

OILS MADE BRISK FIRE

Boston Had Threatening Incident This Morning

LARGE BUILDING DAMAGED

Several Firms Were Burned Out at 305-311 Atlantic Avenue, But Firemen Got Upper Hands After an Hour.

Boston, Dec. 12.—Fire which started at 12:40 o'clock this morning, badly damaged a large five-story brick building at 305-311 Atlantic avenue, occupied by a number of firms, including the Patterson-Sargent company of New York, Cleveland and Chicago, manufacturers of paints, varnishes, etc.

The fire originated in the lower part of the building and burned out the first and third floors, of which the Patterson-Sargent company was the principal occupant.

The flames, fed on oil and varnish became so menacing to adjoining buildings that three alarms were rung in.

Following the outbreak of the fire, a hot air explosion occurred, scattering the flames throughout the lower stories. Two firemen, John Crowley of Ladder 8, and William O'Brien of Engine 5, were severely cut by glass.

The building extends to 130 Broad street in the rear, and it was at this point that the fire was the most threatening.

At the end of an hour's fight, the department had the fire under control. The upper stories were damaged only by smoke, but the loss to the Patterson-Sargent company and several smaller firms is heavy.

Among the other occupants are the Mount Washington Box company, Compressed Yeast company, the Preston-Merrill company, painters, Reynolds Machine company, S. M. Scribner, lithographer, the Waters Printing company and the P. Dodge company, printers.

VILLAGE THREATENED.

Lee, Me., Town Hall Was Destroyed Yesterday Afternoon.

Lee, Me., Dec. 12.—Lack of a high wind, considerable snow on the roofs and a bucket brigade composing practically every inhabitant, was all that saved this village from destruction in a fire that burned the town hall yesterday afternoon.

Elmwood hall was formerly a church and was bought several years ago by the town and used as the town hall.

Yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock, fire started in the attic. No fire department or fire fighting apparatus made the danger to nearby buildings very great.

Inhabitants of the town were summoned from all directions by telephone and by the handiest kind of work succeeded in confining the fire to the town hall and to the house of G. W. Coffin, situated just beyond the hall.

The hall and Coffin dwelling were destroyed. The loss on the hall is about \$4,500, insured for \$1,500; loss on the dwelling \$1,000, insured for about \$1,000.

Elmwood hall occupied an important position, as it was the place where all social affairs were held, including the annual graduation exercises of the historic Lee Normal academy.

BRIBERY ALLEGED.

And Base Ball League Appoints Committee to Investigate.

New York, Dec. 12.—The National league of baseball clubs yesterday appointed a committee of four of its members to investigate reports by Umpire Klem and Johnston, that an attempt was made to bribe them at the New York-Chicago game, played at the New York Polo grounds on Oct. 9.

The committee consists of John T. Brush, president of the New York club, chairman; Charles H. Ebbetts, August Herman and President Harry C. Pullam of the National league. The names of the men who are alleged to have attempted bribery were not disclosed.

The charges were presented at a session at which all the clubs were represented. John T. Brush, president of the New York club, had not been at the previous session, because he had been ill.

It was made clear that there were few close decisions in the memorable contest of Oct. 8, which gave Chicago the pennant—at least none that affected the result. The game was ordered played, after the regular session closed, because of the tie for first place between New York and Chicago, when the last of the regularly scheduled games had been played.

Contributing to the excitement of the situation, with the championship hanging on a single game, was the disputed tie of Sept. 23, which New York lost because Merkle failed to touch second base.

The echoes of that memorable contest and the excitement in the baseball world, which followed it, had died away to a great extent, only to be re-awakened by the sensation of today.

With the conclusion of the National league meeting, it was expected that the many rumors about deals for players would be confirmed. The only report which received confirmation, however, was the engagement of Clark Griffith as manager of the Cincinnati club. The former manager of the New York Americans goes to Cincinnati, it is understood, on a one-year contract, which he has the option of renewing. The new manager said last night that he would not consider any change in the make-up of the "Reds" until he had looked over the field.

VT. NATIONAL GUARD INEFFICIENT IN PART

Severe Handling of Five Companies by The Inspecting Officer, Lieut. Chapman—Recommends Several Changes.

Rutland, Dec. 12.—Lieut. L. A. I. Chapman of the 5th U. S. cavalry, who made an inspection of the Vermont National Guard, for the government last March, has just submitted to the officers here a report of his findings. He declares the five out of the 12 companies are more or less indifferent. The field staff, hospital corps and band he found satisfactory. He speaks of the regimental commander and staff as men of high standing in military attainments, aggressive and deeply interested in their work.

The companies found efficient for service are A of Rutland, D of St. Johnsbury, F of Bellows Falls, F of Northfield, H of Montpelier, I of Brattleboro and M of Burlington.

Lieut. Chapman states that Company B of St. Albans lacks confidence in its captain and could not be relied on for efficient field service as now organized but that it could be made efficient if the commander would devote more attention to records and property details. Lack of interest on the part of citizens is given by the inspecting officer as the reason for the inefficiency of Company C of Brandon. This he says has a most depressing effect on the men.

The officer found the spirit of Company G of Bradford poor, the men lacking snap and recommended that the company be mustered out unless marked improvement could be made. Company L of Newport he characterized as wholly inefficient, having a disturbingly subordinate element which must be weeded out before any service could be expected of the company. He recommends a new captain. Company K of Bennington had no drill at the time of the inspection and as the men had not had opportunity to work the inspection did not occur at a time which would determine its efficiency.

Lieut. Chapman recommends that the officers and men receive one day's pay at United States rates for 36 drills in a year. This would be some in lieu of the men to attend drills and would not add greatly to the cost of maintaining the militia by the state. He recommends that the annual officers' school now held in the winter, take place in the summer before the annual muster.

WIFE HAD HIM ARRESTED.

Rutland Man's Story Disagreed From That of His Wife.

Rutland, Dec. 12.—J. G. Regale of Curran avenue was up before City Judge Walter K. Farnsworth in city court yesterday on the charge of breach of the peace. His wife had him arrested. She told Policeman Elworth that he hadn't worked for a long time and that Thursday noon he came home, threatened her with violence and put her and the five children out of the house. She said the only money they had to live on was a small remittance which she received regularly from New York, and that her husband would never work as long as that held out.

Regale's story was different. He said he got home a little late for dinner Thursday, tired out with a fruitless search for work. He sat down in the dining room to read and smoke and his wife began to scream. She said he was a brute and that she wasn't going to live with him any longer. He replied in a calm voice that the door was there and that nobody was holding her. "Then," said Regale, "she walked out shouting that I would go, too. Then the first thing I knew the cop came down and pinched me."

Mrs. Regale did not come into court today because one of her children is sick, but when Grand Juror Kingsley said he would have to send for her, Regale withdrew his plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty. Judge Farnsworth sentenced him to serve 30 days in the county jail. Regale pleaded hard for a fine, but the judge was obdurate.

SUSPICIONS OF FIRE.

Which Destroyed Slaughter House and Many Animals at Randolph.

Randolph, Dec. 12.—An alarm of fire was sounded about 4 o'clock Friday morning. The fire was found to be in the slaughter house owned by D. D. Howe and occupied by Lewis Jerd. When first discovered it was past cooking; the roof being nearly ready to fall; and the entire property was consumed with contents which consisted of all the tools of Mr. Jerd, 16 pigs and one beef which was taken there the night before. The loss to Mr. Jerd is estimated between five and six hundred dollars with no insurance. It is understood that the building also was without insurance.

The origin of the fire has not been determined and a variety of opinions are rife. No fire had been in the building since a few days the previous day when it was employed to brick up the furnace or stove making it entirely safe in every part. The loss falls heavily upon Mr. Jerd, he not having been long established in business. The fact of the building being removed quite a distance from any others, was especially fortunate in present condition of the water supply.

EAST BARRE.

Silver Leaf circle meets next Tuesday evening for its regular election of officers. All members please be present.

Millstone lodge, N. E. O. P., will give a whist party in I. O. O. F. hall next Monday evening to which the public is invited. A collection will be taken.

At the Ladies' Aid fair this week the silk quilt has been in the post office window was drawn by Harriet Southwick and the white outlined quilt was sold to Mrs. M. E. Cutler. The ladies have three quilts left which are for sale.

Emil Villa, who was arrested at Hardwick a few days ago by Deputy Sheriff Slayton, has been released from county jail at Montpelier, as he was able to secure bail.

BIG WINDFALL FOR HARDWICK

\$1,000,000 City Hall Contract in Chicago

FOR WOODBURY COMPANY

That Means That One Entire Block in the Windy City Will Be a Mass of Vermont Granite.

Hardwick, Dec. 12.—The Woodbury Granite company has been awarded the contract for the granite exterior of the Chicago city hall, price in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. The contract calls for some 250,000 cubic feet of the cut Woodbury gray granite.

The city hall will be a duplicate of the new Cook county court house, for which the Woodbury Granite company furnished the granite. The two buildings together occupy a solid block and on the completion of the city hall the separating wall will be demolished.

The new contract means 12 months more work at the local quarries and sheds for 300 men.

WILL MEET IN NEWPORT.

Vermont State Horticultural Society So Decides.

Burlington, Dec. 12.—At a business meeting of the executive committee of the Vermont State Horticultural society, held at the Van Ness house yesterday afternoon, it was decided to accept Governor Prouty's very pressing invitation to hold the next annual meeting of the society at Newport. No date has as yet been decided upon, but it will probably occur some time during November of 1909. It was also decided to invite the delegates to the next New England conference of state horticultural societies to meet with the Vermont society at Newport next fall.

It was the unanimous opinion of the committee that the society should make an exhibit of fruit at the New England fruit exhibit to be held at Boston next October. Some assistance from the state will probably be solicited in order to make as large and creditable a display as possible.

Considerable time was spent by the committee in discussing plans by which the society might do more effective service in awakening a greater interest in the state.

The committee is composed of G. W. Perry, president of Chester Depot; E. S. Bingham of St. Albans; T. L. Kinney of South Hero; E. L. Wright of Middlebury and W. Stuart, secretary, of Burlington, and all were present at the meeting.

ALL DID WELL.

In Prize Speaking Contest at Plainfield.

Plainfield, Dec. 12.—The young people of the Plainfield graded school entertained their parents and friends last evening with a very interesting program consisting of readings and musical selections.

Rev. P. B. Fisk, Rev. A. W. Hewitt and Mrs. P. J. Morse were the judges, and the prizes were awarded as follows: in the primary room Miss Luvia Page, and Maurice Townsend; intermediate room Miss Fanny Martin and Henry Hudson.

The young people in the grammar room did splendid work and the judges finally decided to award the prizes to Miss Beatrice Kellogg and Harold Perry. All the young people who took part in the entertainment, as well as the teachers deserve commendation for the time and labor spent preparing the entertainment.

HAD TRADING INSTINCTS.

Did This Young Man Who Hired a Team and Drove Away.

Rutland, Dec. 12.—A young man giving his name as Archie St. Peters is under arrest here charged with horse stealing. It appears that he hired a horse and sleigh from Mr. Boynton in Londonderry Thursday and proceeded toward this city. On the way the sleighing gave out and he wrapped the sleigh for a buggy. In this city yesterday he traded horses but before he left Castleton, Deputy Sheriff J. W. Melendy of South Londonderry got him. All the stolen property has been recovered or is located with the exception of a fur robe which is under investigation.

The sleigh, Mr. Boynton came through with the officer and they will return to Londonderry with their man. St. Peters, as he calls himself, ran a boarding house in Bridgewater last year but was then known by another name.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Angelo Mucchi of Milford, N. H., is in the city on business. Manuel Monary of Montpelier, secretary of the state federation of labor, was a visitor in the city to-day and distributed the proceedings of the recent convention of the Federation of Labor.

The Capital bowling team of Montpelier was defeated in both of its games at Burlington last night, although it got two strikes with each of its competitors, the Ethans and the Alfens. The results do not affect the standing of the two Barre teams, which are at the top of the state league, the Calumets with 800 percentage, and the Crestants with 645, or 90 points ahead of the third team, the Queen City.

Attorneys Edwin L. Scott and J. Ward Carver, who have done business under the partnership name of Scott & Carver, with offices in the Miles building, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Scott will occupy the offices in the Miles building and Mr. Carver has moved his effects to the office in Charles H. Campbell's half of the Granite Savings bank building, formerly occupied by Frank D. Burgess.

HUNDREDS OF SHRINERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

Sevra Candidates Were Initiated, Officers Were Elected and a Luncheon Was Served—Sums of Money Voted.

The annual meeting of Mount Sinai Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, held at the armory in Montpelier last night, was attended by over three hundred men from all over the eastern section of the state and by some from other sections. Rev. Temple of Reading, Pa., Aleppo of Boston, Media of Watertown, N. Y., and Cairo of Western Vermont being represented.

Seven candidates were put over the usual heated bits of desert, being as follows, Frank H. Tracy of Montpelier, John M. Willard and Fred P. Townsend of East Montpelier, Richard Burr W. P. Neal and F. C. Nelson of Newport and A. A. Pomeroy of Colchester, P. O.

After the initiation the officers were chosen for the coming year as follows: Illustrious potentate, Lester H. Greene of Montpelier; chief ruban, Isaac Bailey of Brattleboro; assistant chief ruban, Thomas W. Fletcher of Brattleboro; high priest and prophet, Collins Plakely of Montpelier; oriental judge, Dr. Joe W. Jackson of Barre; treasurer, Dean F. Town of Barre; recorder, C. H. Heaton of Montpelier (his 22nd election); representatives to the imperial council at Louisville next June, H. W. Barrows of Stowe, E. J. Foster of Waterbury Center, F. L. Davis of North Pomfret and John H. Senter of Montpelier.

A luncheon was served afterwards, during which Whittier's orchestra furnished the music. The initiation services were heightened by vocal solos by George Eisenbrow of Reading, Pa.

The sum of \$100 was voted to purchase a jewel for the retiring potentate, George R. Randall of Wells River, and a sum was also voted for charitable purposes.

CAIRO TEMPLE ALSO.

Met at Rutland and Initiated Fifteen Candidates.

Rutland, Dec. 12.—At the annual meeting of Cairo Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, here yesterday afternoon, the following officers were elected: Illustrious potentate, Thomas P. Bragg; chief ruban, Dr. D. C. Noble; Middlebury; assistant chief, G. G. Mansur, Burlington; high priest and prophet, Samuel T. Bruley, Rutland; oriental judge, Park H. Pollard, Proctorsville; treasurer, A. H. Varney, Poultney; recorder, Philip H. Sawyer, Rutland; representatives to imperial council, C. F. Rockwood, Burlington, W. L. Davis, Rutland, George F. Fletcher, Springfield, George H. Shinniville, Fair Haven.

Fifteen candidates were initiated yesterday making the membership of Cairo Temple 657. There were 300 people at the annual hall last night.

GODDARD HONOR LIST.

Shows That Miss Barbara Clark of Barre Led The School Last Term.

The honor list at Goddard seminary for the fall term which closed yesterday shows that Miss Barbara Clark of this city leads the school, with Miss Katherine Graves of Wells River second, and Frank Towler of Waterbury third. Next in order come the following: Miss Marion Raymond of Springfield, Miss Daisy Spooner of Northfield, John McLean of Graniteville, Miss Earle of Graniteville, John McLean of Ryegate, Miss Beulah Bates of East Barre and Miss Marion Sherman of Williamsville.

ONE VOTE CHANGED.

Davis of Barre Town Went From Yes to Nay on Offset Bill.

The Washington county vote in the House on the bill abolishing offsets was as follows: yeas, Daniels of East Montpelier, DeBoer of Montpelier, Webber of Woodbury; nays, Tilden of Barre City, Davis of Barre Town, Hewitt of Berlin, Ballentine of Calais, Hart of Duxbury, John of Fayston, Lomberton of Marshallfield, Brown of Middlesex, Hoves of Moretown, Tilden of Northfield, Martin of Plainfield, Kendall of Roxbury, Wilder of Waitsfield, Lyford of Warren, Boyce of Waterbury and Templeton of Worcester. The only vote changed from the one Wednesday, when the bill was introduced, was that of Davis of Barre Town, who changed to the nay column on Friday.

FISH PROTECTION.

No One Favored Proposed Law in Committee.

A public hearing was given last evening before the committee on game and fisheries on a bill introduced by Mr. Parish of Randolph to allow the fish and game commissioner to prevent sawdust and waste going into a stream from saw-mills after finding that it is killing off the fish. Not a word was spoken in favor of the bill, but several opposed it, including ex-Lieutenant Governor C. H. Stearns of Johnson, Senator Scott of Brandon, Senator Thayer of Addison and Representative Daniels of East Montpelier. The committee voted unanimously to report the bill unfavorably.

Bills Signed by Governor.

H. 308, an act to legalize the grand list of the town of Glastenbury for the year 1908.

H. 333, an act to incorporate the Congregational church of Blinesburg, Vermont.

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

H. 465, an act to amend section 4533 of the public statutes, relating to scheduled roads.

H. 483, an act to amend section 3747 of the public statutes, relating to appeals from commitment of insane persons.

H. 492, an act to legalize the grand list of the town of Bloomfield for the year 1907 and 1908.

H. 529, an act to amend section 6007 of the public statutes, relating to reports of superintendents of the state prison, the house of correction, and the Vermont industrial school.

H. 540, an act relating to the discharge of persons bound over.

Joint resolution relating to the pay of certain officials, of the Senate and House of Representatives.

LIQUOR LAW IN QUESTION

House Killed One Attempt to Change

AND FAVORED ANOTHER

The Senate Amended House Bill So as to Turn License Fees Into the General Fund of the State Treasury.

State House, Dec. 12.

One attempt to interfere with the liquor laws of the state was nipped in the bud to-day, when the House killed the bill which restricted the granting of second-class licenses, except in towns of more than 2,000 population. The bill had been amended by the temperance committee so that no second class licenses should be granted in towns of less than 1,000 population. Mr. Watson of St. Albans contended that the bill would destroy the rights of the towns, and a similar position was taken by others, after which the bill was dismissed by a large vote.

Another liquor bill was ordered to a third reading this forenoon. It forbids the express business from second-class saloons and provides that orders for liquor cannot be filled unless for the one who orders or for his family.

The Senate adopted an amendment to House bill 22, which provides that the money taken from license fees be turned into the general fund of the state treasury, instead of the permanent school fund, as the House proposed. The motion for amendment was made by Senator Butler and those who favored it were Senator Corry of Washington, Senator Lewis of Orleans and Senator Gorham of Windham.

The House killed the bill relating to evergreen trees and fixing a license fee of five cents for each tree, although there was some debate. The measure was opposed by Mr. Cook of Danby, by Mr. DeBoer of Montpelier, who declared that the proposed law would be clearly unconstitutional, and by Mr. Fuller of Bloomfield, Messrs. Adams of Marlboro, Hitchcock of Pittsford, Goodell of Whitehall and Lewis of Norwich. The bill was refused a third reading by 95 to 53.

Last and not least, also, the House killed the bill to "protect muskrat houses."

Anticipations of adjournment were in the air about the State House to-day, and since the committee work is fairly well in hand, it is expected that evening sessions of both branches will be held next week, which makes it a possibility for the legislature to reach final adjournment before Christmas.

Read Third Time and Passed by House.

H. 198, authorizing counties, towns, cities, villages, school districts or fire districts, to convert their bonds, promissory notes or certificate of indebtedness payable to bearer or to a person or corporation named or bearer, into registered obligations.

H. 325, relating to allowance of claims against the estate of deceased persons.

H. 388, relating to public telephone service.

H. 510, relating to the maintenance of waiting rooms by street railways.

H. 532, to provide for clerical assistance for the offices of secretary of state and state treasurer.

H. 565, to prohibit the discharge of sewerage or other polluted matter into the waters of Lake Bomoseen.

H. 576, requiring savings banks, savings institutions and trust companies to carry a cash reserve.

Third Reading Refused by Senate.

H. 558, an act requiring a report of prosecutions to the attorney general and giving the attorney general authority over prosecutions.

Resolution Introduced.

A joint resolution setting apart room number 3 in the State House for the use of the board of railroad commissioners and providing the necessary room for the use of the attorney general. The resolution was read and adopted.

Passed by Senate in Concurrence.

H. 90, an act relating to the election of representatives to the general assembly.

H. 513, an act amending the charter of the Troy Conference academy.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Considerable Important Legislation Considered and Acted Upon.

The House yesterday afternoon by a vote of 94 to 114 killed in cold blood the bill doing away with offsets; it refused to concur in the Senate's amendment to pay the printers' bill according to the schedule of the Senate committee on claims; it ordered the bill having reference to the tuberculin test of cattle to lie and be made a special order for Monday afternoon, and on the passage of the bill dividing the town of Pawlet it also ordered that bill to lie and be taken up as a special order for next Wednesday afternoon.

Just before adjournment on yesterday afternoon Speaker Cheney announced that the House had voted to stay over and work on Saturday all day and Monday and that bills of the utmost importance would be taken up in their order whether members were present or not. He said that if there was not a quorum present, the members might expect a call of the House, which would mean that they might have to stay locked in until enough members could be dragged in to make a quorum.

MADE A HOLE IN HIS SKULL

Hit by Coal Flying From Express Train

DEAF MUTE BADLY HURT

Peculiar Accident on Central Vermont Railroad to a Deaf Mute Who Was Working Beside the Track.

Jefferson Dyke, a deaf mute, is in the Heaton hospital at Montpelier with a fractured skull, an injury sustained in a most peculiar manner. Dyke was hit in the head with a large chunk of coal which flew from an express train as it sped by him at the rate of a mile a minute on the Central Vermont railroad near Roxbury yesterday afternoon. His recovery is looked for, although the man was still unconscious to-day.

Dyke, whose home is in Little Northfield, was a member of a gang of men who were shoveling for a gravel train near what is known as the "Roxbury fill." He had been with the gang only a few days. Yesterday afternoon the gravel train backed to Roxbury to take a siding to permit the northbound No. 3 express to pass, while a half a dozen shovellers were left at the "fill" to continue the work. Among the number was Dyke, who was working not far from the track. The express train came along with a rush, and the jar and the vibration loosened a large chunk of coal from the tender of the engine, the momentum of the locomotive hurling the chunk with great force.

Dyke unfortunately was in the line of the flying coal, and the missile hit him squarely in the right temple, breaking a hole in the skull and the missile itself being smashed into fine pieces by the contact. After the train had passed the other workmen discovered the unconscious form of the deaf mute. Subsequently Dyke was brought to the Heaton hospital, where Drs. Chandler and Lindsay performed an operation last night. The results were satisfactory, and the physicians give hope of his ultimate recovery.

The injured man is 45 years of age and is unmarried.

TOBACCO MAN FAILS.

P. N. Wheeler Has Liabilities of \$6,589.80, According to Schedule.

P. N. Wheeler, whose tobacco store on North Main street was closed a week ago on a mortgage foreclosure held by the National bank of Barre, has filed a petition in bankruptcy with Clerk Pratt of the United States court in Rutland. His liabilities are \$6,589.80 and his schedule of assets amounts to \$8,206.12, of which \$7,500 is an insurance policy payable to his wife or others.

IN BARRE GRANITE.

Monument to Memory of Indian Chief To Be Cut by Local Firm.

Novelli & Calegni have just been given the contract for cutting a monument which the state of Indiana is going to erect on the old Pottawatomie Indian reservation at Plymouth in that state, to the memory of the chief of that tribe. The monument will have a base 7x7, a die 5x5x7, a cap 4x4x1-6 and a statue 7 feet high. The total height will be 17 feet 2 inches. The statue will represent an Indian chief in full costume.

BARRE MAN IN COURT.

John Scampini Before U. S. Commissioner Vilas in Burlington.

Burlington, Dec. 12.—John Scampini of Barre was before United States Commissioner Martis S. Vilas, yesterday, charged with selling intoxicating liquor without a federal license. He was admitted to bail of \$200, which was furnished by Angelo Bottiggi of Barre. Scampini has recently pleaded guilty in Washington county court to violation of the state liquor law.

LARGE FARM SOLD.

Mrs. Bell Covell Sells Her Property in Williamstown.

Papers were passed today through the F. B. Cate real estate agency concerning Mrs. Bell Covell's 300-acre farm in the town of Williamstown to Vincent Bates and Irwin Bates of East Barre, consideration not mentioned. There is a large amount of young timber on this farm and it is considered one of the best farms in Williamstown.

Royal Arcanum Election Held.

At a meeting last evening of the Royal Arcanum, No. 736, the following officers for ensuing year were elected: Regent, Herbert A. Rugg; vice-regent, H. L. Ford; orator, Robert Knox; secretary, L. W. Hanscom; collector, Bishop H. Veale; treasurer, George E. Bond; chaplain, Homer Fitts; guide, H. W. Wescott; warden, Walter D. Kidder; secretary, H. E. Bond; trustee for three years, H. V. Knight. Considerable business was done, including the initiation of a new member.

grand list of any town, so that such town shall pay its just proportion of such taxes. Persons aggrieved by decisions of tax boards may appeal to the tax commissioner. All powers and duties conferred upon the secretary of state by sections 636 and 587 are conferred on the commissioner. The commissioner to have salary of \$3,000 and expenses when away from home. Compensation of deputies to be fixed by the commissioner, subject to the governor's approval. Town lists to be dated for one, two and three years, and to receive \$2 per day for services rendered.