

PANAMA WILL PAY MILLION

Willing to Assume That Part of Debt

TO SHOW HER GOOD FAITH

Such an Announcement Made to the British Minister by Bonaux-Varilla.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Bonaux Varilla, minister of Panama to the United States, stated tonight that he had notified Sir H. Mortimer Durand, British ambassador to the United States, of Panama's willingness to assume a part of the exterior debt of Colombia in proportion to the population of Panama as compared with that of Colombia.

Panamians here, who were informed of the course adopted by Bonaux-Varilla, said that this step had been taken to show the good faith of the new republic.

They believe that no court of arbitration could have reached the conclusion that any part of Colombia's exterior debt should be assumed by Panama, as never in the history of the country was any part of the exterior loans utilized for the benefit of Panama.

The total amount of the exterior debt with interest added, is about \$15,000,000 and Panama has a population of about one-fifth that of Colombia, so that Panama will take upon itself the payment of \$1,000,000, if the conditions are carried out.

HANLON 130, CORBETT 133.

Both Pleased to Have Graces for Reference—Not Much Money Placed.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—General satisfaction was expressed today in sporting circles at the selection of Eddie Groney as referee of the Corbett-Hanlon fight next Tuesday night. Both Hanlon and Corbett passed the day quietly receiving visitors, then indulging in light work. Hanlon weighed a shade under 130 and Corbett 133. The latter has begun the drying out process and says that he will have no difficulty in coming to the weight without the loss of strength. Not much money has been laid yet. The odds still remain 10 to 8 in favor of Corbett.

KILLED BY BOMB EXPLOSION.

Eight Persons Met Death Near Naples Yesterday.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Eight persons were killed and five were injured by a bomb exploding in the house at Rosina, near Naples, yesterday.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

Mrs. Maynard Kizer and little son were here Saturday for a short call with friends.

Miss Anna Frankum came up Saturday from Montpelier to spend a few days with her aunt, Mrs. O. D. Bosworth.

Miss Agnes Williams has been having a few days' rest from her work at L. M. Seaver's. She spent Christmas with her sister at Barre.

John Dow, who went to the hospital at Burlington last week for an operation for appendicitis, is doing well. Mrs. Dow returned home Saturday.

Next Wednesday, the 30th, Channey Hayden, grand chief templar of the I. O. G. T., will give an address at the town hall. There will also be a short program. Refreshments will be served after the entertainment. Everybody invited to this free entertainment.

The Canadian Jubilee Singers gave one of the finest concerts ever given in town Saturday evening. Nearly every seat in the hall was taken. Several came from Brookfield to the entertainment. Last evening the company sang at the Congregationalist church at the Union services.

WEST TOPSHAM.

Maurice McKnight and wife of Barre were in town over Christmas.

Oyster Supper and dance at Asa Magoo's Friday evening. All invited.

Miss Carrie Chalmers arrived home Saturday evening from Bradford where she has been several months.

Misses Minnie and Esther Sanborn of Granville visited their parents over Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Sanborn.

The hall was crowded with people Friday evening, the trees were loaded with presents, the exercises by the children were very nicely rendered. Prof. Morse received a present of \$25.

The farm house of J. W. Jackson on the north road was burned to the ground Thursday night at about 12 o'clock. It was burning some time before being discovered. The buildings are now unoccupied. By hard work the two large barns were saved; insured in Vermont Mutual.

GRANITEVILLE.

The third annual ball of the M. W. of A. will be held in Miles' hall Thursday evening, Dec. 31. O'Brien's orchestra of four pieces will furnish music. All members are requested to wear a white ribbon bow in buttonhole of coat. Per order, committee.

POST OFFICE FIGURES FOR STATE OF VERMONT

Rural Delivery of Mail Compares Favorably With Other New England States.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Briggs has compiled some interesting figures about the magnitude of the operations of rural free delivery in Vermont during the last fiscal year. He shows that there were delivered 2,306,925 pieces of mail on the 127 rural routes of the state. This showing is remarkably good as compared with the business done on rural routes in other New England states. The number of pieces of mail delivered on rural routes in Maine was 2,785,063; on rural routes in New Hampshire, 2,402,278; in Massachusetts, 2,647,250.

There are 47 post offices of the presidential class in Vermont. Mr. Briggs says that Vermont, in population, ranks as the 43rd state of the Union, having an estimated population of 347,140. But that state ranks 34 in number of presidential post offices, Oklahoma, North Dakota and New Hampshire each ranking a little higher in that particular.

The gross receipts for postoffices of all classes in Vermont during the fiscal year were \$648,647.17, which is an average per capita expenditure of \$1.87 in that particular Vermont ranks as the eleventh state in the Union, the others in the order being New York, District of Columbia, Nevada, Illinois, Colorado, Massachusetts, California, Connecticut, Washington and Maine. The whole number of postoffices in Vermont, including both presidential offices and so-called fourth-class offices, is 533. In the number of its postoffices Vermont ranks as the 30th state in the Union. The number of fourth-class postoffices in Vermont is 486 and the average compensation to these fourth-class postmasters is \$272.43, wherein Vermont ranks as the 14th state in the Union. The compensation of fourth-class postmasters ranges all the way from a few dollars a year to \$1,000 a year, according to the amounts of stamps cancelled.

HAD REACHED AN OLD AGE.

Lydia Ricker Whose Funeral Was Held Yesterday.

Groton, Dec. 28.—The funeral of Lydia Ricker was held yesterday from the Methodist church, after a brief prayer service at the house. Rev. A. J. Hough officiated. The deceased died Wednesday from the effects of a shock.

She was one of the oldest women in Groton, having recently passed her 93d birthday. Mrs. Ricker was born in Groton and has resided in town nearly all her life. Her husband died 16 years ago. Out of a family of 13 children eight are living. They are Mrs. George Melvin, of Minnesota; William Ricker, of Woodville, N. H.; I. M. Charles, of B. M. Ricker, of Groton; Nathan, of Ryegate, and Mrs. Ella Whitehill, of Groton.

COMMERCIAL MEN'S BANQUET.

Over 60 "Drummers" Had a Good Time at Burlington.

Burlington, December 28, 1903.—The first annual banquet of the Burlington Council of the Order of United Commercial Travellers of America was held at Woodman's hall Saturday evening. The affair was informal to a degree but was thoroughly enjoyed by the 60 and more travelling men who attended, a large number of whom were members of the order. The first and last part of the evening was given over to social intercourse and a banquet was served by Caterer Kent about 7 o'clock.

HIS RECOVERY DOUBTFUL.

North Fernald Boy Jumps from Train and Has Badly Fractured Skull.

Bennington, Dec. 26.—Alfred, the 17-year-old son of Joseph King of North Fernald, was seriously injured this evening by jumping from a passenger train near that place. He was taken North Adams to the hospital. Dr. Stafford found he was suffering from a serious fracture of the skull. At a late hour his condition was very critical and the physicians have little hope of his recovery.

THE COMING POULTRY SHOW.

"Deodorized" Skunks Entered in Exhibit—Other Entries.

St. Albans, Dec. 28.—Among a bunch of 64 entries in Thursday morning's mail for the show of the Vermont State Poultry Association which is to be held in this city January 3-5 inclusive, H. M. Barrett received entries for four "deodorized" skunks to compete in the pet stock class.

GATES AS HE IS.

Experience, Coolness, Nerve and Bluff Like the Everlasting Hills.

Mr. Gates' order of architecture is the bird—orbular or spherica—flamboyant. His head is large. He has sufficient pride in his legs to play golf. His stomach projects beyond the stoop line. John Sullivan is patented as "big fellow." John Gates as "the big man." If he is too thick for his height, his weight sometimes goes down as rapidly as if it were a favorite steak. He eats of the fat and drinks of the sweet, but is capable of ascetic practices. He loves to go abroad, and abroad loves to have him come. Mr. "Charley" Gates, whose democratic simplicity of speech contrasts with his wealth of ornament, gave this pregnant description of one of his foreign journeys: "Oh, he and mother just jiggered about London having all the fun they could get."

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THEY LIKED CITY JAIL.

Rutland, Dec. 26.—There was much not doing in the city court today considering that yesterday was a holiday and all liquor selling places did business the greater part of the day. There were only two prisoners awaiting the judge when court opened this morning. Both of these were also in yesterday.

Senator Dillingham Will Speak.

Waterbury, Dec. 28.—Senator Dillingham will speak in the opera house tomorrow, Tuesday, evening on "My Trip to Alaska." A crowded house should greet him.

Removal sale at Abbott's.

Please don't dump ashes in the streets or gutters, because in the spring these ashes wash into the sewers and plug them up. Per order, Street Commissioners.

MYSTERY ABOUT DEATH

Lewis Hill of Waterbury Was in Good Health.

AUTOPSY WAS PERFORMED

Body Was Found Saturday Afternoon in Hay Loft of Employer's Barn.

Waterbury, Dec. 27.—Lewis Hill, a well known and popular clerk in the grocery and provision store of C. H. Haines, was found dead in the hay loft of Mr. Haines' barn about 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Mr. Hill, who was married only about 10 days ago, had taken his dinner with his wife and had gone to the barn for his delivery team.

Near three o'clock Mr. Haines noticed that goods for delivery had not been taken and went out to ascertain the cause, with the result as above stated.

Mr. Hill was a rugged young man apparently in the best of health and very popular with his customers. General sympathy is expressed for the young wife and the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Zera A. Hill, who reside in the village.

An autopsy was held this morning on the body. Drs. Groat, Minard, Bidwell, Berry, Upton and Smith were present at the examination. No statement has yet been given out regarding the result of the autopsy, but it can be said that no evidence of disease was found.

The funeral services will be held at the Methodist church Monday afternoon at two o'clock.

YOUNG MAN REPENTED

And Sent for Young Woman He Had Jilted.

Burlington, Dec. 28.—Saturday afternoon Miss Catherine Farrell of Castleton came to Burlington and before Justice Martin S. Vilas began legal proceedings against Dennis J. McGuire, an electrician, to whom she had been engaged for some time. The young man was secured by Deputy Sheriff Fine and brought into the presence of his jilted fiancée at the office of the justice.

He would not listen to her pleadings and announced that if it came to a question of marriage or going to jail he would take the latter course. Miss Farrell, becoming discouraged, decided to return home and McGuire made up his mind to furnish the required \$400 bail or go to jail.

The young woman with tears in her eyes boarded the 7:30 train south, and the young man went off in company with the deputy. Later he repented and telegraphed to the station agent at Castleton to stop the girl and have her come back. She came back on the next train and was married.

THEY FEAR WAR.

Portion of Russian Officialdom is Greatly Disturbed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—That portion of Russian officialdom which is doing its utmost to prevent a clash between Russia and Japan is greatly disturbed over the ill health of the czar. His majesty is suffering from sleeplessness and as a result is greatly run down physically. The advocates of peace fear that he will not be able physically to exercise a strong control over the more ambitious officials, and their desires for war will go through.

Pawlet Church's Semi-Centennial.

Pawlet, Dec. 28.—The semi-centennial of the Methodist church in Pawlet was observed yesterday. Presiding Elder G. W. Brown conducted the service. The church was erected in 1853. This year, under the leadership of the pastor, the church has been repaired and decorated at an expense of \$1,325, all of which is paid in cash and a small balance in the treasury. Besides this amount the church has held a fair in which they realized a net gain of \$410. The finances of the church were never in better shape.

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COMPANY IS INCORPORATED

To Exhibit Barre Granite at St. Louis.

CAPITAL STOCK IS \$15,000

Papers Were Filed With Secretary of State Today By Fourteen Business Men.

Montpelier, Dec. 28.—Papers were filed this forenoon at the secretary of state's office of the Barre Granite Association for the exhibition of Barre granite at the St. Louis exposition next year. The company is capitalized at \$15,000, divided into 600 shares of \$25.00 each. The meeting was for the formation of the company and the election of officers will be held in Barre this evening.

The names of the incorporators are, William Barlow, George Gray, W. S. Alexander, F. W. Howland, D. M. Miles, J. Henry Jackson, Donald Smith, George B. Miles, H. J. M. Jones, Joseph Brown, Dennis Kyle, John A. Cross, Alexander Gordon and William Marr.

DR. HARKNESS GETS FIVE YEAR SENTENCE

Judge Stafford Sends Him to State's Prison at Windsor.

Montpelier, Dec. 28.—Dr. W. R. Harkness was in county court this afternoon and was sentenced by Judge Stafford to pay a fine of \$1 and costs and to be imprisoned not less than five nor more than six years in the state's prison, for forgery.

RESERVOIR NEARLY EMPTY.

Montpelier Water Supply Again Giving Trouble.

Montpelier, Dec. 28.—Montpelier was confronted with an alarming shortage of water this afternoon. Last night the gate of the reservoir was left partially open. This forenoon a noticeable lack of water was noticed. On investigation it was found that the reservoir was nearly empty.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

The Merchants Association meets tonight.

F. B. Drury went to Middlebury today on a visit.

Nat Whittier left this noon for New York on a visit.

W. M. Turner has resumed his former duties as truckman in this city.

L. S. Gates left this noon for Middletown, Conn., on a business trip.

Auction sales at the city auction rooms, Pearl street, today at 2 o'clock and 7 p. m.

Edward Williams who has been visiting K. W. Morse for a few days left today for Hartford, Conn.

William Ayers returns tonight from Albany, N. Y., where he has been visiting for the past two weeks.

Roy Frenier of this city won the third prize of \$25 in the voting contest just closed by the Boston Globe.

Miss Lillian Gordon has returned from Dean academy at Franklin, Mass., to spend the holiday recess at her home.

Mrs. William Hubbard, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. S. D. Allen, returned to her home in Randolph today.

Mrs. Herbert E. Richmond of Pearl, Idaho, arrived in the city last night for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. S. D. Allen.

There will be a meeting of the Burns club committee at the home of James Patterson, North Seminary street, this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

There will be a special meeting of St. Monica's A. B. C. at 6:30 p. m. A full attendance is requested as important business is to be transacted.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carroll left last night for New York city and Newark, N. J., for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll will visit Philadelphia before their return.

There were ten tables of whist at the Debeak whist party Saturday evening. The first prize was won by J. H. Cook and Edward Smith and the second by F. W. Morse and Mrs. Arthur Campbell.

W. G. Wilson of Meriden, Conn., is visiting his brother, W. A. Wilson, at 97 Pleasant street. On his way home he will also visit his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson at West Dummerston.

The local of the drawing school will be open for exhibition of all the work of the pupils this week Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 2 to 4 p. m., and evenings from 7:30 p. m. till 7:30 p. m. Friday, New Year day, will be open in the afternoon from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m. Every body invited.

The local della Scuola di Disegno Saranno aperti al pubblico per l'esposizione dei disegni nei giorni di Lunedì, Martedì, Mercoledì, Giovedì dalle 2 pom alle 4 e nella sera dalle 8 pom alle 7:30 pom. Venerdì 1 Gennaio Sara aperti dalle 2 pom alle 4 pom, agli scolari verranno dette le lezioni al prossimo mese.

Another \$1,000 Gift.

Ira Calef Gives That Amount to the Mary Fletcher Hospital.

In addition to his Christmas gift of \$1,000 to the Heaton Hospital at Montpelier, Ira C. Calef of Washington presented a similar sum to the Mary Fletcher hospital of Burlington. Next to the founder Mr. Calef is now the largest contributor to the funds of the Burlington institution. The Burlington Free Press says: "We speak for a widespread community whom these benefactions will reach and benefit in returning to Mr. Calef their thanks for his renewed liberality, and in wishing for his continued prosperity in his western business and many years of health and happiness in his Vermont home."

Montpelier Banks Declare Dividends.

Montpelier, Dec. 26.—The following banks have declared dividends: First National, 2 per cent, semi-annual; Capital Savings Bank and Trust Company, 2 1/2 per cent, semi-annual; Montpelier Savings Bank and Trust Company, 5 per cent, semi-annual.

Removal sale at Abbott's.

EVANGELIST BEGINS SERVICES IN BARRE

Large Attendance at Opening Union Meeting in Methodist Church Last Evening.

The evangelist services which are to be conducted in this city by the Baptist, Methodist and Congregational churches for the next few weeks were opened last evening at the Hedding Methodist church. The evangelist is the Rev. E. E. Davidson, who has worked in his special line in Massachusetts, and he will be assisted by the local pastors.

The Methodist church auditorium was completely filled with people last evening, and the lounge room in the rear also contained quite a number of people. A chorus choir under the direction of Mr. Goodfellow, was seated on the pulpit platform, and the music during the services promises to be excellent. The pastors seated on the platform with the speaker were the Rev. W. A. Kinale, pastor of the Baptist church, the Rev. F. A. Poole, pastor of the Congregational church, and the Rev. R. F. Lowe, pastor of the Methodist church. All took part in the service.

The Rev. Mr. Davidson was introduced by the Rev. Mr. Lowe who said that it had been his privilege to work with the evangelist in Brattleboro, and that the Rev.

Mr. Poole had knowledge of the evangelist's work in Massachusetts, which he gave his unqualified approbation. The evangelist spoke briefly and merely in an introductory manner last evening, his subject being, "Lord, what would you have me to do?"

During the present week union services will be held in the Baptist church each evening except Saturday. The subject this evening will be in relation to the sins of the church and the sins of Christians. The speaker promises to give something interesting. For the young people services will be held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock a union service for the young people will be held at the Congregational church.

At last evening's service the evangelist gave a broad invitation to all those who find fault with his methods of conducting the meetings to tell him so, and he promised to consider whatever objections are made to him.

So far as heard from, these names have already been suggested as possible candidates for mayor next year: Mayor J. Henry Jackson, William Barlow, Fred B. Mudgett, Fred L. Page.

These names can be apportioned about like this: Mayor Jackson represents the "ring," Mr. Barlow the anti-Brown party, Mr. Mudgett, the straight republican and anti-commissioner party, and Mr. Page the anti-license candidate. All are good men and a city need not worry over the selection of any one of them.

Wards 2, 4 and 6 will elect aldermen. B. S. Currier is the present member from Ward 2. He will be opposed, for reelection and it is stated Fred Perrin is to be a candidate in opposition to him. Ward 4 is represented by John J. McKenzie. He will be a candidate for reelection, but it is claimed he will be opposed.

Capt. H. A. Duffy is the present alderman from Ward 6. It is reported several will contest his seat on the board, included in the number being ex-Alderman Abram Mann, Dr. Joe W. Jackson and J. P. Marr.

One assessor is to be elected to succeed Fred L. Page. Mr. Page made an excellent official in that office and if he is not to be a candidate mayor, should most certainly be re-elected as assessor.

STRIKES AND SPARES WERE MADE EASILY

Five Barre Bowlers Put Up a Remarkable Exhibition Saturday Evening.

Five of Barre's best bowlers bowled an exhibition game at Alexander's alleys Saturday evening, which resulted in smashing several previous records and making the highest three string total ever rolled in the state, their total being 2809.

The team was composed of Byrnes, Alexander, Charbonneau, V. Brown and Smith. All with one exception, Victor Brown, belong to the Calumet team and were bowling to beat the single string total of 974, made by the Eureka's last year, but failed in that by ten pins.

Some remarkable singles were made by V. Brown, 240, Alexander 236, Byrnes 220, Smith 212.

The individual scores were as follows:

Byrnes 187 220 191 598

Alexander 170 236 168 574

Charbonneau 162 160 143 465

V. Brown 246 178 193 610

Smith 174 170 212 556

939 964 906 2809

Hear This Patter On Your Back.

Barre sets the rest of the state a good example in the way she does things. If it is anything that will benefit Barre her business men are a unit in going after it. Barre is the first place in Vermont to have space allotted for her an exhibition of Barre granite at St. Louis exposition, and she will have an exhibit worthy of the name too. Other towns talk but Barre does things.—Middlebury Register.

CAMPAIGN WILL SOON BEGIN

There is Already Talk of March Election.

LICENSE THE CHIEF ISSUE

Candidates for Mayor Will Be Selected With Some Feature of That in View.

With the new year so near, and our annual city election but two months away, there is beginning to be heard talk of city politics and candidates for the March election.

The annual city election this year will take on a new aspect, with license and anti-license as the central feature. A determined effort will be made to secure a no-license result, on the part of those who believe in local prohibition, and they will be aided to a certain extent by many voters who are dissatisfied with the way license has been administered in Barre during its first year's trial. These anti-license voters are already preparing for a vigorous campaign and they propose to put a strong ticket in the field.

Those voters who are dissatisfied with the way license has been administered, and they include many who are dissatisfied with the license commissioners because they or their friends failed to secure licenses, propose to take an active part in the spring campaign and will favor candidates and measures that will tend toward the removal of the commission from office.

There have also been hints of a straight Republican municipal ticket. The advocates of this plan claim that Mayor Jackson, being a Democrat, has appointed none but Democrats to office. They claim Alex Brown is the only Republican appointee of his administration.

There are still others who believe that Mayor Jackson should be re-elected. Under his administration the work of building permanent roads in Barre has been actually begun, and it was the mayor who conceived and started the movement for a federal building in Barre, which has in a short six months resulted in the introduction of a bill in congress for such a building in Barre.

Still another movement is that to secure the appointment of a chief of police to displace Patrick Brown.

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