

STEADY WORK 15 MONTHS

That's What Big Granite Contract Means to Maine

FOR CHICAGO TERMINAL

Manufacturers and Their Employees in Island Granite Centers Are Re-joining Over the Outlook.

Rockland, Me., March 26.—Fifteen months' steady employment in the granite quarries and stone sheds of Hurricane and Vinal Haven is guaranteed through the contract just signed by the Booth Bros. and Hurricane Isle granite company and Bodwell granite company.

These concerns, operating in the two island towns, will furnish about 200,000 cubic feet of granite for the new terminal building which is being erected in the Chicago & Northwestern railroad in Chicago, and the shipments will begin at once.

The George A. Fuller company is the general contractor, the stone being furnished to him under a subcontract. At Hurricane 150 stone cutters and 75 quarymen, blacksmiths, etc., will be employed, while the same number will be given employment at Vinal Haven, making a total force of about 450.

The contractors are protected against possible labor difficulties by the bill of prices, which extends beyond the time which will probably be occupied by the work. The stone will be shipped from this city by rail.

OLD BRICK WALL FELL

Seven Men Dead and Two Others Seriously Injured as a Result.

Chicago, March 26.—Four men were killed outright, five were seriously injured, of whom three died last night, and a dozen others narrowly escaped injury here yesterday when a part of a 35-foot brick wall fell standing after a fire a month ago which destroyed the buterine plant of Swift company, crushed down upon them without warning.

The men were working in the ruins of the Darling & Co.'s fertilizing plant which was partly destroyed by the fire January 24.

The list of dead includes E. H. Rutledge, manager, P. A. Schmidt, secretary of R. A. Schmidt company, contractors, which had charge of the work on the Darling & Co. ruins. The others killed were laborers.

TO ORGANIZE TEACHERS.

North America Teachers' League to Be Strong Organization.

Boston, March 26.—An effort to organize the teachers in the United States and Canada, numbering nearly half a million, will be made under the auspices of the North America Teachers' league, according to an announcement made here yesterday by Frederick A. Tupper, head master of the Brighton school. The league has the patronage of leading educators in this country and Canada and an energetic campaign is planned in order to establish branches in every part of the country. The object is to extend the scope of the league, obtain higher salaries, pensions for teachers and national and state aid to education.

MURDERED 300 HUSBANDS.

At Least That Is the Confession She Made to Russian Police.

Samara, Russia, March 26.—The police began an investigation today of Mme. Canova who is charged with the wholesale murder of undesirable husbands. The woman confessed to killing three hundred men during the last thirty years. This is thought to be unlikely, but the woman is believed to be the greatest murderess in Russian history.

CASTRO BOARDS VESSEL.

But He Must Leave It Before Reaching Venezuelan Waters.

Bordeaux, March 26.—Cipriano Castro, ex-president of Venezuela, sailed on the steamer Guadalupe today, intending to disembark at Trinidad. He was accompanied by his wife, his brother, his secretary and attendants. The officer of the vessel agreed to receive the ex-president on condition that he leave the vessel before reaching Venezuelan waters.

MISCONDUCT CHARGED.

Man and Girl Arrested at Portland, Me., For New Bedford Police.

Portland, Me., March 26.—Ernest E. Race and Blanche A. Polonoff of New Bedford, Mass., were arrested here today on the charge of misconduct. The police affirm that Race confesses that he has a wife and children. The girl states that she thought the man was single. New Bedford police will come and take the couple back to their city.

RETAINS HIS TITLE.

Frank Gotch Got Straight Falls From De Rouen.

Kansas City, March 26.—Frank Gotch of Iowa, champion wrestler of the world last night retained his title by defeating Raoul De Rouen of France in straight falls.

Young Corbett Best Man.

New York, March 26.—Young Corbett and Bert Keyes met here last night in a fast ten round bout, Corbett a draw only by excellent work in the last four rounds.

BOYLES WERE JEERED AS THEY LEFT CLEVELAND

Alleged Kidnappers of Willie Whittle Taken Last Night to Mercer, Pa., They Having Waved Extraordinary Fight.

Cleveland, March 26.—With hoots and jeers ringing in their ears, James H. Boyle, and his wife, arrested here as the kidnappers of little Willie Whittle of Sharon, Pa., were escorted by police to an Erie train just before it left at 5:25 last night for Mercer, Pa. This practically closes the case as far as Cleveland is concerned, as further action will be taken by the Pennsylvania authorities. However, the Cleveland police have a club over the heads of the Boyles in a joint indictment returned yesterday charging James H. Boyle and Helene Boyle, alias Faulkner, with blackmail. This charge is based on the payment of \$10,000 ransom by J. P. Whittle for the recovery of his son, Willie, here, last Monday. This indictment will be used by the local officials if the case in Pennsylvania fails of conviction.

Sheriff William Chase of Mercer county, Pa., and Chief of Police Crane of Sharon, arrived yesterday and immediately originated proceedings for the return of the prisoners. The Cuyahoga county officials waived their rights to the Boyles and the latter informed Chief Kohler that they would not fight extradition to the Keystone state.

BRINGS MONEY BACK

J. P. Whittle Has Ransom Money Paid For His Boy.

Sharon, Pa., March 26.—Guarded by several private detectives in plain clothes, J. P. Whittle, father of the abducted lad for whom ransom of \$10,000 was paid, returned home last night bringing with him the money which was recovered when James Boyle and his wife were arrested in Cleveland.

The package of bills, still marked as they were said to have been when paid to the kidnappers by Mr. Whittle, were taken to the safety deposit department of the Sharon Savings & Trust company which kept its doors open till Mr. Whittle reached here. The money will remain in a safety deposit box until it may be needed as evidence in the kidnapping trial.

Mr. Whittle came on the same train with the prisoners as far as Youngstown.

CORONER'S VERDICT DEEPENS MYSTERY

Surrounding Death of Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, Jr., in Her Home in Washington, D. C.—He Calls It Suicide.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—Coroner Nevill today deepened the mystery surrounding the death of Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, jr., whose body was found in her home yesterday, when he filed a certificate of "suicide by asphyxiation." It is believed that a clue was found in a note left by the woman secretly, though what its contents are no one will tell.

Mrs. Lorillard had dined with Lady Paget of England, Senator and Mrs. Root, Senator and Mrs. Von Meyer at the palatial home of Mrs. Richard Townsend on Wednesday night and was in good spirits. She went home, left her millionaire husband, and after writing the mysterious note went into the bathroom and turned on the gas. All Washington society is upset by the tragedy. The body will probably be buried at Irvington, N. Y.

QUARANTINE IS RAISED.

Foot and Mouth Disease Caused a Loss Exceeding \$30,000.

Albany, N. Y., March 26.—R. A. Pearson, state commissioner of agriculture, announced last night that the state and federal quarantine have been raised from the western counties of New York effective today. From November 21 to December 12, 530 cattle, 214 sheep and 20 swine were slaughtered and buried in lime, the appraised value of which was \$24,378. Expense incident to this slaughter amounted to \$6,153 and of these amounts the federal government will pay two-thirds and the state one-third. The services and expenses of veterinarians and laborers employed by the state, and other expenses will cost an additional \$15,000.

JUMPED 75 FEET.

From Church Steeple in a Vain Attempt to Commit Suicide.

Wendell, Mass., March 26.—Jesse Powers, 25, while suffering from melancholia, jumped from the steeple of the Congregational church yesterday afternoon to the hard ground below, a distance of about 75 feet. He struck on his feet and the heels of his shoes made dents in the ground about two inches deep.

His ankles were fractured and he may prove to have severe internal injuries. He was taken to the Franklin County hospital at Greenfield and is likely to recover, it is said. He obtained the key to the church door from C. H. Cogswell, the postmaster and village merchant. Mr. Cogswell thought that Mr. Powers desired to obtain some article in the church.

BIG GAME VERY PLENTIFUL

Is the Word That Comes from Interior of Africa.

London, March 26.—The Count of Turin, brother of the Duke of Abruzzi, sent word from Mombasa from the interior of Africa, that he will meet and slay Col. Roosevelt in the jungle. The count adds that big game is very plentiful.

WORST BLOW EVER KNOWN

Western Vermont Hit by a Tremendous Storm

BARN BLOWN DOWN

A Silo and a Windmill Tipped Over, Plate Glass Windows Shattered, and Scarcely a Barn Escaped Damage.

Middlebury, March 26.—This section was visited by the worst wind storm within the memory of the oldest inhabitants from noon yesterday until half past nine last night and a great deal of damage was done, probably several thousand dollars' worth. Among the minor damages were the destruction of hundreds of trees and the smashing of countless windows in residences and farmhouses.

In the hardware store of John A. Stewart in this village four plate glass windows were blown in. On the outskirts of the town the silo of Erwin Piper was blown down and the contents scattered, the damage there being \$200. The large barn of Edwin Butolph was tipped over and ten tons of hay were scattered about, causing damage of \$200. The roof was ripped off Humboldt hall here and on being replaced was again ripped off. The windmill of John A. Fletcher was knocked down, making a heavy loss. Thirty-five telephone and telegraph poles in the village and the surrounding country were snapped off by the force of the blow, while there is scarcely a barn or shed in Middlebury or East Middlebury in the path of the storm which did not suffer some damage while shingles and other light timber flew from roofs. Even the Addison county court house here did not escape the blow, having several of its windows knocked in.

BUILDINGS UNROOFED.

Wind Does Considerable Damage in Vermont.

Rutland, March 26.—A heavy wind storm which began Wednesday night and continued yesterday has done much damage. At Fair Haven the greater part of the roof on the business block of R. E. Lloyd was blown off, and 10 feet was blown from the top of the south wall, damaging the rooms occupied by Harry Benville. The sheet-iron roof of the Jersey opera house was also blown off, and a large plate glass window in the undertaking rooms of Cahoe & Spenech was blown in. At Castleton the air was filled with flying slate, shingles and falling branches, and many chimneys were blown off. At East Pittsford the large hay barn of the Rutland railway light and power company was blown down.

OLD ORCHARD PIER.

Blown Down by The Pierce Gale Which Swept The Coast.

Portland, Me., March 26.—The fierce gale which swept the eastern coast last night carried away more than a hundred feet from the center of the famous Old Orchard pier at Old Orchard.

STREET RAILWAY CLUB.

New England Organization Met in Boston Last Night.

Boston, March 26.—The New England Street Railway club, which includes in its membership officers of every street railway in the New England states, held its ninth annual banquet at Hotel Somerset last night.

Arthur B. Chapin, the state treasurer, represented the commonwealth in the list of after-dinner speakers. Others who addressed the gathering were James F. Shaw, president of the American Street and Interurban railway association; James P. Jackson, formerly a member of the Massachusetts railroad commission; P. F. Sullivan, president of the Old Colony and Boston and Northern Street railway company; W. D. Wright of Providence, the newly elected president of the club, and D. L. Pendergast of Boston, who acted as toastmaster.

President Wright in his opening speech said the club now numbers 727 members. The election of officers at the business meeting held before the banquet resulted as follows: President, W. D. Wright, Providence, R. I.; vice-presidents, C. H. Hille of Boston, Calvert Towney of New Haven, Conn., J. Brodie Smith of Manchester, N. H., F. H. Root of St. Albans, Vt., E. A. Newman of Portland, Me., M. H. Bronson of Providence, R. I.; secretary, John J. Lane, Boston; treasurer, N. I. Wood, Boston.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Ryan & McGuire, West Rutland Grocers, File in Bankruptcy.

Rutland, March 26.—Ryan & McGuire of West Rutland, grocers, filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday in the office of P. S. Platt, clerk of the United States court. They gave their liabilities as \$1,244.97 and their assets as \$497.30.

EARNED HIM \$15,000.

Winning of the Grand National Horse Race at Liverpool Today.

Liverpool, March 26.—Latter III, the French crack, with Pertinence in the saddle, won the grand national today. R. W. Parry's Judas was second and F. Biley's Cauben Mason third. The race was worth \$15,000 to the winner.

IMMIGRATION FLOOD ON THE INCREASE

Numerous Aliens are Passing Border Into Canadian North West, Many of Them Apparently Prosperous People.

St. Albans, March 26.—After a lull of several weeks, Canadian Immigrant Inspector James Stahl, who is stationed at this port, is again dealing with numerous aliens who are passing through this country to new homes in the Canadian Northwest. Recently a party of nearly thirty Englishmen passed through the city. In no case was there found any objection to their crossing the border. All were of the substantial middle class, tradesmen, farmers and machinists. One man remarked that he was going into the retail piano business and produced \$1,000 which he said was to capitalize the undertaking. The uneasy condition of affairs in the southwestern portion of Europe is in a measure reflected by the increased emigration of the people from that quarter. Last week a carload of Serbians passed through this city on their way to the American Northwest, and it was learned from them that they were compelled, by the storm and stress which has persisted in their native land to seek new homes.

POLICE BREAK UP ELOPEMENT

Rose Boisvert Spends Night in a Cell—Manchester, N. H., Girl Held as a Runaway at Worcester.

Worcester, Mass., March 26.—Miss Rose Boisvert, the 16-year-old daughter of Mrs. Mary Boisvert of Manchester, N. H., is in a cell in the local police headquarters instead of being with her intended husband, Isador Robert of 10 Warren street, Worcester, with whom she ran away from her Manchester home yesterday, after an acquaintance of only a week. She is held as a runaway at the request of the Manchester police.

Miss Boisvert and Robert were arrested in the office of City Clerk Towne yesterday afternoon as they were trying to procure a marriage license. It was to Robert's second trip to the city of matrimony. He works for a local piano company, but last week he hurt his hand and had to lay off and he took advantage of the opportunity to make a visit to Manchester.

He fell in with the Boisvert family and slept in their house on a chair one night. The next day he met Rose. He made love rapidly, and finally got the girl's consent to come to Worcester to become his wife. Mrs. Boisvert learned of the approaching marriage she refused to give her consent, but the lovers planned an elopement.

By a prearranged plan, the couple came to Worcester yesterday morning. The local police were notified to arrest the girl as a runaway. At 3:30 in the afternoon, when the couple called at city hall in company with Joseph Began, patrolman Davis arrested Miss Boisvert. She was taken to headquarters and given in charge of matron Sawtelle. Robert was released.

FATALITIES MANY IN FAMILY.

Mrs. Lucy Frost Found Dead in Field at Eliot, Maine.

Portsmouth, N. H., March 26.—The death of Mrs. Lucy Frost (Knowlton) Frost, widow of John D. Frost, was found yesterday forenoon lying face down in a field about a quarter of a mile from her home in the east part of the town of Eliot, Me.

Mrs. Frost had the three young children of her dead son, Clarence, living with her. Wednesday night the children went to bed as usual, leaving their grandmother apparently in good health and intending soon to go to bed herself. Yesterday morning the children arose and were surprised to find that their grandmother had not built the fire. The little folks timidly went to her room and found that the bed had been occupied and vacated. The premises were searched and then the neighbors were alarmed.

It was three hours before the body was found, fully clothed and with her winter wraps all in place about her person.

No theory is offered as to why she should arise, dress and wrap herself and go to the spot where she was found. She was about 65 years of age, and was an active member of the Methodist church.

Her husband, who was one of the prominent citizens of the town, was killed by being thrown from a carriage at Eliot about three years ago. Her son, Clarence, whose children lived with her, was killed by being caught in the machinery at a saw mill. Martin Frost, a brother of her husband, was killed by lightning.

She leaves two sons, Walter Frost, a motorman on the Atlantic Shore line railway, and John Edwin Frost of New York city; also two brothers and two sisters, all living in Massachusetts. George Knowlton, James Henry Knowlton, Mrs. Annie Daniels and Mrs. Sarah Hatch.

Dr. E. E. Shapleigh, coroner, was summoned from Kittery. It is understood that at times Mrs. Frost had suffered from heart disease.

TO WIPE OUT GLANDERS.

Six Horses at Vergennes Killed Under State Orders.

Vergennes, March 26.—Six horses belonging to W. H. Norton were killed Wednesday night under the direction of Dr. L. Bestinger, veterinary, acting for the state board of cattle commissioners. These horses had been quarantined for several days and subjected to a thorough test and examination by Dr. Bestinger who pronounced the disease to be an acute attack of glanders. The barn will be quarantined until thoroughly disinfected and fumigated and all refuse and scatterings buried when it will be opened again for public use.

LANTERN WAS OVERTURNED

Cause of Destruction of Barns in Cabot

OWNED BY IRVING FIFIELD

All the Livestock Was Saved with the Exception of One Hog, Although the Machinery and Hay Were Lost.

Cabot, March 26.—The overturning of a lantern in the hay caused the destruction of two barns and their contents, except most of the livestock, belonging to Irving Fifield this morning. The loss is estimated at \$1,000, partially covered by insurance.

The fire started at five o'clock, when workmen were busy with the morning chores. Hay was being thrown down from the mows to the barnfloor, and the lighted lantern was set on a beam. In some manner it became overturned into the hay, and in a moment the mow was all afire. There was no chance to save the building, so all efforts were turned toward getting out the livestock. All of the animals were taken out with the exception of one hog. Included in the loss were most of the farming utensils stored in the barns, as well as the hay.

The barns were on what is known as the Lyman Clark farm in the southern part of the town of Cabot.

LOSS IS \$25,000.

Livery Stable at Bar Harbor Destroyed by Fire.

Bar Harbor, Me., March 26.—George J. Stafford's livery stable on Cottage street has been burned with a total loss of \$25,000, of which \$15,000 was on the building, which was owned by New York parties. The origin of the fire was a mystery, as the stable had not been in use since last fall. The losses are partly covered by insurance.

TURN DOWN CHARTER.

Milton Voters Do Not Want The One Offered by Legislature.

Milton, March 26.—At a special village meeting last night it was voted not to accept the charter which was offered by the Legislature, which probably means the complete failure of the attempt to substitute for the present one. The voters also authorized the purchase of a chemical engine for the fire department, at a cost not to exceed \$500.

The Blow at Pure Food.

The pure food movement, as represented by Prof. Harvey W. Wiley, has been doubled up by a blow which—so the recipient declares, at all events—has been delivered below the belt. It is pretty nearly equivalent to a knock-out, and would have elicited painful outcries from the government bureau of chemistry, of which the eminent gentleman afforesaid is chief, but for the fact that a dignified policy of silence is considered wisest under the circumstances.

It was Mrs. Roosevelt who appointed the board of consulting experts that has had the impudence to upset Professor Wiley's decision regarding the digestibility of benzoate of soda—what is the use of uttering any yelps. The distinguished head of the bureau of chemistry is a difficult man to hold down, and it means not unreasonable to expect that he will be on top again before long; but meanwhile he finds himself prostrate, officially speaking, and the board of experts will doubtless hit him a few more severe knocks while the opportunity lasts.

If it were only the case from were concerned, the case would not be so bad. But the board of experts—of which Prof. Ira Remsen, of Johns university, is president—seems determined to reverse the Wiley policy on the subject of preservatives in general, for foods and drinks. Consequently the "adulterators"—under which head the chemistry bureau bundles quite a multitude of enterprising manufacturers of edible and potable products—are jumping up and down in a glee that is nothing short of ghoulish.—From "Small Pure Food for Pure" in Technical World Magazine for April.

Hotel Cells.

The chief difference between the average hotel cell and the average prison cell, viewed from the standpoint of social psychology, is that one is locked on the inside to keep outsiders out, while the other is locked on the outside to keep insiders in. The occupant of the hotel cell is afraid that something will be done to him or that something will be taken from him by someone who ought to be in a prison cell. That is the theory of it.

Look your door and leave your valuables at the office," cautions the obliging innkeeper. "If you had valuables you wouldn't be here," observes the witty prison keeper. That is to say, the question of valuables seems to enter largely into the matter.

It would be great to have a civilization which considered valuable only those things which could not be stolen, such as mental and moral equipment, skill and good fellowship. Then we could be a little more sociable. We could talk to each other without buttoning our coats or feeling for our diamond studs every few minutes. Then the man who willingly excluded himself in a study hotel cell could be locked in and made to stay there, on the ground that something terrible was the matter with him.—From "Success" Magazine.

BARRE BARBERS WANT TO SHAVE THEIR HOURS

Local Union Presents Proposed New Schedule to Take Place of the Agreement Which Expires April 1.

The agreement under which the journeymen barbers of the city, members of the local branch of the barbers' union, have been working for the past year expires April first and the union has presented a new agreement for the consideration of the proprietors of the shops. There are several changes in the new schedule, the most important of which are the opening of shops at eight o'clock during October, November, December, January, February and March, instead of at seven o'clock, as has been the custom. The union asks that the shops be closed at 10 o'clock on Saturday nights, instead of 11 as at present. It also asks for a flat minimum wage of \$15.00 per week for journeymen barbers. Under the present agreement the men receive \$15.00 per week for nine months in the year and \$14.00 for three months during the winter.

It is understood that most of the proprietors have signified their willingness to sign the new agreement, the only hitch being over the Saturday night closing, and it is expected that this will be satisfactorily agreed upon before the expiration of the present bill.

OLD MAN GETS HURT.

Ransom H. Perkins Lost Part of Left Hand in Machine-saw.

Ransom H. Perkins, an elderly Montpelier man and a longtime employe of the United States Geopline company, met with a serious accident last evening, by which he lost four fingers and part of the thumb on the left hand in a machine-saw, which is known as an edger. The accident is unfortunate as Mr. Perkins is a man about 75 years of age and his wife is past 75.

Just before time for closing down the shop last evening he asked the foreman what to do as he had completed his other work. The foreman told him to cut up some box-wood, and the old gentleman started to saw up a stick, pushing the stick through with his right hand and pulling it the remainder of the way with his left when the saw had about completed its work. In some manner not known definitely, as there was no one about, he got his left hand caught in the saw, with the result that the members were severely lacerated. He was taken to his home, and the wounds were treated.

BANQUET TO YOUNG MEN.

Was Given By The Montpelier Y. M. C. A. Last Evening.

A banquet which was attended by fifty people was held last night in honor of a membership contest in the Montpelier Y. M. C. A., the affair being held at the parish house. Supt. of Schools Brownson was toastmaster of the banquet, and the chief address was given by Joseph A. DeBoer who spoke of things of particular interest to young men.

FATHER'S ESTATE MUST PAY.

Verdict For Julius E. Cowles to Recover \$1,137 For Services.

Middlebury, March 26.—A verdict for the plaintiff to recover \$1,137 and his costs was returned at 4:30 yesterday afternoon in the case of Julius E. Cowles vs. the estate of John J. Cowles, his father. Two special verdicts were rendered. The first to the effect that the intestate had in his life time failed to carry out his contract with the plaintiff and the second for \$1,137.32 for the services for plaintiff's horse on the farm, which sum is included in the general verdict. The jury had the case from 10:30 in the morning and on rendering its verdict was excused for the term.

Court yesterday was occupied with the case of Lucia C. Walston vs. George Walston in which separate maintenance is sought. The plaintiffs were married in Shelburne in 1902 and have a five-year-old daughter. In November, 1907, the woman said she could no longer live with her husband and returned to Shelburne from Monkton. The case was continued until the June term. Walston being ordered to pay his wife \$100 before April 1. A reply in case grown out of the foregoing was taken up not completed yesterday.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

Benjamin J. Gorham Accused of Collusive Bidding in Boston.

Boston, March 26.—Benjamin J. Gorham of Turnerville, employed on the Canton bridge, was the tenth steel man to be arrested for collusive bidding in connection with the so-called "Boston Agreement." He was arraigned this morning and he pleaded not guilty. He was held in \$2,000 bail for trial.

EAST BARRE.

G. H. Hutchins and D. A. Pittsley were in Sodom Wednesday on business.

Miss Mamie Hagan is improving, being able to walk out a little ways Wednesday.

Mrs. Robert Gray is resting comfortably, after an operation performed Thursday morning.

Mrs. Minnow, who has been visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dr. Minard, returned to her home in Fitchburg, Mass., Tuesday.

An antiquarian supper will be held in F. O. F. hall Saturday, March 27th, from 5 to 8. Admission 10 cents. After supper the tables will be set in the main hall for whist. All are cordially invited.

A double surprise occurred Wednesday evening at the meeting of Winona Council, when the members who had planned a surprise for Mrs. Dobbs on the occasion of her birthday were in turn surprised by her, when at the close of the meeting they were invited to the diningroom to partake of ice cream and cake which she had prepared as a treat for the brothers and sisters for the same occasion. Music and games filled the time thus passing a very pleasant evening. Mrs. Dobbs was presented a \$5 gold piece by the members.

ABUTTERS TAKE STEPS

To Start Work of Changing River Bed

RAILROADS INTERESTED.

Meeting of the Interested Parties Was Held Last Night and a Committee Was Named to Investigate.

At a meeting of the abutters on Jail branch held in the city court room last evening for the purpose of taking some preliminary action in regard to changing the river bed from Prospect to Granite streets, a committee was appointed to investigate and ascertain what all of the seventeen abutters will do. If it is decided to go ahead with the work, the decision of the abutters can be presented to the city council at the earliest possible date, as the enabling act secured by the city at the last legislature allowing them to condemn land now owned by the railroad being inoperative after May first if no steps are taken towards effecting the change before that date.

The committee appointed is D. M. Miles, W. G. Reynolds and E. A. Drown. It was stated at the meeting that at least four fifths of the abutters it was known were anxious to have the work completed.

Those present at the meeting were F. G. Howland, W. G. Reynolds, C. H. Campbell, and E. A. Drown of this city, Supt. C. E. Soule of the Central Vermont railroad and F. W. Stanton, superintendent of the Barre railroad; also City Engineer George A. Reed, Mr. Hayward, engineer for the Barre railroad, and H. C. Shurtleff, attorney for the Barre railroad. F. G. Howland was elected chairman of the meeting and first called for an expression of opinion of those present as to whether the work should be undertaken and the best course to pursue in bringing matters to a head.

Supt. C. E. Soule of the Central Vermont was the first speaker and he said that although he considered that the Central Vermont would not be materially benefited as far as securing more land by the changing of the river bed was concerned, he did think that the scheme would be a great benefit to the city and anything that was of benefit to Barre was a benefit to the Central Vermont, and that there would be no trouble in coming to an agreement with the railroad. Mr. Shurtleff said that he was sure the city council would not act until the abutters showed them that they meant business and would guarantee them money enough with which to complete the work besides the \$5,000 which the council voted to give towards the work, besides paying their assessment as an abutter. The matter was discussed on all sides for two hours and all of those present were very enthusiastic for the work to be carried out.

SWEETSER ARRESTED.

On Charge of Breach of the Peace with James McNulty Saturday.