

FLAMES HAD FULL SWAY

\$20,000,000 Damage at Kirin, in Manchuria

40,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS

Over 8,000 Buildings Were Destroyed by Fire Which Swept Capital of the Manchurian Province of Kirin.

Harbin, Manchuria, May 17.—Forty thousand persons at Kirin are homeless as a consequence of the recent conflagration in that city and the money loss is estimated at \$20,000,000. Four thousand shops, fifteen banks and 8,387 buildings were destroyed. Kirin is the capital of the Manchurian province of Kirin and has a population of 80,000.



Foreign Minister De La Barra.

DEFENDS STANDARD OIL.

Chancellor Day Comes out as Usual With Statement.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 17.—Chancellor James R. Day of Syracuse university gave out a statement last night on the decision in the Standard Oil case.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the Standard Oil company will endeavor to obey the supreme court in good faith," says Chancellor Day. "The property will not be dissolved. The destruction of that corporation would be a calamity to the country. The supreme court appreciated that fact and said so in extending the time for re-adjustment."

"Is it not strange that in these times when we are clamoring about the high cost of living we should assail and hound through the courts the only corporation that has reduced the price of its commodities? Are we to place upon corporations that have pushed their prices to the limit the approval of 'reasonableness'?" This 'unreasonable' corporation has reduced for the people the price of white kerosene from \$1 a gallon to 5 1-2 cents per gallon.

"These prosecutions and court decisions have not been in the interests of the people, but of thousands of competitors who wanted a higher price from their customers."

"The supreme court has interpreted the Standard Oil company in its relation to the unjust and imprudent Sherman law. I would like to see a decision upon the merits of the Standard Oil company in its relation to the people who buy its kerosene and gasoline and its hundreds of products."

DYING OF THE HEAT IN CHICAGO

Maximum Temperature Yesterday Was 89, and No Relief Was Promised For To-day.

Chicago, May 17.—One death and two prostrations from the heat were reported in this city yesterday. The maximum temperature was 89 degrees. No relief from the heat was promised to-day.

FELL SIX STORIES.

John J. McCoy Killed at Adams House in Boston.

Boston, May 17.—Plunging from the sixth story of a downtown hotel to the pavements of Mason street, John J. McCoy, aged 30 years, a traveling salesman from Philadelphia, met death last night, whether from suicidal intent or by accident, is not known.

McCoy's body came tumbling down from the top of the hotel as theatregoers were filing into the Mason street entrances of several playhouses, but it crashed to the concrete without striking anyone.

BEGINS PRISON TERM.

Mrs. Dodge Becomes a Housekeeper at Vermont State Prison.

Windsor, May 17.—Mrs. Florence M. Dodge of Lanesburg, who was sentenced to serve four to six years in the state prison for the murder of William Heath, was yesterday installed as a housekeeper at the prison and thus began the service of her term.

She will not be obliged to wear prison garb, as the women are allowed to wear wrappers of any good serviceable material not necessarily alike for all, and on Sundays may attire themselves in shirtwaist and skirt.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Elmer N. Pine of Montpelier, a Plumber, Fails.

Rutland, May 17.—Elmer N. Pine of Montpelier, a plumber, to-day filed a petition in bankruptcy with Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States court. His liabilities are \$450.08 and he gives his assets as \$330.50, claiming that \$320 is exempt.

A barn and granary belonging to Barney Collins of Ferrisburg was burned to the ground Monday. All the farming implements, wagons, hay, about 400 bushels of oats and six calves were burned. The property was partially insured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bashaw of Bradford celebrated their golden wedding April 18. Among those present were a brother, Levi Bashaw, and Mrs. Bashaw of Brandon, both 79 years old, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last October.

C. P. Hogan of St. Albans is to be the Memorial day orator at Enosburg Falls.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Arrivals at the City hotel yesterday and to-day were registered as follows: E. H. Roberts, Plymouth, N. H.; W. E. Mayo, Berlin, N. H.; Joseph Pittman, William Moran, E. M. Buck, Boston; R. W. Stockbridge, Burlington; G. W. Collins, W. E. Tobin, F. H. Lamery, Boston; H. J. Markoff, West Rutland; J. S. Whittemore, Boston; H. M. Greene, Greenfield, Mass.; Edward Tripple, Boston.

The city water will be turned off from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m. Sunday, May 21, to wash out the system.

H. E. Reynolds, supt.

IS CONFIDENT OF PEACE

Foreign Minister De La Barra Expects Armistice

BEFORE END OF THE DAY

Finance Minister Limantour Was Not So Sanguine of Speedy Settlement of the Mexican War—Another Battle Fought.

Mexico City, May 17.—If the hopes of President Diaz' ministers are realized, an armistice will be announced before the end of the day. Foreign Minister De La Barra declares that negotiations between the government and rebels doubtless will reach a definite result at to-day's cabinet meeting which, in his belief, will mean peace.

Finance Minister Limantour was not quite so sanguine as his colleague in the ministry. He said that the government had the greatest desire to conclude a peace agreement, but "among the demands of the rebels are some contrary to the dignity of the government and the president." Nevertheless, Senor Limantour believed that peace would be arranged. Should the present negotiations fail, it is regarded here as not at all unlikely that the city will be cut off soon from the outside world.

Three hundred rebels were attacked by one hundred rurales and state troops at Magdalena. The revolutionists were routed, according to the reports, eleven men being killed. The government lost five men.

MADERO EXPECTS PEACE AGREEMENT

He Was in Conference With Dr. Gomez This Morning—They Look for Favorable Response From Government.

Juarez, Mexico, May 17.—Provisional President Francisco I. Madero, Jr., and Dr. Vasquez Gomez, his chief peace commissioner, were in conference this morning concerning the signing of a peace agreement. Judge Carabajal, it was expected, would transmit about noon the formal acceptance by the Mexican government of the peace conditions which have already been taken to mean the beginning of an era of tranquility in Mexico.

READY FOR BATTLE.

Federals Expected It Last Night, Refugees Stream In.

Eagle Pass, Texas, May 17.—Reinforced by one hundred federal cavalrymen, who came in during the night, the federal garrison at Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, across the river from here, is to-day prepared to fight if the two bands of rebels, who were reported within twelve miles of the town, attack. The predicted rebel attack did not show signs of materializing during the night, but refugees streamed into Eagle Pass, until now there are 2,000 of them here.

FEDERALS CAPTURED BACUM.

Rebels Fled But Will Make Another Stand When Reinforcements Come.

Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, May 17.—Major Juis Medina Barron and his Agua Prieta federals, reinforced with three hundred Yaqui Indians infantry, attacked and captured Bacum, on the Yopu river, yesterday. The rebels fled to the southward. The extent of the casualties in the fight is unknown. The rebels are expected to make another stand when their reinforcements come up.

UNIQUE REUNION.

Four Brothers Get Together for First Time in 20 Years.

Bellows Falls, May 17.—A reunion of four brothers, who had not met for 20 years, was held at hotel Windham yesterday.

They were Andrew J. McQuaid, aged 75, retired, of Chester, Vt.; Lewis F. McQuaid, 70, a farmer of Westminster, Vt.; Truman K. McQuaid, 63, farmer and market gardener, of Claremont, N. H.; and Royal A. McQuaid, 62, for more than 20 years roadmaster on the Boston and Albany, now retired, of Chatham, N. Y.

The brothers were all born in this town and received their education in the public schools here. Their mother was Laura Lovell, daughter of Capt. Christopher Lovell, and was born in this town, and their father, Daniel McQuaid, came here with his parents when two years of age.

TOWN WAS FLOODED.

Waterbury, May 17.—Willis V. Bryan, a member of the firm of Evans & Bryan, druggists, died at midnight last night after an illness of eight days.

He was born on the Bryan homestead in Waterbury Center 43 years ago the 29th of this month, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bryan. He has been in the drug business here for twenty years, and prior to that served four years as clerk in the same store. He was married six months ago to Miss Corinne Slayton of Stowe. He is survived by the widow, his mother, one sister, Mrs. Estella Robinson of Morrisville, and two brothers, Frank Bryan of the National Life Insurance company of Montpelier and Fred of Waterbury Center. Mr. Bryan was a very genial man and had a great many friends.

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SHIP BODY TO MOTHER

Of Negro Murderer of Fellow Soldier at Fort Ethan Allen.

Burlington, May 17.—The body of Martin C. Ellis, who hung himself Monday morning following his murder of Montpelier and Fred of Waterbury Center. Mr. Bryan was a very genial man and had a great many friends.

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CLUB BURST DOES GREAT DAMAGE AT LEMBERG IN AUSTRIA.

Lemberg, Austria, May 17.—A club burst at Boryslaw, a town of 11,000 inhabitants, noted for its petroleum deposits, to-day flooded the place, inundating houses and shops. Great damage was caused at the oil works, where derricks and other equipment were washed away.

PRISONER HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Joseph Frank, Charged With Assault With Intent to Kill Robert Mallory, Arraigned.

Bennington, May 17.—Joseph Frank, the big German, who has been in the county jail since April 22 when he was arrested charged with assault with intent to kill upon Robert Mallory, appeared before Judge E. H. Holden yesterday for an adjourned hearing. Frank was represented by Attorney Daniel A. Gullman while State's Attorney W. J. Meighan appeared for the state. The respondent was held for the grand jury and was remanded to jail in default of \$2,000 bail.

Frank was arrested late on the afternoon of April 22 following a fight in the grinding room of the Eagle Square company's shop at South Shaftsbury where he is alleged to have fired two bullets from a 32 calibre revolver into the body of Robert Mallory, a fellow workman and fellow resident of this village. In the fight not only the revolver but two steel squares and a long flat piece of steel figures figured and when Frank was arrested he had a severe wound on one of his arms.

At the hearing yesterday the revolver, the two bullets which Dr. E. F. Dean extracted from Mallory's arm and back, the squares and the piece of steel were exhibited. Dr. Dean, Deputy Sheriff George E. Corey of Shaftsbury and a number of the employees in the Eagle Square company shop were examined as witnesses.

It is not probable that Frank will be able to secure bail but his stay in jail preceding his trial will be short as the grand jury is to meet the first week in June.

MURDER TRIAL AT NEWFARE NOW

Frank J. Boyd Is Charged With Death of John Potter a Few Weeks Ago. Self-Defense to Be Urged.

Newfare, May 17.—A jury was empaneled yesterday afternoon when the Windham county court began the trial of Frank J. Boyd of Wilmington for the alleged murder of John Potter in his sugar lot about a month ago. A jury was secured before dinner, but owing to severe illness of the wife of one man who was excused, his place was filled early in the afternoon. The composition of the jury: Frank Burditt, farmer; G. W. Dickinson, Williams,ville, wheelwright; Will R. Carleton of Windham, farmer; Albert W. Rawson, South Londonderry, jeweler; M. Joseph Bartlett Rockingham, insurance agent; L. J. Parker, Townsend, dentist; Morton E. Davis, Guilford, farmer; Joseph J. Barnes, Westminster, farmer; Dwight Johnson, Dunsmuir, farmer; W. M. Athan, painter, Charles N. Whins, Brattleboro, farmer; George Thwing, Putney, traveling salesman.

Dr. B. H. Stone of Burlington, State pathologist, and Dr. S. F. Dalton of Burlington testified to the results of their autopsy on Potter.

Dr. L. T. Pige of Wilmington, who was the local physician called to attend Potter after the assault took place, testified to going to the Boyd home, but Potter had died before he reached there.

He also testified in regard to the conditions he found there when he arrived. He told of a conversation he had with Boyd in which he said in substance that Potter came to the sugar house for a quarrel and he hit him harder than he intended to.

Dr. Paige's testimony was practically corroborated by James Howard of Wilmington, who went to the Boyd home with him.

B. Crowell of Brattleboro civil engineer, who made plans of the buildings at the Boyd homestead was the last witness. From the line of evidence introduced by the state it would appear as though the state expected self-defense to be the defence set up by Boyd.

WAS HIS OWN DOCTOR.

Opened Eruption on Neck and Died of Blood Poisoning.

St. Albans, May 17.—The death of Thomas H. Simpson occurred very suddenly early yesterday morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Simpson of Fairfield street, of blood poisoning after a brief illness. Mr. Simpson was apparently in his usual health until Saturday when he was unable to work on account of an eruption something like a carbuncle on his neck. It seems that he opened this and tried to reduce the swelling, but blood poisoning set in and developed rapidly, resulting in death within a few hours. Mr. Simpson was born in Greenock, Scotland, 24 years ago and had resided here for the past 18 years. He was well liked and popular and was a member of Franklin lodge, F. & A. M. and St. Albans lodge, and Canton Franklin, E. O. F. The funeral will be held at the home Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

CLOGGED STOVEPIPE.

Some Sparks and a Few Nervous Persons This Afternoon.

In response to a still alarm, the firemen were called out at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon by a small blaze in the rear of the large apartment at 10 Merchant street owned by A. Tomasi. The fire was due to a clogged stovepipe attached to a kitchen range and consisted chiefly of a few sparks leaping up toward the chimney. The difficulty was settled without the application of chemicals. The tenement is occupied by Mrs. D. Poland.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Frank L. Place has been passing a few days in Burlington on business.

"The Convert" is the name of the feature picture at the Bijou to-day. This picture is an I. M. P. picture drama and everyone knows the quality of I. M. P. pictures. Another picture is "Reliance," the picture which recently was awarded the first prize in a scenario writing contest.

A DECREASE IN MEMBERS

Reported Today to Vermont Patriarchs Militant

GATHERED AT ST. ALBANS

This Was Said to Be Largely Due to Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues—Canton Vinton Won Competitive Drill.

St. Albans, May 17.—The grand encampment of the Patriarchs Militant, was opened this morning in connection with Odd Fellows' week in this city. Fifteen new members were given the grand encampment degree this forenoon, and there were 85 present, all told. The report of the grand patriarch, A. E. King of Burlington, embraced several other reports and stated that there had been a decrease during the year, largely because of suspensions for non-payment of degrees. The greater part of the forenoon was given up to discussion about increasing the membership. Eleven grand officers were present. This afternoon comes the election of officers.

Barre Canton Won Drill.

The review and competitive drill yesterday afternoon were considered very good. The line of parade formed at the head of Kingman street. A detail of police led the columns over the line of march, headed by the St. Albans brigade band, and the following staff officers: Col. F. W. Jackson, Lieut. Col. W. J. Cain, Assistant Adj. Gen. Alexander Duncan, Assistant Inspector Gen. G. A. Metcalf, Adj. C. G. McGaffey, Capt. H. R. Kimball, Color Sergeant G. P. Thompson, Hospital Steward Calvin Endress, Major R. C. Smith and Adj. E. A. Brown, (first battalion) Maj. G. H. Starn and Adj. G. C. Otis (second battalion) Maj. Fayette Miller (third battalion), Past Col. W. T. Haigh, Past Lieut. Col. E. A. Spear.

Canton Lafayette of Burlington, under command of Capt. F. E. Smith came next, followed by Canton Vinton of Barre, Capt. F. E. Heath; Canton Franklin of St. Albans, Capt. A. J. Tenney; Canton Palestine of Brattleboro, Capt. O. D. Howell and Canton Rutland of Rutland, Capt. Ernest Gilson. A number of automobiles carried invited guests, including officers and delegates of the visiting Rebekah lodges. The parade was a very creditable one, during which the band acquitted itself handsomely.

The competitive drill followed the review, and took place on the park, in the presence of a large crowd. The first prize was won by Canton Vinton of Barre, with Canton Lafayette of Burlington, second, and Canton Rutland of Rutland, third. The drill master was Col. F. W. Jackson and the judges Adjutant-General L. S. Titilston, Col. F. L. Greene and J. A. Everts.

The evening's program opened at the city hall at 7:30 o'clock with a concert and the decoration of chivalry, followed at nine o'clock by the grand ball. The hall was handsomely decorated for the occasion and the grand march was participated in by about 500 people, the affair being most successful.

HURT IN RUNAWAY.

John Straw of Stowe Died Last Night, Aged 78 Years.

Stowe, May 17.—John Straw died at six o'clock last night at his home on Bridge street, at the age of nearly 79 years. He had a slight shock in January, and about two weeks ago he was hurt in a runaway accident. Although his injuries were not severe, still, on account of his age and weakened condition, they led to fatal complications. Mr. Straw was well known in this vicinity. He had followed his trade of wood worker for many years in this village. He had survived by his second wife, who was Miss Elinora Marshall of Stowe, by two brothers, Albert R. Straw and Herbert E. Straw, and by three sisters, Mrs. Mary A. Jenney Miss Rose E. Straw and Mrs. A. E. Douglass. The funeral will probably be held at the Unitarian church Friday at 2:30.

JUDGMENT SET ASIDE.

In Which E. N. Normandeau Got Verdict Against W. B. Turney.

In the case of W. B. Turney against E. N. Normandeau, which took up the attention of county court all day yesterday, the court granted the right of appeal to the plaintiff and set aside the judgment of the Barre city court so that the amount of the judgment, \$435, must be returned to Mr. Turney.

This morning the contested divorce case of Joseph Bedord and Mary Bedord was taken up and will consume the whole day.

FOUR RACES PLANNED.

For Meet at Granite City Trotting Park on May 30.

The Gentlemen's Driving club is completing arrangements for the race meet at the Granite City trotting park on May 30. There will be hand concerts, baseball game vaudeville acts and four classes for the races, as follows: A green race for horses that have never started, a 2:30 class, a 2:28 class, and a 2:18 class. The track is in excellent condition, and horses are being worked out over it every day.

Secure Your Tickets for Banquet.

Tickets for the banquet Monday night, when T. E. Byrnes will speak, can be secured at the committee, C. H. Wisbart, M. N. Melvin and H. H. Phelps, or of A. P. Abbott and A. C. Moore. The number is limited to 200 and the four organizations extending the invitation to Mr. Byrnes will be supplied first; but after Friday night the sale will be open to the public.

SUPREME COURT ENDS.

Vermont State Library After Many Cases Were Submitted on Briefs Yesterday.

After being in session for two weeks at Montpelier, the Vermont supreme court took adjournment yesterday afternoon. At the closing session Windham county cases were taken up, most of them going to the court on briefs.

The cases submitted on briefs were A. Crosby Kennett and Herbert S. Mudgett against George A. Tudor and Ernest Tudor judgment of \$782.35 below; Daniel Doyle against Charles F. Melendy, judgment for plaintiff in lower court of \$937; Edward K. Jewell against Hoosac Tunnel and Wilmington Railroad Co., judgment for \$400 for plaintiff below.

H. G. Barber appearing for the defendants in the case of Julia Shaw against Clark, Dix & Weatherhead, asked for time to submit the case on briefs, but this was opposed by Attorneys Waterman and Bacon, who claimed the understanding was that the case was to be heard or judgment affirmed. The case is over a real estate deal in New Hampshire and Mr. Barber explained that a settlement is now in progress.

The decree of the court of chancery was affirmed in the case of Alexander Bordland against Benjamin F. Millington, and cause remanded.

Exceptions were taken in the following cases: Parsons and Hunt against Edward A. Starkey; Ludwig and Co. against John J. O'Neil, Trover and Peerless Casualty Co. against Edward A. Starkey. The case of Martin Huntley, trepass was submitted on the briefs.

COUNTY C. E. CONVENTION.

At Waterbury Next Week, Many Going From Barre.

The 35th convention of the Washington County Christian Endeavor union will be held in Waterbury Friday, May 26, and a large delegation is expected to attend from Barre, including at least ten from each society. The program is as follows: 10 a. m., praise service; 10:15, greeting and response; roll call of societies, reports of officers, appointment of committees; 11:00, paper, "What Can I Do?"; Robert J. Charles, Barre; 11:30, conference, "The Christian Endeavor Meeting"; leader, Rev. W. L. Boicourt; 12:30, dinner; 1:30 p. m., praise service; 1:45, conference, "Christian Endeavor at Work Outside"; Miss Beulah B. Bates, state secretary, Bennington; 2:30, "Atlantic City Headquarters Building"; Walter D. Howell, Boston; 3:15, music; 3:30, talk to the juniors, Miss Bates; 4:00, address, "Christian Endeavor a Factor in Modern Religious History," John W. Barnett, D. D., Barre; 4:40, business session; 5:00, social hour and supper.

The evening service begins at 7:30 o'clock with a devotional service, followed at 7:45 with a sermon by Rev. S. F. Blomfield of Montpelier, and at 8:15 by an address by Walter D. Howell.

AT ADVANCED AGE.

Mrs. Clara M. Brown Died This Morning After Two Weeks' Illness.

Mrs. Clara M. Brown died at the home of her daughter Mrs. A. H. Lewis, 12 Cottage street, at 6 o'clock this morning after an illness of over two weeks. She sustained a paralytic stroke, April 30, and death resulted from this cause. Besides her daughter, Mrs. Lewis, she leaves one son, William Brown of Taunton, Mass.

Mrs. Brown was born in Bakersfield December 24, 1826, and was therefore 85 years old. She was one of the oldest women in the city. Her marriage to William L. Brown took place in Huntington, Mass., February 14, 1848. Mr. Brown's death occurred thirty-five years ago. For a time Mrs. Brown lived in Dover, N. H., coming to Barre in 1906, where she has since resided. She was affiliated with the Episcopal church.

The funeral will be held at the house Friday forenoon at 10 o'clock. Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, will officiate. The burial will take place in Hope cemetery.

SPANISH VETS. CELEBRATE.

Have a Reunion on Anniversary of Being Mustered In.

The Spanish-American war veterans of Washington county held their annual outing at Caledonia park yesterday in celebration of their mustering into the service on May 16, 1898. There were nearly 30 of the vets present and they were housed in a very enjoyable manner. The forenoon was spent in playing the usual ball games and other sports and at noon a buffet lunch was served in the pavilion.

At the business meeting the old board of officers were elected as follows: President, Capt. W. A. Patte; vice-presidents, T. G. Carswell, Barre; Major F. L. Howe, Northfield; secretary, First Sergeant C. B. Boyce, Barre; treasurer, Sergeant Frank E. Gladding, Barre.

Among the sports which constituted no end of fun, beside the ball games, was a greased pig which was finally captured by A. B. Gooch after nearly the whole company had had a try at him.

WILL TRAVEL OVER GRANITE

As Far North as Granite Street on North Main

BEYOND THAT UNCERTAIN

City Council Adopts Resolution Calling for Granite Blocks Part Way and Tables Street Committee Report on the Remainder of Street.

The city council held a lengthy session last evening, at which a grist of business was disposed of. The resolution authorizing the street committee to pave with granite blocks that portion of North Main street between the end of the pavement at Depot square and the northerly side of Granite street, which was read for the first time last week, was read for the second time last evening and, on motion of Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Willey, was adopted.

In the discussion which preceded the adoption of the resolution, Alderman Willey asked the city clerk if there would be money enough to carry out this work providing it cost about \$9,000. The clerk replied that he thought there would be sufficient funds if all of the other permanent work, which had been talked of, except the upper end of Washington street, was cut out and the paving was completed in time so that a part of the assessments would be collected this year. Alderman Thurston stated his belief that it would be cost-ly an extra appropriation of \$5,000 in the street department.

Later in the meeting, the street committee reported on the petitions of residents of North Main street, north of Granite street, that the street be macadamized. The committee reported that the petitions conformed to section 13 of the city charter in every respect. Alderman Willey asked the committee if that was an opinion of the city attorney, and Alderman Thurston, without answering the question, said that if the council was afraid of the report it had better let it alone. Alderman Willey then moved that the report be laid on the table. Alderman Ward seconded the motion, and it was carried. Just before Alderman Willey queried the committee, Alderman Rossi moved that the report be accepted and placed on file; but his motion was not seconded.

Section 13 of the charter referred to in the report is in substance as follows: Whenever a petition in writing shall be presented to the city council, signed by the owner or owners of two-thirds of the frontage upon any street, and praying that the same be drained, graded, paved or macadamized, curbed and guttered, or that any of said improvements should be made, the city council shall forthwith order and direct the street commissioners to cause the work to be done.

On the protest made last week against the dust made by the city's stone crusher on Granite street, the street committee reported that the street superintendent thought he could remedy the dust nuisance by boxing in the top of the crusher and the committee had ordered him to do so. The city council shall forthwith order and direct the street commissioners to cause the work to be done.

A resolution, designating the streets or portions thereof which shall be sprinkled or oiled this summer, was adopted on motion of Alderman Willey. The resolution stipulates that the street committee shall sprinkle with water or oil just as their judgment deems best. The following are the streets or portions of streets included in the resolution: Ayers, Main, Depot square, Maple avenue, Cottage, North and South Somers, Granite, West, Merchant, Pearl, Central, Eastern avenue, Keith, Ross, Elm, A. Hill, Washington, Liberty Hill, Academy, Prospect, Brook, Beckley and French.

The resolution relating to placing the employees of the street and water departments on an eight-hour day, which was presented last week, was taken up again and after some discussion was left over for another week for the street and water commissioners to bring in a report after consulting with the employees regarding their preference to an eight-hour day or a fifty-hour week.

The mayor presented two petitions signed by about 25 employees of the two departments stating that they preferred the eight-hour day.

The city clerk stated that he noticed that nearly all of the names on the two petitions were men who do not reside in the city, but were here just for the time being and would probably leave before a week. He said that fully 40 per cent. of these employees were that kind of men. The clerk also said that something ought to be done to stop these men coming here and getting a place to board and, after working a few days, get an order on the superintendent for their money and slip out, leaving their boarding house mistress in the lurch. He said that it could be remedied by having an