

BARKER'S GENERAL Store.

CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENT

In Our Clothing Department
A fine showing of Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Fur coats, Kid Trousers, Umbrellas, Warm Black Coats and Vests in all grades, sizes and prices.

In Our Furnishing Department
An excellent line of Underwear, Shirts, Sweaters, Hosiery, Collars, Ties, etc. In Headwear all of the staple and popular things for the season.

In Our Dry Goods Department
A good line of Prints, Flannels, Flannellets, Bed Blankets and Suits, Ladies' and Children's Golf gloves, Wrappers, Underwear, and Hosiery for everybody.

Specialties for Christmas
Handkerchiefs for everybody, the largest showing in town. Perfumes and Scented Candles, Arm Bands, Cuff Buttons, Scarf Pins, Fancy Suspenders and Neckwear. Fine colors in Toques and Ties or Shanters in all the leading grades, also a fine line of Way's Mufflers and Mufflers in fine colors.

J. H. BARKER & SON.

WATCHES,

CLOCKS,

DIAMONDS,

or anything in the Jewelry line at lowest prices that valuable goods can be sold for.

OPTICAL GOODS

of all kinds. Compound refraction work a specialty.

Edwin LeGro.

Farmington, N. H.

Holiday Millinery.

One of the most attractive displays of up-to-date millinery can be found at my parlors in the Hanson Block.

Hats in all shapes and colors, with trimmings to match.

A large line of Ready Trimmed Hats.

If you are in want of anything in this line give me a call. I can suit you both as to style and price.

Mrs. S. K. York.

At Russell's HOME BAKERY

You will find first-class Cakes, Pies, White and Brown Bread, and every Saturday the Farmington famous Baked Beans.

We carry a large line of Kennedy's Celebrated Goods at the

HOME BAKERY. GEO. F. RUSSELL.

WE WILL SELL

You all the groceries and good things you will need for Christmas at a price that is sure to please, if you will call at our store. We have a full line of all kinds, also a nice assortment of nuts and Christmas Candy.

Small & Co. GROCERS.

and situated on the corner of Main and Pleasant streets, in Farmington, N. H. The building was erected and dedicated in the year 1876. The church was built on the site of the old church which had been erected and dedicated in the year 1810. The church was built on the site of the old church which had been erected and dedicated in the year 1810. The church was built on the site of the old church which had been erected and dedicated in the year 1810.



CENTRAL STREET LOOKING EAST.

Here follows a description of the church. The new edifice is situated upon the corner of Main and Pleasant streets, on the ample and pleasant lot the burned house occupied. The external appearance of the building is an example of modern Gothic, so generally used in England at the present time, though not so elaborate of course. The materials used are brick with "Frear stone" mouldings, crowned with an ornate stone cross. The external dimensions of the whole edifice, church, vestibule and vestry, which are all on one floor are 50 x 110 feet, 14 foot story, exclusive of projection of tower and vestry. The internal dimensions of the audience room are 48 x 70 and 26 1/2 feet high. The roof is open and is supported by handsomely finished trusses. It is lighted by nine oval-topped stained glass windows, the artistic design of which surpasses anything of its kind in this section of the state. The mottoes and emblems on the windows are: I. H. S., Cross and Crown, Anchor and Lily. The largest window is in the east, facing the chancel, semicircular, of variegated colors and much beauty. There are also four triangular windows in the roof. The church contains seventy-two semi-circular slips which will conveniently accommodate 432 persons. The platform is about 20 inches above the floor and affords the preacher command of the entire auditorium. The singers' seats are on the same level, in the rear of the pulpit, to the right and the left, giving ample room for the transepts and chancel. In the immediate rear of the pulpit is the organ of beautiful design, manufactured by Rider of Boston. Back of the platform is the vestry and ladies' parlor, divided from the audience room by a brick wall. The vestry, which is 30 x 40, can easily be enlarged by opening the ground glass partitions between that and the ladies' parlor, has a seating capacity of 240. The dimensions of the vestibule are 6 x 37, tower 14 x 14, and vestry entrances 8 x 12, which provides three ample and convenient spaces for ingress and egress. The ladies' parlor on the south of the vestry is finished with requisite accommodations for social entertainments, having a buffet and a dumb waiter from the kitchen and serving room below. The height of the tower to the clock dial is 70 feet and this dial, set in



R. R. STATION, FREIGHT HOUSE AND YARD.

Frear stone, is surmounted by a steeple fifty feet higher, in which hangs a fine toned bell weighing 2671 pounds. The building committee were Hiram Barker, Alonzo Nute and Josiah B. Edgerly, and to these three gentlemen much credit is due for care, capacity and energy with which the effort was accomplished.

The building of this church will perhaps give the outside resident a better idea of the self-reliance, the energy and courage of our inhabitants than any event that has marked the town's history. It was an undertaking of no mean proportions had there been a full treasury, but at the time of the fire the society was struggling to pay the debt on the edifice which they had erected only five years previous. Such a feat of purpose, such courage and energy were bound to succeed and it is these qualities in our citizens that have made the village what it is today.

On the site of the old hotel was erected a modern up-to-date hostelry of brick, known as the Wilson House, while the two massive brick factories of the Farmington Shoe Co. were erected by Hon. John F. Cloutman, who was then manufacturing for Wallace, Elliott & Co., of New York.

Years previous to this a outgrowth and were thus a formal history instead of a brief sketch of the town, and should have been mentioned in its proper place. Hon. George I. Whitehouse dug a canal nearly a mile long and in 1870 erected a mill in which he manufactured cotton yarn, saved shingles and clapboards and conducted a grist mill in the

HOOK & LADDER 15th ANNUAL

Friday Evening, January 15, 1904.

H. W. Roberts & Co., DEALERS IN Gram and Wood.

SAWING WOOD: All wood cut at the mill will be sawed and delivered to any part of the village.

Attention!

Come to the Millinery Parlors of Mrs. L. A. Small and see the great bargains she is giving her customers. Everything in the store at Cut Prices. We have a fine assortment of Pillow Tops, Stand Covers, Needle Books and Dollies and Trimmed Hats marked down to half price. We make a specialty of Silketeen on 4 cents a spool. Give us a call.

FARMINGTON National Bank

FARMINGTON, N. H. J. H. Barker, Pres. Amos W. Downing, Vice Pres. J. B. Edgerly, Cashier. Accounts solicited. Certificates of Deposit issued for safe keeping of temporary funds.

FARMINGTON Savings Bank

J. F. Cloutman, Pres. Chas. W. Talpey, Treas. Come in and deposit a dollar and get a home savings bank.

CENTRAL HOUSE.

E. S. GRAY, Prop. STEAM HEAT, ELECTRIC BELLS. LIVERY, BOARDING AND EXCHANGE STABLE CONNECTED. LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE.

MEAT MARKET.

Everyone looking for the best meats in the market will find at my place in the Barker Block a full line every day in the week. Also Fish, Oysters, Clams and Vegetables. Prompt service and fair prices always. **JAMES R. KELLEY.**

Coal & Wood

I am prepared to fill all orders in a prompt and satisfactory manner. All kinds of coal and wood constantly on hand. Orders can be left at D. E. Edgerly's store or put on the slate at my home on Glen street.

C. E. Horne.

CHEAP LIGHT

The Victoria Acetylene Co. manufacturers of the safest, cheapest and best light known. The purchaser is entitled to 30 days' trial. The company guarantees: 1. That the machine shall be built in a first class manner. That the machine shall run automatically and without interruptions if the printed directions which accompany each machine are followed. 2. That the machine with a one half foot per hour burner, will produce a 24 candle power light. 3. That the machine is permitted by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. For further particulars call at my store on Mechanic street and see one of the machines at work. The Central House is lighted by one of these machines.

C. E. YORK, AGENT.

HORNE'S TRANSFER LINE

I. A. HORNE, Prop. Boarding, Hack, Livery and Sale Stable. Omnibus to Every Train. First Class Turnouts Furnished on Short Notice.

F. E. MOONEY,

Coal, Wood, Brick, Lime, Cement, Doors, Windows, Blinds, Shingles, Clapboards and all kinds of building materials.

Try Otto Coke: it is cheaper than coal and is giving good satisfaction.

JOHN D. OTIS, BLACKSMITH AND WHEELWRIGHT.

REPAIR WORK GIVEN PROMPT ATTENTION. HORSE SHOEING A SPECIALTY.

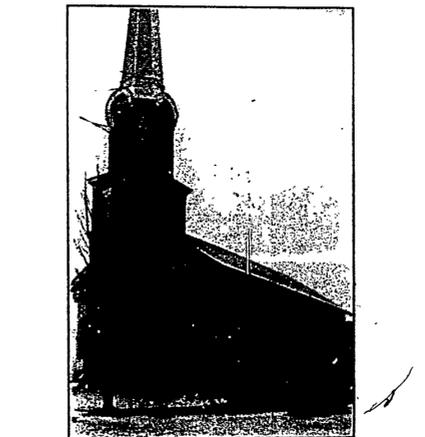
of the town. In later years the mill passed into the hands of J. W. Weston and is now being transformed into an electric plant. It is now owned by Hon. J. F. Cloutman, its present owner. Judge Weston, as he is familiarly known by the older inhabitants, has been serving the county six years as sheriff and for the last three years recorder of deeds six years as an elector and six years as representative in the legislature. He was a judge of the Court of Common Pleas from 1841 to 1850. It is probable that no event in the town's history has caused so much speculation and comment as the digging of this canal. The judge, who was a civil engineer and surveyor, had carefully calculated all the details and knew to a nicety the fall between the entrance of the canal and the



GLEN STREET SCHOOL HOUSE.

month. To him it was an assured fact that water would run in his canal, but to the village folks who were unable to discover any difference in the height of the respective ends of the canal it was a different matter, and much speculation was indulged in as to whether or no water would run in "the judge's ditch," as they were pleased to term it. When the day of letting in the water arrived, half the village lined the banks of the canal, and when the water soaked into the freshly opened earth instead of flowing swiftly through the banks to the mill, all the wise ones nodded their heads and with a knowing wink declared that Whitehouse and his instruments were wrong this time for sure. Mr. Whitehouse, however, laded his time, and when the banks had become filled with water he found no trouble in getting enough power to run all the departments of his mill.

It would not seem incredible that Providence was proving our men of affairs, giving to the people examples of energy and perseverance that finds few equals in the annals of our country. In 1874 the wooden factory occupied by Alonzo Nute was burned, and before the ruins were cold this man of indomitable will, who never knew the meaning of defeat, had a force of workmen in the cellar clearing away the debris, and even before the fire had ceased to be a subject for discussion. And in twenty days from the date of the fire a new brick factory, 32 x 185 feet, four floors high, was standing on the site of the former factory.



FREE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Then it was that Farmington began to feel her importance as a manufacturing centre. Orders poured into our factories, and goods made here, because of the superior workmanship and stock used, became greatly in demand. A. Nute & Sons, J. F. Cloutman, G. A. Jones, I. Hayes & Son, H. B. Edgerly, J. M. Berry, and a number of smaller firms were manufacturing to their fullest capacity. Good wages were paid and the town enjoyed an era of prosperity never before attained.

This period of good times continued until the financial panic of 1893 and then we, in common with every village throughout the country, suffered from causes beyond our control and for which our townspeople were in no way responsible. Within a comparatively short space of time the firms of G. A. Jones, I. Hayes & Sons, A. Nute & Sons and Cloutman & Bingham (J. M. Berry supt.) closed up their business, and they were followed sometime later by the Wallace, Elliott & Co's. dissolution of partnership.

Adversity laid her heavy hand upon our village, and for a time it looked as though we were doomed to be relegated to the rear as a manufacturing centre, and dropped from the list of live growing towns. After the closing of these factories came the fire that destroyed Drew's underwear mill, and we were reduced to the Edgerly factory and J. F. Cloutman & Co. as the only reliable and steady manufacturing



BIRTHPLACE OF VICE PRESIDENT WILSON

firms. As time had passed, the citizens who were promoters of the various enterprises had one by one passed away until the solution of the previous generation, to whom we were accustomed to look up and counsel with, were no more and many a pessimistic minded citizen felt that there was no hope or prospect for the town to regain its lost prestige. He said that every cloud has a silver lining and it may be true for when our prospects looked the poorest and the business depression of the whole country seemed to concentrate and settle on our village, a ray of hope that ultimately broadened into the bright sunshine of reality, appeared.

THE FAIR,

The Big Store, Rochester, N. H.

OF ALL THE STORES IN THIS SECTION THIS IS THE STORE FOR YOU TO DO

Your Holiday Shopping

We have by far the largest and most complete assortment of New and Up-to-date HOLIDAY GOODS of any concern this side of Boston.

We have the largest, best lighted, best ventilated and most convenient store to trade in to be found in this part of the country.

We have strictly and only one price. We have all goods marked in plain figures. We have but one selling price, and that's the price marked on the ticket in plain figures.

We employ only honest and reliable business methods. We employ only strictly honest and reliable salespeople.

We sell RELIABLE dry goods cheaper than any concern in this section of New England. We do not sell goods of questionable quality. The above FACTS should easily convince you that our store is the place for you to do ALL of your dry goods shopping.

If you come to Rochester to do your Christmas Shopping, you are cordially invited to make our store your headquarters.

New Ladies' Parlor

is always at your disposal and we shall be glad to have you call in and see us and make our store your headquarters whether you have any dry goods shopping to do or not. It is certainly well worth your time to call in and see

Our Grand Display of Holiday Goods.

Our LAST GRAND CUT PRICE SALE for this season is now on. Send for our special cut price list.

See "Special Sale" ad on page 3 of regular edition of this paper.

THE FAIR,

ROCHESTER, N. H.

Save Your Coupons

SEE THE PRIZES

With every 25c Cash Purchase we present our customers with a coupon which entitles them to one vote in the grand contest.

The three persons getting the most votes will receive the following cash prizes:

First Prize, \$10.00 in Gold
Second, \$5.00 in Gold
Third, \$2.50 in Gold

All votes must be presented at our store not later than 9 A. M., December 25.

Come to our store to purchase your Christmas presents.

WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIVE LIST OF SUITABLE GIFTS.

- Suits, Overcoats, Rain Coats, Smoking jackets, Umbrellas, Dress Suit Cases, Beautiful Neckwear, Handsome Mufflers, Full Dress Protectors, Gloves of Every Kind, Fancy Half Hose, Suspenders, Armbands, Fancy Shirts, Sweaters, Underwear, Cuff Buttons, Scarf Pins, Handkerchiefs, Slippers, Gaiters, Leggins, Overshoes, And All Other Articles too Numerous to Mention.

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THIS CONTEST closes Dec. 25 At 9 A. M.

LOTHROPS FARNHAM & CO.,

(OUTFITTERS FROM HEAD TO FOOT.)

43 North Main Street, Rochester.

Farmington Insurance Agency,

Crawford, Tolles & Co.

OFFICE, Willson block, Farmington, N. H.

Fire, Life, Accident, Employers Liability, Plate Glass, Burglary, Bonds for places of trust, and Boiler Insurance, effected in reliable Companies at reasonable rates.

Also Insurance furnished in old reliable dividend paying Mutual Companies if desired.

Regular office days in Farmington, EVERY TUESDAY.

Other days, upon receipt of calls by mail, telegraph or telephone at our expense. ADDRESS,

CAWFORD, TOLLES & CO., Somersworth, N. H.