

BARRE GRANITE IS INEXHAUSTIBLE SAYS CAPT. HARDING

Government Engineer Who Visited Barre Quarries Submits Report of His Findings to the Officials at Washington.

STONE PERFECT IN UNIFORMITY AND QUALITY

Barre White Granite Excellent For Building Purposes—Architects Declare Bethel Granite Pre-eminently Fit for Union Station at Washington.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO BARRE TIMES.]

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—By the final decision that Bethel granite is to be the material used in building the new \$4,000,000 Union station in this city, the products of Vermont's quarries will receive a generous bit of advertising that ought to be a great stimulus to the industry.

In addition to the Millstone Hill quarries, a large deposit of granite exists in a hill about two miles east of Barre. Stone from this hill was used in the construction of the capital at Montpelier, about 60 years ago.

That Bethel granite would be used in building the depot has for some time been a foregone conclusion, but it was not definitely settled until the report of Capt. Chester Harding, who recently visited Vermont to inspect the quarries, was laid before the commissioners of the District of Columbia and approved by them.

The matter came before the board in the form of a report from Captain Harding on his recent inspection, accompanied by the general report of Col. John Biddle, the engineer commissioner. In speaking of the Bethel granite the latter report says: "The railroad company has submitted a sample of stone it desires to use in the building. It is a white granite, flecked with dark spots, and is of a very handsome texture. The cost of the building, if constructed of this stone, would probably be but little, if any, less than if constructed of the grade of marble ordinarily used for such purposes."

The samples were also shown to the supervising architect of the treasury and to leading architects from New York and Philadelphia. It is the unanimous opinion that the material is pre-eminently fit for such a building as the proposed Union station.

In the report submitted by Capt. Harding that officials test of his recent inspection of the granite deposit at Bethel and of the quarries at Barre. He states that the Bethel quarries are situated on a hillside about three and one-half miles from Bethel and the Central Vermont railway.

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provided for in case the union station contract goes to the Ellis quarry. Continuing Capt. Harding states that while the contract calls for the delivery of 440,000 of dimension stone by July 1, 1905, or according to his estimate, about 30,000 cubic feet per month when operations are under way, he can see no physical possibility in filling the contract within the time specified, if capital and enterprise are rightly employed.

In mentioning his trip to Barre and Montpelier Captain Harding speaks in high terms of the kindness shown him by the quarry owners and manufacturers in the two cities. The report is accompanied by a map of the quarry section and the railroad. In regard to the quarries Capt. Harding says: In the Millstone Hill region.

"There are two different varieties of granite in the deposit, a light and a dark, but in each variety the color is uniform. The quarries on the east slope of the hill furnish the light granite and the dark granite is confined to the south slope. The light granite comes in sheets and the dark in large irregular masses, but with well defined planes of cleavage. The size of the monoliths which any of these quarries can supply is limited only to the possibilities of transportation. The quarries are fully equipped with modern machinery, and the facilities for getting out and transporting the stone are excellent. The stone is perfect in uniformity and quality and the supply is practically inexhaustible.

The output of one of the largest quarries during the past year was 150,000 cubic feet of monumental stone. The proprietor of the quarry informed me that if required to fill a large contract for building stone in the shortest possible time, he would estimate the capacity of his quarry to be between 30,000 and 40,000 cubic feet per month. (This information is of interest in considering the question of the ability of the Bethel quarry to provide the granite for the Union station within the contract time.)

"My impression of all the Barre quarries were distinctly favorable and where the conditions do not demand a white stone, the granite is in every respect excellent for building purposes.

"While at Barre I inspected the large granite works of Jones Brothers which was represented to me as being an excellent type of several plants of the same character in the vicinity. The plant includes a complete equipment for working the largest monoliths handled anywhere, and for sawing, shaping, turning, polishing and finishing stone in any desirable manner."

WOOD AN EMANCIPATOR. Promulgates Law Abolishing Slavery in Moroland.

Manila, Dec. 12.—Major General Leonard Wood has proclaimed in Moroland an antislavery law, passed in October last by the legislative council of the Moro provinces. Upon the promise of the sultan and dattos to abide with its conditions General Wood has suggested to Governor Taft the establishment of the native Moros on lands which will be assigned to them by the sultan and dattos at a rate of valuation sufficient to provide the latter with a moderate income from the rentals. He believes they will accept a proposition of the kind.

Carl Johnson, vice consul at Amoy, charged with aiding the conspiracy to smuggle coolies from China into the Philippines, disguised as merchants, denies that he has received any fees except those authorized by law to sign Chinese certificates. He also declares that he refused bribes.

The Philippine commission recommends that no interference take place with the coastwise laws until enough American vessels ask for some action thereon. The same recommendation is made in regard to the ocean carrying trade with the United States.

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WARLIKE PROSPECTS

Far Eastern Situation Is Considered Serious.

RUSSIA IS VERY RETICENT

Has Not Yet Sent Reply to Japan and the Delay Is Thought to Be Ominous.

London, Dec. 12.—The far eastern situation has become pregnant with warlike possibilities. The Japanese legation here has been informed that the Russian reply to Japan's irreducible minimum communication has not yet been sent and the delay is taken to be an ominous sign. Official circles are preparing for eventualities. All the big London dailies which are in closest touch with the foreign office, have sent their best war correspondents to Japan. In response to private tips from high quarters, no credit is given here to the refusal of reports emanating from St. Petersburg, which the Russians are circulating for the purpose of deceiving the eastern powers.

BIG CONVENTION GOES TO CHICAGO

Republicans Will Assemble There on June 21st Next, For National Convention.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The National Republican committee has decided to hold the convention in Chicago, on June 21.

IRA ALLEN'S FUNERAL

Held This Afternoon From Baptist Church of Fair Haven.

Rutland, Dec. 12.—The funeral of Ira R. Allen, chairman of the Republican state committee, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Baptist church of Fair Haven. It is estimated over 1,000 people attended, prominent men being present from all over Vermont. Rev. John R. Gow of Somerville, Mass., a former pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by Rev. K. C. Penney of Fair Haven.

The body was taken to the church this morning at 10 o'clock, and remained in view till 2. Those present included Gov. McCullough and staff.

TO SUCCEED MR. BAILEY.

Candidates for Washington County State's Attorneyship.

Montpelier, Dec. 11.—The appointment of a state's attorney to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Frank A. Bailey will be taken up as soon as the court judges return, which may not be before Monday. Burton E. Bailey, brother of the late state's attorney, has done the work at the office since his brother has been ill. He is considered a candidate for the position, and among the other names heard are John H. Senter, who has been assigned by the court to look after the government's interests in the Garrett murder case; City Attorney F. P. Carleton and Harry C. Shurtleff.

The first of a series of lectures under the auspices of the local branch of the Socialist party will be held in Toof Sharpener's hall, Quinlan block, on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7.30 p. m. Subject, "Co-operation vs. Socialism, their Aims and Objects." Alex. Robertson, secretary of the Granite Cutters National Union, Barre Branch, will deliver the lecture and it is hoped that the citizens of Barre will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear Mr. Robertson on two live issues in modern social life. No charge for admission.

Escaped Criminal Recaptured. Fishkill Landing, N. Y., Dec. 11.—William Wagner, who escaped from the Mattawan State Hospital for the Criminal Insane on the night of Nov. 10 while being examined by the Newburgh Medical society, has been captured at Utica and will be returned to the hospital.

No Ice to Classmen. All members of Clan Gordon No. 12 are requested to send in their address to the secretary, James Erick, 18 Maple avenue, on or before the 15th of December, so as to insure them of receiving the new publication of the Fiery Cross. Anyone failing to comply with this request may not receive the paper as a new and correct list has got to be sent to the new publishers.

Shot in Self-Defense.

Mount Holly, N. J., Dec. 12.—The jury after being out all night brought in a verdict of acquittal in the case of Mrs. Sarah N. Beatty, accused of murdering her husband. She admitted shooting her husband but satisfied the jury that it was in self defense.

An apple that was picked by hand is worth more than so called number ones that were shaken off trees. Come early while you can get a good selection. H. L. Averill & Co.

CONGRESSMAN THEIR GUEST

Barre Republicans Tendered Banquet

TO CHARLES B. LANDIS

Fine Speeches Were Made by Mr. Landis and Barre Republicans—Occasion Was a Great Success.

Congressman Charles B. Landis of Indiana, who lectured at the opera house last evening, under the auspices of the Barre Entertainment association, was tendered a complimentary banquet by the Republicans of Barre at the City Hotel following the lecture. Through it all and over it all was the spirit of Republicanism, and the banquet was one of the most successful and enthusiastic ever held in this city. Congressman Landis was at his best and the talk which he gave on the Republican party was exceptionally fine. The speaker, the party and the mention of President Roosevelt's name were cheered to the echo. When Mr. Landis uttered a pledge to do his utmost to further the nomination of Roosevelt it was the signal for a hearty outburst of applause.

It was shortly after 10 o'clock when the company of 50 men sat down to the banquet provided by Caterer K. W. Morse. During the course of the banquet, Gilbertson's orchestra played acceptably several selections. The toastmaster of the banquet, Alderman K. S. Currier, rapped for order, after the matches had been touched to the cigars, and in a brief introductory address presented City Clerk James MacKay, who said it was a pleasure to speak on "Our City," for one reason, that Barre speaks for itself. "The city is young, energetic, progressive, absorbent and assimilates all men and all ideas. Our past is nothing compared with what the future will be." The speaker touched on the proposed federal building and naively referred to the Congressman from Indiana as a possible champion. The latter caught the tip and when he spoke later, promised whatever assistance he was able to give.

"Republican party of Vermont" was the rather broad topic of Dr. C. P. Camp. The doctor concluded that everything in Vermont is Republican and the applause of the banqueters showed the same conclusion. He rapped the party, however, in that the nominations were usually "fixed." Most of the conventions are merely ratification meetings. "There is a touch of Tammany" with us.

Ex-City Attorney William Wishart, who spoke on "High License for Vermont" declared that there were breakers ahead for the Republican party of Vermont. If it tries to repeal the license law, and return to the "old devil of prohibition." Vermont's Democrats were killed, buried and the funeral service delivered by Judge A. G. Fay. He declared he did not know that there was anything he could say for the Vermont Democrat. "He is born that way and can't help it is the reason there are any. Some one has said, 'Few Democrats ever die and none ever resign.' It is a party of growers, fault-finders and pessimists. I never knew a Vermont Democrat to be progressive, constructive and ready to advance any good thing that a man could support, who had any idea of loyalty. Democrats are 'courageous'; they attempted to fire an empty gun last campaign."

Congressman Landis was given a hearty ovation when he arose to speak on the "Republican Party" and the applause during his talk was frequent and spontaneous. He thanked the Republicans of Barre for the honor conferred on him, saying that a pleasure it was for him to be with them. "The Republican party is a thing that a man could support, who had any idea of loyalty. Democrats are 'courageous'; they attempted to fire an empty gun last campaign."

The Republican party does things; it transacts business. It settled slavery, reconstruction, resumption, free trade, free silver and Spain. We have kept our promises of the 1890 platform; we gave a protective tariff, the gold standard, the general bankruptcy law (and every one knows that the law was just as necessary after a democratic administration as the hospital corps with the army). Cuba has been given her independence, peace and order have been restored in Porto Rico and the Philippines, and hundreds of miles of good roads made, railroads, public schools and libraries established, and courts reorganized there.

After paying a tribute to McKinley, Hobart, Reed and Dingley, the speaker closed with a pledge to work unflinchingly for the renomination of Theodore Roosevelt for the presidency.

Postmaster E. W. Blahoe responded to the toast, "Postal Service," giving a resume of the growth of the facilities in Barre, and expressing wishes for future advancement. Principal O. K. Hollister, Goddard seminary, gave a scholarly response on "Our Schools." He touched on the problems which face the people of Barre in their care of the young people, and explored the fact that more of the boys of the city do not take longer courses in the schools.

"There you have your Barre granite, nothing can exceed it," said William Bardeley, who responded to the toast "Barre Granite." He went over the list of cities which have magnificent buildings of granite, and coming down to Barre said "I do not believe in paying out money for fancy horses just to look at (and the statement seemed to find a responsive

echo as the applause indicated) but I do hope that the city will not stop paying until Main street is paved from Jockey Hollow to Threlingville."

J. P. Marr gave an excellent toast on "Labor." He declared that God hates a loafer, the "weary Williams" and the "royal Williams that roll in rables and rottenness." Labor is the fundamental principle of civilization. Mother and child, labor and capital, are now facing each other. Labor is not a blind Samson. Be not afraid, gentlemen. The great masses of labor are not. They see that all our institutions are their own. The great question will be settled peacefully, honorably and for the good of the human race."

Fred B. Mudgett was the last speaker, and he "rambled" in his usual loose and mirth-provoking way, from his theme, "Women," away round to that of the Republican party, ending up with the sentiment that he would do all for the grand old party even to going down into his pocket, "if necessary."

LOST HIS BAGGAGE.

Congressman Landis Had Disagreeable Experience.

Congressman Charles B. Landis of Indiana, who lectured at the opera house last evening, was clothed but was not in a happy state when he struck Barre at 7 o'clock. The reason was that all the clothing and baggage that he brought to Barre was on his person. The rest was floating to the northward. Congressman Landis left the train at White River Junction to get a lunch. When he emerged from the restaurant he saw the tail-end of the train he had just left rapidly disappearing in the distance, and bearing with it all the worldly possessions which he had brought from Washington, except the clothes on his back.

Fortunately the train which was to carry him to this city had not left, and the Congressman boarded it with misgivings of ever seeing the possessions which were being rapidly carried Canada-ward, over-coat, grip and various other articles. Mr. Landis left for Washington on the midnight train last night, saying that if he was not back there by this evening there would be a divorce.

MR. LANDIS' LECTURE.

Held Closest Attention of Audience at Opera House.

The lecture given in the opera house last evening by the Hon. Charles B. Landis, congressman from Indiana, who lectured under the auspices of the Barre Entertainment association, was the best the course has furnished thus far. Mr. Landis is an accomplished speaker, and his discourse on the subject "A Message from an Optimist" was most profound and interesting. He held the closest attention of the large audience to the end.

SHOT OVER THE EYE WITH AN AIR-GUN

Thomas Lawless of North Montpelier a Victim of What Somebody Thought Was Good Joke.

Thomas Lawless of North Montpelier, has hit over the left eye and wounded by a shot from an air gun or a pistol yesterday afternoon near 4 o'clock, while he was sitting in his sleigh on Main street near Keith avenue. The shot hit Mr. Lawless just under the eyebrow of the left eye and if the bullet had struck half an inch lower it would have ruined the eyesight of one eye.

Mr. Lawless was waiting for some one, and he felt some thing hit his heavy overcoat twice. Thinking it was boys up to some mischief he turned to see who they were, and as he turned his head he was struck by another shot over the eye. Quite a wound was inflicted and the blood flowed freely down his face. The sight of the blood drew a crowd anxious to know the cause of it. Mr. Lawless could not tell from whence the bullet came, but it must have come from across the street, and by many it was believed to have come out of a window on the second floor of the Bolster block.

Several citizens have been recently subjected to the indignity of being fired on with an air gun at about the same place on Main street. S. D. Allen, J. J. Smith and Wm. Wishart are reported to be the victims, though they were more fortunate in not being injured to the extent Mr. Lawless was.

The police believe they know the perpetrator of these outrages, though no one as yet has been found who saw the shooting yesterday, but they have evidence of who has done it on previous occasions and if evidence is found in this last case it will go hard with the guilty ones.

MAY BE DESERTER.

Man Arrested for Intoxication May Have Another Charge.

A young man who goes under the name of Richard Whiteside and also James McDonald, was arrested last night by Officer Nicholson for intoxication. In addition to that charge he may have to answer to being a deserter from the United States army. The description tallies almost to a certainty with that sent here by Sheriff Horton of Burlington for E. A. Walsh who deserted from Co. K, Fifty Infantry.

Among the marks of identification given are a scar on the breast, tattoo marks on the wrist, a vaccination mark on the left arm and freckles on the shoulders. The man was examined this forenoon, and Chief Brown says that the descriptions are almost identical. Whiteside has been working for a man named LaBelle in the town of Barre. He was arraigned for intoxication and given 30 days.

Burlington Teams Won. Burlington, Dec. 12.—The Capital bowling team of Montpelier came to this city last night and played games with the Queen City and Knights of Columbus teams. The Knights won three straight and the Queen City team two out of three games.

CONTRADICTED TESTIMONY

Levi Perham in Bennington Murder Trial.

WHAT DEFENSE WILL BE

Probable That It Will Try to Show Perham Was the Principal, Not Mrs. Rogers.

Bennington, Dec. 11.—An inkling of what the defense may be, was given today in the cross-examination of witnesses in the case of Mary H. Rogers, charged with the murder of her husband, Marcus M. Rogers, on the banks of the Walloomsan river in this town, August 12, 1902. Mrs. Rogers' attorneys, D. A. Gilman and Frank Arnhald, directed their efforts in an evident determination to establish that Rogers was killed by a blow by Levi Perham and that he was not chloroformed by Mrs. Rogers, as Perham testified yesterday.

Drs. E. H. Daly and H. J. Potter, who examined the body after it had been taken from the river, testified to the discovery of a bruise over the right eye. This bruise, they said, under cross-examination, might have been much more serious than appeared on the surface.

A QUICK SUMMONS TO I. G. WHITEHILL

Elderly Man Fell to Ground and Died Immediately, While Working on Maple Avenue.

T. G. Whitehill of Second street dropped dead this forenoon while at work with his step-son, Martin Sargent, removing the ice from a building on Maple ave. He was in his usual health up to the very minute of his death.

While Mr. Sargent was ascending a ladder to reach the roof his father stood on the ground and steadied the ladder. The former had only just reached the roof when Mr. Whitehill said, "Martin, I don't feel well, whereupon the son made haste to go to his assistance. Before the son could reach the ground the old gentleman fell backwards, and probably died immediately. He was carried into the house and a physician was summoned. Life was extinct, however, when he was carried into the house. Dr. J. W. Jackson, the city health officer, viewed the remains.

The deceased was 70 years of age and had resided in Barre for several years. He leaves a wife, who was formerly proprietor of the grocery store on the corner of North Main and Second streets, and one step-son, Martin Sargent. Mr. Whitehill lived for some time in California before coming to Barre, and also in Peacham, this state. The cause of death was heart trouble.

ABUTTERS GET TOGETHER.

Discuss Street Paving Assessments and Appoint Committee to Look Into Legal Aspects of Case.

In response to a notice mailed to abutters on Main street interested in the assessment for paving said street, about a score gathered at the Yvonia club rooms yesterday afternoon, among them being Dr. M. Miles, L. J. Bolster, C. W. Averill, Dr. B. W. Halsey, Clark Holden, Dr. W. E. Lazell, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Tilden, Mrs. Martin, W. H. Gladding, E. A. Drown, Chas. S. Wheelock, A. C. Blanchard, L. M. Averill, Dr. C. N. Barber, D. A. Perry and J. M. Taft. A. C. Blanchard was made chairman and Dr. W. E. Lazell secretary of the meeting. At this stage of the game Mr. Wheelock informed the reporter the meeting was in executive session, that he was not wanted and the doors were closed with the reporter on the outside.

After a general discussion of the matter as to whether the city could legally assess the abutters as it had, a committee was appointed to look into the legal aspects of the case and report at a meeting to be held next Friday at some place to be designated later. The committee is Dr. C. N. Barber, C. S. Wheelock, L. J. Bolster, Dr. W. E. Lazell and Clark Holden. The meeting adjourned for one week.

GIFT TO DR. C. W. STEELE.

Shrivers Presented Him Handsome Gold Chain.

Montpelier, Dec. 11.—Shrivers were everywhere in evidence tonight when the annual meeting of Mount Sinai Temple was held. More than 250 members were present and a class of 23 candidates was led across the 37 sands. Reeling Fontenot, C. W. Steele of Barre was presented with a handsome gold chain, pencil and jewel. The presentation speech was happily made by Noble John H. Senter.

GRANITEVILLE.

In the cribbage contest last evening the C. O. F. defeated the M. W. W. of A. team by 56 points. There will be a game Monday evening between the C. O. F. and F. of A. teams. Standing to date:

Table with 4 columns: Team, W., L., Pts. C. O. F. 5 3 44045, M. W. W. of A. 4 4 44740, F. of A. 3 5 44633