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olume with the present number. The year hopeful labor. We have spared no effort to that has transpired in other parts of the have, in fact, put more hard days' works into erable addition to the amount of reading matimprovement in typographical appearance. In excuest, It is not at all to be wondered at therefore is it is our great pieneurs to announce—that The Phoesix will enter upon its 45th volume: tion list, with high hopes, and a determina-tion to deserve and win from the new year of We trust that our readers will one and all necept from us, on our 45th birthday, the tender

We are told that at the New England Society's dinner at New York last Saturday evening President Hayes "politely declined the win offered him during the dinner

The South Carolina Legislature has ratified an amendment to the State constitution, which levies an annual tax of two mills upon all taxable property for the support of free schools

At the close of the honday recess the Presidept will send a special message to the Setiate, in which it is understood he will insist | ment has felt, from the moment the war le upon the right of the Executive to select his appointments without dictation from the Sen-

The trial of Dr. T. S. Lambert, president of the American Popular Life Insurance Com- Turkey in Europe to Eusein. pany, of New York, for perjury, resulted o Thursday last in a verdict of guilty; and he is now in the Tombs, awaiting the result of a motion for a new trial, or his sentence. If the motion is denied. The penalty is State prisagainst him appears to have been clear.

The news from the Rio Grande is regarded as ending the question of war with Mexico The co-operation of Mexican regulars with our troops in following the outlaws into Mcs. no shows that the information was true which was recently received to the effect that the regular troops Dian was sending to the bor der were really to preserve peace, and not for the purpose of attacking our fores

A new departure in the management of the Central Vermont railroad affairs is announce this week. Superintendent G. W. Bentiey of the New London Northern road is to be see and vice-president of the company and will assume practical charge of its affairs, although ex-Gov. Smith still remains president. The business of the line is to be classified in three departments—through traffic, local traffic and | Prompt general passenger, with Lausing Millis is charge of the through traffic with an office is take place as soon as Mr. Bentley assumes his

President Haves, accompanied by his ran-Union League Club, Saturday evening Mr. | ficiency, Hayes attended the 22d annual diment to: Forefathers' Day) of the New England Somety at Delmonico's. Among those scated at the Pomeroy has made his appearance in Boston. President Porter of Yale college, President those of the original boymend. Last Wednes-Rhot of Harvard, and Gov. Fairbanks of Ver- day afternoon about 3 o'clock, as Mary Cromont. The after-dinner speaking was begun by Secretary Evarts who responded to the | child 2 years and 8 mentile of age, were detoast. "The Day We Celebrate." The second tenst was "The President of the United States." and Mr. Hayes in replying said

"I beg merely to make my acknowledgements to you for your great kindness, and to say to you that I am in the fullest, heartiest sympathy with what I believe to be the best or my little brother either." Upon tine your sentiments of New England men, and of the descendants of New Engiand their rapplaces and to say that among the recollections I have which are most cherished, are those associated with the names, lives and hopes of my Now Rev. Dr. James Freeman Chrice of Boston

spoke for that city, Gov. Fairbanks of Ver mont responded to "The New England States." Prof. Marsh of Yate spoke for Connection and President Eliot of Harvard and President Porter of Yale responded to a toast complithe President and his family attended church in New York, and on Monday the party re-

The Builroad. From a private letter just received by a gentieman of this village from Mr. George E. Mansfield, the manager of the Billerica and there is, as is usual in such cases, only a grain of truth in the exaggerated reports, set affort and large indebtedness of this company. My Mansfield emphatically repeats has former statement that the building and equipping of the road has only cost \$60,000, and that with better management, even this sum might have been somewhat reduced. The statement of the delivery of a special the amount of indebtedness is also much explanent mean, he confronted his cierk with the aggerated, though it is not denied that, owing mainly to the fact that a considerable portion of the capital stock. (\$50,000) has not been paid in, there are outstanding debts against the corporation on construction accounts, and that through disagreement of the directors as to the management of the cencern, and the consequent delay in providing the means to pay the independent of the recovering the means to pay the independent of the recovering the said special section of the recovering pay the independent of the recovering the said special section of the recovering that the independent of the recovering the said special section of the said special section o consequent delay in providing the means to pay this indebtedness, the corporation has my breakfast. Next time I direct you to and is suffering somewhat from financial ornitarissment. This fact, however, has nothing to do with the question as to whether the road can be operated at a profit, and its prose poets in this direction are of the most favorable character. And still less does it impeach the narrow-gauge system. Admitting every ming to a point below, and giving a transpair lock to the front counter of the head the charge its enemies make, the great facts still remain, that this two-feet gauge road can is built and operated as cheaply as has been stated, that it will do all the business of the West River valley as well in all respects as | long, sharp note, with the chronic sneer h any other road

In another column Mr. Barris makes a plain and business like statement of the case in regard to the legal rights of the towns interested to transfer the aid already voted to the threefeet gauge Brattlebore and Whitehali project to this proposed two-feet gauge road. We believe the position which he takes to be sound and reasonable, both from a common-sense and a legal point of view; and every friend of the enterprise will confially endors—
which is raied absolutely by ambition. his suggestion that there shall be no attempt at any unwarranted action in the matter, but

tions which we have published from Town- HILLERICA & HEDFORD R. R. shend, Jamaica and Londonderry, we have received many assumances by word of mouth. and from various private sources of informadeeply interested in the subject, and ready to help the project on by every means in their Not the least encouraging of these The Vinorows Princer's completes its 44th appeal which we publish this week from a score of prominent and responsible citizens of 1877, so far as we are concerned, has been the good town of Weston. These men urgs. one of toll-of carness, unremitting. hard yet | and with good reason, that the proposed road shall not be allowed to stop short of their lay before purrenders, each week, the freshest, I town, and we hope and issists that it may be found practicable to carry our their sugge tant local events; to keep them thereoughly I tion and put the read through to the local informed in regard to all, worth knowing, waters of the West River. Is it too much to hope, in this closing week of the year 1877. world; and, at the same time, to furnish them | that before another year shall have rolla liberal supply of reading uniter calculated | away the sounded the steam whistle may b to furnish food for thought and to promote | heard throughout the length of the beautiful their material and moral advancement. We I and fertile West River valley? Whether the question receives an afficustive or a negati-THE VERMONT PRODUCT during the past year reply depends entirely on the amount of ener tion ever before, and have made no meansid- | gy and determination which all the towns and ter furnished each week, to say nothing of the | not a flay too seem to take hold of the work |

Eastern War Antes.

At the wat of war there is Christmus we to death, transport trains barred in snow, the entire campaign paralyzed by the arm "from the front." Thus, though the lineses preparations are being made to cross the thing like a compaisory armistic will give chance for the argonation of terms of non

arrival at St. Petersione last Samulay, and the reception here every-evalence of prima ec and homogo. The Cour will ret to the field in about a menth. He has a clared that he will march through to Cousts imople as the Germans did to Paris

Our state deportment at Washington it now said, has for some time been in possion of information from an official sense Europe to the effect that the Torkish gove without interference from the western you ers, that it would not be able to maintain itself in Europe, but would be obliged to within into Asia and abandon Constantinopic and all

MINOR NOTES.

Matt Carpenter is said to be the most bri hant plender before the United States Se preme Court, and to be making there as in ome of \$50,000 or subject a year

Warm weather in winter is not of used unhealthy, the physicians say, but it makes ness results. The prudent man is in an mor danger of dying of an open December than

Senator Edimunds of Vermont las gone i the Dismai Swamp canni to the coast of Nor-Carolina, with the hope that the trip wi break up majarial symptoms when hav omewhat troubled him of lat-

Alexander Stephenes committee on weigh and measures is going to report a bill making the metric system obligatory in all govern ment transactions. Mr. Stephens is positive that the system is going to be adopted, som or or later, by all civilized nations, and think that the United States ought to take it is

The Maryland court of appeals has decide that a colored man cannot be admitted to the ment of the U. S. Constitution, because the matter of regulating admissions to State court

The commission appointed to investigat the management of the New York post office eral Devens, arrived in New York from Wash. | reports that the force of employes cannot be ington last Friday, and in the evening the reduced without injury to public boones President was given a grand reception by the | and compliments postmaster dames on his of

> ANOTHER BOY MURRELLE - A SECOND JOHN nin, aged 6, and her little brother John, Lenox street, they were met by Henry Hick-Mary replied "I guess you won't shoot m or my little brother either." Upon this young Hickey pelled out a revolver and took aim at the little boy, and as he moved to go down stairs shot him in the head. The child only lived an hour. Hickey immediately fied any was not arrested until Monday of this week, when he was found by an officer on Tremoni street, meditating as to whether he would so render himself to justice or hide again. It scotts that he had been in a Catholic Chariable Institution in the city since the commision of his crime, having deceived the others

of that institution as to his name. On co feesing to the priest on Monday he was advised to give himself up to the officers. The boy now declares that the shooting was accdental and that he had forgotten that the pistol was loaded when he aimed at the Cronn boy. It is probable, however, that it is only another case showing the effects of dime novel

day. I heard a good story of Conking, whose magnificent mannersms and stately decoru-are matters of national note. A friend wi-knows him intunately asserts that his pun-tilizes depertment is not a garment donne for the public gaze, but that it is a part ar selection communication. "All and you der my breakfast to he ready this morn as I directed your?" Poor Mr. . mindfe n sued by one of its Pennsylvania creditors. my breaktast prepared for no. see that

> broad shoulders, the long body always polering at its time- are all well known. There an be no question of Conking's ability, but is is an entirely different type of man from fordon of South Carolina. The latter is Gordon of South Carolina warm-hearted, impulsive, generous, charitable and manly. The former is cold, calculating, politic, implicable and also manly, but with a manhood subservient to his politics and his ambitions. One has the hot blood of

The January number of the Galaxy was the | better county facilities than we now have, inthat every town shall be asked to vote square- last, Messrs. II. O. Houghton & Co. insving | gether with the railrand which we tidak Windly on the question of transferring its proposed | purchased the good will and the subscription list, the magazine will hereafter be merged | hereafter to speak of your projected railroad

Letter from 6-co. E. Mansfield, Manager. OFFICE B. & B. KARIBOAD CO. BEDTORD, Main., Dec. 24, 1977.

Hon. R. D. Horris, Brattlebore, Vt. My Ikar Ser. -1 have read your letter of the 5th test, published in the Brattlebero pohopeful indications is the communication, or pers, describing our limit railroad and its workings, with namely interest. If I had the | Jones T. Barkers. time I should be glind by way of further | Baran Warinton explanations, to go fully into details, but the large pile of unanswered latters before no from all parts of the country, asking for toformation about this new departure in pail roading, forbids. So I must content myself with simply saying that all timetatements contained in your latter as to the construction road are correct in every nameniar, as I am prepared to prove to any one who will comhere and see for himself. And I shall be esperially glad to see any parties from good vill doubl I can to make their visit interesting und perions give them a little knowledge tion. I conversed the idea of this kind of road for the benefit of New England towns testion, and thus bring prosperty, took again to their deserted hills and valleys. This is a road to be built on a solid basis for the inter ests of the people, and not of since. I have proved by the Billieries & Belford road the fined any part of the country, and yet be to public of doing all the business that can that a but if any doc let them come and se-

I am, in addition to possenger trains, has stand coal. One has mile to see these little leavy louds from the big cars, whose weight 20,000 co., or so, to feature the far that

I made two round traps with passeons ur to-day, a distance of Ha nation to all the to the, costing about 40 cents; and un or of these trips the pate of speed was thirty mile pint and a helf-of oil and a pound of wash both costing less than 25 octibe. How is this for community: All Fask is, let any who distrimand and a Trongs could be been

GES. E. MASSETT. Minnager B. Ja. & M. Ja.

THE PROPOSED TWO FEET OF U.E. ROLLD

The Question of Town Aid

Mr. Editor - The above impries in end male, has been so frequently made, but, lands loss to the first that I beg spect to mig year. Amoretic

The law authorizes howns and colors on main ecudifions and within certain humaions, to aid, another construction of camy radio ond in this State | said no particular kind | Desky applies as well to the two-fact accept as rang other. Louis decision have settled

2. The vaces of the different towns that ave granted and vary somewhat in form, but | 1 s substantially alike in their legal bearings Take the once of Brattlebono, for example catotal stock of the company . The tip ow the money restilized on the credit of the

scending a staircase in their father's house on I tion of any of the towns that have voted and I all which does um apply as completely to the ey, a lad of between 12 and 14 years old, who I two-feet gauge as to the three-feet or are old. also lived in the house. Hickey said to the er: consequently the binding force of any such grant of aid would not be in the least me paired by the adoption of the two-feet gauge It would still be the same Brattichers as Whitehall railroad company, authorized by isand specified in the votes of the towns will all its corporate rights and powers unchanged This is a fair statement of the legal aspects. be case, so I understand then and in the parama a aim sustained by "course a dearcost

> So much for strict legality. There is, how, ot, in common fairness, he overlooked. In the public discussions of this subject during assessment to the way remember it and distinct stated that no money would be call if for until the whole amount of means aversory to conpiete the road to Whitehall had been secured. and this condition was surbedied in the form of enhanciption that was adopted. The pople unquestionably so understood it. While ity of any aid herotofore voted would not b ndangered by the proposed change of gaugthe whole roud at the outset, it is equallclear, to my mainly that no such aid should t enforced until another fair opportunity has been given to the voters to make known ther wishes, in some proper way, under the diserce conditions now presented. If the people of the West River valley do not want this road. and are not willing and ready to pay for it they should be allowed to say so, and this should end it. If it is a good and designly littig to have, it is good for all, and al thing it ought to be absorbed. The notice triends of this enterprise taxe no desire to force it upon an unwilling public, and ditractly disclarae may purpose to meesas mere legal technicative

Brattleboro, Dec. 24, 1877.

An Appeal from Weston.

To How. H. D. Harris, Bruttle Nor .- We have read your letter published n the Bratileboro papers in relation to you narrow-gauge milroad project. We have its served with picasors and pride your person verance and energy in attempting to get some kind of milroad facilities through the Wes Biver valley. We thought and still think we railroad company (the G. M. N.-G. B. B. but we wish, as you do, if we cannot get what best. We now think a mirrow-games from Brattleboro to Weston is good enough for us and we herein pledge ourselves to do what w can to mitry the project through. We want it districtly understood that you do not have Weston township out in the cold, for we wan ham county our help us to. We want you

from Brattleboro to Weston, on the head Wa-

feer of Blot Blos . If you do we will remain

LEWIS CLAYFOR, N. L. WATTE, D. BRYANT

T. H. HICHARDSON Wir. W. MARKENS HARRY PARE. GRO. W. WILLEY

Januarov, Jowa, Dec. 19, 1827. Tie The Leanund Phone I wonder it old New Hinghard can boust of finer weather than ours. We should should he tempted to cell it springtime it our calcudar did not went December. The first week Nov. 1th sacre is il terms depth of several nuclea, through winer had come in good carned. The two weeks following were Indian Sun-

We have last two tunns show of any ac-

From Lown.

almost equal to the "woney South." In anters we have possed to lowe have been the must on record. Even that turbuned indiing on all the same, and "I wast't in it," ye come one was kind enough to iding a hit of has been This may prove oqually provethe Are think the old Imban's propir - ; committee Feely years ago not a feating Abrilia Alice with the second of Lindbig henters compared note for a few second. Therefore, a

prior of which his rangest from 80 to 30 courts | mg Boaley Resons, and Samuel L. Cleme since the new corp value in which is consid-

Judge Stocks by of Town-bend a cost in a the and was voted in three distinct propositions: I. That the town will not in the corn gauge rairout from Bratichers to Journal day more and it will be closed and like it in Bratichers to Whitehald rair out of the Bratichers to Superior and the superior of the Bratichers to Superior and the superior of the superior he \$20,688, in the form of a subscription to the finite eventy, and yet an effective shock upon capital stock of the company. The the Alien county movement frage Suc-commissioners cheeff were arithmized to Low I dard is one of the Sould men, of and Wand

To the qualities of a detailer, Edmondouble-

VERMONT IXEMS.

day and Friday, January in 10 and 11

- Winds John McVes of Sharon was taking

-Mr. Harrison B. Howard, who resemb died in Fairfay, left a was begoesting all his property, amounting to S6,000, to the Sint-of Vermani, in trust, for the exection of an The will provides that if the Shite should no accept the bequest and appears treaters, the the entire sum is to go to the Burkington Home for Destitute Children, the means on

-Fred Frest, of Northfield, tried to perform a trick recently, which he had morres-fully practiced a number of those of scoking its gan and striking the hammer on the cap without exploding at Forling sure of successthis occasion, he placed the hough in h mouth and cocking the grin will his feet snapped the hammer on the cap. The gri was discharged and the contents passed through his head, killing lain instantly. H

lases : Townshend, Felchville, Middlebury, too, North Tunbridge, West Concord, East Hardwick, Johnson, Albany, Marshfield. Other places will seem be selected and the HUMBY M. SHIDA, Secretary.

Board of Agriculture.

Letter from Boston

Heston, Dec. 18, 1877.
There was a double birthday colebration of the Brunswick last night. New England heat loved poet, our own dear Whittier, ha completed his seventieth year, and the "At " New England's Inverse magnet with which Mr. Whittier has always been a ment, reached its twentistic year the same div. It was consequently, peculiarly fitting that Mesers. H. O. Houghton & Co., the preent publishers of the magazine, should make food in honor of the day, to which M Whittier was failden in the chief guest, wi about fifty other choice curits, to do him th It was a royal occasion, and one who will be long remembered by those who we groods. Why I I would have been harpy in I been religiated to the logistomest core could I have had a pas like that to have pick and the pinner out of Jack Herrice wood tion and exaltation. What zentier if I we year away from the table, set cent answer to slandows, I would yet have tent the perfu ment and no very cold scatter. The past of the flowers, the sight of the fave and the countries of the source. I was denied by some but some one has brought the spirit of the o custon to me, sharding in the gloom and ti chill of the outside; given use a gimpss of th

thory McQuirk this morning than I did has

Arceliness 2003, 12 3t was at second land Entry a table errormed with groots like - Just names most revered in American liter among a quariette whose equal to rarely se-Higginson, Crancis the artist, pret and pr insepley- and Charles Elliot Ketten, whi much continue of compute critical of co last beat Being a Boy," distinctly pro-John Boyle O'houry, the facts seeing frie have you for himself a proud place by letwheel was the leading topo last winter. The rare, H. E. Scottler, the lander of the charunder which formal appointment the imper ered to be a fair price. Trule has been live of the world want transplate the prince work plenty and wages good. A good good follows Mark Twins. Do you think med to fee for the fature of our national l of these who are passing away! Holman ha is poem in which he paid the loveless transp

Mines some collections of verse through our menu.
Whose heart-throne of verse through our menu.

Like a toyale from the word, his a vecto from the Northink water were of a service that ange

Lettern leve us a inneitre? I we want time on warth-This is refreshing after all the twiddle the trabile has been treated to lately on this san Mark Twan made wfamy speech that I want is inclinitistible in the drolling and not latest effort is always the ment when soul. With sentiment and immor the exming possed, and I am sure Mr. Wintner wi

sensit has nevertestic birthday as not the least

the past two works, our winners of lower the bester work with a white-impered than town, and give the fown's bedde to replay one matter with and the remaining remarkable for the sum or between each coar antil. The is the most amone remained are sent of the sum or between each coar antil. The is the most amone remained are sent or at 1 them. The Chi South is safe; the win Characteron vary of that They have went day of judgment. But has six introgressions to the monograms possible. The case throughout regions under the Secant Commissional regions who shall enter the boundary wastern the second and I should read and the commission of the have interminely enused. The Oid Sout fund one gamed, but it has been at the in pense of mon who had looked forward to th indicas segum to retrieve the fortunes of a deal r of any account, in Boston who is n Harlan, the new Justice of the U.S. Sci., thousands of dollars, power for this faclittle more than keep themselves on their feet they laid counted on the holiday grain to go ine toward his nose, project in the middle by a them a new impetus. This fair was project a deep crack of a wrinkle. His nose is straight. They were all expected to contribute to its they were all expected to contribute to it an did so most generously , then the very people Manney there, we they were double powers. there pm3 that enabesimen for the cause the its advocates think if the daily of every on-

> lips during the past week Now don't think i am lacking in patriot or that I have no veneration for the old inn South distroyed, but there are so many in and women of fortune who might come t tan merchants of the car

The Museum and Globe are following English fashiop in giving we something jolly and be treated to Opera Bouffo and buriesque in stead of pantomins. At the Museum the Christmas bill consets of "Beauty and the local designs has been, on the whole, a satisombination of "Dora" and "Black-eved Su-on," which attracted so many thousands of blighted persons to Selwyn's during the first

hant is to be produced with Eliza Wetherby principal actors, who are all great favorities. manuferment. No one has ever labored more caractery to please the public than has Mr. Stetson. He has made the Girle very at tractive, tringing the best actors and fines: ombinations and sparing no expense in pai my the plays on the stage. I think all the neutregreets owe him a large debt of grati-

The most charming trio of juvenile books are issued for the bulidays by Lockwood & Brooks. It includes "All Around a Palette by Lizzle W. Champany with limstrations by "Champ." 'Life at the Cedars" by Ellis Grey. and "Real Boys and Girls" by Mary C. Bart. Winter meetings of the Vermont Beard of lett. Mrs. Champney's book while most engriculture are planned for the following nertaining, is also instructive and lays a foundation. Townshend, Felchville, Middlebury, dation for future art culture, which is now distinct the first of the contract of the contr considered so necessary a part of a liberal edread, they are so pure and elevated in tone and so sweetly child-like withou

SALLIE JOY WHITE.

Local Intelligence.

-Five persons united with the Methodist

turch last Sunday morning Amount festival of the ladies of the Methdist security at the town hall, next Wednes. | gine her

alist church will take place on Thursday eveing of next week.

granch store at Bellows Falls, which is in harge of Mr. Churles Retting

Sunday evening. Bubject, "The great Cheta-

le which Every Man meets own hall at a recent entertainment can recov-

There is a general movement among all

he benefit of all those who were able to ut. | homschold offects belonging to Mr. Evans could surely as gentlesering Liferent plate which have been presented for | insured for about \$100 with Joine & Shermar

er alarm of any kind We hear it authoritatively stated that the "a Keens agent machine shop, brick block, etc., belonging to —A general feeling of righteous indignation the estate of the loss Ferdinand Tyler, will | was aroused on Main street, on Wednesday multivery be sold in the course or another

umlay, the Congressitional subsit was filled Rev. Mr. Burchard of the Baptist church and Mr. Burchard's publit was supplied by Rev. C. A. Votey of West Brattleboro.

in learner and the officers of the reports lut, Mrs. Molloy's temperates lectures, anunced for Wednesday and Thursday eve mes of this week, are indefinitely postponed. Her Dr Waiker's emergement with the

bject. The Atonement Unitarian and

-An anexperted but, to the recipient, very rescours fruit of the Christmas tree at the happat vestry on Monthly evening was a full | village of Brattleberet of Jameson's Ovckepenia, which a few of Mr. Burchard's parishioners had thoughtfully or kied as a present to him on the occasion.

Mr. D. ketmard, the well-known job tinter, and his wife, were surprised at the stalence. Christians eve. by a company com-

token of their lags: regard and good wishes. to hold het week, the following afficers re-circles: President, O. B. Post, vicemunicipal treasurer, L. H. Van Doors ortor, S. H. Suerman : trustees, J. J. Es-

p. E. G. Warren, L. H. Dearborn : audmer A. Obene -In companies with the almost unar is judges of the Suprome Court assurand t smenty, have ordered the cases for trial The term begins Feb. 11th, It all can be obtained for a court room, some easonable arrangement being made with the

TO KEED GHY 7, or in 57 seconds better time downed time was it minutes, and her sycractrans land seven mitrates of time to spare | yet in upon any particular person

iose she was apparently but little exhausted A grand Christman entermment is an example of the beginning to be given at the town half next coming by one hundred members of Nello C. Wisson. Monrae evening by one hundred members of energial out on the occasion, and your must of our best Bruttleboro talent will happy and the rough piaces in the path of same for children

-Very many Brattleboro poonly will be giad to learn that Mr. Dorman 31. Enton of New York line recently purchased the estate

a mild but bracing air with the merest suggesdue, dreamy haze, and in all the surrounding | loft were also decked with green. The me greet cheer and hopefulness—each was the | Christmas morning was as follows conderfully heautiful Christmas morning and Christmas day in this year of grace 1871. Organ-Offertairs, in D miner.
Let us every one make a note of it, for we Opening Brans-D came upon might air. Tune of Athers may hardly hope to again see its like in our | car rigarous New England climate - The celebration of the Christmas festival

has never been more generally and heartily observed by our people town in that which | Organ-Preside, key of F ... local desicrs has been, on the whole, a satis-This factory one, although the gross amount of gentler, goods sold has not been so large as in many of Si former years. It is pleasant to know that the Organ—Posthale, key of F. was literally pucked with eager buyers.

strife among the different tire companies at new chief engineer promised to the company fire under his administration. As elsewhere stated the new steamer company came in ahead and carried off the honors of the occasion, although all the companies showed themseives thoroughly wide awake. The new boys' company exhibited an admirable spirit of en. | also served on the occasion. ergy and determination, and had it not been that they found their section hose too short to reach the water in the brook the first time | ten hall on Monday evening. The exercises

is a gratification to our people, and adds not a little to the general feeling of security in case of fire, to see the new steamer showing itself so efficient and reliable an adjunct of forms us that the gange showed 35 pounds of steam pressure before the machine left the cunea Monday night.

house standing just west of the Branishors House, pear C. L. Piper's store and dwelling Retting & Son have recently opened a An alarm was given which brought the department promptly out, and in a commenda bly short stace of time the village steamer - Lecture in the Universalist church next | lead a stream on the building, the hand may chines following suit in rapid succession. But little trouble was found in putting out the fire. - The person who left an umbreila in the | although the flames having secured a hold is tween the shouthing in the clamber ceiling the artists by calling at S. N. Herrick's ot. | and the rathers, showed a disposition to repentedly break out in the roof. The house was occupied by N. J. Evans, who had gone he banks of this village to keep open during that night, with his family, to attend a Christ oon time, and close at 5 r. m., to take effect mas party at West Dummerston. On going away a scood fire was left in the sitting even store, and the fire enight where the pipe of Christines dimer on Tuesday, and in the from this stove passed through the chamber coming a sociable was held in the chaptel for floor to reach the chimney. The goods and were removed from the house by members of The selectmen are considering several the hook and ladder company. They were the purpose of securing additional means of The house, which belongs to Mrs. Eller errors from the town hall, in case of a pune. Doyle, of Kesns, N. H., is insured in the Kes Hampshire Fire Insurance Company through

- A general feeling of righteous indignatio morning, when the fact became known that the large and venerable oak tree standing just school grounds, had that morning been cit down without leave or Leener from any aushown the tree on his own responsibility says. that it was given to him lifteen years ago by understand, is the only claim which he is abl to make to the tree, an hundred times whose value for arewood would not have purchased mas Carol by Col. L. K. Puller, singing by a in or the right to remove it, from any resident on the street. The tree was an old to of the present year, and we learn that growth cak, in a thritty condition, and un- well rendered. Santa Claus appeared in perwing to the condition of the health of his doubtedly spring up in the piace where it son, and to young and of nurrly, Dr. Walker refuses to renew or pro- stood years before any man now living was one of genuine enjoyment born. Its ion is one which cannot be mad The last of Rev. Dr. Walker's extinculaton | good in this generation, and its unwarrantes and topos will be preached Sunias etc. and needless destruction seems like little less ing at the characteristic Congregational characteristic of pure vandalism. The provisions of the Vermont law upon the subject of the unauthorised removal or minry of any public shade or organicutal tree are very stringent and clearly defined. It is getting to be about time that they were enforced in this -Mours, Thorn & Sons, druggists, receiv-

on that day to procure goods from a wellknown drug house in that city by some unsed of fellow-members of the craft, who pours that on Measley afternoon a young man greater inducements to the business men than Potter, Boston, and ordered goods to the Lutines extract, collision combs, etc., and, saying that he was one of Mr. Thorn's sons of | was where she had me," which was well decharged to I. N. Thorn & Sons. In going to Mrs. C. D. Coan and Mrs. O. M. Jones. by make the order and up the clerk passed Mr. request, repeated the reading of the paper suspicions were at once aroused, from the Dec. 5th. The question for next meeting is, fact that Mr. Thern does not pay retail prices quantities. The clerk was accordingly inbe customer before the goods were delivered When told of Mr. Potter's decision the young man became very angry, and, saying that he would produce a voucher in a very short time. left the store and his not since keen seen. A of time; and the old horse might have lasted distratch was immediately sent to Brattlebon -Mass La France was successful in her at. asking Mr. There if one of his wors, or any 1 go the way of all horsefiesh. His life was other person authorized to buy goods in the sumfed out from the effects of a shot. Was and on Wednesday. Her quickest mile was | Erm's name, was in Boston, to which a nega- he not the oldest horse in Vermont? tive reply was sent. It is evident that the has her fastest mile in Brattlebore her would-be swindler is somewhat acquainted winter term under the instruction of the town with Thorn & Sons' business and that he superintendent The fall term of district No. was in [1]. Thirty-two minutes only knows where the firm is in the habit of boy- 2 was taught by Jeanne E. Archur. Anna F. sero taken for rest, and at the end Mass Le | my goods in Boston, but suspicion does not | Houghton teaches in No. 3, and she taught

-The following is the list of letters remaining at the post office in this village, Dec. 27-

Gents-Gen. Arnold, Herbert W. Axtell. The Kingsiem of Mother Goose, and Charles Clement, John H. Davis, E. Elling-The Auction cale of Children, will be wood, Alvin Gates P. M. Helland, C. P. Nach, Ira M. White.

life made smooth by presents bought at Chen sy & Clapp's, and the firm would probably my that time and opportunity still remain for

CHRISTMAN IN THE CHURCHES

ust this side of West giver bridge, known as - The Carastmas festival received appropri he "Pettes farm," and lately owned by Mr. | ato recognition in all the village churches and George Foisons of New York, with a view to Sunday schools. St. Michael's Episcopal to occupation in future as a permanent sum- church presented a beautiful appearance with mer residence for himself and wafe. Mr. and its tasteful evergrecu decerations. At the Mrs. Enton have made many scarm friends in service of Evensong on Christians Eye the Brattlebors during the past two smamers who chancel was handsomely lighted with a doub will cordially welcome them to our list of es- | is row of was candles bung in an evergreen tecaned and valued summer neighbors and chandelier, while overhead and at the sides ropes of laurel and running evergreen hung -A clear, simp, frosty October morning, in graceful festoons mingled with various apa bright, unclouded sun throughout the day. | propriate devices wrought in evergreen. On tion of a gentle breeze from the north, on the green wreaths and crosses, and the pillarsentilern hills in the far-away distance, a through the body of the church, and the organ atmosphere a genuine Christmas influence of | performed by the choir on Christmas Eve and CHRIDITAGAN EVE.

beautiful custom of Christmas gift-giving to St. Michael's Roman Catholic church was friends and relatives is coming every year to also gayly decked for the joyous festival. At lings are held on Thursday evenings and "we he more and more universally observed. The ecicliration of the usual midnight Christ. have very good mostlings," says Mr. Pratt. oms' by J. Cheever Goodwin and John Bra. Although not so many expensive gifts have mass mass, a brilliant error of gas jets hong. They now have chimneys in the house which man is to be produced with Eliza Wetherby been bought this year, a far larger number of above the altar, and the altar itself was bright. The sgent has built, for the first time during smaller, though none the less welcome and with uspers and beautiful flowers and flowertion, both on account of the authors and the expressive tokens of love and affection have ing plants. The sanctuary was also decarated improvement has been made within a year been bought by a greater number of people | with trees and festoons of evergreen, and ropes | They now have five comfortable dwellings. and because it will be brought out in the perfect manner which characterizes everything
which is produced under Mr. John Stetson's
than ever before. Saturday's trade was a and wreaths of green using between the supporting pillars which run through the body
house, carpenter's shop, blacksmith's shop
that years also an of day, when, from morning till late in the eve- of the chorch on either side. The choir per- saw and grist nill, and two barns; also an of ming nearly every tradesman's place in town formed Concone's mass, and at the close of fice for the agent. The whole makes quite a Rev. Mr. Lane's sermon carols were sung be -There was lively, though good-natured | fore the alter by 25 little girls dressed in white On Christmas morning low mass was cele-Monday night's fire to see who should put brated at 8 o'clock; at the grand high mathe first stream on the burning building, and | at 10:30 the choir again sung Concone's masthus secure the twenty-five dollars which the and Mr. Lane preached a sermon. At Vos pers on Christmus evening the sermon wa which should get the first stream on the first | preached by Rev. Mr. Callahan of Walpole,

The children of the Bantist Sunday school. celebrated Christmas Eve with the distribution of presents from a Christmas tree at the smithing. church vestry, and suitable refreshments were

The Unitarian Sunday school held their annual Christmas entertainment at Kindergarfirst stream and secured the coveted prize. It | there was singing by the children, and a little

play, "The Minstrel's Carol," linestrating the scautiful lessons of the Christmas festival was brought out by mambers of the school-A early by the children followed, and so the the fire department. One of its engineers in- last notes of the closing hymn died areas Santa Claus, with fur robes and bella descended through the chuntery in orthodox feshion by evening —On Monday night, about a quarter past id the way to the brilliantly lighted Christ.

—The annual regulator pews in the Univer.

—On Monday night, about a quarter past id the way to the brilliantly lighted Christ. early honor with the serving of plain and sim-

ple refreshment The Centre Congregational Sanday school held a Christmas concert on Sunday evening which was well attended and seemed to c reed in interest provious occasions of the kind. Two large evergreen trees on the polpit platform improved the motto in letters of old, "The Lard is come." of the exercise was the amping of curols by were brought out to good advantage under Miss Sprague's careful drill. The chants and responses by the choir also added touch to the general improveryease with which the thousand

chool also gave a Christmas exercise consic ing of Scripfure recitations, anging by the hildren and the reading of poetical selections united to the opposite

West Bruttlebero.

Hall, last Friday evening, by the Ladius' Enerprise Society, was a success in every partic lar. The evening was pleasant; the room was filled with persons of almost every agthe refreshments were excellent in quality demidant in quantity, and well served; the music was highly satisfactory; the play, "No Cure, No Pay," and the tablence, were well executed; and last, but not least, the receipts amounted to the prictly little sum of ninety

-The Baptist Sunday school had a Christmas tree Wednesday evening, 20th. The church was crowded. The exercises included tise resaling of a portion of Dickens's Christlocal quartetts, a charming dust by the little Misses Miller, and numerous recitations, all son, and to young and old the occasion was

-The "Union Lyceum Club" met at the schoolpous. Thursday evening, Dec. 20th, and chos the following officers for the next four weeks: President, Wm. Yeaw; Vice Presi dent, J. J. Worden: Secretary, Herbert M. Adams: Treasurer, J. W. Brown. The queetion. "Resolved, that Agriculture is the surest road to wealth." was discussed with vigor and decided in the negative, after which ed information from Boston on Monday, by Meson. Hale and Jones favored the company telegraph, of a bold attempt, which was made, with declarations. Voted to bold the next meeting in the vestry at East Dover. Monday evening, bec. 24th, at half-past are o'cook, known person who represented himself as The club accordingly met at that time and ens of the "sees" of their firm. From intel- place, when the following question was deligence received a day later by letter it appropriate the following special and the west holds out

guested : "Resolved. That the West holds out appeared at the retail counter of Weeks & the Eastern and Middle States. After a decussion of two hours the board of decision deamount of about \$20, including morphibe, eided it in the negative. Percy Jones favored Brattleboro, requested that the goods be livered, and it fairly brought the house down, Potter and showed it to him. Mr. Potter's which they edited and read at the lycerm "Resolved, that imaginary evils are greater for goods and does not buy in such small than real ones." Adjourned to meet at the

If years. His hair, once durk, had been grey. His master had owned him all this length a little longer, but it was evident he must seen

-Instrict No. 1 has 32 scholars for the the fall school in No. 5 Elia L. Bennett hamswille, in No. 6, Lucy M. Wakefield in No. 8. A templet has been energed for No. I West, but the school is not in session at the time of this writing. L. Arabell Einer teaches in No. 5. Eva J. Miller in No. 5. Lizzie B. Chamberin of Brattieboro began the school in No. 4. Nov. 5th, was taken sick about threweeks afterward, and died of fever Dec. oth.

ber school, Nov. 20th -The Indian agent B. M. Pratt, at Red Lake, Minn., writes in a letter dated Dec. 11. to relatives in Dummerston, quite encoura ingly of the work at his agency. He says that the school is the principal object of interes that now. There are 20 punils in the board ing hall. The school has not been in operation long, and aircuit there is a marked inprovement in the looks and actions of the people, and especially the girls, the oldest of whom is sixteen years and the youngest six or seven. They have all been dressed like white

She was in good health at the time we vanted

giris, wearing hats, etc. They attend church and behave as well as white children. Tember less some white children might profit by their example. These girls have learned to sing mirely, and it is to be hoped will soon be quite a help in singing at the meetings. They are very willing to work, and Mrs. Baneroft, the matron, makes good use of their services. They are all the help she has had until recenty, when an assistant matron was engaged to assist Mrs. Bancroft. There is much sewing to do for this large family. Very tew of the pupils bring anything with them suitable to keep and wear. They are learning to read and write, and one of the boys has already learned the multiplication table thoroughly "so we feel," says the agent, "that we could prove to any candid mind that it is possible to do something with the Indian children in the way of education." He has never seen things. look so favorable as now for some permanent good to be done. Religious services are held Sunday movinings in the Olibwa haggings, a union Sabbath school in the afternoon, and a sermon is read in the evening. Prayer meet his four years' residence at Red Lake. Much little vilings peopled with sixteen white folks-The reservation contains about twelve butdred Indiana

Jacksonville.

- For several days past sap has freely run. and striped squirrels have been out merry as in autum - Stephen Roberts has recently removed

from East Dover to this place and is in the employ of C. C. Johnson, working at black

versalist church on the evening of the 25th inst. The attendance was yery large, the exercises unusually interesting; the usual free were adorned with a rich variety of choice avtrying, they would probably have thrown the opened with a piano overture, after which ticks which were distributed to the satisfation of all, especially the little folia-