State News.

ORANGE COUNTY.

BRADFORD.—The Annual Report of the Financial affairs of the town of Bradford is in press and will be issued in season for town meeting.

See notice of Saloon For Sale.

Town Meeting next Tuesday at 10 o'clock A. M. Turn out!

The Republicans of Bradford hold their caucus for the nomination of a Board of Town Officers at Town Hall Saturday evening, Feb. 28th, at 6 1-2 o'clock.

The Democrats hold their caucus in the upper hall at the Town House on Monday evening March 2d.

On Wednesday Eve., March 4th, prox., the Rev. J. McCully Fulton, M. A., will deliver a *free* lecture in the M. E. Church. Subject—"The Unfinished, and who's to complete it?" Lecture to commence at 7 o'clock.

The ladies of the Cong. Society will hold their next Sociable at Mrs. J. H. Jones' next Wednesday evening. Refreshments will be served.

WEST FAIRLEE.—S. P. Cheney, of Dorset is teaching a singing school in this village. We had 3 last week, and have money raised for 15 schools.

L. H. Hutchins of this town, who was sent to the Insane Aslyum at Brattleboro, last October, escaped two weeks since, and proceeded to South Vernon, where he committed suicide by hanging. His remains were brought here for interment.

The annual meeting of the West Fairlee Savings Bank was held the 2d inst. Hon. A. Bean was re elected President, and E. P. George, Sec'y. The business of this institution has steadily increased, and the Bank now has a handsome surplus. During the panic they met every demand of depositors for funds.

Bates Bros. & Co. have secured the services of a first-class Tailor, Mr. S. G. Fletcher, and can *suit* any one who wants a *good, well fitting*, suit of clothes.

VERSHIRE.—The friends of Rev. Samuel White and wife met at their residence, on the afternoon and evening of February 19th leaving, with their kind wishes, about $60, mostly cash.

A couple of dogs demolished 17 of John Daggett's sheep one night lately, and the owner of the canines paid $90 for the privilege of having kept them, and slew them.

WEST RANDOLPH.—The store of A. W. Tewksbury & Sons was entered by a couple of burglars last Sunday morning about 3 o'clock. The safe was blown open but about the time of explosion the Boston express train arrived and alarmed the robbers, who thereupon decamped without getting any money from their operations. The store was set on fire but it was discovered and extinguised without any particular damage having beed done. The burglars no doubt thought from the immense business done by Tewksbury & Sons, probably the largest stone in any retail store in the State except that of the Fairbanks', that they would get a haul by opening that safe, after Saturday's trade. Instead of that, the new fallen snow enabled the people to track the burglars, and they were found in the the fields and taken.

Thomas Davenport of Williamstown was the inventor of the application of magnetism and electro-magnetism as a moving principle in mechanics, for which he obtained a patent Feb. 25, 1837. He was experimenting upon this machine as early as 1832. In 1834 his model was put on exhibition in New York, and from it Professor Morse got his first idea of the electric telegraph.

Lewis Harrington of South Strafford, while out hunting foxes last week, fired his gun at a fox, but the gun burst into such small pieces that he was able to find but very few of them, while both Mr. Harrington and the fox escaped unhurt.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—On Saturday afternoon last, as the freight train from this place was nearing Wells River, the conductor, Mr. George Witherell, noticed a peddler upon the highway swinging a broom at him, and in other ways endeavoring to attract his attention. Looking ahead on the track Mr. Witherell saw a gap about fifty feet long, which had been washed out, owing to the want of a culvert in the proper place. He immediately pulled a pin, which detached seventeen of the ninteen loaded cars of which the train was composed, and these seventeen cars were stopped within four feet of the gap. The engineer, Martin Hamlin, finding that it was impossible to stop the engine in season, when within fifty feet of the wash out, told the fireman to jump off, which he did, Mr. Hamlin then took his little boy, eight years old, in his arms and leaped from the engine, both, fortunately, escaping without injury.

But the wonderful part of the story remains to be told. The Fish-joint, which is used upon this road, forms a continuous rail, so that although the earth had been washed away to the depth of twenty feet, for a distance of fifty feet, taking with it the ties, the engine, "Charles River," weighing thirty tons, with two heavily loaded cars, were supported by the strength of the continuous rail, and passed over the chasm in safety, so that no accident to person or property resulted from what might have caused a most serious disaster.

Eli Barnum of Milton, an extensive farmer and breeder of Ayshire cattle, has failed for $25000.

Bailey the $100 greenback swindler, has escaped from the jail at Newfane, in which institution he was awaiting his trial.

The Bennington people have contributed $2000 for the relief of the sufferers by the recent explosion and fire.

The rolling mill at St. Albans is nearly in full operation again, without the aid of the strickers.

Mr. A. P. Childs has become proprietor and editor of the Vermont, Gazette of Bennington.

The butter market at St. Albans, Tuesday, is reported firm, with limited offerings. Prices ranged from 35 to 42 cents.

At the opening of the Normal School at Randolph, last week, more than 130 pupils entered.—This is a larger number than was ever before enrolled so early in a term.

The temperance people of Montpelier are going to publish a weekly paper.

Lung fever and congestion are prevalent in Addison County.

The farmers in the vicinity of St. Albans have begun to tap their sugar maples.

A very malignant form of scarlet fever has appeared at Milton.

There are seventy-three granges in Vermont.

Eighteen children have died within a week at Milton of malignant scarlet fever.

Hewins the contractor who built the bridge that broke down at Waterbury, had invested his whole fortune and probably more in the work. He says of the bridge, "I would have stood on it with perfect confidence, and now I almost wish I had."

An old bachelor in Orleans county has been deterred from committing matrimony in the following novel way: Thinking over the subject seriously and particularly the expense of mainting a family, he set the table in his lonely abode with plates for himself and an imaginary wife and five children. He then sat down to dine and as often as he helped himself to food he put the same quantity on each of the other plates and surveyed the prospect, and at the same time computing the cost. The result of his examination was so discouraging that he resolved not to marry; but why should he think he was to have so large a family to provide for, we cannot explain. He should have remembered the old aphorism:

"Never count your chickens before they are hatched."

RUTLAND, Vt., Feb. 23. The liquor raid was resumed here to-day. The establishments of S. J. Loop, J. & T. Caden, Faunce's Hotel and A. F. Davis' feed store, were visited, but no liquor found. The result of the day's work was six barrels taken at the depot.

Soon after the raid commenced a mob assembled in the vicinity, and officer H. O. Perkins was thrown into the mud. An assistant named Powers was pursued by the crowd through the depot yard with hoots and cheers. He drew a pistol, threatening vengeance, after which he was pelted with rotten eggs and brickbats, finally retreating for safety into Morse Block.

Rev. Richard Grogan was on hand, the hero of the occasion, but no violence was offered him. The excitement ran high at one time and fears were entertained for the result, but the mob were dispersed after a brief speech from Deputy Sheriff Sanderson. The proceedings of the mob were disgraceful and aroused much indignation.—Several of the leading citizens have given a bond to indemnify the officers, and it is understood the raid will be resumed to-morrow.

In Burlington, Derby & Ford were recently indicted for selling liquor. They appealed and demanded a specification of the number of offences. The State's Attorney then brought a charge of 3200 offences, by selling to sixteen persons, which would make in fines the modest little sum of $32,000, to say nothing of the costs.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The business meeting of the officers of the Caledonia county Ag. Society, was held at St. Johnsbury House, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., to appoint office s of the Fair, committees, and revise premium list. Below we give a record of business done:

Chief Marshal—Col. T. O. Fletcher.

Sup't Floral Hall—Payson M. Chadwick.

Mechanics Hall—Danford Willey.

Fruits & Vegetables—Hull Curtis.

Cattle—J. Dow, Wm. Higgins.

Horses—Jonathan Lawrence, F. E. Richardson.

Sheep—John Higgins, C. J. Bowker,

Swine—C. J. Trefren.

Poultry—H. H. Wheeler.

The following men were elected managers of the several departments, to see to the filling of committee &c.

Floral & Mechanics Hall—John Bacon, 2d.

Horses—E. A. Parks.

Cattle—A. E. Hovey.

Sheep—J. R. Kinnerson.

The executive committee, were in session all day, arranging the premium list, discussing various points in detail, and appointing committee.

An enthusiastic meeting in aid of the Black River Railroad was held at Hardwick on the 12th inst.—There were delegates from Montpelier, Marshfield, Cabot and several towns north on the line of the Black River route to Troy, and nearly all were unanimous in the opinion that another importat road would, at no distant day, pass from Canada to the eastern boundary of Vermont. A committee was appointed to promote the enterprise.

ENTERPRISING THIEF.—A short time since one Abram Nute engaged board at Mrs. William Turner's, in Bellows Falls, and after a short stay suddenly departed, taking $25 in money belonging to Mrs. Turner, and a suit of clothes owned by A. N. Lee, another boarder. He next went to Brattleboro, and from there to Keene, N. H., where he engaged rooms and dispensed hospitality with great liberality at the expense of the hotel keeper. Nute's next field of operation was at South Vernon, where he stole a horse belonging to Austin Kingsley, and a sleigh and robes from Mr. Priest, proprietor of the hotel. He afterward traded one of the robes for an overcoat. Finally he was arrested in Chesterfield, N. H., and after a trial was lodged in jail at Newfane. It has been ascertained that he is a prison bird from Massachusetts, and his chances for employment at Windsor after the next term of County Court are not particularly doubtful.

ADVERTISEMENT.

To Whom it may concern In Orange County Vt., and Grafton County N. H.

On account of the many persistent, abase, conspirited, scandalous reports, prior, and during the undersigned absence to the Pacific Coast, doubtless designed not only for the injury of my reputation, but to obtain that which honest industry may have accomplished. It apparently becomes my duty to make known to the people of said counties that the more recent reports connecting me with one alleged Mann of some town in Grafton county (not known to me) are equally false in every allegation as all former ones covering a space of fifteen years, which I trust have each respectively beyond the shaddow of a doubt proved to be abusive conspirited falicies. Therefore in order that the late reports could in anywise be referable to my past life, it would have been absolutely nesessary for the laws of nature to have been superseeded by that of spontaneous combustion.

Two married men (the names of which I defer to mention) have been represented as witnesses against me I *Challeng* them to produce any truthful evidence against me.

The late report also conveys the Idea of fraud and dishonesty of which I have to say I have done business in the four terrestial extremes of the United States and can say with all consience that I have paid or satisfied cheerfully every just claim against me.

A word more: On account of the wilfull depravity of human nature, an evil report takes the swiftest wings and penetrates the minutest corners, while a good report becomes a burthen to the traveler and is left by the way-side. Therefore the scandalor (even should it be his desire) can never retrace his steps to plant by the way the rose where stands the thorn.

R. M. CHALMERS.

Newbury, Vt., Feb. 26, 1874.

[NOTE BY THE EDITOR.—Although we publish the above as an advertisement, as a matter of supererogation, we feel constrained to express our unbounded admiration of the sparkling scintillations from the facile pen which has too long "wasted its sweetness on the desert air." It is not often that the pellucid calm of our inmost nature is so stirred to its lower deeps, and bubbles forth with such a spontaniety of ephemeral translucence, evolving an ebullition of sympathy with the transcendental perspicuity of the above transfiguration of poetical imagery, ethical erudition and sublime pathos. We rest here for fear of an attack of Cerebro-spinal-menigitis.]

LEGAL NOTICES.

Probate Courts.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

Probate Courts will be holden within and for the District of Bradford, the ensuing year, as follows:

At the Trotter House, in Bradford, on the Second Tuesdays of January, May, July and November.

At Foster's Hotel, East Corinth, on the Second Tuesdays of February and August.

At the Probate Office, in Newbury, on the Second Tuesdays of March and October.

At Worthen's Hotel, in Topsham, on the Second Tuesdays of June and September.

At the Probate Office in West Fairlee, on the Second Tuesday of December and April.

ALVAH BEAN, Register.

West Fairlee, December 1st, 1873.—32y1

SUSAN BROWN'S Will.

STATE OF VERMONT, Bradford, District, SS. In Probate Court, held at West Fairlee on the 21st day of February, A. D., 1874 an instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Susan Brown, late of Corinth, in said District, deceased being presented to the Court by Hon. Thos. Wason, the Executor therein named for Probate. It is ordered by said court that all persons concerned therein be notified to appear at a session of said Court to be held at the Probate Office West Fairlee, on the 14th day of March 1874, and show cause if any they may have, against the Probate of said Will. for which purpose it is further ordered that a copy of the record of this order be published three weeks successively in the National Opinion printed in Bradford, previous to said time appointed for hearing.

By the Court.—Attest,

40w3 ALVAH BEAN, Register.

JESSE DICKEY'S, Estate.

THE SUBSCRIBERS, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bradford Commissioners to receive, examine, and adjust all claims and demands against the estate of Jesse Dickey late of Topsham, in said District, deceased, represented insolvent, and the term of six months from the 10th day of February 1874, being allowed by said Court to the Creditors of said deceased, to exhibit and prove their respective claims before us; Give notice that we will attend to the duties of our appointment at the dwelling-house of Widow Lois Dickey, Topsham, in said District on the 23rd of March and 11th of August next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, on each of said days

A. J. WALLACE, J. K. DARLING, } Commissioners.

Topsham, Feb. 19, 1874. 40w3

LYMAN ALBEE'S Estate.

THE SUBSCRIBERS, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bradford, Commissioners, to receive, examine, and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Lyman Albee, late of Thetford, in said District, deceased represented insolvent, and the term of six months from the 2nd day of February 1874, being allowed by said Court to the creditors of said deceased, to exhibit and prove their respective claims before us: Give notice that we will attend to the duties of our appointment at the dwelling-house of S. W. Knight, in Thetford in said District, on the 2d day of April and the 2d day of July next at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of each of said days.

S. W. KNIGHT, Wm. LONG, } Commissioners.

Thetford, Feb. 23, 1874. 40w3

WM. GRANT'S Estate.

THE SUBSCRIBERS, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bradford, Commissioners, to receive and examine all claims and demands against the estate of William Grant, late of Corinth, in said District deceased, represented insolvent, and the term of six months from the 10th of February, 1874, being allowed by said Court to the creditors of said deceased, to exhibite and prove their respective claims before us; Give notice, that we will attend to the duties of our appointment at the dwelling-house of Widow Wm. Grant in Corinth in said district, on the 21st day of March and the 10th of August next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on each of said days.

A. J. WALLACE, J. K. DARLING } Commissioners.

Feb 13, 1874. 39w3

JOSEPH PORTER'S Estate.

THE SUBSCRIBERS, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bradford, Commissioners, to receive examine, and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Joseph Porter, late of Thetford, in said District, deceased, repesented insolvent, and the term of six months from the 23rd day of January, 1874, being allowed by said Court to the creditors of said deceased, to exhibit and prove their respective claims before us; Give notice, that we will attend to the duties of our appointment, at the dwelling-house of H. P. Cummings, of Thetford in said District, on the fourth Tuesday of July next, at one o'clock in the forenoon.

S. K. BERRY, A. B. HOSFORD, } Commissioners.

Thetford, Vt., January, 31, 1874. 39w3

GEORGE M. CLARK'S Estate.

STATE OF VERMONT, Bradford District, SS. In Probate Court, holden at Newbury, in said District on the 11th day of February 1874, A. D, Horace White, Administrator of the estate of Geo. M. Clark, late of Corinth, in said District, deceased makes application to said Court for license to sell all the real estate of said deceased, representing that said sale is for the best interest of all concerned therein. Whereupon, it is ordered by said Court, that said application come under consideration and be heard on the 28th, day of February, A. D. 1874, at the Probate Office in Newbury, And, it is further ordered, that notice hereof be given to all persons interested, by publication of the same three weeks successively in the National Opinion, a newspapore published at Bradford, Vt., previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and, if they see cause, object thereto.

By the Court.—Attest,

38w3 H. W. BAILEY, Judge.

HUGH O'DONNELL'S, Estate.

STATE OF VERMONT, Bradford District SS. In Probate Court held at Newbury, in said District, on the 4th day of February, A. D. 1874. Silas Randall, administrator of the estate of Hugh O'Donnell late of Newbury, in said District, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance. Whereupon it is ordered by said Court, that said account be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office in said Newbury, on the 28th day of February, A. D. 1874, for hearing and decision thereon: And it is further ordered, that notice hereof be given to all persons interested, by publication of the same three weeks successively in the National Opinion, a newspaper published at Bradford, Vt., previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed.

By the Court.—Attest

37w3 H. W. BAILEY, Judge.