

BELLOWS FALLS NEWS.

Miss Robbins of Rutland is the guest of Mrs. L. S. Hayes.

Mrs. Edward Osgood has been spending this week in Boston.

Mr. Bartholomew, the artist, well known here, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Frances Osgood is home from Boston for a few days' vacation.

The death of a sister of F. G. Pierce called him to Peterboro last week.

Mrs. O. W. Phelps of Warren, Mass., was in town a part of last Saturday.

Mrs. James H. Phelps spent Sunday and Monday with friends in Brattleboro.

Mrs. Gates-Hadley has taken the agency for the Gale Floral company of Springfield, Mass.

George F. Evans has begun his annual delivery of Minard's pond ice to his customers.

N. G. Williams and P. L. Kimball were registered at the Cheshire House at Keene Monday.

Mrs. W. N. Wilbur has filed with the probate court the will of her late husband, naming her as his executrix.

H. A. Phelps was at White River Junction two or three days this week appraising damages to store buildings burned last week at Otis Falls.

Fast day is observed quite generally here today, many of the stores being closed. This evening there are to be union services at the Baptist church.

A reception is to be given by the Bellows Falls club next Monday evening at Towns hotel. It is expected that Gov. and Mrs. Fuller will be present.

H. C. Buxton went to West Chesterfield Monday to set in operation a creamery which the Vermont Farm machine company have been fitting up there.

Joseph Parker's house near the Catholic cemetery is nearly ready for occupancy by him. G. H. Allie's new house opposite A. H. Fisher's is being plastered.

The roads in all this vicinity are becoming settled and bicycles are being used more than any year before. A large number of new riders are seen this season.

Mrs. M. E. Dow spent last Sunday in Brattleboro with the family of Rev. A. J. Hough. Miss Mary Hough accompanied her on her return for a visit of a few days here.

Mr. and Mrs. West have left the tenement occupied by them during the last year in Mrs. Aaron Arms' house, and are boarding with Geo. K. Russell, Mrs. West's father.

Rev. Mr. Jewell of Wilmington, Del., will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday, and Rev. James F. Abbot of Fitchburg will occupy the desk of the Universalist church.

It is understood that J. O. Smith of Keene, N. H., has been appointed agent for the Singer Manufacturing company, covering quite an extensive territory, with headquarters at Bellows Falls.

Union Fast day services will be held at the Baptist church, beginning at 7 o'clock. A noon-day prayer-meeting is to be held by the young people of the several churches in the vestry of the Congregational church.

The old parochial dwelling bought by Barney Cannon and moved on to his lot back of Cherry street, is being finished up into a neat tenement. He has four carpenters at work under charge of H. A. Phelps.

Rev. Mr. Diverty of the Methodist church has moved this week back to his old conference territory in New Jersey, in which it is understood he will remain permanently, taking a regular appointment for the next year.

Our citizens were saddened by the unexpected news of the death of Rev. W. N. Wilbur at Saxtons River, who for many years has been highly esteemed by all who knew him. He is of the class our town can ill afford to spare.

L. T. Lovell, 2d, has had a large amount of lumber drawn to the steam mill lot at the north end of Green street to be used in the erection of a large barn at the place occupied by his son Lewis on Atkinson street. Work is already begun upon it.

The quarterly meeting of the town Sunday school association, postponed on account of the Neal Dow anniversary, is to be held in the Baptist church at Saxtons River next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

The Christian Endeavor societies of the Baptist and Congregational churches and the Epworth league of the Methodist church hold a union meeting at the Congregational church next Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. The evening service is to be used; theme, "The new era."

Another fire alarm was rung in from box 32 about half-past eleven Saturday night, caused by the debris of the old stock house on the island blazing up again, it not having been fully extinguished since the fire of just a week previous. A line of hose which had been kept on the spot put out the fire before the arrival of the department.

The old Wentworth house at the corner of Green and School streets has been remodeled into four small tenements, only one or two of which are yet occupied. This is the old residence for so many years occupied by Col. Wentworth, and his old friends, to whom associations have endeared it, dislike to see it put to use so plebeian.

Mrs. George Bacon left here last week Thursday for Albuquerque, N. M., for a stay of six months, or perhaps a year, with the family of Rev. N. W. Alger, formerly pastor of the Baptist church here. Mrs. Bacon's health is giving her friends much anxiety, and the separation from her family is with the hope that the climate may benefit her. She was accompanied as far as White River Junction by her husband and to Chicago by her mother.

A large audience greeted George Riddle and the Boston Philharmonic Sextet club at the opera house last Friday evening. This last number of our lecture course was surely equal in interest to any preceding number. The reading of "Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'" by Mr. Riddle, was listened to with the utmost attention. His utter abandonment of self in portraying so naturally the characters of the play was the key to his justly earned success. His support, the Sextet club, added much to the effectiveness of the readings.

The trustees of the library held their annual meeting Monday, when A. N. Swain was re-elected vice president. Dr. J. S. Hill was chosen secretary. A. N. Swain, Dr. D. H. Ryder, Dr. E. H. Pettengill, book committee, and Miss Nellie Adams, librarian. Resolutions were passed upon the death of M. W. Davis, who was a member of the board. A file of the Bellows Falls Intelligencer from 1817 to 1821 has been presented to the library by J. H. Putnam. Mrs. M. W. Davis has presented some beautiful books from the library of her late husband, and L. P. Moody a medal in memory of the death of Abraham Lincoln.

Among the spring moving of families occurring April 1 are: Fred Hopkins from the Lockwood house on the New Terrace to Cold River; W. W. Flanders from the Jennings house on the Whitney house on Saxtons River street; N. H. Pierce to his farm in Cornsboro; Mr. Chandler from John Morley's to the Woolley house on Henry street; Conductor Gray from

Somerville, Mass., to the Butterfield house on Atkinson street; Mr. Gould of Gould & Kildner into the Woolley house on Henry street extension; Rob Merrill from the Blake house on Rockingham street to the Wheeler house; Dr. Ingham into the Blake house, which he has bought and thoroughly repaired. M. M. Whitney has moved to his farm in Acworth for the summer, and M. D. Jackson into the house on Chase Park vacated by A. W. Emerson. Patrick Wolfe and his mother moved into the Nathaniel Munroe residence at North Walpole, recently bought by him. Mr. Spalding has moved into the house vacated by N. H. Pierce on School street.

WESTMINSTER.

Mrs. Alvin Wright is visiting in Greenfield, Mass., this week.

John Lewis moved last week into Mrs. Mary Jennison's house.

Arthur Daseomb returned from Dartmouth college Wednesday.

Dr. C. H. Primole of Chicopee was at H. C. Lane's Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. Smalley has moved on to Alvin Wright's farm, vacated by Geo. Ellison.

Dr. Strickland is to give a lecture at Krum Hattin lodge Sunday, at the usual hour. Subject: "From childhood to old age."

Mrs. W. S. Fenn returned Monday from Boston, where she has been with her little daughter Nellie. She intends to go again soon to have her daughter treated for lameness.

Fast day services are to be held at the town hall at the usual hour. Afterwards the annual business meeting of the Sunday school will be held.

Rev. and Mrs. P. F. Barnard returned to their home here Monday, after a winter spent in Dunsmuir. A niece, Miss Craven, accompanied them.

Dr. J. O. Garmon and wife accompanied their brother, C. M. Garmon, as far as New York on his homeward trip to Hastings, Nebraska, returning Monday.

Miss Kinlock of Beaver Falls, Wis., is visiting at Edw. Willard's. Mr. Willard breaks up housekeeping and goes next week to his uncle's, H. A. Willard's.

John Rice, who has been sawing our wood piles with his machine in company with his brother, met with quite a severe accident one day this week, sawing off one finger at the first joint. Monroe Sleeper, who was employed at F. M. Gilbert's shop, also sliced the flesh off both sides of one finger this week.

Beware of swindlers. Parties appeared on the upper street about the middle of last week selling soap, offering prizes that were immense. The team containing the prizes said followed a day behind, and such a smooth story was told that many believed and invested. But up to date no prizes have materialized.

WESTMINSTER WEST.

Miss C. E. Miller has returned from her visit to Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hall arrived on Saturday evening at the home place, Mr. Hall's health is far from good, and he may remain for the present.

Miss Della Kanne and Alpha Ware went to Melndoes Falls on Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Elmer Bailey, of whose critical condition they had been notified.

The students from Meriden academy, who have spent a vacation of ten days, returned on Tuesday for the spring term. Ned Goodhue's roommate, Nelson O. Bowditch of Malden, Mass., was with him for the vacation.

The drama enacted last week by the dramatic club, passed off in a very creditable manner. There was a good audience in attendance, and every one was well pleased with the performance. The wind-up fund gained upwards of \$21 as the proceeds of the entertainment.

The sugar makers are gaining slowly upon the amount produced. There was a large run last Saturday night and Sunday. An average amount has been made by the producers generally, and it does not seem probable that it will be. The season has been an uncommonly long and scattering one, there having been but two occasions of a great flow of sap, both in the night, since the sugar-making began. Some think the first week of March was the best of the season, but not many were prepared for it so early in the season, so it is not known what it would have proved had farmers been prepared and had their trees tapped.

SAXTONS RIVER.

Charles Blake is at work in Mayo's store. Our college students returned to college on Monday.

The new term at Vermont Academy opened Tuesday morning.

Rev. Mr. Fullerton will occupy the Congregational pulpit Sunday morning by exchange.

Mrs. Frost returned this week from New York with new goods and new styles in the millinery department.

The Rockingham Sunday school association will hold its second meeting at the Baptist church of this place next Sunday evening.

The funeral services of Mr. Wilbur on Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church were largely attended. Gov. Fuller spoke of Mr. Wilbur in his relation to Vermont. A eulogy was read by Rev. Mr. Baldwin sketching vividly his life and services in his 16 years as pastor of the Baptist church. Other brethren also shared in the impressive funeral services. The burial was in the village cemetery.

GRAPTON.

A Demorest medal contest is in preparation.

R. W. Bullard has moved to the Rice farm.

A. G. Rice returned to Pawtucket Thursday last.

Stella Green has left the hotel and is now at her home in Chester.

A meat market is soon to be opened on Main street by S. Hemenway.

Miss Elsie Putnam has returned to her home in Deerfield, Mass., after spending a few weeks with her sister here.

Subscriptions to The Phoenix and payment for renewals may be left at the post-office, where they will receive prompt attention.

John Leland and family are soon to move to Millers Falls, Mass. This means not only the loss of a skilled workman, but a pleasant family socially.

There will be a musical entertainment at the Baptist vestry Tuesday evening, April 10. The program includes duets, solos, quartets and choruses. Cake and ice cream will be served.

Death of Dr. Brown-Segard.

Dr. Charles Edward Brown-Segard, the famous physician, died in Paris Monday, aged 76. Dr. Brown-Segard first came into extended fame by his treatment of Charles Sumner for the injuries inflicted on him by Preston Brooks in the Senate chamber in 1856.

Herbert Newman, a young railroad employee of Windsor, was fatally injured at Claremont Junction Saturday. He attempted to board a moving freight train, but struck the platform in front of the freight house and fell under the cars. Both legs were cut off. He lived only a few hours.

EXTRA.

Saturday Morning, 7 o'clock.

LESLIE SCOTT ARRESTED.

HE HAD FORGED CHECKS FOR \$14,000.

He Attempted to Get Cash on Three of Them at Nashua.

\$700 Was Given Him, and He Was Leaving the City When Arrested--The Nashua Telegraph's Account of the Affair--Scott's Good Record--Theories as to What the Crime Means.

Brattleboro has never received a greater shock of surprise than yesterday afternoon, when rumors began to be circulated that Leslie Scott, teller at the Vermont national bank, was under arrest for forgery in Nashua, N. H.

The first intimation of the trouble came to Mr. Scott's brother, Freeman Scott, from a Nashua attorney. A few minutes later a telegram brought the news to The Phoenix.

Only the most meagre information was known on the streets, but even that caused an unusual sensation. People congregated in little groups and speculated on what they had heard, and advanced their theories. To many it seemed impossible that Scott had committed the crime charged.

The Phoenix at once began using the wires between Brattleboro and Nashua, and in the evening received by a special despatch the following, which appeared in the Nashua Evening Telegraph:

Nashua Telegraph's Account.

A Bold Game Nipped in the Bud by the Nashua Police.

A Forger Passed a Check for \$710 on the Second National Bank.

He had Forged Checks for over \$14,000 on His Person.

He is a Bank Clerk in Brattleboro, Vt., also a Clerk of the Church.

The biggest capture that the Nashua police have had for years was accomplished this afternoon. A cool looking young man was leaving this city for the north at Concord Junction when Deputy Marshal W. W. Wheeler caught him, and thereby hangs a tale of a fall that will startle Vermont.

A young man 31 years old struck Nashua this morning and tried to cash a check for \$1945.04 at the Nashua Trust Company. He asked to have \$1500 of it put on deposit and to receive the balance in cash. Treasurer Bobbin did not "see it," although the check was a finely made one, and apparently all right.

It was signed by J. E. McFarlane, president of the bank on which the check was made out, and was properly endorsed.

The young man also tried to cash a large check in a similar manner at the Security Trust company's, but met with the same reception there. At the Second national bank he met with such success that he will probably land in state prison.

There he presented a check for \$3739.05 made out by the First National bank of Dubuque, Iowa, on the New York national bank, payable to Frank Harrison and properly endorsed. He asked the same as at the other banks--to have \$700 cash and the rest on deposit. He was paid the \$700 and a deposit book was made out and given him.

Soon after he departed the cashier telephoned the particulars to the city marshal and said he feared all was not right.

Deputy Marshal Wheeler and Cashier Eaton went to the Concord Junction, and other bank officials and policemen to railroad square and to the depot.

It was a wise move, and on it rests the capture. As the conductor of the outgoing train for the north called "all aboard" a little well dressed man dodged out from behind a corner, and ran rapidly to the receding car. That was the man.

Officer Wheeler caught him, and soon he was landed in the police station. Here he gave the name of Frank Harrison. On his person were found checks for \$1945.17, \$1976.32, \$1305.95, \$2497.44, all elegantly made. He had three railroad mileages on his person, and papers of a creamery association which showed him to be from Brattleboro, Vt.

He gave the name of Frank Harrison. He had on a new suit of clothes and a new overcoat. When his clothing was examined it was found that they were all made by one firm in Brattleboro, Vt.

"You came from Brattleboro," said the marshal.

"Yes," said the man, with his face like a sheet.

"What is your real name," demanded the marshal.

"Leslie Scott, teller in the Vermont National bank of Brattleboro." He said he had been in the bank nine years, and was 31 years old. He then went on and told his story of how he was badly in debt. He had bought heavily of the New Hampshire Trust company's stock, when the securities were sold a few years ago, and had lost heavily by it.

The checks were all of paper issued by a lithograph company of Buffalo, N. Y. He is a fine penman and therefore could do a good job, besides knowing the names of the bank officials. He utterly broke down and looked ready to faint. It was evidently his first job of this kind.

The prisoner was taken to Clinton's photograph gallery by the marshal and photographed.

Home Facts and Theories.

In addition to the above, the Telegraph printed an interview with D. N. Bartlett, now general secretary of the Nashua Y.

M. C. A., but formerly a well-known Brattleboro man. In this interview Mr. Bartlett spoke of the high standing of Mr. Scott and of the confidence which he had always enjoyed in Brattleboro, saying substantially what any Brattleboro business man would have done had he been asked for an opinion concerning Scott.

It is understood that the statement which Scott made at the office of the trust company was that he wished to buy a barber shop. He presented a check for \$1900, saying that he wanted \$300 in cash and would leave the rest on deposit.

Scott left Brattleboro on the 5:31 train Friday morning. He said he was going to Springfield, Mass., explained his proposed business there, and urged his wife to make the trip with him. He left the train at Greenfield and went to Nashua via the Fitchburg road.

To none outside his family has the blow come with such force as Mr. Scott's associates in the bank. When the first despatches came they declared that there must be a mistake, and even when the full statements were received at The Phoenix office they were hardly convinced.

Mr. Scott's term of service in the Vermont national bank began nine years ago. After serving a comparatively short time as bookkeeper he was promoted to the teller's position, and at the time Mr. Dowley was advanced from cashier to president, and Mr. Averill became cashier.

In all his relations with the bank Mr. Scott has always been a model official, working diligently, and never showing a trait that had the semblance of dishonesty.

He has been generally regarded as a young man of ability, and outside the bank has served in positions of responsibility. He was for a term of years clerk of the Universalist society. At the present time he is the treasurer of the Creamery association, while he has been treasurer of the Vermont Wheel club from the date of its organization over eight years ago.

While everyone has been struck with a feeling of surprise on hearing of the proceedings at Nashua, there comes a still greater feeling of sorrow, not only for the young man, but for those closely connected with him--his elderly father and mother, than whom no people in Brattleboro have ever been more highly esteemed; his brother and sister, and his wife and her family, all of whom stand on the same footing as his family.

Mr. Scott's friends say that the story in the Telegraph in regard to his investments in the New Hampshire Trust company cannot be correct, and that his holdings of the company's stock did not exceed \$500. They are not aware that Scott had engaged in speculation, but it is not improbable that the fact will be developed that speculation was the cause of the young man's downfall. He is known to have held property on which he could quickly realize from \$2000 to \$2500.

Had Mr. Scott wished to use money belonging to the Creamery association or the Wheel club he could have done so, but the balances at the bank are all right.

Scott's habits have always been exemplary, and he has lived modestly, and well within his means. Those who know him most intimately say "He must have been insane." It is evident, however, that the crime was premeditated, as the several checks must have been prepared before Scott left Brattleboro. It would seem that the object must have been to raise money and then leave for parts unknown; or that Scott thought that he could realize a certain amount and then return to Brattleboro, covering his movements so that his crime could not be traced. The fact that he was leaving Nashua for the north would indicate that he did not intend to return to Brattleboro.

The books of the Vermont national bank were carefully examined by the president and cashier last evening, and they are satisfied that his accounts are correct.

The checks which he used were samples from the Buffalo company which had been sent to the bank, and had laid in his desk for a long time. For some reason the company had neglected the usual precaution of marking them "sample."

Dr. James Conant, Mr. Scott's brother, his wife and her father left for Nashua by the early train this morning. Rail would undoubtedly be furnished at the hearing. The case will come before the grand jury in May.

The Phoenix attempted to get an interview with Mr. Scott at Nashua, but his lawyer there evidently did not wish him to talk.

Recollections of Boyhood Life in Brattleboro Fifty Years Ago.

Editor of The Phoenix--Your article on the "old violin maker" and "Brattleboro 50 years ago" remind me very pleasantly of part of my boy life spent in Brattleboro about that time. I well remember the old willow at the foot of Oak Island, used to pull boats up through the "tunnel," as the narrow part of the river was then called; and especially of one boat sunk in the operation, and of seeing Mr. Cune up to his waist in the water assisting in the rescue of some freight he had on board.

The lower end of High street was the little law office of Bradley & Keyes. Over opposite was Postmaster Green in another small building, and at the top of the hill his pretentious house, afterwards owned by Dr. Higginson. Mr. Green brought the first tomatoes to town ever seen or heard of by any one there. They were called "clover apples." On the north side of High street at the top of the hill, was a picnic grove, in which Daniel Webster once made an address from a little platform on which was a ring from my father's house, which from that time had extraordinary value in our eyes.

G. C. Hall's large side yard on Main street was a great meeting place and playground for the boys, where some mischief and lots of fun were planned, and good times had. At the free academy farther up Main street, we had an enthusiastic, loving teacher, Mr. Woolson, who led us easily in all our lessons and exercises. We were taught drawing by Lawyer Bradley, we went on mineralogical and botanical excursions with the principal, we gazed at the stars with the astronomy class. Up on the "common" we played ball in summer and investigated snow-drifts in the winter, boated on the Connecticut, fished in West river, and climbed Chesterfield mountain whenever we could. We always enjoyed going to Lawyer Mead's and Parsons Walker's houses. We liked the boys and their parents, too. Mrs. Walker was a splendid woman. She gave us cookies and apples sometimes. Larkin Mead, Jr., made us funny pictures. Well, well--so many things I think of! They would fill a book. But books are not in my line, nor yours. FRANK VAN DOORN.

Rehoboth, N. Y. April 2, 1894.

MILITARY NOTES.

The Report on the Last Encampment.

Capt. Morris C. Foote of the 9th United States Infantry, who was detailed to the last encampment of the Vermont brigade, at Rutland, has made an extended report. Maj. Foote submits several recommendations. He thinks that the companies of the infantry regiment should be supplied with haversacks similar to those in use in the regular service, that they be provided with field cartridge belts and shelter tents and that a subsistence department be organized. The encampment should be held the longest period allowed by law, eight days. Major Foote approves of the plan of having a permanent camp ground at Fort Ethan Allen. Some system of examination might be established for officers on being commissioned and promoted; this would tend to give a class of officers who would be zealous and ambitious, and keep them up in a knowledge of drill regulations and general duties. As the National Guard is liable to be called upon in case of riots, Maj. Foote recommends that a Hotchkiss or Gatling gun be attached to the infantry regiment. In closing he says: "There is no fear but that the Vermont National Guard will maintain the excellent standard it has held in the past, and continue to improve in the future, so long as it is in the hands of such capable officers and gentlemen as those who now control it."

Estey Guard.

At the regular drill last evening Capt. Estey made the assignments of squads to the corporals, following up the suggestions of Lieut. Harding, U. S. A., given at the officers' school at Burlington. The corporals will have entire charge of the drilling of their squads and be responsible for drill, attendance, etc., and the corporal having the best squad at the end of the year will receive a gold medal, and the second best a silver one.

Capt. Estey has appointed Fred Cressy a corporal.

Capt. T. A. Davis of Co. A, Rutland, has sent in his resignation.

Corporal Will Curser of Company B, St. Albans, has been transferred to Company I.

Dr. Thompson, Dr. Page and James Pullen have been honorary members of the company.

Lieut. B. B. Perkins of St. Albans has sent in his resignation as adjutant of the First Regiment, V. N. G.

WEST BRATTLEBORO.

Will Tarbox has finished work for E. E. Mather and returned to Connecticut.

Mrs. Henry Clisbe is much improved in health from last week.

Road Commissioner Eames is right on hand, putting our streets in good condition, work much appreciated by our townspeople.

E. I. Perry has had the misfortune to cut his foot quite badly with an axe, which will necessitate the use of crutches for some time.

Chas. Barrett has moved from the Baptist parsonage to Mrs. Rockwell's house. Geo. Harris will occupy the parsonage and care for the church.

Friends of Miss Flora LaFrances will be sorry to learn that her health is not much improved. Her father was in town Monday to ship her goods home.

Geo. Wilson has completed his clerkship for M. I. Mather and will return to his home in Canton, N. Y. It is understood that Will Chase of St. Johnsbury, a former clerk, will fill the vacancy.

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