

HARD HIT BY EARTHQUAKE

Central Asia Was in the Belt Last Night

IN TURKISTAN CHIEFLY

Damage in Verney Estimated at \$2,000,000, with Heavy Loss of Life in Rural Regions—All Communication Cut Off.

Tashkent, Russia, Jan. 4.—A severe earthquake last night in Central Asia lasted five minutes. In Verney, Turkistan, the damage is estimated at \$2,000,000. A heavy loss of life in the rural districts is reported. The population of Verney is 20,000. All communication is cut off.

GREAT EARTHQUAKE VIBRATIONS FELT

Seismographs in Various Sections of the Country Registered the Waves Last Night but Didn't Know Location.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Earthquake tremors of a very pronounced character were recorded on the seismograph at Georgetown university last night. They were the most severe yet recorded at the university.

The vibrations began at 8:41 p. m. and continued until 9:03 p. m. The maximum tremors were recorded between 7:15 and 7:47. The vibrations were equally intense in the north-south and east-west direction and of about the same intensity on both horizontal and vertical instruments.

The distance was estimated at about 1,500 miles from here. Lawrence, Kas., Jan. 4.—Severe earthquake disturbances were recorded last night by the seismograph of the university of Kansas, at a distance of about five thousand miles from here. Professor Cady of the university said that the motion of the tremors appeared nearly equal in north-south and east-west directions. He believes the disturbance was in or near Chili.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 4.—Calculations from the seismograph records at the St. Louis university locate heavy earthquake shocks, thought to be in the region of Iceland. The instrument began vibrating at 6:49:18 p. m. The main waves reaching St. Louis at 7:18:20 p. m. There were two distinct waves on the east-west and fourteen on the north-south line.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 4.—The Spring Hill seismograph station recorded at 6:25 p. m. severe earthquakes last night. The location is uncalculated.

FERGUSON—FLYNN DRAW.

Bout at the Armory Was Tame Affair.

Boston, Jan. 4.—Sandy Ferguson of Chelsea and "Porky" Flynn of Boston fought twelve rounds in a draw at the Armory Athletic association last night. Flynn was the aggressor throughout most of the fight.

In the preliminaries young McGovern of Woburn secured the decision over young Reardon of Brockton, the latter dislocating his shoulder in the second round. Joe Nelson of Lawrence defeated Dick Howell of Canada, and young Jack Johnson won from Harry Hall of Boston, both in six rounds.

MORE HORSE VICTIMS.

In Streets of New York Than by Automobiles, Says Report.

New York, Jan. 4.—The accustomed horse and truck kills more persons on the streets of New York than the automobile, the motor bus or the trolley car. The report of the Highway Protective society for 1910, made public yesterday, shows that for the last year 156 were killed by wagons, 114 by trolley cars and 140 by automobiles. Oddly enough, the list of injured runs inversely. By automobiles 930 were injured, by trolleys 607 and by wagons 105.

DIAZ' DAYS NUMBERED.

Brother Thinks His Presidential Rank Will Soon Be Lost.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Gustavus Madero, a brother of the Mexican revolutionary leader, declared today that "the days of Diaz, as president, are numbered. The surgeons have not lost the battle and the ranks are constantly increasing. They have plenty of money and will soon have more troops than Diaz."

WOULD PUNISH FILIPINO.

Statement that Japan Will Possess Philippines Soon Considered Treason.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The war department officials are discussing the possibility of punishing the Filipino assemblymen, for declaring that Japan would possess the Philippines before April next. It is believed that the declaration constituted treason, but it is regarded doubtful whether punishment is possible under the United States laws.

GUNBOATS SENT TO HONDURAS.

Will Relieve Those Already There and Watch Revolutionary Movements.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The gunboats Princeton and Marietta at Corinto and Guastamano have been ordered in the coast of Honduras to watch the revolutionary movements there. They will relieve the Yorktown and Tacoma in the east and west coasts.

SEN. LODGE TELLS HIS POSITION

To a Great Audience in Boston Last Evening—He Couldn't Speak for Five Minutes Because of the Cheering.

Boston, Jan. 4.—On the eve of the convening of the legislature, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, last night, defended his 18 years' record in the Senate as a plea for re-election for a fourth term. A majority of the Republican members of the House and Senate sat immediately in front of Senator Lodge. Behind them were massed many party leaders, office holders, both state and federal, and the rank and file of the party. The multitude that stormed the hall exceeded its capacity and at an overflow meeting in an adjoining building, Senator Lodge repeated a portion of his speech.

The Symphony hall audience was armed with flags and was so enthusiastic that when Senator Lodge stepped on to the platform he was obliged to wait five minutes for the cheering to cease.

The speaker reviewed his career in the Senate and his part in many important legislative acts.

He declined to discuss direct nominations, but denounced such methods for the election of United States senators. In this, he said, he stood upon the Republican platform of two years ago. Senator Lodge said that he was opposed to a compulsory initiative and referendum. He thoroughly endorsed the administration of President Taft.

A PUZZLING CASE

Of Man Who Was Picked Up in Concord, N. H., Recently.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 4.—It is not expected by the hospital physicians that Joe Doherty, who was picked up in an unconscious condition in front of the office of the Page Belting company, last Friday night, will recover. The man's case is a puzzling one to the police and to the physicians, as it is impossible to state for a fact the real cause of the unfortunate fellow's precarious condition.

He was picked up on Friday night, brought to the police station, where he received medical attention during the remainder of the night, and on Saturday morning was taken to the Margaret Pillsbury hospital, where he remains in an unconscious condition, with the doctors expressing no hope of recovery. When found the man appeared to be slightly intoxicated and he had a slight cut over the left eye. This injury, the physicians say, is not the cause of his present comatose condition.

Doherty gave his home as Brighton, Mass., and by talking with the police of that city by telephone, Marshal Kimball located Doherty's sister, who came to this city on the noon train. The presence of Miss Doherty in the city may clear up the mystery which is at present attached to the case.

BONES OF HEROES BROUGHT TO SURFACE

First Gruesome Finds From Battleship Maine Were Brought Up By a Dredge at Work in Havana Harbor.

Havana, Jan. 4.—The first human remains from the wreck of the old battleship Maine were brought to the surface yesterday by a dredge. They consisted of two ribs and some small bones, apparently bones of the hand, and they were carefully placed in a special receptacle to await the recovery of other parts.

The dredge also brought up some three-inch shells, a large quantity of coal and a portion of the coal bunkers, lying apart from the ship, which is considered as possibly confirmatory of the theory of an external explosion under the bunkers. This, however, cannot be verified without a further examination of the wreck.

The work on the bulk is continuing without interruption, the men having expressed a willingness to await the settlement of the question of overdue pay and other grievances.

TOOK SHOT AT FATHER.

Young Man Didn't Mean to Aim So True.

Rochester, N. H., Jan. 4.—John H. Foss, a conductor on the Dover, Somersworth and Rochester railroad, last night shot and seriously wounded his stepfather while the latter was engaged in a quarrel of some kind with his wife.

Young Foss, it is alleged, was upon the second floor in the bath room when he suddenly heard his mother cry loudly for help. The cries of bloody murder proceeding from the woman led him to think that perhaps some tramp had assaulted his mother while she went there for some reason, and with the idea of a possible resistance to be encountered he took care to provide himself with a large revolver on the way out.

When he arrived it is said that he found his stepfather, a man of 72 years of age, holding his wife down on the floor. The young man told him to get up, but the old man told him that if he did not remove himself he would kill him. Foss then fired with the purpose, he claims, of scaring the father, but he evidently took good aim in his excitement, for the bullet pierced the shoulder.

Foss was arrested later and locked up to await trial in police court today.

POSED AS REVOLUTIONISTS.

300 Bandits Encountered Government Troops; Were Repulsed.

Mexico City, Jan. 4.—Three soldiers and a score of outlaws were killed on Sunday at San Felipe when 300 bandits, posing as revolutionists, encountered the troops. The outlaws were dispersed after three hours' fighting.

FIX UP OR GIVE UP.

Examination of Aeroplanes Before Making Flights.

New York, Jan. 4.—The Aero Club of America is planning for a rigid inspection of aeroplanes before flight, with the revocation of the pilot's licenses if they try to fly faulty machines.

MUSGROVE THE CHOICE

For Speaker of the New Hampshire House

CAUCUS HELD LAST NIGHT

Republican Senators Balloted 36 Times Last Night to Select Candidate for President—Democratic Nominees.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 4.—At 12:30 this morning, after balloting 36 times in an unsuccessful effort to select a candidate for president of the incoming Senate, the Republican senators-elect gave up all hopes of breaking the deadlock and adjourned until 9 o'clock.

Three members are seeking the nomination and the vote on each ballot last night stood: William D. Swart of Nashua 6, John Pender of Portsmouth 5, Arthur J. Boutwell of Hillsboro 5. The Republican representative caucus resulted in the choice of Frank A. Musgrove of Hanover for speaker. He defeated A. S. Wentworth of Plymouth, 176 to 32.

The Democrats named Samuel D. Felker of Rochester for speaker of the House and Michael E. Ahern of Manchester for president of the Senate.

ALIKE IN MANY RESPECTS.

Governors Dix and Baldwin Sent First Messages To-day.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Governor Dix' first message was read to the legislature to-day. Its chief feature was the conservation of resources, especially the regulation of the flow of the rivers so electrical currents will displace steam. It demands the abolition of useless commissions, the pruning of expenses, the application of the direct tax, if necessary, to make the receipts equal expenses. It recommends direct primaries, the direct election of senators, the federal income tax, parcels post, employers' liability and child labor laws.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 4.—Governor Baldwin, the first Democratic governor in seventeen years, sent his first message to the legislature this afternoon, demanding votes for women taxpayers on all questions, municipal management, regulation of aviation, direct election of senators, the removal of scores of salaried state employees, and the federal income tax.

INDICTED PACKERS LOSE.

Judge Kohlhaas Decides Against Them in First Attack.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—J. Ogden Armour and other indicted packers yesterday lost their first attack against criminal prosecution for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Judge Kohlhaas in the United States circuit court held that the government had a right to dismiss the suit in equity brought against the National Packing company.

Judge Kohlhaas held that the packers' position that the dissolution suit they sought to have restored to the court calendar was in effect a contempt hearing was untenable. The government had withdrawn the civil bill with the avowed reason of clearing the way for criminal prosecution.

COMMITTEE IN SESSION.

Big Leagues to Open Season April 12 and Close October 8.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 4.—Before the joint schedule committee of the National and American baseball leagues met in session at Daugherty island yesterday, the preliminary arrangement of dates for the coming season had been thoroughly discussed. The meeting of the committee was to follow that of the national baseball commission which yesterday elected officers. The schedule committee of the two major leagues consists of President Lynch, Secretary Herdler and Barney Dreyfus for the National and President Ban Johnson for the American League. Before the meeting began, it was reported that Wednesday, April 12, had been decided upon as opening day, and Sunday, October 8, at the closing of the season.

BALL PLAYERS SOLD.

New York American League Disposes of Three Players.

New York, Jan. 4.—The New York American league club sold yesterday pitcher Tom Hughes, catcher Fred Mitchell and shortstop Fred Foster to the Rochester club of the Eastern league. Hughes previously played with Montreal and Newark, Mitchell with Toronto and Foster with Jersey City.

TAKEN ILL IN SUBWAY.

William T. Wardwell Died Fifteen Minutes Later.

New York, Jan. 4.—William T. Wardwell, prohibition candidate for mayor of New York in 1906 and for governor in 1900, was taken ill in the subway yesterday afternoon and died fifteen minutes later in a hotel in East 28th street. Mr. Wardwell was born in Bristol, R. I., 84 years ago. He was formerly treasurer of the Standard Oil company.

Just over the New Hampshire line, but only three miles from Bellows Falls, Andrew J. Chandler, an eccentric and well-known character of the vicinity, was burned to death in his bed Dec. 23. He usually slept in a little loft above the fire, and as the evening was cold it is supposed that he fixed the fire and went to bed early. Fire was communicated from the stove, and he was unable to get down from the loft. A roll of \$700 in bills was found partially burned beneath his body, and there were sent to Washington for identification and redemption. Mr. Chandler lived alone in the house.

NEW TREASURER ELECTED.

To Succeed V. W. Crowson, Who Is Accused at Westfield, Mass.

Westfield, Mass., Jan. 4.—George A. Upson was elected treasurer of the Westfield Savings bank to succeed Velonus W. Crowson, who is under arrest, charged with making false returns to the bank commissioner and who is alleged to have admitted a misappropriation of funds to the amount of nearly \$60,000, at a meeting of the trustees last evening.

Since the arrest of Crowson Saturday evening, Donald F. Doherty, one of the trustees of the bank, has been acting as treasurer.

Upson, native of Westfield, 38 years of age, and has been connected with the First National bank for 18 years, the past eight of which he has been teller.

When the case of Crowson comes to trial, it is not unlikely that the charge of embezzling \$50,000 will be brought against him, in addition to the charge of falsifying the books of the bank.

CUT HIS THROAT TO DIE.

Herbert E. Pottle of Andover, Mass., Was Successful in Act.

Andover, Mass., Jan. 4.—Herbert E. Pottle, a drug clerk, 35 years old, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by cutting his throat with a razor in a fit of despondency at his home on Chestnut street. He lingered just alive for about three hours and died at 4:30. Pottle had been in poor health for about two years, suffering with a nervous trouble. He had been under a physician's treatment for Clark & Son in Lawrence and for several years worked here for W. A. Allen. Recently he had been interested in a drug store in South Lawrence. He served with a Lawrence company in the Spanish war and had not been in good health since. His wife and one child survive him.

TREMENDOUS DAMAGE TO SOUTHERN FRUIT

Because of the Fall in Temperature. Cattle Also Suffer from Cold As Blizzard Swept Plains.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 4.—Reports indicate damage to cattle, vegetable and fruit crops of more than \$1,000,000 in southern and western Texas. The greatest loss is to cattle in the western portion of the state, where the blizzard swept the grassless plains for 30 hours and the temperature dropped to as low as 10 degrees above zero.

Hundreds of cattle succumbed. Vegetables have suffered severely, but it is believed the orange orchards have escaped serious damage. This is the coldest weather experienced in 25 years. Many Bills Passed House. A number of bills were passed, including the bill to appropriate \$7,000 to Middlebury college for additional instruction; enabling the village of Poultney to refund its indebtedness; relating to a digest of Vermont reports; to amend the charter of the village of Fair Haven; (Senate bill) relating to certificates of appointment of notaries public and masters in chancery; amending the charter of the village of Plainfield; empowering the quartermaster-general to sell or lease certain state land; permitting the Bennington & North Adams Street Railway company to operate in Stamford; incorporating the Pleasant View Cemetery association of Barre; incorporating the society of Chevaliers de Champlain in Burlington; to pay George M. Ainsworth of Richmond for time and money spent in pursuit of Roy George, charged with larceny; amending the act relating to the annual meeting of the Milton graded school district; amending the charter of the Wells River & Barre railroad; incorporating the Masonic association of St. Johnsbury; amending the charter of Barre Granite Manufacturers' association; amending act relating to hunters' licenses; to pay Charles H. Powers for pursuit of a horse thief in Essex county; to incorporate the Fireside Insurance company.

The bill extending the right of suffrage to women on the question of local option in towns was made a special order in the House for to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. The House refused to concur in the Senate proposal of amendment to House bill 493 on taxation, the proposed amendment exempting veterans of the Spanish war from poll tax.

The Reopening Last Night. Short and poorly attended sessions of both the House and the Senate last night marked the reopening of the legislature, after the holiday recess. The Senate passed five bills in concurrence, two of them after protest by Senator Gordon on the ground that they were class legislation. The two related to incorporating the Masonic association of St. Johnsbury, with exemption from taxation, and to exempting soldiers' homes from taxation. The other three bills were the amended act of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association, protection against forest fires and restricting the word "trust" in connection with advertisements of trust companies.

Labor Arbitration Bill. Senator Gordon introduced a bill providing for arbitration in labor disputes. In this bill a penalty is provided if a lockout or strike is declared within five days after notice of the dispute is filed; each party to the dispute must name an arbitrator, these two to choose a third member; if the two are unable to agree on the third member, the county clerk shall appoint; the findings of the board are not compulsory.

In the House a bill was introduced by Mr. Hunt of New Haven, repealing the law relating to the death penalty and providing for delay of the execution of the death sentence until after a session of the legislature.

A breezy discussion arose over the bill providing for an open season for deer during the month of November in Essex county, but the bill went through by a good majority.

The House unanimously sustained the veto of the governor of House bill 124, relating to homicides. Mr. Amey of Brighton, who introduced the bill, agreed with the governor that the bill should not be passed without the saving clause exempting pending cases or offenses committed prior to February 1. Another bill will be introduced covering this defect. This bill allowed juries to qualify their verdicts of guilty in capital cases by adding the words "with capital punishment."

The first thing in the House was a flood of petitions for the passage of the House bill giving women the right to vote on the question of granting licenses to sell intoxicating liquor, and there were two petitions asking for state-wide prohibition. All of these went to the joint temperance committee.

RESIGNS ONE OFFICE.

Robert P. Bass Leaves Board of Forestry Commissioners.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 4.—The resignation of Robert P. Bass, governor-elect of New Hampshire, as a member of the board of forestry commissioners was accepted at the meeting of the governor and his council, held yesterday afternoon. George B. Leighton of Dublin was appointed by the governor to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Bass' resignation.

WOMAN SEEKS DAUGHTER

And She Is After Her With Warrant for Elop.

Brockton, Mass., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Letchia Otte of 94 East Railroad avenue yesterday swore out a warrant for the arrest of her daughter, Veoma A. Otte, who, she declares, eloped with Ernest Desparis, aged 18, last Saturday. The warrant charges the girl, who is 15 years old, with being a runaway.

Since the two departed last Saturday afternoon nothing has been heard from them except a letter mailed at the North station in Boston, Sunday, in which the girl said she was coming home. Mrs. Otte thinks the two have gone to Montreal.

TO LIMIT SALARIES

Of All Members of the Vermont Legislature

BILL PRESENTED TO-DAY

Mr. Cook of Thetford Introduced Measure, Which Would Pay \$300 in Lump Sum to Each, with Double That to Presiding Officers.

The legislature, or rather the House end of it, took hold of work this morning with a vengeance, showing that predictions that it would take several days for the legislature to strike its gait were not wisely made. The Senate was ready and willing to work, but there was absolutely no work for it to do, after Senator Gordon had obtained the unanimous consent to introduce a bill, adjournment was taken. The House confined its work to routine business and, in view of the fact that many of the bills were long and the reading occupied some time, turned off considerable of it before noon.

Mr. Cook of Thetford introduced an important bill, fixing a lump sum of \$300 for the pay of members and \$600 for the speaker of the House and lieutenant-governor. One other bill was introduced, by Mr. Corlies of West Fairlee, to legalize the grand list of West Fairlee for 1910.

A joint resolution was introduced by Mr. Billings of Woodstock, providing for the appointment by the governor of a commission of three, one of whom shall be a physician, to investigate the need of a state institution for treatment of cases of advanced stages of tuberculosis. It was adopted on the part of the House.

FRIENDS GOING THROUGH

Were Very Generous to Twin-city Parties Recently.

Two intoxication cases against old offenders were heard in the city court this morning. John E. McMahon of Montpelier pleaded guilty to a subsequent offense and was fined \$15, with costs of \$7.19, which he was unable to pay, and went to the county jail for 75 days. McMahon was arrested at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, while sleeping in the Wells River hotel, by officer Carle, who was called by telephone. John was "dead to the world," and the officer had to get a team to cart him to the station. This morning McMahon insisted that his name was John McMahon, but officer Carle had suspicions that his name was McMahon, and when he stated that he was a printer by trade the officer was sure of it. John finally admitted to the state's attorney that he had lied about his name. He was asked to disclose where he got his liquor, and he said that he got it Sunday night from a friend at Montpelier Junction, who was going through on a train.

Daniel Sexton acknowledged a second offense charge, and his fine and costs, which amounted to \$22.19, were paid for him. Officer Carle also arrested Sexton, on River street early last evening. Sexton was asked to disclose where he got his liquor, and he also told the story of having met a friend who was going through the city to work in the woods in New Hampshire. This man had three quarts of whiskey and made Dan a present of one of them.

BAPTIST INSTITUTE CLOSSES.

Many Prominent Speakers From Outside State Present in Montpelier.

The Baptist institute, which opened in Montpelier Monday evening, closed yesterday. These institutes are being held throughout the state, under the management of Dr. W. A. Davison of Burlington. Monday evening, Mrs. Carrie A. Robinson gave an address on "Preparation for Soul Saving," and Rev. J. S. Stump of West Virginia spoke on "Burdens Bearing."

Yesterday morning, Dr. C. H. Spaulding of Boston, the district secretary of the American Baptist society, gave an address on "Spiritual Force a Mighty Energy." He was followed by Rev. James E. Norcross of Boston, who spoke on "Soul Saving by Personal Work." A general discussion was led by Rev. J. S. Stump.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Carrie A. Robinson of Boston discussed "The Work and Its Needs," and Dr. C. H. Spaulding, "The Area and Atmosphere of America." Rev. Mr. Stump's address was on "The Task of American Christianity." Rev. J. E. Norcross opened the discussion, which was assisted by Dr. Haskell of Burnham.

The institute closed in the evening, when Rev. Mr. Norcross gave another address, the workers going from Montpelier to St. Johnsbury, where a similar meeting is being held to-day.

OF GOOD STANDARD

Were Applicants for Citizenship in St. Johnsbury Last Night.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 4.—Judge James I. Martin of Bennington arrived in town yesterday afternoon to hold a short session of the United States court for the purpose of naturalization. Among the other officers of the court were Fred S. Platt, clerk of Rutland; Marshal Horace W. Bailey of Newbury; U. S. naturalization examiner A. F. Church of Boston, and N. Robinson of Boltonville, bailiff. Miss Florence Knapp of Rutland accompanies Mr. Platt as his secretary. Upon the opening of court, J. Rolfe Searles and G. Clinton Frye were admitted to practice law in the U. S. court upon motion by Alexander Dunnett.

Among those admitted to the full rights of citizenship were James Cosgrove, Revery Crammer, John Paeon, Thomas C. Wallace, Alexander Landry, William LaFonde, A. J. Roy and L. E. Carrier of St. Johnsbury. H. L. Pacha of Danville was also admitted. Upon the examination of Edgar Roy, his case was continued. Clerk Fred S. Platt was busy all the evening making out the first and second papers for many who wish to become citizens. Judge Martin expressed himself as well pleased on the whole with the candidates who were admitted to citizenship.

District Attorney Alexander Dunnett entertained the officers of the court at his home on Main street for dinner, and they left for Montpelier this morning.

DISPUTE OVER SACO BANK.

Number of Receivers and Who They Shall Be Debated at Hearing.

Saco, Me., Jan. 4.—Conflict arose over the appointment of a receiver for the closed Saco Savings bank at a hearing held here yesterday. Judge Henry E. Peabody took the matter under consideration.

Opinion was divided as to whether there should be one or two receivers, and as to who should be the receiver if a single official was appointed. State Bank Examiner William B. Skelton expressed himself in favor of the appointment of Frank C. Deering of Saco, George F. Haley of Biddeford, in behalf of 416 depositors, asked for the appointment of Frank A. Nutter, treasurer of the Saco Savings bank. Thomas Talbot of Portland, in behalf of a group of depositors, objected to Mr. Nutter. James O. Bradbury of Saco, a depositor, in behalf of himself and other depositors, thought the matter should be entrusted to two men and favored Messrs. Deering and Nutter.

The bank was closed Dec. 12 last, by order of Mr. Skelton.

COUNCIL GAVE CITY CONTRACT

Printing Annual Reports to N. J. Roberts

ONLY ONE OTHER BIDDER

Alderman Rossi Protested Against the Award to Roberts, Claiming Stipulations of Bid Had Not Been Complied With.

The bids for printing the 16th annual city report were opened at the meeting of the city council last evening, and the bid of N. J. Roberts was accepted, his being the lower of the two bids received. The other bidder was E. W. Cumings. The bids were as follows: Roberts, \$1.15 per page and 25 cents extra for each of the 75 copies to be bound in cloth; Cumings, \$1.20 per page and 27 cents extra for each of the cloth-bound copies. The contract calls for 850 copies of the report, including 75 copies bound in cloth.

Alderman Rossi, chairman of the printing committee, raised an objection to the mayor's entertaining the motion made by Alderman Hoyt to accept the Roberts bid, on the ground that Mr. Roberts had not complied with the terms stipulated in the advertisement published for the bids. The advertisement specified that "samples of the paper, paper covers and each binding to be used must accompany each bid, and all bids must conform strictly to the above specifications or they will not be considered." Mr. Roberts' bid was not accompanied by samples of the cloth bindings, and for this reason Alderman Rossi held that the bid could not be considered.

Mr. Cumings sent, with his bid and his samples of the cloth and paper bindings, copies of previous city reports printed in paper and cloth by himself, and while Mr. Roberts' case was under discussion Mr. Roberts, who was present at the meeting, stepped to the table and handed the clerk a cloth-bound copy of a previous report as his sample. The city council awarded the contract was accepted by Alderman Thurston and when put by the mayor Alderman Rossi was the only vote in the negative.

The council also transacted some routine business. The report of the overseer of the poor for the month was read and accepted, the report showing that he had expended during the month the sum of \$514.06. The report of the police department for the month of December, in December, divided as follows: Intoxication 9, selling 3, search and seizure 1, breach of the peace 2, larceny 3, non-support 1.

Building permits were granted to F. D. Beckley to make repairs to a house on Prospect street; to Mrs. L. J. Bolster to erect a chimney at the old Troy & Holden shop on Granite street, and to Thomas Garrity to erect a smoke-house. A petition was presented for a street sign at the corner of Pearl street was not decided upon, as it had been left to the city engineer to ascertain the location of the street line before location for the sign is given.

The city clerk reported that he had received a bill amounting to \$124.80 from the Acme Road Machinery company for goods which they claim the city purchased from them in 1908 and 1907. The clerk stated that he could not find record of such purchases of the company, and the matter was left with the clerk to reply to the company.

A resolution making appropriations to the different departments from money in the treasury and not otherwise appropriated, to keep the departments going until the end of the fiscal year, was received and passed at a second reading. Alderman Willey of the property committee reported that the Metz house on Maple avenue, which the city purchased and moved onto a new foundation, was practically ready for occupancy and this brought up the question as to what disposition the city should make of the building. It was suggested that it be placed at the disposal of the post department, to be used by the overseer to shelter families for whom the city is now paying house rent; but the council finally decided to refer the question to the property and charity committee to make a report on recommending some disposition of it.

The mayor stated that a complaint had been made to him that the sidewalk had not been laid on Blackwell street beside the Rizzi Bros' property, and the mayor wanted to know why it had not been done. Alderman Thurston stated that the street superintendent had his instructions some time ago to build the walk, and he knew of no reason why it had not been done. The mayor then requested the street committee to look the matter up and see that it is done.

STATE PHARMACY BOARD.

Elected W. L. Gokey President and D. E. Davis Secretary.

The state