

WAGE SYSTEM WILL PASS

Says Commissioner of Labor C. D. Wright.

HE EXPECTS A REVOLUTION

Profit Sharing and Co-operative Ideas Will Replace the Wage System. Approves Insurance.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—"The wage system will pass away. In its stead, I believe there will come a system which will be composed of the profit sharing and the co-operative ideas. The great labor questions mean the struggle of humanity for a higher standard of life. The employer must consider his employe, as well as the stockholder, as an investor."

These words were contained in an address upon "The Wage Question" made today by Carroll D. Wright, United States Commissioner of Labor, before the Society of Ethical Culture of this city. Colonel Wright also strongly approved a plan to insure labor against incapacity resulting from accident, illness or advancing age.

The German idea was quoted, under which the employer pays one-fourth the cost of a sick and death benefit policy, the employe one-fourth and the government one-half. He believed this country was approaching such a system.

"The wage system will pass away," said Mr. Wright. "It is as has been shown unsatisfactory in many of its applications. It depends too largely for its equities upon the generosity and great-mindedness of employers. That there are those who make use of their opportunities to prove the weakness of the system and argue for a greater measure of independence for those who labor."

BICYCLISTS WERE SPILLED.

Walton Shot Over Line First in the Six-day Race.

New York, Dec. 12.—Four and one-half days from home in the final sprint of the six day race at Madison-sq garden, in the presence of 20,000 wildly cheering spectators, a terrible spill occurred, bringing four of the seven men in the tie for first place to the ground.

Walton shot away from the mixup like an arrow, running far away from George Leander, and winning by a quarter of a lap.

BRIEF IS FILED.

United States Side of Case in Suit Against Northern Securities Co.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The brief for the United States in the appeal of the Northern Securities Company from the decision in favor of the United States Circuit court for the District of Minnesota, was filed in the Supreme Court of the United States today.

A UNION FINED.

Chicago Judge Adjudges It Guilty of Contempt of Court.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—One thousand dollars' fine for illegal acts as a corporate body has been imposed upon Franklin Union No. 4, press feeders, by Judge Holdom. The court found the union as a corporation guilty of contempt of court for violating an injunction restraining an organization from interfering with the business of employees of ten printing firms, members of the Chicago Typothecae.

Judge Holdom's action creates a precedent, being the first time in the history of trades unionism in this country that a court has fined a union as a corporation. An immediate appeal was taken from the action of Judge Holdom.

Judge Holdom in giving his decision said:

"There is no reported case that I have been able to find of a fine having been imposed upon a labor union. Probably this is the reason that few of them are incorporated."

Continuing, the judge said: "It appearing that Franklin Union No. 4 as a corporation is liable to a fine for violation of the injunction in this case, it but remains for the determination as to what the amount of that fine shall be. Punishment is meted out in accordance with the gravity of the offense committed. The consequences of violation of the injunction by the union have been many assaults on innocent persons seeking to work under contracts satisfactory to themselves and their employers."

Bismarck in the West.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 14.—The advance gusts of a cold wave, accompanied by zero weather, have reached here from the northwest. The mercury has gone down to 2 degrees below the record for the season, with a promise from the weather observer of a possible drop to 12 degrees below. The cold is generally in the northwest. At Bismarck, N. D., the mercury registered 16 degrees below zero, and at Duluth it went to 5 below and going lower. This sort of weather, it is said, will continue several days. Bismarck are reported from many western points.

DEATH FROM ASPHYXIA.

Testimony of Dr. Willce in Bennington Murder Trial.

Bennington, Dec. 13.—The trial of Mrs. Mary Rogers, on the charge of the murder of her husband, Marcus Rogers, in August 1902, was resumed yesterday morning with Dr. M. Willce of Burlington, director of the state state laboratory, on the stand. He made an examination of the heart, stomach and brain of Rogers after he was dead. He testified that he found all normal.

Dr. Willce stated that his opinion was that Rogers' death was caused by asphyxia from the forcible application of chloroform. As to the blow over the eye, brought up by the defence, it might have produced unconsciousness.

The trial will probably occupy another week. Although Mrs. Rogers' mother lives within six miles of the court house, she has not visited her daughter since she was brought back from Rutland. The sisters of Stella Bates, residing in Troy and Cohoes, N. Y., have been to see her.

A. E. WATSON FOR CHAIRMAN.

Windsor County Wants Him as Head of Republican State Committee.

White River Junction, Dec. 14.—In conversation with prominent republicans in this town and vicinity there is almost a unanimous expression in favor of the choice of Alfred E. Watson of this town as chairman of the Republican state committee to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Allen's death. Mr. Watson has served on the committee since 1894, and has continued to be its secretary since 1898. He is consequently familiar with the work to be performed by the chairman and has had that ample experience as secretary of the committee which will be the better preparation for serving at its head. Furthermore his selection would be a recognition of the unwavering Republican loyalty of Windsor county. These considerations are urged in this part of Windsor county in his favor, not to mention others, such as legislative experience and acquaintances with the rank and file of the Vermont Republicans.

DEATH OF A PRISONER.

Family Says He Had Appendicitis, The Neighbors Suspect Suicide.

Rutland, Dec. 13.—A. P. Murray, who was arraigned in city court Wednesday on a charge of criminal assault on Leah Carter, aged 13, and whose case was continued until the 21st, died suddenly Friday night. It was at first reported as the result of an overdose of morphine but the family state that he died of appendicitis and Dr. Rostick, who saw the man after his death gives that as his opinion. Nothing was seen to indicate any disease when Murray was in court and the latter told the officer who had arrested him that he had not felt better in a long time. No doctors attended Murray, Dr. Rostick of this city and Dr. Martin arriving after his death. The neighbors declare it is a case of suicide.

SOLDIERS' HOME QUARANTINED.

Precautions Against Spread of Small Pox in Bennington.

Bennington, Dec. 12.—Superintendent Hanson of the soldiers' home has quarantined the place on account of reported cases of small pox in town, there being one case in the hospital and three suspects.

William Meyers, with three others who have been at work in a lumber camp at Somerset, and who jumped the quarantine established there for small pox suspects, reached here Friday. News of their departure had been received and almost as soon as they reached here they were arrested and taken before the court. They were ordered to be vaccinated and taken to the detention hospital, where they will be kept until it is decided whether they have the disease or not.

BELOW DANGER MARK.

St. Albans Water Supply is Now Very Low.

St. Albans, Dec. 14.—The condition of the city's water supply is rapidly becoming worse and yesterday the water had fallen below the danger point, the nine foot mark. Unless it is found that the rains of yesterday added to the supply, Superintendent Lincoln stated that beginning at once the services would have to be reduced to one hour per day. An inspection of the water works will be made this morning and a decision reached as to just what must be done to husband the supply, with the least possible use.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Burlington Woman Died Under Peculiar Circumstances.

Burlington, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Peter Mercier was found dead in bed yesterday morning at her home on South Champlain street and a man claiming to be John O'Brien from Shelburne is now in jail and will be examined today to see what, if anything, he knows about the death. It is claimed that O'Brien has been at Mrs. Mercier's home for the past two days and that he stayed there Saturday night.

WEST TOPSHAM.

Hilas B. Church is working at the Dexter farm.

Mrs. Elmina Hayward lost a valuable cow Friday.

S. M. Wood has sold a valuable horse to L. D. Wilds.

John Bixby has moved to the mountain to run the boarding house for R. M. Harvey.

W. H. Chalmers has purchased of John T. Smith a strip of land near the bridge to deposit saw-dust from the mill.

Mrs. W. H. and Mrs. L. P. Hight have a fine display of Christmas goods. All useful articles for the old and young.

Clayton Emery was arrested Saturday morning as he was about to leave the state. He is stopping with Constable Geo. Hight.

A PROMINENT DEMOCRAT

John W. McGeary of Burlington Dead.

FATHER OF McGEARY BILL

Represented Burlington in the Legislature in 1896—Interested in Liquor Legislation.

Burlington, Dec. 13.—John W. McGeary, a prominent citizen and widely known as a salesman for the Standard Oil Co., died this morning of pneumonia and a complication of other diseases. He had a slight shock of paralysis a month ago while in Virginia but was recovering when taken a week ago with appendicitis and complications. He was born at Louisville, N. Y., in 1854 and removed to Keene, N. H., at the age of 17, where he was employed by the Chesire R.R. Twenty-two years ago he became employed by the Standard Oil Co. and had been a successful salesman since.

He represented the city in the legislature of 1896, and was father of the McGeary liquor bill.

He is survived by a wife, who was Emma Wood, of Dayton, Ohio, three brothers, William B. of San Francisco, Peter B., of the Pacific coast, and James B. of Manchester, N. H., and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Mallon of Massena, N. Y., and Mrs. Catherine McCaffrey of Watertown, N. Y.

Forgotten Forces Bring Death.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 14.—Dr. I. B. Washburn of Reenssaler, Ind., is dead at a private hospital at Valparaiso, Ind., as the result of a curious blunder made during an operation performed two years ago. He had complained of his side ever since the operation, but did not know the cause of the trouble and recently decided upon a second operation. Dr. Loring operated on Dr. Washburn and was amazed to discover in the patient's side near the liver a steel forcep about five and three-quarter inches in length. The forceps had become rusty. Dr. Washburn died a few hours after the operation. His son, who also is a doctor, says the forceps caused death.

Torpedo Boats Off For Manila.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 14.—The torpedo boat flotilla which has been in Hampton Roads for several weeks past has sailed for Port Royal, S. C., en route to the Philippines. Calculations made by Lieutenant Lloyd Chandler, the flotilla commander, contemplate about seventy days of actual running time to Cavite. Stops of liberal length will be made at the various points touched, and they will aggregate about ninety days, the voyage thus being expected to consume nearly five months.

Trouble in Newfoundland.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 14.—A serious fishery dispute has arisen here owing to the action of the French fishermen in refusing to leave the treaty shore of Newfoundland. Since the British warships stationed here have gone south the Frenchmen have destroyed the nets of the settlers and defy the local authorities to take any steps in the matter. The colonial government has appealed to the admiralty, and the gunboat Fantome may be ordered back to drive off the Frenchmen.

"Graft" in Scranton.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 14.—The jury in the case in which ex-Select Councilman D. S. Evans was charged with soliciting bribes from the Dalton Street Railway company has returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty of soliciting bribes for others, the second count of the indictment. This is the first conviction for bribery ever known in this county.

To Teach Militia Officers.

Washington, Dec. 14.—General Young, chief of staff of the army, has granted the application of a number of officers of the Oklahoma national guard to attend the regular army school for officers at Fort Sill without expense to the government. This initiates a new policy in the opening of the army tactical schools to militia officers.

Americans Killed in Philippines.

Manila, Dec. 14.—Three Americans and seven natives have been killed by the fumes of a blast of forty-six tons of dynamite in a quarry of the Atlantic and Pacific company at Marveles, near the entrance to Manila bay. Among those killed were Joseph Law, superintendent, and Thomas Strader, engineer.

Plot Against King Alfonso?

London, Dec. 14.—A dispatch from Madrid announces the arrest of two of the royal gamekeepers in connection with the shooting of a shepherd at Casa Campo on Dec. 6 while King Alfonso was hunting there and the suicide of a third gamekeeper. The news has revived the rumors, denied at the time, that the affair really was a plot against the king's life.

NONE BUT ROOSEVELT

Mentioned in Republican Committee.

VERMONT DELEGATE BACK

J. W. Brock Says the National Committee Meeting Was Most Harmonious.

Montpelier, Dec. 14.—James W. Brock, state delegate to the meeting of the national republican committee in Washington, returned this morning. Mr. Brock said that there was the best of feeling at the meeting and that none but Roosevelt's name was spoken of for the presidential nomination. No mention of a person for the vice-presidency was made. It was stated that Roosevelt is particularly strong in the western states.

NEW STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR WASHINGTON CO.

John H. Senter Appointed This Afternoon to Succeed F. A. Bailey, Deceased.

Montpelier, Dec. 14.—John H. Senter was this afternoon appointed state attorney for Washington county to succeed F. A. Bailey, deceased.

O. N. CROSS DEAD.

Well-Known Citizen of Montpelier Died at Savannah.

Montpelier, Dec. 14.—Oscar N. Cross died yesterday at a hospital in Savannah, Georgia, where he was taken suffering from a liver trouble. Mr. Cross left Montpelier October 28 for the south in the hope that his health might be improved. He was taken sick on the train and taken to the Savannah hospital.

The deceased was born in Montpelier 63 years ago, and had always lived here. He learned the confectioner's trade, but owing to ill health was obliged to give it up. His wife died last May. He leaves a father, C. H. Cross, one brother, L. B. Cross, and one daughter, H. Julia Cross.

Graniteville Church Fair.

Next Thursday and Friday evenings, Dec. 17th and 18th, there will be a fair held in Miles' hall under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church. Supper will be served both evenings from 6 o'clock until 8. After supper there will be an entertainment and sale of articles both useful and ornamental. This is just the time and place to buy your Christmas presents. The program Thursday evening will consist of dialogues "A Scene in a Railway Station" and "Pantaloen Fight." Reading by Dr. Hayes. Waand filled by ten little girls. Friday evening, "The Spinsters Return" will be given. These spinsters have been to Alaska and secured husbands. Do not miss hearing their experiences. Prof. Dinkenspiel the renowned hypnotist recently of Germany, will be there to give an exhibition. All are cordially invited. Don't forget your pocketbooks and be assured you will not go home empty handed.

Admission 25 and 15 cents, including supper and entertainment.

Bars Were of Soft Iron.

Montpelier, Dec. 12.—M. H. Gibson, who had the contract for the brick and wood work of the Washington county jail, visited the structure yesterday afternoon and looked the hois over that the prisoners had crawled through. Mr. Gibson said he supposed the bars were of steel and was very much surprised to find they were of soft iron. He said he knew the cross bars were of iron, as he had occasion to cut some of them as they came too long, but the other bars he thought were steel.

GRANITEVILLE.

Summit Lodge, No. 397, N. E. O. P., will meet in Miles' hall, Tuesday evening at 7:30, Dec. 15. Election of officers. All the members are requested to be present. Mrs. John MacAulick, Sec.

Notice to Classmen.

All members of Clan Gordon No. 12 are requested to send in their address to the secretary, James Etchick, 15 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.

Railroad Men Working Overtime.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 14.—Orders have been issued for the employees in the Pennsylvania railroad shops here to work full ten hours a day, with overtime, when necessary to get out the work. Between 1,000 and 2,000 additional men will be given employment. The company finds that it has not enough men at work to get out engines and other rolling stock required to handle the winter traffic.

Order a barrel today of those red, juicy Baldwin's at \$2.00 or you will get left. Nearly gone. H. L. Averill & Co.

THE SOCIALIST LECTURE.

Alex Robertson Thought Gompers Used Position Unfairly.

A score of men listened to a lecture on "Co-operation and Socialism, Their Aims and Objects" by Alex Robertson, at the Tool Sharpeners' hall, in the Quinlen block Saturday evening, after which several of the audience joined in a brief discussion. The main topic of discussion was whether trade unions should mix up in politics, or rather should allow politics to enter the unions. It appeared to be the opinion of those who spoke that there would be no harm done.

One man asked Mr. Robertson to state his opinion of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and John Mitchell of the mine workers union. Mr. Robertson was not severe in his arraignment. He declared that although Mr. Gompers might not be a deep thinker he was undoubtedly an orator of uncommon powers, capable of swaying his audience easily. He thought that Mr. Gompers used his position unfairly as president of the recent labor convention on the subject of Socialism on those who were "hovering betwixt and between."

John Anderson, the chairman of the meeting, closed the discussion declaring that the Socialists are not all dead despite the efforts of the "capitalist press" to kill them off. He maintained that while his party lost heavily in Massachusetts it made a gain of 10,000 in New York.

FUNERAL OF F. A. BAILEY.

Washington County Bar Making Preparations—Committee Named.

Montpelier, Dec. 13.—A meeting of the Washington County Bar Association was held yesterday afternoon in the county court room and Zed S. Stanton was elected president pro tem in place of F. A. Bailey, deceased, who was president ex officio.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the funeral of State Attorney Bailey, which will be held Tuesday afternoon. The committee will prepare appropriate resolutions and will purchase a floral tribute.

H. C. Shurtliff was elected treasurer and collector, a new office.

Upon motion of J. H. Senter, W. A. Lord was elected a committee to inform Judge Stafford that it was the wish of the bar that county court be adjourned until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock as a tribute to Mr. Bailey.

DIED FROM SHOCK.

Operation on Fred Harris Proved More Than He Could Withstand.

Fred Harris, a young man who has been employed at the Telegram office for nearly two years, died at the Mary Fletcher hospital in Burlington early this morning. Mr. Harris went to Burlington last week to enter the hospital. He was operated on Saturday, and the shock to his system proved too much for him. His father, J. C. Harris, and brother, were notified yesterday afternoon and they went to Burlington on the night train, arriving there this morning just before he died.

The funeral will be held at Middlesex tomorrow at 10 o'clock and those wishing to attend from Barre can go on the 8:55 train.

D. W. TEMPLE'S WILL.

Montpelier Man Left Property to Widow and Son, A. H. Temple.

Montpelier, Dec. 12.—The will of the late D. W. Temple was filed in probate court this morning. The entire property on East Liberty street with most of its appurtenances and furnishings is left to Alfred H. Temple, the son. The life insurance policies in the name of Mrs. Lizzie Temple, the first wife, also go to the son. All the furnishings at the East Liberty street house purchased since the last marriage, all real estate except the home place, all money deposited in banks and certain other invested moneys go to the widow.

FUNERAL OF OVIDE DESSUREAU.

Held From St. Monica's Church This Forenoon at 9 o'clock.

The funeral of Ovide Dessureau was held this forenoon at nine o'clock from St. Monica's church, Fr. McKeena officiating. There were some beautiful floral pieces including an anchor from Burke Brothers and employes, and a crown and wreath from the family. The bearers were four sons, Theodore, Henry, Phillip and Mitchell, and Eli Tibodeau and Gilbert Cahill. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

FR. LACOUTURE APPOINTED.

Will Be Chaplain of the Fanny Allen Hospital, Winoski.

The Rev. J. A. Lacouture, who was formerly assistant pastor of St. Monica's church in this city, and who has been assistant priest to the Rev. Mgr. Clarence of St. Joseph's church, Burlington, has been appointed chaplain of the Fanny Allen hospital, Winoski, and has already assumed the duties of his new position.

STEEL IN HIS EYE.

Daniel McIver, Quarryman, Received Bad Injury.

Daniel McIver, a quarryman employed at E. L. Smith & Co.'s quarry at Graniteville, had his left eye badly injured while at work this morning. He was driving a wedge into a stone when a large piece of steel flew off striking him in the white of the eye. He left this afternoon for Montreal to have the eye examined and treated.

FUNERAL OF T. G. WHITEHILL.

Body Taken to Peacham Today For Interment.

The funeral of T. G. Whitehill was held this morning at 7:30 o'clock from his late home on Second street, Rev. F. A. Poole officiating. The body was taken to Peacham, his native town, for burial.

GARETTO ON TRIAL

Barre Man Is Charged With Murder.

JURORS WERE SWORN IN

It is Hoped That the Taking of Testimony May Begin Tomorrow.

Montpelier, Dec. 14.—The trial of Alexander Garretto, who is charged with the murder of Eli Corti in Barre on the night of Saturday, October 3 was started in county court this afternoon, and the jurors were sworn in. It is hoped that a panel will be filled out this afternoon so that the trial of the case may be started promptly tomorrow morning.

A request was made to Judge Stafford that the court be adjourned to Wednesday morning owing to the death and funeral of State Attorney Frank A. Bailey, but the judge thought the case ought not to be postponed any longer. A recess will be taken, however, during the funeral tomorrow.

For some time past officers have been in Barre issuing subpoenas for witnesses in the case, and about 30 persons will be summoned to testify in county court in the two weeks or more which it is expected that the case will take.

John H. Senter, who conducted the case for the state before the special grand jury, will conduct the trial for the prosecution. He will be assisted by R. A. Hoar of Barre. Garretto has retained W. A. Lord and F. L. Laird, both of Montpelier, to defend him. They will be assisted by City Attorney F. P. Carleton of Montpelier.

Owing to the wide publicity given to the affair at the time and the intense interest which has been manifested it was thought best to have additional jurors drawn to be used if necessary. Sheriff Evans drew the following and they have been notified to be in attendance at the above date: Hazen Morse of Duxbury, Louis E. Palmer and C. H. Clay of Waitfield, Newcomb Huntley of Northfield, C. D. Ashley of Moretown, Patrick H. Ryan, John Lee, Marshall L. Wood of Montpelier, Herbert E. Hills of Middlesex, E. A. Davis and John Ryan of Waterbury, Frank Tewksbury of Worcester.

THEY LEFT THE WHISKEY.

Men Surprised in Act of Looting Zanleoni's Liquor Store.

The wholesale liquor store of Charles Zanleoni on Granite street seems to be a magnet for thieves that are afflicted with a robust appetite for liquid refreshment and that Mr. Zanleoni escaped being looted early Sunday morning was due to a shotgun in the hands of a watchful guardian of the premises, and the intruders may consider themselves lucky that they were not pumped full of cold lead.

The proprietor lost all faith in dogs as guardians of a liquor store several months ago when a bull pup which had been left in charge of the store was scared nearly out of its life by burglars who broke into the store and who carried off a great quantity of liquors. Since then a man has accompanied the dog as watchman, and as the results showed, the change was beneficial.

Along towards 3 o'clock yesterday morning the watchman was startled by the sound of breaking glass. He waited and saw two men in the act of taking away a barrel of whiskey and then fired. The men dropped the whiskey, which they had got partially through the window, and fled precipitously. Their flight was so rapid that the watchman was unable to gain a clue to their identity.

CAN MEET IN COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Main Street Abutters Tendered Use of Same by Council.

A short session of the city council was held Saturday evening. A communication from Mark L. Beardsley, enclosing a check for his taxes, was referred to the city attorney. Mr. Beardsley was away from Vermont when his taxes were due and had just returned home to find his tax bill, which was only \$2.67. Mr. Beardsley thinks he should not be compelled to pay more because he was away.

A resolution was adopted to pay David Bolles \$3 for a sheep killed by dogs. Alderman Currier stated to the council that he had been informed the abutters on that part of Main street newly paved were considering whether they would fight the payment of their assessments had met under difficulties at the Vincetta club rooms, and he had suggested to one of the number that the council chamber or city court room would give them more privacy, free from the intrusions of reporters. He asked if any member of the council had any objection to these taxpayers meeting there. None were offered and the use of the council chamber was tendered the protesting abutters.

FIRST ASSESSMENT PAID.

Aldrich Library Trustees Settle For Street Paving.

The Aldrich library trustees through their treasurer, Frank McWhorter, are the first to pay their betterment assessment for paving Main street. The amount of the assessment was \$148.08.

The directors of the Granite Savings Bank & Trust Co. have voted to pay the assessment for street paving in front of their block.