ELKS' NEW QUARTERS.

Rooms in Opera House Building Will Be Ready in a Few Weeks.

Work on the rooms in the Howard opera house building which are to be occupied by the Burlington lodge of Elks is progressing satisfactorily and they will be ready for occupancy within a few weeks. The rooms are on the top floor, having a frontage on Church street and extending the depth of the building on Bank street. The main hall or lodge room proper is in the center and is spacious enough to allow the work to be exemplified in ample form.

On three sides of this hall are the club rooms. The room on the corner of Church and Bank streets will be used for a parlor. Just west will be the billiard room and west of that will be the lavatories, etc. Facing Church street will be card and smoking rooms. West of the hall will be a kitchen and anteroom. The rooms are arranged with a view of free access and when fully furnished they will make a fine home for the lodge. It is expected they will be ready for occupancy by September 1.

Work on the floors below that will be used by the Elks is being pushed as rapidly as possible. A large portion of these floors will be occupied by E. E. Clarkson and the Old Bee Hive. The remainder has not yet been rented.

TOO EXPENSIVE.

Plans for Club House Have Been Practically Rejected.

The proposition to consolidate the Ethan Allen and Algonquin clubs and to erect an expensive club house has not yet materalized and the plans submitted for the club house have been practically rejected by the committees as too expensive.

Another proposition has been submitted which is now under consideration. It is to purchase the old Peck property on the north side of College street. The plan, if carried out, is to buy the house, furniture and lot. It is a commodious structure and is luxuriously furnished. It is nearly large enough for a club house, the only addition necessary being an annex large enough for a billiard and pool room. This proposition or some other will probably come before the members of the clubs soon.

OFFICE BUILDING.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to Have a Local Home.

The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. will erect a handsome new building in this city, in which their local offices will be located, as well as those of Superintendent J. K. Butler. The transfer of real estate was made Monday when Mrs. Margaret Thynne conveyed premises on the north side of College street between Winooski avenue and South Union street to J. J. Flynn. Later Mr. Flynn conveyed the same premises to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.

The question of erecting a building in Burlington has been under consideration more or less for several years but it was not until recently that the proposition assumed definite form. It was also thought advisable to build a home in Rutland and investigations involving titles, etc., have been in progress for several weeks. The final decision to build transfer of real estate was made Monwas only reached recently in Boston and the deal was not completed until Monday.

The lot in this city has a frontage of about 97 feet and is 115 feet deep. The houses thereon will be razed and the lot will be erected a modern, up-to-date, fire-proof structure.

STOLE GREEN APPLES.

Half a Dozen Boys Convicted and Turned Over to Probation Officer.

Six small boys, each followed by at least six big relatives, marched into city court Monday morning under the guidance of Officer Ryan. They were there to answer to a charge of stealing apples from Harry R. Thomas. The apples are green but that makes no difference to the boys, who have stolen so many that two entire rows of trees have been stripped.

Some of the boys admitted that they had been stealing the apples but one youngster hesitated for a minute. Before State's Attorney Sherman could question him another of the boys, who had admitted that he stole some of the apples, jumped to the floor and pointing to the hesitating youth, said:

"He was in my gang, him."

After some testimony had been taken the boys were all convicted and a fine of $1 and costs was pronounced in each case. The boys were all very young and they were placed in the hands of Thomas Reeves, probation officer, sentence being suspended. The boys were Harrison Pepin, Emery Pepin, Alphonse Gebo, Arthur Bessette, Eddie Pane and George Blanchard.

AUGUST 12 AND 15.

The Dates for the Competition for the Centennial Trophy.

The annual competition for the centennial trophy by the teams representing the several companies of the Vermont National Guard will occur August 12 and 15 at the rifle range at Fort Ethan Allen, an order to that effect having been issued by Colonel Estey.

The teams will report at 7:30 each morning. On the first day the shooting will be done at 200 and 300 yards. On the second day the range at 500 yards will be used. The officers in charge will be as follows: Executive officer, Lieut. Col. C. M. Bonnett; statistical officer, Lieut. J. M. Ashley; range officers, Capt. G. R. Anderson, Chaplain G. B. Lawson, Lieuts. J. H. Dodds, J. C. Holden, H. M. Howe and G. H. Thompson.

The shoot for the cup this year occurs during muster and the rules governing it are practically the same as last year. Each company will be represented by a team of 12 men, all of whom must have been enlisted a required time and all of whom must have performed 75 per cent. of duty. There is a strong rivalry for the cup and an unusually interesting contest is expected.

REPAIRS COST $1,000.

Assistant Judges Will Spend that Amount on County Court House.

Repairs which will cost about $1,000 will be made on the county court house before the opening of the September term of court. Judge Allen was in Burlington Tuesday and completed the arrangements which had been discussed by him and Judge Lyon previously. Judge Lyon was unable t obe here Tuesday.

The most important piece of work will be the laying of a steel ceiling in the court room. A quantity of the plastering in that room fell about a year ago and what is left is unsafe. The contract for the steel ceiling has been awarded to Spear Bros., who will begin work at once.

The roof will be repaired extensively and considerable painting will be done. The probate office has also been repaired somewhat. The office which was occupied by the late W. L. Burnap has not yet been rented, although the assistant judges have received three applications for it.

MEETING OF ALDERMEN.

Business of Minor Importance Done at Afternoon Session.

A special meeting of the board of aldermen was held Monday afternoon at five o'clock, at which matters of minor importance were transacted. All the aldermen except Aldermen Coffey, Courtney and Stiles were present.

Thomas Reeves reported that he had consulted with Dr. C. A. Pease, who had secured a judgment of $126.14 against the city, and that a settlement could be made for $84. The report was accepted and a warrant was ordered for $84.

A petition was received for a sewer in Grant street extending east 250 feet from Elmwood avenue. The petition was referred to the street commissioners. A resolution was passed authorizing the street commissioners to construct a sewer in the Elm street extension.

HOMER PORTER'S ESTATE.

Claim of $2,000 Presented by Administrator and Contested by Heirs.

A hearing was held Tuesday in the probate court room before the commissioners in the estate of the late Homer Porter. The administrator in the estate is B. H. Porter, son of the deceased, and the hearing grows out of the contest of a claim of about $2,000, which he presented against the estate. He claimed the amount was due him for services rendered and as a balance due on accounts.

Mrs. C. W. Davis, his sister, and other heirs contested the claim on the ground that he had received his full due while his father was alive. The commissioners are A. L. Barrows and H. H. Shaw of this city and G. W. Allen of Essex. H. S. Peck appears for the heirs and R. E. Brown and E. C. Mower for Mr. Porter. There has been no decision in the case.

ST. ANTHONY'S DEDICATED

Impressive Services at New Lakeside Church Sunday.

Historical Address by the Rt. Rev. J. S. Michaud and Sermon by the Rev. F. N. Plamondon, S. J. of Quebec.

Sunday will be marked as a day of note in the Catholic history of Vermont, for St. Anthony's Church at Lakeside, was dedicated and one more church was added to this city and to the diocese of Burlington. The Rev. W. A. Plamondon, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, was delegated by the Rt. Rev. John S. Michaud to bless the church. At ten o'clock in the morning Bishop Michaud and the Rev. W. A. Plamondon assisted by the Rev. Timothy Barrett, S. J., of Woodstock College, Maryland, blessed the grounds and exterior of the church and then as they entered the edifice, recited the litany. The new and commodious church was crowded with residents of Lakeside and from this city, and the altar was decorated with palms, roses, wild and cut flowers. After the blessing of the interior, the bishop was seated, with the Rev. Timothy Barrett, S. J., on his right and the Rev. Father Odette of Winooski at his left. The Rev. Father Smith, D. D., of Alsace, Germany, the Rev. Elias Hendee, the Rev. P. J. Barrett, the Rev. W. J. Crosby, the Rev. J. P. Rand and the Rev. Father Cahill were also present. The Rev. W. A. Plamondon made a short address in which he introduced the two speakers, Bishop Michaud and the Rev. Father Plamondon of the Jesuit order of Quebec.

The discourse of Bishop Michaud was most interesting as well as instructive. He alluded to the early history of the Catholic Church in Vermont and Burlington and told, how in a short time the Catholic religion had expanded and churches had multiplied. He related how the Rev. Jeremiah O'Callaghan, the only resident priest in this part of the State for many years, worked unaided and finally established the Catholic religion in this State. In 1836 the first Catholic Church was built in Burlington where St. Joseph's cemetery is now situated and Father O'Callaghan officiated as pastor as well as visiting neighboring towns in all parts of the State. The dimensions of this church were small, it being only 45 by 20 feet, but it would accommodate all the Catholics in this city and the surrounding towns. On May 2, 1838, this small church was burned to the ground and mass was then said every six weeks in the court house, the old Fletcher library, until the year 1840. The speaker referred to the wife of the late Governor Van Ness, who used to attend mass in this building with the poor Irish and French people. The second Catholic Church to be built in this city was then erected on Cherry street, where the Episcopal residence now stands. This was afterwards the residence of the late Bishop DeGoesbriand. In 1854 the Rev. Father O'Callighan retired to Holyoke, Mass., and Vermont lost its earliest and one of its most earnest Catholic workers. The late Bishop DeGoesbriand, who arrived in this city in 1853, was then bishop of the diocese as well as pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral. People then began to pour into this city from Ireland and Canada and it was soon evident that another church would be necessary. On July 4, 1854, the corner stone of the present St. Joseph's Church was laid and on June 24, 1857 the edifice was blessed by the most Rev. Edward Charles Fabre, archbishop of Montreal. The speaker then told how the growth of the Catholic religion had caused the erection of many chuches in all parts of the State and how the Catholic people had always nobly responded to every call for aid in their erection.

The Rev. Father Plamondon of the Jesuit order from Quebec, then gave a sermon in French. He said, that the growth of this country and every civilized nation was owing to the firm religious convictions of its people. No country can prosper without the church and the more religious the inhabitants are the better country they will have to live in. He referred to Africa and the non-religious attitude of its people and then drew a comparison between their country and the nations where the church is firmly established.

High mass was then sung by the Rev. Father Smith, D. D., of Alsace, Germany, and the speakers and visiting priests and others then gathered at St. Anthony's parish house, where dinner was served.

St. Anthony's Church was erected three years ago last June and the Rev. W. A. Plamondon was established as pastor. A modern new parish house was also erected, both edifices being made of brick. The church has been very successful and its communicants now number about 500.

TWO WEEKS FROM FRIDAY.

The Day When the Vermont National Guard Will Go Into Camp.

The annual encampment of the Vermont National Guard will open two weeks from Friday but previous to that date officers and details of men will go to the grounds near Fort Ethan Allen and prepare camp. Capt. C. F. Burnham, quartermaster, will be executive officer and he in company with others who have been detailed will go to the grounds on August 9.

The officers who will accompany Capt. Burnham are Capt. E. N. Miller, commissary and Lieuts. G. W. Grandy, J. M. Ashley and G. H. Thompson, battalion quartermasters. The quartermaster sergeant and detail of four men from each company will report on that day and will prepare camp for the regiment.

The men will be quartered this year in the Sibley tents, three being assigned to each company, with two wall tents for the non-commissioned officers. This is the method used when the regiment was in Virginia last fall. Heretofore the men have been quartered in wall tents at muster.

ROCKEFELLER A "LIVING MUMMY."

Ida Tarbell Concludes Her Character Sketch of the Oil Magnate with a Caustic Pen.

Miss Ida Tarbell, the arch enemy of John D. Rockefeller and the Standard Oil company, concludes her scathing attack upon the corporation and the man in the August issue of McClure's Magazine. Her last effort is a character sketch of the magnate, and, quoting the late Mark Hanna, she says of him:

"Money mad; money mad; sane in every other respect; but money mad."

The writer apologizes for the "brutality inherent in such a study as this" by stating that Mr. Rockefeller is not the only one of his kind. She calls him the type preeminent in the public mind of the militant business man of the day, and adds:

"From bankers down to street venders we have in operation the code which he has worked out so perfectly, and to which he has given the sanction of piety. And this code, so repugnant to the sense of fair play and so demoralizing to intellectual honesty, has worked its way into every activity of life, until with a growing element of the country success is the justification of any practice, until no price is too great to pay for winning."

"A LIVING MUMMY."

The graphic description of Mr. Rockefeller follows:

"The impression he makes on one who sees him for the first time is overwhelming. Brought face to face with Mr. Rockefeller unexpectedly, and not knowing him, the writer's immediate thought was, 'This is the oldest man in the world—a living mummy.' But there is no sense of feebleness with the sense of age; indeed there is one of terrific power. The disease which in the last three or four years has swept Mr. Rockefeller's head bare of hair, stripped away even eyelashes and eyebrows, has revealed all the strength of his great head. Mr. Rockefeller is a big man, not overtall, but large, with powerful shoulders, and a neck like that of a bull.

"The head is wide and deep and disproportionately high, with curious bumps made more conspicuous by the tightly drawn, dry, naked skin. The interest of the big face lies in the eyes and mouth. Eyes more useful for a man of Mr. Rockefeller's practices could hardly be conceived. They are small and intent and steady, and they are as expressionless as a wall. They see everything and reveal nothing. It is not a shift eye—not a cruel or leering one. It is something vastly more to be feared—a blank eye, looking through and through things, and telling nothing of what it found on the way.

HIS EXPRESSIVE MOUTH.

"But if the eyes say nothing the mouth tells much. Its former mask, the full mustache Mr. Rockefeller has always worn, is now completely gone. Indeed, the greatest loss Mr. Rockefeller sustained when his hair went was that it revealed his mouth. It is only a slit—the lips are quite lost, as if by eternal grinding together of the teeth—teeth set on something he would have. It is at once the cruellest and most pathetic, for the hard, close-set line slants downward at the corners, giving a look of age and sadness. The downward droop is emphasized by deep, vertical furrows running from each side of his nose. Mr. Rockefeller may have made himself the richest man in the world, but he has paid. Nothing but paving ever ploughs such lines in a man's face, ever sets his lips to such a melancholy angle.

"The big cheeks are puffy, bulging unpleasant under the eyes, and the skin which covers them has a curiously unhealthy pallor. It is this puffiness, this unclean flesh which repels, as the thin slit of a mouth terrifies. To the whole face a certain distinction is lent by the nose, which is small and fine, rising like a thorn from between the heavy cheeks—a nose whose nostrils might vibrate were not the man so much the master of his features."

Miss Tarbell turns to the "other man," the other side of Rockefeller.

"There is," she says, "probably not a public character in the United States whose private life is more completely concealed than is said of John D. Rockefeller. The club never sees him. He is almost never numbered among the banqueters at great celebrations. He never appears on the platform when men of public importance gather to discuss public questions or stimulate to action in public causes. His opinions on great issues are never quoted.

A SIMPLE PRIVATE LIFE.

"There is little doubt that Mr. Rockefeller's chief reason for playing golf is that he may live longer in order to make more money. 'He has two ambitions, a lifelong intimate of Mr. Rockefeller once said, 'to be very old and to be very rich.' He is sixty-six years old now.

"The daily life on his great estates is studiously simple. Mr. Rockefeller regulates his household as he does his business. Family and servants are trained in the strictest economy. There is no more gas burned than is needed, no unnecessary heating, no wasteful providing. There is nothing for display, nothing squandered in the senseless American way to prove you are rich, so rich you need not care.

"He is not a great man," she concludes, "not a human man. He is a machine—a money machine—stripped by his overwhelming passion of greed of every quality which makes a man worthy of citizenship. He has not made good. He cannot make good. It is not in him."

NEWS OF VERMONT

More Important Events Grouped for Free Press Readers—Richford Still on the Map of the United States.

No confirmation can be obtained from town officials, or any other persons in position to know the facts, of the sensational rumor printed in Boston, New York and Montreal papers, to the effect that the recent survey of the international boundary line indicated that the villages of Richford, East Richford and Stevens Mills were on the Canadian side of the border. It has been known for some time that the present line varied slightly from the 45th parallel of latitude, which marks the division between the two countries but there is no evidence to show that the variation will make any important changes.

STRANGE COINCIDENCE IN A FIRE.

A strange coincidence by which a fire broke out Tuesday in the same place where it broke out three years ago, July 25, 1902, the same visitor being present, occurred in Enosburgh Falls Tuesday morning when at ten o'clock a blaze started from sparks which caught in the roof of F. E. Young's blacksmith shop on South Main street. Two hose companies were soon on the scene and the fire was extinguished. The roof was damaged slightly and the water did some damage to sleighs and wagons stored on the second floor. Edward Brady of East Bakersfield, who was in the shop having his horses shod when the fire broke out three years ago, was also there Tuesday for that purpose.

UNIONS ALL AFFILIATED.

There is not a union in Barre which is not now affiliated with the State Branch, American Federation of Labor. The last of the flock were rounded up Saturday and Sunday. The plumbers affiliated Saturday night and the bartenders Sunday. In Montpelier there are still three organizations which are not included in the State branch. They are the stone cutters, the carpenters and the painters. It is expected that they will have joined by the end of this week.

QUAILS ARE PLENTIFUL.

Quails are getting to be quite plentiful around Bennington. A party driving Sunday from Arlington came across a flock of a dozen or more perched on a rail fence by the side of the road. The birds did not appear to be frightened in the least by the team.

MISSING BARRE GIRL LOCATED.

Grace Page, who mysteriously disappeared from her home in Barre six or eight years ago, has been heard from and it is thought she may return to Barre. Her mother, Mrs. C. C. Page, who has been in ignorance of her daughter's whereabouts all these years, received a brief note from her on Sunday saying that she was in London at the present time. A cablegram was sent from Barre to Miss Page today inviting her to come home. Miss Page's departure from Barre, which occasioned wide-spread publicity at the time, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, of whose poetry Miss Page was always found, wrote and published a poem in the New York papers requesting the girl to return home. It was though that Miss Page might see it in looking over the papers as she always read Miss Wilcox's productions.

QUACK DENTISTS LEAVE BETHEL.

Dr. E. A. Johnstone, LL. M., of East Washington street, Rutland, and an assistant who are driving around the State practicing quack dentistry, visited Bethel Friday, remaining for a few days. Many who were not satisfied to have their teeth extracted in any other way than to suffer the experience of being humbugged, patronized the two men. In many of the towns in which they have passed the patients who have had their teeth extracted without pain, have suffered serious and painful after effects. In Bethel Ned George, aged nineteen years, had twenty-three teeth extracted without pain. The teeth were sound and came hard, and a large amount of cocaine was injected into the jaw. For the past eighty hours the boy has been suffering terrible pain and his jaws are badly swollen. Two doctors have been summoned but are unable to bring relief as an aesthetic cannot be administered on account of the cocaine. As soon as Dr. Johnstone heard of the boy's serious condition he left town on Monday night by team. His assistant left by rail Tuesday morning supposedly for White River Junction. C. E. Claflin, a local livery man, has telephoned to have the doctor arrested there for unpaid livery bills but he has not yet received any return message.

RETAIL TRADE LIVELY.

Railroad Travel Heavy and Summer Resorts Largely Patronized.

Reports to Pradstreet's for the week indicate lively condition in retail trade; wholesaale trade conditions compare faavorably with that of the corresponding period last year. The railroad travel for the month has been heavy; the summer resorts are largely patronized, considerably in excess of last year. In agricultural districts the farmer has been busy harvesting a large crop of hay of good quality, although there is some trouble experienced in getting help. Other crops are in healthy condition and doing well. Manufacturers throughout the State are generally well employed while collections although in places a little slow, do not show material change over corresponding period of the previous year. The demand for granite holds firm and there is also a good demand for other building stones.

At Burlington wholesale grocery houses report good sales and all industries are busy. Building operations are well under way and some contracts are approaching completion. Clothing stores are reducing their stock by sales to make room for fall lines. The marble firms at Rutland report a lively condition and other places are well employed. Retail trade is busy and wholesale houses, while experiencing some trouble with collections report conditions favorable for this season of the year. St. Albans reports normal conditions among the manufacturing industries and some increase among retailers. The condition of crops in this vicinity is very good although the farmer complains some of hay being lodged by reason of the heavy rains during the past two weeks. The manufacturers at Montpelier are well employed and one concern in the granite line is building a large addition onto his plant. But few people are out of work. Collections which have been quiet are improving. At Barre manufacturers are active and resort orders coming in well for this season of the year with collections fair. A large hay crop is reported by farmers in the vicinity. The granite dealers report a very busy summer with but few idle workmen. St. Johnsbury reports hot weather has to some extent interfered with a larger trade although there has been a good demand for groceries and light weight dry goods. An improvement is noted in collections. Bellows Falls reports help generally well employed with retail business good although the hot weather of the past two weeks has interfered with larger buying. Brattleboro reports large business in all manufacturing lines with very little unemployed labor. Material increase in retail trade is noted with collections fair. Crops of all kinds are in good condition. At Bennington the knit goods mills are all running full time and report a large supply of orders on hand. A large hay crop is promised and although corn is backward it is looking well as are other crops. At Fair Haven the slate manufacturers report good demand for mill stock and electric stock and the demand for roofing slate fair. The condition in the slate business for July is considered good while some improvement is noted in collections. At Waterbury the canning factory has commenced work of canning string beans and the outlook is for a large crop. The wrapper factory reports a large amount of business on hand.

LEFT THEIR PLUNDER.

Burglars Frightened Away by a Young Bull Dog.

Burglars entered the house of C. C. Niles of Champlain street Monday night between 8 and 9 o'clock and secured a lot of plunder, but carried away nothing as they were probably frightened by the barking of a dog. Mr. Niles was the only one in the house at the time and heard no sound. The young bull dog which is owned by Mr. Niles barked loudly several times and this is supposed to have frightened the burglars. Mr. Niles could not understand what made the dog bark and punished him to make him keep quiet.

The burglars entered the house by climbing a lilac bush to a shed and then removing a screen from a bedroom window. They rifled drawers and wardrobes and secured a quantity of clothes, a couple of watches, a clock, etc., all of which was later found outside the house. Under a shaving mug in one of the rooms was $1 but the thieves did not discover this.

The tumbled rooms were discovered but it was thought that some one had been playing jokes and it was not until Tuesday morning that Mr. Niles became ware that a burglary had been committed. He discovered a watch in the yard while on the way to feed his horses and this led to an investigation. As no property was stolen the matter was not reported to the police.

A TIP.

"Pa, what's a tip?" "A tip, my son, is a small sum of money which you give a man because you're afraid he won't like not being paid for something you didn't ask him to-day."—Life.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

Teachers' examinations will be held in the following places: Richmond, August 7-8; Burlington, August 9-10; Essex Junction, August 11-12. Candidates unknown to the examiner will be required to furnish certificates of good moral character and ability to govern.

Candidates for admission to State Normal schools may take entrance examinations at any of the teachers' examinations.

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