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

CALL and see the new shade hats and the children's daisy hats at the Misses Fisk.

WHEATLEY is still selling a Foster lace kid glove for seventy-five cents. Just try them.

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

No better cycle glides the highway o'er than Columbia. Call for catalogue. H. C. Webster, agent.

LADIES' JACKETS for $3 that are all wool at Wheatley's; also misses' jackets, in light colors, for $3.

DR. GILBERT makes the best artificial teeth, and fills teeth in the best manner. No. 38 State street.

PEOPLE of Barre and Montpelier, read Marvin & Wilson's advertisements on the third, fifth and seventh pages.

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

L. P. GLEASON & Co. have received this week a good assortment of ready-made waists for ladies and children.

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.

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

EXCELSIOR WATER from Saratoga Springs—pure, fresh, sparkling and *genuine*—by the glass or gallon, at Frank H. Bascom's drug and cigar-store.

A NEW line of summer dress goods at Wheatley's. Just see those white goods, henriettas, albatross, mohair and cashmeres. They are cheap.

WANTED—A good American girl to do general housework in a small family in Boston. Good wages. Address E. A., 29 Gray street, Boston, Mass.

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.

A FINE new line of slippers and Oxfords, in kid, bright finished Dongola, russet leather, etc., for ladies, misses and children at Griggs', Waterbury, Vt.

ADAMS, the Montpelier clothier, drops into rhyme this week, and seekers for bargains in ready-made clothing of all kinds and for all ages should drop in at Adams'.

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.

LARGEST stocks of boots and shoes in Central Vermont at Marvin & Wilson's stores, Montpelier and Barre. Goods of all grades, and prices way down. See advertisements on third, fifth and seventh pages.

HOT, muggy weather and Gold Medal Sarsaparilla go well together. Where people are prostrated from overwork in a hot season nothing will give vigor and strength to the system like this remedy. Sold everywhere. Wells, Richardson & Co., agents for Vermont.

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.

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.

EVERY lady should read the advertisement of Barnard, Sumner & Co. on the fifth page. Their stock of summer dress goods, silks and woolens, is so extensive that every one will find something to her taste. Send for samples.

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.

ANY ONE seeking a safe and profitable investment for their money, before investing would do well to talk with M. Marvin & Co., 20 State street, Montpelier, Vt, general eastern agents for the Delaware County Land Improvement Company of Muncie, Indiana.

"HILLSDALE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, May 13, 1889. *Mr. O. W. Ingersoll*—DEAR SIR: Have used and handled Ingersoll rubber paints for the past fifteen years, and consider them the best in the market. Yours truly, R. W. Freeman." [See advertisement of Patron's Paint Works.—*Editor.*]

A. F. PRATT, *the* popular barber of Montpelier, has the pleasure of announcing to the public that he has secured the services of two first-class barbers, Messrs. F. Garand and H. H. Moss. It is hardly necessary to say that ladies and gentlemen will have first-class work at his shop.

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.

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.

SPEAKING of refrigerators, an experienced housekeeper stated that the majority of women in selecting a refrigerator do not sufficiently consider the question of economy of ice, on which so much depends. Paine's Furniture Company, 48 Canal street, Boston, have a new refrigerator with a wonderful record as a saver of ice.

MIRROR LAKE, BERLIN, VT.—Thanking the people for their generous patronage in seasons past, I wish to say that I shall be pleased to accommodate, to the best of my ability, any who may desire boats, meals and horse-keeping during the week, but on Sunday my house, boat-house and picnic-grounds will be closed to the public. Respectfully, C. H. Stewart.

A PACKAGE to make five gallons of Dr. Swett's Root Beer, twenty-five cents; by mail, thirty-one cents; four packages, $1.00, prepaid. Composed of sarsaparilla, life of man, juniper, etc., etc. An agreeable drink, while acting gently and beneficially on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Put up only at the New England Botanic Depot, 245 Washington street, Boston, Mass.

MARVIN & WILSON, the enterprising dealers in boots and shoes at Montpelier and Barre, show the push of young blood in their business. They have a column advertisement on the third, fifth and seventh pages of this issue of the WATCHMAN. Anybody needing any kind of foot-gear can have their wants supplied and save money by buying of this firm. Read their advertisements.

MY store is full of new spring goods in the boot and shoe line, all bought from good reliable factories. I use the best of my judgment in buying and selecting these goods, and ask fair, living prices for the same. I carry many kinds, sizes and widths not usually found elsewhere, and invite the public to look them over. The prices will talk for themselves. J. C. Griggs, Waterbury, 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.

ONE word more about the White sewing-machines. They have come out this spring with several new improvements, and are now the most complete of any machine in the market. I have them for sale on easy terms, or for spot cash. Old machines taken towards the new ones when parties have them. If any one who reads this has got to have a new machine, please come in and examine the White at my store. J. C. Griggs, Waterbury, Vt.

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.

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.

WILL PRATT has returned from Florida.

ORANGE FIFIELD is sick with pneumonia

MRS. S. C. VAIL leaves this week for the West.

MORTON MARVIN returned last night from Muncie.

MRS. CORA PRESTON of Marshfield is visiting in town.

E. P. JOHNSON went to Windsor Monday to buy a horse.

A. J. STONE and family returned from Florida Monday.

MRS. G. H. WILDER made a short visit in Boston last week.

C. H. POSSONS of Glens Falls, N. Y., was in town Thursday.

EDGAR J. BOLTON, son of G. W. Bolton, is very sick with the mumps.

A. LONG was absent from his store Saturday on account of sickness.

I. R. Moulton is expected back this week from Wellesley Hills, Mass.

SEVERAL parties from here enjoyed an outing at Berlin pond Sunday.

MRS. HORNBROOK of Northfield is visiting her sister, Miss Kate Donahue.

EX-GOVERNOR ROSWELL FARNHAM of Bradford was in town Thursday.

MRS. J. D. CLARK of Springfield, Mass., is visiting Mrs. Wooster Sprague.

THE Montpeliers will play the Northfields here next Saturday forenoon.

FRED LONG of Boston, son of D. L. Long, is in town for a visit of a few weeks.

D. C. ROBERTSON of Montreal, Canada, is studying law in C. H. Heath's office.

HON. AND MRS. CHARLES DEWEY have returned from their extended western trip.

MR. AND MRS. H. C. WEBSTER start to-day for a visit in the western part of the state.

FRANK LYON sang tenor—and very acceptably, too—at Bethany church last Sunday.

C. H. HEATH has sold a lot of land on Barre street to Francis O'Gorman for $400.

MRS. GEORGE A. PECK and daughter attended the musical festival, recently held at Rutland.

SOME unknown persons embezzled a load of wood from William Gould's wood-pile Sunday night.

A SPECIAL communication of Aurora lodge, No. 22, will be held at Masonic hall, Monday, May 27.

THE work of repairing the walks and steps in the state-house yard was commenced Tuesday.

JOHN G. WING and C. E. Demeritt went to Berlin pond fishing last Saturday. John caught three little perch.

HON. E. P. WALTON is much improved in health, and last Sunday enjoyed a ride out to the Langdon farm.

JESSE VILES of the Pavilion has bought a horse of Benjamin Chester of Marshfield, paying, it is reported, $250.

THE dignitaries of the Montpelier & Wells River railroad made a trial trip over the Barre extension last Sunday.

A LARGE flock of gypsies encamped over Sunday on the Langdon road, between Montpelier and the Junction.

H. W. KEMP, J. W. Brock and several others contemplate taking a fishing excursion to Canada in the near future.

THE household effects of Mrs. J. Monroe Poland were sold by auction last Friday afternoon at her former residence.

REV. A. J. HOUGH was one of the speakers at the district convention of Odd Fellows at Lyndonville last Thursday.

A SPECIAL convocation of King Solomon Chapter will be held at Masonic hall Thursday, May 23. Work—M. M. degree.

THE Montpelier Military band is so situated that it will be unable to give an out-of-door concert till after Memorial day.

REV. J. EDWARD WRIGHT is to preach in the Morse school-house, East Montpelier, next Sunday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock.

AT the last meeting of the bailiffs the resignation of Hiram Atkins as a member of the board was presented and accepted.

MR. AND MRS. F. L. LAIRD have moved from Hotel Fullerton and taken rooms in D. A. Guptil's house on East State street.

REV. J. E. WRIGHT returned from New Orleans last Saturday and occupied the pulpit of the Church of the Messiah Sunday.

REV. G. W. GALLAGHER, the pastor of Bethany church, is to preach in Wrightsville next Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

THE regular preaching service at the Baptist church was omitted last Sunday, on account of the absence of Rev. G. T. Raymond.

THE committee in charge of the fair to be given in June by Brooks post has put an agent on the road to superintend the sale of tickets.

HENRY YATTA and C. G. Evans have opened a barber shop in the rooms at the Pavilion recently vacated by F. X. DeLottinville.

MR. F. W. BANCROFT is to sing in Burlington on Friday evening, at the last concert given this season by the Burlington Musical Club.

MR. AND MRS. W. A. BRIGGS and G. H. Wilder participated in a concert in the Congregational church at Bellows Falls last Friday evening.

MR. GEORGE BANCROFT of New York was in town last week buying horses. He purchased a fine carriage horse of B. M. Shepard for $300.

LUCAS NICHOLAS, George Kelton and Hosea Wheeler are to open this week an auction and variety store in the Fisher block on Main street.

BROOKS POST, G. A. R., will attend memorial services at the Church of the Messiah Sunday, May 26. Rev. J. Edward Wright will deliver the sermon.

THOMAS MAHONEY, a postal clerk under the Cleveland administration on the St. Albans and St. Armand route has been removed and was in town Sunday.

A LARGE party went to Greensboro pond the first of the week for a three days' piscatorial campaign. Among the number were C. F. Lowe and Huber Brewer.

TRINITY CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY will hold a social Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Taplin. A short literary entertainment will be furnished.

Two base-ball nines, under the management of Orrin Cress and "Tutti" Pierce, played a game on the Union school-grounds last Saturday. The Tuttites were victorious by a score of 33 to 17.

J. R. LANGDON has given to Bethany church, as a lot for its parsonage, the location of the two houses on St. Paul street now occupied by H. S. and J. G. Smith.

W. C. TAPLIN exhibits a maple leaf that measures seven and one-half inches in length by nine and one-half inches in width. How is this for evidence of an early spring?

PROFESSOR BISHOP will preach at the Methodist church in West Berlin next Sunday morning, and will address the people at four o'clock on the subject of education. A good attendance is desired.

E. E. TOWNER, secretary of the state Christian Endeavor union, was in Boston last week arranging for the excursion from Vermont to the national convention, which is to be held in Philadelphia next July.

MOSES PEARSON has sold the Day property at the Pioneer mills, also a piece of property bought of David R. Gray, to a company from Montpelier and St. Albans for building purposes. The price was $4,100.

DR. A. B. BISBEE and Miss Mary A. Northey sang last Sunday in Christ church, on account of the absence of C. F. Lowe and Mrs. B. O. Miller. The regular evening service was omitted for the same reason.

CONSTRUCTION of the new Catholic church on Barre street will be begun this summer, and it will be built of Barre granite. Only the area walls will be put up this season, in order that they may have time to settle before the completion of the edifice.

NEWTON BEERS "Lost in London" Company played last week Tuesday night to a small and constantly diminishing audience. The role of "Job," the Yorkshireman, was well sustained by Mr. Beers, but his support was mediocer in the extreme.

CONFIRMATION comes from no less an authority than Governor Smith of the statement in the WATCHMAN last week, that the construction of the granite branch of the White River road will be undertaken at once and pushed rapidly to completion.

REV. W. H. HOPKINS, nephew of Colonel H. D. Hopkins, who was ordained at St. Albans last week Tuesday, has accepted a call to the Congregational church at Woodbridge, N. J., and will begin his labors there July 1. Woodbridge is on the Pennsylvania road and about an hour's ride from New York city.

MR. GEORGE ROBINSON, a former resident of Northfield and well known throughout the country, now of Faribault, Minn., is staying with Colonel Fred E. Smith for a few weeks. Mr. Robinson is in feeble health, having recently suffered a severe attack of pneumonia, but is rapidly improving. His daughter, Mrs. Archibald, and granddaughter, Miss Alice Archibald, are with him.

THE Montpelier base-ball nine went to Barre Saturday, and was defeated by the Goddard Seminary team in an exciting, closely-contested game; score 17 to 14. The Montpeliers outplayed the Seminary team in the field and batted heavily, but the latter won by a lucky bunching of hits and a costly error in the eighth inning. W. A. Lord umpired the game, to the satisfaction of both sides. The date of the return game has not yet been fixed.

THE Seminary ball team went to Northfield Monday afternoon to play the University nine. Three innings were played in a drizzling rain, at the end of which time the score stood seven to two in favor of the Seminaries. When game was called the Seminaries had two men on bases and only one man was out. The same teams will play on the Hill next Monday forenoon at ten o'clock. As the teams are most evenly matched an exciting contest is expected.

THE steam saw-mill of H. S. Laird & Son, which was burned May 11, was insured for $2,000 in the Vermont Mutual. The lumber was insured for $5,000—$2,500 each in the Insurance Company of North America and the Springfield Fire and Marine Company. The mill was a total loss and there was a loss of $1,200 on lumber. This insurance was all placed through the agency of Senter & Kemp, and the losses were adjusted and paid within one week from the date of the fire.

THE supreme court convened at the state house Tuesday morning, at ten o'clock, Judges Ross, Veazey and Taft being in attendance. Of the thirty cases on the docket only one was tried—George H. Hathaway *vs.* J. T. Sabin. The rest were continued to the general term, with the exception of three or four misentries. An attempt was made to have the Barre Railroad case tried, but as B. F. Fifield was at Burlington, and unable to be present, this failed. The court then adjourned for lack of a quorum.

THE full amount of the stock of the Mechanics' Building and Construction Company, the proposed formation of which was noticed in our last issue, has been taken, and the company held its first meeting last evening. Land for building purposes has already been secured. This organization will be an important factor in the growth and prosperity of the village. At last evening's meeting a temporary organization was effected by the choice of E. D. Blackwell chairman and J. H. Lucia secretary. The following directors were chosen: D. G. Kemp, F. A. Dwinell, Asa Blanchard, T. J. Deavitt and H. N. Taplin.

MRS. MARY ELIZABETH TROMBLEE, wife of G. W. Tromblee, who has been in declining health for over a year past, died Friday morning, aged fifty-five years and three months. Funeral services were held at the house Saturday afternoon at four o'clock, Rev. H. F. Hill officiating. Among those present was a delegation from the Lane Manufacturing Company. The deceased was quiet and unostentatious, but her beautiful Christian character will be long remembered by all who knew her. In her home life she was a devoted wife and mother. She leaves four daughters. The remains were interred in Green Mount cemetery.

THE adjourned meeting of the vestry of Christ church was held last Saturday. An organization was effected, with the following officers: Senior and junior wardens, Hon. Charles Dewey and Colonel Fred E. Smith; treasurer, J. W. F. Washburn; secretary, O. D. Clark; delegates to the general convention, Hiram Atkins, Fred E. Smith, Charles Dewey and E. D. Blackwell; alternate delegates, Willard Holden, G. B. B. Denny, J. A. DeBoer and Philip Roberts. The rector called attention to his resignation, and requested that a date be named for the termination of his connection with the society. October 1 was accordingly fixed upon.

BROOKS POST, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans, the militia and the Knights Templars will unite in the observance of Memorial day. The post has charge of the observance, and has appointed a committee of arrangements. The forenoon will be devoted to decorating the graves of deceased comrades. In the afternoon the procession will form at the head of Barre street and march over the usual route. Music will be furnished by the Montpelier Military band. The parade will be followed by the oration by Hon. J. K. Batchelder of Arlington at Capital hall. After the oration will come the memorial exercises by the post.

THE installation of Rev. G. W. Gallagher as pastor of Bethany church will take place on Thursday of the present week, and our people generally are cordially invited to attend. The public exercises will commence at half-past one P. M., as follows: Organ voluntary; invocation, Rev. E. S. Fiske; singing; reading of Scriptures, Rev. P. McMillan; singing; sermon, Rev. C. E. Harrington of Keene, N. H.; installing prayer, Rev. W. S. Hazen; charge to pastor, Rev. N. Boynton of Boston; right hand of fellowship, Rev. G. H. DeBevoise of Keene, N. H.; address to people, Rev. E. Hawes, D. D., of Burlington; singing; prayer, Rev. L. Tenney; benediction, by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Gallagher.

FRANK DOW became weary of the quiet monotony of home life last week, and on Thursday came to town to indulge in a season of refreshing recreation. By the aid of spirituous invigorants he soon loaded himself into a fairly nebulous condition, and Officer Felt, taking note of the fact, advised him to retire from the public avenues, or it would be necessary to incarcerate him. Frank was disobedient and failed to adopt the suggestion, although he made a feint to do so. Officer Felt saw him soon after on the corner of South Main and Barre streets, conversing with a group of men, and started for him. Dow then ran down the track and gave him the slip. He had purchased a long knife at Wheelock & Dawley's, and announced to the bystanders his intention of carving the wish-bone out of any officer who attempted to lay hands on him. Mr. Dow then perambulated down State street and ran a muck among the Riker houses and terrorized the neighborhood to his heart's content. One Mrs. Barrett was cut on the hand by Dow's bowie, but her screams so aroused the reveler that he withdrew, and amused himself by breaking windows in the house below and carousing on the piazza, till forced to move on. At this time two of his Middlesex neighbors drove up, and seeing the condition he was in, attempted to secure him. Dow objected and chased one of them with the knife, while the other man brought up the rear in pursuit of Dow. The noise made by the three attracted the attention of John L. Tuttle, who was at work on his cemetery lot, and he came over the hill to learn the cause of disturbance. Taking in the situation at a glance, Mr. Tuttle headed off the flying inebriate. Dow led his pursuers a good chase and might have escaped, had he not stumbled and fallen while running down the road. The Middlesex man, who was close at his heels, lost no time in jumping on his back. Dow proved game to the last, and refused to surrender his knife till a vigorous jugular constriction, administered by Mr. Tuttle, caused him to change his mind. Officer Felt came along in a team soon after and took Mr. Dow to the cooler and placed him on file. On Friday he was brought before Justice W. A. Lord, charged with intoxication. He wisely concluded to plead guilty, and was fined $10.51. Mr. Dow disclosed on George Reed and Henry Smith. The former was tried and acquitted and in the case of the latter the grand jury entered a *nolle prosequi*.

THE Apollo Club minstrels held forth to a crowded house at the Blanchard opera-house Thursday evening. The entertainment had long been in preparation, and the high reputation of the Apollos as musical artists gave assurance that a programme of unusual excellence would be presented. The number of people who betook themselves to the opera-house Thursday evening showed that they anticipated an entertainment of a high character, and their expectations were not disappointed. From the first number to the last the entertainment was a complete success. The large chorus of thirty voices was particularly fine and the selections by the quartette—Messrs. Bancroft, Chapman, Shepard, Kemp—which was enthusiastically encored at each appearance. The first part of the programme was opened by the grand operatic overture by the orchestra and chorus, under the leadership of Mr. F. W. Bancroft. Mr. Herbert Chapman sang "Tell her I love her so," in a manner that must surely have charmed her heart had she been present, and Mr. C. F. Lowe gave his tamborine a breathing spell while he sang "Meet a coon to-night." Mr. George Knapp's expressive rendering of "Farewell, sweet Marguerite," brought forth an encore and bouquets. Mr. George H. Rolfe caroled forth a lay upon the theme, "Sitting on the golden fence," the end men joining in a dance at the end of each canto. Mr. B M. Shepard gave a fine rendering of "The sailor's toast," and the audience liked it so well that a repetition was called for. Mr. W. C. Berry next sang his topical song, "It's only a question of time," and was uproariously recalled, till he finally announced that he had reached the end of his lyrical rope. The singing of several of the most popular negro melodies by the chorus closed the first part. The six end men did good execution between acts, and, with the assistance of Mr. J. M. Boutwell, interlocutor, "ground" up everybody that came in their way. The bones were manipulated by Messrs. W. C. Berry, C. E. Wilson and W. L. Glysson, and Messrs. C. F. Lowe, G. H. Rolfe and L. H. Greene made life a burden for their tambos. The second part opened with a selection by the Apollo mandolin, banjo and guitar sextette—Messrs. Glysson and Rolfe, mandolins; Atkins and Berry, banjos; Lowe, guitar and Ferrin cello—which was promptly encored. Mr. G. H. Wilder rendered a piccolo solo in his usual incomparable style, and, of course, received a recall. The stump speech by Mr. W. C. Berry, was in all respects worthy of its distinguished author, and was delivered in a touching style that at times moved the hearers to tears. The theme of the speaker, as nearly as we could judge, seemed to be the analogy between the poker-player and the land-boomer. The audience testified to its appreciation of the sable orator by frequent bursts of vociferous applause. The quartette selections which followed were most heartily received. The programme was next enlivened by some comical specialties. One Lung Lowe and Mee Fun Glysson showed the audience how the heathen Chinee amuses himself when business is slow, and Wilson and Rolfe gave their Irish songs and grinds. The banjo solo by Mr. Morris Atkins was most artistically rendered and deservedly received a double encore. Mr. Felix Seguin was unable to appear in his harmonica solo, as announced on the programme, on account of sickness. The violin solo—6'me Air Varie, *De Beriot*—by Professor P. E. Stone, was one of the best features of the evening's entertainment. Mr. Stone made his first appearance before a Montpelier audience, and at once jumped into public favor. The ease with which his difficult selections were rendered, and the expression which he put into his playing, showed him to be a violinist of high talent. Mr. John Sherrer shook out his heels in the grand pedestal clog, and his lively dancing was appreciated to the extent of two recalls. The evening's entertainment concluded with the grand march and drill by the Apollo guards, in handsome Roman costume, the scene closing with a beautiful tableau. Apollo with his lyre appeared in the background, a young Ethiopian, with a tamborine, crouching at his feet. In the foreground were the guards, with shining white costumes and glittering shields and helmets. The scene brought to an appropriate close one of the most brilliant entertainments of the season.

SEMINARY HILL.

PROFESSOR BISHOP preached at Island Pond last Sunday. ═══ The choice of junior and senior prize speakers was announced last week. ═══ Miss Bushnell has left school to teach for the summer. ═══ Mr. Goss of Moretown was on the Hill Saturday. ═══ Beeman played with the Montpeliers against the Goddards at Barre Saturday. ═══ A profitable lyceum was reported for Saturday evening by those who attended.

Obituary.

WARREN.—In Middlesex, May 14, of pneumonia, Asa Warren, aged seventy-nine years. Mr. Warren was born in Elmore, but spent the most of his life in Middlesex. Left fatherless in his boyhood, he was compelled to struggle through life. He had been a hard working man all his years. He leaves a widow, children and grandchildren.

NOBLE.—Guy C. Noble of St. Albans, one of the most prominent and best known men in the state, died Tuesday morning, May 21, at half-past two o'clock, of rheumatism of the heart. Mr. Noble was born in Franklin October 9, 1839. He was educated at New Hampton Institute, Fairfax, and studied law at Harvard. In 1861 he was admitted to the bar and the following year located in St. Albans. Mr. Noble was prominent in local and state politics, and his success in the legal profession won for him a wide reputation throughout the state. He represented St. Albans in the general assembly of 1882, where he held the chairmanship of the house committee on claims, and was also a member of the judiciary committee. His religious preferences were Baptist.

ALFRED.—Samuel D. Alfred was born at Springfield, Mass., June 14, 1804, and died at Fairfax May 5, 1889. November 25, 1832, he married Miss Polly Smith, who survives him. His parents died when he was quite young. He learned the cabinet-maker's trade, which he followed until his marriage, when he went into the mercantile business at Berkshire Center, and later at West Haven. In June, 1842, he moved to Fairfax, where he remained in active business until the spring of 1865, when he sold his business to his son John. He had ten children by his present wife and two by a former marriage. Seven are still living, with nineteen grandchildren, three of whom are married. Mr. Alfred was a very strict man. In business his goods were all marked, and he never varied from the price. The youngest child could be sent to his store and was sure to get the goods as cheaply as the parents could. Said one who served a three years' apprenticeship in the mercantile business with Mr. Alfred, "When boys we used to think that Mr. Alfred was an awful mean man to work for. But I now know that the three years I lived with him were worth more to me than all the rest of my schooling. I feel that to Mr. Alfred I am indebted for all I am." Every apprentice who served with him has turned out a successful business man. Mr. Alfred knew the value of good credit. In 1857, when everybody was failing, his oldest son was in business in Illinois. In the fall he wrote that he would not come East, as he could not meet his bills. Mr. Alfred wrote his son to send on a list of goods that he wanted, with what money he could raise. He then went to his own creditors in New York, secured an extension, which was readily granted, after buying what goods he wanted. He then went to his sons creditors' paid his bills and ordered his goods, thus living his son a high rating, which he always maintained. It was a great wonder to the New York merchants how a western man could meet his bills, and they never knew how it was done. The funeral services were held from his late home Thursday, May 9, Rev. Henry Crocker officiating, with remarks by Rev. J. G. Loraner, who said that he came not as a minister but out of respect to one to whom he owed a debt of gratitude for assistance in getting his education. Mr. Alfred will long be remembered as a true friend to the right, not only by his family, but by a large circle of friends also. H.

Origin of Natural Gas.

WHERE IT IS FOUND—MUNCIE AND HER ADVANTAGES.

Scientists advance many theories in regard to the origin and formation of this wonderful natural gas, not one of which has it been possible thus far to verify. One of the many is that by spraying oil upon steam a gas is formed, and that the steam from the heated portions of the earth acts upon the great reservoirs of coal oil, producing the so-called natural gas. But the theory most generally accepted—that of Professor Orton—is that the gas is formed by the decomposition of vegetable matter. The gas is shown in every case to be closely related to rock formations that are heavily charged with organic matter, either animal or vegetable. Gas is found in the vicinity of Pittsburg, where it has been utilized to a greater extent than anywhere else. Natural gas wells similar to our own have been in constant use in China since a date before the Christian era.

The largest known gas wells, and also the largest gas fields, are found in Indiana. The manufacturing city of Muncie, the largest city in the Indiana gas fields, is situated in the center of the gas district, with direct railroad communications north, south, east and west. The area of the Indiana gas field is about 2,500 square miles, while that of the Pennsylvania field is about sixteen square miles. Not only are the gas fields and wells larger than those of Pennsylvania, but the quality of the gas is better for fuel and lighting purposes than any other known natural gas. A stranger visiting the city of Muncie is astonished at the ways in which this wonderful natural gas is used. There is not a ton of coal or a cord of wood used in a year for heating purposes in Muncie. A five-room house can be heated and lighted, using the gas night and day if you wish, for from eight to ten dollars per *year*. Just think of it, about the price of one ton of coal in Vermont. Mr. Darnell, president of the Muncie Iron and Nail Company, states that they saved, in the bare expense of fuel, last year $40,000. This concern employs about 200 men.

The offer to manufacturers which Muncie is making of free fuel, lights and land to locate on is bringing in manufacturers now at the rate of three every thirty days, and bids fair soon to make her one of the largest manufacturing cities in this country. The rapid increase in her population naturally causes a corresponding rise in the value of real estate. The opportunities for investment to be found in Muncie are unexcelled, as she is bound to grow, but, like all western cities, she lacks capital. Her natural gas seems to be inexhaustible. She is surrounded by the best of farming country to be found in the United States. The climate is good, her drainage is perfect, she has three trunk lines of railway passing through the city, giving direct communication in six different directions. When we come to compare Muncie, with all her natural advantages and enterprise, with other western cities, that have *never* had her vantage-ground of natural resources, first and foremost among which comes her wondrous natural gas, also her climate, drainage, healthfulness and freedom from smoke, ashes, cinders and coal-dust, it is simply impossible to portray her future growth.

THE DELAWARE COUNTY LAND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY

of Muncie, Ind., has a capital stock of $250,000, fully paid and non-assessable. At a recent meeting of the stockholders (some six in number) of the above company they unanimously agreed to contribute one-fifth of their shares to the company, and to put the 1,000 shares thus obtained on the market at sixty-five cents on the dollar. The money obtained from the sale of these shares is to be used for improving the property. Below is a letter from the vice-president of the Delaware County Bank of Muncie, Indiana:

"MUNCIE, May 16, 1889.

"*To Messrs. M. Marvin & Co.*: GENTLEMEN—In reply to yours of the 13th, would say that the Deleware County Land Improvement Company, with headquarters in this city, are the owners of about 400 acres of choice land, all in one tract, and available for both business and residence property, being situated about one and one-fourth miles from the court-house in Muncie. The individual members of this company represent capital to the amount of three-fourths to one million dollars. Yours, etc.
(Signed) J. R. SPRANKLE, Vice-president.

For further particulars in relation to the stock and building lots of the Delaware County Land Improvement Co., also for illustrated pamphlet giving a description of Muncie and history of the discovery and growth of natural gas, address M. Marvin & Co., 20 State street, Montpelier, Vt., New England agents for Delaware County Land Improvement Company.