

MAYOR WOODS WAS DEFAMED

Says Jury Which Returned a Verdict Today

IN AN ELECTION CONTEXT

Somerville's Executive Oets Verdict Against Proprietor of Somerville Sun and a Former Somerville Minister.

Boston, Feb. 1.—A verdict of guilty was rendered today by the jury in the East Cambridge court against George H. Pratt, proprietor of the Somerville Sun, and Rev. E. E. Baylis, formerly a Somerville clergyman, who were charged with criminally libeling Mayor John M. Woods of Somerville. Sentence will be imposed to-morrow.

Mayor Woods was the principal witness, the claim being made that defendants charged him with drunkenness, with abetting in the violation of the liquor law in Somerville and that he was one of a party that went to New Bedford to inspect fire apparatus, that liquor was carried in the automobiles and that several of the party were in a helpless condition on their return to Somerville.

Judge Bond began his charge to the jury at 9:40 a. m. yesterday and the case was given to the jury at 11:28. At 3 o'clock the jury returned for instructions. The court adjourned at 4 o'clock and at 5:02 the jury, having reached a verdict, sealed it up and went home.

GREAT SLAUGHTER IN KOREAN PROVINCE

Troops Needed at Once to Quell Rebellion, which Yesterday Resulted in Death of Scores, Besides immense Property Loss.

Kobe, Japan, Feb. 1.—Orders were received from Tokio today to hasten the mobilization of troops for suppressing the rebellion in Korea in the South Phangan province. Late advices indicate that scores were killed, instead of twenty Japanese, in yesterday's uprising, while the loss of property was immense. All the government officials in the district hurried thousands of armed Koreans killing and looting, wherever the officials were resisted.

OWES 80 ACTORS \$7,485.

Charles H. Yale, Manager, Files Petition in Bankruptcy.

New York, Feb. 1.—Charles H. Yale, theatrical manager, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$61,546 and nominal assets of \$13,278, consisting of notes, \$2,805; accounts, \$5,463; scenery, costumes, etc., \$11,000; in storage warehouses in New York and Philadelphia, subject to warehouse liens, and cash in banks, \$5.

WOMAN DIES AT 100.

Mrs. Sarah C. Clark of Amesbury Passed Century Mark Sept. 29.

FEARY ORDERED TO DUTY.

Return to Navy Will Interfere with Benefits and Trip Abroad.

BROCKTON HAS SMALLPOX.

Three Children in One Family Ill and Strict Quarantine Established.

DESPONDENT, TRIED SUICIDE.

Town Ward Attempted to Kill Himself by Cutting Throat.

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MINE'S COLLAPSE KILLS SCORES

Terrible Scenes at Primero, Colorado, Death List May be One Hundred.

Primero, Colo., Feb. 1.—More than a hundred men are believed to have been killed by a terrific explosion in the Primero mine of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Three men were killed at the mouth of the mine slope by the force of the explosion. Both fans with which the mine is equipped were shattered and it was impossible to enter the mine until they were repaired at 7:30 last night.

As soon as the fans were repaired General Superintendent J. F. Thompson and a rescue party entered by the main air shaft but were unable to reach the main shaft, which shaft is completely blocked. The party returned to the surface after securing five bodies, which were badly burned.

A party equipped with oxygen helmets replaced this party, workings were reached through the air shaft and are now being searched for more bodies.

There is little hope that any of the men in the mine are alive. The company clerks report that 78 safety lamps are missing and it is sure that that number of men are entombed. 150 men are missing, however, say that 150 men are missing.

Most of the victims are Slavs and Hungarians. Pit Boss Wilhelm is known to be among the missing.

While the bodies were being taken to the shaft, with pick and shovel to clear the shaft, the women and children, kept back by ropes, have gathered about the shaft, weeping and calling widely for their loved ones, who have not been found.

Experts from all the coal camps of the state have gathered to assist Superintendent Thompson. A. C. French, superintendent of the Wooten mines, and J. E. Binley, mine inspector, will head another rescue party as soon as batteries for electrical lights arrive by special train.

Members of the first rescue party say that the effect of the explosion underground is indescribable. The bodies recovered were horribly burned and unrecognizable. One body was impaled on broken timbers.

BUILDING COLLAPSED AND SIDEWALKS CAVING

Paris Suffering Greatly from After-Effects of Floods.—About 200,000 Homeless to Provide for.—Refugees to Leave Homes.

Paris, Feb. 1.—There have been more serious after-effects of the flood today than at any time since the water began to recede. Many sidewalks are caving in and some buildings have collapsed. Engineers declare that all the Paris bridges can be saved. The Seine is receding slowly, owing to the high water in the Yonne, a tributary. There are still 150,000 to 200,000 homeless to provide for. The government's proposal to move them to the country until the conditions are normal was unsuccessful, the people refusing to leave their homes.

ASSURES 200 DEPOSITORS.

Southbridge Bank President Bids Them Be Patient for Funds.

Southbridge, Mass., Feb. 1.—A mass meeting of 200 depositors in the Southbridge Savings bank was held last night. Edwin D. Deane, the new town treasurer, presided.

President Calvin D. Paige of the bank assured the depositors their funds were all right and that they would be paid in full, if they would hold patience. The audience seemed satisfied with Mr. Paige's assurance.

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Rome, Feb. 1.—The River Tiber, which has been rising for several days, today reached an unprecedented height. Along its banks thousands are homeless from the flood. Rescue parties are carrying the inhabitants to the highlands, while endeavoring to relieve the panic stricken people, who believe the disaster is attributable to the approach of Halley's comet.

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Worcester, Mass., Feb. 1.—J. W. Hall, a wealthy real estate dealer; Patrick J. Judge, proprietor of a printing establishment; Louis Lachapelle, a printer; and Harry C. Owen, elevator man, were arrested last night on the result of statements made to the police by eight young girls, whose ages range from 12 to 18 years.

Hall and Judge were released upon furnishing bail to the amount of \$1000.

AULD SCORES IN HIS TRIAL

Veracity of Complainant is Being Attacked

AND HE MAY BE ARRESTED

Charge May Be Brought That He Has Been Practicing Medicine in Massachusetts without Certificate—Progress of the Court-martial.

Boston, Feb. 1.—The attempt to discredit the veracity of Dr. Edward S. Cowles will possibly cause his arrest for practicing medicine without a Massachusetts license, it was developed today at the navy yard court-martial of Paymaster George P. Auld, who is charged with insulting and assaulting Dr. Cowles at a dance held last December. A. Willbur, a Boston theatrical manager, swore that his brother died under Cowles' treatment and that Cowles presented an itemized bill for \$1700.

During the course of cross-examination of Dr. Cowles yesterday afternoon, it developed that he had been graduated from the university of Virginia and that he had studied eighteen months at Harvard, but had not got a Massachusetts certificate to practice medicine.

Major Leonard, sitting for Paymaster Auld, asked Dr. Cowles:

Have you ever appeared to ask permission to practice medicine? A.—Yes. Q.—How many times? A.—I don't know. Q.—So many times you can't remember? A.—Perhaps so. Q.—Have you appeared once? A.—Perhaps so. Q.—Have you appeared twice? A.—Perhaps so. Q.—Have you tried to pass three times? A.—Perhaps so. Q.—Four times? A.—I don't know. Q.—Are you, Dr. Cowles, a mental healer or a physician? A.—I am not allowed to practice within this state. Q.—Are you a mental healer? A.—I am not a practicing physician. Q.—Do you ever render a bill for mental healing? A.—I can't say. Q.—Did you ever take fees for mental healing in the name of your brother? A.—You'll have to ask him.

Mr. Willbur was followed on the stand today by Miss Madeline Swift. She declared that Cowles never would have been asked to the box but for his wife and she denounced him. Miss Dorothy Hilder followed on the stand. She denied that she ever gave her photo to Cowles. She said he took it when she was absent, and the delay in returning the same was the cause of all the unpleasantness.

Cowles took the stand again to review his testimony when adjournment was taken. It is expected that many other witnesses will be called in an attempt to discredit Cowles.

FARM BUILDINGS BURNED TODAY

Major H. Edward Dyer of Rutland Lost \$4,000 and Saved 70 Head of Cattle by Hard Work.

Rutland, Feb. 1.—Two large barns and a silo, attached, belonging to Major H. Edward Dyer of this city, were destroyed by fire this morning, and several tons of hay were burned. Seventy head of cattle and sheep were saved with difficulty. The cause of the fire is not known. The loss is \$4,000.

WERE BURIED TOGETHER.

West Burke, Vt., Recluse and Faithful Dog.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 1.—Word has just reached here of the suicide in Burke, Thursday, of Charles Aldrich, a lonely recluse of 72 years. Mr. Aldrich's only companion was his faithful dog and the poor creature's grief on finding the dead body of his master was so pathetic that he was chloroformed and buried in the same grave as his master.

UNCONSCIOUS IN WOODS.

Bennington "Snow Shoe" Nearly Lost His Life Sunday.

Bennington, Feb. 1.—George F. Daley, the son of Dr. R. R. Daley of this village, narrowly escaped death yesterday while snow-shoeing on Harmon mountain Sunday. He had planned to meet two Bennington young men at a cabin on the further shore of Lake Hancock in the town of Stamford for Sunday dinner in the woods, but his prospective companions failed to keep their agreement about three hours when he was accidentally discovered by three young men from North Adams, making a shot trip over Stamford mountain to this village.

He carried Daley to the cabin of Martin Green, a hermit, who lives all the year around at the lake and leaving the young man there they came on to Bennington and reported his condition. An older brother, J. W. Daley, and James Martin, tramped on snow shoes to the lake during the night, arriving early yesterday morning and brought the young man out during the day. But for his accidental discovery by the snow-shoe party, Daley must have perished at Lake Centre in one of the largest uninhabited sections of timber land in the state and is visited during the winter only by a few lumbermen and hunters on snowshoes.

EXPLOSION OF NATURAL GAS AT FIRE IN LEROY, N. Y.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Twenty-one persons were hurt in a natural gas explosion at LeRoy, N. Y., yesterday. Two are seriously injured, the rest will recover.

BIG GATHERING OF FORESTERS

Was Held at St. Albans Last Night, Officials Will Visit Montpelier This Evening.

St. Albans, Feb. 1.—The largest meeting of Foresters ever held in the northern part of the state was held in this city last night when the high court officers made a visit to the local courts.

At eight o'clock a reception was held at Champlain hall and informal speeches were made by the visiting officers. A company to the number of about 250 repaired to Paige's hall, where a banquet was served and post-prandial exercises were held. Dr. E. J. Melville acting as toastmaster and the out-of-town Foresters and others responded informally.

The high court officers began yesterday to make a speaking tour through the New England states, their visits being for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with the work and the members of the order in the part of the country. They will visit only two places in this state, this city and Montpelier, and the visits are purely of a social nature.

The high court officers present were High Chief Ranger Thomas B. Cannon of Chicago, Vice-Chief Ranger J. X. Billodeau of Montreal, High Treasurers Julia C. Collier and Thomas P. Flynn of Chicago, and Simeon Viger of Lawrence, Mass., also, Provincial Chief Ranger J. C. L. Demertry of Montreal.

The state officers present were State Chief Ranger J. E. McGrath of Milford, State Secretary T. A. Austin of Brattleboro, State Treasurer F. W. Sault of Northfield, N. E. L'Enfer of this city, A. E. Goyette of Essex Junction, and Julia Simons of Burlington. Representatives were present from the following places: Burlington, Essex Junction, Newport, Richmond, Montpelier Center, Enosburg Falls, Fairfield, Highgate, Roussau Point, Swanton, Winooki and Milton.

VERMONT BANKS INCREASE DEPOSITS

Approximately a Million and Three-quarters During the Six Months Just Concluded.

Newport, Feb. 1.—A report from the office of Frank C. Williams, state bank commissioner, summarizing the condition of the savings banks and trust companies in Vermont, 1910, as follows:—

The 21 savings banks in the state had deposits of \$41,512,673.44. July 1, 1909, the same banks had deposits of \$40,499,968.07, which is a gain in six months of \$1,012,705.37.

The assets of these 21 banks have increased during the same period \$1,053,118.89.

January 1, 1910, the 29 savings banks and trust companies in the state had savings deposits of \$21,941,448.78.

July 1, 1909, the same banks had savings deposits of \$21,230,491, which is a gain in six months of \$710,957.78.

January 1, 1910, the 29 savings banks and trust companies had commercial deposits of \$2,733,864.29.

July 1, 1909, the same banks had commercial deposits of \$2,735,647.99, showing a decrease in six months of \$1,783.70.

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The total gain in savings deposits in the 50 banks over which the bank commissioner has supervision, from July 1, 1909, to January 1, 1910, is \$1,714,792.29.

All of the savings banks have made gains in deposits in the period named. Two trust companies have no savings deposits. Of the other 37, three have lost deposits and 24 have gained in the same period. The demand for money has been good for the past six months, and rates, on the whole, fully as good as for the year previous.

SPOTTER SYSTEM NOT RELISHED

Great Disgust Expressed by Minority of School Board in Rutland over Its Use.

Rutland, Feb. 1.—Anger, disgust and other feelings, which are being vented by minority members of the school board because of a joint reprimand administered by its teachers' committee to nine young women employed in the public schools as the result of facts gleaned through a spotter system, seem likely to disrupt the board which has charge of this city's educational interests.

The minority declares that the action of the majority members, composing the committee, in using the spotter system, which died a natural death here with the prohibitory liquor law, reflects on the honor of all. Miss Rowena Purdon, employed as a substitute teacher, was the alleged spotter, and it is said she reported the work in the rooms she visited.

Facts about the special meeting of the teachers' committee held a week ago last night have been leaking out gradually and have brought expressions of indignation. The inception of the committee, which is composed of Commissioners Lamb and C. W. Ward and E. H. Ross, president of the board, is said to have been adopted with the idea of merely inquiring into the work of the various teachers and remedying weaknesses in the school system. The commissioners are silent regarding the occurrences at the meeting.

Miss Purdon is a woman of good education, a graduate of a normal school and an experienced teacher. She would visit rooms while the teachers were at work, note their weak points and subsequently report it, it is said, to the teachers' committee, dwelling particularly on the department of the children.

It is claimed by the majority that the teachers were summoned before the committee without any previous intimation of what was intended and that the use of the spotter system and the committee's subsequent action were without precedent or justification.

OVER 700 APPLICANTS

For Census Enumerators' Jobs in Vermont

EXAMINATION SATURDAY

Supervisor Hays Will Allow Applicants to Take Examination in Nineteen Different Points in the State.

Burlington, Feb. 1.—Between 700 and 800 applicants for positions as census enumerators for Vermont will take their examinations on Saturday at nineteen different points in the state, said State Supervisor Lynn M. Hays today. The local office of the supervisor is actively engaged in sending admission cards to the applicants for enumerators' positions. One hundred of them will meet in Burlington. There will be about 200 successful ones, as that number is needed to take the census of 1910. The actual work of taking the census will be started on April 15, simultaneously with the work throughout the country.

SHERIFF KNOCKED DOWN.

Amaten Men Held for Assaulting Officer Willis Mahoney.

Springfield, Feb. 1.—Elisha Dickinson and Edward Moots, both of Amaten, appeared before the municipal court yesterday morning to answer to the charge of assaulting Willis Mahoney, a deputy sheriff of Perkinsville. The plaintiff claimed that the respondents came to his house Thursday and Moots asked the sheriff to read a civil writ against him. This Mahoney said he did and while doing it, Mahoney claims Dickinson struck him in the back of the neck, knocking him down.

The sheriff says he got up and was struck again in the chest, but ran to the house and further claims that the respondents attempted to enter the building, meanwhile making threats.

The testimony developed to the respondents' prolonged drunkenness and threats some time previous to harm if not killed the plaintiff, Judge H. H. Blanchard found them over to county court in \$500 bail which Moots claims he can procure. E. B. Buck of Windsor presented, while E. B. Finn of Springfield defended.

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JOINING UNION ENDS STRIKE.

Philadelphia Carpenters and Granite Cutters Return to Work.

Philadelphia, Feb. 1.—The granite cutters' strike, which has been in force in this city since November 15 and affected more than 1,000 men, ended when the non-union men employed by the contractors joined the union.

The granite cutters struck in sympathy with union carpenters, who refused to install in a big department store building wood fittings made by a non-union firm. The carpenters' strike was settled by sub-letting the contract for wood work to a union firm.

CONTRIBUTIONS ACKNOWLEDGED.

The Bijou Theatre management has turned over to its assistance fund of the lumpers, boxers and derrickmen's union 20 per cent. of the receipts of last night's performance and has generously agreed to do the same next Thursday evening. The Pavilion management has agreed to donate 20 per cent. of its receipts this evening and promises to pull up a good show. While I am sorry to state that I can acknowledge at the present time, I wish to extend thanks to those who have so generously responded to the appeal for the assistance of the lumpers, boxers and derrickmen, and while there are many who have taken an advantage of the Biblical teaching of doing with their left hand that they did not wish their right hand to know, there are still a great many who have done nothing with their left hand that they could possibly be ashamed of their right hand having knowledge of, and while the struggle for assistance may seem to be a long one, there are still many cases that will have to be attended to. James Mutch, secretary C. L. U.

BARRE TEAM WON AGAIN.

Checker Players Defeated Montpelier Last Night, 19 to 15.

The Barre checker team administered the third straight defeat to the Montpelier team in this city last night, the match being played in the Glen Gordon rooms. The score was Barre 19, Montpelier 15, draws 0. It is expected that the fourth match of the series will be played at Montpelier in two weeks. The championship board held by the Barre club through G. Anderson's winning was on exhibition last night. It is likely that in the event of Rutland's failure to follow up its challenge for the board Montpelier will challenge, sending William Mio after the trophy.

The score last night was as follows: Montpelier. Draws. Barre.

Wm. Mio ... 0 4 Wm. Messer ... 2 R. Myrick ... 2 D. Stephen ... 0 E. Sweeney ... 2 A. Stephens ... 0 Wm. Lynch ... 0 A. Anderson ... 4 Y. Morrison ... 0 M. Peterson ... 2 F. Doucet ... 2 M. Charbonneau ... 2 L. Doucet ... 2 T. Denning ... 2 Wm. McGovern ... 2 Wm. Grant ... 1 H. Grellet ... 4 G. Cormack ... 0 Wm. Perkins ... 0 W. F. Bradford ... 0 T. Cory ... 2 D. Stuart ... 1

DIVORCE SUITS DISMISSED.

Those Brought by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Crowley of East Barre.

The judges of Washington county court, assembled at Montpelier today, dismissed the divorce suit brought by the Crowleys of East Barre—Patrick against Carrie L. Crowley and the counter suit.

MONTPELIER BUYS MORE BERLIN LAND

Following up Plan to Wipe Out Summer Resort Business at Pond, in Order to Protect Its Water Supply.

In pursuance of a plan to eliminate Berlin pond as a summer resort and reduce the contamination of its city water supply as much as possible, the Montpelier city council has just purchased the property of Chasuncey G. and Ella Poor and S. B. Sibley, bordering on the upper pond and aggregating about fifty acres. The cost was \$6,500. In addition to this, the city recently purchased the lots of James M. Routwell and Messrs. Hastings and Cleaves.

By the Poor purchase, Montpelier comes into possession of the land and cottages on the upper side of the road on the eastern bank of the large pond, up to the Clark Stewart line, excepting the Blanchard and Tobin lots. The city proposes to dispose of these cottages as soon as acquired. Mr. Poor gives sixteen boats and his boating business to Montpelier for \$2,500, with the stipulation that he will not rent any boats on the pond. He is also given \$2,500 for thirty to forty acres of land bordering on the pond.

The Sibley purchase includes the Bosworth house and ten acres of land on the brook leading into the pond. The land is part tillage and part pasture, and runs down to the Pike pasture. The price was \$1,200. It is intimated that Montpelier will purchase other land bordering on the pond from time to time, in accordance with recommendations of the state board of health, and gradually wipe out the summer outing business in Berlin. Clark Stewart, one of the chief ones interested in the renting of cottages and boats, is reported to be hostile to the plan.

CONFERENCES STILL THE ORDER OF THE DAY

Otherwise There Is No Development in the Labor Situation in Barre. Committees in Session Today.

There has been no change in the granite situation in the past twenty-four hours. It has been one conference after another and still more conferences scheduled for this afternoon and evening. The committee from the granite cutters met the committee from the manufacturers yesterday afternoon and last evening and are again in session this afternoon. They met this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

The committee from the polishers' union met the committee from the manufacturers last evening and they met again at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The committee from the lumpers, boxers and derrickmen will meet the committee from the manufacturers this evening.

In the Windham county cases of W. S. French vs. T. Raymond and E. S. Niles vs. Adosa Carleton, the judgments of the lower court were affirmed.

AND THE JURY COULDN'T AGREE.

Barre Attorney Defendant in Malicious Prosecution Case.

The large, old-fashioned farmhouse of Nelson Bowen in the town of Bethel, five miles from the village, was turned into a courthouse yesterday, when a spirited jury trial case was heard there with five lawyers present. The case was that of John R. Race of that town versus Attorney M. M. Gordon of Barre for alleged malicious prosecution. M. M. Wilson, state's attorney for Orange county, was counsel for Race, and Gordon defended himself with the assistance of Attorney Wallace Ratchford of Bethel. The other two lawyers present were City Judge W. S. Clark of Barre and R. M. Harvey of Montpelier, who were summoned as witnesses in the case.

Besides being a courthouse, the old homestead was obliged to turn itself into a hotel as well, and because of its isolated situation the boat had to open up his larder and dine the whole coterie of lawyers, witnesses and jury members, who drove in from all directions to the compass. The trial justice was Clayton Dickinson, who was officiating for the first time in this capacity.

The jury members were summoned in a surprisingly short time by the use of the R. F. D. telephone, and by 4 o'clock in the afternoon the six jurymen retired to deliberate on the case and pronounce their decision. But after an hour's session they returned and reported that they could not agree and were discharged by the court.

BROWN-TASSIE.

Marriage of Barre Girl in Aberdeen, So. Dakota, Recently.

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Janet Tassie, daughter of James Tassie of Washington street, this city, is contained in the Aberdeen, South Dakota, American of the date of January 26, as follows:

"The culmination of a romance started a year ago, when Miss Janet Tassie of Barre, Vt., came to visit her aunt, Mrs. Clark of this city, was marked Tuesday evening by the marriage of the young lady to J. E. Brown, the mail carrier.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Taylor of the Methodist church at the home of J. J. Batterson, before a small company of guests, the appointments of the affair being beautiful and bettling a bride. The service was read at 7 o'clock, the young people standing under a floral canopy of white carnations. A bride wore a gown of light blue silk and carried white roses. Following the marriage rite, a dinner was served in their honor and then they went to their new home at 200 Ninth avenue southeast, where a reception was tendered them.

"The groom is one of the pioneers of the force and has a friend at every home, he visits on his route, so universally popular he is."

FEBRUARY TERM OPENS

Vermont Supreme Court Starts at Montpelier

JUDGE WATSON ABSENT

Judgment Affirmed in Franklin County Suit Against Telephone and Electric Companies, Which Were Sued for Damages.

All the Vermont supreme court judges except Judge Watson were present for the opening of the February term at Montpelier today, Judge Watson being called to Putney to attend the funeral of a sister. Following the opening exercises, the docket was read and the forenoon was given up to the reading of opinions.

The most important was the Franklin county case of Ernest F. Miner vs. the Vermont Power and Manufacturing company and the Franklin County Telephone company for damages sustained while working on a pole repairing a cable. In the lower court the plaintiff secured \$6,000 damages and costs, and the supreme court affirmed that judgment today.

The two defendant companies had a contract, while using the same poles, to share responsibility; afterwards the wires of the telephone company were removed from the poles, and the contract for equal sharing of responsibility for accidents. The telephone company claimed, therefore, that it was not responsible for the accident to Miner. The court held that the plaintiff was not supposed to be cognizant of a change in the contract of the two companies and affirmed the decision of the lower court.

Cora E. Crompton in her case against A. H. Beedle and A. D. Thomas of Orange county won her point in her action to annul an opinion on some land, claiming deceit and false representation. She claimed that she gave a price of \$400 on land which is now known to be worth \$50,000 because of its granite deposits. A decree was handed down today sustaining the demurrer entered in the lower court.

Judgment was affirmed in the case of Sylvester A. Ploof against E. W. Putnam for \$600 and costs; damage to a boat. A petition for change of venue in the Essex county malpractice case of Hattie Willard vs. E. V. Norcross was dismissed.

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