

**JURY FINALLY FINDS  
TAFT NOT GUILTY**

Disagrees at First in West Dummerston Assault Case and Is Sent Back by Judge F. E. Barber.

Fifteen minutes after the jury that heard yesterday the evidence in the case of the state against Charles Taft of West Dummerston, charged with assault on A. B. Webb last July, had reported that they could not agree and had been sent back they returned and reported to Judge Frank E. Barber a verdict of not guilty.

The case was tried in Grange hall in West Dummerston and occupied the attention of the court all day. State's Attorney O. B. Hughes appeared for the state and H. B. Chase of Chase & Chase represented the respondent.

Webb, who was the state's principal

witness, and who is in charge of the West Dummerston power plant of the Twin State Gas & Electric Co., testified that Taft on July 15 asked the witness for pay for having which amounted to \$25. Webb said he told him he could not pay him then and offered to give him a note.

Webb testified that the next morning when on his way to his work he passed Taft's place and that Taft came out of the barn. Webb says he called good morning to Taft and that the latter replied that he did not intend to wait six years for his pay and then threw him down and choked him severely.

Taft's version coincided with that of Webb except that Taft claimed that on the morning of the assault Webb made a pass at him and missed. He admitted on the stand that he then choked Webb, first with one hand and then with the other, until Webb asked him to desist, when he let Webb up. Some evidence was introduced to show that Webb was of a quarrelsome disposition. Taft admitted that he had no fear of Webb. He weighs much more than Webb.

The jury which heard the case consisted of R. H. Wheeler, R. B. Grout, James A. Muzzy, Roe E. Robinson and A. H. Coleman of Jamaica, Charles Willard, A. E. Hadlock, C. H. Grout and John H. Ware of Townshend, L. H. Higgins, A. H. Farnum and A. G. Warren of Newfane.

**ELECTION INTIMIDATION.**

Instances of Intimidation by Employers Reported in Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., November 2.—Frank C. Bailey, special assistant United States attorney, appointed recently to prosecute alleged election law violations in Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, issued a statement here yesterday warning men "who may have engaged in arrangements to threaten and intimidate employes in the matter of voting for federal officers" without knowledge that their acts constitute a violation of the federal laws. The statement in part follows:—

"It is claimed that, for the purpose of intimidating a factory located in the 8th congressional district of Indiana, has caused letters to be written to employes notifying them to join a particular political club and to sign their names as members thereof; in another instance, that certain employes will refuse to permit men who wish to vote for a particular candidate the privilege of a few hours off to vote, but if they wish to vote the employers' choice they may have the time. It is further reported that, for the purpose of intimidation, one plant in northern Indiana has informed employes, among other things, that, if selected on election boards by a certain party, they shall have the privilege of serving, but, if selected by another party, they are forbidden."

Adam Turner, an expressman, of Bradley Park, N. Y., was counting his roll in the presence of his ducks when a \$5 note fluttered out of his grasp, and in a twinkling a duck gobbled it. Before Turner could catch it the duck had mingled with its fellows and then Turner could not decide which duck it was.

**DESPERATE FIGHT  
WITH A ROBBER**

Samuel G. Colt Unable to Hold Second-Story Worker at Pittsfield

INTRUDER SECURED \$100 AND DIAMOND PIN

After Getting Away Man Jumped 20 Feet to the Ground from a Storm Porch—Probably One of Gang That Has Operated Extensively.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Nov. 2.—The residence of Samuel G. Colt, proprietor of the Richmond iron works, situated at 16 Colt road, was entered last night about 7 o'clock by a second-story worker who made his escape after a fight with Mr. Colt. He secured about \$100 in money and a diamond harpin. The police made every effort to locate the man, of whom they have a good description, but were unsuccessful. They believe that the robber had a confederate.

To gain entrance, the man or men carried a ladder from the house that is being erected on Conant street, across the field from the Colt house, and placed it against a sleeping porch outside the house at the second story, whence entrance was made by unhooking a door leading into Mrs. Colt's chamber. The money was taken from Mrs. Colt's handbag, which hung on a doorknob, and the bag was then closed. A maid saw the man in the room and hastened downstairs and told Mr. Colt. He went upstairs unarmed and, opening the door, found the man working about the bureau. The man turned around and with an exclamation picked up a chair and threw it at Mr. Colt as the latter started to close in.

Mr. Colt fell over the chair, but managed to get a hold on the man's clothing. They tussled for about three minutes, and the thief succeeded in pulling another chair between him and Mr. Colt, which he used in breaking away. He went out on to the storm porch and jumped to the ground, 20 feet below, landing on the grass. The police were hastily called and although they covered every street leading from the house they were unable to find anyone answering the description. They believe that the man who committed the theft is one of three second-story workers who have been operating very successfully of late through all New England.

**BRATTLEBORO LOCAL.**

The newly organized Junior Christian Endeavor society of the First Baptist church will meet in the chapel Friday afternoon at 4.15 o'clock.

Sixty marriage licenses were issued at the town clerk's office during October, of which 49 were issued to others than residents of Brattleboro.

At the meeting of Protective Grange last evening the first and second degrees were conferred upon seven candidates. The third and fourth degrees will be worked Nov. 15, followed by the harvest supper.

The social committee of the Woman's guild of St. Michael's Episcopal church is planning to serve a genuine New England "Saturday night" supper Nov. 11 in the banquet room of Odd Fellows' temple.

The regular meeting of W. C. T. U. for November will be held in the rest room next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. A. J. Currier, the delegate to the recent W. C. T. U. state convention, will give her report and everyone is invited who is interested to hear this report.

Mrs. Carrie L. Hamilton, district deputy grand matron, and Fred A. Davis of Chester, district deputy grand patron, visited Pearl chapter, No. 52 of Jacksonville last evening. They will visit the Mayflower chapter, No. 19 at Wilmington this evening. They were accompanied by Jacksonville by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Haynes and Mrs. Austin E. Miller.

The Goodwill club gave Mrs. John J. Austin, one of its members, a surprise last evening, in honor of her birthday anniversary. The members met in the home of Mrs. John Gung and upon their arrival found Mrs. Austin about ready to retire. The guests were all dressed in fancy costumes, which added much merriment to the affair. They presented Mrs. Austin a casserole with their best wishes for many more anniversaries. Refreshments were served and another pleasant evening added to the club's activities.

The United States Civil Service commission announces competitive examinations in Brattleboro to fill the following vacancies in the federal service: Nov. 25, aid, hygienic laboratory, \$729 to \$840; Nov. 28, sawyer and carpenter, Indian service, \$840; mechanical draftsman, war department, \$1,000 to \$1,200; examiner of accounts, interstate commerce commission—grade 1, \$2,229 to \$3,000; grade 2, \$1,869 to \$2,100; experimental engineer, bureau of engraving and printing, \$3,000. Detailed particulars may be secured from the local secretary at the postoffice.

Dance at the Armory Friday, Sept. 3, given by high school pupils. Everyone invited. Admission 50c. 209-210\*

Miss Azalea Emma Peet has sailed to Japan. She will carry the mission flame to the flowery kingdom.

The "Swedish harvest" reported as of record size may be of horsehair or of mohair. In any case it's an interesting garments one wots.

Koebiching is the name of one of Minnesota's counties. What that is and whether or not residents spend their time at it is not included in the statistics.

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**WEST BRATTLEBORO**

Mrs. E. D. Ranney returned yesterday from a stay of several weeks with relatives in Boston.

Mrs. Olive C. Putnam of Townshend came Tuesday to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Liscom.

Harold Perry and family moved yesterday from the J. L. Barner house to the up-stairs apartment in Mrs. H. P. Weatherhead's house.

Miss Margaret Jilson, who fell recently in her home and fractured her collar bone, is improving and is able to be about the house.

Mrs. Frank Briggs and children, who have been living at R. H. Briggs's, are moving into the Spaulding house, recently vacated by George Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caldwell and son, Franklin, and Mrs. Nina Carey of Athol, Mass., were guests Sunday of Mrs. Caldwell's sister, Mrs. H. L. Nichols.

Rev. and Mrs. I. M. Compton will go next Wednesday to Gratton to be present at the ordination of Rev. G. Edward Congdon. Rev. Mr. Compton will preach the ordination sermon.

Charles Brown, chauffeur for F. T. Parsons, and two maids left the summer home on Ames hill yesterday and returned to Brooklyn. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons left earlier in the week.

Mrs. S. K. Durell of North Attleboro, Mass., a former resident of this place, called Sunday to see Mrs. H. L. Nichols, an old friend. They had not seen each other in a number of years.

The Junior auxiliary of the Congregational church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock with their president, Miss Ruth Gay. Rev. A. V. Woodworth will give a talk to the girls at this meeting.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will hold their annual fair and festival in Academy hall Thursday, Nov. 9. There will be an entertainment in charge of Mrs. B. S. Miller, also a sale of fancy articles, useful articles and home-made candy.

Leslie C. Halladay of East Dummerston was a visitor here yesterday, coming to see his daughter, Mildred, who is in the Melrose hospital, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. It is expected that she will be able to return to her home Sunday.

Baptist church, West Brattleboro, Rev. L. M. Compton pastor. Morning worship at 10.30 with sermon by the pastor. Children's story preceding

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the sermon told by Mrs. Compton. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. Sunday school at 11.45. There will be a union service of the Congregational and Baptist churches at 7.30 in the Baptist chapel. Midweek prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

**AMBULANCE WORK IN FRANCE.**

Lecture in Unitarian Parish House Tomorrow Evening.

Miss Marion Holmes of Boston will speak in the Unitarian parish house tomorrow, Friday, evening at 8 o'clock on her experiences in France with the American Ambulance. Miss Holmes, who is a sister of Rev. John Haynes Holmes of New York city, spent 19 months in caring for the French wounded, and the facts related by her are not only of absorbing interest in themselves but are described graphically. The lecture is open to the public. At its close a collection will be taken for the benefit of the wounded in France.

**ESCAPED LUNATIC CAUGHT.**

Archie Whittemore Had Built Hut and Grabbed for His Living.

HYDE PARK, Nov. 2.—Archie Whittemore, the escaped insane man, who disappeared from his father's house at Eden Mills 10 days ago, was found Tuesday by George O'Brien in a pasture about four miles from his home. He was asleep in a hut that he had built and when awakened went home readily. He had lived on apples, beech nuts and occasionally secured milk and cream from a nearby farmer, unbeknown to the owner.

**STATE NEWS NOTES.**

Sells Farm He Hewed from Forest.

Judah Brooks has sold his 160-acre farm near May pond, Barton, to Louis Anchu of Sherbrooke, Que. There is more than usual interest in the sale of this property, as Mr. Brooks bought this 160 acres 43 years ago of J. C. Norris of Morrisville. It was forest land, but Mr. and Mrs. Brooks went onto the land and there erected a log house in which they lived a few years. In the meantime, Mr. Brooks was clearing the land and making the fields productive. Later he built modern buildings and brought the farm to its present state of productiveness. A fine property and literally hewed out of the forest by dint of hard and continuous labor, where Mr. Brooks has brought up a family and secured a competence. This is an example of thrift which might well be held up before the young people of this generation.

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