

AFFAIRS BECOME SERIOUS.

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Washington, Feb. 5.—The cabinet discussed the impending bond issue, but if any conclusion was reached it was made known by Secretary Carlisle that the time for giving publicity thereto had not arrived.

Several well known bankers and capitalists arrived here from New York yesterday and this morning and all day to-day conferences have been progressing between these gentlemen and prominent government officials.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The only affirmative action taken by the senate finance committee to-day was the refusal by a vote of 6 to 5 to permit the report of a bill authorizing an issue of short time, low-interest bonds.

Several other bills on the calendar were taken up, among them that of Mr. Jones, who moved that all of his bill be struck out except the ninth section.

Baseball. Hartford, Feb. 5.—A baseball club was organized in this city to-night. The capital of the club will be \$2,500.

Hartford's Cars—Big Snow Drifts. Hartford, Feb. 5.—The big drifting of the snow upon the tracks of the electric roads in the suburbs to-night caused a delay in travel on the Farmington and Unionville line.

Depends Upon an Amendment. London, Feb. 5.—The Central News says that the fate of the government depends upon an amendment prepared by James Kier Hardie, a social member of the house, expressing regret that no allusion to the distress prevailing among the people appears in the queen's speech.

NEW BANKING BILL.

Full Text of the Measure Introduced by Mr. Reed.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The following is Mr. Reed's, rep., of Maine, proposed substitute for the banking and currency bill:

A Bill to Provide For a Temporary Deficiency of Revenue.

Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., that to enable the secretary of the treasury to provide for and maintain the redemption of United States notes according to the provisions of the act approved January 14, 1875, entitled "an act to provide for the resumption of specie payments," in addition to the power he now has under said act, he is authorized, from time to time, at his discretion, to issue, sell, and dispose of, at not less than par in coin, either of the description of bonds authorized in said act, or coupon or registered bonds of the United States, to an amount sufficient for the objects herein stated, bearing not to exceed 3 per centum interest per annum, payable semi-annually and redeemable at the pleasure of the United States, in coin, after five years from their date, with like qualities, privileges, and exemptions provided in said act for the bonds therein authorized.

Section 2. That to enable the secretary to pay the current expenses of the government, so long as the current revenues shall be deficient, he is authorized and required, from time to time, in his discretion to issue, sell, and dispose of, at not less than par such an amount of certificates of indebtedness of the denomination of \$25, \$50 and \$100, or any multiple thereof, as may be needed for that purpose, bearing not to exceed 3 per centum interest per annum, payable semi-annually and redeemable at the pleasure of the government, in coin, after two years from their date, with like qualities, privileges and exemptions provided in the act approved January 14, 1875.

VICTORY FOR DEFENSE.

Judge Grosscup Rules in Favor of the Strikers.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—At the opening of the Debs case to-day Mr. Walker asked on behalf of the government that the cases against Denis Larkin, John Barke, Frank Dreyer and James McDonald be dismissed.

The defense asked him to dismiss the cases without further hearing. In regard to John F. McVein and Martin J. Elliott, the two least active of the directors, the judge said he would take the cases under consideration.

The defense began its case by putting on the stand President Thomas of the Chicago and Western Indiana railroad. Mr. Thomas was questioned about the general managers' association. He said the association had considered the question of a reduced wage schedule for employees of the roads centering in Chicago.

Of the Sarsfield Guard Last Night. The Sarsfield Guard held their annual meeting last evening, after their regular weekly drill.

Ten Policemen Dropped. New York, Feb. 5.—The police commissioners to-day took up the cases of ten policemen accused of getting their appointments by having others write their examination papers.

Crandle is in Town. C. W. Crandle, the clever comedian of the Hoss & Hoss company is stopping at the Brunswick hotel this week.

GOODHART SECURES A PLACE

APPOINTED TOWN COUNSEL BY SELECTMEN LAST NIGHT.

No Assistant Superintendent to be Appointed for Springside—Town Will Oppose Several Bills Pending Before the General Assembly—Other Business.

Attorney Jacob P. Goodhart was last night at the meeting of the board of selectmen elected town counsel for the ensuing year. The appointment was made by Town Agent Baldwin, and the election made by the members of the board.

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Next came up the question of an appointment of an assistant superintendent at Springside farm. Town Agent Baldwin reported that Miss Woodcock had been appointed to assist Superintendent Gaffey at the home.

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ANNUAL ELECTION

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The Red Men. Hammonasset tribe, No. 1, Imperial Order of Red Men, will have as their guests on next Tuesday evening the members of the South Norwalk tribe.

THE LATE PROF. G. E. CURTISS. His death in Washington—Funeral in Derby To-day.

STODDARD'S LECTURES.

The Passion Plays Discussed Last Evening An Immense Audience.

Mr. John L. Stoddard closed his course of lectures in this city last evening with his famous lecture on "The Passion Play at Ober Ammergau," which was of fascinating interest, and deemed by many the best of the course.

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CURRENT TOPIC TALKS.

Miss Cromwell to Speak at the Young Men's Institute.

Miss Cromwell, who gives very interesting talks on current events in this and other cities, will give her next talk here at 4:30 this afternoon at the Young Men's Institute.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

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Three Cases of Diphtheria. Naugatuck, Feb. 5.—There were three cases of diphtheria reported yesterday in the family of Henry Ribi, a Swede residing on the north end of May Park.

PISCATORIAL.

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CUTTING ICE.

New Haven Ice Company's New Ice House is Filled. This has been a great season for ice, and has been improved to the utmost by the New Haven Ice company, which has cut and stored in their new house at Lake Whitney 20,000 tons of the finest kind of ice.

AFTER SEVERAL BALLOTS.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZE FOR THE YEAR.

Price Elected President of the Board—The Committee Selected After Some Delay—Yale Graduate's Plan for Remedying Students' Misconduct.

The selection of the several committees was next taken up and for the committee on finance Commissioner Price received the unanimous vote of all those present.

For the committee on supplies Commissioner Poronto received the unanimous vote of all present. For the democratic member both Commissioners Gilhuly and Doolittle were the candidates, but the former easily won, receiving four votes to one cast for Doolittle and one blank.

Commissioner Moran announced that at the next meeting of the board he would present an amendment to the rules of the board providing that hereafter applicants for positions on the force shall be required to pass an examination as to their mental and intellectual capacity prior to being examined by the board of police surgeons.

Patrolman Michael Ahern was given full pay for twelve days' time lost in consequence of injuries received at the Bradley-Smith company fire.

On recommendation of Mayor Hendrick it was decided to formulate rules for the conduct of business by the commissioners and the matter was referred to the committee on finance.

The trouble arises chiefly because a student can cover up his identity by an assumed name. Under this he skips his bill and not being known cannot be re-arrested—or pays his small fine in the city court, being still unknown, and the college faculty being particularly careful not to inquire him out.

My suggestion is that the police commissioner instruct the police to hold every student arrested until he has been identified and his real name given by some member of the faculty or other responsible person known to the police officer in charge.

The fire commissioners organized. Edward Wines Elected President—Committee of the Board Announced.

The board of fire commissioners met last evening and organized for the year. All the members of the board were present.

Apparatus and repairs—Wines and McDonald. Horses and harness—Parsons and Walker.

Supplies—Wines and Walker. Telegraph—Hugo and Morgan. Hydrants and water—Morgan and Hugo.

Finance—Walker and Parsons. Efficiency—McDonald and Wines. Permits—McDonald, Parsons and Walker.

The applications of Joseph F. Miller and Charles H. Cassidy for positions in the department were read and ordered on file.

Petitions of E. Rogowski for permission to erect another addition at 825 Chapel street; of F. L. Leighton & Co., to raise roof of brick building 6 and 8 Congress avenue, and of the proprietor of Gardie's hotel in Meadow street to build an addition to the hotel were referred to the appropriate committees, after which the board adjourned.

L. G. E. OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Ladies Did the Installing. The installation of officers of Martha Washington temple, No. 2, L. G. E., was held last evening at their rooms in the "Courier" building.

These were all installed by the following: Noble templar, Mrs. Mary A. Tuttle; vice templar, Mrs. Mary L. Davis; prophetess, Mrs. Hattie Butler; priestess, Mrs. Addie Taylor; marshal of ceremonies, Mrs. Nellie Tyler; guardian of records, Miss Hattie Butler; guardian of exchequer, Miss Grace Holter; guardian of music, Miss Flora Butler; guardian of inner portal, Mrs. Ella Gilbert; guardian of outer portal, W. H. Thompson; trustee for three years, Mrs. Nellie Tyler; trustee for one year, Mrs. Mary L. Davis.

W. H. Spear Lectures in Westport. The Bridgeport Standard's Westport correspondent says concerning the lectures of Mr. W. H. Spear of this city in that place:

"Mr. Spear's two lectures on temperance at National hall Sunday afternoon and evening were listened to by large audiences, in which were many who had been influenced by the speaker's eloquence last fall, when here, to assume the blue ribbon. There was good singing at both meetings. The Westport Christian Temperance union was the means of inducing Mr. Spear to visit us a second time."

KNAPP-FAXON SUTTLARS.

The Bridal Couple Will Embark For Europe To-day.

Bridgeport, Feb. 5.—At 6 o'clock this evening in the pretty Woodlawn Presbyterian church, West Philadelphia, was solemnized the wedding of Miss Eugene Louise Faxon of that place, and a niece of Mr. H. S. Myzatt of New Milford, and Mr. Herbert Morton Knapp, of the banking firm of Burr & Knapp, this city.

The church was handsomely decorated for the occasion, with the usual array of plants and cut flowers. The maid of honor was an intimate friend of the bride, Miss Nickerson of West Philadelphia. The best man was from this city, Mr. F. W. Robinson.

The happy couple will go on a wedding tour of ten weeks, traveling through Europe. Upon their return they will reside in this city in the house now occupied by Mr. Knapp at Park and Laurel avenues.

STATE COUNCIL, K. O. P.

Proceedings at the Meeting Yesterday.

The state council, Knights of Columbus, met in Knights of Columbus hall yesterday. The morning session was devoted to routine business.

The following were elected officers: State deputy, Philip Hendrick of Taffville; treasurer, Daniel Smith of Bridgeport; secretary, M. F. Baker of Winsted; warden, William B. Adams of Portland; advocate, M. W. Sullivan of Thompville; chaplain, Rev. M. W. McElvaine; auditor, Robert Pallet of Meriden; financier, Thomas F. Barrett of Waterbury.

At the afternoon session delegates were chosen to the national council.

Dinner was served in Warner hall about 125 delegates being present. The national council will meet in the office of Secretary Daniel Colwell in this city next month.

ST. PAUL'S GUILD.

Entertainment and Social Gathering Last Night in the Parish House.

A large number of parishioners of St. Paul's guild and their friends attended an informal entertainment in the parish house last night. The talent participating included Miss Bertha Raymond, the charming soprano singer, who sang several solos, Miss Lulu Uhl accompanying; Miss Grace Walker, who played a pleasing piano solo; Mr. J. C. Curtis, who rendered a guitar solo, and Mr. George Edwards pleased the company with his autoharp solos.

The efficient committee were the Misses Cornwall, Ensign and Blackman.

GRAND CASTLE'S ANNUAL SESSION.

Knights of the Golden Eagle Report of Financial Condition.

Danbury, Feb. 5.—At the seventh annual session of Grand Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle here to-day, the report of Grand Master of Records Frank P. Tyler showed that the total membership of the Grand Castle was on January 3, 1895, 827, a gain of 62 over last year.

Grand Chief William H. Wilmost reported all the castles in good condition and harmony prevailing among them. He recommended that as the minimum fee of \$3 for admission of new members goes out of effect on February 6, 1895, the time be extended to February 6, 1896, for the best interests of the order; also that the castles be given permission to wipe out all debts to the castles of worthy members to January 1, 1895; also that the castles have the privilege of reinstating suspended members for the sum of \$3.

THE PRISON INVESTIGATION

DIRECTORS VOTE TO SUSTAIN THE MANAGEMENT.

Testimony as to Food and Treatment of the Prisoners—Various Prison Officials Testify.

Hartford, Feb. 5.—The board of directors of the Connecticut state prison met in the warden's office of the prison this forenoon, in pursuance of the call issued by President Bollmann Saturday, to investigate the charges made by Dr. Tracy, president of the state board of charities.

There were present President Bollmann and Directors Chapin, Lawton, Spencer and Chittenden. Messrs. Sumner of Hartford and Sanford of Simsbury being unable to attend.

Mr. Bollmann explained the object of the meeting, as in the nature of an investigation.

Warden Woodbridge was called and said that he purchased all the food for the prison himself. The meat was advertised for bids and bought under contract, while the other articles were bought in open market.

"Has there been improvement in food?" asked President Bollmann.

"Yes, I raised three and one-half acres of corn and one and one-half acres of tomatoes. Butter we now have, and we give them bread pudding, and the bread is very seldom that which has been left over by the prisoners. There is not a day but that I see at least one meal served. I have never seen any unclean food. All refuse is sent to swill-pen. We have given the prisoners boiled corn two and three times a week and raw onions have been placed in their cells; also carrots and turnips. We have also given them sugar and milk in tea and coffee."

"If a man should say he hadn't enough to eat, what would you do?" "Give him extra rations. Men doing heavy work and men of unusually heavy appetites have extra rations."

"Has there, in the past year and a half, been an instance of bodily punishment?" "No, I suspended one officer for thirty days for slapping a prisoner's face. That is the only instance."

President Bollmann then carefully went through the punishment record book.

Regarding fish rations, the warden said he had bought alewives whenever he could. One week the prisoners have baked salt mackerel, again salmon, again fish chowder, etc. There is over seven tons of fish and twenty-eight tons of fresh meat furnished the prisoners in twelve months.

In reply to a question the warden said that many discharged prisoners had come to him and thanked him for the improvement in the food supply.

The warden then exhibited a breakfast, dinner and supper ration taken from yesterday's tables. The food was generous.

A recess was taken for dinner, after which Warden Woodbridge took the stand. Major Spencer asked him about the quality of the clothing given discharged prisoners. The warden said that when a prisoner was liberated he was given a complete new suit of clothes from underclothes to hat, whereas the former warden used to purchase second-hand clothes. He further stated that the "outside gear" were given rubber boots and thick woolen overcoats.

Dr. Edward G. Fox, prison physician since September, 1891, was then called and stated that he had never had a single complaint regarding the management of the prison or the treatment of the prisoners.

William D. De Blois, employed for over forty years as overseer at the prison, said the only improvement that he could suggest was to give the prisoners less leniency. Many of the prisoners he said the idea that the warden is not allowed to inflict bodily punishment, and offer threaten that if they are punished they will write to the state board of charities. Secretary Taylor of the Prisoners' Aid society gave his testimony unswerving. He said that he had been favorably impressed with the management of the prison from confidential talks with discharged prisoners.

Deputy Warden Bales testified that the prison was never better managed. Chaplain Moses also said the management was good.

John C. Hughes, the night watchman, testified that he heard very few complaints. The directors decided not to call in talent to testify, as it would cause dissatisfaction among them. They finally decided to pass the following resolution:

Resolved, That from the knowledge we had of the management of the affairs of this prison and from the evidence we have heard to-day we believe that the reported complaints of the discharged prisoners, Fox and Hines, are wholly without foundation, and that we have no fault to find with the management of this institution.

ZERO WEATHER.

Reports From All Parts of the State—Extremely Cold in Many Places.

South Norwalk, Feb. 5.—The coldest here to-day was 4 above.

Torrington, Feb. 5.—The mercury struck 8 below zero here to-day.

Willimantic, Feb. 5.—Eight below zero here this morning.

Putnam, Feb. 5.—Six below zero here to-day; ditto at Danversville.

Danbury, Feb. 5.—Twelve below zero here to-day.

Falls Village, Feb. 5.—Ten below zero here to-day.

Norwich, Feb. 5.—The temperature registered 6 degrees below zero here to-day. The Thames river is frozen solid for some distance down and the Norwich boats run down the river twice endeavoring to keep the channel open, but without success.