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If Mr. Morrill's bill to return the direct tax of 1861 to the States becomes a law, each. Vermont will get nearly \$200,000. This will lessen taxes appreciably

ed letters might be reduced to five cents, the rate which prevails in Canada.

York, the other evening, came twice out or the other man. of a tomb in which she is supposed to be lying dead, to bow her acknowledgments timely and excellent suggestions. We to the audience. This was a little queer; quote from them as follows: but if the modern stage presents no more absurd or improbable scene than this, no one need complain

The Weekly Free Press from this date is reduced one half-it is now only ONE DOLLAR a

Conversation was carried on the other day by means of the telegraph between Vancouver, British Columbia, and Lon-

The papers say that a patent for the manufacture of artificial maple sugar has been issued to one Josiah Daily, of Madison, Ind. The stuff is made by adding to ordinary syrup a decoction made from hickory bark. The result, Mr. Daily says, cannot be distinguished from genuine maple syrup. Perhaps not, for those who are not in the habit of eating genuine maple syrup. But why should the government protect by patent the manufacture of a cheat? Does it not, by so doing, become a party to a distinct fraud?

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Weekly Free Press. The cattle raisers on the western ranches are having a hard time of it. Many thousands of cattle have perished in the blizzards, and during nine months of last year, it is said that there were more than \$4.000,000 lost from this cause in the Territory of Montana alone. If the business is to be continued in that quarter it is probable that new methods will have to be adopted, and that the exposure of cattle on the plains, without any provision for their shelter against the terrible storms which sweep over that section, will have to be abandoned. Regard for their own purses if not plty for the dumb beasts, will in time compel this.

Papers that have been declaring that "Trusts" and protection go hand in hand should note the fact that the resolution for the investigation of the trusts was introduced by a republican and a protectionist, Mr. Mason of Chicago, and backed by Samuel J. Randall, also a protectionist The most vigorous opposition given the resolution came from the free trader and democrat, Mr. W. L. Scott. The Philapelphia Press calls attention to the fact that if there ever was an administration interested in trusts Mr. Cleveland's is. His secretary of the navy, Mr. Whitney, knows all about them. So does Henry B. Payne an administration senator. The whisky trusts has its intimate relations with the free trade side of the administration, and the Pan-electric trust has or had much to do with the attorney general.

A Preliminary Canvass.

The St. Johnsbury Republican sent out, the other day, a circular to a number of prominent Vermonters, asking each to state:

- 1. His preference for presidential ticket? 2. Second choice?
- 3. What is the most commendable thing in connection with the present adminis-
- 4. What, in Cleveland's administration, s most open to criticisn
 - 5. What will be the issue in '88?
 - 6. Preference for governor? 7. Second choice?

The replies indicate that the majority of Vermont Republicans are not committed to any candidate for president; and that -as was to be expected-preferences for governor have not yet crystalized. Thus of a hundred republicans who answered the interrogatories only forty per cent. were willing to name a candidate for president.

Of the forty, 24 favored Blaine; 5, Edmunds; 3, Sherman; 3, Lincoln; 2, Sheridan; 1, Hawley; 1, Harrison; and 1 Depew. For second choice, 10 favored Sheridan; 4, Blaine; 4, Allison; 3, Lincoln; 4, Sheridan: 2, Harrison; 2, Hawley; and 1, Edmunds. The preferences for vice-president were, 8 for Hawley, 5 for Lincoln, 2 for Harrison, 2 for Sher-

man, 2 for Sheridan and 1 for Foraker. Of the democrats who replied, all, four teen in number, were for Cleveland, Where a second choice is named, Governor Hill of New York takes the lead and Thurman, Lowell and Black have one

each. On the gubernatorial question only a third of those who replied cared to exoutlay of money we offer to send it free press themselves. Of the 34 who expressed a preference, 8 prefer Frederick Billings of | Woodstock; 6, Stephen Thomas of | Montpeller; 4, W. P. Dillingham of Waterbury ; 4, Levi K. Fuller of Brattleboro ; 2, Franklin Fairbanks of St. work near home. Just think of it-a 83 Fletcher of St. Johnsbury, E. J. Ormsbee of Brandon, Redfield Proctor of Proctor, B. D. Harris of Brattleboro and H. E.

> G. W. Hooker, James Barrett, B. D. Harris, Stephen Thomas, T. C. Fletcher, Frederick Billings, H. C. Ide, Franklin Fairbanks, J. K. Batchelder of Arlington, P. D. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury, Z. M. Mansur of Island Pond, C. B. Eddy of Bellows Falls and Fred E. Smith of Mont

peller one each. For governor eight democrats stood, for J. E. Edwards of Newport, 3; W. H. H. Bingham of Stowe, 2: L. W. Redington of Rutland, S. C. Shurtleff of Montpeller and Seneca Haselton of Burlington one

A canvass as fragmentary as this, of course, determines nothing in regard to candidacies. The most that it shows is In view of the expected surplus in the that the time has not yet come for any postoffice department the fee for register. general expression on these matters. In due time, no doubt, there will be open discussion and concentration of opinion, and the Vermonters will then be more ready A singer in a Wagner opera in New to stand up and be counted for this, that

Some of the replies, however, contain

EX-GOV. J. L. BARSTOW.

1. For first place a man of untainted repu

1. For first place a man of untainted reputation; one whose nomination has not already greatly reduced the majorities in nearly all the republican States; a man that can be elected; such as Sheridan, with Lincoln or Harrison for second place.

2. Sherman and Hawley.

3. The management of the treasury. This has been upon precisely the same lines laid down by republican secretaries. A conservative foreign policy and the nomination of honest independent men upon the inter-State commerce commission deserves commendation.

Vancouver, British Columbia, and London, a distance of 8000 miles over land and under the sea, and then London talked with San Francisco. This telegraphing was part of a test scheme to prove that a cable from Vancouver to Australia would make a feasible connection with business centres in this country and Europe.

Conductor Frost of Rutland is entitled to a first-class notice. Though he had three ribs broken by the smashup near Baxterville, on the Delaware and Hudson railroad the other day, he crawled out of the car, tore a board out off a fence near by, and with this shoveled snow into the car where it had caught fire from the stove, thus saving the car from burning and several passengers from being burned wilve. It was a narrow escape for him and all of them.

HON. W. W. GROUT, M. C.

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1. Give us one that will command the united support of republicans and it will win.

3. Generally in not having been as mischievous as was feared.

4. The president's promise, many times repeated, that the faithful public servant should not be disturbed; and the sweeping removals from office, for partisan reasons only, which he has made, and his late free trade message.

sage. The tariff and surplus, principally; civil ice reform, a free ballot, and, temperance incidentally.

6. My position must be one of strict neutrality. I hold all the candidates named in high exteem, and I hope to live to see them all governor—one at a time of course.

EX-JUDGE JAMES BARRETT.

1. If I were to make the next president be would be George F. Edmunds.
2. Joseph R. Hawley. As candidate, 1st. Robert T. Lincoln, 2d. Gen. Sheridan.
3. Marrying a reputable and virtuous woman, in case he should prove virtuous as a husband.

Non nostrum * * tantas componere lites."
5. Tariff-and which party small come out

Nobody.
 I should be satisfied to have Mr Blaine the next president, but should not select bim (o) candidate.

LIEUT-GOY, LEVI K. FULLER

"For all candidates the regular choice of the convention-believing the voice of many better than the voice of one."

3. The president's marriage.

4. Civil service rules violated; tariff and foreign policy.

5. Civil service foreign policy, tariff.
"The nation has prospered in spite of the work of Cleveland and his party. The mation survived the last democratic administration-but if cost astroggie."

HON. CARROLL S. PAGE OF HYDE PARK NON. CARROLL S.PAGE OF HYDE PAGE.

Thairman of the State republican committee ays; "I am for Blaine, or Sherman, or Allien or Hawley, or Harrison or any other of he dozen candidates that I might name, my irst preference being for the man who, on comparing notes at Chicago, is found to be a the lodgement of that convention, the best titled is solidify and unite us and lead us to ictory. The same sentiment should, I believe, animate every true republican with efference to his preference for the governor-hip.

ship.

From the tenor of the State press limited by future so comes impregnable that Mr. Harris and Dillingham are likely to be the leading candidates and either of them would make an excellent governor. This being the case the one should be selected who will add the greatest strength to our State sloket, far Vermont being the first to speak by her State election in 1888 should give no succertain sound and every true republican should feel like waiving his personal preferences for the governorship in order that we may roll up a mojority upon the State ticket that shall assure our republican friends in other States that the principles of the grand old party are

just as strongly entrenched as ever in the hearts of the people. If, as is claimed, the temperance element in our party is disposed to unsist upon a candidate who is the especial exponent of the temperance element in our party, and if Mr. Dillingham, better than any other man, represents that element, I am inclined to lock with favor upon his candidate. If we fail to recognize the growing demand of the hest element in our party, that we take stronger grounds in our party, that we take stronger grounds in opposition to the saloon, we can hardly expect less than coldness or indifference upon the part of those republicans who hate rum, and hate every party that does not hate rum.

MAYOR HENRY OF BURLINGTON.

 Gen. P. H. Sheridan,
 That name whom a majority of the New York delegates agree upon.
3. Appointing Hon. E. J. Phelps minister to

Engiand.
4. Trying to return the rebel flags.
5. "Protection" and "Free Trade."
6. W. P. Dillingham.
7. B. D. Harris.
I think we must carry New York, consequently if I were a delegate I should be a aver of nominating the man they though the strongerst.

he strongest. HON, JOSIAH GROUT OF DERBY,

Speaker of the House;
1. The regular republican nominee.
2. Its distessness.
4. It is hard to tell. It is all hollow and helicity conspicuous for take pretences. It has caused more business stagnation than anything else.

Tariff for protection, free vote, fair count 3. In it for protection, free vote, fair count and civil service reform.

Blaine will probably be the republican candidate. Can go him cheerfully. While I might prefer another, yet I think he would likely make the strongest run. His candidacy seems inevitable and he will make a lively cancidate

COL. GEORGE W. HOOKER

cot. George w. Hooker
of Brattleboro, Vermont's member of the national republican committee, says;
1. Nominee of convention.
3. The marriage of Miss Folsom.
4. His free trade message.
5. Protection vs. free trade.
6. Nominee of convention. Delegates unoledged; free from personal appeal of canlidates. In other words, no riding the cirsuit.
Of the circumstance. Of the editors who responded, Col.

Clarke of the Rutland Herald prefers Sherman for president and the nominee of the convention for governor. Editor Gibbs of the St. Albans Messenger is for Blaine and Dillingham. Editor Swain of the Bellows Falls Times expresses no preference for president, and in regard to governor says: "At the proper time Windham county will, I trust, present a good and strong man, every way acceptable to he State.

The following were among the demo cratic responses:

HIRAM ATKINS, ESQ. Grover Cieveland.

None.
The common-sense and independence or president.

he president.

4. That all of the heads of some branches of the civil service have not done as the president would like to have them do. 5. Revenue reform.
6. W. H. H. Blagham.
7. Seneca Haselton.
8. I believe that if those whom the president has appointed to office had done as he has, there would be no cause for complaints among the democrats.

EDITOR C. H. DAVENPORT OF BRATTLEBORO Cleveland and Black. None. It is so nearly commendable in all its de

partments and branches that it is hard to specify or enumerate.
4. His signing of the Mexican pension bill.

Tariff. John L. Edwards. 6. John L. Edwards.
5. Seneca Hasciton.
8. The third question may be answered by pointing to the last message, to Whitney's words for the may, to the remarkably able handling of the treasury under both Manning and Fairchild the overhauling of the custom houses, the stopping of fraudulent undervaluations, the breaking up of the land rings, the attack on the fiell telephone monopoly, and so on for a long enumeration.

HON. W. H. H. BINGHAM.

1. Grover Cleveland.
2. Governor Hill of New York.
3. White all are so commendable, it is difficult to select the one the most so.
4. No serious criticism. Rather slow in filling offices with triends to manage the affairs of the country. Though he has done well, though hampered by some legal rules.
5. The tariff, unless settled in this Congress, and the reducing of taxation in some way and sustaining dem cratic principles.
6. Do not wish to indicate my preference among so many suitable candidates in the democratic ranks at this early day.
7. From my standpoint I think Cleveland will be nominated and elected. Republicans have commenced manse too carly. What is gained by censuring James Russell Lowell while Cleveland is censured for removals, the republicans cannot say but they will do the same. If they should, it will be merely a spills contest.

HON. SENECA HASELTON.

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 Grover Cleveland.
 None.
 Its steadfast adherance to the principle nat office is a trust.

4. The persistent overwork on the part of the president.

the president.

5. Whether or not the present administra-tion deserves the confidence and approval of

the people.
6. Stephen C. Shurtleff of Montpeller. 6. Stephen (, Shurtlen of Montpeller, 7. None.
8. In defining my belief as to the issue in the coming campaign I assume that Congress will, before its adjournment, provide for a substantial reduction of the revenue. Mr. Shurtled is preferred for governor because he personally merits a renomination and also because the mountain rule ought to be ignored by both parties since it tends to belittle our state politics.

DR. J. D. HANRAHAN OF BUTLAND.

Grover Cleveland.
David B. Hill.
Honosty of purpose in all things.
Leaving too many republicans in office.
Tariff. solid South and civil service re-

Some good democrat.

6. Some good democrat.
7. Some other good democrat.
8. As I look at things to day in my judgment the democratic ticket will be Grover Cleveland and Gen. John C. Biack, and although I have no desire whatever to be offensive it seems to me as if the republicans ought to be generous once and move to make it unanimous, as in my judgment it is a foregone conclusion that Cleveland will be his own successor.

The storm and snow blockade of last week was in extent and severity a most notable one. Never, probably, in the history of American railroads, were so many trains and so many passengers so thoroughly snow-hound throughout so many States, A thousand passengers were storm staid on Friday on the New York Central road alone. The number who were wearily and in many cases hungrily waiting in the cars, night and day, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, till the trains could be shovelled out of the drifts, and the locomotives move, must have been numbered by tens of thousands From east and west and north, far and near, come the same stories of stalled trains and "dead" locomotives, and drifts piled to a height and length almost without precedent. We remember no previous time since the railroads began to run, when the New York morning papers failed to reach this place for three full days. Though the roads generally met the emergency with energy and generally got their tracks open on Saturday, we fear that the trouble is not over for them as a channel dug through the drifts is easily filled by future snows and in time be

comes impregnable to a snow-plough. The man who sent the New York Evening Post an editorial puff for a candidate for the presidency of Princeton college, enclosing \$1 with the comment "please insert," didn't see his article in print. On the contrary, he saw the editor's dry remark that "when the sale of editorial opinion begins prices will range higher

The Political Outlook - Is it Wise to Nominate Mr. Blaine? To the Editor of the Free Press :

This is a time when republicans should candidly and seriously reflect upon the selection of a standard bearer for the coming political contest, to the end that strength and harmony may prevail. The following facts taken from the Tribune

almanac furnish food for thought: In 1884, Blaine gained from the democrats, California 8 votes, Nevada 3 votes. total 11, while of the States that were republican in 1880 he lost, Connecticut 6,

Indiana 15, New York 36, total 57 votes In the popular vote, taking majorities and lack of majorities alone into account. he gained over the republican vote of 1880, on the Pacific slope, as follows:

.11.161 Nevada.... California.

gained in 1.565 Pennsylvania....34,075 of J. A. Shedd. Kansas. Maine But he lost:

 New Hampshire
 1,467

 New Jersey
 9,195

 New York
 50,302

 Ohio
 9,665

 Rhode Island
 3,851

 Vermont
 6,300
 Connecticut... Hiinois Indiana 6,648 .11,780 .11,608 Wisconsin .

Total gain in majorities, 64,567; total loss in same, 256,889. In 1884 the prohibition vote was 150,369,

Nebraska

and the labor, greenback-Butler vote was 175,370, both largely cast in the North. Henry George and Powderly are said to

unite in advising the labor party to have no candidate in 1888, in which event this vote will mainly go to the democrats, while the prohibition vote, judging from recent State elections is likely to be largely increased, mainly from the republican party. Up to 1884, the doubtful States of the

North and east of the Rockies, were said to be Indiana, New York, Connecticut and New Jersey-all carried by Cleveland. Did the election of 1884 demonstrate that there were other doubtful States in that region?

Let us look at Massachusetts. This state in 1880 gave a republican majority over all of 48,015. In 1884 the party lacked 10,226 votes of a majority. If the Butler vote had been cast for Cleveland, he would have carried the State by a plurality of

In Wisconsin a majority over all in 1880 of 21,600 was reduced in '84 to 2,444 in a vote of 319,870,

In Michigan we had 17,907 majority over all in 1880. If the Butler vote had gone to Cleveland he would have only wanted 592 votes more to have frontage on the lake of over 15 miles carried the State.

In Illinois our majority in 1884 was only 2,135 in a total vote of 672,813.

In Iowa where it was said "the prairies were on fire for Blaine," the fire was so intense that a republican majority in 1880 of 44,789 was reduced to 18,301 in

To secure the success of the party re quires at this time great coolness and wisdom. No one can wonder that the surpassing brilliancy and ability of Mr. Blaine should secure for him a large and enthusiastic following: but in times of emergency , reason and facts should take the place of sentiment. A day, a week or s month may change the outlook entirely. But moderation, candor and wisdom will never be out of place.

The London Times, in a tone of digniclining to subscribe to principals to which | could have had nothing to complain of. other States conceived it their duty to assent." This is undoubtedly true. are continually shocking old world opinions ; and yet we seem to be getting along very well, thank you.

OUR KALEIDOSCOPE.

There was a young lady who grew so She had to dispose of her troussom:

When told at a ball. She was getting quite fall. She replied, with a frown, that she knew so.

on the ground plan. The crack club-the policeman's billy. If you want to hear some racy English.

go to a horse trot on the ice. If there is anything that makes the tailend man in the line leading up to a ticket window mad, it is to have a woman with a St. Louis bustle insinuate herself near the head of the procession and drive him back about 12 yards into the sweet sub-

sequently. Carclessness with matches caused 626 fires in New York last year and about 1076 divorces

Blobson declares that there is just about is much fun in playing solitaire as there is in trying to lift yourself up by your boot-straps.

There is a woman in Ingram, N. C., who can split 200 fence rails in a day. Her husband stays in and does the sewing and ixes over her bonnets.

"Turn about is fair play," as the man emarked when he got worsted in a fistibuil fight and scooted for shelter. A leap year conversation-Angelina;

Augustus, will you be mine Augustus: "My dear girl, I will be brother to you-but your husband, oh, no that cannot be.

There is a common impression that the fastest thing of which our senses take cognizance of is a flash of lightning. This is a mistake, as anybody knows who has ever seen a young man with a red necktie, a spotted shirt collar and a loudly striped late Dr. Mark Hopkins. \$12 suit of clothes.

Jay Gould began life at \$4 a week in a the city for the past two mouths, started for the West Monday evening. millions. But then Jay never stopped work and lived on assessments and trust because some tanner, a couple of hundred miles away, employed a man whom a committee of hide-scrapers called a his city his home contact. If these had been Jay's tactics, Col. U. he would still be treating pelts to a decoction of hemlock.

this snow ! Bloggs-"Snow use." The papers say the beef men have sent a bill to Congress. What in time is the

American school teachers in Canada get an average of \$150 a year salary. They are not able to sling quite so much style as their brethren of the American colony. Guest (snowbound in Whitehall-"Is

there an elevator in this hotel ? Proprietor-Yes, sir. Step through that green baize door and ask the barkeeper for four fingers of gin.

asleep?

HOME MATTERS.

CITY AND VICINITY.

Valentines are beginning to appear in costly and elaborate designs appropriate to leap year.

It is expected that the Dartmouth college sophomores will hold their annual banquet at the Van Ness House February 20. The time for noting cases for trial at the term of the United States Circuit and District Court to be held in this city, Feb. 28,

will expire on Tuesday, the 7th inst. A road has been bushed out from here

616 erection of a block of stores, 100 feet deep, In the remaining Northern States he on the west side of Church street between the Central House block and the residence

> There was a serious fire in St. Augustine, Fla., last Friday night, and the house and barn of Mr. C. A. Hibbard were in great danger, but by the exertion of his friends they were saved.

An effort is to be made to arrange a series of races on the ice in the near future. The greatest obstacle seems to be the preparation of suitable tracks within con venient distance of the city, but this difficulty will undoubtedly be overcome and some exciting races held.

The committee consisting of Alderman Englesby, City Clerk Allen and City Attorney Roberts, appointed to reprint the city charter as it now exists and to revise the approval of the City Council, have already completed their work. Consider this hall are the office and rooms of Henry able labor in the way of condensation has been done, but no very radical changes have been made. Owing to the bad roads there was a

small attendance at the meeting of the executive committee of the Chittenden County Agricultural society at Dunbar's Saturday. It was decided to hold the next fair at the Burlington and Winooski Driving Park September 4 to 7 inclusive.

The delegates to the recent district meeting of the fifth Masonic district at the rooms of Burlington lodge No. 100 representing 15 lodges and including all lodges in the district, report that it was one of the best meetings ever held in Vermont.

The Burlington Gun club have added to their grounds by the lease of Porter's point. This point has about six miles frontage on the lake and is one of the best hunting grounds. This gives them a total They propose to post it and keep off intruders.

The eastern sky was beautifully clear on Saturday evening in this quarter, and the total eclipse of the moon could be seen by all who cared to look for it, without smoked glass and under most favorable circumstances. Those who did not witness it lost a rare opportunity to observe a beautiful spectacle. It differed from the total eclipse of 1848, in that the moon's | Tuesday afternoon. disk was now much more obscured than then,-since in the eclipse of that year the atmospheric conditions were such that a good deal of light was refracted to the satellite and it seemed only a little less bright than usual. In this eclipse, during the period of totality, the moon was a copper-colored disk, reflecting only light enough to make it distinctly visible. Its rapid emergence from the shadow was a fled rebuke, tells us that "the United beautiful sight. If the sky was every States has long borne a reputation for de- where as clear as here, the astronomers

OUR FAMILY PHYSICIAN.

The demand already created for the

England seems to be running Ireland slight. Three new subscribers will secure the book free to anybody sending them Don't be afraid to try. You can secure it. We wish that all who have already

secured books would show their copy to

their neighbors so that they can see the value of the premium we offer.

PERSONAL. Mr. and Mrs. S. Walker are visiting friends near Holyoke, Mass. Mr. and Mts. C. F. Ward have returned from their visit in New York.

Miss M. E. Peirce of Waltham, Mass., visiting her friend, Miss Lizzle Webb, 69 Grant street. Hon. George F. Edmunds has been

elected a vice-president of the Webster Historical society. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Fletcher are visiting friends in Lancaster, N. H., during the carnival, which is now being held there. Mr. W. W. Bassett, who has been it poor health the past two years is very low

and is not expected to survive but a few Prof. W. A. Deering of the University is to lecture at Academy Hail in Jericho February 8 on "A Study of New England Life."

An informal reception was given Mon-day evening by Judge and Mrs. Veazey of Rutland in honor of Commander-in Chief and Mrs. Rea. Rev. Brainerd Kent, for 30 years active

Mr. Hammond W. Peck of Manchester.

Mr. W. E. Greenleaf, formerly of this city, but more recently a member of the firm of Heggius, Green & Hyde, whole-sale druggl-is, Rutiand, has returned to this city with the intention of making it

his home.

Col. U. A. Woodbury was called to Elmore Monday by the death of his father, Mr. Albert M. Woodbury, aged 75, which occurred Saturday. Mr. Woodbury had been in failing health for about two years and his death was not unexpected. He had been a prominent citizen of his towa for many years where his death will be severely felt. Mrs. Bloggs-"What is the use of all

severely fell.

Mr. Grant M. Sprague, son of Postmas ter M. E. Sprague of Weybridge, although only 24, has been elected vice-president of the Excelsior Pipe Line company, and general manager of the business of that company at Lima, Onio. He graduated at the St. Albans high school at the age of 17 and was private secretary to D. C. matter with the plumbers? Are they of 17 and was private secretary to D. C. Linsiey at Ottawa during the building of the Canada Atlantic railway.

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THE BURLINGTON REPUBLICANS.

Their Meeting for the Formation of a Club Last Night.

There was a good attendance at the meeting held at the City Court room last evening for the formation of a republican club and an encouraging interest was manifest. A temporary organization was effected by the election of Hon. W. L. Burnap as president and State's Attorney D. J. Foster as secretary. The chairman stated the object for which the meeting was called and read the circular issued by the executive committee of the league of republican clubs through the natto Shelburn harbor and yesterday a team tional officers for Vermont calling to Shelburn harbor and yesternay a team crossed for the first time. The road is quite rough owing to the anchor ice.

Negotiations are in progress for the erection of a block of stores, 100 feet deep, on the west side of Church street between the west side of Church street between the source of the section of the section of the section at Montpelier, February 15. Hon. Henry Bailard moved that a committee of five be appointed to nominate permanent officers, select a name for the section and report at another meeting. the society and report at another meeting of the club to be held at the same place Saturday evening next. The motion was carried, and the chair appointed as such committee Henry Ballard, B. J. Derby, Henry Greene, Leon Beaupre and Newell Lawrence. The club then adjourned until heart sections are such controlled to the control of the club then adjourned until heart sections. Lawrence. The club then adjourned un-til next Saturday evening. At the close of the meeting many of those present en-rolled their names on the list of members, provided their names on the list of members. which had been signed by 60 previous to the meeting.

A Historic Collection.

The Middlebury correspondent of the Troy Times says that the building owned by the Sheldon art museum in that place is three stories high, built of brick and trimmed with white marble pillars on the plazza in front. In the hall, up one flight of stairs, hang life-size portraits of Gamand print the city ordinances subject to aliel Painter and family, who were among the first pioneers of the town. Adjoining L. Sheldon, the founder of the museum Here are the oid fireplace and fittings, as used in the last century. The furniture is all antique. One of the chairs came in the Mayflower and one from the home of Gen. Israel Putnam. The bureau and sideboard, with its spider feet, are said to be more than 150 years oid. The ancient high brass clock was once owned by the father of Sir Curtis Lamson, late of Lonather Here are the old fireplace and fittings, as sideboard, with its spider feet, are said to be more than 150 years old. The ancient high brass clock was once owned by the father of Sir Curtis Lamson, late of Lon-don. The oil paintings go back hundreds of years. The six rooms of the third story and the attic are well filled with various articles suitable for preservation in a public historical museun

The Farmers' Lecture Course.

There were about 50 representative armers present Tuesday from various owns in this section at the experiment station to hear the address of Prof. Cooke on "Fertilizing by Feeding." H. Whitcher of the New Hampshire Agri cultural college, who was to have lectured. was unable to be present, and he and Prof. Cooke changed dates. Prof. Prof. Cooke changed dates. Prof. Whitcher is engaged this week in conducting a test at Hanover, which cannot fail to be of great value and interest to the farmers. The test is between the Cooley deep setting system and the separator, Two thousand pounds of milk is to be mixed and equally divided, the butter manufactured, and all the results carefully compared. Prof. Whitcher has pr mised to give the results of this experiment in connection with his lecture next. ment in connection with his lecture next

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The books of the Marsh library are being moved from their present position into the new part of the library, which isnow practically completed. There are 12,000 volumes, 8000 of which will be placed on the shelves around the room, and the remaining 4000 on shelves which and the remaining 4000 on shelves w are to occupy the central portion of the

At present there is no lack of interest At present there is no lack of interest respecting class day on the part of any of the seniors. The plans for the day's exercises are very well made, and all that now remains is to see that they are executed. A part of the officers of the day have already been elected; but as the list is not vet completed the perme of these is not yet completed, the names of those elected do not yet appear.

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BORN.

In this city, Jan. 2s, a son to John J. and

MARRIED. CURTIS-MacDONALD.-In this city. Feb. 1, at the Catherral, by Very Rev. Father Lynch. V. G., Will T. Curtis and Mary MacDonald, both of this city.

RAVLIN-MCCOLLUM, - At the Methodist par-onage, Jan. 28, 1888, by Rev. Homer Enton, frs. Sarah McCollium and Mr. I. W. Kavlin, both of this city. No cards. DIED.

SHEA. In this city, Jan. 26, John Robert, infant son of John J. and Mary Shea, aged

one day.

WALLACE .- In this city. January 27, Valina McGrarn.-At the residence of his son, 534 So. Union St., January 37, Owen McGrath, aged 100 years.

MILLIARD.—In this city, Jan. 31, Celina W., infant daughter of Joseph N., and Celina Milliard, aged 2 months and 19 days.

Brows, -In Jericho, Jan. 27, 1888, F Choate, son of Ezra J. Brown, agest 4 years



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