

HOLD VERMONT, CO. LIABLE

For Completion of Forfeited Government Contract

DRASTIC STEP BY METCALF

Secretary of the Navy Declares Brooklyn Man's Contract Forfeited and Notifies American Fidelity Co. It Is Held for It.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—The American Fidelity company of Montreal, Vt., may suffer heavily as the result of drastic action taken yesterday by Secretary of the Navy Metcalf. He declared forfeited the contract of George B. Spearin of New York, who Feb. 7, 1906, agreed to construct a concrete dry dock (No. 4) at Brooklyn for \$737,000.

REPORT INCREASE

Good Showing Made By the Savings Banks of Boston.

Boston, Nov. 12.—Notwithstanding the financial stringency of the last two months, Boston savings banks will show an increase of deposits for the year ending Oct. 31 of \$368,000, according to statistics compiled by the Boston News Bureau. The increase over 1906, however, falls to 26 per cent. compared with the average yearly increase during the four previous years of 4.60 per cent.

HINT AT SCANDAL IN BARNEY SUIT

Reported That He Was Deserted By Woman Who Was the Cause For Divorce Being Granted By Mrs. Barney.

New York, Nov. 12.—Former President Charles T. Barney of the suspended Knickerbocker Trust Co., who died yesterday from a self-inflicted pistol wound, leaves an estate of about \$2,000,000. Friends still insist that he shot himself accidentally but the truth will probably not be known for several days when an inquest is completed. The coroner will direct inquiries into Barney's financial affairs that toward domestic trouble. He will seek grounds for the divorce which was expected his wife was soon to secure and the nature of his relations between him and a woman who, acquaintances say, won his affections and then deserted him in the time of trouble.

CAPT. JOE V. MEIGS DEAD

Well Known as an Inventor and Interested in Elevated Road.

Boston, Nov. 12.—Capt. Joe V. Meigs, a well known inventor, who once secured a charter for an elevated railroad in Charlestown and over whose route the Boston Elevated road now runs, died at his home in Charlestown yesterday. Captain Meigs was born in Nashville, Tenn., in 1848. He organized the United States Metallic Cartridge company in Lowell, Mass. He leaves a widow and three sons.

Fatal Gas Explosion.

Union City, Conn., Nov. 12.—A gas explosion in the factory of the Metal Finishing company in Bridge street yesterday afternoon, brought death to Frank Paterek, aged 30, and probably fatal injuries to John Petruski, both workmen in the japanning department. The force of the explosion blew out a portion of the brick wall on one side of the building. Petruski was removed to the Waterbury hospital.

Mackin Appointed Receiver.

New York, Nov. 12.—John J. Mackin has been appointed receiver for the Real Estate Owners' Fire Insurance, a New York corporation, capitalized at \$200,000. The directors and trustees have brought proceedings in the supreme court to dissolve the company on the ground that its capital stock was not paid in within one year after its incorporation in 1900.

Fishing Season Ended.

St. Albans, Nov. 12.—The Albany Springs correspondent reports that the Canadian fishing season closed November 10, but the Canadians drew their seines on the seventh because of the poor season.

BRYAN WOULD TAKE THE NOMINATION

However, If The Best Interests of The Party Would Be Better Served By Selecting Another Man He Will Step Aside.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 12.—William J. Bryan will accept the Democratic nomination for president in 1908, but he will neither ask nor make a fight for it. He says that for a year or more he has been pressed to answer the question "Will you accept a nomination and be believed the public is entitled to an answer and to know the position he occupies."

"Now that the election of 1907 is past and plans are being made for next year's campaign Mr. Bryan feels that a statement is due to the public. Those who prefer another candidate are entitled to know his position and those who favor his nomination have a right to demand an answer to the question so often put, 'Will you accept a nomination?' His refusal to answer the question has led to the circulation of many false reports, and unfriendly newspapers have taken advantage of his silence to misrepresent his attitude.

CANDIDATES CHOSEN FOR BOSTON MAYORALTY

Hibbard For Republicans, Fitzgerald For Democrats and Coulthurst For Independence League—Election December 11th.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 12.—At the joint municipal primaries held yesterday one of the lightest votes in years was cast, the total majority vote being but a little over 45,000 out of a registration of 110,000. The vote was lessened somewhat because many Independent League voters who were registered as Democrats, were refused the right to vote for their party candidate and as they were not familiar with the law which allowed them to change their party designation by making many of them left the polls without voting.

Testimony in Murder Case.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—The first witness at the trial of Mrs. Bradley for the murder of Senator Brown this morning was Mrs. Merilla Thornburg, police matron. She told of being summoned to the station after the defendant's arrest, the circumstances of Mrs. Bradley's meeting with Senator Sutherland of Utah and an account she gave of herself, James Hartley, police detective, and Officer Charles Mullen also testified on these points.

GROTON.

Manley Clark arrived in town Tuesday. M. D. Coffin went to St. Johnsbury Wednesday. Mrs. T. B. Hall remains about the same.

Supervisor Gilman of Newbury was in town Tuesday. J. J. Towle, the photographer of Wells River was in town Friday.

Mrs. C. J. Bailey and Mrs. J. T. Darling went to Barre Thursday. Lewis Koenan moved Thursday to the place he recently purchased of M. D. Coffin.

Mrs. T. J. Cochran was in town Thursday to attend the Woman's Home Mission convention.

Mrs. Susie Renow and daughter, Mrs. Bert Bates, of Plainfield, visited friends in town Wednesday and Thursday.

Hiram Thornton of Montpelier visited his sister, Mrs. Wilson Pillsbury, Tuesday and Wednesday.

An excellent program was rendered Tuesday evening in the opera house by the St. Cecilia chorus. The solos by Miss Irene Paige, Mrs. R. D. Scerry, Miss Dessie Blanchard, and Mrs. E. F. Clark were greatly enjoyed by all and gave evidence of much time and practice given the work. They were assisted by Miss Lavinia Mann of Woodville, reader, and impersonator whose talent for this work is unsurpassed. Her selections on this occasion were exceptionally fine.

A HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE TODAY

Reported in Wreck on Canadian Pacific R. R.

OTTAWA RECEIVES WORD

Says That Seven to Nine People Were Killed and a Number Were Injured, While One Body Was Burned to a Crisp.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 12.—Vague despatches received at the office of the Canadian Pacific R. R. here today, state that between seven and nine people were killed in a wreck near North Bay early today. A number are reported injured and the body of one person was burned to a crisp in the wreckage. Most of the dead are believed to come from Ottawa, but the list of injured may include some from the United States.

WALKED 12 MILES AHEAD OF DAY ROUTE

Weston Getting Spryer and Is Now Far Ahead of His Record of the Same Trip When He Was a Young Man.

Fredonia, N. Y., Nov. 12.—Taking advantage of a perfect autumn day, Edward Payson Weston covered the distance his schedule for yesterday by twelve miles. He was to stop at Silver Creek for the night, but it was still daylight when he arrived there, and it was decided to continue the westward journey to this town, where he arrived at 7:50 o'clock in good condition.

THREATENED BY FIRE

Village of Newton Upper Falls in Danger Yesterday.

Newton, Mass., Nov. 12.—The village of Newton Upper Falls was threatened yesterday by a fire which destroyed the factory on Boylston street on the banks of the Charles river, jointly occupied by the Leather Tire Works company of which Woodward Brothers were proprietors, and the Acme Broom company. The total loss is estimated at about \$60,000, with partial loss.

STABBED HIS BROTHER

In Charge Brought Against a Cambridge Man.

Cambridge, Nov. 12.—Nelson Griffin was arrested Wednesday on a charge of stabbing his cousin, Ashley Griffin, Monday. They got into a dispute over something Nelson had said and he drew a knife, it is alleged, and stabbed Ashley twice in the arm and once in the hand.

BRUTE SENTENCED

To 90 Days For Abusing Wife and Three Children.

St. Albans, Nov. 12.—Charles Benway of Albany Springs has been taken to Grand Isle county jail for 90 days for abusing his wife and their three children, who are now in this city, where Mrs. Benway hopes to secure work.

CHELSEA.

Simon W. Gage has been in Brookfield of late working at his trade of mason.

Mrs. Laura A. Barry went the first of the week to Barre to visit her daughter, Mrs. Leslie Gilbert.

Mrs. M. H. Corwin, who has been visiting friends in Nashua, N. H., for several weeks, returned Monday evening.

At the regular communication of George Washington lodge, No. 51, F. and A. M., the F. C. degree was worked and a special communication appointed for Thursday evening, Dec. 5th, for the work of the M. M. degree.

Fred W. Lewis has completed a two weeks' job of carpenter repair work for Elva O. Hickwell of Tunbridge.

There will be an inspection of H. E. R. Hall camp, Sons of Veterans, Wednesday evening, Nov. 20th, when it is desired that every member should be present.

Chelsea brass band will give a concert at the town hall Thursday evening, which will be followed by an old folks' promenade.

George A. Tracy has sold his farm on the old Stratford turnpike to W. C. Austin, who also lives on the same road, consideration \$225. The deed passed on Wednesday.

The ladies of the Congregational church will serve a dinner at their dining room, turkey day, Thursday, November 21st.

A SMALL RECOVERY FOR THE STATE OF VT.

In The Case Brought Against Former Railroad Commissioner George T. Howard—Verdict Given Yesterday.

Newport, Nov. 12.—The jury in the case of State vs. George T. Howard, a suit for alleged overcharging while he was railroad commissioner, brought in a verdict late yesterday for the state to recover the full amount left in the specifications after the court had ruled out \$555.72. The exact figures of the verdict are \$693.25.

In cutting out the main charges Judge Miles said: "We have looked the testimony over as carefully as we have been able to do in the time we have had at our disposal and we think there is no evidence in the case tending to show that the auditor was induced to show these items through any fraudulent representation on the part of the defendant, but that he had full knowledge which entered into the consideration of the claims and their allowance of the nature of the service which he might add, perhaps unnecessarily so far as the time is concerned, that we think from the earliest history of the state to the present time that its auditing system has been a full day's compensation where that necessary service has been performed during the day." "I am not aware of any decision that has ever been rendered upon that point in this state but I am familiar as well as all are with the practice of the state in allowing claims to its officers whose pay depends upon the per diem system. It is practically the same language as is used by the president of the senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the representatives themselves. But it has never been conceived by any body as we understand that either of these officials officers were not allowed their full pay during the day they may have acted but a very short time."

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Mrs. Emma Batchelder of Plainfield called on friends in the city last evening.

The King's Daughters will hold their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Phillips, Spaulding street, this evening at 7:30 o'clock sharp. A full attendance is desired as there is business of importance to be transacted.

Among arrivals at the City hotel last evening and today are D. H. Aldrich, Burlington; E. T. Cleveland and J. P. Cleveland, Randolph; Mr. and Mrs. S. Swedinger and Mrs. and Mrs. L. D. Nute, Marshfield; J. L. Pilsman, New York; B. G. Dubois, Keene, N. H.; Fred Blanchard, Northfield; H. R. Mello, Jr., White River Junction, and 10 members of the Choral Art club of Boston.

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STRANGE END OF VERMONT

In a New York Hotel Early This Morning

NAME, FOSTER FRANKLIN

Fair Haven Man Became Overcome by Gas But Recovered and Was Apparently in Perfect Health When Death Ensued.

New York, Nov. 12.—Foster Franklin, of Fair Haven, Vt., accidentally turned on the gas in burning off the electric light in his room at the New Grand hotel last night and was overcome. He revived when found by attendants and then when apparently perfectly well he dropped dead early today. The last time the watchman looked in on him, Franklin seemed cheerful, then slumped at his head and fell. When the physician reached him he was dead.

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AN EVENING OF HARMONY.

Was Afforded by the Male Choral Art Club of Boston.

The popularity which the Male Choral Art club of Boston established among the music-loving public of Barre at their first appearance here a year ago was fully attested by the large audience that greeted them on their second visit at the opera house last evening. The house was filled with an appreciative audience of over 800 people. There was hardly a vacant seat to be found in the auditorium and the balcony was well taken up.

On better acquaintance with the club, the concert seemed even better than last year, and the audience more enthusiastic. The club was very obliging with encores and gave the delighted audience an encore after nearly every number on the program. The program was two hours before the last number was finished, and the selections were so well arranged to bring out a variety that there was not a tiring feature, and the audience left reluctantly at the close.

The many friends in this city of J. R. Kinney and Joseph Vian, heard them again in solos with much pleasure. Mr. Vian was well known here as a singer while in school at Goddard; and Mr. Kinney was formerly in business in this city. Mr. Kinney was not down on the program for a solo, but at the urgent request of his friends he consented to a solo which was well received by all in the club. The solo by Mr. Vian was thoroughly enjoyed, as were also the solos by D. M. Babcock, George L. Parker and Clarence H. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson met with special favor from the audience and was obliged to respond in a second encore. Mr. Wilson has a clear, lucid voice of good range and power, and he sings with fine dramatic expression that thrills and holds his hearers. The solos "Ave Maria," sung by Dr. Page, and "All Through the Night," sung by Mr. Wilson, with humming accompaniment by the club, were beautifully rendered. The selections by the entire club of twelve voices were sung in perfect harmony and fine expression.

The club has only added to their popularity on this second appearance, and it is hoped that many more visits to them are in prospect. The Corinthian quartette, which is a part of the club, sings this evening at the meeting of Granite lodge, No. 35, F. & A. M. The lodge is to work the third degree, and the quartette will sing the musical part of the work.

BROTHERS AT BANQUET.

Vincitia Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Guests of Montpelier Lodge.

By special invitation, Vincitia lodge, No. 10, Knights of Pythias, paid a fraternal visit to Montpelier lodge, No. 13, last night and assisted it in conferring the rank of knight on four candidates. About 40 knights from this city took advantage of this opportunity to accept the hospitality of Montpelier lodge in its enlarged and finely appointed new hall. After the work of conferring ranks was completed, the knights repaired to the banquet hall, where a most delicious banquet was served by the Pythian sisters. Following the banquet, they returned to the lodge, where the Pythian spirit held high carnival until the small hours. Bro. Arthur Allen of Montpelier lodge served as toastmaster, and he kept things rolling in a lively fashion. C. C. Ira Edson of Montpelier thanked Vincitia lodge for its assistance to his lodge, and paid many glowing tributes to the work of the visiting lodge.

G. V. C. C. M. Willey of Barre gave some very interesting remarks on the growth and prosperity of the order. G. K. of E. and S. C. P. O. Tinker of St. Johnsbury gave a most eloquent appeal to the Knights for better compliances with the Pythian spirit in their daily life. Col. N. J. Roberts of Barre took for his excellent talk the fraternal spirit as shown in the growth of Montpelier lodge.

Some of the other speakers of the evening were F. H. Robinson, W. R. Hadley, C. L. Converse, F. E. Danforth, G. H. Pope, George L. Bates, R. S. Currier, W. H. Duthie, Harry Segel and Newcomb Wheelock. The Barre Knights returned on a special car furnished by the electric railroad. All pronounced the affair one of the most enjoyable they ever attended.

MINSTRELS AMUSE.

C. O. F. Furnished Entertainment at St. Monica's Fair Last Night.

Last evening was one of the most successful since the opening night of St. Monica's church fair and the program was one of the most interesting and amusing while standing room was at a premium after eight o'clock. There were over 600 people in the hall during the program which was in the form of a minstrel show given by the C. O. F. The minstrels were all that was expected of them and the songs and local hits brought forth a large amount of applause. Of special interest was the work of the harmony trio composed of Messrs. Robertson, Troup and McQuade. Others taking part in the show were, Frank Brown, interactor; John Callahan, John Dombroski, A. J. Gravelin, bones; W. Scott, A. J. Guthrie, George Laviolette, tamborines. In the circle were James Bennett, O. N. Boyce, Charles Frenier, Thomas Hamel, William Letourneau, James McDonald, J. Nelson, E. Scott.

The Hibernians furnish the entertainment at the fair this evening, with a large variety of vocal and instrumental selections and a specialty song and dance by John Callaghan and D. J. Sullivan.

The fair will continue Saturday and Monday evenings.

GIRLS ARE PLEASED.

Will Have a Basket Ball Team at Goddard Under Girls' Rules.

The first practice in basket ball for the girls at Goddard seminary was held in the gymnasium this afternoon. For three years the girls have had no games, as they have not been allowed to play under boys' rules and no other school in this section of the state has played girls' rules. This year Montpelier seminary and Montpelier high school have taken the same stand in regard to girls' rules. So the Goddard girls are rejoicing at the prospect of some games with other schools. They are anxious to form a league of the two Montpelier and the two Barre schools.

QUINCE FIRMS INTERESTED

And Will Be Asked to Ratify Proposed Agreement With C. S. Baldwin.

The settlement which various Barre and Montpelier creditors of C. S. Baldwin of Zanesville, Ohio, expect to make will have to be ratified by several Quince, Mass., firms that have accounts against the Ohio man. The plan is to take over Baldwin's book accounts and after collections are made to divide the receipts among the creditors. W. S. Alexander of this city is acting for one. One West Berlin man is said to be in to the extent of \$1,000, and the situation is hard for him, as he has a large family to support.

BROUGHT BACK FOR TRIAL

Mrs. P. Blouin Who Went Away From Barre

FOLLOWING LIQUOR RAID

She Was Arrested in Hardwick and Brought Back to Barre This Afternoon to Be Arraigned in City Court—Other Cases.

After eluding the officers and keeping her whereabouts a secret for over three months, Mrs. Peter Blouin was located yesterday in Hardwick and Officer Frank Hamel arrested her there last evening. She was brought to this city this noon by the officer and will be arraigned this afternoon in city court on the charge of illegal selling.

Last summer the house on Granite street, in which Mrs. Blouin was living, was raided by the police and four pints of whiskey and some whiskey glasses were seized. Mrs. Blouin saw the officers coming and as they went in the door she went out and had not been heard from until this week when the officers learned that she was living in Hardwick.

This afternoon Mrs. Blouin pleaded guilty to one offense of selling and was sentenced to 9 months in the house of correction.

The breach of the peace case against Howard Simmons in which the jury disagreed in the first trial Tuesday and which was set for a new trial this morning has been put over until next week on account of Attorney M. M. Gordon's being away on the J. B. Campbell case.

TRACY'S BILL O' FARE CAUSE OF A FIGHT

Barre Man Declared It Is Poor, While Montpelier Man Rallied to Support of Washington County's Sheriff—Ended in Court.

The quality of the board dispensed by Sheriff Tracy at the county jail was the bone of contention between the two men. Ed. English of Barre declared the food wasn't fit to be served up to anybody, surely not to an inmate of a jail. James Burke of Montpelier took the opposite view, with all the eloquence which goes with a famous name. But still English wasn't convinced, and he argued back with all his vocal powers. At length, the English language gave out, and Burke's, too. Words having failed them, they then resorted to fists. In the midst of the sixth round, with honors still even, Railroad Foreman Fred St. Rock made a foot ball V and separated them into two distinct men again. Mutterings of low thunder followed. All this happened on Depot square and a week ago Tuesday.

The food fighters were rounded up yesterday and were in city court last evening. Both pleaded guilty to breach of the peace. Burke was fined \$5, with costs of \$6.80, while the sentence of English was suspended for a week.

SIX MONTHS FOR DEFORGE.

Sent to House of Correction for Resisting an Officer in Barre.

Edward Deforge was in county court yesterday for assaulting Patrolman Hamel when the latter went to arrest him several months ago. Judge Waterman delivered a stern lecture on the seriousness of resistance to constituted authority, and then sentenced Deforge to not less than six nor more than nine months in the house of correction at Rutland. Deforge's case had no connection with the fracas of last Saturday night, when Gus Olsen of Montpelier, who has just "gone over" for fifteen months, made such a fuss, but Judge Waterman put the two together and told them that the offenses must not be repeated. Deforge is just out of jail.

It is possible that State's Attorney Gates will file information against several parties alleged to have been mixed up in the Saturday night fracas, and take them directly into county court.

GONYO CASE MONDAY.

Barre Man Is Charged With Adultery—Also Mrs. Neverett.

The trial of Ceborn Gonyo of this city, who is charged with adultery, will begin in Washington county court next Monday. Mrs. Agnes Neverett is likewise charged with a similar offense. The case of Lambertson vs. May was concluded yesterday afternoon, when the case was given to the jury. As there were no cases ready for trial this forenoon, court adjourned to afternoon.

Henry Patenaude was in court yesterday afternoon and pleaded guilty to selling liquor. He was fined \$300, with the costs amounting to \$294.