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INDIGO BLUE suits, guaranteed fast color, for $8 at Knight's, Waterbury.

D. L. FULLER & SON have in this issue a new advertisement of seasonable farm tools. Read it, farmers.

THERE will be an auction sale of household effects at Mrs. J. M. Poland's next Friday afternoon, May 17.

DROP in at Knight's, Waterbury, and see his new line of cutaway suits. They are dandies.

A NICE Estey organ, cost $135, for sale cheap. Inquire of G. W. Colby, No. 52 Barre street, Montpelier, Vt.

L. P. GLEASON & Co. are showing a large variety of pure silk, taffeta and lisle thread gloves, and jersey underwear.

PEOPLE desiring a good paint for buildings, at a low price, are referred to the advertisement of the Patrons' Paint Works.

H. S. LOOMIS, having sold his business to Peter Mitchell, desires those who are owing him to call at the old stand and settle their accounts.

DOMESTIC MONTHLY at Webster's.

WHEN you are in Waterbury call at Knight's and see those worsted cutaway suits at $10, $15 and $20.

L. P. GLEASON & Co. have for sale the Comfort corset, the Equipoise waist and the great dollar Health corset.

THE Misses Fisk have at their rooms, 27 State street, a fine assortment of millinery, and are receiving new goods every few days. Call and see.

"ROCKS AND ROMANCE," by F. Barrett Johnson, a New England story well worth reading. Just published. Sold at Long's book-store, Montpelier, Vt.

IF the person who found a sum of money on Saturday afternoon, May 11th, in or near Butler's store, Montpelier, will leave it with Mr. Butler they will be suitably rewarded.

THE Gold Medal Sarsaparilla, which has been having such a boom, is gaining a widespread reputation as a remedy for blood diseases. Sold at J. V. Babcock's drug-store.

"THAT FRENCHMAN!" by Archibald Clavering Gunther, author of "Mr. Barnes of New York" and "Potter of Texas." Mailed on receipt of price, fifty cents, by D. F. Long, Montpelier.

WANTED.—More men to sell our fruit and ornamental stock. We can give you a good paying situation at once. Address for terms, E. B. Richardson & Co. Nurserymen, Geneva, N. Y.

TO LUMBERMEN:—Wanted, to contract for the cutting of a large quantity of hemlock timber and peeling the bark, one mile from Ridley Station. Inquire of Luther Davis at Waterbury, or Arthur Ropes at Montpelier.

BARNARD SUMNER & Co. keep up their unrivaled display of dry goods suited to the season—unrivaled in variety, quality and low prices. Read what they say this week in their new advertisement on the fifth page.

WE would call attention to Dr. Swett's Root Beer package advertisement for making a strictly temperance and healthy beverage. It is made from simple medicinal roots and berries, never doing harm, but always benefiting the weakest.

MISS S. A. E. WALTON is the local agent of the Health Food Company of New York. Its goods include peeled wheat flour and a long list of other cereal products, in the manufacture of which special care is taken to preserve their health-giving properties.

PEOPLE looking for refrigerators should go to O. N. Cross, the manufacturer of the Greely. They will pay only one profit and get a refrigerator that has no equal and is good for thirty-five years. He has a nice line of them at No. 56 East State street.

THERE are many veterans who have claims for pensions pending that would do well to consult James E. Curran, who has had over six years' experience as a special examiner and is thoroughly familiar with all the laws and rulings of the departments. He makes increase and rejected claims a specialty. Advice free.

NEW parasols, Webster's.

ORDERS by mail for job printing promptly filled at the WATCHMAN office.

THIS is spring-cleaning time. No better proof of the fact is needed than the throngs of housekeepers who are seen every day in the busy ware-rooms of Paine's Furniture Company, 48 Canal street, Boston, making their selection of such new articles as are needed to replace the old furniture, which has had its day.

THE firm of M. Marvin & Co., who are local agents of the Delaware County Land Improvement Company of Indiana, a notice of which appears elsewhere, is composed of Morton Marvin, Horace G. Marvin, Charles E. Wilson and Henry A. Cobb, all well-known citizens, having the confidence of the people of this community.

WHITE'S COMBINATION WASHING AND WRINGING-MACHINE.—It washes everything, from a lace collar to the coarsest material. Washes better than can be done by hand, and in one-third the time and with one-quarter the labor. A great success. A few salesmen wanted. Address C. L. Roberts, general agent, Montpelier, Vt.

"SPENCER COUNTY, INDIANA. FARMER'S MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION, May 1, 1889. *Mr. O. W. Ingersoll*—DEAR SIR: Please ship at once within order. I used your paint SEVEN years ago on a house in this neighborhood. It looks well yet. Yours truly. R. L. Tullis, secretary." [See advertisement of Patrons' Paint Works.—*Editor.*]

HOUSE-CLEANING time is here, and in the general picking-up do not delay, but send your magazines, papers, music, etc., to the Montpelier Book-bindery of M. W. Wheelock and have them returned to you neatly bound in any style you wish, from the cheapest pamphlet to the finest art publications, in full Turkey morocco with gilt edges, if desired. Missing numbers and parts supplied. Send all orders or inquire as above.

GEORGE A. AINSWORTH, Williamstown and Barre, dealer in pianos, organs and sewing-machines. Barre headquarters, Perley Chandler's jewelry-store. He has the agency for the White sewing-macnine, "which was awarded the highest premium on sewing-machines at the great centennial exhibit at Cincinnati, Ohio, 1888, for simplicity of construction, durability of parts, adaptability of adjustment, light and quiet running."

FOR SALE.—An excellent farm is offered for sale in Williamstown, Vt., about two miles from the village, comprising two hundred forty acres of land in a good state of cultivation, with suitable buildings thereon. Will keep a large stock of cattle and a team. It has a very fine sugar orchard of some fifteen hundred to two thousand maples. This farm is well watered, has good pasturage, etc. It will be sold to correspond with the times. For further information apply to D. W. Cummings, Montpelier, Vt.

THE NEW ENGLAND MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY issues life-rate endowment policies at the old life-rate premium. Annual cash distributions are paid upon all policies. Every policy has indorsed thereon the cash-surrender and paid-up insurance values to which the insured is entitled by the Massachusetts statute. Pamphlets, rates and values for any age sent on application to James E. Curran, Montpelier, general agent for Vermont.

THE six and one-half per cent first mortgage and six per cent registered coupon bonds, interest payable semi-annually by Peck & Cummins, Montpelier, prompt payment of both interest and principal guaranteed by the Pierre, Dakota, Savings Bank with a *paid* capital of $50,000 and surplus of over $3,000, are for sale by and full particulars on application to A. O. Cummins, eastern manager, who invites examination of above-named securities and the methods of making and paying same.

MESSRS. A. S. NICHOLS, secretary, and C. F. Hathaway, manager of the Delaware County Land Improvement Company of the famous Natural Gas City, Muncie, Ind., paid the office a call to-day, and their description of this wonderful agency is highly interesting, and certainly bespeaks for Muncie a brilliant future. These gentlemen came to us highly recommended, and unquestionably represent a very strong and responsible company, who own the choicest property in and about Muncie. These gentlemen will remain in our village but a few days, but will be pleased to talk with all who would like to know something of the history and nature of natural gas. They have a beautifully illustrated pamphlet, giving a complete but true history of the development and growth of the natural gas territory. They have appointed M. Marvin & Co. of this village as their New England agents, to whom the public is referred concerning the price of the above-named company's stock and property.

THE FARMERS' TRUST COMPANY.—This company was incorporated in 1885 and has been in active business since. It has a paid-up capital of fifty thousand dollars and a special guarantee fund accumulated which amounts at this time to about twelve thousand dollars. While the control of the company is in the hands of well-known residents of Vermont, it relies exclusively on western security in the matter of investment, and makes no loan which the managers can not ascertain by personal investigation to be secured beyond all question. Safety has been the first consideration. With this end in view the company will guarantee the payment of six, and in many cases seven, per cent interest to purchasers of its securities, believing that this is all that the safest line of investments and conservative management will warrant. The Farmers' Trust Company has negotiated about six hundred loans, secured on real estate. In each case investors have received their interest promptly and the principal at maturity. The company has acquired no land by foreclosure. These are facts which investors are invited to investigate. Loans are constantly on hand from two hundred dollars and upwards and are for sale at the office in Montpelier, Vt. Correspond with F. A. Dwinell, president, or George W. Wing, treasurer.

Montpelier and Vicinity.

BURNSIDE B. BAILEY is in Boston.

ED. TOWNER goes to Boston this week.

THE grass in the state-house yard is being cut.

MISS CARRIE CROSS is visiting in St. Albans.

D. S. WHEATLEY has returned from Boston.

FRANK DONAHUE is expected back from Fort Payne this week.

JAMES C. CULLEN has moved into the Horace Scribner house.

A SON was born to Mr. and Mrs. William T. Dewey Friday, May 9.

E. F. HUTCHINS has started the foundations for a new house on Barre street.

THE ladies library guild cleared about fifteen dollars from the "Cosmorama."

COLONEL R. R. RIKER is making extensive repairs on his State street residence.

A SON was born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith S. Ballard at Jeffersonville Sunday, May 12.

THE work of moving the old post-office building was commenced last Wednesday.

L. BART CROSS went to Montreal the first of the week for a visit of two or three days.

MR. AND MRS. GILBERT DWINELL of Marshfield visited in town the first of the week.

AURORA LODGE of Masons installed its newly-elected board of officers Monday evening.

D. MCDONALD has gone to Barre and is in the granite business in company with M. W. Cross.

THOMAS WILDEY encampment will confer the initial degree on three candidates Friday evening.

T. W. WOOD, the artist, has been elected vice-president of the Academy of Design, New York city.

WABAN tribe of Red Men has procured a fine set of rustic chairs for the stations in the lodge room.

MRS. E. A. FIENDELL, sister of Mrs. G. W. Colby, has started for her home in Helena, Montana.

EVENING prayer at Christ church will begin at half-past seven o'clock, instead of seven, as formerly.

FOUR ladies and one gentleman were baptized at the evening service at the Baptist church last Sunday.

F. M. KENDALL of Burlington, assistant cashier of the Howard National Bank, spent Sunday with his parents.

REV. J. D. BEEMAN, president of the board of directors of the Seminary, was in town the first of the week.

REV. W. A. EVANS of Seminary Hill expects to preach the memorial sermon at Shady Rill Sunday, May 26.

MRS. RODNEY is having a portico addition built to her house on Clay hill. A new sidewalk is also being put in.

NEWTON BEERS' "Lost in London" company held the boards at the Blanchard Opera-house Tuesday evening.

GEORGE W. FOX has purchased a lot on Barre street and is putting in the foundations for a four-tenement house.

THE mission-box, prepared by the woman's auxiliary of Christ church, has been sent to Fort Bennet, Dakota.

REV. SAMUEL J. BARROWS of Boston, editor of the *Christian Register*, preached at the Church of the Messiah Sunday.

J. K. FULLERTON will return to Fort Payne, Ala., on W. P. Rice's excursion, which leaves Boston next Saturday.

THE regular convocation of King Solomon chapter, Royal Arch Masons, will be held at Masonic hall Thursday evening.

THE Montpelier base-ball nine will play the Goddard Seminary team at Barre Saturday afternoon, at half-past two o'clock.

MISS LILLIAN MORROW left Monday for Chicago in company with Mrs. C. C. Field. Miss Morrow intends to remain in Chicago.

WILLIAM MILLER has had several carpenters employed about his place during the past week making numerous alterations.

MISS MINNIE MARSHALL, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Henry Fullerton, has returned to her home in East Brookfield.

REV. A. J. HOUGH will hold religious services in the church at East Montpelier Center next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

THE Grand Army fair committee is sending out a large number of tickets daily. Ten thousand extra tickets have just been ordered.

HARRY M. CUTLER did not begin work at the National Life office on his return from Boston last week, on account of slight sickness.

PROFESSOR J. A. DEBOER and E. H. Edgerton went to Marshfield fishing Saturday, but are reported to have returned unencumbered.

THE members of the Montpelier military band are discussing the advisability of repeating the grand concert of April 27 some time in the fall.

MR. AND MRS. CARL H. SMITH returned last Thursday from their wedding trip to Boston, and are to begin housekeeping at 32 School street.

P. E. STONE played first violin in the orchestra at the Barre Opera-house Monday evening and last evening at the Blanchard Opera-house.

QUITE extensive repairs are to be made this week on the Baptist church. The outside is to be painted and the ground about the church graded.

E. P. GRAY has bought two lots of land belonging to the William Gray estate—one on Clay Hill and the other near the machine-shop—for $900.

E. H. TOWNE is again manipulating the shears at Woolson's tailoring establishment. Ed. does not expect to return to Fort Payne till after the hot season.

A DUET of itinerant musicians visited this metropolis Monday and perambulated along the avenues, halting anon to discourse sweet music unto the natives.

TUESDAY, Wednesday and Thursday of last week were exceedingly tropical. The thermometer registered ninety-five and ninety-six degrees in the shade Thursday.

AT the meeting of Vermont lodge of Odd Fellows, Wednesday evening, D. L. Sanders was elected noble grand, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of F. H. Bascom.

G. H. GUERNSEY commenced work this week on the large portico which J. C. Houghton is having added to the J. Monroe Poland residence, recently purchased by him.

THE party of Muncie excursionists left Saturday afternoon. Collins Blakely, who went with the company, will make a trip through the Western States before his return.

JOHN DEMERITT has a large collection of rare old violins. Experts who have examined the instruments and played upon them pronounce it the finest collection in New England.

MRS. A. A. SWEET, aged ninety-two years, died last Wednesday, at her home on School street. Funeral services were held at four o'clock Friday afternoon, Rev. C. S. Smith officiating.

JOE G. BROWN shipped four car-loads of lumber to Lanesville last week, to be used in constructing C. W. Porter's stone-sheds. Another load will be sent this week, completing the lot.

THE Apollo minstrels held their first rehearsal at the Blanchard Opera-house Monday evening, and it was such a success as to warrant a first-class entertainment tomorrow night.

THE male quartette that has furnished music at the Church of the Messiah for several weeks past will sing for the last time next Sunday. The regular choir will then resume its place.

THE Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Company has sent an agent to Danville to adjust the insurance claims on the buildings burned last week, many of them being insured in that company.

SEVERAL from this place attended the dedication of the Congregational church at St. Albans on Tuesday. W. H. Hopkins, nephew of Colonel H. D. Hopkins of Montpelier, was ordained to the ministry.

GEORGE BRAINERD is improving his property on the corner of Liberty and St. Paul streets, recently purchased of E. R. Meader, by building an addition to the barn and making new driveways and sidewalks.

AT the last regular meeting of the directors of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Company, held May 1, Melville E. Smilie was chosen a director to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Charles T. Sabin.

TWELVE freight-cars from the works at Laconia, N. H., passed through here last week, to be used on the Barre railroad in carrying granite. The cars were equipped with air-brakes and all the modern conveniences.

THERE will be no preaching services at the Baptist church next Sunday, owing to the absence of Rev. G. T. Raymond in Boston. Sunday-school will be held at the usual hour and the Christian Endeavor service at a quarter before six in the evening.

THE steam saw-mill situated in Harris Gore, Washington county, belonging to H. T. Laird & Son, was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday. The loss was $5,000; insured for $3,000 in the Vermont Mutual. About 100,000 feet of lumber were burned with the mill.

BISHOP DEGOESBRIAND of Burlington was present last Sunday at half-past ten o'clock mass at St. Augustine's church and at the close made a few remarks to the congregation. In the evening Rev. Father McLaughlin preached an eloquent sermon upon the Virgin Mary.

COLONEL AND MRS. FRED E. SMITH were mentioned last week among those intending to go to Muncie, Ind., on last week's excursion, but did not go, and had no intention of so doing. The names were given to the WATCHMAN by the manager of the excursion, probably through a mistake.

MESSRS. J. W. ELLIS AND ALBERT JOHONNOTT of Montpelier were in town to-day on business. They took occasion to comment admiringly on the beautiful fountain and the improved park, and suggested that Montpelier, with it present splendid water system, ought to be provided with a fountain of similar design.—*St. Albans Messenger.*

AT the annual meeting of the Montpelier Building Association, May 3, the following board of officers was elected: Directors, Thomas Marvin, W. E. Adams, C. H. Heath, Clark King and D. G. Kemp. At a meeting of the directors Dr. Kemp was chosen president and R. K. Peck clerk and treasurer. The committee on rentals consists of Clark King, W. E. Adams, Thomas Marvin and D. G. Kemp.

THE railroad commissioners went to Barre Monday to hold a hearing on the case of the Central Vermont *vs.* the Barre railroad, in relation to the injunction recently procured by the former road enjoining the latter from crossing depot square, Barre, at grade. The Central Vermont secured a continuance of the hearing till Thursday, May 23, and, after looking over the ground, the commission adjourned.

FOUR head of cattle, which were being driven through this place last Thursday, were overcome by the heat and one of them was unable to move on. The cattle were being taken from Barre to Edwin Woodbury's farm in Berlin. The sun-struck animal remained on State street, in front of Bixby's drug-store, all the afternoon. Dr. Nichols did all that was possible to relieve its sufferings, but it died before morning.

THE Montpelier base-ball nine went to Northfield Saturday and defeated the local team in a lively game, by a score of twenty-two to thirteen. The Northfields opened up well and scored most of their runs in the first three innings. After that the Montpeliers steadied down and walked away with their opponents. The features of the game were fine battery work for both teams, the left field play of G. Tilden of the Northfields and the umpiring of Sanford. A return game will probably be played at Montpelier Saturday afternoon, May 25.

E. D. BLACKWELL was much annoyed last week by the presence of certain midnight prowlers who persisted in hanging about the premises Thursday night. He turned on the electric lights and saw a man's face at the window, and later at the front door. Mr. Blackwell then telephoned for the police. These nocturnal visits to residences within the village limits are becoming altogether too frequent, and if the next recipient of their attentions should respond with a dose of cold lead it might teach the rascals a valuable lesson.

IT is credibly reported that the Central Vermont has completed its plans for a railroad to the Barre granite quarries. The road will leave the main line to Williamstown about two miles above Barre village, climbing the hill in the direction of Williamstown, then make a turn and continue the ascent directly towards the quarries, till the highest of them is reached. Williamstown will thus be left at one side of the new railway, work on which will soon be commenced. It is also surmised that work on the extension of the main line down through the gulf will be begun somewhat later in the season.

FOLLOWING is a list of the standing committees of Trinity Christian Endeavor Society, appointed Sunday evening, to serve for six months: Lookout, Misses Anna Streeter and Edith Kent and Mr. M. F. Burnham; prayer-meeting, Misses Ella Hall and Minnie Young and Mr. W. E. Taplin; social, Misses Linna Hobbs and Josie Truax and Mrs. W. C. Taplin; Sunday-school, Mrs. Addie Bohonon, Miss Ellen Young, and Bruce McDonald; missionary, Mrs. George Roberts and Miss Mary Hayden; floral, Mrs. M. F. Burnham and Miss Mattie Bullock; music, Miss Josie Truax and Mrs. W. C. Taplin.

THE Apollo Club minstrel entertainment, at the opera-house to-morrow evening, promises to be one of the finest entertainments of the season, and will undoubtedly draw a crowded house. Among the special features announced on the programme are: Piccolo solos by Mr. G. H. Wilder; violin solos by Professor P. E. Stone; pedestal clog by Mr. John Scherrer; selections by the Apollo mandolin, guitar and banjo club; Fun in a Chinese Laundry, by One Lung Lowe and Mee Plum Glysson; grand march and drill by Apollo guards in Roman costume. If you want to pass an enjoyable evening drop in and see the boys perform.

STOCK is being subscribed to the Mechanics' Building and Construction Company, a corporation to be organized for the purchase of real estate, erecting buildings, furnishing, leasing and selling the same, buying, selling and working granite and other stones, in the state of Vermont, with its principal office at Montpelier. The capital stock is to be $30,000, in shares of $100 each, and may be extended to $100,000. The bulk of the stock has already been subscribed, and there is no doubt that the full amount will be quickly taken. Montpelier men are taking stock liberally, and the indications are that the company will be formed for business and will be an important contributor to local prosperity.

MRS. L. W. RIKER, widow of the late captain Isaac Riker, is ninety years old to-day. She is in good health and in the possession and enjoyment of her faculties. She lives with her niece, Mrs. Hiram Pierce. Not long ago she was in one of the carpet stores of the village assisting in the work of selecting a carpet. Captain Riker commanded a company at Tippecanoe, and named one of his children in honor of the hero of that historic fight. Colonel R. R. Riker, Frank Riker and Mrs. Holmes of this village are children of Captain Riker.

THE "Cosmorama" of Professor Bartlett of New York was presented at the opera-house on Thursday and Friday evenings of last week, under the auspices of the Ladies' Library Guild. The programme presented was new each evening, and as the participants had been carefully rehearsed under the direction of Professor Bartlett, the entertainment was a most enjoyable one. The various scenes, pictures, tableaux and pantomimes were admirably presented, and the variety of the programme held the attention of the audience throughout. The groups of statuary, including "Victory," "Vengeance," "Ceres," "Silence," etc., were particularly well received. Perhaps the most attractive feature each evening was the grand march by Mrs. Bascom's class of juvenile dancers. This was followed Friday evening by beautiful fancy dancing, consisting of waltzing, "Military schottische," and the "Newport," by little Kate and Grace Bascom, aged respectively six and four years. Friends in the audience presented them with beautiful flowers, which were acknowledged by the little ladies by graceful bows. It is not too much to say that the audience was captivated and greeted them with continued applause. The ladies desire to express their thanks to Mrs. Fred Lang, who presided so acceptably at the piano.

THE complimentary banquet given by the Denison pilgrims to Mr. Wendell P. Rice at the Revere house, Boston, last week Tuesday evening, was attended by nearly two hundred fifty guests. Among those present were J. W. Brock, Hiram Atkins, George Atkins, H. M. Cutler, J. G. Brown, H. W. Kemp, T. L. Wood, L. Bart Cross, J. H. Burpee, M. M. Cutler and A. W. Ferrin of Montpelier; B. R. Seymour and J. G. Reed of Burlington; Albert Chapman of Middlebury; ex-Governor S. E. Pingree and A. E. Watson of Hartford; Colonel Julius J. Estey, F. W. Childs, A. W. Childs, E. P. Carpenter, G. A. Briggs, T. B. Cudworth, I. F. Burnett and O. A. Marshall of Brattleboro; Colonel T. C. Fletcher and W. L. Pearl of St. Johnsbury; W. H. H. Walker, F. R. Jones, E. W. Oakes, R. L. Jones and C. Stone of Windsor; G. L. Spear, J. D. Wheeler and Willard Gay of West Randolph; G. F. Hadley and H. E. Pollard of Chester; Charles P. Thatcher and C. W. Fletcher of North Bennington. A pleasant feature of the occasion was the presentation to Mr. Rice of an elegant gold watch-chain, with a pencil on one end, and a gold diamond studded locket, inscribed with the initials "W. P. R." Inclosed with this, in a beautiful satin-lined casket, were a diamond collar-button and a pair of gold, diamond studded sleeve-buttons.

DR. O. D. BEMIS of Jonesville came to Montpelier the first of last week, and started in to have a prolonged toot. Thursday morsing the festive doctor was picked up on the street and brought to Dr. Lance's office to secure his assistance in dressing two ugly knife-wounds in the left leg. The cuts were several inches in depth and blood was flowing profusely. When asked to name the person who had stabbed him, or explain how he received the wounds, the doctor declared that he had absolutely no recollection of the place or time when he was injured. The fellow doubtless knew more about the affair than he was willing to tell, but if he did, no one succeeded in getting him to say anything. Officer Felt took the case in hand and endeavored to trace the man up during the successive stages of his jamboree and learn, if possible, who did the cutting. He ascertained the doctor's whereabouts during the night up to six o'clock Thursday morning, but from that time till his appearance in Dr. Lance's office he lost track of him. Bemis told Officer Felt of a certain individual whom he suspected of being his assailant, but, as he could bring no positive proof to substantiate the charge, refused to accuse him openly. Bemis was certainly in a very dazed and bewildered condition Thursday morning, and had probably been indulging in opium as well as the regulation mixed drinks.

SEMINARY HILL.

Two traveling musicians made their appearance on the Hill Saturday noon, and in the evening entertained the students in the chapel. ═══ Miss Northey and Mr. Riggs gave a song recital at Waterbury Monday evening. ═══ Miss Fish returned to school Saturday. ═══ President Beeman spent Sunday on the Hill. ═══ Mason Beeman played ball at Burlington with the Goddards. ═══ The students were excused to attend the meetings in the village Sunday evening. Nearly all went to the Baptist church to witness the baptism. ═══ The Band and Æsthetic societies held joint session Monday evening. ═══ Several couples went on a fishing excursion to Berlin pond Monday.

Obituary.

SWEET.—Died in Montpelier, on the 8th instant, Rebecca Pratt, wife of Captain A. A. Sweet. Could filial tenderness have availed to prolong her life another month, she would have completed her ninety-second year. Mrs. Sweet was the daughter of the late Rev. Edward and Elizabeth Preble Pratt of Bradford, Vermont. Mr. Pratt was a youthful but active soldier in the revolutionary war, and subsequently a preacher of ability and influence in Bradford and vicinity. On her marriage Mrs. Sweet came to Montpelier, which has been her home for these many years. Of quick perceptions and almost unerring judgment, the prominent traits of her character were gentleness, patience, tenderness, charity, and a quiet perseverance that availed to overcome every difficulty, but which was as silent and undemonstrative in its influence as the light and air of heaven. Indeed, as a wife and mother the "hiding of power" was possessed by her in a remarkable degree. Though she shrank instinctively from public recognition, the influence of such a life can never be lost.

MURRAY.—Truman F. Murray of North Fayston, aged thirty-nine years, seven months and four days, died of consumption Wednesday night, May 8, at the home of Albro C. Porter, where he had made his home for the past few years. During the last few months of his decline he was kindly cared for by his brother Warren, who returned from Maine last fall to assist in caring for him, and who showed a brother's love in the care so kindly bestowed during the past winter and spring. The deceased was always ready to aid and carry forward any enterprise which would promote the good of society, and will be greatly missed by his acquaintances. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Howe of Waitsfield officiating.

THE State Board of Cattle Commissioners were at Montgomery last week and investigated the outbreak of glanders among J. E. Smith's horses. Four horses were shot and properly buried, and quarantine and other restrictions were adopted to prevent the spread of the disease.

THE hotels at Bennington opened their doors last week, after a barricade of four weeks. The liquor prosecutions against the Putnam and Stark houses have been settled.

From Our Town Correspondents.

WEST CORINTH.—Rev. Mr. Davison, a home missionary of the Free Will Baptist society, has been holding meetings at West Corinth. There was once a strong church at this place, but death and removals have scattered the society.

PUTNAMSVILLE.—Cora Miles teaches the school at Putnamsville. ═══ A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Norris Edgerly May 12. ═══ J. W. Dillon was in Barton the past week. ═══ Envelopes of any size or quality at the WATCHMAN job office.

SHARON.—Mrs. Nathaniel Manning met with a serious accident on Monday of last week by jumping from a wagon. She ruptured a muscle in one leg, which renders her helpless. ═══ G. W. Morrison lost a good breeding mare and colt one day last week. ═══ Mrs. Zerah Watkins is very low.

MORGAN.—Erastus Parker is quite low. ═══ Alonzo Ewens is carrying on J. A. Gray's Maplesden farm this year. ═══ Mrs. George Batchelder got badly burned while putting papers into the stove, among which happened to be a package of powder. ═══ Arthur Cobb expects to move to Island Pond soon.

EAST ELMORE.—F. L. Merritt lost a nice hog and Levi Fisher a valuable horse last week. ═══ School commenced last Thursday, with Alma Silloway as teacher. ═══ Fire has been running in the woods near Morse's mill. ═══ Alonzo Jennings raised his new barns Saturday. ═══ George LeBarron has moved back to his farm. ═══ Blank forms of every kind at low rates at the WATCHMAN job office.

SHADY RILL.—Olive Dutton of Craftsbury teaches school in district No. 12. ═══ J. W. Maxham and family have moved to Barre, for the purpose of erecting buildings on land purchased last fall by J. W. and Arthur Maxham. ═══ Rev. H. F. Dickey preached here last Sabbath, and will preach again next Sabbath. ═══ A. J. Stone has moved into Mrs. Wells' house. ═══ Mrs. R. L. George is keeping house for her son, Asa W. George.

NORTH POMFRET.—Captain Bruce has returned from Dakota and is soon to move to his farm in this town. ═══ The delegates from this place to the quarterly convention of the "W. R. C. E. Union" at Norwich are Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. Roberts and Miss G. Snow. ═══ A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Rodgers April 9. ═══ Common oats for sowing are selling at forty cents. ═══ Wool-buyers are plenty, offering twenty cents for unwashed wool. ═══ Corn-planting by machinery is sturdily gaining in favor.

NORTH THETFORD.—Rev. Harry Brickett from the Hill was here last Sabbath and administered the sacrament in the Congregational church. ═══ Mark Ware at the Bow was seriously injured last week by one of his oxen hitting him in the face with its horns. ═══ The famous Shepard family gave a concert here last week. ═══ A. W. Jaquith is making repairs on his store. ═══ Howe, Cummings and Heath are painting their buildings. ═══ The remains of Charles Emery, a former resident, were brought from Topsham and interred in Pleasant Ridge cemetery last Monday.

SOUTH WOODBURY.—Exercises appropriate to Memorial day will be held in Memorial hall, North Calais, under the auspices of Stowe Post and Relief Corps, May 30. George Wing, Esq., of Montpelier will speak in the afternoon. All are requested to bring lunch, and a cup for drinking tea and coffee, which will be furnished by the post. ═══ S. D. Blake has just procured a pension of $14 per month and $300 arrears for Mrs. George H. Wheeler of Marshfield. ═══ With complete equipment of new type, presses and machinery, the WATCHMAN job office has superior facilities for job printing, including commercial work, book and pamphlet printing.

WORCESTER.—Memorial services will be held at the grounds of the Putnamville school-house. Rev. I. P. Booth of Northfield is to deliver the address. ═══ The new Methodist pastor has settled in his new field of labor and gave a very interesting discourse last Sabbath. ═══ J. M. Gould has bought a place in Calais and is moving there. His horse ran away while he was loading some goods, but was stopped at Putnamsville before much damage was done. ═══ Minnie Swasey has again been engaged to teach the Corner school. Laila R. Owen teaches in district No. 2. ═══ School or entertainment programmes in neat designs at the WATCHMAN job office.

EAST ROXBURY.—John Webster and wife of California are visiting Mr. Webster's brother Aaron and other friends. ═══ Mr. and Mrs. Dana Allen of Concord, N. H., are visiting here for a few days. ═══ Mrs. M. S. Wheatley, with her son, of East Brookfield has been with her mother for two weeks past. ═══ Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hall celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of their marriage last week and received several valuable presents. ═══ Mrs. William Perno has been moved from O. Boyce's to Sylvester Monlit's ═══ Mrs. R. Y. Blanchard is at Williamstown caring for her daughter, Mrs. Martin. ═══ Envelopes of any size or quality at the WATCHMAN job office.

NORTH FAYSTON.—Eugene Ingalls stopped with his sister, Mrs. Norton, over Sunday. ═══ Mr. C. A. Church of Bloomingdale, N. Y., was in town last week for a few days. ═══ John Fryce is the guest of Mrs. Jane Boyce. ═══ F. H. Chipman has been in Northfield the past two weeks working for his brother-in-law. ═══ Mrs. Eunice Boyce is in poor health. She is in her ninety-first year. ═══ Timothy Chase is again suffering from an attack of heart difficulty. ═══ Bryan Marble and wife recently moved in with his father. ═══ A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Nelson April 29. ═══ Bills, statements, notices, posters, etc., in any desired form, at the WATCHMAN job office.

EAST ORANGE.—Mrs. Lewis Parker is still very sick. Dr. Locke of Corinth and Dr. Minard of West Topsham are treating her. ═══ Herbert Sanborn has the mumps. ═══ R. H. Blake visited at East Topsham last Saturday and attended the funeral of Mr. Emery on Sunday. ═══ C. E. Parker of Barre spent Monday at home, on account of the illness of his mother. F. F. Bradbury accompanied him. ═══ Della Wentworth, who has been spending the past year at J. E. Sleeper's in Bradford, returned last week. ═══ Ethel, the twelve-year-old daughter of M. R. Hamilton, who went to Philadelphia last September with Professor A. N. Fuller's family, returned last Thursday. ═══ Envelopes of any size or quality at the WATCHMAN job office.

EAST WARREN.—O. G. Fassett is seriously sick. ═══ Quite a number of the ladies, with Mrs. Oliver Campbell and Miss Emilie Gleason of Waitsfield, met at J. C. Gleason's last Wednesday afternoon, to remind Mrs. Gleason that her fifty-sixth birthday had come. ═══ Henry Stearns of Boston is visiting his son Gilbert. ═══ D. N. Stearns, who is attending school at Seminary Hill, spent Sunday with his parents. ═══ Kate J. Tillotson went to Morrisville last week to work in a milliner's shop. ═══ Mrs. Carrie Quimby and daughter of Bristol are visiting relatives in town. ═══ Services are to commence at 10:45 o'clock Sunday mornings and prayer-meetings at 4:30 Sunday afternoons until further notice. ═══ School or entertainment programmes in neat designs at the WATCHMAN job office.

BRAINTREE.—There was some very warm weather last week, the thermometer standing at ninety-five degrees in the shade. Friday morning before nine o'clock the thermometer registered ninety to ninety-three degrees, something unprecedented in this locality. ═══ The prospect for fruit is not very good, not many trees showing the blossom buds except the irrepressible crab.

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