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AUDITORS SCORE OVERSEER POOR AND ASSESSORS.

Bookkeeping Methods of the Former Severely Criticised. Unnecessary Expenditures Made in Name of Charity. No Report of Bills Outstanding Made.

GRAND LIST, IN SPITE OF COST, NOT MODEL ONE

Many Errors and Additions After Work of Assessors Was Completed---Auditors Believe That With Reasonable Care Many Mistakes Might be Avoided.

A special meeting of the city council last evening listened to the reports of the city treasurer and of the auditors, opened bids for fire horses and discussed means of keeping city water pipes thawed out. The bids for fire horses were as follows:

A. S. Martin, pair chestnuts, 8 years old, weight 2800, price $535.

George Cassie, large pair, 8 years old, weight 2900, price $$525; pair geldings, 6 years old, weight 2600, price $430.

F. A. Slayton, one pair, 7 and 8 years old, weight 2600, price $375; pair large grays, weight 3020, price $600.

Fire Chief Campbell said his choice would be the gray pair. Alderman Adie thought either one of the three pair, the chestnuts, Cassie's heavy pair, or the grays, would do. Mayor Barclay appeared to favor the Cassie pair. After some further discussion the matter was referred back to the original committee with the addition of Alderman Burke, to report on Monday next.

It was stated by Alderman Robins that it was costing the city about $20 a day to thaw out frozen city water pipes. Water Supt. Campbell said that the agent for an electrical apparatus to thaw water pipes was in the city, and on inquiry of the Viles electric company, the latter had promised to furnish the "juice" to work it, if tried. The manager of the company thought it owed that much courtesy to the city for favors received. It was voted to have one of the machines tried out, and if practical, to purchase. The continued cold is freezing more pipes every day.

Auditors' Report.

The report of the city auditors, as read, accepted and ordered printed, is as follows:

"We have carefully examined the books and accounts of the city treasurer, finance committee, water superintendent, school commissioners, cemetery commissioners, superintendent of streets, city engineer, trustee of the sinking fund, and find to the best of our knowledge that they are correct accounts, duly balanced, and all expenditures properly vouched for. The auditors have also examined all the warrants, which, upon approval of the city council, have been drawn by the mayor. Warrants drawn by the school commissioners have also been examined, and are correctly reported by the treasurer in their respective departments.

"City Constable Coutts' books show that moneys collected by him on the delinquent tax accounts of 1903 and 1904 have practically all been turned over to the city treasurer. Tax Collector Buchanan's books show the following accounts as collected, but not yet turned over to the treasurer:

On tax bill of 1901.... $6.36
On tax bill of 1902.... 6.33

Overseer of Poor.

"The first three months of the year L. H. Thurston was the official in office, and his accounts being examined were found correct, and all expenditures properly vouched for. The expenditures were $1,339.38, and a balance on hand of $9.71 was duly turned over to city treasurer. Other details will be found in his report.

"For the balance of the year, namely, from April 1st, Charles A. Smith was overseer, and as far as we are able, we have examined his accounts. We regret, however, to report that the accounting was of such a nature that it was impossible to prove balances, hence, our findings differ somewhat from those presented in his report. Further, in regard to expenditures, we found a great many not vouched for in any way other than by a return check; others insufficiently vouched for by receipted statements, unaccompanied by any itemized bills, and again, others by nothing save the overseer's entry. A return check is evidence only that a sum of money was paid to an individual, not necessarily for a debt contracted by the city. No evidence whatever is shown by a return check made payable to an individual or bearer, and cashed by the overseer himself, as was repeatedly found.

"The only book at first submitted to us was one in which appeared the individual accounts of those who had received city aid. This could not be intelligently reported upon, or verified, on account of erasures, interlining and penciling over. From a business standpoint your auditors cannot approve of accounts so presented, nor would the same be allowed in a private business of the most humble proportions.

"In addition to these general objections, we specifically condemn the substitution of a voucher of equal amount for one disallowed, when the second, although duly receipted, is not for the same items as that first presented. Nor can the second be a true voucher without increasing an individual account by the sum of $24.25. We also condemn the addition to a receipted voucher of an entry paid on the following month from date thereof, and the penciling over and adding to itemized bills from merchants. We have no reason to believe that any of the above acts called to your attention were done with intention to deceive, but rather from a non-realization that only facts and figures can govern an auditing board.

"We would recommend that the committee whose duty it is during the year to act with the overseer, familiarize itself more with the department details to the end that the present situation may not repeat itself. We think it is also a duty of the committee to see that the necessary aid given to the poor be administered with judgment, as, in our opinion, expenditures have been made, in some cases, for goods, and in amounts not warranted under the title of charity. The charity committee, at request of the mayor, did on one occasion investigate the extraordinary expense, and their report is on file. Everything was satisfactory to them, but we confess our inability to come to the same conclusion.

"No report of bills outstanding has been made to us, and we find the sum entered as expended, to be for the nine months $5,652.03, leaving a balance in overseers's hands of $47.97. The sums turned over to the treasurer from towns and individuals, by the overseer, amount to $767.90, of which $23.50 dated from the first three months of the year."

Assessors.

"The assessors may appoint a clerk whose compensation shall be fixed by the city council." So provides the city charter. We find the assessors had no less than nine different persons in their employ, who received payment in sums varying from $5.40 to $118.00, making a total of $216.00. This, added to the salaries of the three officers, made the cost of assessing $842.95 for the year, plus stationery, etc. The grand list, in spite of cost, was not a model one, either from a clerical point of view, nor for its exactitude. After return made by the assessors, $412.40 was added to the list from errors and additions, netting the city $1,113.48.

On the other hand, abatements on the original list were very large with many yet to follow, this principally from listing persons twice, as also padding list with names of unknown or former residents. This may appear trivial, but it must be borne in mind that the state gets 14 cents on the dollar of the whole list, as also the school commissioners the amount raised for them, the city general fund being the loser in every case, besides paying all expenses incurred.

We would recommend that the assessors in revising their list verify the delinquent list of former year. This in itself would have saved lots of expense. We do not pretend that the listing can be made errorless, but we think that with reasonable care many mistakes might be avoided. That the duty is onerous and difficult is without question, but the remuneration of $3.50 per diem would seem sufficient to warrant a member devoting his whole working time to duties that he has been willing to undertake. We might here state our belief that the efficiency of this and the poor department was undoubtedly impaired by one member holding a double position. In April and May, Mr. Smith's accounts showed twenty-six full days' work as assessor, besides finding time for his duties as overseer.

City Indebtedness.

We find the indebtedness of the city to be as follows:

4 per cent sewer bonds due 1909	$75,000.00
4 per cent refunding bonds due 1906,	15,000.00
4 per cent refunding bonds due 1911	15,000.00
4 per cent refunding bonds due 1916	15,000.00
4 per cent refunding bonds, optional after 1914	57,500.00
Note Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co., due Dec. 7, 1905.	668.29
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Note, Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co., 4 per cent, on demand,	3,000.00
Note, Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co., 4 per cent, due June, 1905	5,000.00
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Warrant 9,000, unpaid	3.83
Warrant 10,179, unpaid	352.80
	$196,861.50

Water Debt.

4 per cent bonds payable $5,000 yearly,	$105,000.00
4 per cent bonds, optional after 1914	35,000.00
3½ per cent bonds, optional after 1916	25,000.00
3½ per cent bonds, optional after 1918	60,000.00
	$225,000.00

Contingent Debt.

United States surplus fund..	$16,448.69
Due Cemetery commissioners	7,403.84

Complying with the ordinances, we beg to report that the amounts due from tenants of city propery on January 1st, are as follows:

W. W. Lapoint $129.37, annual rent $1,600.00.

Salvation Army $51.00, quarterly rent $39.00.

Pentacostal church $30.00, quarterly rent $40.50.

E. W. Cumings $678.31, annual rent $200.00.

C. R. Hall $15.00, monthly rent $15.00.

A. W. Allen $70.00, annual rent $50.00.

The unpaid assessments are: 1895, $7.05; 1896, $308.13; 1897, $10.76; 1901, $.82; 1902, $211.24; 1903, $425.22, less paving assessments on Main street; 1904, $281.44, less assessments on Pearl street.

NEVER ASKED EXPLANATION.

Or Spoke to Overseer of Poor About Vouchers.

Overseer of the Poor Charles A. Smith was seen by a Times' reporter this morning and asked if he had seen the auditor's report. He replied he had just read it. He further stated:

"The auditors never spoke to me about a voucher, nor never asked me for an explanation of any item."

It is understood that Mr. Smith will address a communication to the council asking the fullest investigation.

WRECK WAS PECULIAR

Two Killed and Score Injured on New York Central

EARLY THIS MORNING

Boiler on One Engine Exploded and Locomotive Toppled Over in Front of a Train Moving at Rapid Rate.

Utica, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Two killed and a score injured is the result of a fearful wreck, aoout two o'clock this morning, on the New York Central, three miles west of this city. The boiler of the west bound passenger train exploded, the locomotive topping over onto the eastbound track, just as the Buffalo special approached from the west, running at nigh speed.

The train was derailed and the seven or eight Pullmans which made up the train all rolled over an embankment and the passengers were hurled from their berths.

The fireman and engineer of the west bound train were killed and the passengers miraculously escaped death and only a few were seriously injured.

HAD PROSPEROUS YEAR.

East Montpelier Creamery Made Much More Money Than Usual.

East Montpelier, Feb. 4.—At the annual meeting of the East Montpelier Creamery association the following directors were elected: Austin S. Foster, H. M. Farnham, H. Fitch, J. F. Robbins and Harry Vincent. The creamery made 15,111 pounds morer butter than last year. The average price paid per pound was 22 and one-half cents. The indebtedness was reduced one-eighth. during the past year which was the most prosperous since the organization of the company. The new year starts with bright prospects for another most prosperous year as the addition of several patrons has increased the outpnt of the creamery.

THE PLAINFIELD CREAMERY.

Amount Received Past Year Was $47,192.87 — An Excellent Showing.

Plainfield, Feb. 2.—The following are the totals for the past year in the Plainfield Creamery Co.: Total pounds of milk, 3,625,329; total pounds of cream, 226,666; totals pounds of butter, 233,487; expense for making, per pound, $.0202; amount of cash received, $47,192.87; paid patrons, $42,473.86.

HEATON HOSPITAL REPORT.

There Were 204 Patients Admitted During the Past Year.

Montpelier, Feb. 4.&The annual report of the Heaton hopsital shows that on February first there were eight patients; during the year there were 204 admitted, 232 treated, 26 births, 17 deaths, 88 operations, city patients 23, largest number at one time, July 29, when there were 30.

Barre Druggist Reports Big Sale.

Montpelier, Feb. 4.—One of the Barre druggists reports sales of liquor for January amounting to $124.36.

ICE BRIDGE IS FORMED

Vineyard Sound Covered First Time For Years

NANTUCKET IS CUT OFF

No Communication With Mainland Except by Cable — No Actual Suffering Is Anticipated.

Woods Holc, Feb. 4.—Vineyard Sonnd is today covered with ice, for the first time in the memory of the "oldest inhabitant." Nantucket is now cut off completely from communication with the mainland except by cable, and the prospect is that the island will continue to be isolated for two weeks. Provisions on the island are said to be abundant and no actual suffering is anticipated. The steamer Nantucket with mail and passengers is still locked in, yet not far from Nantucket jetties. It is believed that the passengers will be able to teturn to the island on the ice tomorrow.

PIONEER GRANITE MAN.

Thomas F. Lynch of Montpelier Died of Heart Failure Today.

Montpelier, Feb. 4.—Thomas F. Lynch, a pioneer in the granite industry of Montpelier, died this morning of heart trouble, aged 39 years. The deceased was born in Moretown. He leaves five children, two brothers, John and William, of Montpelier, and one sister, Mrs. D. F. Ryle, also of this city. Another brother, James, was in the railroad wreck near Northfield a short time ago. Four years ago Mr. Lynch built a large stone shed which was sold a year ago to Ryle & McCormick.

RACING ON ICE.

Two Races Run Off at Montpelier Yesterday Afternon.

Montpelier, Feb. 4.—At the ice races on the river yesterday, there were five starters in the trotting class. Eugene Smih's Nannette won firs money, J. E. Bailey's Ethel Wilkes second, and Henry Wheeler's Covell third. In the pacing class, C. A. Gale's Broadwell captured first and J. H. Kelliher's Teddy K. second, with three starters.

Automobile Registrations Asked.

Montpelier, Feb. 4.—Secretary of State F. G. Fleetwood has already received a large number of applications for the automobile registration blanks authorized by the last legislature. The new law does not go into effect until May 1.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Times and Places of Worship and Subjects of Sermons.

Some one from the Presbyterian college, Montreal, will preach in the Presbyterian church tomorrow, morning and evening.

Rev. Charles C. Connor of Monson, Mass., will preach, as a candidate, at the Universalist church tomorrow morning and evening.

The morning and evening subjects at the Baptist church tomorrow, by the Rev. W. A. Kinzie will be "The Love of Christ" and "Lot's Choice."

Christian Science services tommorrow at 10:45 a. m.; Wednesday evening at 7:30; reading room open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2 to 4 o'clock, at 7 Summer street.

Swedish services in the Worthen block tomorrow. Sermon at 10:30, Sunday school at 12:00. Prayer meeting conducted by the Young Peoples society at 6:30. Preaching at 7:00 o'clock.

East Barre. The pastor will conduct the services morning and evening. Sunday school after the morning service. Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:15 p. M. Preaching service at 7 o'clock.

At Hedding M. E. church tomorrow morning the pastor will preach at the 10:30 a. m. service on "A Retrospect and a Prospect," and in the evening on "The Third Law of the Kingdom."

Church of the Good Shepherd: Holy Communion (save on the first Sunday in the month) at 9:45 a.m.; first Sunday in the month, 10:30 a. m.; service and sermon each Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday school at 12 m.

St. Monica's church.—Rev. P. M. McKenna, pastor. Sunday: 1st mass at 9 o'clock, Rev. P. M. McKenna. High mass at 10:30, Rev. E. F. Cray. Sunday school, 3 o'clock p. m. Rosary and benediction at 4 o'clock p. m.

Congregational church. The pastor will conduct the services. Morning theme, "The New Evangelism." At the evening service H. G. Woodruff will give an illustrated stereopticon lecture on "The Mountain Highlanders, Lincoln's Early Associates."

At the Salvation Army hall, Staff Capt. Creighton of Montreal, Canada, will conduct special meetings Sunday at 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. The staff captain has seen long and faithful service as a Salvationist, and we are sure his addresses will be listened to with great interest. Monday night at 7:30 his subject is "Something the Salvation Army are Actually Doing for Humanity." We extend to all a very hearty welcome. Come and enjoy the staff captain's visit.

ON WAR PATH AGAIN.

Red Men Cribbage Team Defeated the Highlanders.

The Iriquois Tribe of Red Men were on the war path last evening, decked with an extra amount of war paint, and took the csalps of the Highland laddies of the Clan Gordon cribbage team at every table but two. The results of the massacre by tables was as follows: Scott and Stephens, R. M., defeated Troup and Alexander, C. G.; Lind and Webster, R. M., defeated Milne and Bemis, C. G.; Wishart and Marshall, R. M., defeated Booth and Smart, C. G.; Sangster and Connack, R. M., defeated Smith and McLeod, C. G.; Milton and Elrick, R. M., defeated Riddle and McLeod, C. G.; Duncan and Sangster, R. M., defeated Ironside and Beaton, C. G.

Inglis and Mackay, C. G., defeated Loxon and Robertson, R. M.; Shaw and Gordon, C. G., defeated Bradbury and Duncan, R. M. The executive committee of the cribbage league will meet in the cribbage rooms tonight at 6:30 o'clock sharp.

	F.	W.	L.	Pct.
C. O. F.	88	51	37	.575
C. G.	88	44	44	.500
F. of A	88	44	44	.500
M. U.	88	44	44	.500
R. M.	88	44	44	.500
I. O. O. F.	88	37	51	.420

Bowling to Keep Their Hand In.

The Calumets took three strings from a local picked team, known as the Big Swedes, at Alexander's alleys last evening.

The totals were:

Calumetss	918	921	931—2770
Big Sweedes	870	878	853—2591

Montpelier Girls Won Game.

Montpelier, Feb. 4.—The girls' basket ball teams from Montpelier and Waterbury high schools struggled for supremacy in the local gymnasium last evening, the home team winning by a score of 9 to 2. The game was devoid of features bnt was sharply played.

Waterbury Boys Were Defeated.

Waterbury. Feb. 4.—The game of basket ball last evening at the high school hall between the People's Academy of Morrisville and Waterbury high school, rresulted in a victory for the former by a score of 27 to 4.About 200 were present at the game.

TEMPORARILY IN JAPAN.

Were Thos Who Attended the Social at Methodist Church.

The Japanese social at the Methodist church last evening was a great success, even going ahead of the expectations of the ladies. The reading on Japan by Mrs. A. M. Bradley was both highly interesting and instructive. The recitations by Beatrice Bugbee and Hazel Lyon were well given and much appreciated. Dr. and Mrs. aWtt delighted the audience by a mandolin and piano duet; Nicholas Veale and Mrs. Carl Densmore rendered much applauded selections.

The ladies who received were dressed in Japanese costumes and did everything in Japanese style. A Japanese lunch booth was in charge of Mrs. R. F. Lowe, who served tea and wafers to guests.

The ladies on the committee were Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Hooker, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Densmore, Mrs. Cheever, and Mrs. Bugbee. The ladies took in $14.

ENTERTAINMENT ENJOYED.

Good Attendance at Muusicale in Spite of Weather.

The second in the series of musicales to be given by the Barre Musical association was held with Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Poole at the Congregational parsonage on Eastern avenue last evening. Notwithstanding the severely cold night there was a good sized attendance and the evening's entertainment was very much enjoyed.

The programme was changed somewhat from that which was first arranged on account of some of those who were to take part being unable to come. Very pleasing selections were played by an orchestra of seven pieces, and vocal solos by George Inglis and Miss Emma Phillips were rendered in their usual fine manner. Mrs. A. C. Averill, who is quite well known as an accomplished elocutionist, pleased everyone with two of her selections.

BARRE TOWN BANKRUPT.

John L. Dix, Former Merchant, Is Petitioned by Burlington Creditors.

Burlington, Feb. 4.—A petition in involuntary bankruptcy was filed at the office of the clerk of the district court in Burlington yesterday against John L. Dix, of Barre town. All the petitioning creditors are Burlington merchants, and the amounts of their claims are as follows: Walker Grocery company, $190; Holton Hardware company, $151.80; Spear Martin Fur company, $413.71.

The creditors also allege that Mr. Dix committed an act of bankruptcy by declaring his inability to pay his debts in writing on January 25, and on prior dates.

BARRE BANKRUPTS.

Several Meetings Held in Montpelier This Forenoon.

Montpelier, Feb. 4.—In bankruptcy court today discharge meetings in the cases of Badger, McLean & Co., Charles T. Bishop of Barre city and George T. Taylor of Barre town were heard, and no objections were heard. The first meeting of the creditors of George A. Carey of Barre was held, A. A. Sargent appearing for the creditors. No assets were visible. A second dividend in the Thomas M. Brock case of Barre was declared of 32 per cent, making 47 per cent altogether.

TWO WERE WON, ONE WAS LOST

Basket Ball Games By Barre Teams Last Evening.

Y.M.C. BEAT A CO. D. TEAM

Goddard Won From Norwich Reserves, While Company E Went Down Before Company F at Northfield.

Three Barre basket ball teams played games last evening, and two of them were winners. In the local armory the Young Men's club defeated a team from Company D, of St. Johnsbury, 22 to 4; in the Goddard gymnasium the seminary team won from the Norwich University Reserves by a score of 21 to 14; at Northfield the Company E quintet went down in defeat before the Company F aggregation by the score of 31 to 18.

The game in the local armory was a complete walk-over for the home team. Previous to the calling of the game there was a dispute over the playing of McGovern of the visiting aggregation, the Young Men's club players maintaining that if he was allowed to play the visitors should be called the Company D first team and not a "picked up" team, as their official introduced them to be, saying that some of the regular players could not come to Barre for the game. The game played without McGovern, the St. Johnsbury team's coach. It might have been a little more interesting to the large crowd if McGovern had played. The Company D players put up a lively exhibition but were hopelessly outclassed from the start.

Three periods were played, and during them the visitors threw one basket and two fouls out of about a dozen chances. Hale was responsible for three of their four points. In the same time the Y. M. C. caged the ball nine times and got four single points from free throws. Summers was the star point winner for them, with five pretty baskets. Smith was a close second, with three fine shots and four fouls, while Sheriffs contributed the play of the game, a basket while he was on his knees. The covering by Y. M. C. was excellent, except at intervals, when there appeared to be a slight slacking up of the speed. The line up:

BARRE Y. M. C.	COMPANY D.
Sheriffs, r f	l f, Turner
Summers, l f	r f, Hale
Smith, c	c, Brown
Will, r g	r g, Ready
Buchanan, l g	r g, Stevens

Baskets thrown, Summers five, Smith three, Sheriffs one; fouls, Smith 4; Hale, one basket and one foul, Brown one foul. Referee, J. A. Gunn; umpire, Charles Gauthier; scorer, Annis; time keeper, Mariani.

GODDARD THE VICTOR.

Basket Ball Team of Local School Defeated Norwich Reserves.

In the Goddard gymnasium last evening the Seminary boys defeated the Norwich University reserves at basket ball, by the score of 21 to 14, in a furious, but not especially rough, two-period game. The two teams were very evenly matched for size and skill in passing, but the Goddard boys seemed to know how to throw baskets better than the cadets.

Goddard's whole team has improved wonderfully since their first game. Fraser seemed to have the best luck in making baskets, but Clark and Butler put up good games.

For the visitors Burnett and Knight threw all the baskets from the field.

The line up:

GODDARD	NORWICH RESERVES
Clark, l f	l f, Burr
Pike, r f	r f, Amer
Fraser, c	c, Burnett
Briggs, r g	r g, Blanchard
Butler, l g	l g, Knight

Summary: Baskets from the floor, Clark 1, Pike 3, Fraser 4, Briggs 4, Burnett 2, Knight 4; baskets from fouls, Fraser 3, Burr 1, Burnett 1; referee, McKay; umpire, Kennerson; time, 20 and 15 minute periods; score, 21 to 14.

CO. E LOST AT NORTHFIELD.

CompanyF the Winner in One of Best Games Ever Seen There.

Northfield, Feb. 4.—In one of the fastest games seen this season the Company F baskte ball team last evening defeated Company E of Barre by a score of 31 to 18. The first half ended 13 to 11 in favor of the visitors, but in the last half the home team gave as good an exhibition of basket ball playing as has been seen here this season, and won out easily. Dumas played the star game for Company F, shooting seven baskets from the floor. For Company E, Turner and Milne played the best game.

The line up:

COMPANY F	COMPANY E
Hayes, r f	r f, Dudley
Walker, l f	l f, Turner
Kitteridge, c	c, Milne
Keltie, l g	l g, Gamble
Dumas, r g	r g, Moughan

Summary: Bastkets from floor, Dumas 7, Kitteridge 2, Hayes 1, Walker 2, Keltie 2, Turner 2, Dudley 2, Milne 2; baskets from fouls, Kitteridge 3, Milne 6; referee, Potter; umpire, Kapps; time, 20 minute halves.