

PROBABLY IS INELIGIBLE

Senator Knox Likely to Lose Cabinet Portfolio

ON CONSTITUTIONAL POINT

He is at Present a Senator and Law Says That Senators Shall Not Be Appointed to Office Under Certain Conditions.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—Senator P. C. Knox is busily engaged to-day looking up and studying constitutional law, in an effort to determine his own eligibility for the place of secretary of state on Taft's cabinet.

Attention was called yesterday to section VI, article I, of the constitution, which reads as follows:

"No senator or representative shall, during the time for which he is elected, be appointed to any civil office under the authority of the United States which shall have been created or the emoluments whereof shall have been increased during such time."

During Mr. Knox's present term as senator, the salaries of all cabinet officers were increased from \$8,000 to \$12,000 a year. As the term of Senator Knox does not expire until March 3, 1911, two years after the time when his name would be sent by Mr. Taft to the Senate for confirmation, the question is asked if Mr. Knox will be able constitutionally to accept the state portfolio.

The only precedent recalled in a similar case was that of the late Senator Ransom of North Carolina, who was appointed by President Cleveland to be minister to Mexico, the emoluments of which was raised while Mr. Ransom was a member of the Senate. Under the decision rendered by the comptroller of the treasury, it was held that Senator Ransom could not become minister to Mexico.

HUGE TIDAL WAVE SWEEP CITY OF LIMON

It Is Only a Rumor at Present, Shipping is Said to Have Suffered Severely.

Panama, Feb. 10.—A rumor, current here, says that Port Limon, a promontory north of the city of Limon, Costa Rica, was swept by a tidal wave, resulting in enormous damage on the east coast of Central America. For two days past it was swept by a fierce gale. Shipping suffered severely. The extent of the loss of life is unknown.

BINNS ROYALLY RECEIVED.

Republic's Wireless Operator in His Native Town in England.

Peterborough, Eng., Feb. 10.—"Jack" Binns, the wireless operator, who was on board the steamer Republic at the time of her collision off Nantucket last month, was given a rousing reception in Peterborough, his native town, when he arrived yesterday afternoon from London.

He was met at the railroad station with hands playing "See the Conquering Hero Comes" and the mayor in his chains and robes of office extended him a welcome. A procession of carriages with Binns in the lead and headed by the bands made a triumphal progress through cheering crowds from the station to the Guildhall. The Guildhall was packed with the leading citizens of Peterborough and all rose and cheered wildly when Binns, his sweetheart on his arm, entered. The mayor made a hearty speech of welcome and said to Binns:

"Your pluck and courage have excited the admiration of America and the whole world. Some men are decorated for the slaughter of thousands; you have saved thousands by your gallantry. We present you with this address as a permanent reminder of your bravery. Your fellow citizens are very proud of you."

In a few modest words Binns then thanked the mayor for the welcome extended him. He said there were greater heroes on board the Republic than himself. He had only done his duty. The men of the engine room had risked their lives by remaining below to open the steam valves, an act which saved everyone from being blown up.

MORAN BEAT BALDWIN.

Letter Had No Chance to Win at Any Time.

Boston, Feb. 10.—Owen Moran, the English lightweight, defeated Matty Baldwin of Cheltenham in twelve rounds of one-sided boxing match at the Army Athletic association last night. Baldwin had no chance to win at any time. Moran had Baldwin bleeding in the second round and closed his right eye in the eighth. Moran let up in the last two rounds and allowed the bout to go the limit before the decision was given.

In the semi-final, Ralph Tickle of Providence, R. I., punished Young Nixon of Boston, who was stopped and Tickle given the decision.

In the preparatory, Kid Manning of Pawtucket, R. I., defeated Eddie Johnson of New York in eight rounds. Johnson showed up well in the first half of the match, but Manning steadily improved and made the last round a fast one, securing the decision.

PUBLIC CRITICISM DROVE HIM TO SUICIDE

Charles H. Fisher, a Prominent Citizen of New Haven, Conn., Took Carbolic Acid Last Night.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 10.—It is believed today that public criticism for his action in recommending a land deal whereon the city lost \$20,000, together with other financial difficulties, hastened the suicide of Charles H. Fisher, a prominent citizen and general freight agent of the Strat Transportation Company, to the east night. He ended his life by taking carbolic acid.

Mr. Fisher was a member of the subcommittee of the board of finance which recently passed approval for the purchase of property for the erection of an incineration plant. In this sale it was alleged that the sellers of the property and parties who had an option on it divided some \$20,000. The board of aldermen recently investigated the matter and worry is thought to have driven Mr. Fisher to take his life.

COMPANY NOT BANKRUPT.

Special Master Olney Makes Report on Fidelity Funding Company.

New York, Feb. 10.—Special Master Peter B. Olney in a report filed in the United States district court late yesterday, finds that the Fidelity Funding company, of which Patrick J. Kieran was the head, is not amenable to the bankruptcy act and cannot be adjudicated a bankrupt in involuntary proceedings. The report which is expected to be confirmed by Judge Holt, will put an end to the legal claims for jurisdiction made by Thomas F. Gilroy, the receiver appointed by the state supreme court, and Robert C. Morris, the receiver appointed by the United States district court. At the time of the filing of the involuntary petition against the Fidelity Funding company, the liabilities of the corporation were stated to be \$3,941,037.94 and the nominal assets \$3,579,315.01.

The involuntary petition in bankruptcy filed against Kieran as an individual is not affected by the decision. Kieran's examination will be continued tomorrow by U. S. Commissioner Thos. Alexander.

LIBEL CASE CONTINUED.

Charles P. Taft Will Be Called Before the Grand Jury.

New York, Feb. 10.—Late yesterday it was stated that the government's libel case against the New York World would be continued next Monday and that Chas. P. Taft, brother of the president-elect, would probably be examined by the federal grand jury.

Oliver C. Pagan, a deputy attorney general and noted as an expert in indictments, was with United States District Attorney Stimson for several hours.

It was learned that Douglas Robinson, brother-in-law of President Roosevelt, whose name was mentioned frequently in the articles which are the subject of the present inquiry, has given his testimony in this case before the federal grand jury.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Invalid Mother and Sister Made Ineffective Efforts to Save Her.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Mrs. Chas. M. McGuire, sister-in-law of former Mayor James K. McGuire of this city, was burned to death yesterday afternoon at her home. An invalid mother and sister sought to extinguish the flames in her clothing but became exhausted with the effort.

In some unaccountable manner Mrs. McGuire's dress caught fire from a gas jet and at once she was enveloped in flames. While her relatives attempted to rescue her she sank into a chair and died in a few moments. She was 38 years old.

"QUIETLY CONDUCTED."

This Lynching Was Like a Quaker Prayer Meeting.

Houston, Miss., Feb. 10.—Robin Baslin, murderer of the Rev. W. T. Hudson, was lynched by a mob here yesterday afternoon. A crowd of over 400 determined citizens took the negro from the jail and hanged him to a nearby tree. Not a shot was fired and the whole proceeding was conducted quietly. Sheriff Dean of Oklahoma arrived just as the negro breathed his last. Leaders of the mob said the negro had not been given a speedy trial as promised and that they could not be blamed for taking justice into their own hands.

BURGLAR "WINGED."

Admitted Being Implicated in Robberies in Utica, N. Y.

Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Joe Irving, wanted in Utica for burglary, was shot in the left ankle while attempting to escape last night from an officer who discovered him as he was attempting to leave a New York Central train in the yards in this city. When taken to head quarters and searched a quantity of jewelry was found in his pockets and he admitted being implicated in several robberies in Utica.

ANOTHER RACE COMING.

Longboat Managers Have Accepted an Offer From Shrubbs.

New York, Feb. 10.—The managers of Tom Longboat, the Indian marathon runner, announced today that they had accepted an offer of a \$7,500 purse for a 15-mile race in Buffalo on Feb. 25, with Alfred Shrubbs, the Englishman, who was defeated for the Marathon distance by the Indian in Madison Square Garden, last Friday night.

WENT THROUGH ICE.

Young Man and Young Woman Drowned at Springfield, Mass.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 10.—Albert C. Heimsath, age 26, of Fifty-first street, S. E. Cleveland, Ohio, president of the senior class of the international Y. M. C. A. training school in this city, and Miss Gertrude Hurd, age 18, of this city, broke through thin ice on Water-shoep's pond, adjoining the school early last evening and were drowned.

SHE CLAIMS IT WAS A GIFT

St. Johnsbury Woman Arrested For Larceny

FROM A MALE BOARDER

Mrs. Hattie E. Roy Was Arrested Just as She Got Off the Train at the North Station in Boston Last Evening.

Boston, Feb. 10.—Mrs. Hattie E. Roy, 48 years old, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., was arrested by Inspector Pierce of police headquarters last night, as she stepped from a train at the North station. The specific charge against her is the larceny of \$2,500 from J. L. Peck, also of St. Johnsbury.

Mrs. Roy is the wife of a well known business man of St. Johnsbury. She told a newspaper man that Mr. Peck lives at her home. Monday, she said, she left on a visit to Boston and Mr. Peck gave her \$1,000 that he owed her for board and lodging, which had accumulated for 14 years.

According to the Vermont authorities, Mr. Peck told them that on Monday he drew \$2,500 from a local bank, to invest it through his son, C. G. Peck, who lives in Newton. After Mrs. Roy left home Monday he says he found that the money was missing.

Mrs. Roy was identified at the North station through C. G. Peck of Newton, son of the complainant, and was brought to police headquarters in company of a relative from Lynn.

She readily answered all questions asked her and produced \$1,254, which was pinned to her dress. She said \$1,000 of the money was given her by Mr. Peck and the rest was part of money she had saved for her trip here.

Mrs. Roy waived extradition and went with Sheriff Merrill to St. Johnsbury today.

CHINESE STIRRED UP.

Say Roosevelt Wants to Discriminate in Favor of Japanese.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 10.—In a telegraphic communication addressed to President Roosevelt and sent yesterday by the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent association, better known as the Chinese Six companies, the attention of President is called to certain instances where in it is affirmed the executive department sought for the Japanese residents of California many rights and privileges that the Chinese have long been denied.

The message in part follows: "In view of the commendable and just efforts recently made in regard to certain laws lately proposed and at the present time partly adopted by the legislature of California now convened at Sacramento, we, representing the whole Chinese people of the United States, feel justified in respectfully calling your attention to certain conditions pertaining to the Chinese, both citizens and aliens, in this country, which are in direct and flagrant conflict with the sentiment expressed by you both lately and heretofore, relative to the Chinese."

"We also respectfully propound to you certain questions of the most vital interest to the Chinese residents of the United States, answers to which we respectfully but earnestly request. These things we do in the belief that you, having so unqualifiedly expressed your views in favor of the Japanese, cannot fail to render the same justice to the Chinese when the facts have been laid before you."

CAR TURNS TURTLE.

D. T. Beaton of Manchester Has Narrow Escape From Death.

Manchester, Mass., Feb. 10.—D. T. Beaton, a prominent figure in Manchester and proprietor of a plumbing and house furnishing business, had a narrow escape from a fatal accident yesterday afternoon. He was returning from Essex in his automobile when the machine skidded and went through a fence, turning turtle in a swamp.

Mr. Beaton was pinned under the body of the car, but was able to release himself and get to the nearest house. He escaped without broken bones, but the machine was reduced to junk.

KILLED UNDER SLED.

William Morse Falls from Load of Logs to Death.

Littleton, N. H., Feb. 10.—William Morse was killed under a sled heavily loaded with logs yesterday in North Littleton. Morse was driving a team for his brother-in-law, James Moulton of Littleton, and in some unexplainable way he fell under the sled and when discovered was horribly crushed.

Mr. Morse leaves a wife, three brothers and two sisters. The funeral will be Friday.

RUSSIA GIVEN SCARE.

At Report of Austria's Almost-persuasion to Interfere in Persia.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—Russia experienced another Persian scare to-day when evidence was presented to the foreign office purporting to show that Austria is on the verge of complying with the Persian reactionaries' request for aid to the shah in suppressing the rebellion. Russia thinks the problem in Persia is one in which only she and England have a right to interfere.

There will be a dance at Armory hall at Montpelier, Friday evening, February 12. Music by Whittier's orchestra. General admission 50 cents, ladies free. A special car will be run to Barre after the dance.

WOMAN THROWN THROUGH WINDOW

By Runaway Horse at Franklin, N. H., Yesterday, Is In a Serious Condition at Present.

Franklin, N. H., Feb. 10.—One of the most serious runaway accidents which has occurred here for some time, resulted from a horse, which was driven by Miss Ida Manuel, a high school teacher, becoming unmanageable while coming down Prospect street hill yesterday. The runaway crashed down into the corner of the brick machine room building of paper mill B, at the foot of the hill, and Miss Manuel was thrown with much force against a window on the ground floor of the building.

The sash and glass were shattered, and a board nailed on the window casing inside, to protect the glass, was knocked from its place.

When picked up, the apparently lifeless body of the unfortunate young woman was clearly visible, the mill against some large iron valves. She was brought to the office of Dr. A. A. Beaton, where the latter physician with Dr. K. T. Drake made an examination, finding a broken collar bone and evidences of serious internal injuries. A rupture of the lungs caused bleeding from the mouth, which was considerably anxiety over the young woman's fate.

She was removed to the home of her aunt, Mrs. Mary Sanborn, on West Central street, where she lives in a very precarious condition last night.

Miss Manuel has been assisting at the high school afternoon, having in from the Manual farm with the family horse, which has run away on previous occasions. She is one of the city's most highly esteemed young women, and she has a host of sympathizers on account of her terrible misfortune.

Miss Manuel is a graduate of Bates college and has taught in important schools of Massachusetts.

FOUGHT OVER WOMAN.

Three-cornered Affair in a Burlington Lunch Emporium.

Burlington, Feb. 10.—A three-cornered fight in the Boston Lunch room Monday night, with a woman's love as the basis and all of the accompanying melodramatic incidents, was yesterday before Justice G. W. DeBergh, when G. W. Boulos and Theodore Ploof of this city and E. R. Fuller of Middlebury, each pleaded guilty to breach of the peace. Boulos was fined \$5 and costs and the other two each \$2 and costs. All paid.

It came up from Middlebury and started the trouble. Some time since he was engaged to Mrs. Boulos, wife of the proprietor of the restaurant. Things looked so matrimonial that the wedding cards were printed. Then the love affair was called off and promptly Miss Boulos became the bride of Theodore Ploof. Mrs. Boulos demanded the return of her wedding cards. She demanded of him in offset, a certain ring. Ere long husband Boulos appeared and a general mix-up ensued. Ploof interfered and soon a general scrap was in progress. The upshot being the swearing out of warrants against the three principals.

ALL DISCHARGED.

Were Charged With Larceny From United States Steel Corporation.

New York, Feb. 10.—All six members of the defunct brokerage firm of A. O. Brown & Co., when arraigned before Magistrate Corrigan yesterday charged with the larceny of \$1,500 worth of United States Steel corporation stock from Helen S. Abernathy, were discharged after the evidence had been heard.

The accused men were A. O. Brown, Samuel C. Brown, Louis G. Young, G. Lee Stout, W. Rea Whitman and Edward S. Buchanan. The magistrate held that there was no evidence to connect any of the members except Buchanan, with passing any of the stock out of the possession of the firm, and no evidence of criminal interest on the part of Mr. Buchanan.

Judge Rosinsky in general sessions yesterday refused to dismiss an indictment against the late Whitman, a member of the firm, alleging the larceny of \$7,500 worth of stock from Mrs. H. C. Schroeder of this city.

FATALLY HURT COASTING.

Charles Duclos Drops Dead as Result of His Injuries.

Brattleboro, Feb. 10.—Charles Duclos, aged 34, for 11 years an inmate of the Brattleboro retreat, died yesterday morning as the result of injuries received while coasting Monday afternoon. He fell from his sled while sliding down a steep hill on the retreat grounds yesterday and was injured internally. He fell dead in one of the halls at the retreat, but until a postmortem examination was made the nature of the injury was not known.

Duclos' home was in Rutland where he has relatives. He came of a respectable family.

OPPOSE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Meib Jeers and Sings Derisive Songs at Execution To-day.

Albi, France, Feb. 10.—At the execution of Pierre Simore and Henri Besne to-day, a violent demonstration against the government took place, showing the feeling against capital punishment. Several persons went to the guillotine, shouting the executioner, "Down with the headsmen!" At the close of the execution hundreds broke into jeers and songs, ridiculing the government.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN FREEZES.

Navigation Ceases For Winter, to Be Resumed in April.

Burlington, Feb. 10.—Lake Champlain is to be the largest body of water in the United States which freezes over, was yesterday covered by ice for the first time this winter. Navigation was stopped the latter part of December and will not be resumed until the middle of April. Last year the lake was completely frozen over by Feb. 2, or six days earlier than the present year.

MAKES RATES ALL UNIFORM

Water Rental Charges Rearranged by Aldermen

A SMALL DEATH RECORD

A Few Changes Made in the Callen of the Fire Department at the Regular Meeting Last Evening.

The regular meeting of the board of aldermen last evening was short, as there was but little business of importance to be transacted. A communication was received from the mayor, presenting the name of Edward H. Cheever for callman of the fire department and the name was unanimously confirmed. Daniel Dombrowskie presented his resignation as a callman of hose No. 2, as he was to leave the city, and his resignation was accepted. On motion of Alderman Alexander, it was voted to pay Fireman John Heney his full wages for last week, he having been off two days on account of illness.

Building Repairs Permitted.

The following reports from the building inspector were read and permits ordered granted: E. C. Getchell to repair the house at 106 Brookly street which was recently damaged by fire; Charles Currier to repair the building at 410 North Main street, which had been damaged by fire; A. Tomasi to raise the roof of the house at 12 Merchant street, and make another tenement on the third floor; O. G. Stickey to repair a piazza at 9 Church street.

A Very Healthy Month.

The report of the water superintendent for the month of January was read and accepted. The health officer reported a total of 21 births in January, 12 of which were female; also six deaths and two contagious diseases were reported, one of measles and one of mumps.

Urged Increased Road Appropriation.

A communication from State Highway Commissioner Charles W. Gates was read and accepted. He urged the state aid law for highways, and requesting that all cities and towns in the state take advantage of this law and vote an appropriation for highways so as to get their share of the \$7,000,000 which has been appropriated by the state. On motion of Alderman Ladd, the communication was laid on the table until March 16. On motion of Alderman Ladd, the license committee was instructed to consult with the chief of police and see that all of the lunch room, milkmen and peddlers' license fees were collected before April 1.

Water Rates Changed.

The board then went into executive session and after coming out it was voted to adopt the amendment to chapter 15, section 3, of the city ordinance, relative to the power and duties of the building inspector. The amendment of the inspector power to grant minor building permits without reporting them to the city council. The board also adopted a change in the water rates, as recommended by the water committee. All special rates have been done away with, and the rates that now will be charged for double tenements and business blocks will be figured as per schedule as shown below, and use following per cent. deducted: When the total sum per year shall be between \$30 and \$75, five per cent. deducted; between \$75 and \$100, 7 1/2 per cent. deducted; between \$100 and \$125, 10 per cent. deducted; \$125 and over, 15 per cent. deducted. The meter rates remain the same.

MONTPELIER'S DEBT.

Has Been Reduced During the Past Fiscal Year.

The annual report of T. R. Merrill, Montpelier's city treasurer, for the fiscal year ending February 1, shows that the taxes collected amounted to \$87,735.41. A total of \$2,209.16 of uncollected taxes, some of them running over a period of six years, are on the books of the treasurer. At the end of the year the treasurer had on hand \$1,316.30.

The board of school commissioners have made a requisition for \$28,500 for the current year, an increase of \$500 over that of last year. To offset this the board returned to the city treasurer at the end of the fiscal year \$1,500 of its appropriation for 1908.

The annual report of the city auditor shows that \$5,000 of the floating debt has been paid during the past year and that the net debt of the city is now \$131,638.05 against \$136,845.02 one year ago.

THEIR HOME INVADED.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Asselin of St. Johnsbury in Hands of Friends.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 10.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Asselin was invaded last evening by about 100 friends and relatives in honor of the 35th anniversary of their marriage. This pleasant reception was a surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Asselin, and during the evening they were presented with a number of gifts, including 35 silver dollars and 35 carnations, the presentation being nicely made by E. Donald Asselin, the five-year-old son of Edward Asselin, 837, a grandson of the host. Mr. and Mrs. Asselin were both born in Canada, but came here between forty and fifty years ago. They have been the parents of 15 children, seven of whom are living, and they have six grandchildren.

Races Postponed.

The ice races advertised for this afternoon at North Montpelier have been postponed until Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

ANNIVERSARY SURPRISE PARTY

Given in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith of Liberty Street.

Friends and neighbors numbering about forty gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith of Liberty street last evening to remind them of their fifteenth wedding anniversary. Although taken completely by surprise Mr. and Mrs. Smith welcomed their guests most heartily and soon made all feel at home. The evening was pleasantly passed with music and what playing. The first prizes were won by W. A. Leveurbeau and Mrs. Maxfield; the consolation prizes by W. T. Campbell and Mrs. Will Clark.

Refreshments were served and a poem, suitable for the occasion was read by Mrs. H. A. McNeil, who then presented Mr. and Mrs. Smith in behalf of their friends a handsome silver syrup pitcher and cut glass tooth-pick holder as a token of esteem. Mr. and Mrs. Smith feelingly thanked their friends for their kindness and good will. The party then returned to their homes, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Smith many happy returns of the day.

EASY FOR CALUMETS.

Almost Made It Five Straight from the Pastimes Last Night.

The Calumets barely missed taking five straight games from the Pastimes at Montpelier last night in the state bowling league, dropping the last string by only ten pins. The score was as follows:

Calumets.
Averill 175 161 205 183 203—930
Douglass 164 201 210 212 152—939
Walsh 173 159 201 167 193—839

Ttials 512 524 616 562 548—2762

Pastimes.

Smith 167 140 185 193 215—898
Thierault 151 180 120—451
Haekwell 195 168—303
Hlot 146 163 124 156—589
Kingsbury 177—177

Ttials 464 483 429 554 538—2478
At Burlington last night, the Allens defeated the Lynwoods, three to two.

FORMER VERMONT.

Charles S. Magoon Died Last Night in Manchester, N. H.

Manchester, N. H., Feb. 10.—Charles S. Magoon, one of the foremost citizens of Manchester and widely known in real estate circles and as an auctioneer, died last night at the home, 70 Blodgett street, aged 61.

Mr. Magoon was born in Stanstead, Que., and prior to coming to this city 15 years ago, resided in Newport, Vt., where he had official connections in banking circles. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Mrs. Frank H. Drake of this city, a brother, George Magoon of North Stratford, and three sisters, Mrs. Wilbur Holbrook and Mrs. Charles Taylor of Derby Center, Vt., and Mrs. Charles Wright of Coventry, Vt. He was a member of Memphremagog lodge of Masons at Newport, Vt.

OPPOSED DISCHARGE

Of E. F. Farrington from Bankruptcy at St. Albans.

St. Albans, Feb. 10.—There was a protracted hearing before Referee H. Charles Royce yesterday in the bankruptcy cases of the St. Albans Shoe company and E. F. Farrington. The hearing was mainly on exemptions and proving of accounts. An effort to get the disagreeing principal interests together on an amicable basis of settlement failed, and another hearing will be held in the near future. Meanwhile all the funds in the estate are being held up. The matter of the discharge hearing in the case of E. F. Farrington was opposed by interested parties, represented by H. E. Wheeler.

IS A STATE HOLIDAY.

Lincoln's Birthday Next Friday Legalized for This Year Only.

There is a great deal of confusion throughout the state as to the action of the Vermont legislature in regard to making Lincoln's birthday (centennial) on Friday, Feb. 12, a legal holiday, due probably to the delay in action on the same matter by Congress. The Vermont legislature did legalize the holiday, and it is expected that in many places the event will be observed. There is not likely to be a general observance of the day in Barre, although the banks and the schools will close.

DISBAND FRATERNITIES.

Steps Are Being Taken by Burlington School Board.

Burlington, Feb. 10.—A special meeting of the school board will be held this evening to investigate the fraternities now existing among pupils in the public schools. Members of the societies will be asked to appear and give reasons why the several organizations should not be disbanded in accordance with an act of the last legislature. The parents of the students interested are also invited to be present at the meeting.

VERMONT C. O. F.

Held Semi-annual Meeting at Richford Yesterday.

Richford, Feb. 10.—The semi-annual meeting of the Vermont State Court, C. O. F., was held here yesterday. In the evening the degree was conferred on a class of 35 candidates from Montpelier, Newport and this place. A banquet followed the meeting. Among the grand officers present was Chief Ranger L. Alma of Winoski.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bond of Westminster were visitors in this city to-day.

T. J. Denning, who has been seriously ill for the past month, is