

IN THE LOCAL FIELD.

VERNON.

Death of Lorenzo Brown. Lorenzo Brown, Esq., died Tuesday evening, age 80 years, three months, after an illness since Sept. 19, when he was thrown from a carriage while returning from the funeral of his eldest son, Fred L. Brown, receiving injuries which confined him to his bed and from which he never rallied. Mr. Brown came to Vernon nearly 70 years ago and engaged in teaching school. He soon married Caroline, only child of Alexander Perry, and settled upon a part of the Perry farm and built for himself the commodious and handsome home he has ever since occupied. He was a man of imposing stature and appearance, and of a remarkably strong constitution which enabled him to engage in active labor and business until the accident which caused his death. He attributed his excellent health to result largely from his mode of living and correct habits, always abstaining from the use of alcoholic drinks and tobacco and from excesses of any nature.

He was a lifelong, earnest advocate of temperance, a steadfast member and for many years a deacon of the Congregational church of Northfield. He was a Justice of the Peace from 1839, a period of 57 years, a length of service which we have no other example of in this town. He represented his town in the General Assembly and held many positions of trust and honor. He possessed a genial and social nature, was a fluent conversationalist and speaker in public, a clear and cogent reasoner and debater and his presence and voice will be missed at public gatherings and religious meetings, where he was always active and ready to assist in every good work. His wife died about 16 years ago and he has resided since then with his youngest son. Their family consisted of seven children (two of whom died in early youth) Fred L., late of this town, Eugene H., late of Winchester, J. Alexander and Lowell W. of this town, and Fisher P., of Corry, P. His funeral is to be on Friday, at 1 o'clock, at his late home.

Albyn Stebbins and wife of Fitchburg were at home over Thanksgiving.

Warner W. Burrows and family spent Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. I. J. Burrows.

Elder F. L. Piper of Boston will preach at the chapel next Sunday at 10:30 A. M., and 1:30 P. M.

Ed Marshall had the misfortune to cut his foot badly while at work getting out ties for R. A. Stebbins last Monday.

The youngest child of Freeman Fairman, about one year old, was badly burned about the face and neck on Wednesday, by falling into a kettle of hot lard.

School began on Monday. Miss Altha Bemis of Wardsboro teaches in school No. 2, and Mr. J. C. Fessenden of Brattleboro in No. 7. In the other schools the same teachers continue.

J. O. Frost has an Indian relic, in a perfect state of preservation, a stone mortar 20 inches long and about two inches in diameter, which his workmen pined up a few days ago on his home farm. It was found where an old fence had been removed and the ground had not been broken for many years, if ever.

WARDSBORO.

Miss Clara B. Simpson is quite ill.

Mrs. Lyman May is in falling health.

Miss Altha Bemis is teaching school in Vernon.

Mrs. Chester White is recovering from her recent illness.

Miss Mary Viall has gone to Dover to work for Fred Smith.

Rev. E. H. Bartlett preached an excellent Thanksgiving sermon last Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Simpson, who has been quite ill, has recovered her usual health.

Mrs. Philetus Viall has gone to Bridgeport, Conn., to care for her daughter, Mrs. Clara Thomas, who is ill.

Nellie Wilbur, who has been ill with scarlet fever, is getting along well. There are no more cases of it as yet.

F. W. Bemis, formerly of this village and now of Somerville, Mass., has been called to Granville, Mass., to care for his brother, W. W. Bemis, who is very low with consumption.

WEST WARDSBORO.

Jerome Hall has been carried back to Waterbury.

Miss Amy Perry is again teaching school in Pike Hollow.

The Kikapoo have their headquarters at the hotel here this week.

It is expected that E. A. Landman will speak at the church next Sunday morning, Dec. 6.

The W. C. T. U. is to meet the 16th at 8 o'clock with Mrs. E. A. Pierce if the weather favorable.

The village school is progressing finely in gaining in numbers with Mr. Landman again teaching.

Mrs. W. J. Davidson and daughter have returned from a week's visit in Northfield, Mass., and Hinsdale, N. H.

WILLIAMSVILLE.

Geo. C. Cooley is visiting friends at North Adams, Mass.

Dana Steadman has completed his job at Williamsville station and begun work in the basket shop.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frost spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. Carlton Sparks at Springfield, Mass.

Town meeting at Village hall next Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock to raise money to defray the expenses of the town for the current year.

Rev. J. E. Farrow of Wilmington will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday morning, at which time the quarterly communion service will be observed.

Rev. L. A. Bigelow of Bristol will deliver the next lecture in the course at the Methodist church on Friday evening, Dec. 11, at 8 o'clock; subject, "The four G's."

Geo. Mitchell made a visit to North Adams friends the past week, and D. R. Sledman took a business and pleasure trip to Greenfield, South Deerfield and North Adams.

The Young People's Christian Union service at the Union church next Sunday morning will be led by Mrs. Geo. E. Wheeler. Subject, "Home influence and its effect on after life."

The Williamsville young people will give the drama, "Above the clouds" at Village hall next Thursday evening, Dec. 10. The entertainment will be followed by a supper furnished by the ladies of the Universalist society, after which a social dance will be held.

Roadmaster Beeman is now engaged in laying two miles of steel rails from Williamsville station north. With the new iron he is erecting at this place the past season, and the filling of the high trestle adjoining, this section of the Brattleboro & Whitehall road is in line shape.

Our Thanksgiving visitors not noted last week were as follows: Miss Florence A. Morse of Springfield, Mass., at Mrs. Ailes A. Morse's; Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Snowy of Sanbornville, N. H., at F. H. Pierce's; F. H. Stron of Bellows Falls at R. C. Coia's; Mr. and Mrs. Rosa of Brattleboro at Thomas

WINDHAM.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Rhoades are visiting in Keene, N. H.

Wm. L. Harris of Deerfield, Mass., was at his grandmother's this week.

Mrs. F. H. Harris and Wilfred Chapman are on the sick list this week.

L. B. Chapman has singing schools in Westminster and Westminster West.

Mrs. Leslie and son of Worcester, Mass., spent Thanksgiving at J. E. Gould's.

Frank Rummell of Leominster, Mass., is visiting his sister, Mrs. H. C. Rhoades.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hastings had a party gathering of 22 at Thanksgiving, three of the number being grandsons born this year.

WILMINGTON.

Merton Wheeler of Whitingham is working in the store of Orrin G. Ware.

The ladies of the Methodist society will give a baked bean supper at the church vestry next Tuesday evening.

H. C. Long, special agent and adjuster of the Orient Insurance company of Hartford, was in town over Sunday.

The concert given at the Methodist church on Sunday evening was well attended and the exercises were interesting.

There is some talk of forming a Law and Order league to stop the practice of bringing liquor into town from North Adams and other places.

The house recently purchased by Mrs. Charles H. Parmelee on High street has been greatly improved both on the exterior and interior.

The Marilla Childs house recently purchased by Mrs. Jane Perkins, has been thoroughly repaired and greatly improved.

J. H. Kidder had charge of the work.

Some 60 or more of the friends of Representative Corbett assembled at his home on Friday evening of last week to give him a welcome upon his return from Montpelier. Refreshments were served and all had a pleasant time.

Rev. J. Edward Farrow will give an illustrated lecture on Bible subject next Sunday evening, with illustrated hymns.

These lectures have been intensely interesting and we are glad to know that they are to be continued.

Lester Moore, W. D. Cobb and George J. Johnson were summoned before State's Attorney Pitts on Friday evening of last week to answer to the charge of being intoxicated. C. H. Parmelee was the justice and he imposed a fine of \$10 and costs in each case.

Nearly all of the Baptist society made a call upon Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Griffin Tuesday evening and presented them with a silver service and other valuable articles as a slight token of the high esteem in which they are held. The whole matter was a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Griffin.

Some 60 or more of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Hubbard assembled at their home on Tuesday evening to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of their wedding. Valuable gifts were presented them, choice refreshments were served and the evening was one of much pleasure.

Mrs. Jane J. Wilder has received from the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance company, through C. M. Russell, agent, \$35 for an ox killed by lightning a few weeks ago. Mr. Russell has also paid a similar loss to Ichabod Wheeler of Whitingham, for an ox killed by lightning and insured in the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance company.

We are very sorry to learn of C. L. Griffin's decision to move from town. He has purchased an interest in a baking business in New York, in company with Leslie Ware, formerly of this place, and will go to the city in a short time. He has advertised his property for sale on the 4th. Mr. Griffin and his family have many warm friends and everyone regrets to have them leave.

CHESTERFIELD, N. H.

T. N. Robertson is here on town business.

Miss LaVernie C. Webster is at Keene for a week.

Mrs. A. T. Cobb, who has been at Providence, R. I., for nearly two years, has returned home to this town.

Burton H. Amidon and Miss Helen L. Davenport, both of West Chesterfield, were united in marriage Nov. 26.

Dwight L. Herrick, who has recently moved here from Brattleboro, was married last Thursday to Flora Lane Kendall.

Miss Nellie M. Buxton of Spofford died Nov. 27 at the age of 21. She was loved and respected and sympathy is tendered her bereaved family.

A dance held at Spofford Thanksgiving evening was well attended. An excellent turkey supper was served at Spofford house. Farr's orchestra of Keene furnished music.

WEST CHESTERFIELD.

School No. 0 will begin next Monday, Dec. 7, with Miss Florence A. Snow of Marlboro, Vt., as teacher.

George Amidon pulled out both of the ferry-boats at C. P. Gilson's for the winter, last Monday morning.

A number of hundred barrels of No. 1 apples were shipped from town on Wednesday, Dec. 2, all barreled and headed and delivered at the station in Brattleboro at 90 cents per barrel.

John O. Hubbard had a nice heifer slaughtered in the pasture last Monday by a Vermont dog. Our selection were called to appraise damages.

School No. 1 began its winter term Monday, Nov. 30, with D. S. Coombs of Thetford, Vt., teacher, with 23 pupils. No. 3 school began its winter term on the same day with 13 pupils attending. Miss Cora Winn, teacher.

Herbert H. Snow, who has been gradually wasting away, died last Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The funeral was held at the church here on Tuesday afternoon, and he was buried in the family lot. Rev. H. B. Morgan officiated.

BERNARDSTON, MASS.

Mrs. Mary (Butterfield) Slate, who died Nov. 3 after a long and distressing illness resulting from an attack of the grip the previous winter, was tenderly cared for during the last month of her illness by Hattie Putnam, who ministered to her by day and night with the devotion of a daughter.

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HINSDALE, N. H.

The Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Prentice W. Taylor.

Carefully prepared statistics show that of the marriages in the world not more than one couple in 1000 live together 50 years. This fact makes a golden wedding a rare occasion. Prentice W. Taylor and Evelyn Wellman were united in marriage Dec. 1, 1846, by Rev. Moses Gerould at the home of the bride's parents in the north part of Hinsdale. They came to their future home the day of their marriage—the brick house on Northfield street, which has been the Taylor homestead since 1840. With the exception of one year the 50 years of their married life have been spent in the same house. Five sons were born to them. The first died in early childhood, another died in the prime of manhood leaving a young son to take his place. One lives with his parents on the farm and the other two are married and live on Northfield street, another has a young son and they are so situated they can be together every day, which is surely a rare case.

Mr. Taylor was the oldest of nine children and when he brought his bride of 50 years to his father's house the family consisted of grandfather, uncle, father and mother, and was the home for all the brothers and sisters. The four elder people, one sister and the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, have gone from the home to other places, until only one sister and one brother remain of those, who in former times made the brick house a social centre.

Of the 40 guests at the marriage only six are living, two of them a brother and a sister, and five live in Hinsdale, but are both feeble. During the whole period that home has been a centre of hospitality and good cheer. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have kept up an interest in the religious, political and social life of the community. It was to them an honor, and expressed kind feeling for them that 75 of their neighbors and friends, some from Brattleboro, gathered at their home on Tuesday evening last.

Sons, sons' wives, granddaughters, friends and neighbors gladly assisted to make the occasion a happy one. Mr. Taylor gave a reminiscent review of the past, there were several congratulatory speeches from the general present, a poem by a lady, vocal and instrumental music, and refreshments abundant in quantity, all most excellent in quality, were served. Fifty blossoms of golden chrysanthemums were presented.

William L. Merritt Run Over by the Cars at Amherst.

William L. Merritt, 57, a former well-known resident of this town, was run over by a coal car at Amherst, Mass., Friday, both legs being cut off below the knee.

Mr. Merritt left Hinsdale about a year ago and since then had been employed by Thomas Dillon, a coal dealer in Amherst. Mr. Merritt went to the coal sheds on the New London Northern tracks Friday morning to unload some coal. He had a wheelbarrow and was at work putting a block under the wheels of the car. North of where he was working John McCarty was moving some coal cars belonging to the Hills company, when he lost control of them on the down grade track and they struck the car on which Mr. Merritt was working, knocking him down and the wheels passed over his legs, cutting them off and mangle them in a fearful manner. He was taken to his home, but did not rally sufficiently to have the legs amputated and died soon after noon. Mr. Merritt is survived by a wife and four children, Mrs. George A. Merritt and Miss Daisy R. Merritt, both of Amherst; W. J. Merritt of Bellows Falls and Leon B. Merritt of Hinsdale.

Stole a Bicycle and \$10.

Alfred Fania, who has been working for J. N. Dyke, stole a bicycle and \$10, Mr. Dyke's son's bicycle to make a trip to Warwick, to return Monday night. Mr. Dyke came down to the Worden company's to pay a bill and found \$10 extra charged.

He was told that his hired man came in with a letter saying that Mr. Fania had given this boy \$10, as Mr. Dyke was a little short of money, and that he would make it right when he came down. Mr. Dyke at once telephoned about and found that Fania had passed through Warwick, to Athol, headed towards Worcester. Fania has the bicycle and suit and \$10. At this writing he has not been found.

A child of Charles Chamberlin is very ill.

Harold Martin has been ill, but is now able to be out.

There was a social dance Thanksgiving night at Waldo Rouillard's.

Miss Lena Liscom, Hinsdale High school '96, is teaching school in Littleton, Vt., with Miss Henry Smith of Putney visited at George Howe's last week.

Mrs. A. L. Ide of West Swanton is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ann Thomas.

Hope Chautauque circle meets at Miss Emma Wellman's next Monday evening.

C. M. Cook is slating houses in Keene owned by the Dickinson Sons of Ashuelot.

Mrs. Lydia Smith and sons of Winchester ate Thanksgiving dinner at H. E. Hunter's.

Mrs. John J. Archibald has gone to the Homeopathic hospital in Boston for treatment.

Miss Nellie Britton of Ludlow, (Vt.), visited her father, James Britton, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Mather of West Brattleboro visited relatives in town recently.

Charles Hutchinson and family move to Worcester this week. They will be greatly missed.

John Conway is to move his family to Winchester, where he has a position as section master.

F. H. Fuller and mother went to New Haven Monday to attend the funeral of Mr. Fuller's aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wellington and child from Baldwinsville are visiting Mr. Wellington's parents in town.

Rev. Mr. Renshaw, wife and daughter spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Renshaw's parents in East Sullivan.

The firemen expect to give some kind of a dramatic entertainment followed by a dance, probably on Dec. 31.

Fred Colton and his brother, E. L. Holton of Winchester, spent a few days in Boston the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Stebbins spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Stebbins' parents, Dr. and Mrs. Pierce, at Winchester.

Rev. William Renshaw, pastor of the Congregational church, will take "Daily bread" as his subject next Sunday morning.

Rev. A. A. Blair, a former Universalist minister, has a church in Marlboro, Mass., instead of Norwich, as stated in last week's paper.

Mrs. Louis Ferrin has been visiting her sister, who is 91 years old, in Quebec, Vt. Another sister, Mrs. Barker, returned with her to make a visit.

Charlie Safford has shot 52 partridges this fall. He recently killed a rare species of a red-headed woodcock which he is to have mounted.

The Epworth league held a meeting at Mrs. Leslie Clark's Monday afternoon and evening. After a bountiful supper a business meeting was held.

E. H. Tilden and family spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Westfield. Mr. Tilden returned on Friday and his family have returned this week.

John Carroll, who has been conductor on the Millers & Turners Falls electric railroad, has returned to town, as business through the winter will be dull.

Misses Martha and Clara Amidon of Chesterfield, Alfred Johnson of Springfield, and Fred Tuttle of Keene visited at Charles Safford's this week.

Messrs. J. H. Kimball of Marlboro, Rufus F. Greeley of Boston, Hon. W. H. Hale and H. C. Halle of Springfield were in town the first of this week.

George S. Day went to Millers Falls Wednesday morning to work for George Winchester, a plumber from Orange, whom he expects will teach him the trade.