

MOTHER PLEADS FOR HER DAUGHTER

Mrs. Webster Urges Governor to Save Life of Mrs. Bessie Wakefield, Who Has Been Sentenced to be Hanged—Wants Privilege of Going to Prison to Live With Her Girl—Prisoner Transferred to Wethersfield Yesterday.

New Haven, Nov. 6.—Before daylight this morning Bessie Wakefield, sentenced to be hanged for complicity in the murder of her husband, was taken from the county jail and hurried off to the state prison at Wethersfield. Late last night Sheriff Hugo received orders to take her away early this morning—hence she had to go. She longed for a message from her children before she went away—She longed for one more chance to see her mother before she was taken to that awful place which will probably shut her away from the world forever.

Wanted to See Mother.

"O, can't I see mother once more before they take me away she pleaded yesterday—and it comforted her greatly to know that today a messenger would go to Middlebury fully prepared to convey her mother to the county jail. She wanted the chance to once more feel her mother's arms about her—but she has been denied that chance. She wanted one more message from her little ones, before she went away—but that, too, was denied her.

Reluctant to Leave Jail.

The papers for Mrs. Wakefield's transfer were made out yesterday by the clerk of the superior court. She was surprised when told that she was to be changed. She said that every one at the jail had been kind to her. To Mrs. Donahue, the matron, before leaving she said: "Good bye, I hate to go but I can't help it. I want to thank you for all you have done for me. Please come up and see me, won't you?"

Belongings Include Bible.

Before leaving the sheriff asked the woman what she wanted done with her things. These included a Bible with "Bessie J. Webster, 1889" on the fly leaf, several other books, and in a trunk a leather case containing a safety razor which belonged to Flev. She told the sheriff to send these to her mother at Middlebury.

Gov. Baldwin has not received a letter from Mrs. Webster, mother of the woman, although one is on the way. This letter reads as follows:

Her Mother's Plea.

To His Excellency the Governor: "I am praying as I write that God will direct you to save my daughter from death.

"The law is harsh and cruel. We have no money, no influence, no hope but that which God gives to all His Children.

"Do not hang her. Let us work the penalty out. I am old now, and my children do not need me.

"Let me come to New Haven and live in the prison with my girl. Together we shall work to pay the state what Bessie owes."

Movement for Commutation.

The movement to secure commutation of sentence is gaining headway. Mrs. Thomas N. Heppburn, president of the Connecticut Woman's Suffrage association, today stated that she believed she voiced the sentiment of all suffragists in Hartford in saying that she did not believe Mrs. Wakefield should be hanged.

AGRETTA TAKEN FROM WOMAN'S HAT.

"It's a mighty good law," declares Her Husband.

Boston, Nov. 6.—Customs inspectors at this port agreed today that John J. Glover of Kansas City, Mo., deserves a medal from some bird lovers' society. When Mr. Glover and his wife arrived from Liverpool on the Franconia today the inspectors confiscated a heron's feathers that ornamented the lady's hat.

"It's a mighty good law, and I'm glad that it was passed," said Glover to the officers when they explained to him the reason for their action.

Four other passengers parted with their aligrettes.

Mrs. Katherine C. Edgell, the New York High School teacher, who remained away from school without permission to become a mother will be brought to trial for neglect of duty.

CONNECTICUT TROLLEY LINES NOT TRANSFERRED.

Chairman Elliott Explains Presence of Civil Engineers.

Boston, Nov. 6.—The Stone & Webster engineering firm of this city is not to acquire any portion of the New York, New Haven and Hartford trolley properties, according to Chairman Howard Elliott of the New Haven board of directors, who issued a statement tonight on the subject.

Regarding the presence of engineers of that firm on the Connecticut and Rhode Island trolley lines of the New Haven, Chairman Elliott said they were engaged in making an examination of portions of the property "in order that Mr. Elliott and the committee of the board of directors now engaged in making a study of the entire trolley problem may have some necessary detailed information."

RHODE ISLAND WOMEN DON'T WANT THE VOTE.

Canvassed by Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 6.—Rhode Island women do not believe in woman suffrage, according to reports made today at the annual meeting of the state association opposed to woman suffrage. The president of the organization, Mrs. Roland G. Hazard, of Peabody, declared that a canvass of the women in the state had proven that they regarded votes for women as an unnecessary burden.

President Wilson was highly gratified yesterday to learn that the jury reform measure for which he campaigned in New Jersey last May was carried by the referendum vote.



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Unoccupied House Burned.

An unoccupied house in Chaplin opposite the home of George Ide and owned by Adolph Hirt, New York, was burned Wednesday night with a loss of about \$300. A barn located on the premises did not catch fire, as there was no wind blowing, but Mr. Ide and several neighbors stayed at the fire to do what they could in the case of such an event.

There has been no one living in the house since last August, when the Hirt family went away, but Charles Tryon, with whose firm the place is insured, was there on Wednesday and noticed that one of the windows had been broken in, and there were signs of occupancy in the house, so it is surmised that a tramp may have used the house for a sleeping place and had a fire there.

Teams in Collision.

When Thomas Sturch with his step-daughter, Lucy Young, both of Mansfield, attempted to drive by Joseph Morris, near Summit and Jackson streets, Wednesday evening, his team ran into a delivery wagon belonging to Joseph St. Onge, and both horses were thrown to the ground. Both Mr. Sturch and Miss Young were thrown to the ground, and the woman fainting. She was taken to the hospital and later driven home by her stepfather in another carriage. Neither sustained injuries of any moment. Their wagon was wrecked, but that of Mr. St. Onge was but slightly damaged.

At Rookville Funeral.

Chief T. R. Foley, Engineer F. W. Gerrick and ex-Chiefs C. E. Leonard, James S. Donahue and Wade U. Webster of the local fire department went to Rookville by auto Wednesday to attend the funeral of Chief John W. Haffner of the fire department of that city.

City Medical Society Meets.

The Willimantic City Medical society held its monthly meeting with Dr. F. E. Guild at his home in Windham Wednesday night. Normal digestion was the subject of a paper by Dr. R. C. White, and Dr. T. R. Parker presented "The Causes of Indigestion." Dr. R. W. Kimball and Dr. C. C. Gildersleeve of Norwich were present at the meeting.

Estate of Edwin Bugbee.

The inventory of the estate of the late Edwin Bugbee is shown by the report of the appraisers, J. C. Tracy and George S. Elliott, to consist chiefly of cash in banks in this state and Rhode Island. The estate is valued at \$94,132.98.

Boy Dies of Burns.

Ernest Green, 5 years old, died last night as the result of burns received yesterday while playing with a bonfire. His clothing became ignited and he ran away from his companions who tried to catch him. He was badly burned before the fire could be beaten out, and no hope was expressed for his recovery from the first.

Brief Notes.

Mrs. E. C. Worth of South Coventry went to Hartford on business Thursday.

Hunting licenses have been issued recently to John R. Koomis, William Hinley and W. E. Ladd of this place.

Willimantic friends have received announcements of the marriage of Dr. Frank A. Camilleri at one time a resident of this city, to Ellen Ford Coombs on Nov. 5th at Beuville, Md.

COLCHESTER

Fine for Keeping an Unlicensed Dog—Supervisor J. B. Young Addresses Mothers' Club.

The case of the state vs. Horowitz for keeping an unlicensed dog was tried before Justice J. R. Backus Wednesday afternoon. Charles E. Brown appeared for the state. Horowitz was found guilty and was fined \$1 and costs.

J. Bulkin left Wednesday for a few days' visit with relatives in New York.

A. F. Roper was the guest of his daughters in East Haddam Thursday.

First Selectman George A. Mills of Lebanon was calling on friends in town Wednesday.

Addressed Mothers' Club. The second meeting of the Mothers' club was held in the Top hall Wednesday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. Supervisor J. B. Young addressed the meeting. The objects of the club are

to unite the interests of the home and school.

William Miskell is night watchman on the steam shovel at the gravel pit.

Attending Mrs. Marks' Funeral.

John Marks and Miss Maggie Marks left Wednesday morning for Boston, where they will attend the funeral of Mr. Marks' son's wife, Mrs. Albert Marks, in Malden.

The monthly meeting of the board of warden and burgesses was held in the parlor of the engine house Thursday evening.

The Ladies' Benevolent society will meet in the ladies' room in the chapel this (Friday) evening.

Mrs. A. E. Cragin and daughter, Miss Ella Cragin, returned Wednesday from several weeks' visit with relatives in New York and South Manchester.

JEWETT CITY

Baptist Ladies' Aid Society Serves Supper—Funeral of Mrs. Emily Meech—Tea in Honor of Providence Guest.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church served a bean supper in the vestry Thursday evening, a large crowd attending. The committee in charge was Mrs. Francis Campbell, Mrs. Nathan Babcock, Mrs. J. E. Phillips, Mrs. E. C. Willcox, Mrs. Esther Fitch, Mrs. Augusta Ray and Mrs. Edward Roney. Mrs. F. H. Gilbert had charge of the dining room.

FUNERAL.

Mrs. Emily Meech. The body of Mrs. Emily Meech of Lebanon was brought to Pachang cemetery for burial Thursday after W. P. Burdick and J. H. Tracy acted as two of the bearers at the cemetery. Mrs. W. R. Burdick attended the funeral services in Norwich.

Birthday and Anniversary Tea.

Mrs. J. H. Davidson of Providence, who is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Francis Campbell, was very agreeably surprised Wednesday evening to find that her birthday and the fifth anniversary of her coming to this country from Scotland was to be celebrated by a tea given by Mrs. Campbell. Twelve

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