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TOWNSHEND.

Old Maids in Convention Assembled Pleased Big Crowds.

The Old Maids in convention assembled at the town hall Friday evening were favored with a large and appreciative audience. While each one took his or her part in a way to convince the most skeptical that it was not acting but reality, of especial merit was the work of John Dale as Selma Baxter, Alice Dale as Amarilla Heywood and Ethel Follett as Maria Lovejoy, while H. C. Franklin, Prof. Pinkerton's assistant, brought down the house and proved that he was able to conjure the spirits and entice them to perform their magic work even without the "transform-hers" complete outfit. Some of the apparel worn by the old maids worthy of mention was an ancient white embroidered shawl worn by Miss Josie Taft, a shawl worn by Mrs. A. E. Park which was over 100 years old and handed down through the family of Amos Grey, silk dresses which had done duty on wedding occasions in by-gone years, and a head wrist bag 75 years old, while ancient shawl and handkerchiefs and fans were to be seen. Some of our people found a pleasant relaxation in preparing and giving this entertainment and proved that a "little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men," while the goodly sum of \$25 was taken at the door, as a material result for the labor expended. It was estimated that about 180 people enjoyed the evening. The entertainment was given under the auspices of the Dorcas guild and ladies' club.

Sale at Seminary Hall Added \$25 to Graduation Fund.

The sale in seminary hall Tuesday followed by a social was a pleasant occasion. The booth of green and white was especially quaint and pleasing, the one of blue and white attractive for its simplicity and good proportions. The fancy articles not sold at the booths were auctioned off by Principal Lewis in his usual witty way. The superior quality of the various kinds of home-made candy found a ready market. A maple sugar confection of fine flavor deserves special mention, being as fresh as though made up gathered that morning. Some one among our local sugar makers must have the secret of putting up syrup which will keep its first maple taste undiminished. At intervals during the evening

Marching was enjoyed and all felt that one more happy memory was stored to be recalled in future years. The sum of \$22 was taken at the door which adds to the graduation fund.

Elbridge Culver was in town Sunday. John Dale is janitor at the seminary this term.

Mrs. Gregg advertises a sale of Christmas goods.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Ranney of Brookline visited in town Monday of this week.

W. S. Hunt of Hampden, Mass., with Madeline visited Mrs. Hunt at Townshend inn over Sunday.

Ira Cone, who has been absent some weeks in Walpole and Londonderry, has returned to town.

Alice Franklin is having a vacation from her work in Brattleboro which she is spending at home.

W. M. Sparks went to Westmoreland Thursday. The sidewalks on North street are being repaired.

Mrs. S. L. Vincent visited her sister, Mrs. F. E. Aldrich, in Brattleboro Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Marion Evans, who has been very ill again the past week, is more comfortable at present writing.

W. H. Blanchard has an extensive plumbing job for A. B. Stark of Jamaica. Gene Wetherbee goes with him.

Mrs. F. T. Randall, who has visited relatives in South Hadley and Belcher-own, Mass., returned home Saturday.

The annual meeting of Burchard post, No. 65, will be held at Masonic hall, Townshend, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 14.

Edward Spencer of Jamaica is to join his family in the tenement at Bela Brigham's. He has a position in A. E. Park's mill.

Peter Hardy, who came to town some weeks ago from York state, has bought the Kennon farm in the west part of the town.

Mr. Reed has his family settled in the home again after an absence of some months. Herbert Forrest will work for Mr. Reed this winter.

Miss Josie Taft, who has been at home enjoying a few days' vacation, returned to Brattleboro Monday. She has a position with Gibson & Waterman.

Flynn, who has been chopping cord wood for Edward Dunham the past weeks, is again in school and working his spare hours for A. E. Marsh in the market.

The Eastern Star society met at its hall in this village Wednesday evening. Four new members were initiated. The

men members of Townshend gave a hot chicken supper to the complete surprise of the women.

A Baptist social will be held at the home of E. L. Hastings Monday evening, Dec. 16. The proceeds of the evening will be used for the Christmas expenses.

F. H. Willard, master of West River grange, is in attendance on the state grange meeting in Burlington. Mr. Willard went Monday and will return the last of the week.

C. H. Willard's "Old Jim," so familiar on our streets, has been put under the seal. Many a pleasure trip over hill and through valley has he given Mrs. Willard and her friends. Peace to his ashes.

Mrs. W. W. Gushee led the Baptist Ladies' Missionary meeting which met with Mrs. A. A. Mason Wednesday afternoon. Eight members were present. The subject of study was the Philippine Islands.

The heavy rain of Tuesday gave a measurement of one and one-eighth inches. The fog and warm wind took the snow rapidly. Though the date was Dec. 10, house plants were given an outdoor bath for their refreshment with safety.

The women of the Congregational church will hold a missionary meeting at the home of Mrs. E. B. Bicknell Wednesday, Dec. 18. The subject of the meeting will be the Fiji Islands and the New Hebrides as given in Christ's Redeemer.

The Ladies' club met with Mrs. A. B. Taft Wednesday, passing a pleasant social afternoon—12 members being present. The treasurer's report that all debts incurred in building the barn at the parsonage one year ago had now been paid, gladdened all hearts.

The Baptist Sunday school has an excellent custom which will become more common in our churches of taking a collection for some benevolent purpose on the first Sunday of every month. The December offering amounted to \$7.57 and went to the Kadak orphanage of the Alaskan mission.

The following are the women who went to Brattleboro from Townshend last Monday: Mrs. Charles Willard, Mrs. H. V. Dale, Mrs. Charles Austin, Mrs. Zina Cobb, Mrs. Lettie Dutton, Miss Florence Sanders. It is probable several of these were on shopping bent and the accommodations of the rest room on Elliot street were appreciated after a weary round of the stores.

The Fred Ober and Miss Flossie went to their new home at 6 Green street, Brattleboro, on the afternoon train Wednesday. Much regret is felt in losing Miss Ober from the seminary and relatives in Brattleboro. She will also be a delightful feature of the evening.

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Blanche Brigham arrived home Saturday evening after an absence of several weeks, having left here Sept. 27 in company with her brother, John Brigham. They were three days and nights in reaching his home in Fond du Lac, a suburb of Duluth, Minn., having made some short stops on their way. Miss Brigham of Chicago in whose family Mrs. Silverthorn lived a number of years and who is remembered by some of our town people, though over 90 years of age, is able to take an automobile ride daily.

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Mrs. S. O. Garfield has sold her house and farm to Onoclea Capin.

Mrs. W. A. Lawrence is with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Dresser, in Farley, Mass.

Miss M. L. Platt is spending a few days in Williamsville.

J. F. Chase was here last week in the interest of his company.

Niles Howard has been engaged as man of all work at the Newfane inn.

Fred Gilbert will spend Saturday at O. R. Wright's and Sunday in Brattleboro.

Fred W. Underwood is engaged in putting down a hardwood floor for O. R. Wright.

Sadie Underwood of Brattleboro spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Underwood.

There are now 20 inmates in the county jail, the largest number that has been in confinement since the Chinamen were here.

Wilson Winchester and mother are at Burlington this week in attendance upon the state grange meeting. Mr. Winchester is master of the Newfane grange.

The hotel part of the County House is being repaired, painted and kalsomined. Mr. Spicer of Bellows Falls has charge of the work.

Mrs. Charles Skinner is with her daughter, Mrs. Sprague, in Turners Falls, Mass., for the winter. Mr. Skinner expects to join her soon.

The annual meeting of Birchard post, G. A. R., and the relief corps for election of officers will be held in Townshend tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

Speaking of fall pigs, Wallie Parks and Alvin Gates killed two good ones this week. They were 7 months old and weighed 310 and 298 pounds, respectively.

Mrs. Clarence Nichols entertained the Ladies' Aid society at home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have been a help to the society and will be greatly missed.

Christmas festivities are soon to come. This village will have the usual Christmas tree and the children will entertain the grown people with speaking and music.

The Odd Fellows are intending to have an entertainment at Union hall Jan. 3. Their dramatic club is arranging to have the play, The White Mountain Boy, brought out.

Florence Hosford, who had a dancing class here last winter, is teaching this winter in Greenfield and Shelburne Falls, two classes at each place, and one at White River Junction.

The examination for the position as mail carrier on the new R. F. D. route is expected that there will be six applicants from this section.

A dancing class is being organized in this village with Elijah Wales of Brattleboro as leader. A paper for subscriptions is in circulation and the matter will be decided Saturday night.

Mrs. Anna Sage and Mary Redfield of Wardsboro visited at H. A. Carpenter's Monday and Tuesday. Miss Redfield expects to stay with her grandparents this winter and attend school here.

The merchants of this village have an extensive display of Christmas goods in their windows. W. P. Eames has a holly vine trailed over his show window which makes an attractive appearance.

Rev. N. S. Moore's subject for Sunday morning's sermon will be Evidence of a Future Life. In a series of Sunday evening topics Mr. Moore is bringing out interesting history from standard hymns.

The fifth silver medal contest for the Demorest prize will be held in Union hall Dec. 19, at 8 p. m. Six speakers are booked for contest. Music will be furnished by the children. A small admission fee will be charged.

The Interstate Lumber company has made extensive repairs to its mill, having enlarged it considerably, and is now filling in a stone foundation for a spur track from the trestle near the mill to connect with the West River railroad track.

The last report of the condition of Mrs. Philura Moore is that she is able to be up during the day and expects to be able to come down stairs next week. Uncle Ben Wilson remains about the same, gradually failing, and for some of the time unconscious.

The Christian Endeavor will hold its annual sale of useful and fancy articles Friday evening, Dec. 20, in connection with a supper in the church vestry. Supper will be served from 5.30 to 6.30 and the sale will continue through the evening.

R. S. Willard has rented his farm, the Barrett and Merrill place, to A. L. Saxton for two years, continuing the lease of last year. Mr. Willard is to furnish 15 cows, 2 horses and 3 shoats and some poultry. Mr. Saxton has a milk

route in the village and supplies a large number of customers.

Regret is expressed that Clarence Nichols is intending to close his engagement with the Windham county creamery Jan. 4. Mr. Nichols will attend the dairy school in Burlington eight weeks and Mrs. Nichols will return to her former home in Lunenburg, Vt. Mr. Nichols has been an efficient butter-maker.

Thompson and Davis have sold all their soft and hardwood lumber on the lot they bought of A. T. Edwards to the Interstate Lumber company. The Howard brothers have taken the contract for drawing the logs to the mill and also to draw the wood cut on the tract to the village. The cutting of the lumber and wood has mostly been done by the prisoners who were on a short-term sentence in the county jail.

At the W. C. T. U. meeting of Wednesday it was stated that about 750 comfort bags sent by the state W. C. T. U. to the battlement Vermont weighed 900 pounds. These bags were furnished with many useful articles and included a personal letter to each of the sailor boys, many of whom have answered their letters. One writer says, "The bags come awful handy." The local union supplied 100 tin balls and 100 letters for this enterprise. Mrs. N. S. Moon gave an interesting account of the battlement which she visited last month.

South Newfane.

Miss Minnie Hescok has gone to Newport to remain until after Christmas.

Mrs. Walter Wade and daughter of Worcester have been the guests of Miss Mattie Wade for a week past.

There will be a donation party for Rev. and Mrs. Clark at the vestry next week Friday evening. All are cordially invited.

Heavy rain and mild temperature carried off much of the snow and raised the streams to a high point. Yesterday morning freezing temperature again.

Willie Howe, while chopping in the woods Monday, cut one foot rather seriously in the instep. In dressing the wound several stitches were necessary.

The Ladies' Benevolent society will meet next Thursday afternoon with Mrs. John M. Stratton at Williamsville. The last meeting with Mrs. A. E. Halladay was well attended. In the evening 50 were at the social. A few fancy articles were sold at auction.

The tests for defective eyes and ears, as required by law, have been made throughout the schools. Of the pupils tested 31 per cent. show defects. In nearly all cases the trouble is with the eyes. Of the boys 25 per cent. have defective vision and of the girls 38 per cent. These tests are for pupils 7 years old and over. Parents and guardians are notified where treatment or glasses are indicated.

Williamsville.

Adelbert Pierce spent Sunday in Townshend.

Miss Kelley has gone to work for Mrs. Horace Allen.

Mr. Hemenway of Grafton was in town Wednesday.

Dr. P. P. White goes today to attend a meeting of the Shrimers held in Montpelier this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Stedman are in attendance at the state grange held at Burlington this week.

Mrs. Bessie Quinn's auction which was to have been last Tuesday afternoon was postponed to Saturday afternoon.

Marion Sherman and Aaron White came home Saturday from Goddard seminary, Barre, for their Christmas vacation.

Miss Mattie Metcalf, who has been at J. W. Williams's the past three weeks, went to her home in South Newfane Thursday to remain until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Stedman, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Willard, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Morse, George and Lila Temple, Raymond Grout and Miss Beulah Timson attended the grange meeting in Brattleboro Saturday evening.

Jamaica.

Mrs. Addie Gardner visited in Londonderry recently.

Rev. Mr. Dresser received a short visit from his sister last week.

Mrs. Henry McLean and son, Marie, returned to Northfield Monday.

The Ladies' Industrial society met Wednesday with Mrs. Lucy Kellogg.

Harry Sherwin has opened a first-class meat market in his father's store.

Miss Beatrice Emerson of Leland and Gray seminary was home over Sunday.

Edward Spencer and Mr. Arthur Blanden have secured positions in Townshend.

Mrs. John Clark and Mrs. Aiken are now able to be out. Miss Fanny Ballard, who has been caring for Mrs. John

Clarke during her illness, has been relieved.

Mrs. F. E. Chandler was called to New Jersey last week on account of the death of her father.

Norman and Dewey Hunt of South Londonderry spent Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. E. Carver.

Rev. Mr. Dresser attended the dedication of the Baptist church at South Londonderry Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Muzzy visited their son and wife in Westfield, Mass., from Saturday until Monday.

Chester Emery has finished work for Henry Sage and is working for the Jamaica Lumber company.

The two Sunday schools will hold a union Christmas service in the Congregational church Christmas day.

Clarence Torry of Brattleboro, a former resident of Jamaica, has returned and entered the blacksmith business, having purchased the shop of the Jamaica Lumber company.

Union services were held in the Congregational church Sunday evening, it being the farewell service of Rev. Mr. Bowman, who expects to leave for his new field of labor in Ferrisburgh this week. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, since coming here have made many friends, both in the church and outside, who very much regret their going away.

East Jamaica.

E. S. Allen went to Brattleboro Wednesday.

Florence Allen is ill and unable to attend school.

F. D. Blood of Houghtonville was in town last week.