

COUNTRY CHURCH AND ITS DUTIES

Union of Effort Would Result in Revival of Religion, Says President Thomas.

KING'S DAUGHTERS IN SESSION

Sixty Circles in the State with Approximately 1,500 Members—Mrs. Davis Urges Better Education.

A feature of yesterday's session of the Vermont branch of the International Order of King's Daughters...

FACTS AS TO PRESENT CONDITIONS.

Up to recently there have been only estimates and opinions as to the state and welfare of the country church...

Some 20 years ago there came to a town in Franklin county, Vermont, a young theologian from a school of divinity in New York city...

The same man found himself some years later in a town in Windsor county, pastor of a declining church in a community that had been losing in population for half a century...

Mr. Gill set for his problem a comparison of the Protestant Church of Windsor county in the years 1888 and 1908.

The results attained by Mr. Gill are worthy of the most serious attention...

third of the time or more, the town of Woodstock, noted as the richest town in the State, has 569 out of a total population of 2,776, the figures being for the year 1908.

But the comparison of that year with the period 20 years before is more important and significant. This shows that while there has been a slight gain in total population of the county these 20 years...

There seems to be no great difference between the several denominations as to their ability to hold their own in the slippage of their services.

It is important to notice the salaries paid to the ministers and their educational equipment for their work.

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That this is the fact, and that fact we should contemplate a country church which must be judged not by its increase or decrease in membership...

OVER FOURTH OF COMPANIES HEARD

Public Service Commission Disposes of 29 Out of 106 in Two Days.

'PHONE DEVELOPMENT TOLD

Proprietors of Small Concerns Figure Increase in Rates Is Needed to Create a Reserve Fund.

Montpelier, Oct. 1.—Governor A. M. Fletcher was an interested spectator at the telephone hearing before the public service commission at the State House today.

MAY ADJOURN FOR A WEEK.

It is probable that an adjournment will be taken Friday afternoon or next week, K. H. Deavitt, of special counsel for the commission, and J. G. Sargent, of counsel for the New England company, are members of the board of bar examiners and it will be necessary for them to attend the bar examinations next week.

ARREST MADE IN THE TOLBY CASE

G. W. Briggs in Woodstock Jail Charged with Complicity in Friend's Death.

Woodstock, Oct. 1.—George W. Briggs was arrested today on suspicion of being implicated in the death of Frank J. Tolby, and is now in county jail.

Mr. English operates only a small local line. A large part of the business of the Fairlee company is in New Hampshire.

Mr. Newell, representing the Health Telephone company, a Massachusetts corporation, presented a statement showing that his company's business, after paying 8 1/2 per cent dividend, produced a surplus of \$22 last year, and that if the proposed reductions were to be put into effect there would be a yearly deficit of \$1,675.02.

Mr. Newell testified on cross-examination that his company furnished free telephones to town offices in Massachusetts, but none in Vermont.

He stated, as did several others, that he had a purchasing contract with the New England company, and that most of the supplies were of the Western Electric company's make, bought through the New England company, and that on these purchases, aside from receivers and transmitters, a commission was paid the New England company.

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PROSECUTORS REST IN SULZER TRIAL

First Witness in the Governor's Defense to Be Campaign Secretary.

MRS. SULZER IS TO TESTIFY

Governor to Defend Not Reporting Contributions on Ground of Their Being Personal Gifts.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 1.—The Assembly board of managers to-day rested their case in the trial of the impeachment of Governor William Sulzer.

The high court then adjourned until to-morrow afternoon when counsel for the Governor will submit several preliminary motions for the court to decide before opening the case for the defense.

These disposed of, counsel will probably ask permission to take another adjournment before calling their first witness. This witness, it is said, will be Louis A. Sarecky, the Governor's campaign secretary, whom counsel for the impeachment managers failed to put on the stand although he was subpoenaed. Sarecky endorsed many of the checks given to Sulzer during his campaign which were not reported in his sworn statement of campaign contributions.

Whether the long missing Frederick L. Colwell, the Governor's alleged agent in his Wall Street transactions, will also be called at the capitol to-night, his whereabouts has been known to the Governor's attorneys, but they have declined to produce him unless it was stipulated that he would not be placed under arrest for refusing to obey a subpoena of the Praxley investigating committee.

The close of the case of the Assembly managers to-day marked the lapse of two weeks since the trial began and of six days consumed in the actual taking of testimony.

The final shot of the managers before resting was the testimony of John B. Gray, member of the brokerage firm of Fuller & Gray which handled the famous "Account No. 500" of Frederick L. Colwell.

Attorneys for the managers expressed themselves to-night as well pleased with that the direct testimony is all in. Attorney Isidor J. Kresel said that no further effort would be made to locate the "mysterious woman" in the case.

"Why did we not call Sarecky? He was a hostile witness to our side of the case. When he is called by the defense, it has ever in my mind, I shall question him. We shall also interrogate Colwell at length if he is called."