed from the statistics of 718 farms. These averaged 61 1-2 acres of cleared land, the average annual product of which was but $18.75 to the acre, or $841 for the farm. Deducting the necessary consumption of products on the farms, he found that but $250 on average was left as cash income. The way was a short one to the inference that farming was not in most cases a profitable vocation in that section. Yet he could see from the door two farms of 200 odd acres, the net cash income of each of which was $2,000 a year. The trouble in the cases which brought down the average to so low a figure, was small poor farms, poor tillage, frequent changing of farms, ignorance of the nature of the soils, careless hiring of help, and similar causes. Our farmers need to follow more the example of the English farmers, in clean culture, rotation of crops, manuring, selling cattle, &c. The income can be greatly increased also by fruit raising, bee culture, and raising of blooded cattle, horses and sheep. Our farmers should keep their sons in Vermont by speaking well of their calling, by trusting and encouraging them, by pointing out to them the way to wealth. He knew a young farmer who when asked to go West, where he could double his money in four years, was able to reply that he was doing better than that in Vermont. And with improved methods, and the instruction of our farmers, Vermont farming may yet be worthy of the farms, and the farms do justice to the farming. The essay was a sensible and careful production, contained much valuable information, and was listened to with obvious interest.

The discussion on the question, "What is the most profitable breed of cattle for Vermont," followed. In the absence of Mr. Cleveland it was opened by Mr. L. L. Wright, of Cornwall. The substance of his rather desultory remarks, was that the breed should be adapted to the farm. He had raised the Short-horned Durham and found them profitable. They would not strive which native cattle refused, and he had kept them on grass and straw, without meal. They could do better kept on less feed than any other breed he knew of, and if for no other reason he would recommend them for their quietness, they being willing to lie down after eating, and bowling but slight fences. He considered them the best for Vermont.

Mr. Daniel Kimball, of Rutland, was also in favor of the Short-horned Durham breed, but thought the friends of other breeds should have the floor.

Mr. Nutting, of Rutland, said we want cattle for milk, for beef and for working cattle. He believed the Ayrshire to combine those qualities best. He had tried them for four years past. The heifers mature very early, and are very superior milkers, very docile, and the breed generally is very hardy, energetic and wideawake, and easy to keep. He had found the Durham great stallers, being too tall for our farms. Ayrshire will thrive where Durhams will starve. Two Ayrshire cows will give as much milk as three Durhams, and the two Durhams will eat as much as three Ayrshires.

Mr. Wright rejoined. The Ayrshires were imported by Henry Clay, and had run out on the blue grass of Kentucky, while the Durhams had held their own and spread to Vermont. He insisted that the short-horns were superior both for milk and beef. They are built for fat. The Ayrshire are an uneasy and furious stock.

The Durham matures far best earlier than any other, being as mature at two years as others at three years, and makes more beef on a given amount of fodder.

Mr. Jameson, of Irasburgh, spoke of the desirable qualities of the Holstein cattle. But it will take many years to supply all Vermont with thoroughbreds, and our native stock should be improved in the meanwhile as much as possible. The grades of the Holstein had proved very satisfactory.

The discussion closed here, the President announcing for Thursday evening an essay by C. H. Hubbard, of Springfield, to be followed by a discussion on Fertilizers, in which Prof. Collier, of the Agricultural College, would take part, and develop some of the chemical relations of the subject. We doubt not that this will be of high interest and value, and there should be a full attendance of the farmers.

FLORAL HALL.

Fruit.

The show of fruit is decidedly better than we were prepared to expect.

Messrs. Halsted and Tracy, of Shelburn, have apparently the best collection of pears, of 24 varieties, and 62 varieties of standard apples, looking very smooth and fair.—a fine display.

Mr. A. Taylor, of Burlington, makes his customary full display, showing 90 varieties of standard apples, and a large number of pears.

Mr. Brown exhibits some remarkably fine Delaware grapes, with Isabella, Iona, Rebecca, and other varieties, all excellent.

L. M. Hagar, of Burlington, as usual shows some very fine plums. His collection includes the Caroline, Magnum Bonum, Jefferson, Royal, and other fine varieties, 16 in all, with 6 varieties of pears, and some grapes.

Thomas Conner, Mrs. Wheeler's gardener, exhibits 15 varieties of native grapes, 5 varieties of foreign grapes, including some fine Red Frontignan and Muscat, and 11 varieties of standard pears.

Miss Julia H. Spear, showed a large collection of Plums, numbering twenty-three varieties, and including some enormous Columbias, Queen Caroline, Egg, Coe's Golden drop, Jefferson, and other fine varieties. Of course plums are only secured by careful shaking of the trees to clear them of Curculios. The trees from which these were picked were shaken carefully thrice a day, for many weeks, and the Curculios caught and destroyed.

"Clapp's Favorite," a new variety of Pear, highly recommended, is shown by J. W. Manning, of Reading, Mass.

Mrs. E. French, of Underhill, shows the Fall Gresoy Pippin. Mr. Harvey Burnett, of Burlington has six varieties of native Grapes, and one of Plums.

The largest collection, so far as the number of varieties is concerned, in the Fair, and we suppose the largest ever exhibited in the State, is that of the Misses Shipman, of Colchester. They have no less than 308 varieties of Apples in all, including 183 varieties of Crab Apples, and 125 of Standard Apples.

In the collection of crabs, which can probably not be matched in New England, are two new seedlings, the "Magnificent Belle," very large for a crab apple and said to be excellent it in every way and the "Waxen" crab. Miss Shipman exhibits also the "Oxeye," a new seedling apple, a great bearer, and promising to be a valuable variety, with all the standard varieties of apples, and seven varieties of grapes.

FLOWERS.

Of flowers the display is rather small. Some beautiful round and hand bouquets bear the name of the Misses Meech, of Shelburn, who have also a collection of choice verbenas, a floral design—a harp very tastefully arranged—and other beautiful flowers.

Matthew Conner exhibits some fine boquets.

Miss Shipman, of Colchester, exhibits fine specimens of the Sensitive Plant, and American Canna; the Colocacia, with its great leaf as large as a page of our paper; a fig tree of vigorous growth; some fine asters; dianthis barbatus; two "everlasting" boquets, and a very pretty floral harp of amaranths, and smaller white flowers and feathery masses; a larger design of evergreens with hanging baskets; two smaller boquets, American ivy, &c. A very creditable and interesting collection.

Notes of many additional articles we must still reserve, for simple want of space.

The Floral Hall will be closed at half-past four o'clock this afternoon, to enable the committee to make up their list of premiums.

MECHANICS HALL.

The show of carriages, though not as large as it might readily be, is excellent in quality.

Our townsman C. B. Gray shows a very neat and serviceable pony phaeton, made for Hon. R. S. Taft, the iron work of which is unusually good, and the upholstery, and general finish superior. Mr. Gray also exhibits some very handsome tops and open buggies of the latest style.

G. W. Curtis of Burlington exhibits three buggies of creditable workmanship.

G. H. Bostwick, some neat buggies of very thorough work.

The greatest novelty in the carriage line is "Sargents Improved Carriage Top," exhibited by Geo. S. Mason of Brattleboro, Vt. This is a movable top, which can be fitted to any other buggy, and which gives to the owner of one of these fitted at all times, his choice between an open and a covered buggy. A standard, fitting into a socket in the back of the seat, bears a top which spreads and closes on the umbrella principle. The top weighs but 17 lbs. and can be set and spread, or when up can be taken down, folded into small compass, and put under the seat, in less than ten minutes. The exhibitor assures us that it has proved exceedingly serviceable in actual use.

The stores occupy a large amount of space. G. S. Blodgett & Co. show their patent galvanized oven in seven sizes, still unapproachable for economy of fuel and convenience in use, and a very handsome array of Stewart's parlor, cooking, office, hall and other coal stoves. We are glad to see that Stewart has at last adopted the base burning principle. His new base burner is a handsome stove, and shows the perfection of workmanship which marks all of his stoves.

W. A. Tyler, has a fine array of stoves, including Littlefields "Morning Glory," in its latest and most improved form; some beautiful soap-stone stoves for both coal and wood, with improved coal hods, chamber wood water pitchers, foothath &c. handsomely painted, with floral vases, and many other things to be had.

Matthews & Paul also exhibit some excellent stoves for both heating and cooking.

Meteorological Record.

Reported for the Free Press.

BURLINGTON—(Lat. 44 deg. 28 m. Long. 73 deg. 12 m. 30 s.)

SEPTEMBER—(Lat. 44 deg. 28 m. Long. 73 deg. 12 m. 30 s.)

Date.	Thermometer. Sunrise.	Noon.	Sunset.	Barometer. Sunrise.	Noon.	Sunset.	Wind. Sunrise.	Noon.	Sunset.
1	74	80	63	30.00	SW	NW	W		
2	60	72	62	30.00	NE	N	N		
3	60	72	62	30.00	N	N	N		
4	60	72	62	30.00	N	N	N		
5	60	72	62	30.00	N	N	N		
6	60	72	62	30.00	NW	SW	NW		
7	60	72	62	30.00	NW	SW	NW		
8	60	72	62	30.00	N	N	N		

The average reading of the thermometer for the week was 67 5-8 ranging from 57 to 80.

Rain fell on the 6th and 7th to the amount of 1-10 inches.

HUNTINGDON.—A black bear weighing 215 lbs., was caught in a trap by Mr. D. D. Spencer on the 6th. This is the second bear caught in this township this summer.

Mr. Edgar Gaskill, of Port Henry, had his leg broken on the 4th, while assisting Mr. C. Butterfield in cutting a horse; the animal kicked and threw himself on Mr. Gaskill.

In St. Albans Monday there were five funerals, more than have previously occurred in one day to the knowledge of the oldest inhabitant.

P. O. MONEY ORDERS.—The fees for money orders under the new law now in force are as follows: On orders not exceeding $20, 10 cents; over $20 and not exceeding $50, 15 cents; $50 and not exceeding $40, 20 cents; over $40 and not exceeding $50, 25 cents.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—Last Friday as a freight train was nearing Milton, on the Vermont Central Railroad, about one o'clock, the conductor Charles Patch lost his footing in coupling from one car to another, fell on the track, and was instantly killed. His body was cut in two and the entrails scattered along the track. A brakeman saw his fall, the train was stopped as soon as possible and the remains gathered up. Patch was a resident of Winooski.

ACCIDENT.—A son of W. H. Pollard of this city, a lad of fifteen years, was thrown from his horse Monday, and had an arm broken. The morning being cool, he was riding along on Pearl st., with his hands in his pockets and the bridle on the horse neck, when by a sudden start of the latter, he turned an involuntary summersault backwards and came to the ground with the above result.

HOOK PUMPKIN.—S. B. Hunt, of Fairfax, has in his garden a pumpkin now weighing 128 pounds and still growing freely. The seed came from New York City, but the name of the variety is not known. Its shape is like a marrowfat squash, and the color light buff. It ought to have been on exhibition at the State Fair.

The 11th of September is the anniversary of the Battle of Plattsburg, and a base ball tournament is to be held at Plattsburg that day, at which four Clinton county clubs will compete for prizes. Washington Engine Company No. 1 of St. Albans take an excursion to Plattsburg on that day, and there is to be also a mass Democratic meeting—in connection with either of the foregoing.

BUTTER.—The price of butter in our market this week has been up to the high figures, from 40 cents to 42 being the price for good lots. Twelve hundred and forty-two tubs were shipped, and 410 boxes of cheese.—*St. Albans Transcript, Tuesday.*

The cheese market is dull, farmer's dairies going at 12 and 13 cents, and factory at 14 cents, though we heard of one offer to contract for prime factory at 15 cents.—*Messenger.*

VERGENNES.—Louis Dipper of this place, a Frenchman, started with his wife for Canada Wednesday morning. On arriving at Plattsburgh he found himself minus a purse containing $100, all he was worth. Whether it was stolen or lost he cannot tell.

The citizens in Vergennes have united in forming a town Lyceum. The organization was perfected Tuesday night.

A large company from Vergennes and vicinity had a pleasure trip Wednesday down Otter Creek, on the steamer "Water Lily," and visited a party who are camping out.

The display of the aurora on Saturday evening was one of unusual brilliancy and character. About eight o'clock, and for some fifteen minutes after, besides the usual lighting up of the northern heavens, there was a broad belt of light passing through the zenith and extending from the western to the eastern horizon, and this magnificent sight, together with the constant flashing of streams and points of light playing nearly around the horizon towards the zenith, made one of the finest exhibitions of this unexplained phenomena that we remember to have seen.

SABBATH SCHOOL EXCURSION.—The members of the Presbyterian School of Port Henry, had an excursion through the lake to Plattsburgh on the steamer *Oliver Batman*, Sept. 4. The weather being somewhat unfavorable, threatening rain in the morning, kept quite a number at home unfortunately. The obliging and gentlemanly captain of the boat arranged tables for the party, which were soon spread with refreshments by the excursionists at about one o'clock p.m., and also again on the return trip on leaving Plattsburgh. The officers of the boat doing every thing in their power to make every thing pass off pleasant for the children, every thing passed off pleasantly, and all were well satisfied with the trip.

VERMONT NEWS.

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

Gen. Dimick, U. S. A., a native of Bennington, is stopping at the Mt. Anthony House. He was in command at Fortress Monroe during the rebellion.

A large party of excursionists visited the Observatory in Bennington on Monday. Among the number was Stephen Dewey, the oldest man in town.

The excursion of the Bennington Methodist Sunday School to Rutland, on last Thursday, passed off in a most pleasant and successful manner.

The town of Bennington, on the 2d ult., voted to sell its stock and bonds of the Lebanon Springs Railroad, at not less than par, and the sale has been effected, and ten per cent. of the purchase money paid.

At Bennington the thread manufactory of the Messrs. Barnes, at "Paper Mill Village," is being enlarged more than one-half. Fresh accessions to the firm and capital have been made, and the water power at that point will be used to its utmost capacity.

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

Orman H., son of J. O. Morse, died in Peacham Aug. 19, aged 20 years.

Mrs. Catherine Dome, widow of Lewis Douse, died in Peacham, Aug. 17, aged 66 years.

Charles T. Sherburne, of Sheffield, has two maple sprouts on his place that have grown seven feet in four months.

A widower in Hardwick 45 years old, and who has children married, was lately wedded to a girl 17 years old.

One day last week two boys named Pierce and Sanderson, of St. Johnsbury Centre, shot 26 wood chucks, and it was a poor day for wood chucks, too.

Among the quaint names in the town of Lyndon are the following: Puddling Hill, Egypt, Mount Hunger, Red Village, Cold Hill, and Squabble Hollow.

A curious specimen of a hen's egg was laid in St. Johnsbury Centre. It is of the common size, and contained in the centre of it another perfect egg, with hard shell, about the size of a robin's egg.

Geo. D. Burridge, of Boston, took three lady friends out to ride in St. Johnsbury, last week, and undertaking to turn around in a narrow place backed horse, vehicle, passengers and all through a board fence and down a bank fifty feet high. Singular to relate, none were killed.

Last Saturday night week the jewelry store of Lewis R. Brown of St. Johnsbury was burglariously entered and robbed of a large number of gold and silver watches, jewelry, etc., amounting in all, to the value of $1,000. A reward of $500, has been offered by the authorities for the detection of the robbers and recovery of the property.

The forthcoming Memorial Record of the soldiers of St. Johnsbury, states that the whole number of men sent to the war by that town was 593. Of these 19 were killed in action, and 60 died from wounds or disease; 15 died at Andersonville, and 5 at other Rebel prisons. Three are missing, the manner of whose death is unknown.

ESSEX COUNTY.

The West Concord Fair Ground Company have a horse trot on their new park this week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. Samuel Phelps died in Lunenburg, Aug. 1, aged 77 years.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Dr. J. L. Chandler and wife, of St. Albans, celebrated their golden wedding on Wednesday last.

Dorcelus Wright has sold the Central House at Sheldon to S. Vanderbugh, of Saratoga, for $10,000.

Among the arrivals at the Weldon last week was Lieut. Gov. Stewart L. Woodford, of New York, and C. B. McCormick, of mowing machine notoriety.

Daniel C. Isham, formerly of the South Hotel in Bakersfield, has bought the hotel at Enosburgh Falls, for $14,000 and will take possession in September.

The members of the French Canadian Society of John the Baptist, of St. Albans, had an excursion to Plattsburgh last week. They were accorded by delegations from the Canadian Union Association and the St. Joseph Societies, of Plattsburgh, accompanied by Mayo's Brass Band.

At Bakersfield, on the 6th, Mason Peters, a man of 50 years, and apparently in good health, started to join some boys in a foot race, but presently sat down remarking that he couldn't keep up, and fell back dead. Examination showed "enlargement of the heart" to double the natural size.

T. J. Burton, of Salem, was robbed on the 2nd ult. by three men, who stopped his horse and had him write a check for $17, giving the exact amount they had extracted from his pocket book. The robbers had their faces blackened, and wore their coats wrong side out.

Lowell Powers, of E. Cabot, after a disappearance of several days, was found in the woods with several wounds in throat and body. He had tried to kill himself with a jack-knife, but none of the wounds were immediately fatal. He was taken home, and it is barely possible he will recover.

September Term of Franklin County Court commenced Tuesday Judge Wilson presiding. The docket has 224 cases, and a long term is expected. Among the criminal trials will be that of Augustus Marengo, for shooting James Austin west of the depot in St. Albans last February, and that of John Daly for stabbing John Mace.

LAMOILLE COUNTY.

Elias Gibbien, of Albany, who few weeks ago attempted suicide, has become insane.

The Orleans County Fair will be held at Barton, Sept. 15 and 16.

Emerson Green of Newport died Aug. 17, aged 30 years.

Eight divorces were granted in Lamoille County, at the late term of the Supreme Court.

There are two mineral springs in Stowe, and two in Cambridge.

The paper-say Hy Ingersoll can buy potatoes for twenty-five cents a bushel.

John Jenness of Craftsbury owns a pair of cart wheels that were made during the Revolutionary war—all oak and quite sound yet.

A child three years old lately strayed into the woods at West Charleston, but came to light after rallying the village and a six hours' hunt.

At the session of Supreme Court just closed in Newport there were 16 applications for divorce, 15 of which granted.

C. P. Bean, of Irasburgh, has ten swarms of bees, all from one hive this season, and they have over 300 lbs. of honey.

Mr. Charles Cutler, of West Glover, has had twenty sheep killed by dogs recently, and ten more missing.

On Monday of last week Mr. Ezra Wilcox of Albany was seriously injured by being thrown from a load of grain.

On Tuesday of last week the mineral springs at Wilmot were "dedicated." Some have estimated the attendance as high as 2000.

Barton Landing proposes to ask the next Legislature to separate them from the Town of Barton and annex them to Brownington—which will be opposed by Barton.

On last Friday a Frenchman named Champoux, employed at the steam mill in Newport, got cut with the lath saw through the joints of his left hand.

Mr. John Mitchell of Glover has a sheep that has brought him ten lambs in five years, and the profit from her has been $64.50 from the sale of her increase alone, and he has thirteen sheep left.

On Saturday evening of last week a Mr. Robinson, of Johnson, aged 70, was thrown from his wagon and terribly hurt. One thigh was broken and both hips dislocated. He lay in this condition some time before being discovered.

John Wesley Paine, of Albany, on the 22d ult. was thrown from a load of hay and impaled through the fleshy part of the thigh upon a pitchfork, and suspended until the handle broke and let him to the ground.

The Barton *Standard* says a man in the employ of Freeman Hill, of Craftsbury, was digging out a spring in the woods, when a shrill scream startled him, and looking up he saw a large panther leaping from tree to tree.

ORLEANS COUNTY.

The people of Tunbridge hold their Annual Fair on Thursday, the 17th day of September.

On Monday John Humphrey, of Bradford, fell from a load of hay, and received, it is feared, fatal injuries.

As a son of Mrs. Julia Lougee, a widow residing in Chelsea, was driving a horse, it ran away, throwing him out and injuring his head badly.

While cutting grass with a mowing machine, recently, Isaiah Austin, of Chelsea, got his left hand caught in the cogs, and it was so injured that amputation was necessary.

RUTLAND COUNTY.

The annual State Convention of Spiritualists closed in Danby last Sunday.

In Rutland Forest street is being extended to intersect with the Billings road.

The Farmers' and Mechanics' Club at Brandon will hold their Fair Wednesday and Thursday, September 23d and 24th.

H. Farr of Mendon, on Monday last cut down a basswood tree, from which he took 190 pounds of nice strained honey.

The balloon excursion, at Rutland, was postponed to next week Monday, on account of the weather.

Ninety-eight years ago last March, a family of thirteen persons made the first permanent settlement of Rutland. In March, 1870, will be the centennial anniversary of the town's birth.

D. Verder has purchased of Geo. E. Royce the lot south-east corner of Wales and Center streets, and has commenced the erection of a bakery. He pays for the lot, 67x130, $5,000.

As a man named Holden, employed in Eddy's steam mill in Mendon, was sawing lath, on Friday last, the block parted and a piece was thrown entirely through his neck lodging at the back, near the spinal column. The piece was extracted and the patient is doing well.

The September term of the Rutland County Court commences its session at the Town Hall on Tuesday next, Hon. John Pratt, presiding. There is a large amount of business on the docket, including the case of the Shrewsbury murderers.

Mineral springs which had been dried up for sixty years, have lately broken out afresh, where Poultney river in a freshet had carried away ten feet of its bank, in Middletown. They are sulphur and iron springs, and pretty strong.

A new weekly paper, the *People's Journal*, has been commenced at Fair Haven. H. S. Grove, publisher; P. F. Jones, editor. It is a Republican paper, and a good looking sheet, but how it will make its way against the four other county weeklies remains to be seen.

WINDSOR COUNTY.

Mrs. Dr. D. L. Lyman of Royalton died last week.

In Springfield village there are thirty old men that are seventy years of age and over.

The executor of the late Rev. A. Spaulding, of Windsor, acknowledges the receipt of over $3000 the amount insured on the life of the deceased by the Mutual Life Ins. Co. of New York.

Mr. Lyman Lovejoy of Weston had his dwelling house, shed, and three barns filled with hay, burned on the forenoon of Wednesday last. Insured in the Farmer's Mutual for seventeen hundred dollars.

Harvey Bartholomew and wife, of West Hartford, were on Monday before Justice Dutton on charge of liquor selling, gambling and disturbing the public peace. They were put under one thousand dollar bonds to appear at the County Court in December.

Ward Cotton, Esq., an esteemed citizen of Hartland, died suddenly on Saturday evening. He had been in his usual health during the week. Saturday evening he proceeded to his barn, and having been absent a sufficient length of time to excite the apprehensions of his family, search was made and he was found dead in the yard.

WASHINGTON CO.

The work on the buildings of the Vermont Conference Seminary preparatory to opening the school next week is now nearly completed. The furnishing and other necessary work is progressing rapidly. E. B. Putnam of Cabot, takes charge of the Boarding House. Ample accommodations are provided for a large number of students at the opening of the term.

WINDHAM CO.

Widow J. Whitcomb, died in Londonderry, Aug. 15, aged 72 years.

Deacon Sheldon Pierce, died in Londonderry, Aug. 17, aged 69 years.

Mrs. Louisa White, widow of the late James White, Jr., died in North Windham, Aug. 14, aged 66 years.

An encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was organized in Brattleboro last Wednesday evening, by Commander D. D. Lum. The following persons were elected Officers of the Post: Col. N. C. Sawyer, Commander; H. E. Taylor, Sr. Vice Commander; Maj. Elijah Wales, Jr., Vice Commander; Maj. B. B. Jenne, Adj. and Sec'y; G. W. Fairfield, Quartermaster and Treasurer; Dr. Geo. F. Gale, Surgeon; H. M. Carver, Serg't. Major; C. L. Piper, Quartermaster Sergeant.

The annual communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Vermont I. O. of O. F., was held in Brattleboro on the 26th, the M. W. Grand Master S. E. Spear, presiding. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected. M. W. G. M., G. H. Clark, Brattleboro; R. W. D. G. M., H. B. Bosford, Pawlet; R. W. G. M., B. A. Church, Burlington; R. W. G. Secretary, J. S. McFarland, Rupert; R. W. G. C. Treasurer, J. M. Isham, Burlington; R. W. G. C., W. J. Campbell, Burlington; G. Representative, J. G. Burton, Rupert.

BOSTON MARKET.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 9.

FLOUR—The Flour market has been quite dull the past week and prices have eased off, although we notice a steadier feeling at the close. Jobbers are purchasing only in small lots as needed, but prices are now comparatively low, and the margin is against Western millers, receivers are not disposed to buy much further in advance. The sales have been at $7 @ $7 50 for Western superfine, $8 @ $8 50 for common extra, $8 50 @ $9 50 for medium extra, up to $11 @ $12 for bakers' brands, $11 @ $12 for common Michigan and Ohio family, and after an extreme figure, very good brands Michigan selling at $14 @ $15. Illinois Flour has been in moderate demand at $7 @ $7 50 for sound St. Louis at $8 @ $9 50, including easy excess transfer at the entire rate. Southern Flour is quiet at $8 50 @ $10, including fairly sales in Baltimore and Baltimore-Georgetown mills at $10 50 @ $13 50, and Richmond city $10 @ $11. Corn Meal has been in fair demand at $4 25 @ $4 50 @ $4 75.

GRAIN—The market for Corn is quite firm, with a steady but moderate demand from the trade. The sales of Southern and Western yellow have been at 98c @ $1 for ordinary and $1 05 @ $1 10 for prime lots, including fall and choice lots. Oats are firmer, most of the past week having been bought up. The sales have been at 70c @ 72c for Western and Western and Northern. In Rye the sales have been confined to small lots at $1 05 @ $1 10 @ $1 15. Shorts have been quoted at $30 @ $31. Fine Feed $28 @ $29 and Middlings are scarce and prices are nominal.

HAY—The market remains quite steady for Eastern and Northern, with sales at $30 @ $31 @ $32, and choice lots at $35 @ $36 @ $38.

IRON—The market is firm for pig, and full prices continue to be obtained. Sales of Gartsherrie and other brands No 1 at $42 @ $45, and American pig at $40 @ $42 @ $45. In Bar Iron the sales have been in small lots but on quite liberal terms, at $90 @ $95 @ $100, and refined English at $90 @ $100 @ $105. Russia Sheet Iron ranges from 13 @ 14c @ 15 @ 16c, and Tin Plate is quiet.

LIME—There have been sales of Lime-rock dock land at $1 @ $1 05.

LEATHER—Rather more doing in Sole Leather, but at easier prices. Sales of Hemlock at 28 @ 32c, and the top for 30 @ 32c. Rough Upper Leather is dull and unsettled, with sales of Hemlock at 30c, good Calf at 35c, and some at 40c. Hemlock is at 40c @ 75. Rough Calf Skins have been selling at 90c @ 95, with a fair demand for heavy. Finished Calf Skins are quiet and unchanged. Kips and all kinds of heavy selling quite readily. Wax Leather is dull and prices have again eased off. Kip Leather is in demand and quiet. Harness Leather is more inquired for, and Grain Leather is selling at easier prices.

LUMBER—The market continues to be well supplied with all kinds, but with a good demand from consumers and exporters, prices remain about the same.

PROVISIONS—The market for Pork is firm and prices have advanced. The sales have been at $21 50 @ $22 for extra, $20 50 @ $21 for mess, and $18 @ $19 for clear and extra clear. Beef is quiet and the demand has been quite limited. Sales at $9 @ $10 for prime mess, $10 @ $11 for good mess, $12 @ $13 for extra mess, and $27 @ $28 @ $30 for family. Lard is dull but firmer, with a better demand. Sales at 20c @ 20½c @ 21c for tierces, and 21½c @ 22c for tubs. Tallow is dull and prices have further declined. Sales at 8½c for prime, and 8c @ 8½c for good. Beef Hams are quiet at $28 @ $29 for extra and $30 @ $31 for fancy. Pickled Hams are firm at 14c @ 16c for Western and Boston and 17c @ 18c for Jersey City. Dressed Hogs are firm at 9½c @ 10c.

PRODUCE—The market for cheese Boston cheese at the article is still quite scarce, but there is a fair supply of other grades. The sales of New York and Vermont dairies have been at 14 @ 15c for good and choice, some strictly choice lots at an advance on the latter rate, and common dairies at 12 @ 13c @ 14c @ 15c quality. N. Canada or Western of any description is market and prices are nominally 10 @ 12c @ 13c. Cheese is a shade easier for the best, but moderate demand. The sales have been at 12 @ 13c for farmers' dairies and 13 @ 14½ for factory. White Beans are dull and unsettled and prices have declined materially. We quote the prime and marrow at $3 50 @ $4, and extra pea at $3 25 @ $3 50