



Berlin. There are to be the usual Christmas exercises at the church, Thursday evening. Rev. J. J. Goodrich holds meetings Sunday afternoon in the Loomis school-house.

A HOLIDAY CHARACTER: is given to our stock now by the addition of many pieces of furniture suitable for gifts.

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NOTICE. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Montpelier, for the election of Directors and the transaction of other legal business, will be held at the office of the Bank, 41 State Street, Tuesday, January 12, 1897, at two o'clock P. M.

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You will find a nice line of Ladies' Warm and Fancy Slippers at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Fancy Slippers for Men and Boys at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.00.

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being performed by Rev. C. H. Morse at the parsonage. Mrs. Annette Griswold, who is spending the winter in Plainfield on account of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Lester Abbot, made a short visit here last week.

The Sunday-school of the Second church is to have a Christmas entertainment in the vestry of the church on Friday evening. There will be recitations by members of the school and music appropriate for the occasion.

A telegram was received by W. C. Clark on Monday last week, informing him of the death of his brother, Charles Clark, his home in Charlestown, Mass., on Monday morning, W. C. and U. A. Clark, Jr., and Miss Minnie Clark went by the night train on Tuesday to be present at the funeral services which were held on Wednesday.

The Grand Army post, Sons of Veterans camp and Morrill Relief Corps, with their families, are to meet at Grand Army hall on Tuesday evening, January 5, when the three organizations will be duly installed.

Suddenly and with but short warning the Death Angel entered the home of Chester Walker last Friday night and claimed their loved daughter Winnie, aged seventeen years.

Ethel, daughter of A. L. Barnham, has been quite ill the past week. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Clark of St. Johnsbury visited at E. H. Clark's last week.

Officers of W. R. Burnap Camp Sons of Veterans elected are: Captain, Walter G. Eastman; First Lieutenant, Edward A. Lamphere; Second Lieutenant, Will D. Chapman; Drum Major, George W. Leonard; Sergeant, Lee W. Leonard; Second Lieutenant, Will L. White; Sergeant of the Guard, Frank Eastman; Principal Musician, Clifford Billes.

George T. Hebard, Command Union Veterans' Union, have called the following officers for the ensuing year: Colonel, E. F. Peters; lieutenant colonel, B. H. Adams; major, George W. Davis; surgeon, J. M. Sanford; chaplain, George W. Davis; adjutant, J. E. Davis; officer of the guard, H. B. Lyford; adjutant, L. C. Aldrich; quartermaster, M. O. Coburn.

The sudden collapse of the case of Dexter W. F. Davis, for which we have reported an untimely blight to the expectations of many citizens who were waiting their turn to testify, is now over.

More activity in the lumber business is noticed this week as compared with the past. The old Stearns mill, run by R. C. Corey, will get its share, more than 200,000 feet being now in sight.

The church building is much improved by its new coat of paint, and made much more comfortable by the new tile chimney.

The entertainment given by the East Corinth dramatic club in school-house hall passed off in a very successful manner. Every one that attended was

highly pleased. Frank Eastman, the gifted pianist, and Inspector, assisted the club. He rendered several pieces in excellent style. His rendering was received with great enthusiasm and he was frequently encored.

Arthur Blake has finished his work at East Barre and returned home. Mr. Robert of Lowell, Mass., was a guest at George Maynard's on Sunday.

Several couples from Montpelier and Barre attended the sixth annual dance last Thursday evening. Blaisdell's orchestra furnished the music.

The Eureka Granite Quarry Company has closed its shed department until after the holidays. Mrs. O. and Mrs. O. H. Edling will spend Christmas and New Year's with Mrs. Edling's parents at Sunapee, N. H.

George W. Chase, a highly respected citizen of Calais, died at his home near this village Tuesday last week. His funeral was from his late home Friday, Rev. J. Edward Wright of Montpelier, assisted by Rev. Joseph Cobb of Calais.

Miss Blanche Spaulding, who has been in Boston for several months past, at the invitation of her father, Mr. J. M. Welch, returned to her home in Westville last week.

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Young's harness shop has been wired for the lights. H. S. Hooker has bought out Mr. Strout and Miss Anna Brooks has charge of that department.

William R. Binson, a former resident of this town, died of pneumonia last week at Greenboro, N. H. His wife and Charles Robinson attended the funeral.

Christmas will be observed at the Universalist church on Friday evening in connection with the Congregational society, and the Methodist tree will be at the church on Thursday evening.

Phiney Bemis' daughter died last week Friday. Members of Mr. Bemis' family have been sick with cancer; but for quite a number of weeks. They have the sympathy of the town in the loss of their only child.

Ados Huse, a weak-minded pauper of the town of T. p. ham, about forty years of age, who was cared for by Oscar Eastman, very suddenly left her lodgings, September 4, and no traces of her could be found.

The quilt and apron festival at Union vestry, held last Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, was a success.

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CHRISTMAS GOODS. In this line of goods adapted to the holiday trade we have simply an immense assortment. We will just enumerate a few of the many pretty things, for to tell you of all of them, it would take a great many pages.

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