

NO DECISIONS MADE KNOWN

IT IS REPORTED THAT MRS. DOMINIS WILL GIVE TESTIMONY.

Many White Persons Surprised at Denunciation of Queen Lili by the Natives of Hawaii—Her Renouncing Letter Was Drawn by Her Attorney.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—The queen's letter to President Dole renouncing her rights as a sovereign was drawn up by Judge A. S. Hartwell at the request of her attorney. No member or official of the government had anything to do with the promises or even held any conference with her or her agents. It was absolutely spontaneous and voluntary with herself and her personal advisers.

The execution of this document cannot be taken to exempt you in the slightest degree from personal and individual liability for such complicity as due investigation and trial may show that you had in the late conspiracy against the government and the consequent loss of life. It cannot be conceded that such rights and claims as you now voluntarily relinquish have had any legal existence since January 14, 1893, when by your own act and deed you had no longer considered yourself bound by the fundamental law of the land and by your action in attempting by the mere exercise of your own will to establish a new system of government the contract existing between you and the people was dissolved and all sovereign rights therein invested in you were lost.

The U. S. S. Philadelphia arrived at Honolulu January 29, nine days from San Francisco. The instructions to Admiral Bearss were to reach Honolulu some days before the admiral, who arrived on the Philadelphia. Much comment has been made upon the words "refusing protection to American citizens participating in attempts to maintain as well as to overthrow any existing government." Nearly every American in Honolulu has taken an active part in this unpleasantness. The general opinion is that the admiral's instructions leave him with nobody to protect and little to do. British Commissioner Hawes told the editor of the Bulletin that it would be highly proper for him to render active support to the government and that he would not forfeit his protection as a British subject by doing so.

The court on January 28 was occupied with the trial of John F. Bowler. The evidence showed that Bowler arranged with Nowlin to take charge of the seizure of the telephone office. Bowler is a contractor and builder and is credited with accumulating much wealth under Kalakaua. The court overruled the objection made by the prisoner's counsel to the trial of the case by a military commission.

He Did Not, Though, Get the Seal of the State.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 6.—When the canvassing of the returns was completed this afternoon H. Clay Evans went to a room of the state library where Justice Morris administered to him the oath of office as governor of Tennessee.

He then proceeded to the office of Secretary of State Morgan and asked that the oath be filed. The secretary declined to receive the affidavit for record, but a written copy was left with him. Evans will immediately apply for a mandamus to compel the delivery to him of the state seal and the possession of the executive office.

THE STATE DRUGGISTS.

Annual Meeting Held in Norwich. Norwich, Feb. 6.—The annual meeting of the Connecticut Pharmaceutical association was held here to-day. Officers were elected as follows: President, Charles A. Rapelye of Hartford; vice presidents, C. P. Gladding of Hartford and John W. Lowe of New Haven; secretary, Frederick Wilcox of Waterbury; treasurer, L. E. Goodwin of Hartford.

The association spent two hours this morning looking over Backus hospital.

A Trunk Picked Up.

London, Feb. 6.—A fishing smack brought to Lowestoft this evening a trunk containing letters and books marked with the name of Charles Wix. The trunk was picked up about thirty miles off Lowestoft. Wix was a first cabin passenger on the Elbe. His home was in Orange, N. J.

THE COUNTRY ICE BOUND.

Coldest Weather in Years—No Change for Warmer to-day—Twenty-eight Degrees Below in Montana—Another Arctic Night

Not since 1856 has the Frost king held such sway as he is now having. In that year on one occasion the thermometer fell only one degree lower than it recorded early yesterday morning. In many places a drop of 12 degrees was noticed in the last twenty-four hours, and at some points in this vicinity it was 17 degrees below. At 7 o'clock yesterday morning at the weather bureau office in this city Mr. Myers says the mercury stood at 7 degrees below, this being the fourth time in thirty years that it has been so low as this here. In 1884 10 degrees below was registered as the minimum temperature. In northern Montana yesterday it was 28 degrees below, the coldest spot in the United States, as far as reported.

A thin coating of ice has formed on the harbor, but the frequent passage of tugs so breaks it up that the channel cannot freeze solidly. In the Quinnipiac and Mill rivers, however, where the tug boat trips are less frequent, thick ice formed and the channel from the Chapel street bridge up along the docks on Railroad avenue, is frozen solid. There is considerable ice floating in the sound which necessitates the steamers running slowly. The Starlin boat Erasmus Corning did not arrive in this city yesterday until noon owing to her slow speed on account of the ice. Captain Thompson of the old lighthouse reported that the temperature was 6 degrees below out there yesterday morning. In some of the schools yesterday the rooms were so cold that the scholars had to sit with wraps on. Shoppers were scarce yesterday, and the streets were comparatively deserted last evening.

Weather Observer Myers thinks there will be a slight rise in the temperature to-day, but no marked warm change is expected within twenty-four hours at least.

At 11 o'clock last night at Wood's drug store the thermometer recorded 3 1/2 degrees above, and at A. B. Greenwood's shoe store at the same hour the record was 4 degrees above, a drop of 4 degrees in four hours.

Bristol, Feb. 6.—The mercury was 10 below zero at daylight.

Norwich, Feb. 6.—The temperature last night, with the thermometer from 10 to 20 below zero in this vicinity.

Winsted, Feb. 6.—Litchfield county is the coldest spot in the state. The weather is reported to have been in some places from 20 to 25 below zero at daybreak. The wind was piercing.

At Norfolk it was 25 below, Torrington, 15, Lakeville 18, Canaan 20, Falls Village 10, Cornwall 10, Pleasant Valley 12, Burville 10, Colbrook 20.

Rockville, Feb. 6.—The temperature this morning was 15 degrees below zero, and in Tolland county generally from 18 to 20 below.

Windsor Locks, Feb. 6.—The mercury here to-day ranged from 10 to 15 degrees below zero, with a sharp northwest wind.

Granby, Feb. 6.—The temperature at 7 a. m. was 13 below zero.

Waterbury, Feb. 6.—Last night was by many degrees the coldest here of the winter. Towards morning the gale blew on the hills about the city. The thermometer went down to 11 degrees below zero in many parts of the city, and in the country towns here it was still colder.

Meriden, Feb. 6.—Last night was the coldest for many years here. At midnight the thermometer registered 10 below zero. At 8 a. m. it had risen to 5 below.

Bridport, Feb. 6.—At 6:40 this morning the thermometer registered 3 degrees below zero.

MASTER PLUMBERS MEET.

Mayor Kilduff Welcomes the State Association to Waterbury—Sanitary Legislation.

Waterbury, Feb. 6.—The Master Plumbers' association of the state is in session here in city hall. The meeting was called to order by President Ahearn of the state association, with 102 representatives of the trade present.

Addresses of welcome were made by Alderman T. D. Barlow, president of the Waterbury association, and Mayor E. G. Kilduff.

The president gave his annual address, and President Mitchell of New York of the national association, made an address. Most of the business of the forenoon was in executive session and concerned the protection of the trade from irresponsible workmen. The bill concerning sanitary plumbing now before the general assembly was discussed and generally approved.

The election of officers was as follows: President—J. E. Welant of New Britain.

First vice president—C. F. Eams of Bridgeport.

Second vice president—A. J. Clerkin of New Haven.

Recording secretary—George Rapelye of New Britain.

Financial secretary—R. H. Stodhart of Middletown.

Treasurer—John S. Craig of Hartford.

President Ahearn in his report advocated the adoption of a rigid state plumbing bill, and approve of the bill now before the legislature concerning sanitary plumbing, and also acknowledged the society's indebtedness to ex-President S. E. Dibble of New Haven, who has taken a great interest in the bill. Through his influence it was finally amended and perfected and then presented before the legislature. By this kindly office of his the association was saved much trouble and expense.

Murphy Signs With New York. New York, Feb. 6.—German, the pitcher, and "Tot" Murphy, the ex-Yale captain, signed with the New York club to-day. Eight players are now under contract.

DEBS GOES ON THE STAND

AT HIS TRIAL YESTERDAY HE TOLD THE TRIAL OF HIS LIFE.

Judge Grosscup Took Him in Hand and Questioned Him Concerning the Condition of the Pullman Employee—To Unite Warring Factions.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—At the Debs trial to-day the defendant, Eugene V. Debs, told the story of his life from the time when at fourteen years of age he became a fireman of a locomotive, through the successive stages of clerk in a wholesale house, city clerk of Terre Haute, member of the Indiana legislature, grand secretary and treasurer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and editor of the Locomotive Firemen's Magazine, at a joint salary of \$4,000 a year, down to the organization of the American Railway union and his election as its president at a salary of \$9,000 a year.

Mr. Debs said the object of the organization of the A. R. U. was to unite warring factions of railroad employes and make their cause a common one against the general managers' association. This was made necessary by the fact that the large roads were constantly swallowing up the small ones and a movement was on foot to reduce wages. When he first heard of the troubles at Pullman, Mr. Debs sent Vice President Howard there and told him to avert the threatened strike if possible. Judge Grosscup himself took the witness in hand and interrogated him concerning the condition of the Pullman employes.

At the afternoon session Debs was the only witness and his testimony was not concluded at the adjournment of court. He related the proceedings of the A. R. U. convention in detail. He stated that during the continuance of the strike he at no time was guilty of any violation of the federal law, nor did he at any time from the first meeting of the A. R. U. until the end of the strike utterance any acts of violence or advise any one to violate the laws of the nation, the state laws or any city ordinance. He emphatically stated that at all meetings his words were to the effect that under no circumstances must mail trains be interfered with.

Before court adjourned Attorney Gregory, for defendants, requested Judge Grosscup to order an investigation concerning the constables' inability to serve a subpoena on George M. Pullman.

LADIES' NIGHT.

Last Ladies' Night at the Sacred Heart Catholic Club's Rooms, on Howard Avenue.

The second of a series of ladies' nights given by the Sacred Heart Catholic club was held in their rooms on Howard avenue last night. The following program was well carried out:

Selections by the Second regiment orchestra; song, John Brennan; orchestra; leggederman, Prof. Wallace; orchestra; song, "Only in Dreams," Archie Roman; violin duo, first violin, Miss Lillie V. Dwyer; second violin, Miss Christine T. Dwyer; accompanist, Miss May Gillespie; orchestra; song, "Sunday Night at Nellie's Home," William H. Coe, accompanist, George E. Durkin; orchestra; piano solo, Miss Vera Tracy.

Among the guests were Mr. James T. Moran, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Bearr, Mr. and Mrs. McAvaney, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. John Ahearn, Miss May Murphy, Misses Lillie and Josie Maher, Misses Christine and Lillie Dwyer, Miss Lizzie Connors, Miss Mary Ryan, Miss May McEnerney, Mrs. Joseph Riley, Miss Kittle Sullivan of New York, Miss Bertha O'Keefe, Miss Josie O'Keefe, Mr. John Dwyer, Mr. Thomas Keegan, Mr. George E. Durkin, Mr. Edward O'Meara, Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, Mr. Edward Farley, Mr. Riley Phillips, Mr. Joseph Murphy, Mr. John Murray, Mr. William H. Coe, Dr. Slattery, and Miss Slattery, Dr. McCabe.

ABLE ADDRESSES.

At the Convention of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

Bridgeport, Feb. 6.—At the convention of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip of the Congregational church, this morning, addresses were delivered by the Rev. W. S. Kelsey of Boston, president of the executive council; H. D. Heathfield of Malden, Mass., secretary of the executive council, and the Rev. Rufus Miller of New York, president of the Federal council. At the open parliament which was held in the forenoon also the Rev. E. N. Hardy of Holliston, Mass., presided. He is editor of the Star, the official organ of the Brotherhood.

The executive committee of the Federal council was this afternoon elected. It is the Rev. William S. Kelsey, Boston; E. N. Hardy, Holliston, Mass.; H. D. Heathfield, Malden, Mass.; E. F. Butterfield, Lowell, Mass.; Charles A. Anderson, South Boston, Mass.; Oscar Phelps, Hartford; E. L. Gilbert, Stoneham, Mass.; J. E. Frye, Chicago; A. W. Hitchcock, Newburyport, Mass.; George A. Hall, Peabody, Mass.; Frank H. Page, Boston; Charles S. Mills, Cleveland; C. S. Buckingham, this city.

MR. BEDFORD'S LECTURE.

He Will be Introduced by Hon. N. D. Sperry.

Portsmouth, N. H., Feb. 6.—Word was received to-day from Isle of Shoals that an unknown three-master was at anchor, near White Island, in a dangerous position. The vessel anchored there yesterday during the heavy blow, and last evening when darkness settled down the masts of the schooner could be discerned from Appledore Island. To-day a heavy haze has been lying close to the surface, and it was impossible to see the craft until this evening, when it sailed down. The rigging and hull were wholly obscured in ice. As soon as the weather permits tugs will start to the vessel's assistance.

YALE NOTES.

Senior Prom Committees—New Departures at the Gymnasium—Freshman Prize Problems.

A meeting of the academic senior class was held in 194 Old Chapel Tuesday evening for the purpose of electing a promenade committee, as well as to decide whether or not the class should wear the cap and gown. R. B. Mason presided. It was formally voted to wear the cap and gown, and the following were nominated as a committee to make the necessary arrangements:

J. B. Speer, A. E. Schermerhorn, G. E. Batcheller, F. S. Franklin, S. T. High, C. R. McLane, W. L. Deuch and T. B. Lockwood.

Those selected were S. T. High (70), J. B. Speer (63) and F. S. Franklin (59).

An informal ballot for the promenade committee was then taken with the following result: M. Gavin (64), J. B. Hoie (53), W. H. Scoville (56), G. A. Phelps (54), A. R. Clark (45), J. E. Hoker (47), C. R. McLane (38), J. R. Williams (31), R. S. White (35), W. A. DeLano (25), E. J. Cooper (27), W. L. Beadleton (25), C. C. Hyde (24), A. Wardwell (24), and A. B. Shepley (24).

The result of the final ballot was: J. B. Hoie (88), A. B. Shepley (82), A. R. Clark (81), W. H. Scoville (77), M. Gavin (73), G. R. McLane (73), J. R. Williams (70), J. E. Cooper (67), C. C. Hyde (63), G. A. Phelps (63), A. Wardwell (62), R. S. White (60).

The committee usually consists of nine men, but it was announced that owing to the tie for last place there would be, this year, twelve members—the senior prom. election of the class of '90, when two men were tied for last place, and the '95 junior prom. election, when a similar tie occurred, being taken as precedents. It has since been decided, however, to refer the matter to the class for settlement, and a meeting will be held for that purpose this evening.

Mr. August Hemenway inspected the gymnasium Tuesday with the view of obtaining ideas for the new addition to be made to the Hemenway gymnasium at Harvard.

A. B. Shepley '96 coached the freshman crew candidates Tuesday.

About sixty orders for the Sheffield freshman class came have been received by the committee.

An address upon "Book Plates" will be given at the Graduate club at 8:30 o'clock next Saturday evening by Charles Dexter Allen of Hartford. A large collection of rare and valuable book plates recently exhibited in the Grolier club of New York and in Cleveland will be opened to inspection in the club house before and after the address.

The second set of problems for the freshman mathematical prizes was distributed to the members of the class Tuesday. Seven problems in trigonometry are offered, solutions for which must be handed to one of the freshman mathematical instructors at his recitation room before 9:30 a. m. on April 18, 1895. The prizes correspond to the second premiums in geometry, and the competition will be based on similar conditions.

The second and third parts of the Lyman Beecher lectures on "The Pastor and His People" will be delivered at Marquand chapel this (Thursday) and to-morrow afternoons at 3:15 o'clock by Dr. David H. Geer of New York.

A movement is on foot for a public acknowledgment by the university to Professors A. T. Hadley, G. B. Adams and Messrs. H. A. Smith, E. G. Buckland and W. S. Phelps for their aid to the Yale debaters in the last Yale-Harvard debate in coaching them up.

Dr. Anderson wishes to announce to the university that during the months of February and March basket ball will be taken up by the night classes at the gymnasium. This work will be in charge of Mr. H. S. Anderson. This will be the first time this game has been introduced here, and it has been decided to give it a trial as one of the gymnasium sports.

The game cannot be played during the afternoon owing to the crowd on the main floor, but will be restricted to the evening. Some changes will also be made in the class work. There will be less time given to chest weights, but the body building will not be neglected.

It is Dr. Anderson's intention to give instruction in French can exercises and the German broadsword drill. The training given in the night classes is of great value to the students and all members of the university who can take the time should take advantage of the opportunity to educate the body.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Winslow are both quite ill with pneumonia, although no serious results are anticipated. Mr. Winslow is the popular Elm street baker.

The annual grand masquerade of the Germania Bicycle club will be held in Harugart hall this evening. The society is well known in this city and that there will be a large crowd in attendance is assured, as there has been a large sale of tickets. The Philharmonic orchestra will furnish music and Professor Cappallo will prompt. The price of admission is twenty-five cents.

HE WILL BE INTRODUCED BY HON. N. D. SPERRY.

Hon. N. D. Sperry will introduce Mr. Augustus Bedford on the occasion of his lecture in Warner hall this evening on "The Origin, History and Pedigree of the American Flag." Mr. Bedford will bring with him thirty different flags with which to illustrate his talk. He is said to have many of the characteristics of Hon. Tom Waller in being clear, forcible and eloquent.

In connection with the lecture there will be a concert by some of our best musicians, and after it there will be a social hop. A rare treat is promised to those who attend, and the hall will without doubt be full.

THE PRISON INVESTIGATION

STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES MET AT BOARD OF CAPITOL.

Warden Woodbridge of the State Prison Attended the Meeting and Mrs. Hall Made Her Report—Public Statements Will be Investigated.

Hartford, Feb. 6.—The state board of charities met at the capitol to-day to consider the matters of differences between themselves and the state prison management. Warden Woodbridge attended the meeting and presented the invitation of the state prison directors to meet with them. It was decided to accept the invitation and meet the directors at 11:30 o'clock next Tuesday.

Miss Mary Hall of this city presented her report of the occurrences which are said to have taken place at the state prison when she and Dr. Tracey, the president of January 27. It was decided to investigate certain public statements which have been made regarding Dr. Tracey's alleged condition at the interview with him and Warden Woodbridge. Secretary Whittlesey presented a report of a visit he made to the prison Monday, when he heard the complaint of three convicts which had been made to the board of charities. This afternoon the board, with its attorney, Francis H. Parker, of this city, considered matters of legislation to be presented to the general assembly.

Was Born in This State. Brooklyn, Feb. 6.—Charles W. Copeland, one of the best known marine engineers of this country, died here last night. He was born in Coventry, Conn., in 1816. His father, Daniel Copeland, was a builder of steam engines and boilers in Hartford, Conn.

Rubber Company Dividend. New York, Feb. 6.—Charles R. Flint, treasurer of the United States Rubber company, states that the directors to-day declared the first semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. on the common stock from the surplus earnings up to April 1, 1894. The net earnings up to April 1, 1894, as applicable to dividends after payment of dividends on preferred stock were \$1,444,887.

Is Still Missing. New York, Feb. 7, 1:45 a. m.—Nothing has been heard from the steamer La Gascongale up to this hour.

Will be Launched To-day. London, Feb. 6.—The Yachting World is informed that A. B. Waller's new yacht Albia will be launched to-morrow and will sail south in time to take part in the Mediterranean regatta.

Trolley Party Monday Night. Given by Mrs. Walter Graham of Grand Avenue.

One of the most enjoyable trolley parties of the season was given Monday evening by Mrs. W. A. Graham of Grand avenue. The party enjoyed a ride over the different branches of the Fair Haven and Westville road. Later in the evening a fine supper was partaken of at Mrs. Graham's house. Those enjoying the ride were Rev. J. Lee Mitchell and wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Manwaring, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Laete, Mr. and Mrs. Easter, Mr. and Mrs. Brun, Mr. and Mrs. Nettleton, Miss Georgia Hardy, Miss Mary Dudley Burk, Miss Squires, Miss Lizzie Thompson, Miss May Pratt, Mr. Mather, Dr. Moore, Mr. Bartlett, John Manwaring, and William Peowitts.

Ministers' Association. The regular monthly meeting of the New Haven Methodist Ministerial association will be held at the parsonage of the Grace M. E. church this (Thursday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. J. H. Morgan will read a sermon and Rev. F. A. Seefeldt will read a paper on "The Young People and the Church." The ladies of Grace church will serve a collation and a large attendance of the pastors is expected.

A Surprise Party. Music and Dancing. A surprise party was given to Mr. James Duffy at his home, 82 Washington street, Tuesday evening by a number of his friends. There were twenty couples present and the evening was spent in dancing. The Juvenile club quartet and banjo club was present and rendered several fine selections. Supper was served at midnight.

Increased the Capital. Chicago, Feb. 6.—The capital stock of the Diamond Match company was increased from nine to eleven million dollars by resolution of the stockholders at the annual meeting held here to-day. The report showed that the profits of the concern for the year amounted to \$1,307,000 and the surplus to \$71,000. The earnings were reported to be 15.2-10 per cent. All the directors were re-elected. Not a single trade was made in the stock this morning.

Taken Home for Burial. Newark, N. J., Feb. 6.—Mrs. Aletta Bellows was picked up at the corner of Market and Broad streets here on the night of January 27 and died at the hospital the next morning. The body has been lying at Mullen's morgue since. The whereabouts of Mrs. Bellows' relatives were unknown. A letter addressed to Mrs. Bellows was received here on Monday and proved to be from her daughter, who lives at Tamworth, N. H. Word of the woman's death was immediately telegraphed to the daughter and she arrived here yesterday. Funeral services will be held, after which the body will be taken to Tamworth for interment.

MUSIC RECITAL

At the Troostwyk-Dessauer School of Music.

A second musical recital was given by the pupils of the Dessauer-Troostwyk School of Music yesterday afternoon at Steiner's Music hall. The program included selections from the best composers and all the numbers were rendered by pupils from the school. These pieces composed the list:

Festive March.....Troostwyk (Played by fourteen violins). Mrs. Cass, Misses Steinert, Street, Rothschild, Messrs. Wolf, Schurman, Strauss, Goodman, Mower, Arnold, Andrews, Piepenbrink, Muller and Duncan.

Aria for Soprano.....Saint-Saens Miss Jennings. a. Serenade.....Jensen Miss Alice Cheney. b. Scherzo.....Mendelssohn Miss Alice Cheney.

a. Regrets.....Franconer b. Ruywialak.....Wienlawski Violin Solo—Mr. Adolph Schurman. On the Rhein.....Ries

Baritone Solo—Mr. Kron. Andante and Scherzo Capriccioso, David and Mr. Leslie Vaughn. Concerto in G minor.....Mendelssohn Second and third part—Piano Solo. Miss Elizabeth Towle.

The parts were all well played and were immensely appreciated by the large audience, which filled the hall. The violin solo by Mr. Schurman was especially fine, as was also the baritone solo by Mr. Kron.

Among those present were noticed the following: Mrs. Dr. Chapman, Mrs. Cheney, Miss Wier, Mrs. C. P. Clark and Miss Clark, Mrs. Porter, Professor E. S. Richards, Professor Towle, Miss Bristol, Mrs. Shoninger, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Kellough, General George H. Ford, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. McLane.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS BANQUET. One Thousand Covers Expected—Some Good Music to be Given.

The list of speakers for the banquet of the Young Men's Republican club on Lincoln's birthday anniversary has not yet been completed. The DeKoven Singing society, led by Professor George C. Stock, and consisting of thirty-eight voices, will furnish music. The Lamed Banjo club will also enliven the festivities. It is thought that 1,000 will sit at the banquet table, which will be laid in Banquet hall on Chapel street.

The committee will do their own catering. A good time is insured and all the members are requested to attend.

WALLINGFORD. Yes, It Was Cold—Struck Seventeen Degrees Below—Milkmen Felt It Keenly—Senator Lyman Johnson.

Senator Lyman Johnson of New Haven was born in Wallingford and later lived with William Francis of North Farms, and is a nephew of Lyman Humiston, Harry Doolittle and Fred Johnson of this place. He is a grandson of John Doolittle, who ran the first locomotive to Hartford on the Consolidated road, and many years ago purchased quite a tract of land where the depot here now stands for 50 cents an acre and later sold it for \$1 an acre, and thought that he had made a big bargain.

Mr. Walters of Cheshire, who has been nominated for county commissioner, married a sister of Mrs. J. W. Blakelee of North Farms.

A special meeting of the Congregational society is called for Saturday evening to take into consideration the question of adopting the free pay system.

Yesterday was the coldest day of the season. During the early morning the thermometer registered from 10 to 17 degrees below zero, according to location. J. D. Williams, the milkman, who lives down near Stafford, reports that 10 o'clock it was 17 below. At W. E. Hall's in Wallingford it was 16 below. At D. C. Dudley's on the south plains it was 13 below at 6 o'clock. At Hall & Elton's factory at 4 o'clock it was 12 below, and at other places about the plains it was 10. During the early part of the day the mercury hugged the zero point, but in the afternoon it went up to from 8 to 10 degrees above. The plumbers were busy all day and water pipes from all sections of the town were reported frozen.

Dan McCarthy, the popular Irish comedian, will appear in the opera house this evening in "The Pride of Mayo."

Real estate transfers are: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stevenson to C. F. Wooding, land 50x150 feet on Center street; F. C. Allen to A. L. Martin and E. E. Hall, 50x112 feet on Ward street.

William Hodgkinson and Miss Emma Jones will be married Thursday, February 14, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, at the home of the bride.

The Rev. Asher Anderson of Meriden will be the speaker at the next monthly union temperance meeting in March.

Oscar D. Keeny, for many years employed at Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co.'s works, is now working for the Moiven Britannia company in the rough buffing department.

The bill now pending in the legislature which provides for abolishing the office of school fund commissioner and placing the school fund amounting to upwards of \$2,000,000 has been referred to the committee of which Representative W. H. Newton is chairman.

The board of burgesses has called a special meeting of the freemen of the borough for Tuesday evening, February 12, to vote on the proposed electric amendment to the charter.

John Bagshaw was taken from New Haven jail to Wethersfield on Tuesday.

The Gas Meter Exploded. Shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a still alarm was sent to No. 3's engine house from 44 Gill street, occupied by Gurdon W. Quinloy. The fire was caused by the explosion of a gas meter. The department promptly extinguished the incipient blaze. The damage was slight.

NO RETIREMENTS ARE MADE

MALLEY ACTED AT THE MEETING OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Claims Grant Has Not Duly Qualified—Corporation Counsel's Opinion Is That He Has—Chief Kennedy's Communication—Organization Not Effectuated.

Despite the fact that Commissioner George M. Grant of the board of public works took the oath of office before a competent authority in California and so notified the city auditor and city clerk by telegraph, William Maley, who was the predecessor of Commissioner Grant, was present at last night's meeting of the board of public works and acted in his official capacity as a member of the board. No retirements of officials connected with the department were attempted and consequently the fact that he was there amounted to but very little.

Some fruitless caucusing was held prior to the meeting by the republican and democratic members. Finally after the members had taken their seats Mr. McGann and States held a whispered consultation and McGann left the room, returning almost immediately, however, with ex-Commissioner Maley. At this denouement the mayor and the republican members of the board appeared non-plused. In a moment, however, the mayor took from his pocket a telegram received from Commissioner Grant announcing that he had qualified in California. This he handed to Mr. Maley, who read it and returned it to the mayor, saying as he did so: "Well, Mr. Mayor, I am here to serve until my successor has duly qualified."

"I want it understood," replied the mayor, "that I have no personal feeling in the matter, but I want to say to you that I have been finally called Counsel Ely in reference to the matter and he give it as his opinion that Commissioner Grant has duly and legally qualified."

Commissioner States at this stage of the proceedings remarked that the whole affair hinged on whether or not Mr. Grant had taken the oath before competent authority and that there was no proof that he had except the telegraphic dispatch in question. This ended the discussion and Maley remained practically under protest. Another attempt was then made to caucus, but this was a signal failure and the board commenced the transaction of routine business.

In consequence of this fact no permanent organization was effected and after the meeting had been finally called to order on motion of Commissioner States, Mayor Hend