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LACONIA'S NEW HOSPITAL

Yesterday Was Opening Day of the Institution.

BUILDING COST \$27,000

Foundation Was Request of \$10,000 by Rhoda C. Ladd—President Woodbury L. Melcher Public-Spirited Citizen.

LACONIA, N. H., Nov. 16.—The new Laconia hospital was informally dedicated today and throughout the morning and evening was visited and inspected by hundreds of the citizens of the city and from all sections of Belknap county. In the afternoon, in the magnificent operating room, informal exercises were held. Mayor W. F. Knight, who has been secretary of the Laconia Hospital association since it was organized, opened the exercises, introducing the president of the association, Woodbury L. Melcher, who presided. Prayer was offered by the Rev. O. S. Baketel of New York.

Mr. Melcher gave a brief historical sketch of the Laconia Hospital association and the work in raising funds for the erecting of the present building. Remarks were also made by Governor-elect Henry B. Quincy, Mayor Knight, the Rev. W. A. Loyne, the Rev. Mr. Baketel and the Rev. Jeremiah Jewett.

In connection with the opening the day was observed as donation day and the hospital received a large amount of good things. The Laconia hospital received its birth when the late Mrs. Rhoda Ladd, January, 1893, left the residue of her estate amounting to nearly \$10,000 to the Laconia hospital. For the purpose of the hospital which she named the Laconia Hospital, she bequeathed to the association the property of the late Mrs. Rhoda C. Ladd, which was most excellently equipped and which was maintained until the building dedicated today was ready for occupancy.

The new hospital building, which is located in an ideal spot for such an institution, is of brick and stone construction, three stories high, and was erected at a cost of from \$25,000 to \$27,000, the contractors and builders being Guay & Wallace of this city.

On entering the building one comes first, on the left, to the hospital office and matron's room, which is connected by house telephones to all parts of the building. On the right of the entrance is an elegantly furnished reception room. Across the corridor from the matron's room and to the left is the accident room. Here the patient is prepared for the anaesthetic, before being taken to the anaesthetic room. Next comes the operating room, which is considered one of the best in New Hampshire. It is provided with an excellent light from a large north window and with the best modern improved equipments. Adjoining is the sterilizing room, which contains the most approved sterilizing apparatus, which consists of a still for distilling all water used in the operating room, a hot and cold water sterilizing apparatus, a bandage and basin sterilizer. The basin sterilizer opens and closes with a knee action valve, so that it can be operated by a nurse or doctor during operations without touching hands to the apparatus.

The sterilizing room opens into the surgeon's room, which contains the surgeon's lockers. On this floor is also an apothecary room, diet kitchen, six-bed ward and maternity room.

On the second floor is a diet kitchen, six-bed open ward and twelve wards, several being designed for the accommodation of private patients.

The third story of the building is devoted to the nurses and domestics, with commodious and neatly furnished rooms. In the basement are placed the kitchen and dining rooms and heating apparatus. All the rooms and corridors are finished in hard wood, and the wards are furnished with modern beds for the comfort of the patients, together with easy chairs, dressing tables, etc.

The president of the Laconia Hospital association, Woodbury L. Melcher, was born in Laconia, Oct. 7, 1832, in the house on Main street, next below the "old iron store," and has always

resided within almost a stone's throw of the place of his birth.

He was fitted for college at Gilford Academy, which was then in a flourishing condition, under the instruction of Prof. Benjamin F. Stratton, and was graduated from Bowdoin college in 1856. After teaching elsewhere a short time, he was elected principal of Gilford Academy, where he taught for two years. But not intending to make teaching a profession, he entered as a student the law office of Ellery A. Hibbard, and was admitted to the bar in 1862. Mr. Melcher still retains his connection with the Belknap county bar, although not now in active practice.

In 1861 he was appointed register of probate and held the office for ten years, when he felt compelled to resign on account of the pressure of other business. In 1864 he was elected treasurer of the Laconia Savings bank, which position he held for twenty-one years, when feeling the necessity for a more active outdoor life, he resigned.

He then engaged extensively in the insurance business, and was the founder of the Melcher Prescott agency, now one of the largest insurance agencies in the state. He did not, however, give up his interest in the savings bank. Being elected one of its trustees, he has been intimately connected with its management ever since. For a few years he was a director and vice-president of the Laconia National bank.

He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1889. Mr. Melcher has always been interested in promoting the material interests of Laconia. He drew the original charter for the street railway, and assisted in procuring its passage through the legislature. He aided materially in procuring subscriptions for stock, and was the first treasurer of the corporation. In these days of electricity, it is interesting to note some of the rebuffs he met with, being laughed at for being so sanguine, and told that "the income would not pay for the oats that which the horses would eat," "the rails would rust out before they would wear out," and many other similar remarks.

He was also largely interested in establishing the Laconia water works, another enterprise which was looked upon by many as a doubtful investment. He, however, showed his faith in it by a larger subscription to the stock than that of any other individual. He became one of the members of the first board of directors, and since the death of John C. Moulton has been its president.

He was interested in organizing the Laconia Hospital association, and was elected its first president, which position he still holds.

For a long service of years, Mr. Melcher was connected in an official capacity with the public schools, being a member of the school committee, when his district was annexed to Laconia, and a member of its board of education afterwards, until, feeling that he had done his whole duty in this respect, he declined further service. For eleven years he was president of the board of education.

Wool.

Wool is raised extensively in all parts of the United States, including Wall street. It is used as a garment for wolves and to adjust over people's eyes. In Wall street wool takes the form of fleeces and is highly prized as a protection for both bulls and bears, who are often too thinly clad for their own comfort. Thus the tender lamb is glad to help out its brothers in distress. The shearing hours are from 10 to 3.

Wool is obtained from sheep that we remember to have seen in oil paintings dotting the landscape. Dotting the landscape, however, is not an occupation in itself, but is only a means toward an end. Most of it is imported to other countries, but occasionally traces of it are found in our domestic woolen underwear.

The phrase "All wool and a yard wide" was invented before the modern laundryman. Since his advent it has been revised to "All wool and a three inches wide." Sheep are very simple in their habits, and although they never use hair tonics, or wash and dress their hair every night before going to bed, they seldom become bald or are obliged to sit in the front row. Their name is also always the same, so they are not likely to get lost. When we say sheep we simply mean a lot of sheeps gathered together.—Success Magazine.

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Jasper Department

Conducted by J. D. M.

A. L. Roberson was in Chattanooga a day or two last week.

L. A. Spears attended chancery court at Altamont last week.

Rev. S. F. Sorrel attended conference in Chattanooga last week.

Mrs. S. H. Alexander has been the guest of friends in Chattanooga.

Miss Clemmie Turner visited in South Pittsburg one day last week.

Miss Myrtle Wyrick is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. H. L. Bible, in Hill City.

Lester Shirley, of Chattanooga, who is clerking at the Read House, spent a day here last week.

R. E. Noyes made a trip to points in the upper end of the county Saturday, cattle inspecting, we suppose.

Miss Maud Deakins, who was forced to give up her school at Whitwell on account of sickness, is much improved.

Joe Horton, brother of our popular barber, F. M. Horton, has been very sick. Mr. Horton visited him in Chattanooga last week.

A. R. Hall is making preparations to cut pencil timber into dimension stuff at the plant of the old handle company. When cut the product will be shipped to a pencil factory in Georgia.

Capt. W. E. Donaldson, who is confined to his house, has been granted a pension by the State Board of \$5 per month. Capt. Donaldson has now been a "shut in" for several years, and doubtless, this small sum will assist in making him comfortable.

County Trustee Kelly has recovered from la grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cook, of So. Pittsburg, visited relatives here last week.

Miss Lucile Wright is stenographer for the firm of Stewart & Stewart, Dunlap, attorneys.

Mrs. Annis Kelly has a photo gallery here, and is credited with turning out an extra fine quality of work.

Dr. R. L. Dosssett, who is now located at Estill Springs, but formerly was a citizen of Whitesides, Tenn., has been the guest of his uncle, Prof. M. M. Dosssett.

Hon. John T. Raulston, of So. Pittsburg, was on our streets one day last week. "John" was a defeated candidate for a seat in Congress, but it put no damper on him. He is all right even if Judge Moon did eclipse him.

Our townsman, Hon. B. E. Tatum, has purchased the residence of J. R. Henderson on Holly Street and Kirby Avenue, Chattanooga, and will move there shortly. The consideration was \$4,500 and the property was secured for Mr. Tatum by Clint Byrne formerly of this place, who is conducting a real estate office in Chattanooga.

NEGRO FORGER ACTIVE

Tries to Swindle South Pittsburg Parties.

SOUTH PITTSBURG, Tenn., Nov. 21.—A clerical looking negro, calling himself T. D. Smith, but whose real name is the Rev. J. H. Williams, attempted to forge a check on the local banks here today. He arrived from Chattanooga on the morning train and made it plain to all with whom he held converse that he expected a letter at the postoffice from Allen & Wickliffe, druggists, of Chattanooga, and said letter would contain check in payment of a horse and buggy that he had sold them. He showed the letter and check to W. L. Miller, who at once telephoned Allen & Wickliffe concerning the matter, and was advised that the check was forged. Miller informed the local bankers and police officers who got on the lookout. The forger went to the First National bank and was turned down. He then went to the Savings bank, where he met a like fate. "He was cornered in the building, but managed to escape, leaving all of his baggage behind him, which was searched, resulting in finding that the negro had been operating his schemes all over the south, confining his forgeries to well-to-do colored men. In some places he poses as a divine healer, doctor of divinity, etc. He is a tall, brown-skinned fellow, and some times wears glasses. He had the names of nearly every well-to-do negro in the state. The joke is on a popular young man here in consequence, Dave Smith, who insists on being called T. D. Smith, the same name as the negro used. Mr. Smith has been taking a prominent part in blackface work in theatricals, and probably the colored individual thought by taking his name he could get all the money he wanted.

State Pensions Granted.

The following in this section have been granted pensions by the State Board of Pensions, which adjourned Saturday until second Tuesday in January:

Mrs. Mary J. Rankin, widow, Whitwell, \$5 per month.

Mrs. Nora B. Morris, widow, Pikeville, \$5 per month.

Mrs. Nancy Barker, widow, Dunlap, \$5 per month.

W. E. Donaldson, soldier, Jasper, \$5 per month.

Jas. Barker, soldier, Dunlap, \$5 per month.

Watched Fifteen Years.

"For fifteen years I have watched the working of Bucklen's Arnica Salve; and it has never failed to cure any sore, boil, ulcer or burn to which it was applied. It has saved us many a doctor bill," says A. F. Hardy, of East Wilton, Maine. 25c at Whitwell Drug Co's.

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Net Chocolate Caramels.

Net Chocolate Caramels are rich, delicious confections, immensely popular, says Fannie Merritt Farmer in Woman's Home Companion for December. "Put three and one half table spoonfuls of butter in a sauce pan, and when melted, add two cupfuls of molasses, one cupful of brown sugar and one half cupful of milk. Stir until the sugar is dissolved, bring to the boiling point, add four and one half squares of unsweetened chocolate, and stir constantly until the chocolate is melted. Let boil, until, when tried in cold water, a firm ball may be formed in the fingers. Remove from the range, add one and one half teaspoonfuls of vanilla and one half pound of almonds, blanched and chopped. Turn into a buttered pan, cool, and cut in small squares."

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From a Soldier Boy.

Company "D" 16th Infantry, Fort Logan H. Root, Ark., Nov. 17th, 1908.

CHRISTMAS IS CELEBRATED AS THE SATURNALIA.

Gluttony and Extravagance Are Its Chief Characteristics.

If the angels, who two thousand years ago heralded to the earth that peace which only the children have realized, were to come back to the earth today, they would find us celebrating Christmas much as they used to see the Romans celebrate their Saturnalia, that is, with gluttony and extravagance, says Brand Whitlock, in the New Idea Woman's Magazine for December. They would not, of course, find us laying aside our weapons, or foregoing punishment or the putting of people to death; they would find only a very few among our best people seating their servants at table as the Romans did, in imitation of the freedom and equality enjoyed in Italy during Saturn's reign. They would find that the message which they sang so long ago is not taken too seriously or too literally. They would find few so heterodox as to turn the other cheek, and few of those having two coats so unsophisticated as to impart to him that had none; they would find, to be sure, many who have no coat at all and without much chance of getting a job whereby they would get a coat, though they might find, if they had the time and patience, that these had been duly investigated and endorsed as those organized charities which still preempt the place in our society of organized justice. On this Christmas morning they would still find men imprisoning each other and killing each other, though they would find that those nations that are foremost in the killing and imprisoning are those that sound most loudly the name of the sweet and gentle Saviour whose birth the angels announced to the shepherds in the starlight of that Eastern Christmas eve. If they found the cross nowhere, they would find the scaffold everywhere, and in the more enlightened and advanced States, the electric chair; and they might conclude that we had made progress, at least in this, that, after nineteen hundred years of Christian civilization, men are allowed to sit down while they are being killed instead of having to stand up.

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N. B. MOORE, Dentist.

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