

BOY KILLED BY BULLET

How Aiken Durkett Got His Injury is Not Known

WAS 32-CALIBRE BULLET

He Went Upstairs at His Home in Bridport, Where the Shooting Occurred. Weapon Belonged to the Hired Man.

Burlington, April 23.—Aiken Durkett, the ten year old Bridport boy who was shot in the head yesterday afternoon and who was brought to the Mary Fletcher hospital here last night, died this morning. He was in an unconscious condition when brought there and he remained so all the time. He was accompanied by his parents and a brother and Dr. Blaisdell.

Just how the accident occurred may never be known. The boy had returned from school yesterday afternoon and had gone upstairs to change his clothes. The revolver was one belonging to Leon Swinton, the hired man, and was kept in the latter's room. Effaring the shot, Mrs. Durkett ran upstairs and found the child senseless on the floor. The bullet one of 32-calibre, had entered his head between the left ear and left eye and Dr. Townsend and Blaisdell were unable to locate it.

WOMAN SHOT SELF, HAD BEEN DESPONDENT

Mrs. Bertha Bench of New York Tried Suicide at Brattleboro and She Probably Cannot Recover.

Brattleboro, April 23.—Mrs. Bertha Bench of New York City, a woman of means, attempted suicide at her log cabin three miles west of Newfans village yesterday forenoon, and she is barely alive, with no hope of recovery. There is a bullet hole through her head from one temple to the other, and she has been unconscious since the shooting.

Mrs. Bench had been despondent since her husband, H. P. Bench, who was a traveling salesman, committed suicide in the Massachusetts home in Springfield, Mass., two years ago this month. She and her son, Paul, came to Brattleboro a week ago and went to their cabin in Newfans, which they have occupied in summers the past eight years. While the son was at the barn he heard a shot, but thought little about it, as his mother was used to handling firearms. Soon afterwards he heard another shot and went to the cabin, finding his mother sitting on the porch, her head tipped back against the logs and a revolver lying beside her on the floor. One bullet failed to take effect, but the other had gone entirely through her head.

The son went to the home of Rev. F. M. Wiswell and telephoned for Dr. F. L. Osgood of Townshend and Dr. P. P. White of Williamsville, both of whom say the woman will die.

Mrs. Bench is 65 years old and has five children.

A POOR SHOWING.

Vermonters Defeated by Rhode Island State College.

Kinkston, R. I., April 23.—Rhode Island state college defeated the university of Vermont team yesterday afternoon, 9 to 4, by hard hitting. Hayes worked the first seven innings and was touched up for three hits and McCoull, who followed, allowed five singles. The Vermont boys failed to hit and it spelled defeat. Their fielding was also off color.

Collison started things off for Vermont by a single to left field and things looked promising. The Vermonters took a slump, however, and did not wake up until the ninth, when they scored three times. Williams, Collison and O'Rea alone for Vermont, Williams getting two of Vermont's five hits.

A CORDIAL RECEPTION.

Was Given Col. Roosevelt by American Missionaries Today.

Makindu, British East Africa, April 23.—The special train bearing the Roosevelt party toward Nairobi arrived this morning. The American missionaries gave the ex-president a cordial reception. Col. Roosevelt expects to stop at the ranches of McKellan, a former St. Louis millionaire.

"AN INTERNATIONAL OUTRAGE."

Castro Speaks His Mind About His Shabby Treatment.

St. Naveire, April 23.—Former President Castro of Venezuela arrived today on the steamer Versailles. He looked ill and weak. He goes to Paris tonight. The government is not opposed to his landing. He declared that his recent treatment was an international outrage.

Three Powers Take a Hand.

Vienas, April 23.—Austria, Germany and Italy to-day communicated the resumption of Constantinople's control. This is believed the only means of stopping the massacres of Christians in Asia Minor. It is understood the other powers favor the plan.

ILLINOIS WOMAN BY THREE BALLOTS

Mrs. Scott Elected President-general of the Daughters of The American Revolution in Washington.

Washington, D. C., April 23.—Mrs. Matthew Scott of Illinois, the administration candidate, was elected president-general of the Daughters of The American Revolution, according to the tellers' announcement at the convention meeting today. Mrs. Scott received 486 votes, and Mrs. William Story, the insurgent, received 483 votes. The election day was one of intense excitement for the daughters. Long before the day's sessions were begun every delegate was in her seat, the galleries were packed. The bare mention of the names of Mrs. Story and Mrs. Scott, the anti-administration and administrative candidates respectively for president-general, set the great gathering into pandemonium. The delegates and visitors threw aside all semblance of restraint in displaying their partisanship. The nominating speeches were replete with oratory and fiery spirit. There was no suggestion of bitterness, however.

SHOOTING IN PLATTSBURG.

Bennie Newman Probably Fatally Injured His Sister's Fiance.

Plattsburg, N. Y., April 23.—Bennie Newman, an 18-year-old boy, yesterday afternoon shot and probably fatally wounded Ben Duken, his sister's fiance, believing that he was saving the young man from serious injury or death. Duken and Bennie Newman, a girl of 19, were to have been married last night. They quarreled and Duken seized an axe. The girl screamed for help and her brother rushed upstairs firing three shots from a revolver. Duken was wounded in the chest and abdomen and has practically no chance of recovery. Bennie Newman was shot in the shoulder by a stray bullet. Newman was taken into custody and held to await the action of the grand jury.

MRS. BOYLE IDENTIFIED.

Alleged Wife of Abductor of Whittier Boy is Helen McDermott.

Mercer, Pa., April 23.—Mrs. Boyle, the alleged wife of James H. Boyle, abductor of Willie Whittier, is a mystery no longer. Last night absolute information was given that the woman is Helen McDermott of Chicago. Stories to the effect she is a member of a prominent and wealthy family, it was said, are without any foundation whatever. Last night Attorney T. C. Cochran, representing the prosecution said without qualification that Mrs. Boyle was Helen McDermott. Her family lived in Chicago.

ONE DIVORCE GRANTED.

In Franklin County Court Just Before Final Adjournment.

St. Albans, April 23.—Franklin county court which has been in session since March 11, Judge Alfred A. Hall presiding, was adjourned without day yesterday afternoon. The last business was the filing of orders in the divorce case of Mabel A. Wilson vs. Oscar E. Wilson, grounds of intolerable severity and neglect and refusal to support. The care and custody of the two minor children was given Mrs. Wilson, together with alimony at the rate of \$10 per week. In order to ensure Wilson's payment of alimony, his interest in his father's estate was tied up so that he can in no way dispose of or profit by it.

DEATH AT ST. JOHNSBURY.

Worcester S. Howe Died Yesterday After Months After Long Illness.

St. Johnsbury, April 23.—Worcester S. Howe, father of Representative Harold B. Howe, died yesterday afternoon after a four months' illness with heart disease. He was born in Lyndon, August 13, 1839, and lived there until 10 years ago when he came here. He had been in the harness business all his life and was widely known. Mr. Howe leaves a wife and three sons, William of Worcester, Charles and Harold B. Howe, a prominent lawyer, of St. Johnsbury.

GOV. PROUTY AT ALBANY.

Arranges Weekly Meetings in Preparation for the Centenary.

Albany, N. Y., April 23.—Gov. George H. Proutty of Vermont, representing the Vermont commission of the Centenary tercentenary celebration, attended a meeting of the joint commissions of New York and Vermont yesterday. Meetings of the commissions will be held here weekly until arrangements for the celebration are perfected.

STEAMER SUNK TODAY.

Nineteen People Were Drowned in Collision—Cause Not Known.

Christiansburg, April 23.—The British steamer Oxford today smashed and sunk the Norwegian boat, Edith. The latter's captain, his wife, one passenger and sixteen sailors were drowned. The cause of the collision is not known.

TO PROTECT MISSIONARIES.

British Bluejackets Have Been Dispatched to Scene of Disorders.

Smyrna, April 23.—The British bluejackets today started for Hadjinward, one hundred miles inland to protect the missionaries. The disorders are worse. It is estimated that a total of twenty thousand have been killed.

Lost Several Fingers.

Enosburgh, April 23.—E. R. Kenfield, aged 56 years, lost all the fingers of his left hand while working on a double edger at the saw mill of his son, F. L. Kenfield, in East Enosburgh yesterday afternoon. The Drs. Hutchinson of Enosburgh Falls found it necessary to amputate the fingers an inch above the knuckles, the thumb alone being saved.

WOMAN DIED OF INJURIES

Mrs. Joseph Jones Was Burned a Week Ago

END CAME EARLY TO-DAY

Most of the Time Since Her Injuries Were Sustained She Has Been in a Condition of Semi-consciousness.

After a week's struggle Mrs. Katherine Jones of Montpelier succumbed this morning to the injuries which she sustained when her clothing caught fire while she was tending a bonfire in her yard in that city. Her chief injuries were confined to her back and lower limbs. Her clothing was either burned completely off or torn off by the frantic efforts of several persons nearby to rescue her from the flames. During the week she has had periods of apparent gain and then a relapse, until her life was despaired of. She was semi-conscious most of the time, and at intervals would rouse and recognize her relatives.

Mrs. Jones was 48 years of age and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Slattery and had lived all her life in Montpelier. She was of a happy disposition and made a great many friends, who are deeply grieved over her death and in the shocking manner that it came.

The deceased leaves her husband, Joseph Jones, who is employed in the Montpelier & Wells River railroad shops at Montpelier; also two children, J. Harold and Margaret Jones, who reside at home, and three sisters, Mrs. William S. Choate and Mrs. Mary Roakes of Montpelier and Mrs. Mary Handlon of Bristol, and one brother, Thomas Slattery of Hubbardston. Another brother, Patrick, died in 1900.

AUTOMOBILE PARADE.

It Will Be a Feature of Tercentenary Week—Plots in Parade.

Burlington, April 23.—Dr. D. C. Hawley, president of the Burlington Automobile club, has the executive committee, who have in charge the local tercentenary celebration last evening at the Commercial club room to discuss the bringing about of a big automobile parade during tercentenary week. It was proposed that a parade be held on Monday, Independence day, in which Vermont automobiles owners would take part. Dr. Hawley thought 100 cars might be in line that day. It was also proposed that another parade be held on Wednesday, in which both the local and visiting automobiles participate. Invitations will be sent to the various automobile clubs throughout the country asking their members to be present during the week. The Burlington Automobile club will meet on Tuesday evening at the Commercial club room to make further arrangements.

As hundreds of machines are expected in the city during that week, the matter of furnishing garages for them is an important one. Probably a large temporary structure will be erected for the storage of automobiles, a small garage fee being charged.

The parade committee reported favorably last evening. Some of the fraternal orders have already appointed committees to prepare floats, the Woodmen and Eagles being prominent. It is proposed that on Independence day a large number of automobiles be decorated in such a manner as to be emblematic of the different states.

A committee composed of Mayor J. E. Burke, C. E. Allen, W. J. Van Patten and A. H. Duhamel will go to Plattsburg this morning to meet the committee of the Plattsburg celebration. This meeting is for co-operation, and the avoiding of conflicting interests.

MAY REMAIN A MYSTERY.

The Body of Oscar Turner Has Not Been Found.

Pownal, April 23.—Four days of searching for the body of Oscar Turner, supposed to have been beaten to death Saturday night on the river road and his body thrown into the Hoosac river, have failed of result and after the most thorough dragging of the river the officers begin to realize that perhaps the case is yet to develop into a mystery. Four persons suspected of being connected with or having knowledge of the manner in which Turner is believed to have met his death are held in the Bennington jail, where they were lodged within less than five hours after Turner was missed, but until Turner is found the authorities cannot arraign those in custody.

Men of experience from Burlington, with equipment of every kind, have been engaged in dragging the river, both above and below the dam. The water is still high and muddy, which handicaps the men greatly in the work.

The water in the millpond at North Pownal, two miles below here, has been drawn down so that it is not running over the dam, and if the body should float down as far as that, it cannot get by that point.

FELL OFF BRIDGE

To Escape Train, and They Were Probably Drowned To-day.

Springfield, Mass., April 23.—Thomas Powers and an unknown companion were probably drowned early to-day. They were crossing the Boston & Albany bridge. A train was approaching, and they fell into the water to escape the train. The bodies have not been found.

IMPRESSIONS OF CONGRESS.

Told by Vermont's Newest Member, Frank Plumley, to Vincitla Club.

A majority of the members and many guests were present at Vincitla club rooms last evening, when the final of a series of smoke talks was held. The speaker of the evening, Congressman Frank Plumley of Northfield, was introduced shortly after eight o'clock and gave an interesting 40 minute talk on his impressions of Congress in general and the House of Representatives in particular.

He said that he went to Washington wholly unused to the condition and ignorant of every practical step in the organization of the House of Representatives. The speaker confined most of his address to the Paine tariff bill, which recently passed the House after a number of revisions. He said that the House put between two and three weeks of solid work into the discussion of this bill, meeting at 10 o'clock in the morning and often continuing discussions until 11 at night.

It became apparent early in the discussion that the House did not favor tariff on local coffee or oil, and these were left by them. Having been elected on the expectation and understanding that there would be a revision of the tariff all expected that it would be changed.

Mr. Plumley stated that the raise in the tariff on ladies' gloves was to give the industries of this country a chance to compete with the instance of the benefit derived when the Dingley tariff bill was adopted. He said that at that time most of the men's gloves were made in foreign countries, but now all are made in this country and they are of a better quality than those made in foreign countries and obtainable at a lower price.

Each section wants to protect its own special interests. The work of the House is in taking care of conflicting interests, and it was necessary that both sides make concessions. The bill is not what we would ask for Vermont alone, but it is a pretty good bill altogether. The South and West think the East has it all her own way on the bill, and it is true that Payne, the chairman of the committee and means committee is an Easterner and other able men of the committee are also from the East.

Mr. Plumley said that upon arriving in Washington he found the rules of the House had been made more liberal and that the speaker had it less his own way than formerly. Under the new rule all bills that had been reported were called every Wednesday, giving the House a chance to take action upon them. He said further that when the representatives want further change in the rules of the House, they can have them. As soon as a majority of the Republicans of the House want to change the rules this can be brought about through the Republican caucus, which rules the House.

Hereafter the speaker has appointed the committee of rules, but now they are elected. The Republican and Democratic caucuses elect two members each and the speaker, who is elected by the House, is the fifth.

Mr. Plumley said that the Vermont representation has but two assets in the House of Representatives. While Pennsylvania or New York, with their great numbers, are in a position to suit by mere force of numbers, Vermont could do little in this way with but two.

The first of these assets, said the speaker, is to get good committee appointments and the second is to get the good will of their fellow members. By doing the latter it is possible to get some delegations to stand for the things that Vermont wants and then we have some chance.

Mr. Plumley was loudly cheered upon closing his address and the thanks of the club were extended to him. A. W. Allen favored the company with a comic reading, which was a round of hearty applause. Music was furnished during the evening by Gilbert's orchestra of five pieces. At the conclusion of the program a buffet lunch was served in the card room.

AGRICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE.

Grange Officials Discuss How It Can Be Imparted to Scholars.

Burlington, April 23.—M. S. Stone of Montpelier, state superintendent of education and lecturer of the state grange C. F. Smith of Morrisville, master of Plainfield, commissioner of agriculture, met the lecturers of the state granges, the residue in a room at Burlington, yesterday in the Van Ness house. A meeting was for the purpose of discussing ways in which the grange can introduce elementary agriculture in the public schools.

Under the present system of education there is no way for the younger pupils to learn agriculture or about the soil under their feet, although they have ample opportunity to learn of Turkey, Africa and the Sahara desert. The grange will make an effort to keep the sons and daughters of Vermont in Vermont and to have them take full advantage of the natural resources that abound about them.

When the primary pupils become familiar with grasses, soils, etc., the interest aroused in agriculture will make them anxious, when older, to attend an agricultural college. Vermont will then have scientific farmers and very high quality of agricultural products, which most of them are now ignorant.

9400 FINE FOR ADULTERY.

N. P. Dillingham Must Also Report to Probation Officer Monthly.

Rutland, April 23.—Nathan P. Dillingham of Denby, who had pleaded guilty in Rutland county court to the charge of adultery, was yesterday fined \$9400, which was in addition to a fine of \$1000 for a previous offense. He is sentenced to serve not less than two and a half years nor more than three years in the house of correction. The prison sentence was later suspended, but the young man must make a monthly report to the probation officer for three years.

TO WORK FOR BARRE GRANITE

Three Associations to Send Committee to Washington

ON POST OFFICE CONTRACT

Granite Manufacturers, Quarry Owners and Board of Trade Co-operate to Secure Selection of Barre Granite for Building.

A determined effort is to be made to secure the use of Barre granite as the building material in the new post office to be erected at the corner of South Main and Prospect streets in this city, and the two associations connected with the granite industry are co-operating with the new board of trade in this work. At a conference held by representatives of the granite manufacturers, quarry owners and the board of trade, held yesterday, a committee was selected to go to Washington to further the interests of Barre in the matter.

This committee is as follows: Mayor Robins, representing the granite manufacturers, Hugh J. M. Jones, representing the quarry owners, and ex-Mayor Nelson D. Phelps, representing the board of trade. These men expect to leave to-morrow night for the capital.

The bids for the construction of the new federal building are to be opened, as advertised, on next Monday, the 26th of April, and the Barre committee will be on the ground at the time. There are said to be several bids for the contract with Barre granite as the basis, but not by any local firms. In case the Barre granite bids should be considered too high by the government, the Barre committee will urge that the work of construction be held until an extra appropriation can be made for of Congress. In that event, the building of the post office would be postponed for a year at least.

That Barre is very much in earnest in seeing that its post office is built of Barre granite is evinced by this concerted effort on the part of the three associations and the sacrifice that will be necessary on the part of the committee chosen to make the trip to Washington.

A BETTER OUTLOOK

For Success of Project to Change the Course of the River.

A conference between the city council committee and the committee of the abutters on the Stevens Branch who are interested in changing the course of the stream was held yesterday afternoon at the city council chamber, at which time an understanding was reached that the abutters' share of the cost of the improvement would be forthcoming as wanted. It is understood that the Barre railroad stands ready to put up its one-half of the total cost at intervals as the progress of the work calls for. The city has voted to give \$5,000 outright, so that that sum would be available to finance the project.

There is now, however, a disagreement as to the conditions of the \$5,000 appropriation, some of the abutters standing out for a through public road from Prospect street to Depot square in the old course of the stream, rather than to have the road cut off at the Miles granite block and connect with Main street by the alley between the Miles and the Gordon blocks. The abutters conferred with the representatives of the railroad for some time yesterday afternoon, but no agreement has been reached. An agreement over the conditions of the city's appropriation is about all that stands in the way of the starting of the work.

PORTER BACK IN JAIL.

Brattleboro Man Must Serve 185 Days For Stealing.

Brattleboro, April 23.—Harry J. Porter of Lyndon, Mass., who has spent several terms in prison or jail, was taken to Newfane jail yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Frank Wellman of Guilford to serve a sentence of 185 days for larceny. Porter was sentenced by Justice John E. Gale of Guilford for stealing a fishing rod and pair of boots from Conover Fitch, president of the Waltham Watch company, who owns a summer home in Green River, in the town of Guilford. He secured the team in Claremont, N. H., and ran off with it in October 1907, and after staying overnight in Westminster he stole a suit of clothes from the man he stayed with. For that he was sent to the house of correction at Rutland for three months. He has worked in Brattleboro some since then.

SURRENDER DEMANDED.

Young Turks Are Guarding The Sultan's Palace Today.

Constantinople, April 23.—The besiegers generally today formally demanded the surrender of the palace, the guard threatening to force the sultan to abdicate. The Young Turks at a conference, decided to depose the sultan. It is reported the sultan is mentally irresponsible as the result of his troubles. Three Turkish warships, favorable to the Young Turks arrived at San Stefano today and are guarding the sultan's yacht to prevent his escape. The sultan's third son is reported captured and there is likelihood of his execution as he is a progressive enemy.

Harry A. Holton, a White River Junction jeweler, has a family heirloom in the shape of a bull's eye silver watch that was made in London in 1723.

MAJOR C. M. WILLEY MADE A COLONEL

Barre Man Now Officially at the Head of the Vermont Regiment, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias.

Major C. M. Willey of this city was elected colonel of the Vermont Regiment, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, at the meeting of the regimental officers held in the Vincitla lodge rooms last evening. The meeting was called for the purpose of electing a colonel to succeed Col. C. M. Brownell of Burlington, whose commission had expired. The senior major being next in line for the office, Major Willey was unanimously elected. Owing to the ill health of Col. Brownell, Col. Willey has been acting colonel of the regiment for about two years and pleasing compliments were paid him by the officers present last evening for his efficient and faithful performance of the duties of the office.

Col. Willey started from the ranks and went up steadily through the different ranks of his own company to the head of the regiment. He was first elected second lieutenant of the Barre company when that company was instituted in 1890, and eight years ago was elected adjutant of the regiment of which he is now the head.

Col. Willey has already appointed two members on his staff, Adjutant Frank E. Robinson and Quartermaster Frank W. Nichols, both with the rank of captain. The balance of the staff will be appointed later. It was decided to defer the election of a major to succeed Col. Willey until the annual encampment this summer. There was a discussion at the meeting as to whether the regiment would go to the tercentenary celebration at Burlington in a body, but no definite action was taken.

At the close of the meeting a banquet was served by the members of the Barre company.

HUGE GRANITE BLOCK AT E. L. SMITH & CO.'S

It Has Taken Over Two Years to Get the Piece Moved, the Mass Being 200 Feet Long and 80 Feet Wide.

E. L. Smith & Co. made a break in their upper quarry yesterday, and it is the largest piece of granite they have ever moved with powder. The length of it is 200 feet and the width about 80 feet, while the depth is 24 feet. In order to make the break two charges of powder had to be used. The weight of the huge mass is approximately 69,100,000 pounds, and it would make 1,728 carloads of granite, provided the cars were of 40,000 pounds capacity.

E. L. Smith & Co. commenced on this channel two years ago last January, going down 24 feet.

WILL BUILD A CHURCH.

Episcopal Mission at Westerville Buys Site for Structure.

An Episcopal church edifice is to be erected at Westerville, and it is hoped to make a start on the foundation at once, land having been purchased from Ernest Keith on the main street leading to Graniteville. The site is next to the location of the Baptist church in Westerville. The new edifice will be of wood and of sufficient size to accommodate this growing mission, which was organized by Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in this city a year ago when the former was a member of the Barre church. The Westerville mission now numbers about fifty members.

A meeting of the mission was held Tuesday night at the home of James Raycroft. It was very well attended, and great enthusiasm over the project of having a church building was manifested. The vote to build was unanimous, and the following committee was chosen to secure the land for the structure: James Raycroft, Hugh Raycroft, William Edwards, Donald Greenleaf and Robert McKelvey. This committee got to work promptly, and secured the site on the leading street in the village. The result is that this growing branch of the Barre church hopes to be attending services in its own building within a comparatively short time.

GODDARD NOTES.

About 40 members of the school attended the lecture at the opera house by Dr. Conwell.

At a meeting of the base ball candidates held on Wednesday afternoon, Frank J. Shinn, '09, who has been chosen as captain during the preliminary practice, was elected as captain of the team for the season. The boys were much pleased with the number who came to see the I. A. C. game. The second game comes tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, with the second team from Norwich university. This is the first time that a Norwich team has been in Barre for some years.

An enthusiastic mass meeting was held yesterday noon, to consider the advisability of having a track team. Fifteen boys have stated that they would like to train, from now until the inter-school athletic meet in Burlington June 5. None of these are candidates for the base ball team. With this amount of material, a team should be developed that will be a credit to the school.

It is very gratifying to those having the Salmon lecture recital in charge, to see the interest that is being taken by the music-loving people of both Barre and Montpelier. Many music pupils in town have taken the advantage of the offer to sell tickets, and they report that they are meeting with success. We trust that every one interested in music will keep the date in mind, Wednesday April 28, at 8 o'clock.

Entirely new entertainment today at the popular Bijou theatre. One of the laughable kind is "Furniture Carefully Removed." There are three other pictures which will interest and amuse many people. The song is "Love Me Like I Love to be Loved," and is one of the best for some time. This song made one of the biggest hits of the year in New York.

A BODY BY THE ROADSIDE

The Man May Have Committed Suicide

A GUN LAY BESIDE HIM

The Discovery Was Made by Rural Mail Carrier Charles F. Ayer This Afternoon—Was in the Town of Barre.

The body of a man was found in the road on the East Hill this afternoon and beside the body lay a gun with which he had been shot. The discovery was made by Rural Mail Carrier Charles F. Ayer at one o'clock, while he was making his inward trip to the Barre post office. He did not stop to examine the body, but notified the people at John McLaughlin's, which is forty rods from the place where the man lay. The selection of the town of Barre, in which town the remains were found, were at once notified, and they with Dr. Bailey of Graniteville, the town health officer, went to the location early this afternoon.

It is reported that a short time before Mr. Ayer discovered the body, a girl in the neighborhood heard a shot fired, the sound coming from the direction of the place where the man was found. It is supposed that the shot was fired by the man at himself.

Mr. Ayer states that the body lay partially on one side and that there was blood on the hands and also a pool of it on the ground. The body would weigh about 160 pounds. It was clothed in working clothes. It has not been identified up to the time of going to press.

The body lay almost in the road and a team stood but a short distance away, the horse being contentedly feeding at the side of the road. The spot is between the John McLaughlin house and the Wheaton schoolhouse.

COUNTY COURT ENDS A SHORT SESSION

Final Adjournment This Morning After a Few Minor Matters Were Disposed Of.

Washington county court wound up its term this morning, an adjournment being made a few minutes after the court was called to order at nine o'clock. This term has been somewhat shorter than usual although during the past week or ten days there has been little to take up the attention of the court except the hearing of divorce cases. A divorce was granted yesterday afternoon in the case of Floor vs. Floor, the ground being non-support. The Crowley vs. Crowley divorce case was continued at the request of the attorneys. The entry of settled and discontinued was made in the case of the People's National bank of Barre vs. R. J. Woodward. The suit was brought to recover the face of a note with interest. The case of A. M. Morrison of Barre, vs. Daniel Emery, general assumpsit, has been settled and discontinued. The case of Gallagher Bros. of Barre, vs. C. R. Scott and company, general assumpsit, has been referred to J. W. Gordon.

AGREE ON RECEIVER.

Whitcomb Bros. Accept Judge Clapp to Settle Up Their Affairs.

Judge Clapp in Washington county court has appointed Assistant Judge William J. Stapp of this city as receiver for the firm of Whitcomb Brothers, manufacturers of machines, in order to settle up the affairs of the partnership. Friend Whitcomb petitioned for the appointment of a receiver, and in his answer to the court Harry A. Whitcomb acquiesced in the application. The cause the settlement upon a man to have charge of the receivership, agreement being finally settled upon Judge Clapp yesterday afternoon.

The plant and equipment of Whitcomb Brothers is a valuable one, invoicing for \$35,000, it is said, the works being located on New Main street. They are manufacturers of machinery in granite shops, as well as other kinds of business, and are said to have some extra good patents.

J. Ward Carver and John W. Gordon represent Harry Whitcomb and E. L. Scott and Richard A. Hoar are attorneys for the other partner, Friend Whitcomb.