

VERMONT NEWS.

G. A. R. Encampment.

The 38th annual encampment of the department of Vermont, G. A. R., will be held at Brattleboro, February 22. Headquarters will be established at the Brooks House at 4 o'clock in the afternoon on February 21. Assistant Adjutant, General B. F. Bowman of Post No. 93, B. Cannon, Jr., Post No. 34, Elwin A. Howe, Post No. 13, will constitute the committee on credentials, to prepare the call of the encampment. The order of business will be as follows unless changed by vote of the encampment. Opening of the encampment, roll call of officers, report of committee on credentials, roll call of delegates, reports of officers, appointments of committees.

Rutland Railroad Sold.

The New York Central Railroad company has secured control of the Rutland railroad and the St. Lawrence & Adirondack road. The New York Central has bought a majority of the stock of each of the two companies. To represent the New York Central in the directory of the Rutland Railroad company the following have been elected directors at New York: W. K. Vanderbilt, F. W. Vanderbilt, H. McK. Twombly, J. Pierpont Morgan, William Rockefeller, James Stillman, W. H. Newman. The following former directors of the Rutland Railroad company were re-elected to the board: W. Seward Webb, Chauncey M. Depew, Percival W. Clement, Fletcher D. Proctor, R. T. Payne, Olin Merrill. The new board of directors of the Rutland elected W. H. Newman, president; E. V. W. Rossiter, W. C. Brown, John Carstensen and William J. Wilgus, vice presidents; Dwight Pardee, assistant clerk; E. L. Rossiter, assistant treasurer. Mr. Newman is president of the Central and the new vice presidents of the Rutland road are also vice presidents of the New York Central. The new directors named above were also elected to the directory of the St. Lawrence & Adirondack Railroad company. Mr. Pardee was elected secretary, and E. L. Rossiter, treasurer.

Birds and Flowers.

At the annual meeting of the Vermont Bird club and the Vermont Botanical Club at Burlington last week these officers were elected. Of the Bird Club: President, Prof. George H. Perkins of Burlington; vice-president, C. D. Howe of Essex Junction; secretary and treasurer, G. H. Brossant of Burlington. A general committee was also elected, consisting of one member from each county of the state. Of the Botanical Club: President, Ezra Brainard of Middlebury; vice president, C. G. Pringle; secretary, Prof. L. R. Jones; treasurer, Miss Nellie Flynn, all of Burlington. The executive committee is made up as follows: Prof. Votey of Burlington, C. D. Howe of Essex Junction, Mrs. L. B. Lord of Burlington. Among papers read at the Bird Club meetings was one on "A few Warblers as I have known them," written by Miss Susan E. Clark of St. Johnsbury. The matter of the next meeting was discussed and a large number favored a cruise on Lake Champlain. This will be settled later. The officers of the botanical club were empowered by the club to petition the postoffice department to re-establish a station at Willoughby lake. This place has always been important because of its interest as a botanical center. The postoffice was discontinued there last year after an existence of 16 years.

The pay roll of the Vermont Marble Co., Proctor, for the month of December was about \$91,000. For a third time an explosion occurred at the plant of the Inland Hood Powder Co., at Swanton, last week Tuesday. As a result a loss was entailed amounting to about \$1,500 without insurance, the mixing room being totally destroyed. Frank Adams, John Goulet, and B. Dominick were badly injured last week in an elevator accident at the new medical college building at Burlington. The men were near the top when the plank that held the cable broke and the elevator fell 50 feet to the ground. Adams suffered a broken wrist. The others received spinal and internal injuries. All will recover. It is a wonder that all were not killed. This was the last day the elevator was supposed to work. It had been used all the season. Each man carried a box of mortar.

The residence of Sarah Bradford at Burlington was burned Jan. 17, and the occupant rescued with difficulty being confined to her bed with a broken arm. Her brother, H. H. Chittenden happened to discover the blaze and rung in the alarm but efforts to save the place were unavailing. It is thought that the fire was caused by an oil stove which in some manner was overturned in the kitchen.

At a meeting of the state board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association held in Rutland it was decided to hold the annual convention of the organization in Rutland April 14, 15, and 16. The convention will open with a banquet Friday evening and three sessions will be held the following day. Sunday afternoon a big mass meeting will be held at the opera house. It is expected that one or more members of the international committee will attend the convention.

The annual meeting and banquet of the New England Alumni associates of the University of Vermont was held Thursday evening at Hotel Westminster, Boston. At the business meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, David R. Dooley, 1879; vice presidents, Edward E. Hawes, med., 1896; Frank H. Clapp, med., 1896; James Buckham, 1881; George W. Stone, 1884; P. Thomas Kuller, 1880; med., 1896; chaplain, Rev. E. C. Bass, 1859; auditor, Orville G. Wheeler, 1900; secretary and treasurer, Albert E. Lewis, 1897; assistant secretary and treasurer, Irving L. Rich, 1902; executive committee, George P. Anderson, 1886; T. P. Rogers, 1873; Bert H. Hill, 1895; C. W. Doten, 1895; J. H. Vaughn, med., 1880.

The annual meeting of the National Life Insurance company was held at Montpelier last week and the following officers were elected: President, Joseph A. DeBoer; first vice president, James T. Phelps; second vice president, J. B. Ester; secretary, O. D. Clark; treasurer, H. M. Cutler; actuary, C. E. Moulton; medical advisor, Dr. A. B. Bisbee; counsel, F. A. Howland; inspector, of real estate, George Briggs; inspector of forms, F. A. Dwinell. During the past decade the company's insurance outstanding has increased 107 per cent, the yearly income has increased 185 per cent, and the assets have increased 184 per cent. The company is now permitted to do business in forty-one states of the Union.

A very peculiar and mysterious story of robbery was told at Bethel Thursday morning. It appears that George H. Waldo, a farmer living on the Bernard road, about five miles from the village, had in his possession \$1,300, which he proposed to use toward paying for a farm. Mr. Waldo was negotiating for the purchase of the William H. Edmunds farm and expected to close the trade that day, applying the \$1,300 as the first payment. In order to guard against the loss of the money, it was rolled up in a towel and hidden in the bed in which Mr. and Mrs. Waldo slept. In the morning the money could not be found and it is supposed that it was stolen.

The current issue of Leslie's Weekly contains an article on "Vermont's Remarkable Bloodhounds," accompanied by a full page of illustrations. According to this article the kennels of J. L. Winchell at Fair Haven, are the leading source of the supply of English bloodhounds in this country. At the present time Mr. Winchell has about twenty-five dogs, all of them prize winners of their progeny. He has sold several hundred of the animals, the prices ranging from \$500 upward. The Rockefeller and other millionaires are his patrons and his kennels are visited by many prominent persons.

Fire Friday night destroyed the steam saw mill at Bolton Falls owned by G. W. Randall of Waterbury. The total loss \$5,000. No insurance was carried.

The third annual spelling contest for the cup offered by S. F. Hersey, of Morrisville, was held at Stowe Friday evening, pupils from Morrisville, Hyde Park and Stowe high schools contesting. Stowe won for the third time and the cup becomes the property of the local high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Holt of South Woodstock passed their 65th wedding anniversary Sunday, January 15. Mr. Holt until the last few months has been unusually active for one of his age, 89 years and seven months. His condition is now very feeble. Mrs. Holt, who will be 87 years old in February, often reads and writes without glasses. Though for several years unable to walk owing to an injury suffered by a fall, she is very active, notably strong in mind.

Congressman D. J. Foster has appointed Gerald Bradford, of Burlington, a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Bradford is a grandson of the late Lucius C. Chittenden, of Burlington. He has passed the mental examination and if the physical examination is passed he will enter the academy in April.

The Island Pond Young Men's Christian Association observed its first anniversary Thursday night with a banquet and reception, which was attended by 125 members and guests. The banquet was served under the direction of the Woman's Auxiliary. Following the supper President Porter H. Dale delivered an address, in which he spoke of the work of the association. State Secretary F. S. Morrison, of Burlington, was next introduced. Other speakers were Rev. William Shaw and Rev. Thomas Hall, local clergymen. During the year 28,000 visitors were registered and the dormitory was used by 4,565 persons, chiefly by railroad men.

The matter of releasing Mildred Brewster from the state hospital for the insane at Waterbury still remains with the court. Two years ago the supervisors reported that she was sane and there was no further need of her confinement so far as her sanity was concerned. Since then her father has died and she has no place to go. She seldom expresses a desire to leave and passes her time in the sewing room where she is paying her way, and therefore is no expense to the state. Naturally the longer she remains the less resourceful she becomes.

The Vermont Veterans' Association of Boston will hold its 17th annual banquet at Young's hotel Thursday evening, February 2. There will be a reception from 6 to 7 o'clock the dinner being served at 7 o'clock. Among the guests expected are Lieut.-Gov. Charles H. Stearns and Congressman Kittredge Haskins of Vermont, the Vermont and Massachusetts department G. A. R. commanders, United States Marshal Charles K. Darling, and the Rev. George W. Bicknell, of Cambridge, Mass.

The stamp saving system inaugurated by the Woman's club of Bellows Falls is proving very popular among the school children. It has been in operation since Nov. 1, and during the first two months 539 children have made deposits to the amount of \$254. The system will soon be put into the high school.

Charles A. Smith, of Barre, overseer of the poor, in his annual report shows that it has cost the city an increase of 100 per cent, to keep its poor the past year over the year before. The total cost has been \$6,985 67. A building at Bellows Falls occupied by L. F. Shoemaker & Co., Philadelphia, contractors who are building the new steel bridge over the Connecticut river, was burned early Thursday morning. The boilers and a large quantity of construction material were destroyed. The completion of the bridge will be delayed a month. The fire caught from a defective fuse. The loss is \$3,000.

Cassius R. Peck, who recently went from Burlington to Oklahoma, has been appointed assistant United States attorney in that territory. The appointment was secured by Senator W. P. Dillingham. Mr. Peck is a son of Cassius Peck, superintendent of the Vermont experiment farm at Burlington, and for many years a well known resident of Brookfield.

Jonas T. Stevens, of Hyde Park, has been appointed by Fish and Game Commissioner H. G. Thomas, of Stowe, as fish and game warden for Lamoille county. A handsomely illustrated weekly. Largest circulation of any scientific journal. Terms, \$3 a year, 4 months, \$1. Sold by newsdealers. MUNN & Co 361 Broadway, New York Branch Office, 65 F St., Washington, D. C.

Scientific American.

It is announced that the office of treasurer of the Rutland railroad Co., will be removed from Burlington to Rutland, at once. Clarence Morgan, the former treasurer will remain at Burlington for the present. The treasurer's headquarters were removed to Burlington about two years ago, when it was expected that all the offices of the company would be established in that city.

H. M. Gordon, for the last 11 years superintendent of the National Fibre Board mills in Morrisville, has resigned his position and will be succeeded by Albert J. Moore, of Boston. Mr. Gordon will remain there for a few weeks until Mr. Moore becomes familiar with his duties and he will then go with Mrs. Gordon to Lynn, Mass., where they will make their home.

The real and personal estate of the Fitzgerald Lend and Lumber Co., of Island Pond including the Stetson lands, has been transferred to a company composed in part of E. B. Winslow, Henry P.

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