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ISLAND POND.

George H. Fitzgerald, who went to Michigan the first of last week for treatment, returned home on Friday.

Capt. H. E. Randall attended the funeral of O. P. Bennett at St. Johnsbury last week Thursday. Mr. Bennett was a member of Passumpsic Lodge F. and A. M. (quite a body of Masons attended from adjoining towns.

Mose Cushing, janitor at the new Grand Trunk Railroad station is doing fine work about the station. The town has conferred on him the honor of making him a policeman. Mose will do his duty any where.

Mr. Clement, proprietor of the Clement theater at Sherbrooke, P. Q., passed through here on his way to Berlin last Saturday. Mrs. Clement accompanied him.

Mr. Garland, State secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of Maine, spoke at the men's meeting here on Sunday afternoon; he also spoke at the Congregational church on Sunday evening giving a very fine address for old and young at both meetings.

Henry W. Marsh of Norton was in town for a short time on Monday afternoon.

George Adams and A. C. Chapman were at the club house, Averill, last Friday and Saturday making some needed repairs for the coming fishing season, chief of which was the laying of a hard wood floor in the kitchen.

The earthquake of Sunday night was noticed quite extensively by several of our townspeople, some of which believe or try to make themselves believe they were frightened.

The accident at Lennoxville last week was a very sad affair, seeming more so, undoubtedly, on account of being so near home, and the parties killed had several acquaintances in this section. John Folsom, the Boston and Maine engineer, was a brother-in-law of W. H. Buck, administrator of the C. M. Dyer estate.

Col. Porter H. Dale is having some repairs made at the block; he is enlarging the law office formerly occupied by George N. Dale. Several other repairs about the building will follow.

D. A. Mackenzie is confined to the house this week; it is hoped his case will not be as severe as the present outlook.

EAST MONTPELIER.

Rev. J. E. Wright is to preach in the Morse school house East Montpelier, next Sunday March 27, at 2:15 p. m.

The farmers have commenced tapping their sugar places. Mr. and Mrs. F. Kelton of Montpelier visited at J. R. Young's on Monday.

Mrs. Vernon Brown of Rutland is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. E. J. Gould.

Dr. Walter Vincent's son and daughter with an aunt from Orwell, are visiting at H. M. Vincent's.

Mrs. Cairn Brown, who has been keeping house for Theodore Clark for nearly a year, has returned to her home in Montpelier.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Foster went to Barre on Sunday to see his sister, Mrs. Julia Gladding who is ill with grip.

Mrs. J. M. Gould is nursing a broken wrist caused by slipping on the sidewalk.

Mrs. Bert Hersey, Mrs. Austin Gove Mrs. George Gould and several others in town are ill with grip.

WORCESTER.

R. K. Batchelder is quite ill. Will Smith of Barre was in town on business on Monday.

James Hill was at William Burrill's last Saturday.

Mrs. Will Utton was down from Hardwick one day last week.

Carroll Pierce of Moretown has been stopping with his aunt, Mrs. H. E. Austin.

Mrs. James Darby returned from Hardwick last Friday.

Mrs. B. F. Conner goes to Hanover, N. H., this week for a stay of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lunderville of Shady Hill were in town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barrill are visiting relatives in Lacota, N. H.

Dr. S. N. Gould of Randolph was in town to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ripley.

George Colby and wife of Middlesex were at the home of E. C. Moore on Sunday.

Mrs. M. P. Ladd and son, Chester, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wiggins, in Middlesex.

The funeral of Mrs. George Ripley was held at her late home on Saturday. Rev. Mr. Emerson of New Hampshire officiating.

MORETOWN.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilcox were in Waterbury on Wednesday to see Dow Phillips, her brother, who had a serious fall on the ice while carrying wood.

Mrs. F. C. Atkins and Mrs. E. G. Atkins were in Waterbury Tuesday.

Fred Somerville, who is at work in Boston, arrived in town Saturday evening to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Somerville.

Ernest Kingsbury of Bellows Falls recently spent a few days with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gillett of Montpelier have been visiting in town.

Lewis Blood has finished work for H. O. Ward.

Jason Hill is ill.

Hiram Palmer and wife are at work for G. C. Evans.

The sing given by the "Tuesday Evening Club" at the church Friday evening was attended by a large crowd and was much enjoyed. After the exercises the members of the chorus were invited to the home of H. O. Ward where they were treated to a dainty lunch.

The ladies' aid is to meet with Mrs. James Haylet on Wednesday from 2 to 5 to work. All are invited to be present.

The ladies' aid will hold a sale at the town hall Friday afternoon and evening, when articles of clothing, fancy work, ice cream and cake, etc., will be on sale. All are cordially invited to attend. The new quilt will be on exhibition. No admission will be asked.

Milo Dutton Pierce and Miss Edythe Mayelle Harte visited in Waterbury last Sunday.

GOULDSVILLE.

F. J. Dutton and family, lately of Morrisville, have been stopping at C. H. Dutton's.

Miss Minnie Rowell, of Montpelier, a former teacher here, has lately been visiting in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flint of Montpelier were guests of Mrs. H. L. Rich, his mother, on Sunday.

Herbert Cross of Springfield arrived on Thursday for a visit to his mother, who has been sick for some time. She is slowly improving.

Miss Marion Sleeper, who has made her home at D. M. Bean's for the past few years, died on Friday morning. She was seventy-nine years of age. Her nearest relatives were some cousins.

Charles Chandler has finished work in the mill and will work for Mr. Kerr at Northfield caring for his green-house.

Rev. H. A. Flint of Pittsburg, Pa., who has been visiting his mother here left on Monday for Amund, N. Y., where he will stop a few days before returning home.

Mrs. Maud DePutron of Montpelier spent Sunday with her brother, E. W. Robbins.

A very pleasant social event took place on Friday evening when Ernest

L. and Miss Estella Cross gave a whist and dancing party to their friends at Cross' hall. About twenty-five couples were present. The first part of the evening was spent playing whist and later dancing was indulged in for a couple of hours. E. J. Connel and Gladys Moore and Joe Furnishing music. Refreshments were served and a jolly good time was had from the first of the whist to the last of the dance.

MARSHFIELD.

Mrs. Flora B. Bliss is quite ill with grip.

Fred Leighton has rented the J. P. Newton place on East Main street.

Mrs. W. H. H. Means visited her daughter, Mrs. L. P. Slack, in St. Johnsbury a part of last week.

The new boiler for the creamery has arrived and will be placed in position at once.

Leslie C. Tucker has sold his horse to Frank Talbot of Wells River.

Miss Lou D. Miller is visiting in Boston and vicinity for a few weeks.

H. E. Tanner has withdrawn from the meat business for the present, being unable to conduct it in connection with his farm duties.

P. G. Bemis has leased the S. H. Packer farm and stock for one year. He took possession March 19.

Dennis Folsom has moved his family and effects to the F. H. Brown place on Gilman street.

Wesley D. Lamberton is learning a baggage master's duties on the M. & W. R. E. with which company he has registered as spare man for this service.

A. W. Cole has purchased the old creamery boiler.

A. W. Means of Barton and Merrill Means of Holliston, Mass., are visitors in town.

April 1 will soon be at hand. That dog of yours has a price on his head which the town clerk, W. H. H. Means, will be pleased to receive into his hands on or before that date.

O. H. Smith has been drawn as petit juror and was notified to appear at court last Monday morning.

Lyman Flint, who recently purchased the saw mill property of Marshall and Collins, has rented of J. W. Means the place near the mill yard, known as the A. H. Davis place.

Several members of the local lodge Knights of Pythias attended the district meeting of that order which was held in Barre on Tuesday evening of last week.

The case of Dr. W. S. Minard of Waterbury against the estate of C. S. Adams, which was to have been heard in county court last week, did not come to trial. Settlement was agreed upon between the two parties on the day set for trial.

Mrs. E. C. Preston wishes to return thanks to the many friends and neighbors who assisted at the time of the death and through the funeral services of her husband.

C. H. Robinson, who has had quarters at the home of Ira H. Edson for sometime past, has rented rooms in H. H. Mearns' tenement house on Depot street. This change was necessary for Mr. Robinson owing to Mr. Edson and family moving to Barton Landing.

There will be a business meeting of the band at the band room Saturday evening March 26. It is important that every member of the organization be present.

The ladies' aid society of the Methodist church will hold a new sugar and plain doughnut social at the church vestry Thursday evening of this week.

The selectmen have posted notices of a town meeting to be held at the town house Tuesday the 29th of April to transact the following business: "To see if the town will vote to pay the outstanding orders drawn by the former road commissioner, C. J. Buxton."

On and after Tuesday morning the creamery will receive milk every day.

S. H. Packer of Fiskdale Mass. is in town this week called here by the death of his mother, Mrs. Lovina Parker.

J. A. Ennis has leased his home farm to his son, Ora Ennis, who will take possession about April 1. Ora's sister, Mrs. E. C. Preston, will keep house for him.

Edward Hedges of Boston, Mass., and John Heon of Philadelphia were in town last week to meet Mark Mears in relation to property interests in the south.

The funeral of Mrs. Laura Davis Lambertson, wife of M. R. Lambertson, who died on Monday evening last week, was held Wednesday the 18th at the Congregational church, Rev. W. E. Newton officiating. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Mrs. Lambertson had been in poor health for several months but passed away very suddenly at the last. She was in the fifty-first year of her age; a most estimable woman and kind way friends who will miss her kind face. Especially will she be missed in the home which she loved so well, by her husband and daughter Lillian, who cared for her so tenderly and to whom much sympathy is expressed.

Entered into rest—Lovina Newton Packer, wife of the late Dr. J. Q. A. Packer, Friday evening, March 18. Mrs. Packer was born in Lyndon, Mass., Aug. 27, 1820. In 1843 she married Dr. Packer whom she has survived by nearly eleven years. Soon after their marriage they settled in Vermont and thirty-eight years of her life were passed in this place. Seven children were born to bless their union all of whom survive her, these are Dr. Ed. Packer of Lowell, Mass., S. Charles Clark of Whitman, Mass., S. H. Packer of Fiskdale, Mass., S. Joseph Hamilton of Danville, Vt., Mrs. L. Alice Fisher of Cabot, Vt., Dr. K. Lucas and Mrs. Mark Mears of this place. For more than ten years Mrs. Packer had been a patient sufferer and her fortitude and courage during these years exemplified one of the secrets of her beautiful Christian life. On Feb. 27, 1897, she with her husband joined the Methodist church at this place and during the years of her strength did much to aid the church and cause. During her protracted feebleness she has for the most part been the care of her daughter, Mrs. Mark Mears, with whom she made her home since her husband's death. Funeral services were held from the home on Tuesday, Rev. W. E. Newton

officiating. Prayer was offered by Rev. Joseph Hamilton of Danville. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Musical selections were rendered by Mrs. J. Berton Pike and Mrs. Herbert Emery, grand-daughters of the deceased. The body was laid to rest in the family lot in the cemetery at Lower Cabot. Two of the children, Dr. Ed. Packer of Lowell, Mass., and Mrs. Charles Clark of Whitman, Mass., were prevented by sickness from attending the funeral.

CORINTH.

As spring approaches there is a demand for new milk cows. Several have been sold to go out of town and there is a call for more.

C. I. Clark has bought four oxen to put into the sugar place when the season opens. He has one of the best sugar places in the town with an opportunity to use nearly 3,000 buckets.

Mrs. Sarah Little has rented her sugar place to Leon Landry.

There are many farmers who will not make any attempt at sugaring this season on account of the scarcity of help and the press of other work.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Sargent of Pompanooc have been visiting his parents and brother, coming on Tuesday. Mrs. Sargent returned to their home on Friday and he remained till the first of this week.

Mrs. Carrol Smith and daughter Jennie of West Fairlee visited at J. P. Sargent's last Wednesday and Miss Jennie stayed till this week.

Deacon L. K. Richardson and J. P. Sargent have been prostrated with the grip. It is the first time that Mr. Sargent has been confined to the house a whole day by sickness in fifty-one years.

FAYSTON.

Miss Emily B. Johnson, who has been teaching in Randolph high school, is spending her vacation at home.

Miss Anna L. Eragh has returned from a week's visit in Boston.

Dan McLaughlin attended the funeral of R. J. McMullin in Duxbury last Saturday.

Mrs. Hannah Durkee, widow of the late Arba Durkee, died at her home in North Fayston, March 16, aged ninety-six.

C. H. Mehuron's new steam engine has not sufficient power to run his saw mill and he has ordered a better one. It seems too bad that Mr. Mehuron should be hindered as he has been with over 1,000,000 feet of lumber ready to saw.

Mrs. Kate Pierce, who has been working for Joseph Chapin of Middlesex, is now keeping house for J. R. and J. D. Thompson.

Clarence Kew, who was severely injured in Eagan's mill in Watsfield, is staying a few days with his uncle, G. H. Kew. He expects to be able to resume work this week.

Sugaring is lingering in the lap of winter, many farmers have scattered their tubs, but little tapping has been done as yet. A. D. and F. A. Bragg have put a brand new "Leader" evaporator into their sugar house.

Miss Janet Small, who has been spending several weeks with friends in Canada, came home last Thursday.

Charles Lawrence, who has been staying with L. M. Chandler the past winter, has purchased the John Ferris farm in Watsfield for \$2,500.

Large quantities of baled hay are being brought into town as many farmers are short.

Chester M. Dana has hired a large farm and stock in Randolph and will move there very soon.

EAST TOPSHAM.

Charlie White of Corinth was called to see his sister, Mrs. John Morrison, on Monday.

Jared Miller was in Barre on Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Hood of Barre is at John Morrison's for a while.

E. R. Taplin of Corinth was in town on Monday.

George Merritt is sick, also Clarence Lang.

Harry McInam was in Bradford on Tuesday after the household goods of N. R. Johnson.

E. Carrier has made a roll-topped writing desk for Fred Hayward and for beauty and workmanship it is hard to beat.

James McKay is ill.

D. G. McKay has had a telephone put in recently.

Among those who are sick this week are: Mrs. A. C. Wornwood, Mrs. Albert Corruith, Mrs. C. B. Fisk, Mrs. Putnam Hayward, Mrs. Clarence Lang, and Robert Brown.

Mrs. Elmer Corruith of Corinth was at Albert Corruith's on Saturday.

A. C. Wornwood was in Bradford on Saturday.

Mrs. John Morrison is a very little better so she takes light nourishment.

Charlie Molam returned from Danville, P. Q., on Friday.

Miss Sarah McKay is visiting Miss Ella Clement in Orange for a few days.

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WATERBURY.

Robert J. McMullen died at his home at Crossett hill, Duxbury, Wednesday, March 16, of pneumonia, at the age of fifty-six years. He leaves a wife and one brother. The funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at his late home. Rev. F. B. Kellogg took charge of the services.

Guy Boyce and wife of Proctor, who came to town for a short visit, were called away by the news of the turning of one of the mills of the Proctor Marble Company on Monday. The mill was one of several that Mr. Boyce has charge of.

C. E. Wyman of Moretown was in town on Monday.

There was a large attendance at the entertainment in honor of St. Patrick held in St. Andrew's hall on Friday evening. Rev. Thomas Leonard gave a fine lecture, taking for his subject "The Isle of Scholars. Miss Katherine Deagan of St. Johnsbury rendered several vocal solos. After the exercises ice cream, cake and coffee were served. After ten the young people indulged in dancing until midnight.

Lula M. Cameron died at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. O. Freeman, at Waterbury Center, March 11; she had not been strong for several years and was unable to resist a severe attack of grip with which she was taken several weeks ago. Miss Cameron was born at Middlesex, Jan. 10, 1854, and came here about ten years ago. She was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist church and also a member of the Woman's Relief Corps, in both of which she will be greatly missed. She was loved by all who knew her and her natural musical talent made her a useful member of the societies to which she belonged, and a joy in the home circle. Her funeral was largely attended, from her late home Sunday, March 13. The Rev. Mr. Emery, a former pastor, officiated assisted by Rev. Mr. Royes. The floral offerings were many and beautiful, the interment was in the old cemetery at this place.

F. L. Maxwell, night operator at the passenger station, has been appointed station agent at Montpelier Junction. Mr. Maxwell began his duties on Monday.

E. E. Campbell and wife visited friends in Middlesex on Sunday.

The next meeting of Alhambra encampment will be held on Friday evening, March 25. The Royal Purple degree will be conferred.

The Waterbury board of trade, which numbers about 100, will hold a banquet at Barrett's hotel, Friday evening, March 25. Col. Albert Clark, secretary of the Home Market Club of Boston, will address the meeting. Arrangements are being made to make this one of the best of such events held in Waterbury.

Mentor lodge, I. O. O. F., will hold a masquerade promenade and dance on the evening of April 4.

Miss M. J. Nelson has commenced work in the millinery parlors of Mrs. A. B. Greene.

W. D. Davis leaves this week for the Profile House in the White Mountains to prepare the house for summer business.

Mrs. E. E. Campbell visited in Northfield last week.

The teachers' examination will be held by O. D. Mathewson of Barre March 24 and 25 at the school building.

Dr. W. D. Berry of the hospital has bought the Clark Sanitarium in Burlington and will take possession Sept. 1.

Miss Ethel Child, who has been ill for the past week, is able to be about again.

J. A. Daniels of Middlesex will move into the Watts house on the Farrar addition.

Cornelius Moody was in Montpelier Friday.

Frank L. Knight and wife returned from Boston on Friday.

The following letters are unclaimed at the post-office: Henry Rhodes, Mrs. B. C. O'Hara, Florence Cono, M. Mackenzie (2), Xavier Serperant.

Miss Carolyn Wells left for Boston on Monday to attend the spring millinery openings. On her return she will trim for Miss Ella Bacon.

Harold and Hermon Campbell are visiting relatives in Braintree for a week.

In the case of G. S. Blaisdell vs. E. L. Johnson before J. K. Fullerton the plaintiff discontinued suit after hearing read a letter he had previously written the defendant but had forgotten. Dale for plaintiff, Moody for defendant.

Rowe Morrison visited in Barre on Sunday.

Mrs. C. H. Haines is visiting friends in Bellows Falls.

Mrs. Will Patterson is critically ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Helen Summerville returned from Watsfield on Monday.

Bert Taft was in Montpelier on Saturday.

The mills and stone sheds shut down on Saturday on account of shortage of water for their boilers. Trouble with the strainer at the reservoir was the cause.

Mrs. Nellie Bates left last week for Burlington for instruction in chiro podly and shampooping.

Mrs. Nellie M. Chase has rented her store to Bart Moody for a furniture and undertaking establishment. M. E. Cane and Ezra Clark have begun to put in new counters and fixtures and will put the whole store in good repair.

The public dance at Barrett's hall was the last in the series of the dancing class. About forty couples participated, many being from Montpelier.

The special town meeting is called for Monday, March 28. There seems to be quite a little rivalry for the office of road commissioner, the names of Dow Adams, W. E. Marshall, H. F. Hill of Waterbury Center being most prominent.

Rev. P. A. Smith will preach his farewell sermon at the Methodist church next Sunday. His people regret that he is not to return to this charge.

Mrs. B. E. Wallace and Mrs. Gertrude Breen attended the Wright-Burt wedding in Stowe last week.

A large number of Waterbury people went to St. Albans last Friday to attend the funeral of William Manchester who was killed in the Northfield railway wreck.

Jack Daly was prosecuted for intoxication on Saturday and fined \$10. He took an alternative sentence of ten days in jail in Montpelier. L. C. Moody appeared for the State.

Archie Towne was apprehended for breach of the peace on Saturday, and was convicted of assault on Henry Gabree, before Justice J. K. Fallerton, and fined \$18.50 which he paid. Bickford, who was the real character in the affair escaped. L. C. Moody appeared for the State.

BROOKFIELD.

Brookfield Grange will have a sociable and box supper on Friday evening, March 26. The public is cordially invited. Every lady please bring a box with enough in it for herself and one more. The boxes will be sold for a small sum to defray the expenses of the evening. Hot coffee will be served. There will be a short literary and musical program after which a social time will be enjoyed.

U. A. Clark has been sick the past week with the grip.

Miss Elizabeth Abbott at the Center is sick with pneumonia.