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**MR. AND MRS. W. K. VANDERBILT, JR.,
WHOSE SEPARATION IS ANNOUNCED**



The announcement that Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., had finally decided to live apart caused no surprise in society circles in New York and Newport. Almost from the day of their marriage ten years ago the Vanderbilts have had disagreements. Mrs. Vanderbilt was Miss Virginia Fair of California, and there were many titled men seeking her hand when her engagement to "Willie K." Vanderbilt was announced. Incompromise in society circles in New York and Newport. Friends of both Mrs. Vanderbilt and her husband declare that every effort at reconciliation has failed and that the couple will live apart in the future. They have three children.

**REDDING NEWS OF
GENERAL INTEREST
TO OUR READERS**

Redding, Sept. 23.—Problems incident to the transition from district to town management of the schools continue to agitate the community. After much pondering the authorities have decided that the proposed plan of bringing the district into the town district into the fold by means of the compelling action of a special town meeting is not the proper method because the district is too indebtedness, the assumption of which by the town would be an inducement for it to acquiesce in that manner of arrangement. The course now being pursued is to make an appraisal of all the school property in the town and a valuation of the taxable property of the Umpqua district. With these two sets of figures and using the last grand list as a basis for the calculation there can be ascertained what abatement of taxation is required to enable property owners by reason of the excess value of their school property and they will receive the benefit therefrom when their regular taxes become due next fall. This is practically what Umpqua has been standing out for and the rest of the town has really no choice except to acquiesce. Assessors began work this week to get the figures required for putting this plan into execution.

The number of members of which the new school board shall consist is still an undetermined question. Here the trouble lies in the alleged illegality of the special town meeting which fixed the number at three. Only one member of the board of selection signed the call for the meeting although all of them verbally assented to the issuing of the call, and there were other technical defects in the case. Secretary Hine advised the calling of another meeting but this would have the serious defect of being held in September whereas the statute limits the time of holding such a meeting to August. Two lawyers consulted about the matter gave it as their off hand opinion that the action taken by the meeting of Aug. 30 is void and that consequently the town would be justified in electing a board of nine, the old number. So the matter stands with no authoritative voice to guide the caucus which is about to be held. Should the Republican caucus nominate for a board of nine by placing five candidates on their ticket the Democratic caucus will probably follow suit. Should the action of the August town meeting be regarded as binding the caucuses will nominate two each.

There is comparatively little advance gossip about the probable doings of the Republican caucus which will be held Saturday evening. Interest chiefly centers about the nominations for first selectman and town clerk. George S. Banks, the incumbent of the former office, says that he is receptively rather than aggressively a candidate for another term and will stand aside if anyone of superior fitness comes forward for the place. William E. Hazen, a member of the present board declines to run again for the same position and will probably be urged as the long term incumbent by the party of assessors. It is said that E. A. Pinkey of the west side may be a candidate for selectman and failing to get that take a nomination for a lower place on the same board. Should the intentions expressed by quite a number of Republicans materialize J. N. Nicholson may find it difficult to secure a renomination for town clerk. He has held the office for more than thirty years and heretofore has gone upon the ticket as a matter of course. The threatened opposition this year may develop effectively, but there would be little surprise if it amounted to little or nothing. Mr. Nicholson professes to be not at all worried about the outcome.

The Democratic caucus will be held on Monday evening. As a matter of fact there is very little strife for places on this party's ticket, even a willingness to accept nominations being largely dependent on the fitness of the party's caucus and the promising openings which this action sometimes provides.

The selectmen and registrars will be in session at the town house on Saturday for the purpose of making voters. The list of those to be made is larger than usual for an off year and includes the names of Samuel L. Clemens, Albert Bigelow Paine, Jesse E. Cornwall, Fred Driggs, W. G. Doig, Henry W. Dater, Frank Eining and Charles H. Plump. All these are among the town's more recent residents.

The engagement is announced of Miss Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Nickerson, to Robert Upson of Southington. The wedding will occur about the middle of next month and owing to the recent death of Miss Nickerson's uncle will be a quiet home affair. Mr. Upson is one of Southington's substantial and prominent citizens. He carries on the nursery business and is a grower of apples and other fruits on an extensive scale, having the largest and best orchards in Middlesex county. He became acquainted with his future bride last year while she was teaching school in Southington.

The annual report of the selectmen to be submitted to the town meeting, Oct. 4th, will show that there was expended for road repairs during the past year about \$2,400 and for bridges about \$200. The permanent debt was reduced \$1,100 and there is a balance in the treasury of \$800. This balance would have been considerably larger had the amount of tax payments been up to the usual mark.

White D. S. Sanford, proprietor of the Sanford School, was driving last Saturday evening over the Ridge road where State construction work is in progress his buggy was again struck by a stone near the residence of Chas. Morehouse and tipped up so as to pitch him out. The fall stunned him to insensibility and severely lacerated him about the shoulders but the injuries were not serious or permanent.

The employees of Wyantuck farm entertained themselves and their friends last Friday evening with a dance at the Ridge gymnasium. Lester O. Peck, their employer, paid for the music and refreshments as is his annual custom.

Deputy Sheriff Banks attended the gathering of State sheriffs, deputies and constables held at Easton and Canton Rock last Saturday and on Sunday took in the Italian celebration in Bridgeport by invitation of the committee in charge.

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is much above that of last year, the rule being very large tubers although many in a hill. Blight was more general and damaging than in some former seasons.

A few flocks of quail have been spotted in town, showing that they are beginning to increase since their virtual extermination a few seasons since. Their number, however, is not sufficient to justify their being gathered in by the hunters. The Hungarian partridges which were wintered hereabouts are also somewhat in evidence, although not up to expectations, the native birds being the more numerous.

Fifteen or twenty teams and a number of laborers that have been working on the Bethel dam transferred their activities on Monday to the Lutgen dam.

Some one took the trouble to count the autos at the Mark T. Wain concert Tuesday and found that they numbered 66.

An auto in which Mrs. Grace Amory of the Center was riding got stalled on the railroad track in Georgetown Sunday as a train was approaching. The occupants of the machine had time to jump out and make their escape but the auto was struck and badly damaged.

The Crescent Milk Producers' Association held their annual meeting in

Easton on Monday and fixed the price of milk at 4-2 cents for the seven months from Oct. 1. This is a quarter of a cent above last year's rate and applies to all points from Redding Ridge to Bridgeport. The former officers were re-elected.

Mrs. Charles Sanford died Tuesday evening from Bright's disease. She had been in poor health for a long time but not until a few days ago did her condition assume an alarming phase. Mrs. Sanford was about 50 years of age and daughter of the late Bottsworth Sherwood of Easton. Her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Philo Platt and Miss Lucy Sanford, survive her.

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