

WIND, WAVES AND COLD.

WRECK OF THE IDLEWILD AND SUFFERINGS OF HER CREW.

Strikes on a Raft—Part of the Crew Lost on a Raft—The Company Suffer from Cold and Hunger—Seven Persons Lost.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 28.—The wreck of the steamer Idlewild of the Bridgeport line on Shippen rocks, Stamford, Friday morning proved more serious than at first reported. The steamer left New York for Bridgeport Thursday at 3 p. m., put into Cold harbor till 2 o'clock Friday morning, then started up the sound, the wind blowing hard and the weather clear. The wind increased to a hurricane and she encountered a blinding snow storm, the sea running very high. The wind shifted and the steamer could not keep her course. Her bow was turned toward the northwest in the nose of the gale and kept there. About 3 o'clock when under full headway the steamer struck, causing a shock strong enough to shift every object on board. She heeled and settled aft. After the passengers had become quiet it was found that a hole had been stove in her bottom. Three seamen and five ladies were put into the starboard boat and started ashore. The boat immediately filled and was run about a mile from the station after a hard struggle. Shortly after this a life raft was launched and against the advice of the captain, two seamen and five passengers boarded it and started for the shore. As soon as the raft swung clear it was blown into the sea. They attempted to return to the steamer but failed. Next day another attempt was made to reach the shore. The berths and state rooms were flooded, the fires were out and all suffered with the cold. When the tide went down the cargo was foraged for provisions, a fire started in the cabin and all were fed and made as comfortable as possible. Three commercial travellers and four of the crew drowned. A tug went to search for the missing, but nothing has yet been heard from them.

CONSOLATION FOR DEPOSITORS.

Some Show of Giving Depositors in Defunct Banks their Due.

In his suit in the United States court against the First National bank of St. Albans to recover a \$30,000 assessment on the stock of the defunct national bank in St. Albans, Receiver Hendie has obtained judgment for the whole amount with interest from May 12, 1885. The defendants carry the case to the United States Supreme Court on a writ of error. The indications are that this and other banks which objected to paying the assessments levied by the comptroller will have to pay, and depositors will eventually receive close to 100 per cent of their deposits. Receiver Hendie of the First National bank has also gained a point in his suit to recover from the Bellows estate, of which President Sowers of the First National bank was executor, assessments on 400 shares of bank stock, amounting to \$40,000, and it looks slowly but surely as if the long suffering depositors will get a substantial amount from the source. Matters at both banks seem to be taking a more favorable shape, but the Trust company affairs still remain painfully uncertain, except that its property generally is believed to be deteriorating and the chances of realizing much are growing beautifully less.

A ST. ALBANS WILL CASE.

Mrs. George W. Foster Made a Testament That Didn't Suit the Crowd.

An interesting contest is now pending in the Probate Court of Franklin county at St. Albans, over the probate of the will of Mrs. Catherine Foster of St. Albans, widow of the late George W. Foster. Mrs. Foster died suddenly a few weeks ago in New York, while visiting Mrs. Hayes, an aunt. Her will which was made while in New York involves property to the amount of \$25,000. Of this \$10,000 was bequeathed to Mrs. Julia Dickinson, a sister in Brooklyn the use of \$6,000, to her 9 years old sister in Bennington, and at the latter's death this \$6,000, and all the rest of the property was to accrue to the benefit of the New York aunt, Mrs. Hayes. The sister Mrs. Dickinson, and a distant relative now contest the will on the ground that the will presented for probate is not Mrs. Foster's will, that she had no mental capacity to make a will, and if she did make this, it is void because of undue influence, brought to bear on her. Mrs. Foster had for several years been considered non compos mentis, and it is generally expected that the will will be broken. The final hearing before the Probate Court will be held to-morrow.

Meeting of the State Prohibitory Committee.

In response to a call by the chairman of the State committee of the national Prohibition party, a meeting was held at City Hall in this city in connection with the county Prohibitory convention, R. M. Clapp, the chairman, presiding. Prayer was offered by Rev. T. P. Frost of Montpelier, after which the chair stated that the object of the meeting was to give opportunity for conference and consultation among the Prohibitionists of Vermont in relation to details of organization in the State. There being vacancies in the committee of representatives from Bennington, Essex and Windsor counties, measures were adopted to fill them, thus completing the organization of the State committee of one from each county in the State.

A resolution was introduced favoring a complete organization of the party in detail, so as to enable the Prohibitionists of Vermont to act distinctly as such, in State, county and district elections, and also in town elections if desired. This led to a general discussion, participated in to a very free extent, the weight of the discussion being to the effect that while not attempting to pledge Prohibitionists to distinct party action in all cases, yet the details of organization should be so complete as to render such a course practicable if desired. After a full discussion the resolution was unanimously adopted and a committee, consisting of the chairman and secretary ex-officio, Rev. George L. Story of St. Albans, Bay, Alvah George of St. Albans and W. L. Pearl of St. Johnsbury, was chosen to prepare a plan for organization in full detail, subject to the approval of the State committee.

The committee was authorized to adopt measures to secure funds to prosecute also to elect the party in this State, and the work of the same at its discretion. The secretary was authorized to act as treasurer of the State committee. The expediency of arranging for a weekly paper as the organ of the party in Vermont, was referred to the State committee with full power. An informal discussion relative to the employment of lecturers followed, but no definite action was taken, it being the general opinion that organization of clubs should precede any extended work in this line.

Don't buy any more clothing before examining some of the "T. C. & Co." goods. See advertisement.

BURLINGTON AS A CARNIVAL CITY.

Laurels for the Queen City. Present and to Come.

A correspondent of the Boston Tribune writing from Brandon to that journal on Thursday says: Your special correspondent at Burlington has fully informed your readers of the progress of the carnival, which will terminate to-morrow as successfully, it is to be hoped, as it has been maintained thus far through the week.

Yesterday was perhaps the most glorious day of the carnival. The weather was perfect, clear and sharp, but bright and calm, the lack of wind being favorable to all the sports except ice yachting. The many visitors who made the rounds yesterday will not soon forget the brilliancy of the scene, and the really grand and unique parade of the traverse and toboggan clubs in the evening. This parade was not only a success, but it was a triumph. I have seen almost everything furnished by this generation in the way of parades in the proudest cities of the land, yet this was so novel, so brilliant, so well conceived and so varied, and so appropriate as to take high place in my memory of things fresh and pleasing.

There is one aspect of this carnival that deserves special mention. I refer to the broad spirit of hearty co-operation shown by the whole people of the beautiful city of Lake Champlain—their courtesy and hospitality to visitors, and the utter lack of any evidence of a mercenary spirit. Their own expenses in costumes, toboggans, traverses, and loss of time and material by the unavoidable postponement of last week must have been considerable. Among individual citizens there must be many depleted purses. Yet not a murmur on this topic did I hear. On the contrary, the difficulty has seemed to be to find a use for funds outside of ordinary hotel expenses. There are no catch-penny traps at every turn, no worthless side shows to flech a fraction of a dollar. The whole city is like an open house into which one is invited as a special guest by a genial host to enjoy the best the house affords. Everybody is freely invited to coast and slide, the horse races are open to all gratis, and for all the charming ladies and stalwart men and youth of the city display their brilliant fancy costumes.

Postponed festivals usually show something of a touch of failure, and among the participants may be noted something of depression and forced gaiety. Not so in the case of Burlington. All has been a success, and everybody has been bright, smiling and generally joyous. It is enough for Burlington that it has shown its eminent fitness, both in its natural facilities and in the spirit of its people, to be a winter carnival city; and adding to this the fact that it has fairly eclipsed the best efforts of Montreal in the line of carnivals, it can rest with satisfaction on its well-earned laurels, until another year gives it another opportunity.

LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA.

Santa Cruz, a Paradise of Flowers—Surf Bathing in February.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Feb. 13. To the Editor of the Free Press: While the many readers of the FREE PRESS are enjoying the "Carnival of Winter Sports," a comparison of a California winter may be of interest.

While you are looking upon ice and snow, we are enjoying blue skies, warm sunshine and the perfume of violets. All about are roses, calla lilies, geraniums, heliotropes and other tender flowers all in full bloom, filling the air with their fragrance and making life a luxury. The mild and genial climate attracts many eastern people who are here to escape the severity of an eastern winter. This charming health resort abounds in beautiful drives, which at this season of the year are especially delightful, the roads being smooth and hard, and the fields clad in green verdure.

A tourist's visit to this vicinity is not complete without a drive to the famous "Big Trees." Among this group of giant redwood trees is one, the trunk of which is said to have been occupied an entire winter by Col. Fremont and party of 13 companions. They are located about six miles north of the city and the mountain canons and passes are extremely picturesque. Regarding these mammoth trees I may say that I have seen a church in a country town that is claimed to have been built entirely from the lumber of one tree. In a conversation with a lumberman, recently, he stated in answer to an inquiry that an ordinary sized tree would cut from 60 to 80 cords of wood.

A five mile drive around the "Cliff Road" during the late storm was well worth the drenching one was obliged to take from the spray, which in many places was thrown entirely across the road. It was a grand sight to witness old ocean in one of his angry moods, and to watch the huge breakers roll in rapidly one after another, only to dash against the cliffs and be thrown in foamy spray 60 feet in the air.

Santa Cruz is beautifully situated in the form of an amphitheatre, the hills rising in such natural terraces as to appear to have been formed by the hand of man. Leaving the little city and ascending the hills in any direction a fine view is obtained. Stretched out before you lies the lush green waters of Monterey Bay. Looking up or down the coast to the right or left we feast our eyes on green slopes, dotted with spreading live oaks, clustering orchards, vineyards and white farm houses, while directly below lies the little city, looking like some New England town washed ashore on this distant coast, every object in its tree lined streets distinctly visible, its churches, splendid public schools and other public buildings, and its many hundreds of happy-looking homes, each one separate and distinct and fairly embowered in roses and flowering shrubs—roses in bushes, trees, hedges, and in the house tops, roses of all kinds and colors, roses everywhere.

Among the many enjoyments to be had here at present, not the least is surf bathing. The beach is of the finest sand, almost level and clean to perfection. Any afternoon groups of merry bathers, in fancy costumes may be seen among the breakers. It is hard for one accustomed to the cold Vermont to realize that this is winter. H. E. L.

Education in Vermont.

The report of the Commissioner of the National Bureau of Education which has just been published shows that expenditures for school purposes have increased for Vermont, and increased wages have stimulated teachers to better efforts. Enrollment and average attendance have fallen off somewhat in the last two years, but the per cent of enrollment to school population is very fair, being about 75 per cent. The adoption of the township or district system in several instances has proved advantageous.

A Great Discovery.

Mr. Wm. Thomas, of Newton, Ia., says: "My wife has seriously been affected with a cough for twenty-five years, and this spring more severely than ever before. She had used many remedies without relief, and being urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery, did so, with most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved her very much, and the second bottle has absolutely cured her. She has not had so good health for thirty years." Trial Bottles Free at Beaupre & Lowrey's Drug Store. Large size \$1.00.

"I suffered with rheumatic pains for years, until advised to use Veg-zine; that has cured me."

CARNIVAL FREE PRESS.

Pleasant Words from Appreciative Exchanges.

IT IS SUPERB. [Woodstock Standard.] The Burlington Daily FREE PRESS Carnival number is superb, and the possession of a copy is the next best thing to attending a carnival. It is beautifully illustrated, elegantly printed on fine paper and as good a piece of work every way as could be procured in New York. EXCELLENCE EXTRAORDINARY. [Chittenden Reporter.] The carnival number of the FREE PRESS, issued last week Tuesday, in excellence exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine. In point of art the production is seldom excelled even by the largest metropolitan houses of publication. It is embellished with illustrations vividly suggestive of all the hilarious sports consequent upon a week devoted to a winter carnival. And it is rich in its contents of literature, which was select and highly appropriate to the occasion which called for its publication.

Fiction Stranger than Truth.

[Boston Advertiser.] A Burlington carnivalist writes: "I saw a fat young New York woman in seal skin take her place in front on a toboggan while her husband leaped on behind. Bang went the forward leg and away went the toboggan. It was exactly as if it had been shot over the gutter on the edge of a high roof. It feels just as that would feel. The fat young woman uttered a shriek and fainted. The flying trip was made in safety, but she was unconscious. When she came to she was taken to her home in a sleigh full from fright."

Customs Changes at St. Albans.

Edward Gorman and J. N. Culver have been appointed deputy collectors of customs at St. Albans in place of Deputy Collectors Arrington and Kolbey, and the oath of office was administered to the new incumbents, yesterday, by Deputy Collector J. A. Arthur of this city. Both the new appointees are old soldiers.

A PUBLIC RESEAFCTION.

How to laundry linen as it is done in Troy, N. Y., has been kept a secret long enough; it can and should be done in every family. The ELASTIC STARCH is the only starch in the United States that is put up by men who have a practical knowledge of the laundry profession. It requires no cooking, keeps the iron from sticking and ironing iron fastenings, white ironing, and gives shirts, cuffs and collars that stiffness and beautiful finish they have when new, which, everybody knows, keeps them clean twice as long. Beware of imitations. See that the name J. C. HEMINGER & BROS., New Haven, Conn., is on every package. 50 & 60 Wm. Wm.

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Dr. Gage's Appointments.

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Groton Hotel, Thursday, March 11.

Pavilion Hotel, Montpelier, Friday, March 12.

Van Ness' House, Burlington, Saturday, March 13.

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