

Windham County Reformer

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

It costs but 25 cents to hear the Fisk Jubilee Singers in the Congregational church Monday evening.

LOCAL NOTES AND GOSSIP.

—Eight shoats for sale, weighing about 100 pounds each. Chas. Miner, Adv. 11.

—The job shop of Andrew F. Wilder on Flat street will be sold by auction on Tuesday.

—The Catholic Union base ball team had its photograph taken by Wyatt the first of the week.

—The loss by the fire at the Redway farm was adjusted last week through Taylor & Son at about \$1,400.

—The Woman's auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will hold its annual roll meeting Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

—In other cities where John W. Vogel's Big Minstrels have appeared, the attraction has been a social feature of the event. It is a jolly way of enjoying a perfect evening.

—We want a bright young woman to make a canvass of Brattleboro and solicit subscriptions to the Reformer. A liberal commission or salary will be paid. Apply at once at Reformer office.

—The children of the Baptist, Congregational and Universalist churches were given Christmas entertainments last Wednesday evening. The Unitarian services were held Friday afternoon and those of the Episcopal church Monday.

—The soldierly appearance and good discipline of Company I at the last encampment is especially commended in the report of Maj. Walter Howe of the United States artillery corps and inspector at the last encampment of the Vermont national guard.

—Lovers of negro music and those interested in the Fisk university at Nashville, Tenn., will have an opportunity of hearing the Fisk jubilee singers Monday evening in the Congregational church. The company consists of nine trained singers. It will appear under the auspices of the Fessenden Helping Hand society.

—H. R. Brown took the class of 1902 of the high school on a sleighride to Newbury on Friday night. Supper was served at the County House and an old fashioned dance kept the party busy until late into the night. The clerks of Dunham Brothers enjoyed a sleighride Saturday night to Bernardston, taking supper at the hotel there.

—The high school will open Monday, Jan. 5, and the graded system including the graded schools in the main building and the primaries will open Monday, Jan. 12. While the graded schools have a fairly good supply of coal, the situation in the coal fields seems so serious that the committee think it best to give the graded schools one week more vacation now, rather than to be obliged to shut down in the middle of the winter.

—There was a hearing before Referee F. D. E. Stowe Monday on a petition of George T. Aplin, trustee of the estate of Walter H. Ware, bankrupt, against Harlan P. Farr and Walter N. Ware on the question of the title of certain crops on a farm held by Ware on a bond from a deed from Mr. Farr, C. C. Fitts and E. L. Waterman appeared for Farr and Ware, A. F. Schwenk for the trustee and Burt Chellis of Claremont, pro se.

—The body of Charles H. Plummer, 32, who died in a Philadelphia hospital last Thursday, was brought here Monday and placed in the vault in Prospect Hill cemetery. Mr. Plummer was born in Brattleboro Dec. 8, 1870, but left here when a child. He had been in the brokerage business for several years and had traveled extensively through the South. His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Plummer Heigham, is a sister of John R. Plummer of this town.

—The annual meeting of the Estey Organ Co. Benefit association was held Tuesday and the following officers chosen: Committee, George A. Hines, J. W. Knight, W. D. Gilson; secretary, H. F. C. Todd. The annual report of the committee showed that the membership during the past year was 306; total number of accident \$3; claims presented and allowed \$23; amount paid on claims \$32; balance in treasury \$253.33. The largest amount paid to any one claimant was \$54.

—State's Attorney A. F. Schwenk and Deputy Sheriff E. S. Hall went to West Dunmerston Friday to attend to P. F. Towle, a workman employed on the dam, who became hilarious Thursday evening and fell through a window in Townshend's store. Towle was arrested by Sheriff Hall and then brought before Justice E. G. Rogers, Schwenk appearing for the prosecution. The respondent pleaded guilty to being intoxicated and was fined \$5 and costs, the total amounting to \$12.

—The Shelburne Falls correspondent of the Greenfield Gazette says: David T. Perry of Brattleboro, Vt., has contracted to build a 600-foot tunnel for the New England Mining Co. in the copper mine at Claremont. Recent developments in the shaft and flattering offers for the mine has sent the stock booming. A melter will be ordered soon. The original stockholders here have recently doubled their stock subscriptions. Even old conservatives are buying stock. The promoter has got them on the run.

—An audience which taxed the capacity of the Congregational church gathered Sunday evening to listen to Dudley Buck's cantata, "The Coming of the King," given by the Congregational Sunday school, assisted by the church choir. Rev. H. R. Miles read each number before it was sung. The following took part in the chorus: Tenors, W. A. Gilbert, George Clay, Ernest Arnold, A. L. Maynard; basses, George E. Adams, Fred C. Adams, Frank Roberts, Luther Hawley, Rollin White; soprano, Annie Maynard, Emma Gregg, Helen Nelson; alto, Laura Leisinger, Florence Howe, Florence Hildreth, Ethel Randall, Ruth Adams.

—John W. Vogel's Big Minstrels will appear at the Auditorium next Thursday evening and will present a program, which for genuine novelty has never before been attempted by any other minstrel company. The company is a large one and every artist has been selected with great care for his respective worth. One surprise follows another in rapid succession from the rise until the fall of the curtain. Those who have seen the clever performers in this attraction will wish to see them again, and those who have not had an opportunity of witnessing the entertainment should do so now, and spend an evening of rare enjoyment, guaranteed to satisfy the most exacting amusement seeker. There will be a free street parade on the day of the performance, the line of march being as follows:

—An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged the public who wish to attend J. L. Harbour's lecture in the Brooks House Wednesday evening—adv.

—At the Christmas service of Beneficent Commandery, Knights Templar, it was presided with a large number of Dr. D. P. Webster, right eminent grand commander. The gift was accepted in behalf of the commandery by Eminent Commander F. H. Holden.

—The body of Mrs. Honora Kane, 80, who died in Hartford, Conn., last Thursday was brought here Saturday and buried in the Roman Catholic cemetery. Mrs. Kane was a native of Ireland but had been a resident of this country since a young girl. She was an aunt of P. Fleming.

—There was a very good attendance at the New Year's prayer meeting which was held yesterday morning at 9 o'clock in the Congregational church. On account of the scarcity of coal the Baptist and Congregational societies will hold a united prayer meeting in the Baptist vestry this evening.

—Brattleboro chapter, D. A. R., will plant in the reading room of the Free library the American Monthly which is the official magazine of the organization. It is hoped that everyone will take the opportunity to read the magazine and thus become informed concerning the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

—At the six-month election of Quonetak tribe of Red Men held last Friday evening the following officers were chosen: Sachem, C. P. Spencer; senior sagamore, A. C. Winchester; junior sagamore, H. A. Miller; prophet, H. E. Harris; chief of records, R. R. Kinkaid; assistant chief of records, R. H. Baker; keeper of wampum, J. E. Mellon; trustee for three years, J. E. Mellon.

—The national society of U. S. Daughters of 1812 of which Mrs. William Gerry Slade is president, hold their annual meeting in New York Jan. 7, 8, 9 and 10. The headquarters of the society will be at the Empire Hotel. Mrs. C. F. R. Jenne, state president and national treasurer will attend also Mrs. Nellie W. Prouty, Mrs. H. E. Bond and Mrs. Georgia Morse Love of South Newfield.

—Among those who made application last week for the reward which was offered by the First National bank of New York for information tending toward the capture of Cornelius L. Alvord, its absconding teller, were J. H. Atwood, for one season manager of the Pine Grove Springs hotel at Lake Spoford, and A. S. Tolson, who spent several months at the Brooks House a year or two ago in the interests of a Colorado gold mine.

—J. L. Harbour, the popular story writer, has lately varied his field of labor by taking to the platform and will appear in the Brooks House Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Woman's club. Several years' experience as a teacher and newspaper reporter in the mining camps of the West combined with editorial work have given Mr. Harbour a variety of amusing material for his lectures, the subject of which is "Blessed be Humour."

—On Thursday, Jan. 8, John W. Vogel's Big Minstrels will be seen at the Auditorium. The company is half a hundred strong and boasts of a roster of several months at the Brooks House a year or two ago in the interests of a Colorado gold mine.

—State's Attorney Schwenk and a corps of deputy sheriffs went to West Dunmerston last Wednesday or the purpose of raiding some places which were supposed to be selling intoxicating liquors. The raids were made but they were fruitless. Not a drop of stimulant was seen anywhere. Mr. Schwenk and Sheriff Hall visited Mr. Italian's house on the East side of the river. Sheriffs Thayer and Wellman looked in upon Joseph Lamont and Sheriffs Thayer and Melendy casually called upon the occupant of a shanty near the West River dam.

—The annual meeting of the International Sunshine society, branch 2, occurred at the Home for the Aged last Friday afternoon. A short business session resulted in the election of the old board of officers and committees, and following that an informal tea was held from 3 until 5 o'clock. Miss Mary Howe gave great pleasure to all by singing a generous number of songs, closing with the beautiful "Last Rose of Summer." Mrs. C. H. Davenport, Mrs. E. D. Whitney and Mrs. Bemis gave readings suitable to the day, and the mandolin club played at intervals. Soon after 6 o'clock the aged ladies and gentlemen who reside at the Home, again assembled in the parlor, and were made happy by receiving gifts from the heavily laden trees. May they all live to enjoy another Christmas time in 1903.

—The general athletic committee, which has in charge the local basketball league, has admitted the Y. M. C. A. team and will begin the league with five teams instead of four, as originally planned. If any team loses to each of its opponents successively it will be dropped from the race. The opening night will be Wednesday, Jan. 7, when the Vermont Wheel club team will line up against the Hildreth & Co. printers and the Catholic Union will play the High school team. The games will begin promptly at 8 o'clock and the gallery will be reserved for ladies alone or accompanied by gentlemen. It is the purpose of the committee to have the league games played one night each week, Wednesday if possible. All the teams have been practising steadily for the past few weeks and will be in good form for the opening of the league series.

—E. M. Douglas of Worcester, Mass., who spent a part of last week with his family in town, is one of several Worcester men who are interested in a mining company which has prospecting in the Vermont region. The company is under the name of the Golden Link Mining & Trading Co., its principal office being in New York. The company sent a representative to Nome last May and he recently returned after spending the summer in that mining region. The success of the venture has been unusual for aside from the quantity of valuable skins secured the company bought several extremely valuable claims in the Nome region at a low figure and its representative brought home the most valuable quantity of gold brought out of the mining region this season. The company has just paid a good dividend and its holdings have increased 500 per cent in value. Mr. Douglas brought to Brattleboro about \$500 worth of nuggets and dust. The largest nugget was somewhat larger than an English walnut and contained about \$100 worth of gold.

—Professor E. Popeli will be at the American House tomorrow.

—The fourth of the series of Masonic dances will be tonight at Masonic hall.

—Mrs. Cynthia Tucker slipped on ice Wednesday afternoon near the corner of Elliot and Elm streets sustaining such injuries that she is now under the care of a trained nurse.

—Horace E. Prefontaine, formerly proprietor of the West Brattleboro meat market, will open a market in Whetstone block in the stand formerly occupied by Flagg's restaurant. Repairs will take about two weeks.

—J. E. Gleason, the grocer, has inaugurated a new deal, and will offer special low prices each Saturday on certain lines of goods. His first sale begins tomorrow and readers are requested to look for his advertisement.

—Sedgwick post No. 8 and the Woman's Relief corps will hold a joint installation in G. A. R. hall Wednesday evening. Supper will be served at 5:30 to which comrades and wives, members of the corps and their husbands are invited.

—There will be no Sunday afternoon meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms the coming Sunday. One day's supply of coal is needed to heat the rooms for the meeting and the directors have decided to keep the rooms open week days as long as possible.

—A petition is being circulated in Brattleboro asking that the Vermont senators do what they can toward the retention in the immigration bill of the clause which prevents anyone unable to read from coming into this country. The bill is being signed by many of the steamship companies.

—The Reformer publishes this week a table of figures which are furnished by the Vermont anti-saloon league, showing the difference in the number of arrests in certain towns under prohibition and license. Although the Reformer does not believe in placing such fragmentary evidence before the public, the figures are worth attention.

—The second in the series of assemblies was held in the Brooks House Wednesday evening, about 50 couples attending. Music was furnished by Leitinger's orchestra of six pieces. Electric light globes of different colors furnished the decorations and the chandeliers were hung with mistletoe. Dancing was enjoyed from 9 until 1 o'clock.

—The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Waterbury Lodge, I. O. O. F., which was held Monday evening: Noble grand, F. A. Cook; vice grand, W. T. Haigh; recording secretary, A. J. Currier; financial secretary, C. O. Cobb; treasurer, H. S. Sturges; trustee for five years, H. S. Goodenough. The officers will be installed Monday evening by G. E. Reardon of Ludlow, district deputy grand master.

—A rumor has been current about the depot lately to the effect that the Boston & Maine railroad is negotiating for the purchase of the Central Vermont system. How much truth there is in the story cannot be found out but everyone who is in any way connected with the Central Vermont would be delighted to learn that it was true. In spite of the many promises which were made when the Grand Trunk took possession of the system its condition now is but little better than before.

—Mr. Parker, of the firm of Parker & Nourse, Worcester, Mass., the architect who designed the South & Co. plant, was in town Tuesday to see how the work on the plant is progressing. In spite of the bad weather of the past few weeks the work is going on rapidly the frame of one building being partially up. Holden & Martin, contractors, find it exceedingly difficult to procure the stone and this has delayed them somewhat. Another thing which retards progress is the inability to get lumber shipped from points on the narrow gauge.

—Of all the names in the minstrel world, there are none which better conjure up pleasant memories of youthful admiration than those of Duprez and Benedict. Who does not remember the second to none, "Manager Vogel" would be delighted to learn that it was true. In spite of the many promises which were made when the Grand Trunk took possession of the system its condition now is but little better than before.

—All who are interested in the matter of high license, whether in favor of, or opposed to it, should hear the Rev. O. R. Miller, A. M., of Holyoke, Mass., next Monday evening, at the Methodist Episcopal church. From years of observation and experience, he will show the practical working of the system. Highly interested audiences have been hearing his addresses on the subject throughout the state, in many cases desiring his return to speak on the subject again, so that he is unable to fill the many engagements open to him. All are cordially invited to hear him on this occasion.

—Coal continues to be at a premium in Brattleboro. Small lots of different sizes have been received by both dealers the past week but the outlook is not very encouraging. The holiday celebrations at the different mines have cut down the output at the mines about one-half and add to the uncertainty as to when more will arrive. No more than 2000 tons of coal at a time is being delivered to anybody. Barrows & Co. are asking \$9 for hard coal and \$10 for bituminous. L. B. Yauvey is selling pea coal at \$10. He has this week bought two cars of chestnut coal for which he will be obliged to get \$14. He expects to receive this shipment next week.

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—The number of deaths in the town of Brattleboro the past year is 129.

—The Free kindergarten will not open until the public schools do.

—Miss Helen Crosby has been engaged as organist at the Unitarian church.

—Ladies' suits and coats and furs at reduced prices. Miss McMenimen, 9 Flat street.—Adv.

—The Y. M. C. A. basket ball team will play the Keene, N. H., association at the place this evening.

—The next dance in the series given by Protective Grange will be next Wednesday evening, Jan. 7.

—S. W. Edgett & Co. have sold the Joseph Johnson farm in Marlboro to James Onuck of Springfield, Mass.

—There will be a whist tournament in the Vermont Wheel club rooms Tuesday evening after the regular meeting.

—The Wheel club, Catholic Union and High school basket ball teams have ordered their suits through Fenton & Co.

—The Estey and Carpenter organ factories have been closed since Wednesday to allow the taking of inventory. Work will resume next week.

—Brattleboro lodge, F. & A. M., will give a banquet Jan. 28 to several out-of-town lodges. The Harvard quartet will be the musical attraction.

—A good example of the cost of fuel is the fact that since Oct. 1 the Brattleboro Gaslight Co. has used \$3,000 worth of coal for its power alone.

—The W. C. T. U. held its meeting yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. The next meeting will be held next week at the same time and place.

—There was a good attendance at the watch meeting which was held in the Methodist church Wednesday evening. The officers of the Epworth League were installed.

—The annual district meeting of the grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons, will be held in Springfield Wednesday evening. Grand Lecturer D. A. Elliott and several other Masons from here are expected to attend.

—The Christmas proclamation which appeared on the first page of The Reformer last week and which attracted so much favorable comment, was the work of Mrs. A. D. Reynolds, one of The Reformer's editorial staff.

—The People's National bank has declared its regular semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent, and an additional dividend of 1 per cent. The Vermont National bank has declared its regular semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent. The annual meetings of both banks will be held January 13.

—H. P. Reed, baggage master on the narrow gauge, was seriously hurt last Friday while on the short train between here and Millers Falls. Reed was leaning out of the baggage car door facing the rear of the train when he was struck in the back of the head by a pole. He was unconscious for some time but is now improving at the home of his father in Dunmerston.

—There was a hearing before Judge Wheeler Tuesday asking for the opening of the case of two young Chinamen who are claimed to have been ordered deported as the result of perjured evidence. District Attorney Martin asked that the plea be dismissed and Consul Nickerson in behalf of the Chinamen asked leave to amend his petition.

—The following games have been played in the Wheel club tournaments this week: Three-ball billiards, Hubbard 60, Barber 31; four-ball billiards, Childs 215, Morse 47, Young 60, Shea 42; pool, Cobb 40, DeWitt 34, DeWitt 60, Foster 51, Cobb 40, Foster 34, Barber 35, Cobb 28, DeWitt 60, A. L. Pettie 38. C. R. Crosby has won his class in three-ball billiards this week.

—D. E. Tasker, James Izard, W. J. Pentland, Fred Miner, Leonard Walker and W. F. Goddard attended the show of the Athol poultry & Pet Stock association which has been held in Orange, this week. Mr. Tasker won four firsts, two seconds and four specials on light brahmas; Miner & Walker won six firsts and two seconds on game bantams and C. L. Coane won two firsts on game bantams.

—Albert E. Hopkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hopkinson of Washington street, and Miss Marietta Scruggs, daughter of the Rev. R. Scruggs of Dallas, Tex., were married December 22 at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. Hopkinson is a graduate of the High school class of 1896 and since then has attended the Harvard Medical school. He went to Texas last spring as a salesman of medical books.

—At the first annual meeting of the Technical club held Monday night A. B. Crombie was elected president, A. E. Atwood, vice president; G. E. Mosher, clerk. The object of the club as stated in the by laws is good fellowship and the advancement of technical knowledge in the art preservative. It meets every other week at the home of its members and is open to all employees and employers of the printing and allied trades. It is patterned after the various printers' technical clubs in various parts of the country of which the Printers Technical club of Rockford, Ill., was the pioneer.

—The Adventist Christian church: Prayer meeting at 10:45 a. m. Sunday school at noon. Loyal Workers at 6 p. m. Christian Science service in Market block Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Testimonial meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Reading room open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2 until 5 p. m. All are welcome. Universalist church. Morning worship at 10:30 o'clock. Subject of the sermon, "The Story of Ruth and Naomi and Its Lesson." Mrs. Pratt and Mr. Brasor will sing. Sunday school at 11:45 a. m. Senior Union at 7 p. m. All are welcome. First Baptist church, George B. Lawson, minister. Morning service at 10:30. Subject of sermon "The Patience of Christ." Bible school at 12 m. In the afternoon at 4 the observance of the Lord's Supper. There will be no evening service. Until further announcement services will be held in the vestry. Unitarian church, Rev. E. Q. S. Osgood pastor. Service every Sunday at 10:30. Sunday school at 11:45. Theme for next Sunday, "The Vine and the Branches." The rite of communion will be observed at the close of the service, taking the place of the usual Sunday school exercises. The Changing guild will meet at the parsonage at 7 o'clock. Subject for the evening, "Samuel Longfellow."

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