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Sledge-Dogs on Unsafe Ice.

[Exchange.]

Sledge-dogs need no urging with the whip when their instinct informs them that they are on unsafe ice. They flee onwards at the speed which alone can save and, as was experienced repeatedly by Dr. Hayes, instead of keeping the sledges together in a compact body, they diverge and separate, so as to distribute the weight over as large an area as possible. When they begin to find themselves menaced by this danger, and the prospect ahead appears to them unusually threatening, they tremble, lie down, and refuse to go further. Most arctic explorers tell of hair-breadth escapes from treacherous ice, when they have owed their preservation to the sagacity of their dogs. Wrangell relates an incident of this nature: "Our first care was to examine the possibility of further advance; this, however, could only be done by trusting to the thin ice of the channel, and opinions were divided as to the possibility of its bearing us. I determined to try; and the adventure succeeded better than could have been hoped for, owing to the incredibly swift running of the dogs, to which doubtless we owed our safety. The leading sledge actually broke through in several places; but the dogs, warned, no doubt, of the danger by their natural instinct, and animated by the incessant cries and encouragement of the driver, flew so rapidly over the yielding ice, that we reached the other side without actually sinking through. The other three sledges followed with similar rapidity each across such part as appeared to be the most promising; and we were now all assembled in safety on the north side of the fissure. It was necessary to halt for a time, to allow the dogs to recover a little from their extraordinary exertions."

Japanese Fan Painters.

[Farm and Fireside.]

The fan painters of Japan are an especial separate guild, as distinct from artists in other branches as with us the scene painter is from the portrait painter. The unknown Japanese looking at a Japanese fan sees nothing in it but upon one side a grotesque representation of the tea-box order, and upon the other a few crude splashes of ink. But to the citizen of Tokio or Osaka, each fan carries a special significance—a story, or part of a story; an allusion, a satire, or a suggestive idea.

Bad Days for Fishermen.

[F. H. Stauffer in The Current.]

Among fishermen, Candlemas Day, the first Monday in April ("the day on which Cain was born and Abel was slain"), the second Monday in August ("the day on which Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed"), and Dec. 31 ("the day upon which Judas was born"), were regarded as evil days.

A California Vampire.

A vampire bat was recently captured at Lewis station, El Dorado county, Cal.; the wings of which when extended measured twenty-one and a half inches. It had a tail two inches in length, like a bat's.

A Buddhist temple has been opened in Paris, and the priest comes from Ceylon to enlighten the French.

Life Insurance of the Wealthy.

[Chicago Journal.]

William H. Vanderbilt is insured for \$620,000. Every policy he owns has been issued within the last five years. Jay Gould made up his mind a dozen years ago to insure his life, and year by year has added to the amount until he can produce policies for \$400,000, which he calls his emergency fund. Pierre Lorillard has \$255,000 on his life. F. W. Devoe, the New York paint manufacturer, carries policies for \$250,000. Cyrus W. Field's life is insured for \$240,000. Alexander Barrett and F. B. Robert, of New York, each have \$200,000 on their lives. John Gibbs, the spool-silk man, has policies for \$170,000. Charles Pratt and F. B. Hyde, of New York, are each insured for \$165,000. Uncle Rufus Hatch is insured for \$76,000. Judge Fullerton for \$73,000, and H. B. Claflin for \$125,000.

It is said that from a monetary point of view the Yale papers are the most successful college journals published.

Chicago Herald: Pity the poor. It don't stop there. Your simple plan isn't worth 2 cents an acre.

A Fish Story.

[Charles Dudley Warner in Harper's.]

Edgar Phillips, who was a jovial soul, settled many years ago near the head waters of the Susquehanna. He was, in fact, a Presbyterian dominie. He was full of humor, and ready with his repartee on all occasions. Jack Rickett, a quasi parishioner, who was more punctual at the river than the church, presented the elder one Monday morning with a fine string of pickerel. Elder Phillips thanked him graciously for the gift. "But elder," suggested Jack, still retaining the fish, "those fish were caught yesterday" (Sunday). "Perhaps your conscience won't let you eat 'em," Jack, replied the elder, stretching out his hand toward the string, "there's one thing I know; the pickerel were not to blame!"

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VERMONT NEWS.

H. L. Doyle, grocer, West Burke, has gone into insolvency.

It is generally thought that Judge Bowman will be St. Johnsbury's next postmaster.

J. G. Hillard, jeweler, Burlington, is trying to settle with his creditors at 50 cents on the dollar.

John Eastman, 88 years old, fell and broke his leg Tuesday at his house in Grafton, and will die.

A fire in the sawmill of H. M. Bruce at Stowe Forks caused a loss of \$5500; insurance \$775.

The country from Bennington to Arlington flooded with water and considerable damage being done.

James Parrott of Milton is the father of twenty-five children. No twins among them, either.

Between December 9th and 25th, Antoine Bell of Roxbury buried six children, all dying of diphtheria.

Waterbury has voted to abolish teaching music in the public schools, the basis of objection being the high taxation.

The Burlington Democrats are talking of starting a new paper, there being no Democratic paper in Chittenden county.

George A. Tuttle, a leading citizen, and founder of the Rutland Daily Herald, died at Rutland, January 4, aged 60 years.

Diphtheria is still raging in Morgan Vermont's contribution to the Garfield monument fund to December 15, amounted to \$48.50.

It is said that the St. Johnsbury Caledonian is for sale. There is considerable talk of starting another Republican paper at Lyndonville or St. Johnsbury.

A woman who is still on her travels and calling herself Delia Nelson, has been swindling hotels and boarding house keepers at Brattleboro, Northfield, Mass., and other places.

The heavy rain Sunday night and Monday caused the ice in Sleeper's river to break up, which carried away a bridge on the St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain railroad in St. Johnsbury.

A Burlington dentist-fireman is one customer short. He got a woman's mouth all fixed up with tooth filling apparatus recently and then ran off to answer a fire-alarm, leaving the woman unable to speak for half an hour.

Chelsea proposes to have a railway built there as soon as possible. A narrow-gauge road running to South Royalton, 13 miles away, is talked of, but the majority of the people favor the offer of some sum of money to the Central Vermont road to build from Barre to Chelsea.

Some fox hunters on Thursday started a deer on Sutton Mountain and drove him into a small woods near Richford. Friday morning several men went out to start him. The dogs ran him for a short time when he was shot by Kit Hazard within sight of the railroad station.

Joe Smith, the founder of Mormonism in Utah, was a Vermonter; so was Brigham Young; and the celebrated John H. Noyes, father of the defunct Oneida community, was also a Vermonter, all being born in or near the town of Putney. Noyes was a graduate of Dartmouth, and now finds it congenial to live on the Canadian side at Niagara Falls. So it will be seen that while Mormonism had its leaders from Vermont, to-day its great opponent—Senator Edmunds—is also a Vermonter.

The new officers of the State teachers association are: President, B. F. Brigham of Brattleboro; secretary, J. M. Hitt of Northfield; treasurer, John Pickard of Ludlow; executive committee, S. W. Landon of Burlington C. C. Gove of New Haven; E. A. Bishop of Montpelier.

A third soap-stone quarry has been discovered upon George L. Fletcher's lands in Chester in a straight line with the soap stone quarries in Perkinsville, the Davis quarry in Chester, near Grafton line, the quarry in Grafton and the one in Townshend.

Mr. L. L. Lawrence formerly a leading lawyer in Burlington, died last Thursday night at Westford. He was admitted to the bar in 1867, having studied with Senator Edmunds.

There are fifty-two pupils in the department of instrumental music at the Vermont Methodist Seminary this term. There are eighty-three in the vocal class.

It is reported that parties are making negotiations for the purchase of the Index and the Caledonian, the two St. Johnsbury papers, which will be merged in one and run as a republican paper. If the project succeeds, a good paper will be started. It is probable the Index will be bought if the Caledonian cannot be, and that the paper will change owners very soon.

A tramp, who has been at work at Spaulding's mill near Roxbury for a few days, left Tuesday morning, taking with him some property belonging to his fellow-workmen. Deputy Sheriff E. W. Howe of Northfield was notified by telephone, and, together with Constable Wright of that town, has been in pursuit of the criminal. At last accounts he had taken to the hills.

At a meeting of the Merchants National Bank held at St. Johnsbury Tuesday, William E. Peck of Passumpsic was elected President and H. E. Folsom of Lyndonville, Vice President. The board consists of seven instead of nine Directors, as heretofore. The bank shrunk its surplus fund \$40,000 the past year and passed a semi-annual dividend, but starts off free from bad debts, with \$7000 surplus.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE NEWS.

In view of the recent large decrease in the number of students in Dartmouth medical college an effort will be made to remove that institution to Concord.

Joseph McGee, grocer, Lancaster, has failed.

An ice rink has been constructed at Lancaster.

S. L. Woodbury, jeweler at Claremont, has been attached.

There were ten deaths in Kensington, in 1884. Average age 62.5. Portsmouth has two daily and two weekly republican papers.

A teachers' institute for Sullivan county will begin in Claremont, January 13.

Rev. J. Q. Bittering of Haverhill is preparing a history of that town for publication.

J. M. Tebbetts, milliner, Portsmouth, owes \$4000, and has actual assets of about \$2000.

The "shortage" in the accounts of ex City Clerk Doolittle of Keene, is known to be over \$600.

The Portsmouth Brewing company recently declared a dividend of 20 per cent., with prospects of another soon.

Henniker has a new weekly newspaper, edited by Col. L. W. Cogswell, historian of the town and veteran officer.

The New Hampshire cattle company at Concord Tuesday, voted to increase its capital stock from \$130,000 to \$300,000.

The citizens of Lancaster have by ballot, by a large majority, expressed the wish that their present postmaster, Charles E. Allen, shall have a third term.

Emily, wife of ex-Gov. Frederick Smyth, died Wednesday morning, at her home in Manchester. She was one of the foremost women in New Hampshire, and was beloved and honored by all.

William Wellington, who died lately in Walpole at the age of 83, was the most muscular man in the town. He once dug 140 bushels of potatoes in one day and carried them into his cellar. On another occasion he laid 23 rods of stone wall in a day.

Dr. H. W. Greeley, who has been ten months the city editor of the Evening News, published in Norfolk, Va., died of apoplexy on Dec. 27. He was a young man of much ability, and during his brief residence in Norfolk has made many friends. He belonged in Nashua.

In Manchester in 1884 the City Clerk issued 439 intentions of marriage. The largest number in any month was September, 50, and the smallest in the Lenten season of April, 26. The oldest male was 74 and the youngest 17; the oldest female 64 and the youngest 15. The greatest disparity in age of any couple was 31 years. Forty-five couples were of even age, and in 89 the females were older than the males.

Charles Thatcher, a grocer of Lancaster, does not allow his son John, aged 20 years, to go out doors or even to be seen by any one. He has never been to school and has never been seen on the streets since he was about 8 years old. His father claims that he has fits.

The Selectmen of Campton, who have been ordered by the Court to build a bridge at Livermore Falls, have about decided to build a deck iron bridge, the present abutments being sufficient for that style of bridge, while entirely new abutments will be necessary if a covered wooden bridge is built. Under the circumstances the expense will be about equal. Considerable opposition to a covered bridge is manifested.

Ebenezer Roberts, aged 65 years, a bachelor, who lives alone on a small farm in Rollinsford, was found Tuesday forenoon, by a neighbor, lying in bed, unconscious, his face completely disfigured, and covered with blood. The neighbor, who believed it an attempted murder, gave an alarm, bringing others to the scene. Roberts face was washed, and one eye was found to be protruding from its socket, and he also had other ugly wounds. Upon searching the premises, a broken board was found in the floor of a hay loft in the barn, and it is now believed that Roberts fell through to the barn floor while after hay for his cattle. Roberts had not been seen for four days, and the accident is thought to have occurred several days ago. The injuries will probably prove fatal.

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