

SENATE WANTS TO SEE THE VOTES

As Authorized Clerk of Bennington County bring them to Montpelier.

COURT BILL RUSHED ALONG

Introduced in the Senate to provide for Four Judges in Supreme Court and Passed Both Bodies—Two Live-ly Debates in the House—Railroad Regulation Bill.

Montpelier, Nov. 21.—The Senate this morning took things into its own hands and under a suspension of the rules passed bill authorizing the clerk of Bennington county to produce at Montpelier on or before November 29 the votes cast for state's attorney in that county at the September election.

The House passed without a dissenting vote the bill providing for a reorganization of the judiciary. It passed the Senate under a suspension of the rules and as back in the House at four o'clock. The Senate proposed to the House to send the bill by making the supreme court consist of six judges, and the superior court of six judges, a total of 12 judges. The House concurred in the proposed amendments.

MR. GRATON'S BILL KILLED

The House this morning killed the bill introduced by Mr. Graton of Burlington which repealed a section of the act founding a University of Vermont, which was acted in November, 1901. This act exempts members of the faculty of the University of Vermont from paying a poll tax and exempts \$1,000 of their grand list tax. An amendment offered by Mr. Graton of Burlington that the Senate should include students, post-graduates and employees of the university who live in Burlington was voted down. A lively discussion over this bill occupied the attention of the House for an hour. The opinion of Attorney-General Phillips, arising on the constitutionality of the act as read by the clerk. This declared in substance that the Legislature had the right to pass such an act. Mr. Flinn of Ringfield wanted the bill dismissed and the House of Essex thought it was a little measure. And it was further proposed by Mr. Hubbard of Hyde Park and Mr. Chaffee of Enosburgh. Mr. Brown of Pownal supported the measure, but both the amendment proposed by Mr. Graton and the bill itself were killed almost unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT PARTLY FIXED

If the Senate adopts in concurrence the resolution, which passed the House today the question of adjournment over Thanksgiving is settled. In accordance with this joint resolution an adjournment will be taken from Friday afternoon, December 22, to Monday afternoon, December 23, at three o'clock. This resolution is introduced in the House on Tuesday. Mr. Martin of Ferrisburgh, but was apparently laid on the table. Representative G. W. Bailey of Essex under the bill introduced to-day from the judiciary committee providing for the reorganization of the courts. A memorandum was read by Mr. A. A. Lord of Hale K. Darling. Mr. Darling has one of the clerks of this committee for the past two years and has done a careful, conscientious work.

GOV. PROCTOR SIGNS TAX BILL

Governor Proctor this evening signed a corporation tax bill which provides a census of \$5,000 annually by an additional tax on steam and electric railroads. Committee meetings were few to-night. It was an unusually hard day in both houses and "The Lion and the Mouse" at the opera house proved a strong counter attraction. A meeting of the farmers' legislative league was scheduled for this evening but so few gathered the meeting was not held. The House committee on highways and bridges gave a hearing in the court room on the bill granting a ferry to the Shoreham & Thionderoga Ferry company to be run from Larrabee's point to Thionderoga a distance of two miles. Several residents of Shoreham who are interested in the ferry now in operation between these points appeared before the committee in opposition to the bill. W. H. Davis of Middlebury and W. A. Lord of Montpelier represented the petitioners and Judge Weeks of Thionderoga appeared for the opponents of the measure.

THE OFFICIAL RECORD.

Substitute Bill Regulating Railroads Introduced in the Senate—Much Routine Work.

SENATE—MORNING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the chaplain.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Delong, for a joint assembly on November 22, at 2:30 p. m., to hear report of canvassing committee for county, probate officers and justices of the peace, and to elect judges of court of claims.

READ THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

S. 3.—Bill compelling telephone connections.

S. 20.—Relating to certain land and a lunatic's and visitors' building near Bennington battle monument.

ORDERED TO LIE.

S. 98.—To regulate the purchase of supplies for State institutions. On motion of Senator Taylor.

S. 113.—Relating to railroads in dangerous places on highways. On motion of Senator Moseley.

READ THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

S. 122.—To provide for a recovery where an incorrect inventory is returned.

THIRD READING ORDERED.

S. 8.—To create board of a penal institutions.

PASSED.

H. 30.—Relating to protection of beaver and otter.

H. 37.—Relating to discount on taxes.

H. 36.—Relating to the Deerfield Railway Co.

H. 215.—To improve Addison county jail.

H. 209.—Relating to taxation of corporations.

H. 271.—To prohibit the brokerage of insurance.

H. 207.—Relating to Norwich University.

H. 327.—To incorporate the Granite Mutual Insurance Co.

H. 351.—To legalize quadrennial appraisal and grand list, town of Jay.

H. 269.—To prohibit misuse of milk receptacles.

H. 344.—Relating to establishment of rates and signals of railroads.

H. 41.—Relating to care of burial grounds.

H. 47.—To incorporate the Irasburgh Cemetery association.

H. 43.—To create a board of medical registration.

H. 44.—To incorporate the Johnson Lodge, No. 32, Knights of Pythias.

H. 45.—Relating to sale of candy containing intoxicating liquor.

H. 64.—Relating to wearing of badges (with amendment).

H. 54.—To legalize the quadrennial appraisal and grand list of town of Sunderland.

THIRD READING ORDERED.

H. 4.—For support of Soldiers' Home.

H. 14.—To amend acts relating to public schools.

H. 23.—To amend charter of village of Northfield.

H. 25.—Relating to punishment of larceny.

H. 24.—To authorize Winooski to issue road bonds.

H. 23.—In re judgments of court of claims.

H. 30.—Relating to property extending into Lake Champlain.

H. 49.—To exempt college fraternities from taxation.

H. 49.—To fix the residence of married women.

H. 50.—To preserve certain war records.

H. 25.—Relating to custody of papers in certain appointed cases.

H. 31.—To legalize quadrennial appraisals and grand list of town of Sandgate.

H. 54.—To amend charter of village of Richford.

Join resolution, relating to pay of certain employees.

Same—Relating to pay of chaplains.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED.

H. 438.—To incorporate the North Cambridge Cemetery association, Corporations.

H. 526.—Relating to village of Johnson. Municipal corporations.

PASSED WITH PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENT.

Called up by Senator Pelton.

H. 310.—Relating to the preservation of public health. And on his motion, amended to include unorganized towns as well as gorges.

On motion of Senator Paul, adjourned.

SENATE—AFTERNOON.

SUBSTITUTE BILL.

S. 122.—By Senator Johnson from committee on railroads, in substitution of the so-called, Chase rate bill, S. 29, Prohibits issuing of passes other than to certain excepted classes as specified; requires railroads to post schedules of their rates and charges, in their depots and file same with railroad commissioners. Prohibits increase of rates as scheduled except after 30 days' notice to commission, and to public by posted notices. Commission may modify these requirements under certain conditions; road held liable for goods and property lost in transit when delivered to other companies, but may recover for same from such roads when commission is satisfied upon hearing.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

H. 617.—By Mr. Hubbard from the judiciary committee to provide for printing public statutes; ordered to lie and be printed.

H. 618.—By Mr. Darling of Chelsea from the judiciary committee, relating to election of judges of the supreme court; ordered to lie and be printed.

H. 619.—By Mr. Senter of Montpelier from committee on corporations to amend act incorporating the Cornwall Telegraph & Telephone company; ordered to lie and be printed.

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PROCEEDINGS OF HOUSE

New Bills Introduced—The Jamestown Exposition Appropriation Passed.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Recommend That in Over-Churched Towns Missionary Aid Should Be Given Only One Evangelical Church—The Idea of Federation Is Gaining.

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To all the churches have been sent circular letters some 50 in number stating the object and purpose of the inquiries. The following were the inquiries: (1) Is your town over-churching? (2) In your judgment if any, should you be willing to give way to, or combine with, any other church or churches and why? (3) What is the best and most practicable form of consolidation or do you think that federation of all the local churches for practical cooperation would be the wisest step? (4) Are the churches in your community ready to do so, and if not, what are the chief obstacles? (5) Do you personally favor such a move?

In reply to the first question as to whether the town was over-churching 103 answered in the negative and 71 in the affirmative. To the second question a number say that the Protestant Episcopal Church ought to give way since it is the smallest and does not appeal to any large portion of the population but they are of the opinion that it is not likely to give way.

Some do not state which church ought to be merged but answer in such a way as to leave a very plain inference. Eight or ten pastors have been found that show their Christian conservatism by stating their willingness to resign their pastorate and go elsewhere if a better man could be found for the consolidated church.

The committee report that it is evident that some towns are over-churching. There are towns having two churches which work amicably together while there are some in which prejudice and party feeling runs so high as to retard the movement of federating.

The committee are of the opinion that the following towns could be federated to good advantage: Brookline, Westfield, Newport Center, Wardsworth, East Dover, Westford, Williston, Essex Junction, Johnson, Gayville, Jericho Corner and Goddard. The committee did not deem it advisable to have nine churches in the town of Lyndonville which has but 2,000 population.

In St. Johnsbury only the Baptist and the Free Will Baptists should unite. In Richford the federation of the two Advent churches would be advisable.

The committee mention some practical steps in the coming together of the churches. First and most fundamental there is a sympathetic attitude which must precede all attempts at cooperation, second, there is a form of federation in which each church retains its own pastor and is perfectly autonomous. Such a federation is being organized in Newport for the purpose of doing various kinds of Christian and benevolent work but each church retains its own pastor.

The third step is another form of federation where one or two or more societies agree to have one pastor and each organization maintains its identity. Examples of such are Randolph, Castleton, East Charlestown, Williston and Proctor. Doubtless this kind of federation has a marked tendency towards complete amalgamation under the Congregational form.

The fourth step is complete consolidation.

There are various modifications to the foregoing according to the circumstances and the committee realize the difficulty of applying the foregoing principles to any community and doubt if it can be met at long range. It will probably be non-effective to call together representatives from the denominations and endeavor to consider the case in any given community. They think however that missionary aid ought not to be granted to two different evangelical churches in over-churching towns. They also think that the most practical way of removing a superfluous church would be for the denomination giving up something in one place to receive something elsewhere and thus a "balance of powers" be maintained. Denominational pride in this way would be saved.

In regard to question four the obstacles are about such as might be expected; excessive denominational feeling, prejudices and social differences. As a rule the smaller the town the greater the prejudice. In answer to question five there is no doubt that the majority of those replying are in favor of the movement.

In closing they state they have considerable doubt as to whether the Christian churches of this State are yet ready to take hold of federation or consolidation in any large way but that on the other hand they feel certain that the idea is constantly making headway. The committee is comprised of the Rev. R. P. Lowe of Barre, the Rev. L. F. Reed of Montpelier, the Rev. W. A. Kenzie of Barre, the Rev. Lewis Dexter of West Topham and the Rev. Frazer Metzger of Randolph.

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FOR HISTORIC MEMORIALS

Vermont Society, S. A. R. Raising a Fund for This Purpose—Champlain Tercentenary Celebration.

Montpelier, Nov. 21.—The 17th annual meeting of the Vermont Society, Sons of the American Revolution, was held this afternoon in the court room at the State House, Col. C. S. Forbes of St. Albans in the chair. The report of W. H. Crockett of St. Albans, the secretary, showed that the following members have died during the past year: General Merritt Barber of West Troy, N. Y., Luman P. Norton of Bennington, C. M. Robinson of Nashua, N. H., the Hon. Delmar J. Vall of Charlestown, P. E. I., and Charles S. Wheelock of Barre.

Twelve new members have been admitted during the past year as follows: Fred T. Caswell of Derby Line, Owen F. McCabe of North Hartland, Frank L. Fish of Vergennes, Paul S. Dillingham of Montpelier, Lucius H. Jones of Burlington, Charles F. House, United States Navy, Redfield Proctor, Jr., of Proctor, George W. Foster of Hardwick, William E. Robertson of St. Albans, James F. Dewey of Quechee, John A. Mead of Rutland and H. W. Cunningham of Burlington.

LIST OF REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS

The secretary reported that he has completed a list of 5,551 names of revolutionary soldiers who lived and died in Vermont, over 1,000 of which have been tabulated during the past year. The society extended a vote of thanks to W. T. Baxter of Chicago for his assistance in tabulating the list. The annual dues were raised from \$1 to \$2 per year, the additional dollar to be used for historic memorials. The president, vice-president and secretary, and chairman of the board of managers, were appointed a committee to arrange for a mid-winter banquet. Senator W. J. Van Patten of Burlington and Representative J. E. Mead of Rutland were appointed a committee to urge the passage through the present Legislature of the bill providing for a memorial to Seth Warner and Remember Baker.

The following were elected delegates to the national congress of Sons of the American Revolution to be held at Jamestown, Va., April 30 and May 1, next. W. J. Van Patten of Burlington, J. A. Mead of Rutland, L. Hart Cross and W. T. Dewey of Montpelier, F. S. Pease of Burlington, Col. C. S. Forbes of St. Albans, Senator Redfield Proctor of Proctor.

F. S. Pease of Burlington offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That the Vermont society, Sons of the American Revolution, heartily endorse the plan of celebrating the 20th anniversary of the discovery of Lake Champlain as embodied in a joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly and approved by his excellency, the governor. And the society urges that the celebration be of a character that shall be in keeping with the importance of the occasion and a credit to the commonwealth of Vermont."

THE OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. J. Van Patten, president; W. E. Jewell of Bennington, vice-president; Walter H. Crockett of St. Albans, secretary; Clarence L. Smith of Burlington, treasurer; Henry L. Stillson of Burlington, registrar; George G. Benedict of Burlington, historian; the Rev. M. L. Sovernance of Burlington, chaplain; F. S. Pease of Burlington, W. E. Jones of Westfield, Charles E. Allen of Burlington, and W. T. Dewey of Montpelier, members of the board of managers. The newly elected board of managers is composed of: Z. M. Mansur of Newport, Porter H. Dale of Island Pond, H. W. Carter of Montpelier, C. A. Alexander of Burlington, Henry D. Holton of Brattleboro, N. W. Dick of Isle La Motte and John A. Mead of Rutland.

ROUND-UP IN RANDOLPH.

Men and Woman Arrested on Charge of Bigamy—Man Arrested for Burglary.

Randolph, Nov. 21.—The reign of justice started in force in Randolph to-day. A. B. Newman of Barre, a man with a somewhat shady character, was brought before State's Attorney M. M. Wilson and Justice N. L. Boyden on the charge of burglary committed a short time ago, when the house of a Mr. Darling was broken into and a bedstead of a quantity of cut glass, bed clothing and other articles to the value of \$100 were stolen. Newman has been continued until to-morrow afternoon in order that the prisoner may have an opportunity to procure bail.

In the afternoon Oscar A. J. Huse arrested Mrs. Nellie (Waters) Earl, (who has been living for the past two years as the wife of Newell King), on the charge of bigamy. It is alleged that Mrs. Nellie Waters Earl King was never divorced from her former husband and she will be given a hearing before Justice N. L. Boyden Thursday morning.

Officer F. H. Ketchum arrested Newell King Wednesday afternoon and he will be given a hearing before Justice N. L. Boyden some time to-morrow.

Two other cases are slated for the police docket to-morrow. J. H. Brown of East Granville must answer to a charge of forgery, and several young boys must take their medicine for throwing stones through the windows of some of the houses down on the beach.

THREATENED TO SHOOT HIM

Miss Chapin Says Barnard Had Threatened to Shoot Her Lover, John Cassidy.

Rutland, Nov. 21.—In Rutland county court to-day Miss Eva Chapin of Chittenden testified that Daniel Barnard, who is on trial for assault with intent to kill, shooting John Cassidy with a shotgun, threatened to her that he would shoot Cassidy, her lover. This happened a short time before Cassidy was shot by someone who fired at him while he sat milking. No motive for the shooting has been shown. It is one of the hardest of criminal cases. The county court for some years, E. H. O'Brien and T. W. Moloney are counsel for the respondent and State's Attorney R. A. Lawrence is prosecuting. Both Barnard and Cassidy are farm hands.

HAPPENINGS IN VERMONT.

Local Items of Interest From All Parts of the Green Mountain State.

THE NEWS BY COUNTIES

THE WINOOSKI VALLEY, Villages up North From the Island in the Lake to the Passumpsic, Along Otter Creek and by the Shores of White River Covered by Special Correspondents.

ADDISON COUNTY.

VERGENNES.

G. W. Beesworth has accepted the position as manager of the National Casket company's plant at Nashville, Tenn., and expects to begin his duties about January 1st as soon as he is able to close up his affairs in this city.

Frank Gove of North Ferrisburgh dropped dead Sunday morning from apoplexy, while doing his chores.

The engagement of Miss Patience Strowbridge Chase of Windham, Mass., to Dr. J. Churchill Hines, formerly of this city, now of Boston, is announced.

Miss Ethel Gervise of Charlotte has taken a position as local operator in the office of the Champlain Telephone company.

Announcement is made by the firm of W. R. Warner & Co., druggists, that Robert P. Briggs, who has been employed by them for the past two years, has been admitted to partnership, the name of the firm to remain unchanged.

Bureau Vista Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, will give a Thanksgiving ball in city hall Thursday evening, November 29.

County Examiner Boyce of Middlebury will hold teachers' examination in this city November 29 and December 1. School in district No. 16, Ferrisburgh, taught by Miss Elizabeth Donaway, closed last Friday for a two weeks' vacation. Those having perfect attendance for the term were William Clark and Hazel Ward, others who were absent less than five days were Washington Ward, Leo Tatro, Helen Clark and Stella Savoy. Max Bamlow has purchased the Webster place on the Pantan road.

MIDDLEBURY.

Monday, market day, came brought 26 cents and butter 25.

The shipment of livestock from this section Monday consisted of three carloads of cows, calves and hogs for the Brighton market at Boston, Mass., E. G. Piper and M. S. Carr accompanied their shipments.

Hurry Mareson of Plattsburgh, who came here a few weeks ago and engaged as clerk in a meat store, is migrating with the receipts secured by selling several tickets to a concert which he said a troupe under his management would give here soon. Before leaving town he proposed an excursion at a local store, having it charged to his employer and saying that he would take it out of his pay, at the rate of three dollars per week. As it was nearing the time for his concert troupe to appear Mareson got a railroad ticket Thursday night and departed.

E. M. Taylor has returned from Pittsford, where he has been visiting friends.

T. E. Boyce holds a teachers' examination in the graded school house this week Friday and Saturday. He will use a room on the third floor.

BRISTOL.

The Christian Endeavor topic at the Baptist Church next Sunday evening will be "Whitman and Missions on the Frontier," leader, Mrs. W. A. Harlow, at the Methodist Church the topic will be "Temperance, the Use of Strong Drink," leader, Miss Alice Tucker. The body of Rev. W. Clark was brought here Saturday morning from the Concord, N. H., insane asylum, and taken to West Ferrisburgh for burial by his guardian, G. W. Snedden. Mr. Clark was known through the county over 3