

ALL READY FOR PRACTICE

Fleet Reaches Magdalena Bay Ahead of Time

ANCHORED THIS MORNING

Vessels Arrived Last Night But They Waited for Morning Light Before Taking Their Place—Coast Cities Are Pleased.

San Diego, Calif., March 12.—Four days ahead of schedule time, the United States battleship fleet arrived at Magdalena Bay last night. The news was brought here early to-day by wireless. The vessels remained outside the harbor until this morning and then proceeded to anchorage. As soon as the targets can be placed, work with the big guns will be started. Target practice will continue for two weeks and then the fleet will sail for San Diego.

California's coast cities were gratified yesterday by the announcement of the tentative partial itinerary of the fleet from Magdalena to San Francisco. The official declaration that calls would be made at San Diego, San Pedro, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz came as a grateful reassurance, and plans for the various receptions are going forward with renewed vigor. The enthusiasm of the people knows no bounds, and all are looking forward to the visit of the fleet as a notable event in the history of the Pacific coast.

TIRED OF THE TRIP.

Seven Men Who Reached New York Yesterday Arrested as Deserters.

New York, March 12.—Seven men who sailed with the American battleship squadron but tired of the long cruise and left the ships at Rio de Janeiro were brought here yesterday on the steamer Voltair from South American ports. They were turned over to a naval officer at quarantine as deserters. They were made prisoners and will be placed on trial.

SCOTTISH BILL.

Was Rejected by House of Lords After Two Days' Debate.

London, March 12.—Undismayed by threats of penalties to follow the second rejection of the government's Scottish small holdings bill, the House of Lords last evening, after a debate which lasted for two days, refused to move the measure a second reading by a vote of 153 to 107.

The Scottish clans have not risen in support of the bill since it was rejected by the House of Lords at the last session. During the recess the ministerial spokesman threatened freely that if the House again threw out the measure the government would promptly introduce the necessary legislation to restrict the powers of the hereditary chamber. Since these threats were made, however, there have been a number of decisions disastrous to the government and considerable differences of opinion have developed among the rank and file. As a result of these circumstances, the silence of the ministers yesterday on this subject, led to the belief that the cabinet is not yet prepared to inaugurate its threatened anti-clerical campaign against the House of Lords.

BALLOON CAME DOWN JUST IN TIME

The Atlantic Ocean Yawned Before The Aeronauts Less Than a Mile Away—Landing Safely Made.

Hampden Falls, N. H., March 12.—After maintaining an average speed of more than forty-three miles an hour for a little more than three hours, the balloon Stevens, No. 21, which ascended from Pittsfield, Mass., at 11:09 a. m. yesterday, landed in this town at 2:15 p. m. The landing was made safely and easily on the edge of a patch of woods about a mile from the village of Hampden Falls but it was made none too soon, for the spot where the balloon came down is less than a mile from the shore of the Atlantic ocean. The anchor rope caught in a tree and the occupants of the car, Leo Stevens of New York, who acted as pilot, and William F. Whitehouse, who went as passenger, reached the ground with little difficulty and with but slight damage to the balloon. They immediately packed up their balloon and sent it to the village, whence they took an early train for Boston.

The entire distance covered by the balloon during the three hours and six minutes that it was in the air, was about 130 miles. Mr. Stevens and Mr. Whitehouse expressed themselves as greatly pleased with their trip, which they said had been very comfortable and successful. Mr. Stevens said that the trip did not establish a new record for speed.

The balloon arose in a heavy westerly gale and rushed off to the eastward toward Pittsfield. A shift of the wind, however, carried it to a little to the northward, and shortly after 1 o'clock it was seen passing over the city of Nashua.

TO LIMIT HEIGHT

Of School Buildings, Outside of Largest Cities of New York.

Albany, N. Y., March 12.—Assemblyman Hawley of New York to-day introduced a bill providing that no schoolhouse in the state shall be over two stories high. The act is not to apply to New York, Buffalo, Syracuse and Rochester, and is the outgrowth of the recent Cleveland fire.

THAW'S MOTHER MADE DEFENDANT

In Action For Annulment of Marriage, Brought by Evelyn Nesbit Thaw Against Harry Thaw.

New York, March 12.—William Copley Thaw was served here late yesterday with papers in which she is made a co-defendant with her son, Harry W. Thaw, in the action instituted by the latter's wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, to annul their marriage. As Harry Thaw is inmate of an insane asylum he is in the eyes of the law legally dead and the next of kin becomes technically the actual defendant in the case.

An attempt was also made last evening to serve Harry Thaw at Matteawan by a messenger who was admitted to the asylum. Late last night, however, it was made known that owing to a technicality the service was not completed. Dr. Robert Lamb, superintendent of the institution, being Thaw's legal guardian must also be served, it was explained. Learning this Thaw refused to accept service and the process server returned here where another set of papers will be prepared and served upon Dr. Lamb and Thaw.

Daniel O'Reilly, counsel for Evelyn Thaw, explained that though Thaw's mother was made a co-defendant as being the next of kin she is technically the real defendant, the law presuming her son to be insane and therefore legally dead. Evelyn acted at O'Reilly's office yesterday and attached her signature to the papers in the case. As she left the office, Mrs. Thaw was asked whether she would later, as had been intimated, make public the cause of the estrangement that led to the annulment suit. She replied: "The public will never know."

The papers served yesterday briefly recite the fact of the marriage at Pittsburg on April 4, 1903, and set forth "that at the time of the marriage of the plaintiff to the defendant the defendant was a lunatic and of unsound mind and was incapable of making a valid contract of marriage. The cause for annulling the marriage, to wit, the insanity of Harry Kendall Thaw—existed at the time of such marriage."

Lawyer O'Reilly said that he did not anticipate any trouble in securing from the defendant's counsel fees and alimony. A Russell Peabody, counsel for Thaw, said: "It will not be necessary for Evelyn to go to the courts in order to get counsel fees and alimony while the suit is pending. She has been getting money from me to pay her expenses while Harry is confined and this will be continued during the trial of the annulment suit. I shall light the case up on instructions from my client and shall represent him personally in the defense."

2,500 WERE KILLED IN WEEK'S BATTLE

Between Troops and Strikers at Chilean Nitrate Beds, Report Ship Officers Who Have Just Reached San Francisco.

San Francisco, March 12.—According to officers of the Norwegian steamer Christian Bors, in from Chile, the report of loss of life in a conflict on January 8, between troops and strikers at the nitrate beds in Iquique, was purposely misrepresented by the Chilean government. They declare that instead of 100 being killed, 2,500 lost their lives, the troops using machine guns. Sanguinary battles took place for an entire week. The big fight of January first broke up the strike and the men went back to work a week later.

NEAR WORLD'S RECORD.

In Bowling Tournament at Rochester, N. Y., Yesterday.

Rochester, N. Y., March 12.—High scores by the first evening shift of five-men teams featured yesterday's games of the National Bowling Association tournament. The Brunswick's of New York had the best total, 2,893, which is a new high mark for the present tourney. The previous high score was 2,885, rolled by the Fellowship of Philadelphia. Last night's rolling by the Brunswick's was within 34 points of the world's record. Other scores last night in the five-man class were: Syracuse State League, Syracuse, 2,733; Third Avenue Club, Brooklyn, 2,715; Darwood Colts, Philadelphia, 2,700; Detroit Stars, Detroit, 2,672; Brunswick's, Philadelphia, 2,662; Bergmans, New York, 2,653; Mills, Rochester, 2,598; Park Athletics, New York, 2,451.

Scores in the doubles and singles were for the most part ordinary. Claus and O'Donnell of Elizabeth, N. J., rolling with the last shift of two-men teams did the best work of the day, having a total of 1,135. Other scores in this class were: D. Koster and K. Koster, Erie, Pa., 1,129; A. Suteland and E. Suteland, Toronto, 1,071; Collins and Aultsburg, Newark, N. J., 1,060; Morris and Larkin, Baldwinville, N. Y., 1,075; Blauth and White, Trenton, N. J., 1,065.

G. Capps of Toronto was high man of yesterday's competitors in the individual class with a total of 591. Other scores were: F. Esterheld, Rochester, 589; E. Rundage, Newark, N. J., 583; J. Nolte, Elizabeth, N. J., 582.

SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED.

Jake Schaefer Still Champion 18-inch Billiards.

Chicago, March 12.—Jacob Schaefer last night successfully defended his title as champion billiard player at the 18-inch billiard table, one shot in game, by defeating Willie Hoppo 300 to 423. Schaefer's average was 14 10-35, Hoppo's average 12 15-34.

THE VOTES COUNTED.

But Trainmen's Committee Will Not Give Out Decision.

Boston, March 12.—The votes of the members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen employed on the Boston and Maine railroad as to whether they would accept voluntarily a wage reduction of 5 per cent. until July 1, were counted late last night and the committee in charge returned to their respective positions with the result.

Wheeler Man Got License.

Providence, R. I., March 12.—Marriage licenses were issued here yesterday to the following: Charles F. Rice, aged 49, of Wheelock, Vt., and Margaret Cashman, 41, of this city; Fred W. Fies, aged 28, of Portland, Me., and Ida Augusta Jordan, aged 29, a daughter of Horace Jordan, a shipbuilder of Portland.

ARSENIC IN HIS BODY

Testimony of Physician at Autopsy on Walter Baker

WHO DIED MYSTERIOUSLY

Baker Family Physician Also Testified That He Regarded the Young Man in Almost Perfect Condition Short Time Before He Died.

Hackensack, N. J., March 12.—At the resumption late yesterday of the inquest into the death of Walter F. Baker, a member of a well-known family, who died in Bogota, following an evening spent in New York City, Dr. William F. Boss, of the Massachusetts General Hospital, who made a chemical examination of the organs of the dead man, testified that in his opinion death was due to arsenical poisoning.

He said he had examined a part of the liver, a part of the kidneys, part of the brain and the contents of the stomach. Altogether he had found five grains of arsenic in the parts submitted to him. Two grains of arsenic, the witness said, would be a fatal dose. In reply to a question, Dr. Boss said: "In my opinion the person died from arsenical poisoning and in my opinion the poison was administered to him in solution."

The witness said that he found no arsenic in the embalming fluid submitted to him. Dr. George V. Magrath, also of the staff of the Massachusetts General Hospital, who performed an autopsy on the body of Baker on October 29, two days following the death, testified that he found the organs of the body normal with the exception of the lungs, upon which were a few spots, indicating small hemorrhages. There was no evidence of Bright's disease. He was not able from his examination to tell the cause of death. There was no indication of a fatal disease nor was there sufficient change in any vital organ or all of them to cause death. The witness said that he had performed 1,300 autopsies.

Dr. Charles D. Underhill of Boston, the Baker family physician, and at the time of Baker's death medical examiner of Suffolk county, testified to having made a physical examination of Baker some days subsequent to Sept. 3 last. At that time he found that all the organs of the young man's body were normal, the heart action was perfect, the kidneys normal, and there was absolutely no sign of disease, the witness said. He considered Baker in practically perfect condition and had never treated him for anything serious. The last time he had talked with Walter Baker the latter told him that he was becoming tired of living in New York and that he would either return to Boston and live with his brother or go abroad some time before the following Thanksgiving.

The inquest was adjourned until Friday afternoon, at which time Edward Baker, a brother of the dead man, will be called.

SETTLE CONFLICT IN FAIR DATES

State Fair Will Precede the Valley Fair at Brattleboro by Several Days, It Is Decided.

St. Johnsbury, March 12.—The adjourned meeting of the International Circuit of Vermont and Eastern Canada was held yesterday afternoon at the Avenue house here, when dates for fairs were changed and settled upon as follows: Montreal, August 11-15; St. Johnsbury, August 18-20; Lamolle Valley, August 23-27; Sherbrooke, August 29-Sept. 5; Orleans County, Barton, Sept. 8-11; Caledonia County, Sept. 13-17; Valley fair, Brattleboro, Sept. 20-Oct. 2.

The conflict between the state fair and the Valley fair is thus settled. A committee consisting of Maxwell Evaria, George M. Powers and James P. Hooker was named to see what can be done toward getting better railroad rates. These men will be paid by the association, pro rata.

DEFENSE MAY NOT ENTER ANY EVIDENCE

In the Case of Raymond Hitchcock, the Actor—Jury Was Completed This Noon, With Carl Adae as Foreman.

New York, March 12.—The jury in the case of Raymond Hitchcock, who is on trial for mistreating little girls, was completed at noon by the selection of Carl Adae as foreman. The actor paid strict attention to the choice of jurymen to-day. He was accompanied by his wife. Unless the district attorney has something up his sleeve, it is intimated the defense may not introduce any evidence.

WANTS SCHOOLS GUARDED.

Mayor of St. Albans Points Out Need of Fire Escapes.

St. Albans, March 12.—In his annual message to the city council Mayor Atwood points out the urgent need of providing ways and means for the prompt installation of fire escapes where needed for the safety of the citizens.

IS NO BETTER.

And There's Been No Operation on Waldo Shedd Yet.

St. Johnsbury, March 12.—Waldo Shedd, the Albany young man who was accidentally shot while hunting rabbits on Sunday, is no better and no operation has been performed.

BIRMINGHAM'S BEST MILE 25.3 KNOT CLIP

New Scout Cruiser Makes a Record For Reciprocating Engine Type.

Rockland, Me., March 12.—In a southerly gale and a heavy sea the new scout cruiser Birmingham yesterday established a new record for vessels of her standardization tests over a mile course, making her fastest mile at the rate of 25.3 knots an hour, corrected speed. To accomplish this result her screws made 200 revolutions per minute.

Officials of the Fore River Ship & Engine company of Quincy, Mass., the builders, believe that under conditions as favorable as those under which the Chester, equipped with turbine engines, made her best speed of 36.07 knots an hour, the Birmingham would be able to make very nearly 28 knots. The Birmingham was sent over the course 17 times, beginning with a speed of 12 knots and gradually increasing it. The average of the fastest five runs was at the rate of about 24.6 knots. The Chester averaged 25.1 on the same runs.

It is estimated that 190 revolutions of her screws will give the contract speed of 24 knots an hour. The vessel was navigated by Capt. T. E. Evans. Among those on board were Rear Admiral Francis T. Bowles, resigned, president of the Fore River Ship & Engine company, and his assistant, F. O. Wellington, and Bureau T. Walling of Ohio, lately of the bureau of navigation, who will command the vessel.

SLIPPED UNDER WHEEL AND BADLY HURT

Harry Miles of Bellows Falls Attempted to Steal a Ride on Bellows Falls Street Car.

Bellows Falls, March 12.—Harry Miles, aged 11 years, went on an errand for his mother yesterday at noon and while returning he attempted to steal a ride on a B. & S. R. street railway trolley car, when he slipped under the wheel, losing both legs. Dr. Albee was called, but the boy did not rally and died.

MASTER MASON'S DEGREE

Was Conferred at Brattleboro Last Evening.

Brattleboro, March 12.—Brattleboro Lodge, A. F. and M., observed last night as past masters' night in a special communication of unusual interest. All the important chairs for the working staff were filled by past masters of the lodge, and 150 or more members of the fraternity were present, including visitors from the West river valley, Bellows Falls, Putney, Northfield, Athol, Greenfield and Springfield.

The Master Mason degree was conferred upon Dr. Leslie Stewart Edwards of Brattleboro, and every resident past master of the lodge took part in the work. The past masters and their chairs they filled were as follows: Ferris R. Vaughan, W. C. O'Neil, E. Randall, assisted by Frederick I. Swift, S. W. William B. Vinton, J. W. Dennison Cowles, S. J. Henry Pratt, J. D. Maj. C. Houghton, S. S. Willis D. Gilson, J. S. George M. Clay, Tyler. The other past masters participating was William H. Vinton.

At the close of the work a banquet was served, furnished by the past masters, Ferris R. Vaughan was toastmaster. Music was furnished by the Brattleboro Masonic glee club.

Only one past master of Brattleboro lodge, Enoch L. Cooper, has died. There are two living non-resident past masters, David A. Young of Seattle, Wash., and Collins R. Stevens of Marietta, O.

REQUEST TO HOSPITAL.

St. Johnsbury Institution Will Eventually Be Benefited \$10,000.

St. Johnsbury, March 12.—By the will of Mrs. Jeanne Babcock, who died last Friday at West Barnet, the St. Johnsbury hospital will eventually receive the sum of \$10,000, the provisions of the document present an interesting situation.

Mrs. Babcock left \$10,000 in cash. The will provides that after the funeral expenses are paid the money is to be left in trust until it reaches, with interest, the sum of \$10,000 again, when that sum shall go to Mrs. Babcock's five sisters and her brother. After their deaths the money is to be given to the hospital. All of the beneficiaries are well along in years, some being older than the testatrix, who was 72 years of age.

NOT A BOMB.

Disturbed King Alfonso in His Trip to Barcelona.

Barcelona, March 12.—After two days' visit to the city King Alfonso left for Madrid shortly before eight o'clock last evening. The royal train moved away to the cheering of a multitude.

DOUBLE FUNERAL HELD.

For Mr. and Mrs. William Longeway, Both Victims of Typhoid.

St. Johnsbury, March 12.—A double funeral was held at Notre Dame church yesterday when Mr. and Mrs. William Longeway of Barton were buried. Both were victims of typhoid fever. Mr. Longeway, aged 25 years, died Sunday, and Mrs. Longeway, aged 23 years, died Monday. They leave three little children.

IN TUNEFUL ACCORD ALL

A Splendid Musical Convention Held

IN EAST MONTPELIER HALL

Under Competent Direction of C. F. Dudley, the Tenth Annual Convention Which Closed Last Night Was a Success.

The expectation of a musical treat at the tenth annual convention given by C. F. Dudley at East Montpelier Tuesday and yesterday was fully realized by a large number of people, the programs being fully as good as any ever given at the East Montpelier conventions, which is a guarantee of their excellence. The closing event was the grand concert and ball last evening, attended by a large audience, many being present from Barre, Montpelier, Williamstown, Brookfield, Plainfield, Marshfield, Cabot and other towns in the vicinity.

Mr. Dudley was conductor of the festival and he had selected his soloists well, as the hearty applause accorded all of them testified. Mrs. B. W. Bralley of Barre was the soprano soloist, L. G. Griffiths of Barre tenor, Charles F. Lowe of Montpelier bass, and Mrs. Harriet Willard of Burlington the alto, while Mrs. K. L. Cleaves of Montpelier and A. W. Allen of Barre acted as accompanist and entertainer, respectively.

One other fine feature of last night's program was the male quartette work of Messrs. B. L. Lane, first tenor, R. H. Hudson, second tenor, A. L. Foster, first bass, and D. Hudson, second bass. These gentlemen were repeatedly encored. In the afternoon a matinee was given with the rendering of the cantata, "The Crowning of Love," which was much enjoyed.

It was 10:30 o'clock last night when the last encore for the evening program had been responded to, the late closing of the program being due to the repeated calls for favorite airs. Then at 10:30, the floor was cleared for dancing, music being furnished by Gilbertson's orchestra of Barre. Dancing was enjoyed until three o'clock this morning.

The guests were served dinner and supper by the officers of the East Montpelier grange and the latter catered to the wants of the hungry people in the most acceptable manner. One hundred and fifty people were served with supper last evening.

The success of the convention is due to Mr. Dudley, who has worked untiringly to see that the event passed off well. He is the recognized leader of the musical interests of that community and the people are assured of a splendid entertainment when he undertakes the work.

CRITICIZED RATES ON CENTRAL V. R. R.

West River Lumbermen Feel That They Are Not Being Treated Fairly—Officers of Association Elected.

Brattleboro, March 12.—The West river lumbermen's association which was organized recently, met in Brattleboro yesterday and indulged in some severe criticism of the Central Vermont railroad. The association feels that the lumbermen of the West river valley are not being treated fairly with respect to rates and service, and a large part of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the alleged excessive rates on lumber, chair stock and bark, and of the means available to relieve the situation.

B. S. Gallup of Brattleboro was elected president; J. C. Tibbets of West Windsor, vice-president; W. H. Taft of West Townshend, sec. -treas. Mr. Gallup, Mr. Tibbets, G. H. Hollifield of Jamaica, L. E. Holden of Brattleboro, C. H. Willard and M. J. Haggood of Peru constituted committee.

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WANT TEN PER CENT. RAISE.

Barre Laundry Workers Apply to Manager of Barre Steam Laundry.

The agreement under which the members of the local branch of the laundry workers' union are employed expires April 6th and the union has presented a new bill to the proprietor of the Barre steam laundry, Mrs. L. A. Houghton. The change in the new bill is a request for a ten per cent. increase in the wages of all the workers, the nine hour day to remain as at present.

Mrs. Houghton met the members of the union Tuesday evening and the matter of the new scale of prices was discussed and she stated that under the present conditions she was unable to meet the demand of the union; and the matter has not been settled yet.

The Barre branch of the union is composed of 15 members, all of whom are employed in the Barre steam laundry and the increase asked would amount to about \$15 a week.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Visitors to Barre Who Were Registered Last Night and To-day.

Among arrivals at the City hotel last evening and to-day are D. P. Coffin, Boston; A. M. Buck, Canaan, N. H.; L. I. Allen, Boston; A. H. Sweet, Portland, Me.; W. P. Welch, Burlington; J. E. Rogers, New York; Frank Grant, Boston.

Among arrivals at the Hotel Otis yesterday were I. P. Hatch, Burlington; E. F. Nahon, Chicago; L. F. Ketchum, Boston; E. A. Fitts, H. J. Harper, Brookfield; John Kirk, New Haven, Conn.; Charles Jackson, New York; H. Robey, Burlington.

Yesterday's arrivals at the Northern hotel included Grant Heath, Boston; George Kelly, Quincy, Mass.; H. E. Palmer, Burlington; W. F. O'Neil, of Springfield, Mass.

FOR PROPOSED BLOCK.

City Engineer Survey the National Bank Site To-day.

City Engineer Reed was engaged this afternoon in surveying, to establish the street line at the National Bank of Barre corner, on request of the trustees of the Aldrich library fund. This is done with a view to the erection of a new block on the lot at some future time, to replace the bank building and the wooden building in the rear and on Elm street, the latter of which is occupied by the Economic grocery store. The Aldrich trustees made request for the survey at the meeting of the aldermen Tuesday night. The street committee inspected the location yesterday afternoon. This property was part of the large estate conveyed by the late Leonard F. Aldrich.

ON HIS OWN REQUEST

William H. Roakes Remains Are Being Brought to Montpelier.

Pursuant to William H. Roakes' request, his body is being brought to Montpelier from Worcester, Mass., for burial, and it is expected to reach there late this afternoon. He was a native of Montpelier, born 64 years ago, the son of Hugh and Mary Roakes. He had seven brothers and two sisters, of whom three survive. Barney, of Montpelier, Hugh of Winslow and John of Newport. William was in the Civil war, serving with the 13th Vermont regiment. Following the war he went to Boston, remaining there until two years ago, when he went to Worcester.

GENTLEMEN AS COOKS.

Served Banquet to Ladies of The Eastern Star Lodge.

Deputy Grand Matron Mrs. Hattie Jones of Richmond and Deputy Grand Patron A. E. House of Williamstown made their annual official visit last evening to Ruth Chapter, No. 33, Order of Eastern Stars. The meeting was largely attended and the work was highly spoken of by the visiting deputies. Following the meeting the gentlemen's circle served a banquet to the order in the banquet hall at which 150 people were served. The supper was a very enjoyable treat to the ladies and consisted of oysters, cold meats, rolls, doughnuts, coffee, oranges and bananas.

DIVORCE PETITION HEARD.

Decision Reserved in Case of Lizzie Wood vs. Joseph Wood of Barre.

In Washington county court to-day was heard the divorce petition of Mrs. Lizzie Wood vs. Joseph Wood, but decision was reserved. Mrs. Wood gave her testimony, saying that their family troubles began with license in Barre and that she finally left her husband. A child was born to them, but the father did not evince the least desire to see the child. The defendant's whereabouts were unknown and he was not represented. The petitioner was represented by S. Hollister Jackson.

TOOK THE PLEDGE.

Alex. McMillan Hadn't Broken Over for Three Years.

In consideration that Alexander McMillan had not broken over for three years, Judge Harvey of the Montpelier city court allowed him to take the pledge when brought into court this morning. So McMillan paid the costs of the case and went out with a promise not to get drunk again.

QUARANTINE RAISED

On the Warner Orphanage at St. Albans Yesterday.

St. Albans, March 12.—The Warner Home for little wanderers, which has been in quarantine for six weeks for diphtheria and scarletina, was released yesterday.

TO-NIGHT IN BARRE.

Official visitation to Hiawatha lodge, Odd Fellows, and banquet at the Hiawatha. Quite a large crowd went up from the City and a few from Granvilleville. Cake and coffee were served after the banquet. The P. H. C. wish to tender a vote of thanks to all those who so kindly attended.

ONE DAY NEARER END

But Otherwise No Change In Local Situation

QUARRYMEN REGISTER

Secretary James Duncan of Granite Cutters' International Union Telegraphs Terms of Quincy Polishers' Settlement—Quarry Owners Meet.

Corresponding Secretary A. M. Smith of the Granite Cutters' Union is an optimist. To the reporter's daily query for news of the situation in the tie-up of the granite industry in Barre and vicinity, his reply is: "The only thing I know is, we are one day nearer settlement."

That is the most cheering and all the news there is to-day. None of the committees have gotten together yet, and so far as known no meetings have been arranged for.

The Quarry Owners' Association held a regular meeting last evening, but only routine business was transacted. The Quarryworkers' Union held a regular meeting at Granvilleville last evening, the only business transacted being to arrange for the registration of members, which began in the room in the basement of the Hooker block at 1 o'clock to-day. Strike pay will date from last Monday.

At the headquarters of the different unions in Barre, everything is moving along smoothly. At the headquarters of the Polishers, the following dispatch from Quincy was received yesterday afternoon: "Quincy polishers settled \$3 minimum, Saturday half-holiday in summer, full recognition of hand polishers. Newspaper report that they recognized the no-discrimination clause is false. Their agreement on that point is exactly similar to our agreement recognized elsewhere. James Duncan."

A Boston paper publishes the following as a statement from Mr. Duncan: "The polishers are pleased to have closed their first agreement with the manufacturers, and now all the granite cutters, tool sharpeners and polishers employed in Quincy are at work. I noted that some of the papers declared that the tool sharpeners waived the closed shop when agreeing to the terms of the contract. That is untrue, for the reason that in their contract