

CASHIER DEAD, BANK CLOSED

North Attleboro, Mass., Institution Being Investigated

A PECULIAR SITUATION

Fred E. Sargent Was Drowned in Bath-tub, His Body Being Discovered by His Wife Last Evening at His Home.

North Attleboro, Mass., Dec. 18.—The Jewelers' National bank was ordered closed by the directors this morning pending the investigation of the circumstances surrounding the death of its vice-president and cashier, Frederick E. Sargent, who was found last night, drowned in his bath-tub.

When the news of Sargent's death became generally known, there was a lengthy meeting of several of the bank's directors. The directors got into communication with Albert H. Wiggen, of New York, president of the institution and also vice-president of the Chase National bank of that city.

Medical Examiner Holden last night said that Sargent's death was due to accidental drowning. The body was discovered by Mrs. Sargent. The deceased was prominently identified as a well known business enterprise in North Attleboro and Providence, R. I.

EXCEEDED HIS AUTHORITY, SAYS PRESIDENT WIGGEN OF VICE-PRESIDENT SARGENT, DECEASED.

New York, Dec. 18.—Albert H. Wiggen, president of the Jewelers' National bank of North Attleboro, Mass., and vice-president of the Chase National bank of this city, said today: "The sudden death of Cashier Sargent has naturally excited suspicion and caused the directors to make an immediate investigation of the condition of the bank. The investigation shows that Sargent exceeded his authority and that, without the knowledge of the directors, he made loans to local concerns in which he was interested individually."

A VERMONT MILL NOW IN BANKRUPTCY

Saxton's River Woolen Company Mixed Up in Petition Filed by Its Owner in New York.

New York, Dec. 18.—A voluntary petition in bankruptcy filed yesterday by Louis Rittenberg, who owns the Saxton's River woolen mills of Saxton's River, Vt., and has property interests in Springfield, Mass., shows matters that Sargent exceeded his authority and that, without the knowledge of the directors, he made loans to local concerns in which he was interested individually.

BROUGHT SIX SURVIVORS FROM SCHOONER WHICH WAS SUNK BY A TUG LAST NIGHT.

Vine Yard Haven, Dec. 18.—The tug Light arrived here today, bringing six members of the crew of the schooner Jesse Barlow of Mystic, Conn., which was run down and sunk by a tug last night in Pollock Rip. The crew of the schooner had barely time to tumble into a gawl before the craft went down.

HE IS NOT WORKING NOR ARE HIS FRIENDS

Secretary Cortlyou Issued Statement Last Night That He Had Not Decided to Be a Candidate for Office.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Secretary Cortlyou in a signed statement given out last night, pronounced unqualifiedly false the current rumors of pending political activity in his interest. The secretary declares that neither he nor his friends have used their influence in behalf of any candidate for the presidency and that he has not been a candidate for anything but the confidence of the people. He adds that if he should hereafter decide to be a candidate for any office, he will say so frankly.

FITZGERALD DEFIANT.

Boston's Expiring Mayor Talks Back to the Finance Commission.

Boston, Dec. 18.—In a statement handed to Mayor John F. Fitzgerald yesterday, the finance commission, which has been conducting an investigation into the business methods of the city of Boston, recommended that the mayor rescind the order promulgated by him a week ago, increasing the salaries of 116 men in that department \$100 a year.

The commission criticizes the mayor for issuing the order, and requests that the mayor rescind the order, pointing out that the incoming administration will have to furnish the money for the increased salaries, and that, therefore, any increase in wages should come only from the mayor-elect, George A. Hibbard.

FAMOUS CASE ARGUED.

North Carolina Railroad Rate Contest in U. S. Supreme Court.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—The famous North Carolina railroad rate contest came up in the Supreme court of the United States today. Arguments were made in the case of Sheriff Hunter of Buncombe county against James H. Wood, station agent of the railway, who was liberated by habeas corpus proceedings on the charge of selling tickets at a higher rate than the state law prescribed, on the ground that the system of penalties prohibited in the law made it unconstitutional. Speaker Justice of the North Carolina legislature and ex-Governor Aycock among the prominent attorneys representing the state, while general counsel Thom and his corps of assistants took care of the Southern railway.

DIAMONDS STOLEN.

Package Containing \$32,000 Taken From an Express Wagon.

New York, Dec. 18.—According to the police "a valuable package" was stolen Saturday night from a wagon of the United States Express company. It was reported by the company at its headquarters last night that the stolen package contained diamonds valued at \$32,000 and was consigned by a Fifth avenue jewelry firm to parties in Washington. It was also said that in shipment the jewels were given only a nominal value in order to avoid the payment of a high rate for indemnity insurance.

WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE.

General Manager Smith Held Blameless For Accident on His Road.

New York, Dec. 18.—Vice-President and General Manager A. H. Smith of the New York Central railroad was acquitted today on the charge of manslaughter in the second degree for the death of 22 persons in the wreck of the Drexler Express on Woodlawn Circle last February. The verdict was instructed. In ordering the acquittal, Justice Kellogg said that he did not consider Smith responsible for the accident.

LORD KELVIN DEAD.

Noted Scientist Passed Away Peacefully at Glasgow, Scotland.

Glasgow, Dec. 18.—Lord Kelvin, the noted scientist, died yesterday. He leaves no heir and his title becomes extinct. His first wife, married in 1852, was Margaret, daughter of Walter Crum of Thornhillbank. She died in 1870. In 1874 he married Frances, daughter of Charles R. Blandy of Madeira. The newspapers pay him the highest tributes, as the foremost scientist of the age, comparable with Newton and Faraday.

T. W. LAWSON GOES TO BOTTOM.

American Schooner Capsized Off English Coast Friday.

Hugh Town, Dec. 18.—The wreck of the American schooner Thomas W. Lawson, which capsized Friday, Dec. 13, in Board sound, Scilly islands, with the loss of 15 out of her crew of 18 men, broke adrift from the rocks that held it yesterday and sank. The schooner had parted in the middle and was in two pieces.

The Old Puritan Sold.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 18.—The schooner yacht Puritan, the famous defender, was sold yesterday at auction to William O'Connor of Fall River, Mr. O'Connor paid \$2,650 for the boat, which when built cost \$50,000. The Puritan became famous when she defended the (Hemets) on Sept. 12, 1855. Mr. O'Connor has not decided just what he will do with the boat, but he says that he has bought her for speculation eventually.

FATAL SHOT ACCIDENTAL

Fred G. Webley Killed at St. Albans To-day

HE WAS GOING INTO WOODS

When Revolver in Some Way Became Discharged, the Bullet Entering His Body Two Inches Below the Heart.

St. Albans, Dec. 18.—Fred G. Webley of this city, aged about 22 years, shot himself fatally this morning. It is said that the shooting was accidental. He was preparing to go into the woods, and took his revolver with him. While he was going from the house to the barn, the weapon in some unexplained way was discharged, the bullet entering his body about two inches below the heart. He lived only an hour and a half after the shooting.

"ALL WELL" REPORT FROM BATTLE FLEET

Wireless From The Georgia, 110 Miles South of Beaufort, Reaches Norfolk.

Norfolk, Dec. 18.—The Norfolk wireless station was in communication with the battleship Georgia at 8:10 last night, and received the following message: "On board battleship Georgia, at sea, 110 miles south of Beaufort, N. C. Speed and squadron formation unchanged; choppy sea; all well."

HEADS GRANGE AT 17.

Colebrook (N. H.) Schoolboy Holds the Record as Youngest Master.

Colebrook, N. H., Dec. 18.—Hollis L. Whittemore, the youngest member of the Grange ever elected to the office of master, was chosen to that position at the annual election yesterday. Master Whittemore is but 17 years old. He resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Whittemore, and has been a member of the Grange for a year. It is said that it "runs in the blood" of the Whittemores to belong to the Grange, the young man's grandfather being master of Mohawk Grange for several years, and also district deputy, and his father later occupying similar positions. The new master is an attendant at the Colebrook high school and is president of his class. In the spring he will enter Durham college and take a four years' course.

VICTORY FOR CONCILIATION.

Was Settlement of Cabmen's Strike in New York City.

New York, Dec. 18.—Through the efforts of Marcus M. Marks of the National Civic Federation, as conciliator, the strike of the 1,000 cab drivers, who went out yesterday to enforce their demands for a 12-hour day and \$15 a week, was called off last night after a long conference between committees of the Cab Drivers' union and of the Drivers' Keapers' association. The cabmen obtain their demand for \$15 a week and the question of hours and matters of minor differences will be submitted to arbitration by a committee of both sides. Mr. Marks declared the agreement a victory for conciliation.

EAST MONTPELIER.

J. F. Robbins killed a hog a few days ago for use, which dressed 400 pounds.

East Montpelier creamery paid patrons 29 cents, oil test, for November butter. Volney Persons is recovering from a severe cold, which has kept him in bed for several days.

Carrie Parker returned to town last week from a stay of several weeks in Montpelier. Misses Hallie Templeton and Ruby Wright are at home from Goddard for their vacation.

H. M. Farham had a car load of 20 horses arrive from Chicago the middle of last week. Auctions have been very numerous in town lately, and there is to be another next Monday.

Ralph Witham has moved from the farm of George Abair to the East village this week. There is no school in the Cutler district this term, the five scholars from that district going to the village. The Peasley and Davis families are intending to locate in Florida, and will leave the farm in a few days.

Professor Elmoro is having a dancing school at the hall again this winter after a few years vacation here. A. G. Whitchoy is now gaining a little from a week's illness with influenza, which was very hard to overcome. A new fire escape has recently been built on the rear of East Village hall, which will also be a great convenience in use as a stairway.

Mrs. George Moore is spending the week in Barre and Montpelier, and Mrs. Kate Long is taking her place as housekeeper at E. H. Howland's. E. D. Richards returned to Williams-town last Saturday after three weeks' illness with erysipelas at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. G. Whitchoy.

The summer party on the railroad section here finished work for the season Monday and only Mr. Spoyd, section boss and one man will work this winter. The Peasley Davis auction began on Monday and was finished Tuesday, when the farm was sold. Reported price is \$2,050, to a Mr. Cheney. Prices were good.

TWO MORE HOLD-UPS OCCUR IN BURLINGTON

Mrs. John Moran Relieved of Pocket-book, Containing \$5, and J. W. Perkins Tells of Losing \$28 To Two Strangers.

Burlington, Dec. 18.—Complaints were made to the police department yesterday in two cases in which during hold-ups are alleged. While passing through Battery park yesterday afternoon, Mrs. John Moran of 50 North avenue was followed by a strange man. When near the fountain, the stranger accosted Mrs. Moran and seized her pocketbook. In the ensuing excitement, Mrs. Moran fell to the ground and the thief escaped with the pocketbook containing \$5. J. W. Perkins, a huckster, made complaint yesterday morning that he was held up and robbed on Lake street Monday afternoon. He claims that he was stopped by two men, apparently foreigners. The strangers asked Mr. Perkins what the time of day was and when he took out his watch seized him, went through his pockets and relieved him of \$28. He also thinks they attempted to stab him, as he found cuts in his clothing. No arrests have been made as yet in either case.

COOKED TO DEATH.

Employee in Paper Mill at Berlin, N. H., The Victim.

Berlin, N. H., Dec. 18.—John Chaloux, a young man about 22 years old, employed in the digester room at the No. 4 mill of the International paper company in this city, met with a horrible death yesterday afternoon.

Every afternoon according to the regular custom at the mill, a man is sent down into the blower pit under the digester to clear out the old stock or sulphite to make room for the new supply. Chaloux, whose lot it was to perform this duty, entered the pit at 5:30 and with a scraper was clearing out the old stock when the valve above him burst, letting in about 40 lbs. of hot sulphite and acids, completely submerging him. Death must have been almost instantaneous. Every effort was put forth to stop the onrush of the hot acids, but to no avail.

In a few minutes it became impossible for anyone to live in the mill. Nothing can be done toward recovering the body of the unfortunate man until the acids cool off and without doubt he has been cooked to pieces. He had only been employed at the mill a short time and was a native of Canada.

TO BE BUILT OF MARBLE.

New Station at West Rutland Ordered to Be Built by State Commission.

Rutland, Dec. 18.—The Delaware & Hudson railroad has begun the construction of the new railroad station at West Rutland ordered by the State Board of Railroad Commissioners earlier in the year. The station is to be of rock faced blue marble, instead of brick and concrete as originally planned. This change has been made under the generosity of the Vermont Marble Co., in furnishing the material free of charge.

County Wardens Named.

Stowe, Dec. 18.—H. G. Thomas of this village, the state fish and game commissioner, announces the appointment of county wardens for the coming year as follows: Addison, W. H. Tall, Vergennes, Bennington, Harry Chase, Bennington, Calcutta, Amos H. Noyes, St. Johnsbury, Chittenden, C. S. Ashton, Essex Junction, Franklin, H. P. Martin, Montgomery; Grand Isle, C. P. Hazen, North Hero; Lamouille, J. T. Stevens, Hyde Park; Orange, H. H. Adams, Jr., Chelsea; Orleans, O. H. Mossman, Ch. Barton, and S. Parker of Glover; Rutland, H. H. Stickney, and B. S. Ryland, Rutland; Washington, J. Bertou Pike, Marshfield; Windham, R. L. Frost, West Brattleboro; Windsor, R. A. Spafford of White River Junction, B. M. Newton of Felchville.

PLAINFIELD.

L. C. Baldwin was in Barre Tuesday on business.

Ernest Batchelder of Barre was in town Tuesday. Miss Florence Clark of Calais spent Saturday in town with friends.

Alie Cote of North Montpelier is at work for Harry Martin this winter. Marshall Smith of Northfield visited his son, Vilas, the first of the week. Frank Nutting and Harry Flood were home Sunday from their work in Barre.

Miss Violet Bunelle is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. E. N. Rideout. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parks and Miss Ellen, spent Sunday in Groton with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shores and children of Montpelier spent Sunday at John Shorey's. Will and George Whitchoy of Grovton, N. H., are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Whitchoy.

Mrs. E. F. Leavitt returned from Burlington Tuesday, where she has been spending a few days with her mother and sister. Mr. and Mrs. Addison Wood of Swiftwater, N. H., visited at her parents', Mr. and Mrs. George St. Cyr, the 11 of the week.

Mainfield creamery paid its patrons thirty cents for November butter. During the month there were 141,814 pounds of milk, 23,330 pounds of cream and 12,408 pounds of butter. Those who were in Montpelier Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. F. Fortney, Mrs. T. H. Bartlett, Mrs. Susie Renfrew, Mrs. Earl Bartlett, Mrs. George Steadman, Mrs. J. W. Bacheider and son, and John Shorey.

A series of singing schools are to be held at the town hall this winter under the direction of Prof. Corlies of Barre. The first one of the series was held Tuesday evening. At the masquerade promenade given Saturday evening by the Rebekahs one hundred and sixty seven tickets were sold. About fifty people being in costume. Miss Edith Hollister was awarded first prize for the prettiest costume, and Gordon Noble won second prize for the worst looking one.

"KING" FOSTER LANDS PLUM

Goddard Boy Made Superintendent Assay in New York

CONFIRMED YESTERDAY

Graduating from Barre Institution Ten Years Ago, He Went to Tufts College, Then to Harvard—Is Now a Lawyer in New York.

Kingsbury Foster of New York City, a graduate of Goddard seminary in this city in the class of 1897 and well known here, has just been appointed superintendent of the United States assay office at New York, the nomination having been confirmed yesterday by the national Senate, at the same time that it confirmed the reappointment of Charles A. Prouty of Newport, Vermont, to interstate commerce commissioner. Curiously enough, these two gentlemen come from Orleans county, their home towns being within a radius of four miles of each other.

When in Goddard, Foster was a popular student and one of the "star" athletes of the school, participating in all branches of sport and being quite proficient in each. He was a foot ball half-back, a base ball all-around man, a sprinter, high and broad jumper, and, besides that, was one of the most finished orators of the school. His brother, Hiram, is remembered here as the tall young man who officiated in the pitcher's position for the Goddard base ball team.

After graduating from Goddard in 1897, "King" went to Tufts college, where he received the degree of bachelor of arts. He went from there to Harvard university, taking the law course. On leaving that institution he located in New York City, where he has been very successful in his profession, of which his recent appointment is an indication. He has filled various positions, notably that of assistant treasurer, the assembly district New York City, and special officer of the United States treasury department, being appointed to that place by the then secretary of the treasury, Leslie M. Shaw. In this new place he succeeds Andrew Mason, who resigned because of ill health, getting the appointment over several aspirants who were older.

Mr. Foster is a Republican in politics, and has been active in political affairs in New York City, being a member of the City and Republic clubs. In the election for the office of assessor, he was defeated by William B. Hearst. He was prominent in the last campaign of Congressman Bennett. His present appointment was made on the recommendation of Chairman Parsons of the New York county Republican ticket.

WILLED DEACONESS' HOME.

Miss Nancy Ryan of Burlington Left Money For Methodist Institution.

Burlington, Dec. 18.—Miss Nancy Ryan who died earlier in the week provided in her will for the establishment and maintenance of a deaconess' home in connection with the Methodist church. The funeral of Miss Ryan was held yesterday afternoon, and the interment was in Lake View cemetery.

Found Dead on Floor.

Brattleboro, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Charles H. Niles, aged 31, died very suddenly at her home at 10 Central street yesterday forenoon. Her body was found on the dining room floor by her sister, Miss Emma Lundberg, who called at the house about 9 o'clock. Mr. Niles, who is head clerk in the retail department of a store went to his work before Mrs. Niles awoke. She was then apparently as well as usual, and had her husband goodby. When found she was in her nightgown, and apparently had been dead but a few minutes. She had not been well for some time.

Mrs. Niles was a daughter of Gustavus and Frances (Fisher) Lundberg, and was born in Brattleboro April 8, 1876. She attended the Brattleboro high school. She was married to Charles H. Niles Oct. 17, 1899. She was a member of the Brattleboro Woman's club. Her mother died April 15, 1906. Besides her father, Mrs. Niles is survived by a sister, Miss Emma Lundberg of Central street, a half brother, James Oliver of Hyde Park, Mass., and a half sister, Mrs. Frank L. Burnett of Brattleboro.

Change in Lane Mfg. Co.

The reorganization of the Lane Manufacturing company of Montpelier, which was necessary by the death of its vice-president and treasurer, Carroll P. Pitkin last week, resulted in the election of Dr. G. L. Lane of Boston, son of the founder of the business, being elected president. Marshall L. Wood of Montpelier, who has been with the concern since 1899 when he became a clerk, was chosen vice-president and general manager, while Frank I. Pitkin was chosen treasurer. This firm now employs 130 men.

Four Years of Freedom.

Rutland, Dec. 18.—Alphonso Hetu, who escaped from the house of correction in this city about four years ago, was on Tuesday captured in Montreal by Deputy Sheriff John F. Smith of this city. Mr. Smith brought the man to Rutland yesterday afternoon. He must serve 414 days.

Was Declared a Draw.

St. Albans, Dec. 18.—"Babe" Brace of this city seems to have the better of his bout with Mike Grady of Montreal at Waugh's opera house last night, but the "go" was declared a draw at the end of ten rounds.

DRAW WEEKLY WARRANTS AND LISTEN TO REPORTS

Aldermen Held a Short Meeting Last Evening—Additional Appropriation of \$50 Given to the Poor Department.

Ordering warrants drawn that various city servants may get their weekly stipend and hearing a few reports occupied the attention of the aldermen for a short time at their regular meeting last night. The warrants were these: Street department \$43.30 Water department 22.50 O. C. Russell, water-superintendent 19.23 Fire department 73.50 Poor department (additional) 50.00

The chief of police reported 42 arrests in November, for the following offenses, intoxication 21, breach of the peace 10, truancy and selling two each, tramping, violating city ordinance, larceny and contempt of court, one each. Committee on laws, Alderman Cutler, recommended that Mrs. W. H. Clough be paid \$1.50 for two years, as they were killed by dogs. Building inspector Riley reported that Charles Fratini was putting his River street building, under construction, back a foot. Report accepted. Decision as to making a skating rink at the corner of North Main and North Seminary streets, on land of Joseph Casella, was held open pending the water committee's further report at the next meeting.

Clementina Bianchi thought the city had not lived up to an agreement made by two of its former officials about grading up in front of her Granite street property and replacing the fence as good as it once was. Refused to pay committee. C. P. Winter withdrew his application for permit to move the Martin barn from the government lot to Elm street, as he had decided it would be a bad job to try to move it whole. He's going to tear it down. The payment of a bill of \$642 to Whitcomb Bros., dated in 1903 and contracted for the fire department, was held open until the return of former Chief Charles H. Campbell. Slight repairs to the fixtures at the city farm buildings were ordered. Then the city council convened and resumed the reading of its continued story, the revised ordinances. Alderman Williams was absent.

CHAUNCEY HUNT DEAD.

Was One of the Best Known Citizens of the Town of Worcester.

Chauncey Hunt, one of the best known citizens of the town of Worcester, died this forenoon at 9:20 o'clock, after an illness of two weeks with a complication of troubles. He was born in Washington 84 years ago, the son of Luther and Jane Hunt. With his parents, he moved to Worcester when he was a boy and had lived there ever since. On January 10, 1844, he was married to Miss Abbott, a descendant of one of the oldest families in Worcester. She died a year ago, and one of their children, Dr. C. N. Hunt, died several years ago. His surviving children are Dr. G. E. Hunt, Mrs. G. L. Nichols and Mrs. Addison Minard, all of Montpelier; D. G. K. Hunt and Mrs. Dell H. Putnam of Worcester, and Henry E. and Charles L. of Kirkland, Oklahoma. The deceased had represented his town in the legislature, and was also chosen to other offices. He was one of the first settlers of what is known as Hampshire Hill in Worcester.

MORE GRADE CROSSINGS TO GO.

Railroad Commissioners Are Mapping Out Plans This Afternoon.

Railroad Commissioner E. H. Porter of Wilmington was the guest this forenoon of his fellow-commissioner, S. Hollister Jackson, and they went this afternoon to Montpelier to go into conference with the chairman of the commission, John W. Redmond of Newport. They will map out the work of the coming year, particularly with reference to grade crossings to be abolished.

OPERATION SUCCESSFUL.

Was Performed on Attorney M. M. Gordon This Forenoon.

An operation for appendicitis was performed at eleven o'clock to-day on Attorney M. M. Gordon at his residence on Hill street by Dr. L. E. Leonard, assisted by Mrs. W. D. Reid and George Parmenter, the latter of Montpelier, and a schoolmate of the patient. The work was successful and there are prospects for a speedy recovery, although the appendix was found to be badly inflamed.

114 Explosions.

At a recent performance of "A Good Fellow," a record was kept of the times the audience indulged in hearty, resounding laughter and when the total was made up, one hundred and fourteen explosions of merriment were recorded. Pretty good—eh? No count was made of the constant ripple of amusement indulged in by the audience—only the big laughs were numbered. Now you're willing to pay a cent a laugh any time you know you are—so if you pay a dollar for a seat you get your money's worth and fourteen over. Isn't that a bargain? Come, have a laugh with "A Good Fellow." It appears at the opera house on Thursday evening.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Arthur Bigelow of Brookfield was a business visitor in the city to-day. Over the Tea Cups club will meet with Mrs. W. F. Richardson, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, quotations from Whittier.

Among arrivals at the City hotel last evening and to-day are E. H. Wells, New York; E. S. Morrill, Woodstock; W. T. Donovan, St. Albans; J. L. Fulton, White River Junction; W. H. Rowe, Boston; C. C. Massien, Hartford.

The members of Vincita lodge, No. 10, Knights of Pythias, will confer the rank of Esquire and Knight on several candidates at Richmond tomorrow evening, December 19. Train leaving Barre at 2:30 p. m. return on midnight train. All knights are cordially invited to attend.

HOLIDAY RUSH FOR COURTS

Barre City Court Had Three Drunk Cases

DIVORCE COURT BUSY

Boys Raided Salvation Army Collection Boxes for Christmas Dinner and Made Quite a Big Haul.

Chief of Police Faulkner had a holiday rush of business at his headquarters in the city building last night. With three arrests for intoxication and two strangers who applied to the chief for a night's lodging, the capacity of the jail was nearly all taken up. At nine o'clock last evening Officer Carle found George L. Cummings taking a snooze in the hallway at the entrance to the Worthen block, and about the same time Officer Hamel found two men with loaded arms struggling up North Main street like a pair of oxen in a snowdrift. When the officer took hold of them he found an illustration of the saying, "United we stand, divided we fall," as both men went down in a heap when he separated them. He had to practically carry both of them on his arms to the station.

In court this morning, the two gave their names as James Barry and George Griffin, and they said they were from Marshfield. Both pleaded guilty to first offenses and went to the county jail for twenty days, as they could not pay their fines. Cummings pleaded guilty to a second offense and was fined \$15, with costs of \$7.08. At his urgent request and in view of the fact that there were others dependent on him for support, Judge Scott allowed this respondent to sign the pledge for six months.

Three young boys, the oldest not being over nine years, walked into the Red Cross pharmacy this forenoon and stole the small contribution box which the Salvation Army had placed in the store to receive any small change that the public might drop in to assist the army in its Christmas dinner to the poor children of the city. This box was paying the best of any the army had put out, and was nearly full of pennies, dimes and nickels when the youngsters grabbed it off the table near the door and ran out.

A customer who was standing right near the table at the time, saw the boys take the box and, thinking they had no business with it, he spoke to Mr. Waters, one of the proprietors, who sent a clerk out to catch the boys. Going behind the block, after he had looked about the street for a while, the clerk saw the boys coming out from behind the wood sheds in the Wells River yard. He caught the oldest one and brought him into the store. The boy gave the names of the three, but he said he didn't take the money. "The other boys took it," he declared. The three had evidently shared the booty, as the boy had one of his pockets nearly full of pennies. The boy was let go after he had given the names. The boy gave the names of the three, but he said he didn't take the money. "The other boys took it," he declared. The three had evidently shared the booty, as the boy had one of his pockets nearly full of pennies.

CALLS FOR DIVORCE NOW BEING HEARD

Assistant Judges of Washington County Have Quite a Grist of Business on Hand at Present.

Assistant Judges Wells and Winch of Washington county are holding a divorce court session at Montpelier, and have quite a bit of business on their hands. In the Calais case of Alfred C. Daley vs. Mary B. Daley, a divorce was granted on the ground of adultery. Lizzy S. Robbins of Woodbury sued Edward W. Robbins for divorce on the ground of intolerable severity and refusal to support, and she got it. They had not lived together for a year. The petitioner was allowed to resume the use of her maiden name.

Isabel L. Martin sued for divorce from her husband, Adelbert Martin, on the ground that imprisonment in jail for a period of three years is sufficient cause for divorce. Her husband is the man who was committed to state prison in April, 1904, for robbery in Northfield, during which the woman victim was badly beaten. This case was entered at the March term of court, but was heard at this time. Decision was reserved.

A long-drawn-out hearing was that of Mary E. Coburn vs. G. Frank Coburn of Cabot. It occupied the attention of the judges yesterday afternoon and was also heard to-day.

WILL GEORGE'S FUNERAL.

With Interment in Elmwood Cemetery Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral services of William L. George were held at two o'clock yesterday afternoon from his old home at 28 West street, the services being performed by Rev. C. C. Conner, and Mrs. B. W. Braley sang two selections. A delegation of 20 members was present from the lodge of Odd Fellows, and their service was used as the grave in Elmwood cemetery. The bearers, all relatives of the family, were as follows: John Nichols, Frank Nichols, Mark Nichols, Charles Nichols and Edward Lodge and Arthur Darling of Montpelier. A prayer was held at Mr. George's late home on the West Hill Monday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Chase of Plainfield officiated.