

FIRE SWEEPS SMALL TOWN

Lake Pleasant, Mass., Lost \$115,000 To-day

FROM BURNING LAMP

Total of 75 Buildings Wiped Out, Including Many Belonging to Camp Meeting Association—Other Fires.

Lake Pleasant, Mass., April 25.—Fire swept through town this morning, destroying some 75 buildings, including the hotel, postoffice, stores and a number of cottages which were owned by the New England Spiritualist Camp Meeting association.

GOVERNMENT LOSSES.

Fire at Kittery Navy Yard Last Night Does Damage of \$150,000.

Kittery, Me., April 25.—Fire last night destroyed a four-story brick building in the navy yard which was used as the steam engineering pattern shop and for store room purposes.

At one time a high wind threatened to carry the flames to a group of nearby buildings, but after the fire had been under progress an hour the wind diminished in force and the firemen of the yard, assisted by the Portsmouth city department, were able to confine the damage to the pattern shop building.

The fire broke out from some cause unknown on the top floor used as the pattern shop. The flames extended to the lower stories, which were occupied as storerooms. A large quantity of oil in one end of the first floor was a danger to the firemen, and a broken can of oil was taken out before the flames reached it, and the remainder was in a part of the storeroom not touched by the flames.

Beside the patterns, valuable brass fittings and other stores were either destroyed or badly damaged. The fire was placed under control after two hours of hard work by the firemen.

The burned building belonged to the engineers and hydrographic department, and was across the street from the building used by the Russian and Japanese delegates. The peace building is a substantial brick structure, and although it was thought to be in danger at one time, it was not damaged.

LARGE FIRE IN PITTSBURG.

Big Packing Plant Entirely Destroyed—Much Beef Burned.

Pittsburg, April 25.—The Zoeller packing company, occupying two acres of ground in Allegheny was totally destroyed by fire this morning, causing an estimated loss of about \$300,000.

The origin of the fire has not been ascertained. It burned rapidly and for a while adjacent property was threatened. Considerable live stock narrowly escaped cremation and thousands of dollars worth of cattle killed yesterday was destroyed.

Four alarms were sounded and it was believed for a time that assistance would have to be summoned from Pittsburg.

RETURN FROM VERMONT.

Counsel Had a Conference With E. J. Foster Eddy.

Concord, N. H., April 25.—Former Senator William E. Chandler and John W. Kelley, counsel for the "next friends" in the Christian Science bill in equity brought to obtain an accounting of the property of the Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, returned yesterday morning from Vermont, where they were in conference with E. J. Foster Eddy who has been joined as one of the "next friends" in the case of the plaintiff.

While neither Mr. Chandler nor Mr. Kelley had anything to give the news paper men, a story that falls from Vermont, and which is founded on facts relating to the position of E. J. Foster Eddy in the matter is of considerable interest. It will be sometime shown if occasion appears that the Vermont man was not the strenuous believer in the injudicious done Mrs. Eddy, which are alleged in the bill in equity in certain acts of his may be taken as a criterion.

The soldiers' monument, or memorial, which is being built by Ryle & McCormick at Watfield, it is expected will be set up and in readiness for dedication May 30 in conjunction with Memorial day exercises.

The Shelburne license commissioners held a meeting in the town hall Tuesday morning to give the applicants for licenses a hearing. There were two applicants for second class and one for first class license. A first class license was granted to Edward Lawrence at a fee of \$750.

Harry Pratt, major of cadets at Norwich university, Northfield, will leave at the end of the college year for St. Louis, Mo., where he has a position in the engineering department of the Missouri Pacific railway under Robert Ford, formerly with the Central Vermont railway at St. Albans.

WAS SHOT TO DEATH BY YOUNG WOMEN

Thaddeus Stevens Ross of Oil City, Pa., Victim of Miss Belle Stroup—Was Shot Three Times.

Oil City, Pa., April 25.—Thaddeus Stevens Ross of this city was shot three times and instantly killed here yesterday by Miss Belle Stroup. The woman then shot herself through the heart. The tragedy occurred in the office of Dr. George W. Magee while the physician was at lunch. Both victims were members of prominent families. Ross was to have been married to Miss Dr. Williams of this city. There were no witnesses to the shooting. The murderer and suicide was a former sweetheart of the dead man.

Ross was dining at home with his family discussing his coming wedding when the telephone rang. His father answered the call and a woman's voice made inquiry for "Thad." Mr. Ross called his sons and the young man after answering, picked up his hat and informed his family he had to go to the office for a few minutes but would return in ten minutes. This was the last time his parents saw him alive.

Miss Stroup arrived at noon from Bradford, where she had been employed in a hospital and went directly to the office of Dr. Magee. Finding no one in the office she called Ross on the telephone and asked him to come to the office and see her. What took place there no one will ever know. It could not have been ascertained from persons who were in the building at the time that any loud talking took place between them or that they had a quarrel.

When Dr. Ross returned from lunch and opened the door he found the dead bodies. That of Ross was in a chair in the corner of the office. His head was lying back on the chair and blood was streaming from a bullet wound in his neck. His forehead was burned with powder and the bullet entered the brain. Another ball had pierced his heart. Miss Stroup's body was lying a few feet away face downward, and it partly blocked the office door. Blood was flowing from a wound in her left side.

Ross had seated himself in a large chair and apparently while talking to the girl had thrust both hands into his trousers pockets. The girl wore a black kid glove, but before doing the shooting she had slipped both her hands from them and they hung loose upon her bloody wrists. It is thought she walked over to the chair in which Ross was seated, and concealing the revolver in her dress drew the first shot at his heart. Apparently he never moved, for the position of the body was a natural one when it was found.

Wishing to make sure of her work she fired two more shots, one lodging in his neck and the other in his brain, standing over her victim she then shot herself through the heart. The revolver dropped from her hands and was found near her body.

Miss Stroup was born in this country 23 years ago. Both her parents are dead and she is survived by two sisters and two brothers who live at Coal Hill. Ross was a son of Mrs. T. G. Ross, and was 35 years of age. He was employed in the postoffice here. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American war and served in the Philippines with the regular army at its close. Miss Sampbell the bride-elect is prostrated.

SHOT IN THE MOUTH BY HIS OWN HAND

Herman R. Mutschler, Prominent Insurance Man, Is Dying in Rochester, N. H., Where He Shot Himself.

Rochester, N. Y., April 25.—Herman R. Mutschler, assistant secretary of the German-American insurance company is dying at St. Mary's hospital from a bullet wound in the head, self-inflicted. The act was committed at the Holy Family Catholic church, of which he was a member. It is not known what time he went to the church. He was found there about six o'clock by the janitor. He shot himself in the mouth with a revolver and the bullet lodged over the right eye. The doctors say he cannot live through the night. He is 37 years old and entered the employ of the insurance company five years ago. His father was one of the most prominent residents of the city and he is a nephew of the late Frederick Cook. He became conscious after his removal to the hospital but refused to make any statement either to the doctors or to members of his family.

DISPUTE ON BALL FIELD.

Dartmouth Left and Brown Declared The Winner.

Providence, R. I., April 25.—The ball game yesterday between Brown and Dartmouth came to an abrupt conclusion in the last of the third inning, when Dartmouth declined to accept the decision by Umpire Lamigan in letting a Brown man score, and left the field. The game being awarded to Brown 9 to 0. Both sides had scored once in the first inning.

In the last half of the third inning Brown had three men on bases and one out when Tift hit sharply toward second. Paine, who was running between first and second was hit by the ball, but the umpire decided that it touched the second baseman first and called Paine out for interfering with the play. In the meantime two Brown men had scored, but the umpire allowed only one run, stating that the man had crossed the plate before the incident at second. The other man was sent back to first.

CONGRESSMAN FOSTER TOMORROW

Will Speak in Barre on Visit to Panama Canal.

Congressman D. J. Foster of Burlington, who has just returned from a visit to Panama, will give a talk on the canal in the vestry of the Congregational church tomorrow evening, under the auspices of the Men's Sunday Evening club. Mr. Foster is a well known and interesting speaker, and his subject is one of great interest at the present time. All men and women attendants at the church are invited.

ROOF FELL WITH 9 MEN

Serious Accident on Building in Springfield, Vt.

EBEN RUMRILL WAS HURT

Gravel Roof Weighing Six Tons Fell Without Warning, Burying Three Men—Workmen Were Raising Building.

Springfield, April 25.—By the falling of a gravel roof, 40x80 feet at the foundry of the Vermont Sash Co. yesterday, nine carpenters were injured. Eben Rumrill's right leg was crushed and broken in two places above the knee and two places below the knee. Alin Hewey sustained a broken ligament in one ankle and an injury to his back. The others were not seriously hurt. The roof, which is estimated to weigh six tons, was being raised to make another story to the building. In some way the workmen lost control of it and the heavy mass fell eight feet to the floor, pinning three men beneath.

DETECTIVES SPLIT ON MARVIN CASE

Pinkertons and Delaware State Detectives Almost Come to Blows Over Two Theories.

Dover, Del., April 25.—Absolute split between the Pinkertons and the state detectives who have been working to unravel the mystery of the disappearance of the Marvin boy, caused the investigation today to continue on two divergent lines. The state forces who caused the arrest of Frank Butler, are searching the woods near the Marvin home in hopes of discovering the body. The Pinkertons cling to the theory that the boy is in the hands of kidnapers. The bitter rivalry between the detectives has at times almost reached the fisticuff stage.

A SWEET BURGLAR.

Or Rather a Burglar Who Likes to Steal The Sweet.

Marshfield, April 25.—Someone evidently needs something and according to reports has acquired the desired remedy. About two weeks ago B. L. Cameron had a pair of sugar and a bucket of syrup stolen, and the thief was not satisfied with that, but ran out about seventy pairs of soap, making the total loss about 100 pounds of sugar.

The miscreant who endeavored to get a pair of syrup from J. Berton Pike's sugar house, was undoubtedly disappointed when it proved to be setlings and dirty stuff for sale cheap. Clyde and Yarn Derrill lost about one and one half pairs of soap Saturday night and some beer stuff which was stored in a keg. The keg was emptied and refilled with sap or water. Other like reports are in circulation. People are getting awakened and hope to catch the person or persons who are engaged in this business.

STOCK MARSHFIELD BROOKS.

County Warden Pike Received 15,000 Brook Trout Fry.

Marshfield, April 25.—County warden J. Burton Pike received 15,000 brook trout fry yesterday afternoon, the same were placed in the brook waters of this town, to wit: Nowwith, Johnnyake and Dwell brooks. These waters will not be closed to the public, but a strict watch will be kept, to see that the six-inch trout law is observed, as long as the waters are stocked at state expense. The fall came from Roxbury hatchery. The warden has been trying to secure fish for some time, and this is the first commission received for this town. Commissioner Thomas has promised more fish for out of town waters later. Last fall the warden placed 5,000 small mouthed black bass in Joe's pond, or St. Joseph's Lake, at Danville.

NORTHFIELD MERCHANT

Robert E. Paine Files Petition in Bankruptcy—Debts, \$3,067.62.

Burlington, April 25.—Robert E. Paine of Northfield, a merchant, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy at the district clerk's office yesterday. He has liabilities of \$3,067.62, of which \$3,017.92 is unsecured, and \$50 in secured claims. His assets amount to \$1,323.30, of which \$366 is claimed exempt.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Flower and garden seeds in papers and in bulk, at Eustis's.

Dr. H. S. Carver of Marshfield was in the city on business today.

E. W. Carle returned from Montreal today where he went to have his eye treated.

The Rev. Aris Belloni left this afternoon on a week's business trip to New York.

At the meeting of the Young People's association of the Presbyterian church last evening, the pastor, Rev. W. C. MacIntyre gave a very interesting talk on western Canada.

C. M. Rollins and George Lindlin returned from Boston where they attended the convention of the New England agents of the Metropolitan Life insurance company.

Among the arrivals at the City hotel today are E. N. Burke, New York; B. J. Clifton, Burlington; J. E. Cole, N. Y.; Myers, Boston; A. H. Lane, Springfield; Edward C. Ziegler, Jersey City; F. Lombard, San Francisco.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

Court Held That Water Power at Highgate Can Be Taxed.

St. Albans, April 25.—An important taxation opinion was handed down in Franklin county court today by Judge Haselton. It was in the case of Swanton village against the town of Highgate, an action to recover taxes which were paid under protest by Swanton to Highgate. The taxes were on water privileges at Highgate Falls, owned by Swanton village. The owning corporation claimed that as the use of the power generated thereby was public and therefore could not be taxed. The town of Highgate claimed on the contrary that the power was for the entire public purpose and that it was levied outside Swanton and for profit.

The court upholds Highgate, and states that the taxes were properly assessed and the taxes collected.

DEED OF MANIAE

Tore House Upside Down and Then Slashed His Throat.

West Waterford, April 25.—Edward Collins, a farmer, attempted to commit suicide Monday evening by cutting his throat with a razor, and it is thought that he cannot recover. One theory for his act is that he was violently insane and another that he was jealous of his housekeeper. The woman says that he came home and started smashing the furniture with an axe and also tried to kill her. He then went to the barn, and after cutting a harness to pieces, returned to the house and cut his throat, severing the windpipe. He is 50 years of age and has lived here about seven years, coming from Canada. The woman is 35 and has two children, one of whom she sent to the neighbors for aid that night.

HELD FOR COUNTY COURT.

Alleged Trousers Thief Unable to Furnish Bail Required.

Burlington, April 25.—William Young and Peter Ripley, employees of the Seal Rutland freight house, were in city court yesterday charged with grand larceny in the theft of 325 pairs of trousers from the Burlington freight depot. Young waived examination and was held for trial in \$1,000 bail. Ripley was committed to jail in default of the necessary amount. The case against Ripley was continued and bail was fixed at \$1,000, which he was unable to furnish. He, too, was committed to jail.

EVERYTHING RIGHT IN VERMONT CITIES

Was Report Sent to Meeting of New Hampshire State Base Ball League.

Manchester, N. H., April 25.—At an adjourned meeting of the New Hampshire State League yesterday afternoon at the new City hotel arrangements were made for the season. The league will be organized without any further change. According to the schedule each team will play six games with each of the others. The season will open May 11.

One of the most important acts of the day was a unanimous vote that a ball player is eligible to play in the league only if he is a resident of the free agent. This will do away with the borrowing of players from other leagues and put a stop to teams getting higher grade men, and at the same time keeping within the salary limit, the difference in salary being paid by the owners of the teams. The fact there was a rumor in circulation that Burlington was to withdraw from the league. Such a rumor was heard in Montpelier, but the officials at Burlington decided that there was no truth to the report.

The matter of appointing another umpire was referred to the discretion of President Van Duzer.

The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the president.

DALEY'S DICKERS.

He Says He Has Got Enough Ball Players to Make a Fast Team.

Manager A. W. Daley of the Inter-city base ball team returned to Montpelier this morning from a trip through Massachusetts and Vermont. He has secured Montpelier to play the New Hampshire state league. He says that he has got enough to warrant a first-class team, but will give only one name, that of James C. Ball, who played with the Wellingtons from Massachusetts and later with Inter-city at Ottawa. Last spring Ball was with Montpelier seminary in the pitcher's box.

The team will report May 1, and the first exhibition game will be with the Calgary team from Canada. This team is being raised about New York and will play exhibition games on their way northward. Manager Daley says he is willing to try out any Vermont players and give them a "square deal" if they show up fast enough.

MEET IN MONTPELIER.

Vermont Encampment, Odd Fellows on May 14.

The grand encampment of Vermont Odd Fellows will be held at Montpelier, beginning Tuesday, May 14, and will close Thursday. The first day will be given up to patriarchs militant day and in the evening there will be a ball. The Rebekahs will close the encampment.

Jury Not Wanted.

Rutland, April 25.—The jury drawn for the adjourned February term of the United States court who had been told to appear in this city on April 23, have been notified that there will be no jury session. Judge Martin will hold a chambers court, the date to be named.

BRYAN COMES THIS EVENING

Distinguished Man Will Speak at Opera House

PLANS FOR HIS VISIT

He Will Reach the City at 6:45 O'clock and After Speaking Will Be Guest of J. W. McDonald Until Tomorrow Morning.

William Jennings Bryan, the central figure in the Democratic party of the United States at the present time, comes to Barre this evening and until 8:45 tomorrow morning will be the guest of the Jefferson Democratic club, speaking also to-night at the opera house. The visit is the last of a series of four, which is being made in Vermont, under the auspices of the New England Progressive League. Mr. Bryan spoke at White River Junction yesterday afternoon, twice at St. Johnsbury last evening and again last evening at Burlington.

He will arrive in town at 6:45 p. m. over the Central Vermont railroad, accompanied by George Fred Williams of Massachusetts and Col. Alexander Troup, editor of the New Haven, Conn. Union, who is also one of the founders of the Progressive League. Martin J. McGowan of this city, a member of the state democratic committee, went to Burlington this morning and will accompany Mr. Bryan to Barre, while a delegation from the Jefferson club will go down to Montpelier Junction late this afternoon to meet the party.

Mr. Bryan and party will take supper at the City Hotel and then go to the opera house for the public meeting. Here it is expected a large crowd will greet the distinguished visitor. Montpelier, Northfield and other places in central Vermont will send delegations. George Herbert Page of this city, president of the state branch of the Progressive League, will act as chairman of the meeting and will introduce Mr. Bryan. The subject of the address has not been given out, but the talk will be more or less political in nature. Col. Fred Williams may be asked to speak also.

Following the meeting, an opportunity will be given to meet Mr. Bryan in an informal way, and then the party will be taken to the home of J. W. McDonald on Hill street, where they will be guests until tomorrow. Mr. Bryan will be accompanied by Mrs. Bryan and Miss Bryan, who will be in charge of the party.

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BRYAN IS ELIGIBLE FOR FAT MEN'S CLUB

Was Promptly "Horseheaded" at Hale's Tavern When It Was Found He Tipped the Scales at 227 Pounds.

St. Johnsbury, April 25.—William J. Bryan left this morning for Burlington, after delivering two addresses in this village last evening to large audiences in each place. His first stop at Music hall and then at the opera house, where he was in Stanley opera house. When Bryan arrived here at 7:30 o'clock from White River Junction, where he spoke yesterday afternoon, he was greeted by the biggest crowd that has assembled here since 1891 when President Harrison was in Vermont. The crowd was estimated at 1,000. Bryan was promptly "horseheaded" at Hale's Tavern when it was found he tipped the scales at 227 pounds. He was immediately "horseheaded" in the New England's Fat Men's club.

Col. Bryan was introduced at Music hall by Elisha May and at the opera house by H. B. Rowe. He spoke for nearly an hour at each place upon the opportunities and prospects of the common people, saying that they constitute 90 per cent of the American people. George Fred Williams also spoke, making a strong plea for government ownership of railroads.

BRYAN THROWN OUT.

Driver Took a Sharp Turn—Due to Broken Harness.

Montpelier, April 25.—While being driven rapidly to catch a train at the St. Johnsbury station this morning William J. Bryan had a narrow escape from a runaway accident. A trace broke and the driver to avoid running into the station platform swung the team sharply around. Bryan was thrown out, but hit on his feet and was unhurt. He caught the train.

PRAISED ROOSEVELT.

Bryan Said That President Was Making Political Speeches For Him.

White River Junction, April 25.—The Gates open house was crowded to the doors yesterday afternoon to hear W. J. Bryan. The speaker was gracefully introduced by Frank Collins. After the applause had subsided Col. Bryan addressed the crowd for one hour and a quarter from the subject "The Average Man." The address was non-partisan and with keen humor, frequently interrupted with applause and carefully outlining some of the most popular demands in our government today.

Colonel Bryan frequently praised President Roosevelt and never criticized him. In fact he said: "I do not do much as a political speaker for the President in making my speeches for me and with much less danger to himself than I would incur." His frequent complimentary allusions to the President elicited prolonged applause and his keen thrusts at some acts of the Republican party brought out cheers.

GRANITE MEN MAKE PROTEST

Over Poor Service of the Central Vermont R. R.

AT A SPECIAL MEETING

Committee Appointed to Get Relief—Claim that Central Vermont Promises Have Been Broken—Some Illustrations.

Declaring that the Central Vermont railway company has failed to live up to its promise to Barre in the matter of freight accommodations, the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association at a special meeting last evening registered a vigorous protest and empowered a special committee to take up the matter with headquarters at St. Albans. The situation is really more serious than it was a few months ago when the Central, through its general manager, G. C. Jones, promised relief.

The meeting was quite largely attended and the poor accommodations furnished by this company was the only theme discussed. It was stated that while the company has a shifting engine in the local yard all the time, the same crew is asked to run it both night and day, beginning at six o'clock in the morning and ending at twelve o'clock midnight. One manufacturer reported that he had been able to get but two shifts in three weeks, while another stated that he put in an order for a car on February 5, and the car hadn't yet been received, necessitating teaming.

This shortage of cars was taken up by one of the leading manufacturers who reported that at the present time he wanted 75 cars and was unable to get them. Similar complaints, although not so large, were made by many other members of the association, and in all the instances the need of better service was declared to be urgent. Many programs will have to be let go if the stock can't be moved.

After the discussion of the situation a committee, consisting of J. W. McDonald, William Marr and T. W. Russell was appointed to communicate with the Central Vermont and the Vermont State Railroad Commission. It is hinted also that there may be recourse to the state railroad commission.

TALKED FOUR HOURS OVER THE LICENSES

Barre Commissioner Had a Long Session Last Evening—Correction of What W. C. Quinlan Said.

The Barre license commissioners were in session at the city court room four hours last evening considering the applications for license to sell liquor in this city under the "new" vote of last March, the meeting presided over by granting having been held the previous evening. Another meeting of the board will be held this evening, and the announcement of the successful applicants may be made Saturday.

W. C. Quinlan wishes the Times to state that what he said in regard to participation in the hearing was that a man who had been a resident of the country for 17 years and was still not a citizen ought not to be allowed to participate. The Times is pleased to make this correction.

LICENSE IS HELD UP.

Quo Warranto Proceedings Instituted Against Middlesex Commissioners.

Montpelier, April 25.—Judge John H. Watson of the supreme court yesterday afternoon signed a petition for quo warranto proceedings against E. E. Denmore, W. H. Vaughan and E. J. Hall, license commissioners of the town of Middlesex, an application for which was signed this morning by State Attorney Benjamin Gates. This writ is returnable to the May term of supreme court.

The petition calls upon the license commissioners "to show what right they have to intrude themselves into the office of the license commissioners for said town of Middlesex, and to exercise and claim to exercise the rights, powers and duties of that office." In other words the commissioners are called upon to show why they are holding the office of license commissioners. They have until May 1 to file an answer to the petition.

This action is brought on the ground that at the annual March meeting in Middlesex four illegal votes were cast for license, which gave a majority of two for license, the recorded vote being yes 66, no 64. The claim is set up also in the petition that a majority of the legal voters in Middlesex voted no on the question "shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor." This will put a stop to issuing any licenses in that town until the supreme court has passed upon the question.

E. E. Denmore, one of the commissioners, was in the city today to get before the court as to what course he pursued in granting the quo warranto proceedings. Several petitions have been circulated in the Shady Hill district protesting against the giving of a license to Frank Whitney near there.

EXTEND A CALL.

Next Congregational Church at St. Johnsbury Want Rev. G. W. C. Hill.

St. Johnsbury, April 25.—The North Congregational church has extended a call to Rev. G. W. C. Hill, who has been pastor of the Union church in Proctor for the past nine years.

Notice to C. L. U. Delegates.

A regular meeting of the Central Vermont Labor union of Barre and vicinity will be held in the Nichols block Friday evening, April 26, at 7 o'clock. A list of officers, Jas. Mutch.

GOES TO BRATTLEBORO.

St. Albans, April 25.—John McCraw has resigned as local general agent of the labor union of Barre and vicinity and is to become station agent at Brattleboro in place of Edward J. Lavallee, resigned.