

FLAT REFUSAL BY OPERATORS

Is Being Formulated This Afternoon.

TO MITCHELL'S PROPOSAL

Reply Will Contain Lengthy Reasons Why Operators' Form of Arbitration Should Be Adopted—Bloodshed at Johnstown.

New York, April 17.—The anthracite coal operators met this afternoon to draft a formal reply to Mitchell's latest proposal for arbitration. The reply will contain a flat refusal of Mitchell's proposition and will give at length the reasons why the operators' form of arbitration should be adopted.

THREE LAY DEAD AFTER WILD RIOT

State of Terror Excited at Windber Mines, Near Johnstown, Pa., Last Night—Coal Miners Fired on by Deputies.

Johnstown, Pa., April 17.—In a riot at the Windber mines near here last night, three foreigners were shot dead by deputies, a boy was fatally wounded and Eugene Delaney, a mining engineer, was taken to the hospital seriously injured. The riot was the result of an attempt on the part of striking miners to rescue some of their comrades who had been placed under arrest. A state of terror prevailed.

The foreign element celebrated Easter Monday in the mining section and much liquor has been used. The streets were thronged all day with a boisterous crowd but no sign of trouble appeared until last night. A body of strikers assembled in front of the Windber jail, discussing the mass meeting that had been held during the afternoon and which had been addressed by three Catholic priests. The discussion grew into an argument and soon there was a free-for-all fight. Deputies that had been sworn in when the strike in the coal mines was first inaugurated made their appearance and a number of arrests were made. All of the arrested men were union men and their colleagues set up a cry that they were being discriminated against.

The arrested men were marched to the lock-up door, but there a mob had formed and an attempt was made to take the men from the officers. Forced back from the jail door, the mob grew more violent every minute, threatening the deputies until the officers fired. The mob hesitated, apparently not expecting that the deputies would resort to firearms. When the smoke had cleared away and the victims of the shots were viewed by the crowd, there were cries of anger and soon miners that were armed returned the shots of the deputies. The firing ceased almost as soon as it began, however, and the crowd left the jail.

WINDBER QUIET TODAY.

And No Further Trouble Is Expected in That Section.

Windber, Pa., April 17.—Everything was quiet here this morning after the outbreak of last night. The state constabulary have taken charge and the striking miners are completely awed. No further trouble is anticipated.

SATISFIED.

President Mitchell Says the Outlook Is Good.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 17.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, and Sec. Treas. W. B. Wilson were at national headquarters yesterday and both seemed satisfied with the outlook. Mr. Mitchell expects to receive, within the next two or three days, a reply from the anthracite operators to his last arbitration proposition.

TWO SEAMEN KILLED.

In Explosion on British Battleship, Prince of Wales.

Island of Malta, April 17.—It is rumored that an explosion on the British battleship, Prince of Wales, killing two men instantly, has occurred. Several were injured.

PHILADELPHIA LAWYER KILLED IN ACCIDENT

He and Five Companions Were Automobileing in Millville, N. J., Today—Companions Were Hurt.

Millville, N. J., April 17.—Robert L. Wright, rising young lawyer of Philadelphia, was killed in an automobile accident here this morning and his five companions were more or less seriously injured.

BOATS CALLED INTO USE.

Cambridge People Menaced by a Big Flood.

Cambridge, April 17.—The Lamolite river has overflowed its banks here for the first time this spring and meadows are badly flooded. People in the village use what is called the Brooklyn side of the river have had to resort to boats to get about. Services in the Congregational church Sunday morning were dismissed early so that the people could get back to their homes across the river.

SCHAFFER'S DEFEAT WAS A SURPRISE

American Billiard Player Went Down Easily Before Cure, the Parisian—Cutter Defeated Morningstar.

New York, April 17.—Louis Cure of Paris defeated Jacob Schaffer of Chicago in the 13th game of the world's 18.2 championship tournament last night by a score of 100 to 380. This result, attained in the 24th inning, was somewhat of a surprise. In the second and 13th innings, Schaffer made 95 and 119 respectively, but he had several poor innings and from the 15th of the final inning he got into the double figures only once. The Frenchman played sterling billiards—many innings, his best run being productive of 98, 75 ad 66.

Yesterday George F. Sutton issued a challenge to the winner of the 18.2 trophy and whoever wins will have to accept the challenge and play the game within two months.

Albert G. Cutler of Boston won his first victory in the world's championship 18.2 billiard tournament yesterday, defeating Ora Morningstar by a score of 500 to 450. Morningstar started off well, but after his seventh inning, when he made a run of 71, he fell away. He held the lead, however, until the 27th inning, when Cutler made a spurt, overtaking and passing Morningstar with a cluster of 146 corners.

APPOINTS SON HIS SUCCESSOR.

President Joseph Smith Gives His Church a New Revelation.

Kansas City, April 17.—Joseph Smith, president of the reorganized church of latter day saints, yesterday rewarded his followers for several days of fasting and prayer by giving to the conference of the church in session at Independence, Mo., a revelation which appoints his son, Frederick M. Smith, to be his successor in the event of the father's death. The revelation was adopted unanimously.

A CLEAN KNOCKOUT.

By Honey Melloy Over Charles McKeever.

Chelsea, Mass., April 17.—A clean knockout in the sixth round gave Honey Melloy of Charlestown a win over Charles McKeever of Philadelphia in their scheduled fifteen-round bout before the Lincoln Athletic club last evening. The result was somewhat unexpected, as the fight up to that time had been about even, although quite rough. A right swing to the jaw just before the round closed sent McKeever to the floor for the count.

KING ALFONSO GOES A-COURTING

His Fiancee Goes Aboard Ship to Meet Her Husband-to-be—Alfonso Will Spend Several Weeks in Her English Home.

Cowes, April 17.—King Alfonso arrived this morning on the royal yacht Giraffe, on the yacht came the king's fiancée, Princess Ena of Batterberg, the king's fiancee, went aboard and welcomed the Spanish ruler.

King Alfonso will spend several weeks at the English home of the bride-elect.

PROMINENT VERMONT.

Charles K. Labaree of Bellows Falls, Business Man, Dead.

Bellows Falls, April 17.—Charles K. Labaree, one of the most prominent Bellows Falls business men, died at his home at 10 o'clock Sunday night. Death came after several weeks of illness and was the result of a general breaking down. Mr. Labaree was widely known in Boston circles.

Charles K. Labaree was born in Hartland, Vt., February 16, 1830. In 1853 he entered the grocery business in Springfield, Vt., remaining there 18 years, when he sold out and went to Charlestown, N. H., going into the manufacturing of shoes with Briggs & Co. Selling his interest in the shoe business, he removed in 1873 to Webster, Mass., where until December, 1888, he was general manager of the large mercantile business of Samuel Slater & Son. During the latter period, Mr. Labaree built up with this firm the branch railroad running from Worcester to Webster, known as the Providence, Webster & Springfield railroad. December 31, 1888, he removed to Bellows Falls, Vt., where for the last few years and until his death he had been associated with his son, Charles W. Labaree, in the manufacturing of the Labaree veterinary remedies. He was married November 2, 1852, to Adina M. Royce of Royalton, Vt., and had three children, two daughters and one son.

WILL ENTER COMPETITION.

Organized Labor Plans to Take Building Contracts.

Rutland, April 17.—For the first time in the history of organized labor in Vermont a union will enter the open market in direct competition with employers. This decision was reached yesterday by the striking carpenters, who announced their intention and declare that inasmuch as the master builders refuse to recognize the justness of their demands for an increase of 50 cents a day, they will take the aggressive and are prepared to make a strong bid for contracts, furnishing the architect, skilled workmen and foremen. They secured their first contract yesterday.

The carpenters have adopted this means of fighting for their cause, because other branches of structural workers, such as masons, bricklayers, plasterers and lathers, are forced to remain idle as the result of the strike. Building operations in the burned district have been at a stand still.

Tit for Tat.

The Man (in the street car) Took my seat, madam.

The Woman—Thank you, but I also get out at the next corner.—Chicago Daily News.

EASTER BALLS ARE IN ORDER

Odd Ladies Gave First of After-Lent Festivities

AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Modern Woodmen Drill Team Gains New Laurels at Ball Given in Montpelier—Dance at Graniteville.

The Odd Ladies of Manchester Unity held their annual Easter concert and ball last evening in the Knights of Columbus hall. When dancing began there were about 45 couples present. Early in the evening an excellent concert was given, consisting of a selection by Gilbertson's orchestra; a solo by Miss Katherine Mathison; a solo by William Oliver; a reading by Dr. Lynde; a solo by Mrs. G. Troup; violin duet, Messrs. Ahern and Reaside; vocal solo, Miss Pinkie Lewis; duet, Messrs. Oliver and Veale; Miss Mary Walker acted as accompanist.

After the concert refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served, following which the floor was cleared for dancing. Gilbertson's orchestra furnished music for a dance order of 18 figures with several extras, the affair breaking up shortly after midnight. Everyone present reported it to be one of the most successful affairs the Ladies of Manchester Unity have ever held. The committee in charge was Miss Mamie Reaside, chairman; Mrs. Sarah Lake, Mrs. Eleanor Faulkner, Mrs. Margaret Stevens, Mrs. Isabelle French, Mrs. Linda Ordway, Miss Annie Milne, Mrs. Georgina Forbes, Mrs. Annie Stuart, Miss Christine McKenzie, Mrs. Ina Morrison.

EASTER BALL AT GRANITEVILLE.

Successful Occasion Arranged by Women of C. O. F.

Graniteville, April 17.—The Easter ball given by the Women's Auxiliary of St. Sylvester's church, No. 587, C. O. F., in Miles' hall last evening was a very successful and pleasant occasion. Although the attendance was not as large as the ladies had expected, there were about thirty-five couples present. An excellent order of dances was danced out in the small hours of the morning. The music was furnished by Elmore's orchestra of four pieces. At midnight the ladies furnished a very enjoyable supper in the dining hall. The ladies of the order who composed the general committee were Mrs. L. M. Flynn, Mrs. M. J. Finnigan and Mrs. M. Genoux. Introduction committee, Mrs. A. L. Foster, Miss Maggie McDonald and Miss Nora Rafter. Floor manager, J. B. Fitzpatrick.

ATTENDED BY 60 COUPLES.

Modern Woodmen Dance at Montpelier Last Night.

Montpelier, April 17.—The dance given by the Modern Woodmen in armory hall last night was attended by about sixty couples, many from Barre being in attendance. The Woodmen drill team from the latter city went through its drill with the precision and correctness which has made it so well known throughout the state. The parade by the little girls was also very pleasing.

STRIKING DECORATIONS.

At High School Dance in Bellows Falls.

Bellows Falls, April 17.—The annual promenade of the junior class of the Bellows Falls high school, held in Union Hall last evening, was a scene of unusual beauty. An affair of the young set, it was attended by college students from all parts of New England, including Dartmouth, Holy Cross, Brown, M. L. T., Norwich, Smith, Simmons, Mount Holyoke and many others. Guests were also present from Keene, N. H., and Brattleboro, Rutland, Vt., Claremont, N. H., Holyoke and Springfield, Mass. The hall was elaborately decorated in Indian effects, carried out with evergreen, Indian heads, skins, blankets, snowshoes, etc., and was one of the most original and striking ways of decorating ever seen here.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS KILL EACH OTHER.

Half of Troop in Tiflis Mutinied and Other Half Remained Loyal—Clash 315 Were Killed and 855 Wounded.

Berlin, April 17.—It is reported that a mutiny has occurred at the military garrison at Tiflis, Russia, Trans-Caucasia, because the authorities dissolved a meeting of soldiers held to discuss their grievances. A hundred ring-leaders were arrested and confined. Half of the garrison proceeded to the barracks and began a mutiny. The other half remained loyal. The two factions fought, 315 soldiers being killed and 855 being wounded.

HELD UP BY NEGROES.

Young White Man Shot and Killed One of Them Named Burns.

Springfield, Mo., April 17.—A negro named Burns was shot and killed by a young white man, who was escorting a young woman to her home, when they were held up by two negroes. The white man drew a pistol and fired at the negroes, who fled, as he supposed. He ran after them, not knowing he had shot one, and stumbled over the dead body of the man he had shot. The other escaped.

MARRIED LIFE NEARLY THREE SCORE AND TEN

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cutts, Former of Whom Observed 90th Birthday Today, Are Probably Oldest Married Couple in This Section.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cutts, residing with their daughter, Mrs. W. F. Bradford, at 30 Park street, have the distinction of being the oldest wedded couple in this city and probably of any where in this vicinity. Today Mr. Cutts is celebrating his 90th birthday. Mrs. Cutts' 87th birthday was last December. This aged couple were married February 3, 1840, and have thus enjoyed sixty-six years of married life.

Mr. Cutts was born in Orange, April 17, 1816, and was the fifth of a family of six children. A sister, Mrs. Elzira Fisher, is now living in Bethel, and is 97 years of age. Mr. Cutts' father, Capt. Edward Cutts, came from Kittery, Me., and was a captain in the war of 1812 and married Ruth Rice of Barre. Mrs. Cutts was the daughter of Louis Franklin Peabody, who married Frances Bruce, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Emerson, N. H., and was the oldest of nine children.

Mr. and Mrs. Cutts have always lived in this vicinity with the exception of several years that they lived in Newport, where they were in 1845, soon after their marriage, and cleared a farm of nearly 200 acres. They returned to Barre in 1862. Six children were born to them, Frank E., Mrs. C. S. Larkin, Allen E., Mrs. W. E. Bradford, who all reside in Barre, Mrs. Charles Cummings, now deceased, and William L., of Groton. Frank and Allen Cutts served in the Civil war. There are twenty-four grand children and twenty-seven great grandchildren.

Mr. Cutts has always been a man of robust health, having hardly known a sick day. He is about the house every day and reads considerably. For a lady of her age, Mrs. Cutts is especially active, being able to do nearly all the household for herself and husband, and reads and sews without the aid of glasses.

SENSATIONAL SUIT CLOSED BY COMPROMISE

Dr. P. H. McMahon of Burlington Was Being Sued by Charles N. King for Alienation of Affections, Claiming \$10,000.

Burlington, April 17.—R. E. Brown, counsel for Dr. P. H. McMahon in the alienation case of Charles N. King vs. McMahon, announces that the case has been settled, the parties coming to an agreement at one o'clock this morning. The case has been discontinued. The terms of settlement are not made public.

The case is one of the most unusual ever recorded in Vermont courts, since the plaintiff alleges that Dr. McMahon exercised his unusual influence over Mrs. King through the agency of hypnotism. The opening statement for the plaintiff was made by Attorney Henry Bullard, who claimed that Dr. McMahon represented to Mrs. King that he possessed a supernatural power, and that they were created for each other, and that they should be together. He said they should have a child, and that his supernatural power would be communicated to this child, who would be successively a priest, bishop, a cardinal and ultimately the pope.

He claimed Dr. McMahon put Mrs. King to sleep and awakened her as will.

Attorney V. A. Bullard, speaking for Dr. McMahon, said he was called to the King home professionally, and that the defense could show every claim made by the plaintiff to be untrue and a scheme to get money from Dr. McMahon.

Dr. McMahon, the first and principal witness, declined to answer whether certain handwriting submitted to him was his own. F. E. Burgess, a handwriting expert, declared that the writing was Dr. McMahon's.

NORWICH BEAT MAINE.

Northfield University Cracked Out Victory in Ninth, 4 to 3.

Northfield, April 17.—In the first game of base ball played here this season, Norwich defeated the university of Maine by a score of 4 to 3 in a fast and exciting game yesterday afternoon. The weather was fine and large crowd was on the parade long before the game was called. Capt. Watson took the field and in the first inning Higgins for Maine scored on an error by Brown to McGrath.

There was no more scoring until the last of the fifth. Randall was the first man up and he hit the second and was thrown out at first. Lindsay singled, took second on a sacrifice by McGrath, and scored on Cole's three bagger, Cole scoring on Oram's single. In the sixth Watson was first up and singled to first, stole second, took third on a pass and scored on Lindsay's single. Seales scored for Maine in the eighth and ninth and tied the score 3 to 2. In the last half Watson cracked it out for a three bagger; Randall fled out and Lindsay came up and put it over the center fielder for three bases, Watson scoring.

The feature of the game were the many hitting by the home team, something they have not done for years, and a double by Oram to McGrath. Brown at short and O'Donnell at third did fine work for the home team, while Higgins and Mayo did great work for the visitors.

Score by innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Norwich..... 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 1—4

Maine..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1—2

Batteries, Gram and Cole, Dow and Blosson; struck out by Gram 7, by Dow 3; base on balls Oram 3, Dow 1; hit by pitched ball, Oram 2; umpire, Hubbs; time, 1h 45m.

CROTEAUX IS MORE INSANE

East Montpelier Man, Charged With Murder

IS NOW AT STATE ASYLUM

His Case Continued, as Was Also John Kelley's for Some Reason—Matthews McCaffrey, Insane, Will Pay His Own Expenses.

The docket of Washington county court is fast being cleared up, and there now remains but little before the closing of the state cases this week. When Judge Rowell discharged the jury yesterday afternoon, he notified the counsel that court matters would be taken when ever presented from that time to Thursday, at which time adjournment will be taken.

The case of Matthew McCaffrey was disposed of yesterday afternoon, the state's attorney having filed a motion to bring the case forward. McCaffrey was tried for murdering his wife and child at Waterbury in 1883 and was found not guilty by reason of insanity. He was placed in custody at the Brattleboro Retreat and was later removed to the asylum at Waterbury, being ordered held at the expense of the state. Since that time McCaffrey's pension money has been accumulating, so that he now possesses \$2,500, Joseph Somerville of Waterbury being guardian. The court ordered the case brought forward, and the order which made McCaffrey a state charge was vacated. Hereafter McCaffrey will pay for his keeping out of his own property.

Two matters in which the insanity of the respondents had been established, were ordered continued. They were the cases of John Kelley and E. Croteaux. The superintendent at the asylum reports that both the men are growing more insane. Croteaux was arrested three years ago, charged with murdering Peter Vorrin in a lonely spot on the road between Barre and East Montpelier. The place of the death of Vorrin was almost within sight of the homes of the two men who were neighbors and who had had considerable trouble. Croteaux had made complaint that Vorrin was trying to poison him. When arraigned in court Croteaux' sanity was questioned and he was ordered placed in the Waterbury asylum. Later a report came from that institution that the man had hallucinations. His trial was therefore continued, as it has been since.

Another case continued was that of State vs. Burton Keith, adultery, because of the absence of an important witness for the prosecution. Ball was fixed at \$500 and was furnished by the respondent's counsel, John W. Gordon and John N. Harvey.

State's Attorney Jackson now pressed the case against Green, a young man who was charged with larceny of \$30 at Waterbury, because of lack of evidence, and a joint case of Groom with Marsh was also crossed off the docket. Marsh was recently convicted of larceny. Mitimus was issued by the court to take William Northrop of Barre and J. C. Worcester of Montpelier to the house of correction to serve sentences, the former for petty larceny and the latter for selling liquor.

In recognition of the many courtesies that had been extended to them by Sheriff Frank H. Tracy, the jurors yesterday afternoon presented him with a purse of money which, although an entire surprise to Mr. Tracy, was accepted in a happy manner.

WOULDN'T PROSECUTE HIM.

Johnnot Says Keith Has Had Enough Punishment.

Montpelier, April 17.—E. P. Johnnot, husband of the woman who is charged with adultery and whose trial was continued yesterday afternoon at the same time that Burton Keith's trial for the same offense was, says today that he is not anxious that Keith be prosecuted, and he never wanted his wife to be prosecuted. He thinks that Keith has been punished enough, having been in jail so long awaiting trial and having suffered through illness. Mr. Johnnot said that he had intended returning to Nashua, N. H., today with Mrs. Johnnot, but the latter's condition is such that the attempt could not be made. He said that his wife's health is completely broken down over the affair.

WATER FIGHT ON.

Brattleboro Man Applies for Injunction on Water Company.

Brattleboro, April 16.—A surprise was sprung at a hearing before Judge James M. Tyler yesterday when lawyer Herbert G. Barber asked for an injunction restraining the Sunset Lake Water company from proceeding with the work of constructing a reservoir on Pleasant Valley brook, near Edward C. Dunkle's premises. The company is laying a pipe for carrying water from Sunset lake to Pleasant Valley brook to increase the village supply. The brook crosses Mr. Dunkle's farm.

The company asked Judge Tyler to appoint commissioners to award damages which would be caused by the additional storage whereupon Mr. Barber, counsel for Mr. Dunkle, presented the petition for an injunction, claiming that the construction of the proposed reservoir would flood Mr. Dunkle's hydroelectric dam and destroy his water privileges. The court took the matter under advisement.

1,000 POUNDS, 300 TREES.

Is the Yield Thus Far For Cambridge Maple Sugar Maker.

Cambridge, April 17.—George Duffy of Pleasant Valley has made over one thousand pounds of maple sugar from 300 trees and the season is not yet over. Sugar makers in Bakersfield report making a pound and a quarter to a tree thus far this season.

PLUMLEY IS NOT TO BE CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

Leaves Field to Gov. Bell and Representative Haskins to Fight it Out, Although Reluctantly—Announcement Made Today.

PERSONAL REASONS FOR HIS DECISION

Is Assured by Friends That He Would Have an Equal Chance and Feels Certain He Would Have Better Chance.

Northfield, April 17.—Frank Plumley of this place declines to enter the contest for the Republican nomination for Congress from the second district, thus leaving Gov. Bell and Congressman Haskins to fight it out in the convention. His declination was announced today. In it Mr. Plumley states that it was his ambition to go to Congress, but that he finds it impossible for him to allow his name to be used. His letter is as follows:

"I am assured by good judges of political conditions about the state that were I to become a candidate for Congress in the second district at this time my chances of success would be at least equal to the others. I am sanguine enough to believe that they would be superior. But neither success nor defeat has a part in affecting my settled purpose. Reasons which are purely and wholly personal compel me to state that I shall not enter the canvass this year. My cherished ambition for political preferment in the present is crushed and dead, and it is simply impossible for me to take any active part in a political campaign of this character.

"Being thus circumstanced, I cannot ask my friends to give me their support, and I reluctantly renounce my long-time aspirations and decline to enter the field as a candidate.

"To the many friends in different sections of the district who have volunteered their support and to the large number of voters whom I have reason to believe would be pleased to see me their representative in Congress, I am profoundly grateful and appreciate. To the state press, which has universally treated my name in this relation with consideration beyond my desert, I return heartfelt thanks through the medium of the News.

"Frank Plumley."

FARMERS SHOW INTEREST IN "BETTER FARMING."

Novel Special Train Is Now Passing Through the Northeastern Section of Vermont and Is Attracting Attention.

St. Johnsbury, April 17.—The "better farming" special train made its entry into Vermont yesterday, and at least 1,000 persons heard the lectures and inspected the exhibits at the five places where it stopped.

The train in its Vermont tour will be in charge of the professors from the state agricultural college at Burlington, with Prof. Q. T. Hills at the head. Prof. William Stuart and L. R. Jones speak on horticulture and insect pests, and Prof. C. H. Jones on fertilizers and feed stuffs. Director Hills explains the milk test, through local co-operative effort. With the professors are three students from the college who assist at the lectures, also George T. Aitken, manager of the Billing farms at Woodstock and secretary of the state board of agriculture; Ernest Hitchcock of Pittsford, also of the board of agriculture; and the state forester, T. L. Kinney of South Hero, one of the leading apple growers in Grand Isle county, and W. A. Hunter of Worcester, Mass., secretary of the Co-operative Milk Producers' association.

The train staid over Sunday at Wells River, where the lectures joined it yesterday morning. The first stop was at Ryegate, where some of the best butter in the state is made, and the center of a great dairy country. Here the dairy car drew the crowd, and Secretary Aitken addressed the farmers upon the selection and management of a dairy herd.

He showed a picture of a cow on the Billing's farm that had a record of 483 pounds of butter for eight years, made at a cost of 13 cents a pound. For a bull calf from such a cow he had refused from one of the Vanderbilts \$5,000. He advised feeding dairy stock concentrated fodder and not highly concentrated feed. He also urged farmers to do up-back raising sheep and advised medium-sized sheep for Vermont farms.

CAUGHT IN MACHINERY.

Workman at Stoneshed Had a Close Call Yesterday Afternoon.

Clifford Ellis, a sixteen-year-old boy employed at Eady & Lebourveau's granite shed, had a close call from serious accident yesterday. He was offing the Kinney hoist on the track while the machine was running, when the left leg got caught in the machinery. The young fellow had strength enough to tear himself loose, the lower part of the trousers going with the machine, but not until the leg had put a severe pinching. In breaking away the right knee was wrenched. Ellis scrambled to his feet, shut off the machinery and then told another workman of the accident. He was taken in a hack to Dr. Whitaker's and later to his home. There will be no bad results.

FUND IS NOW COMPLETE.

Last of \$12,000 Pledged for Rebuilding Bennington Church.

Bennington, April 17.—It was announced yesterday that during the past week \$12,000 was pledged to the rebuilding fund of the Methodist church, making a total of \$12,000, which was the amount at first contemplated to be expended. The last thousand came from home members. The rebuilding will be done this season.

Spawning Season Opens.

Swanton, April 17.—United States Fish Commissioner E. N. Parker has taken the first spawners to the hatchery. On account of the greatly increased facilities in handling the spawn it is anticipated that many millions of spawn will be taken this year.

FREIGHT CAR DERAILED.

Caused Delay in South Mail Reaching Barre Today.

The morning mail from the south over the Central Vermont railroad was delayed many hours today, the train due to reach Barre at 3:30 this morning reaching here at 10:30. The cause was the derailing of a freight car on the north bound train at the gravel pit near West Berlin. The car was finally tipped over and the track cleared so that the south mail reached Montpelier Junction at about 7 o'clock. It reached Barre, seven miles distant, somewhere about three hours later.