

WARNING TRUE; BANK ROBBED OF \$16,000

Pepperell, Mass. Cashier, Who Got Telephone Warning, Only Laughed at His Informant Yesterday Afternoon.

FIVE BOLD YEGGMEN SPED AWAY IN AUTO

Before Beginning Their Work the Robbers Locked Up Cashier Tarbell and Wired the Neighbors Into Their Houses.

Pepperell, Mass., Dec. 2.—Five armed robbers blew up the safe in the First National bank this morning and got \$16,000. They fled in an auto and under a rain of bullets.

Before beginning their work the robbers first fastened the doors of several houses nearby, using wire for the purpose.

Half an hour after the robbery a big automobile sped through Dunstable, headed toward Lowell, Ayer or Boston.

A strange feature of the robbery is that Cashier Tarbell was called on the telephone yesterday by some unknown person and was given the following warning:

"They're going to blow the banks in Pepperell and Ayer tonight. Better look out for your."

The party then rang off. Cashier Tarbell laughed and took no notice of the warning.

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NECK BROKEN LIVED A DAY

Thomas Lucas of St. Albans Victim of Wind

WAS BLOWN OFF PLATFORM

The Accident Happened Monday Evening and He Lived Until This Morning With Body All Paralyzed.

St. Albans, Dec. 2.—Thomas Lucas, aged 60 years, died early this morning from injuries sustained Monday afternoon when he was blown by the wind from a platform to the ground.

He was working at the St. Albans Grain company's shed at about six o'clock when he was caught by a heavy gust of wind as he was in the act of closing a door.

He was taken to his home on Lower Welden street. Mr. Lucas was paralyzed from his shoulders down, and in spite of the broken neck lingered until this morning.

ORANGE COUNTY COURT

Opened Yesterday and the Grand Jury Began Its Work.

Chelsea, Dec. 2.—Orange county court convened yesterday morning. Judge Willard W. Miles of Barton presiding, with assistant judges Horace White of Topsham and Dana H. Morse of Randolph also on the bench.

In the afternoon session the special grand jurors were called upon, after which Judge Miles gave them instructions as to their duties.

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AUTOMOBILE TAXATION.

Subject for Animated Discussion Before Legislative Committee.

The taxation of automobiles according to their horse-power was the subject of an animated discussion before the committee on highways and bridges at the State House in Montpelier last night.

John W. Gordon of Barre opened the discussion by attacking the bill under discussion, H. 451, as class legislation. He said there was no accurate rule for testing horse power except a brake test, and compelling an owner to swear there to practically made him commit perjury.

He said it was also unjust, as it made no distinction between old and new machines, and imposed as much tax on a 30-horse power machine that cost \$1,500, as one of the same horse power that cost \$5,000.

E. L. Bates of Bennington and Dr. E. H. Ross of St. Johnsbury followed along the same lines, the latter calling attention to the constitutional provision which declares that the burden of taxation shall lie equally.

Secretary Lester H. Green of the Vermont Automobile club presented 45 letters from automobilists, one signed by 14 residents of Morrisville. The latter called attention to the fact that the bill would take the machines from the local tax lists and deprive the owners of the right to offset their debts.

It also called for a sliding scale of valuation. A letter from W. D. Woolton of Springfield said the bill was unreasonable and might just as properly propose to tax a horse on his speed.

Representative H. G. Barber said the bill was wrong in principle. All taxation laws are based on value. There are 175 machines in Brattleboro that pay local taxes and they ought not to be removed from the list. It would be a dangerous precedent.

Guy W. Bailey, secretary of state, answered questions in regard to the method of estimating horse power. He said the method condemned by Mr. Gordon was that adopted by the American association of licensed automobile dealers and by the Royal Automobile club of England.

He read from the report regarding local taxation of machines in St. Albans, Burlington, Barre and Montpelier. Many of the machines licensed ceased local taxation and all of them were listed at a very low figure, averaging a little over \$200 each.

Mr. Gordon, he drew out the fact that there were half a dozen machines in Barre that were practically worthless.

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IS COSTING STATE A VERY LARGE SUM

In Three Months Vermont Paid \$23,067.56 For Cattle Found to Be Infected With Tuberculosis.

Amend the state-wide discussion of the cost of testing of cattle in the state of Vermont it is announced today that during the time from September 1 to December 1, 1908, \$22,067.56 for cattle that have been tested and found to be infected. That would make the average cost \$21.41 per head, as there were 1,020 animals killed altogether, out of 8,573 tested.

NATIVE OF VERMONT

ARREST OF MR. BALESTIER. Kipling's Brother-in-Law Charged With Damaging Lady's Farm.

Brattleboro, Dec. 2.—Beatty S. Balestier, brother-in-law of Rudyard Kipling and who has been the principal figure in an ejectment suit, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Myron P. Davis in a damage suit brought by Mrs. Barrett S. Baker of Cleveland, Ohio, charging Mr. Balestier with having committed waste upon the property of the plaintiff while he was in possession of the same.

The declaration sets up that Mr. Balestier has been a tenant at will on the farm owned by the plaintiff in Brattleboro since December 1, 1904. During this time she alleges that he has used the bays in the barn as sheep pens and allowed the silos in the barn to decay; that he has not kept the tillage land in a proper state of cultivation but has sold 30 loads of fertilizer which should have been used on her land; that he allowed the floors of the kitchen to decay and has not repaired the same as he should have done, all to the damage of the plaintiff's property she says, in the sum of \$4,000.

The writ is returnable at the next term of Windham county court. Mr. Balestier was released on bail of \$1,000 which was furnished by Charles Miner.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Constituted an Evening With The Sons of St. George.

The installation of the officers of Hearts of Oak lodge, Sons of St. George, was held in the Proctors' hall last evening. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: W. P. George Lake; W. V. P. Albert Abbott; W. S. William Oliver, jr.; W. A. S. Sydney Oliver; W. T. John Bishop; M. Nicholas Veale; chaplain, George Morris; A. M. George, blunder; instrumental, Thomas Bland; arranger, Charles Higgs.

As a part of the evening's arrangements, a program was given, to the enjoyment of which the families of the members and their friends were invited. The program consisted of the following: Solo, N. Veale; reading, Sydney Oliver; solo, Richard Veale; selection by the Sons of St. George quartette; recitation, Mary Bishop; solo, William Oliver, jr.; and the party then partook of coffee, sandwiches, cake and ice cream. The remainder of the time was spent in a social way, and the 125 people present seemed pleased and pronounced the affair a real success.

HOUSE GETS RUFFLED

And Finally Refuses to Request Governor

FOR RETURN OF DOE BILL

Governor Prouty Had Refused to Give It Up Except on Vote of the House—Other Doings of Our Legislature.

State House, Dec. 2. The "doe bill" is exactly where it was on Tuesday, in the governor's hands, in spite of the Senate's action on Tuesday afternoon in voting to ask the House for the return of the bill. This morning Mr. Ripley of Poultney moved that the House ask the governor for the return of the bill. Speaker Cheney notified him that the clerk would go for the bill and when it was in the possession of the House that body could do what it desired with reference to acting upon the Senate's request.

Mr. Cook of Danby didn't exactly understand what was going on and inquired of the speaker. When informed, he was so anxious to get at that bill that he remarked something about "recalling the clerk."

In short time Clerk Plumley returned but with no bill in his hand, and after conferring with Speaker Cheney, the latter announced that the governor would not return the bill except upon request of the House by vote. Mr. Adams of Marlboro thought the legislature had fooled enough with the bill, and he was not in favor of returning it to the Senate. Neither was Mr. Howe of Bennington, the author of the bill, who said that he was satisfied to leave it in the hands of the governor.

Mr. Estey of Plymouth called for the yeas and nays and the House emphatically refused to ask the governor for the return of the bill, the vote being 178 to 41.

In the Senate yesterday afternoon it was voted, upon motion of Senator Lewis of Lamotte, to ask the House for a return of the bill. The motion was carried only 11 to 10. The bill was considered by this body before the Thanksgiving recess, and passed with one vote to spare.

In the Senate this morning House bill 401, providing for the cutting down of bushes near the roadsides during the months of August and September, passed after a short debate. In the House, bill 393 was passed. It was drawn up to control gypsy bands and provides that they cannot stop or camp for more than an hour after being notified by land owners or selectmen to move on. It provides a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$20 for non-compliance with the provisions of the act. A bill to increase the efficiency of the national guard was passed in the House this morning. It was bill 327, which provides for the payment of half day's wages on the scale paid in the United States army, for drills. The members of the companies cannot draw for more than 24 drills a year.

New Bills Yesterday Afternoon. Two bills were introduced in the House and two in the Senate yesterday afternoon, the ones in the former being by Mr. Watson of St. Albans City relating to action for negligence, making contributory negligence not a bar to recovery, and the other by Mr. Divoll of Rockingham to incorporate the Masonic association of Bellows Falls. The new bills in the Senate were as follows: from the judiciary committee, an act providing a penalty of \$50 for willful and unlawful attachment of wages by trustee process, and the other, by Senator Lewis of Lamotte, an act relating to notices by publication, each relating to notices by publication, each relating to notices by publication.

The House yesterday afternoon put a quietus to the carrying of intoxicating liquors into penal institutions. It is 118, by the judiciary committee, an act to prohibit the carrying of intoxicating liquors into penal institutions.

Killed by House Today. The following bills were killed by the House today: H. 186, relating to the appointment of health officers.

H. 378, relating to bastardy proceedings.

H. 481, an act to protect fish.

H. 488, to protect certain fur-bearing animals.

H. 520, relating to commitment of delinquent taxpayers.

Bills passed by the House today were as follows: H. 328, an act to incorporate the Congregational church of Hinesburg.

H. 444, an act to incorporate the West Derby Baptist church of West Derby.

H. 522, relating to the prudential committee of the graded school at Lyndon.

H. 533, to legalize the quadrennial appraisal of the town of Chittenden for 1922 and 1906, and the grand list for

WILL NOW WAIT FOR ABUTTERS

City Believes They Should Join in Movement

TO TURN RIVER COURSE

On the Ground That They Will Receive Largely of the Benefits to Accrue—Only One Man Answered the Summons to Appear.

The attorneys for the Barre railroad and the Central Vermont and all the promoters of the project to change the river bed back of the business blocks on Main street were notified to be present at the meeting of the city council last evening for a hearing as to whether they would agree to enter into the scheme jointly with the city and stand for their share of the responsibility. H. C. Shurtleff of Montpelier, representing the Barre railroad, was the only person to appear before the council.

Mayor Robins stated that since the council had gone ahead and drawn up the bill now before the legislature, which, if passed, will give the city the power to condemn such land needed for the new river bed and now owned by the Central Vermont, that their views in regard to taking the initiative in the work had changed somewhat, and that they did not now believe that the city should take the whole matter on its own shoulders; that they had decided that the proposed change was not entirely a public benefit, but was more of a private benefit and for this reason the abutters should get together and if the work is done stand jointly with the city.

The mayor said that the change meant an expenditure of over \$40,000. All of the land-owners and abutters, he said, were not together on the question, and it was not best for the city to go ahead with the matter and bear the whole responsibility of expense and any litigation that might arise. Mr. Shurtleff said that he thought that as far as the railroad was concerned it would be of no benefit to them with the exception of doing away with two bridges, and did not think that they would feel like contributing anything to the expense of the work.

As none of the other interested parties appeared, the council then voted on a motion by Alderman Alexander to instruct the city representative to have the bill which is now in the hands of the committee on municipal corporations held up in the committee until further notice. The council took this action in order that if the abutters wanted to get together jointly with the city, the bill would then be allowed to go through; otherwise it would be smothered.

Before taking up the discussion of the river bed question, the council transacted the following business: a communication from Mrs. Phoebe Gale was read asking for a rebate of \$5 from her horse rent bill, as she claimed that she had not been able to use the horse but four times during the year on account of being forbidden to use it by the city. On motion of Alderman Thurston, the matter was referred to the water committee to investigate and report.

The following reports from the building inspector were read and accepted and permits were granted: Edwin Carleton to patch the roof of his horse shed in the rear of the Baptist church; J. J. Sowles, to patch the roof of a shed; D. Perletti, to put in a new window in his house. A Brogini made application for a permit to move a small house on Berlin street owned by A. F. Sortwell to Sixth street. Refused to the street committee to investigate.

On motion of Alderman Ladd, it was voted to turn over to the treasurer of the Aldrich library trustees the \$750 which the city appropriated for the maintenance of the library, \$250 to go towards paying the expense of cataloguing the books, and \$500 to the maintenance of the library.

Concert Wednesday Evening. The following program will be given at the Barre Male Chorus concert at the Barre opera house Wednesday evening, December 2, assisted by Mr. Irving Potter, reader; Mr. Edwin Bruce, violinist; Mrs. Bateholder, accompanist; Mr. L. G. Griffiths, conductor.

1. Soldier's Victory March.....Gwent Male Chorus

2. Violin solo (a) Humoreske.....Dvorak (b) Menuett.....Bethoven Mr. Bruce

3. Bass solo—The Miser's Remorse.....Webster Mr. Blake

4. Reading.....Selected Mr. Potter

5. Sunnet.....Vandewater Male Chorus

6. Violin solo (a) Ave Maria.....Schubert (b) Serenade.....Drdia Mr. Bruce

7. Quartet Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Grant, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Messer

8. Reading.....Selected Mr. Potter

9. Tenor Solo—Ever With Thee.....Raff Mr. Griffiths

10. Hark, the Trumpet.....Buck Male Chorus

TO-NIGHT IN BARRE

Grand concert by Barre male chorus, opera house. Bowling, Crescents vs. Capitals, Buzze's alleys. Basket ball, Vulcans vs. Barre Independents, Barre's pavilion. The Comique picture show, A. Tomasi block.

The Theatrum, 46 Main street, Massacree's theatre, Scampini block.

NO-LICENSE WINS IN SOME CITIES

Warm Contest in Massachusetts All The Old Mayors in Seven Cities Re-elected With One Exception.

Boston, Dec. 2.—The champions of no-license succeeded in inducing New Bedford and Marlboro to vote yesterday in favor of closing the saloons. The feature of the municipal elections yesterday in seven of the thirty-three cities of the state was the campaign carried on against no-license in the two places named and in Northampton and Fitchburg.

The two latter cities, however, voted to continue the sale of liquor, but by reduced majorities. Waltham and Quincy, strong no-license towns, repeated last year's verdict and Fitchburg again voted for license.

In Marlboro, a license majority of 531 last year was turned into a majority of 307 for no-license.

New Bedford, which voted in favor of liquor selling last year by less than 100 votes went "dry" yesterday by 134 majority, after a stubbornly fought campaign.

With the exception of Fitchburg, where M. Frederick O'Connell Ind-Cit, was chosen the cities re-elected their present mayors.

The weather was fine and warm and a heavy vote was polled, especially in New Bedford, Marlboro, Fitchburg and Northampton.

The summary of the mayoralty election:

Cities Mayors Elected. Fitchburg.....M. Fred O'Connell Marlboro.....Henry Parsons New Bedford.....W. J. Bullock Northampton.....J. W. O'Brien Pittsfield.....W. H. Maclean Quincy.....W. T. Shea Waltham.....E. A. Walker

Re-elected.

NATIVE OF VERMONT, PRES. EMERSON DEAD

Charles W. Emerson Had Preached in Brookfield and Northfield Before Entering Upon Oratory Work.

Boston, Dec. 2.—Charles Wesley Emerson, founder of the Monroe Conservatory of Oratory, and for many years president of the Emerson college of Oratory is dead at his home in Milton. He was 71 years old, was born in Pittsfield, Vt., and came of a family which settled in Ipswich in 1638.

After leaving the public schools he was under the instruction of his father in higher English, scientific and classical studies. He completed a course of theological study under the Rev. Dr. Tyler of Vermont, preaching his first sermon at the age of 19. He was afterward ordained to the gospel ministry by the association of Congregational ministers in Windham county, Vt., at the age of 21. His first pastorate of three years was in Halifax, Vt., in which he was settled for four years in Brookfield, Vt., and afterward preached for three years in Northfield, Vt. Subsequently he was installed pastor of the First Parish in Fitchburg, Mass., and for nearly five years was preacher to a large congregation. He afterward graduated and took the degree of M. D. from the university of Pennsylvania, and also passed through two departments of Boston university—law and oratory. Through failing health Dr. Emerson had to give up ministerial work. He spent a few months in travel then accepted a position as lecturer on vocal physiology and hygiene in the Boston university school of oratory. The funeral will be in the Congregational church of Mills tomorrow at 1:45 p. m.

HEAVY FAILURE OF PITTSBURG EIRM

John D. Armstrong Company of Pittsburg Has Liabilities of a Million and a Half Dollars.

Pittsburg, Dec. 2.—The John D. Armstrong company, one of the best known brokerage houses, has assigned. The liabilities are \$1,500,000, and the assets \$1,200,000. W. C. Rainbow is the assignee.

WILLIAMS—BROOKINGS.

Wedding Cards Announce Marriage of Montpelier Couple.

Cards were given out in Montpelier today announcing the marriage in that city yesterday of Ernest G. Williams and Miss Esther S. Brookings, both of Montpelier. They went away last night on a wedding trip and will be at home after February 1. The groom is employed by the American Express company and the bride has been a trimmer in the millinery shop of C. D. Wheelock.

The petition made of the Rutland railroad for the discontinuation of the station-agent at Healdville has been dismissed by the railroad commissioners "without prejudice, at the request of the petitioners," and the station will be continued as in the past. By this move on the part of the railroad company, the hearing which was to have been held at Ludlow tomorrow will be unnecessary.

The exploding of a lantern in the parrot caused the destruction of Henry Her's house in Brandon Sunday night. The family lost everything. The total loss is \$2,000 with an insurance of \$500.

POPE WOULDN'T OBEY.

He Got Up Today in Spite of Physicians' Protest.

Rome, Dec. 2.—Despite his physicians' protests the pope left his bed and said mass in the private chapel. He then received Merry Del Val. General audiences will be held Monday if his convalescence continues.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Read Abbott's adv. on page 2. W. H. Harrison and James Ingram of New York arrived in the city today for a few days' business visit.