

News and Citizen, MORRISVILLE AND HYDE PARK. E. M. LEWIS, EDITOR.

France is passing through an important crisis and the situation is pronounced far more serious than the anxious hours following President Carnot's assassination.

The suggestion of an extra session of the new Republican Congress to act on the currency question is reluctantly made by leading Democrats; but if rational legislation is imperative it must be the work of the Republicans.

A few of the more honest Democrats in Tennessee are doing their best to defeat the base scheme to swindle H. Clay Evans out of the Governorship he won at the polls. But unfortunately there are not many of that kind down there.

Of the grand total of 2,776,304 men whose names were carried on the rolls of the Union army and navy during the civil war, it is estimated that 1,154,810 are living to-day. It is further estimated that, on an average, they have seventeen years of life left.

The sympathy of the entire nation goes out to Vice-President Stevenson, who is sorely afflicted by the death of a daughter, a most bright and promising young lady. She died at Asheville, N. C., after a few months' illness. The remains were taken to the Vice-President's home in Bloomington, Ill., for interment.

The people of St. Johns, N. F., are having about as lively times as any in the world. With broken banks, bread riots and a general scarcity of the dollar that keeps the wolf from the door they are indeed having a sorry experience. After all, Lamoille county is about as good a place to live in you will find.

We spent a few hours in Hardwick last Friday and found that place fuller of life and interest than ever before. Just now great interest is manifested in the proposed railroad from that place to Woodbury, which if it is constructed (and it surely will be) will open up the finest and most extensive granite quarries in America, if not the world. Granite has done and is doing a great deal for Hardwick. It has drawn to that place men of energy and push, and their power and influence is what is pushing Hardwick rapidly forward, and will make it one of the leading villages in the state.

A GREAT WRONG RIGHTED.

Evidence accumulates that the recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court against the oleo fraud will be its death blow. For years this gigantic evil has thrived upon the dairy interests of the country. Ostensibly designed to afford the poor a cheap substitute for butter, it has been pushed in every way that could be devised, as genuine butter. Since the famous "original package" decision, it has grown bolder and has seemed to be having things its own way, to the great detriment of every butter maker in the country. Thousands, if not millions, of dollars have been taken from the dairymen by the greedy and unscrupulous makers and vendors of oleo. State laws, no matter how strict, did no good in face of the original package decision. But now all is changed. The supreme court of Massachusetts has just decided that oleo colored to look like butter cannot be sold even as oleo in that State. This is going to help Vermont butter-makers, for a large part of their make goes to Massachusetts. The business of butter-making has a brighter outlook than any other branch of farming.

The party in power has been able to strike effective blows against the sheep and wool industry; it looks as though the markets of the world would soon be closed to American meat; wheat sells below the cost of growing, and common horses are of little value. But butter is as high or higher than usual at this season, and the prospect is exceedingly bright as to prices in the future.

The farmers of northern Vermont have a great opportunity to make dairying pay. If they will adopt winter butter-making, study their business, and avail themselves of the best modern methods of machinery, they may be better off as a whole than nine-tenths of the farmers of the world. Of course there are some who are on land that should be in forest, and who are so handicapped that they must fall out of the race, but the great majority of our farmers ought to make dairying pay.

FREE TEXT BOOKS.

The free text book provision was a much needed addition to the school law, and marks another advance in educational legislation. Heretofore schools have not been really free, in that the cost of books laid a heavy tax upon poor men with large families of children. Now we have made education free in all reality. Under the old law, a man who was too poor to buy school books could obtain them from the town, but this was a humiliation that all who possibly could, would escape from.

As to the expense, a few figures from Massachusetts may be of interest. The average cost per pupil for text books and supplies for nine years has been at the rate of \$1.63 a year. This is probably higher than the expense will be in Vermont, as it includes all school supplies, such as stationery, slates, pencils, etc. The provision of the Vermont law permitting books to be purchased by the pupils is most excellent, because many will choose to own their books rather than take books that have been used by others. The system of free text books gives good satisfaction in other states and will in Vermont after the people have become accustomed to it. The greatest danger will be a tendency to hold on to old books too long for the sake of economy.

Those who have not examined the subject can have no idea of the number, variety and general excellence of American text books. There are nearly fourteen millions of pupils in the schools of this country to be provided with books, and each of these pupils has to have on an average of probably four or five school books. These figures convey some idea of the magnitude of the school text book business. Competition of the keenest kind tends to keep up the excellence and keep down the price. It will doubtless take a little time to get used to the new order of things, but the schools have already had some practice in using and caring for the physiologies provided by the state.

FRIENDLESS AND DISHONORED.

The present is the first administration in the history of this country which is practically deserted by its party organs and has no friends or earnest defenders anywhere. The Mugwump organs long since threw Cleveland overboard so far as giving him consistent support is concerned. Under ordinary circumstances this would strengthen him with his party, but the constant exhibition of blundering and incapacity is too much for them to explain or defend. The New York World, evidently discouraged and disheartened in its efforts to support the President and be true to him, as all party organs should under ordinary circumstances, has at last given up the difficult task. In a recent issue, under the heading of "A Spectacle of Impotence," it has this to say:—

The spectacle of impotence presented by the present Democratic majority in Congress is a shameful one. The treasury is in a strait. Our gold supplies are slipping away to Europe in spite of favorable trade balances. The integrity of the currency itself is maintained only by a repeated resort to a costly makeshift. The business of the country is embarrassed by apprehension and its credit abroad is impaired by reason of perfectly understood and easily remediable conditions. The Democratic party has a majority in both houses of Congress and it has the President. Its representatives in Congress can do what they please to relieve the situation. Yet they do nothing and seem ready to confess their inability to do anything in an emergency of acknowledged gravity.

THE WHY OF IT.

The New York Tribune, in refutation of the charge that the stringent times are caused by overproduction, says:—

The worst times this country has seen for fifty years came with the decision of the people for a change of national policy in 1892. They came just when business, reviving wonderfully in 1891 and 1892, had reached the highest point ever attained, yet seemed certain to go much higher. Because things looked so bright everybody had made ready to do a big business, and the shrinkage involved prostration for many. What the country voted for it is getting. But it is the stupidest kind of foolishness to pretend that the world has somehow arrived at producing more wheat and more cotton and more cloth than it can use. Double the production, with prosperity, and the world would readily consume it all.

"THE NEWEST NEW NOVEL" may be so interesting that the reader may lie on a bed of suffering and yet read it; but certainly not with satisfaction or pleasure. Ladies who are given to much novel reading, should feel perfectly well, to read with pleasure and profit. If afflicted with headache, neuralgia, pains in the back, dyspepsia, "Female Complaints" generally, first procure Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, prepared especially for women, and after using, you will read with pleasure. For sale by all medicine dealers.

SONS OF VERMONT.

The Brooklyn Society Holds Its Fifth Annual Banquet. The praises of the Green Mountain State were sung last Thursday night in verse and speech at the fifth annual banquet of the Brooklyn Society of Vermonters at the historic Pouch gallery on Clinton avenue. A host of prominent men and women surged through the spacious rooms of the beautiful mansion and were introduced to the special guests of the evening, Gov. Woodbury and Lieut. Gov. Mansur of Vermont.

At 7:30 p. m. a splendid banquet was served in the large ball room, which was handsomely decorated for the purpose. At 10 o'clock President Robert J. Kimball introduced the speaker of the evening, Governor Woodbury. He said in substance: "I am sure that the people of Vermont, if they knew that I was here to-night, would have me extend to you their warmest greetings. They have a warm place in their hearts for those sons of Vermont who have emigrated to other States to better their condition. Our people appreciate all the affection you still retain for the Green Mountain State and of all the men of Vermont Ethan Allen is our chief idol. The conspicuous part that he bore in the struggle of Vermont to establish her rights to the lands granted by the Governor of New Hampshire and in her subsequent struggle to maintain her independence and gain admission into the Union, had endeared him in the heart of every Vermonter. To-day the people of Vermont possess in a great degree the characteristics of their ancestors. I make the statement advisedly when I say that no State in the Union equals Vermont in purity of politics. It is an unknown thing for money or other immoral influence to be used in our elections, except very rarely in the large towns. In seven-eighths of all the towns such a thing as bribery is unknown. Our legislators are absolutely incorruptible. Vermont is justly proud of the influence she has exerted in the councils of the nation for the past fifty years. Though one of the smallest of all the States in population and acreage she has exerted an influence in Congress not equalled by any other State, however large. In politics Vermont is conceded to be Republican and had New York gone as strongly Republican last fall as Vermont, Gov. Morton would have had over 900,000 majority."

Senator Redfield Proctor was the next speaker. He spoke of the renowned men Vermont had sent forth and of the influence she had exerted in national politics. Among the other speakers of the evening were Lieut. Gov. Mansur, Hamilton Ormsbee, and Mayor Schieren of Brooklyn. The Chicago society was represented by Hon. Geo. Edmund Foss, the Buffalo society by Dr. Joseph G. Greene, and the Boston society by Col. Albert Clarke.

IRRIGATION IN NEW ENGLAND.—The Irrigation Age suggests that a large proportion of the so-called abandoned farms in New England might easily be made of great value by the practice of irrigation during the drouth season, which is the chief cause of the crop failures and low values for these places, and also remarks:—"To find an abandoned farm in the irrigated valleys of the West would be about as easy as to pick up a gold nugget on the streets of Chicago." No doubt there are many farms in Maine that could be very much improved in this way, and if there is no available supply of water from river or lake, there are few farms where wind-mills could not raise all the moisture needed from springs or deep wells.

RUNNING ABOUT ON TIME.—Professor Newcomb declares that the earth went slow and lost seven seconds between 1850 and 1862, and then went fast and gained eight seconds between 1862 and 1872. From this all anxious passengers on our terrestrial train through space will observe that we are conforming with a fair degree of accuracy to the schedule time table. If we are late at one station we make it up before we get to the next.

A FARMER'S BOOK.—Farmers' Bulletin No. 23 of the United States Department of Agriculture has been received at the Agricultural College, Burlington. The work was prepared by Dr. Atwater, former director of the office of experiment stations in the department, and is full of good practical suggestions to farmers. Copies may be procured free by addressing Agricultural Experiment station, Burlington, Vt.

VERMONT THE GRANITE STATE.—One of the "facts" appearing in a newspaper almanac is that "The Granite State," New Hampshire, produces less of the material from which it is named than any other state in New England save Vermont. According to the statistics of the interior department for 1893 New Hampshire stood eighth in the list of granite producing states while Vermont was third.—Granite City Leader.

Silver and Gold. Something everybody wants, something all can get by securing a copy of Vick's Floral Guide for 1895, a work of art printed in 17 different tinted inks, with beautiful colored plates. Full list, with description and prices of everything one could wish for vegetable, fruit or flower garden. Many pages of new novelties, enclosed in a chaste cover of silver and gold.

Unusual and astonishing offers, such as Sweet Peas for 40 cents a pound, \$300.00 for a name for a new Double Sweet Pea, etc. If at all interested in seeds or plants send 10 cents at once for copy of Vick's Floral Guide, which amount may be deducted from first order, to James Vick's Sons, Rochester, N. Y., and learn the many bargains this firm is offering.

Adolphus paused outside the door To interview the scraper. Within those walls her father sat Intent on Sunday's paper. Six times he'd sought that door On this same mission bent; His courage failed—but now to-night He'll ask papa's consent. "Respected sir, I've come to tell— To ask my late-day seat! Oh, since the early spring time came I've left—I mean—I feel— Adolphus paused, with pallid cheek, "Why boy—don't look morose! It's biliousness! I've had it here— 'Pierce's Pellets' take a dose!" The "Pellets" cure constipation, biliousness, indigestion, piles, and all derangements of stomach, liver and bowels.

STATE NEWS.

There are 80 banks in Vermont, besides the individual bankers. The Roman Catholics of Manchester expect to build a church this summer. New carding machinery has been placed in W. H. H. Slack & Bros.' woolen mill at Springfield.

Repairs on the Bennington court house and jail, authorized by the last legislature, will soon be begun. The next local union of the Y. P. S. C. E. of Franklin county will meet at Swanton Wednesday, Jan. 30.

George Franklin has been appointed postmaster at South Newbury, Orange county, vice A. Knight, removed.

In Woodcock, of Marshfield, was probably fatally injured Wednesday, his skull being crushed by a falling limb. Repairs are being made about the Wright health underwear mills at Pawnee, after which active operation will be resumed.

Brig. Gen. Julius Estey has appointed Geo. D. Howe of Brattleboro, brigade quartermaster sergeant, vice F. D. Dewey, resigned.

There have been entered on the docket of the March term of the Rutland county court 540 cases. A large number are appealed liquor cases.

B. W. Braley has been elected president of the Lincoln bank of Barre, in place of L. F. Aldrich and George Lynde, vice-president in place of B. W. Braley.

Mrs. Lydia Stevenson, of St. Albans, is under arrest charged with performing a criminal operation upon Mrs. Charles Gonyeau, a young French woman.

Rev. C. O. Day of Brattleboro, has been made chaplain of the first regiment Vermont National Guard, vice Rev. Howard F. Hill removed from the State.

Gov. Woodbury has appointed Fred A. Howland of Montpelier, a member of the state library commission in place of Alfred E. Watson of Hartford, resigned.

Judge George Shea of the Marine court of New York, died in New York of neuralgia of the heart. Judge Shea has spent his summer in Brattleboro for many years.

The new mill of the Lincoln Lumber company in Lincoln is 4434 feet, and will be ready for operation soon. It is better arranged than the one burned recently.

The building for a town library at Manchester will soon be completed. The library contains 1,000 volumes, and there is also a good pastoral library with the Congregational church.

The apple crop of Grand Isle county for 1894 is estimated at from 35,000 to 40,000 worth at the market price between \$65,000 and \$75,000. This sum would give \$18 per capita to the population.

Pensions have been granted to Vermonters as follows: Increase Samuel B. Arnold of Mount Holly; Reissue, Lorenzo Frizzell, of Brattleboro; Walter E. Jaquith, of Townshend; Hollis Wells, of Albany, and Edgar B. Stone, of Morrisville.

Col. W. Seward Webb uniform as aide-de-camp on the staff of Gov. Woodbury, has been completed at a cost of nearly \$1,500. The braid on it is of real gold and the lace is from Paris direct. The colonel's sword has a diamond in the hilt, is a Damascus blade, and stood the military march cool \$2,700.

Max Kallenbach started from Middlebury for South Africa Saturday night. He took one high bred Morgan stallion, raised by John L. Buttoll, and forty Angora goats which he bought in California. This is Mr. Kallenbach's second trip to the Cape of Good Hope. He has been two trips before to the Argentine Republic.

A Brattleboro stamp issued by postmaster Palmer in 1846 has just been sold by a Chicago woman to a New York collector for \$75. The stamp had been in the possession of the envelope, which was addressed to a former resident of Brattleboro, where it was originally mailed in 1846. The stamp was engraved by the late Thomas Chadwick, then a resident of Brattleboro, and was used a year before the first government issue.

Ex-Gov. Frederick Holbrook, of Brattleboro, has just completed an interesting sketch of personal reminiscences, going back to the year 1816, when he was but three years old, which will be of interest to the Vermonters of that time on the close of his administration as governor of Vermont. His memoirs include a period of the war with its stirring incidents here, and his connection of it with President Lincoln and his cabinet.

Hugh Hughes of Rutland, a man about 70 years old, committed suicide Wednesday morning by cutting his throat with a razor. He left his home about 8 o'clock and at 11 o'clock he was found in the street, apparently dead. The razor with which he did the bloody deed was in the dead man's hand, as was also a string of Catholic beads. The deceased was well-to-do, but since the death of his wife, which occurred about a year ago, he has been despondent. There is no doubt but that he was insane. He leaves six grown-up children.

Lydia E. Stephenson was arrested at St. Albans Saturday charged with malpractice, which results in the death of Miss Estella Houghton, of Swanton. Miss Houghton had always borne an excellent reputation. She was 20 years of age and had just finished a term as teacher of a school in East Fairfield. Miss Stephenson has long had the reputation of being an abortionist. On Sunday evening Doll Leach, of East Fairfield, was arrested on a charge of being a party to the abortion and at a hearing Monday waived examination and gave bail to the amount of \$2,000.

Albert H. Tuttle, of Rutland, one of the country's recognized leaders of the Vermont Republicans. He had practically held every office in the gift of the city, and had been a member of the State Congressional Committee for years. He was well known by almost every commercial traveler in New England, and had their respect. He was a veteran journalist, and had taken part in many New England newspaper meetings.

In answer to the question, "If you had it to do over again, would you engage in politics?" Col. George W. Hooker of Brattleboro, ex-member of the Republican national committee from Vermont, who thinks ex-Senator Edmunds is the Gladstone of America, replied as follows: "Great Scott! No young man should engage in politics who is not independent pecuniarily. The reason we have speculations and scandals in public office is because too many who are not financially independent go into politics. First, independence as regards business matters, and then politics. Every citizen should read the papers and know how to vote, but that is not politics. I would go in again, of course."

CAMBRIDGE.

Miss E. A. Parker has completed her school at Underhill and returned home. Miss L. Soule of Fairfield, at this time teaching in Cambridge, spent Sunday with Miss Eula Parker.

N. C. Hawley recently sold his dairy of ten cows to a Mr. Holmes of Westford. There is no report that he gave them away.

Dr. Jas. Morgan has returned from Boston, where he has been stopping for some time at a hospital receiving treatment for an injured limb.

Halsey Cady, returned from the Albany Business College, is at his mother's, ill with stomach trouble and over application to his studies.

Saturday evening last the whist club met at the hotel parlors with Misses Pearl and Connor. A pleasant evening, with fruit for refreshments.

Charles Hubbard is fast closing out his business in this town. It is a matter of universal regret that he deems it for his interest to leave, and many say it is the mistake of his life. It is his business.

D. W. Cutting on the evening of the 17th entertained several of his gentlemen friends in that substantial and satisfactory manner that all appreciate and he is so capable of rendering.

Chauncey Warner is seen occasionally in the village, a worthy and respected citizen nearly 80 years of age; one of the old school, of whom there are but few left.

The medicine company leaves this week. Their stay will include twelve evenings of entertainment, instruction and advice. They are a very quiet and capable combination and have had full houses.

The children under the management of Mrs. Mary Ellsworth repeated their masquerade promenade the evening of the 18th, with a slight admission fee. A large and appreciative audience complimented the youngsters and left several dollars with the door tender. Mrs. Ellsworth is doing much for the young people.

A co-operative creamery and butter factory is a well assured possibility at this place or in its immediate vicinity. The model and construction is with the Vermont Farm Machine Company, which is a sufficient guarantee that all modern improvements will be utilized and first-class work exchanged for money. The progressive, wealthy and well-to-do farmers are subscribing for the necessary stock. Six thousand dollars is required, and that amount, we are informed, was well taken in two days. The farmers of Cambridge and adjoining towns are a very thrifty and conservative class and did not endorse this machinery until they had carefully and fully investigated all the ins and outs and consulted the experience of others. When the butter makers of this place put their money into a venture of this kind it is good endorsement and the assumption is that the method will be successful in every regard.

From our local Post:— No snow for the sled, no snow for the sleigh. It comes now and then, but don't come to stay. It was better as in Hyde Park, so I have heard people say.

Where its sleighing in October and continues until May. Dr. E. R. Brush's lecture still hangs in the air, and it looks very much as if it would always stay there.

If it ever comes off, be sure and hear it as it comes to your ears. And that the best remedy to take is "Brown Bread Pills."

JEFFERSONVILLE. Kate Kinsley of Burlington, is caring for Mrs. T. H. Raymore, who is very sick. Carrie Carroll taught in the village school last week in the absence of Elsie Smith. Mrs. S. S. Ballard of Barre, who has been spending a few days in town, returned home the first of the week.

Thos. Haslam has moved into G. D. Levese's house, and Weston Sanderson has moved into the house vacated by Mr. Thomas. Mrs. Smith has taken rooms over Sanderson's.

There is a literary entertainment and oyster supper at the old church Friday evening, January 25. The committee have spared no pains to make the entertainment an attractive one, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance. Proceeds are for the parsonage fund. Admission to entertainment, ten cents; supper tickets 40c each; children, half price.

HARDWICK. There were only fifteen marriages in town last year. The railroad meeting Tuesday drew out quite an attendance. There is a large amount of sickness resembling the grip, in this village.

Quite a party from here attended the railroad meeting at Woodbury last Thursday. The library committee met Tuesday and made some progress in the selection of books. The report of the financial embarrassment of G. L. Johnson of East Hardwick is entirely without foundation.

The cantata of Queen Esther drew crowded houses at the town hall last week Thursday and Friday evenings. Tracks of some large wild animal were found on Buffalo mountain last week, and some thought it was a bear's.

Mr. L. P. Manning who is stopping at the Continental House, has been dangerously sick the past week with spinal meningitis. L. H. Lewis, editor of the NEWS AND CITIZEN, made this village a call last Friday. And you can see what he says about how it grows. A young child of Geo. W. Bailey of Manchester, died suddenly Thursday, of congestion of the lungs, being sick only about thirty-six hours.

ALBANY. Wm. Sartwell received quite severe injuries recently by falling about six feet onto a block in his woodshed.

The donation at the Cong'l church Jan. 16 was a success socially and financially, the net receipts being \$89. Robben Miles of Albany, and Miss Edith Partlow of Troy, were married at Irasburgh Jan. 15, by Rev. Mr. Dodd.

Frank Brown, who has been a long time sick with consumption, died at his home the 14th. His remains were taken to Manchester, N. H., for burial.

LOWELL. George Revoir and family are visiting relatives in St. Albans. The Methodist chapel is nearing completion and is a very pretty building. Lyman Lockwood is very sick and it is feared that he may not recover. O. B. Landon's men have been harvesting ice for use in the coamery next summer. The Cong'l Ladies' Aid and Missionary societies will meet at L. R. Wellman's next Friday afternoon. E. S. Cooleage has sold his farm and stock to Bradley Saborn; consideration, three thousand dollars. The drama, "Hickory Farm," will be presented at the town hall next Friday evening by the dramatic club. Israel Sylvester, aged 82 years, died last Friday morning. Funeral services were held at the Catholic church Monday morning.

J. H. Sibley of Hartford, Conn., who owns the saw mill and several houses in this village is in town looking after his lumber business. His men have cut ten thousand logs which they are now hauling to the mill. The Cong'l. E. is planning to observe Christian Endeavor day February 3. A social will be held at Edson Kinney's Saturday afternoon and evening, and a special program will be prepared for the following Sunday. A good advertisement of good goods in a good newspaper will always pay.

A SOLID INSURANCE COMPANY.

Attention is called to the forty-eighth annual statement of the National Life Insurance Company of Montpelier. The statement is not only worth reading as a matter of news, but to those contemplating insurance it will be especially interesting. The company is one of the strongest in the country and besides this being a Vermont institution is worthy of the large patronage it receives within the state. The fact that so many representative men in this state and elsewhere have policies in this company is a strong guarantee as to its soundness. We are informed that almost every representative man in Lamoille county carries more or less insurance in this company. From an extensive article in the Burlington Free Press of last Saturday we take the following:—

Its growth during the past two years, which many companies in other parts of the country have found so trying, has been remarkable. The company wrote in 1894, \$14,000,000 of insurance, an increase of \$2,250,000 over the 1893 figures. It increased its surplus to \$1,430,714, which is \$296,922 more than it had a year ago, and exceeds by over sixty thousand the increase of surplus made in 1893, though that was surprisingly large. The surplus so reported, it should be noted, does not include an extra reserve of \$354,216 on life rate endowments, which the company figures and approved city and school bonds, worth to-day in the market about \$140,000 more than the figures at which they are listed on the company's statement, and loans upon the company's policies, deposited as collateral. The premium actually paid in during the year 1894 amounted to \$2,472,701.62. This is also a large gain over the 1893 figures. The total amount paid to policy-holders during the year was \$1,206,607.32. These large gains have been made with strict regard to economy of management, and the expenses of conducting the business are kept at a much lower figure than the expenses of most of the heavy life companies.

The company issued 6,813 policies in 1894, including reissues, and has paid to policy-holders since its organization \$10,000,724. Altogether the National's statement is a gratifying one to its policy-holders as well as to the management, which makes so excellent a showing.

The National Life of Vermont has the confidence of a very large constituency, need not be stated. Among its policy-holders now numbering upwards of 20,000 in number, will be found such names as Gen. B. F. Tracy, ex-secretary of the war; Dr. W. Seward Webb, who has succeeded to the board of directors will be an added element of strength; H. Walter Webb, of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad; Col. E. K. Sibley, Mr. D. D. Parmly, of the firm of Marquand & Parry, of New York City; Dr. Edward C. Smith, of St. Albans; John Warramaker, of Philadelphia, late postmaster-general; Lieut. Gov. Walter Lyon, of Pennsylvania; Hon. James McMillan, United States senator from Michigan; Hon. Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, ex-secretary of war; Hon. John M. Thurston, United States senator-elect of Nebraska; Hon. Christopher L. Magee, of Pennsylvania—each of these gentlemen holds not less than \$20,000 of life insurance in the company—W. W. Kimball, president of the Fourth National bank of Boston; D. H. Andrews, of the Boston bridge works; J. Reed Whipple, of Boston, and many others of prominence in Vermont, and in Maine to Texas. Among the representative Vermonters who hold policies in the company are Senator Redfield Proctor; Gen. Julius J. Estey, of the Estey Organ company, of Brattleboro; ex-Gov. Carroll S. Page of Hyde Park; Hon. Franklin Fairbanks, president of the Fairbanks' scale company, of St. Johnsbury; Congressman H. Henry Powers, Hon. L. E. Thompson, of the Supreme Court of Vermont; ex-Lieut. Gov. P. Stewart Stranahan, of St. Albans; Hon. James L. Martin, inspector of finance, of Brattleboro; Hon. James W. Brock and Hon. L. Bart Cross, of Montpelier; Edward Wells, Esq., of Burlington; Hon. Charles P. Smith, president of the Burlington Savings bank; Chauncey W. Brownell secretary of state; Jefferson R. Judson, of Arlington, and many other leading citizens of the State.

In short the company is one of which all Vermonters may well be proud. It is known throughout the United States, as among the very best of life insurance companies, and its past forty-four years of sound life, and its present high standing, are sufficient guaranty of its permanence and prosperity in the future.

AGRICULTURAL REPORTS. UNITED STATES SENATE, WASHINGTON, D. C., JAN. 18, 1895.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE. I HAVE for distribution 1100 copies of the Report of the Department of Agriculture for 1883, and a few of former years previous to 1892. These reports are of great value to some, but of no value to many who receive them, because they take no interest in their contents. In sending by lists, many doubtless go to the latter class, and many are duplicated by the other Members of Congress from the State. It seems to me if they are worth having they are worth asking for, and that those who really care, will send to whom they will be most useful, will be glad to write for them. I will therefore send them to those who ask for them by letter or postal until the supply is exhausted. If you will communicate this to your readers, you will very much oblige. Yours very truly, REDFIELD PROCTOR.

John D. Rockefeller, the Standard oil magnate, has made another gift of \$175,000 to Chicago university. His total contributions to this institution touch the \$2,000,000 mark.

Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt made her debut in New York society the other evening and received bouquets valued at \$2,500. Thousands of people in New York are suffering for want of food.

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