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RANDOLPH.

Edward Dodlin Furnished Some Excitement Early in the Week.

Edward Dodlin of Pittsfield, who had been at work for E. D. Rogers in South Royalton, arrived in a very excited state, which seemed like insanity, on Monday. His imagination led him to think that he was pursued by all sorts of fiends, and he sought protection of the Catholic priest. He was inquiring at every stopping place for Father O'Donnell, and when he reached the Kimball public library, Officer F. B. Wood found him and persuaded him to go with him to the lockup, where after remedies had been administered by a physician and a rest over night, it was found that his frenzy was the result of an overdose of Jamaica ginger. E. D. Rogers, his employer, was notified, and came on Wednesday and paid his fine of about \$7 and took him home.

Henry Gilbert has gone to Boston for a six weeks' stay with friends.

Mrs. C. R. Granger and Mrs. H. S. Booth were in Barre Thursday to visit Mrs. Granger's son, Carroll Granger.

F. M. Leavitt discontinued work at the Beede quarry on Saturday and with his gang of workmen left for Leominster, Mass.

O. W. Mann left Thursday for Boston and the last of the week will go to Chihuahua, Mexico, to look after his interest in a silver mine there.

Professor Raymond McFarland of Middlebury college has been here this week, observing the work and methods of the high school here and the school at the Center.

The canning season has closed at the factory of Demeritt & Palmer, there having been 50 tons of pumpkins and 285 tons of squash canned at this factory this fall.

The Central Vermont railroad is building a large cement gasoline tank just north of the stockyard for the purpose of lighting the station much more cheaply than can be done with electric lights on the meter system.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stevens, who have been here on a two weeks' vacation, have returned to take up their work in the state hospital for the insane in Middletown, Conn., where they have been engaged as nurses for several years.

Mrs. R. G. Morton has decided to close out her stock of drugs and give up the business which has been conducted by herself and her late husband, R. G. Morton, since 1862. Mrs. Morton takes this step to relieve herself of the care of the business and will attend to home duties hereafter.

Mrs. Ernest Sargent and her sister, Miss Alice McElyre, who came from Woodsville, N. H., to look after the closing of their home on South Pleasant street for the winter, returned on Thursday, accompanied by their aunt, Mrs. Temple, who will remain for a time with them.

The Jewett house is soon to be closed and Mrs. F. W. Jewett and her daughter, Achsah, will accompany her sister, Mrs. Frank Parsons, of Yonkers, N. Y., to California, starting about the first of December. They expect to pass the winter in Pasadena or Los Angeles, they having a brother at the former place.

The date of the exercises attending the laying of the corner stone of the new school building has been changed from the 23d to the 24th, the last date being a much more convenient time for all interested.

The speakers have all been secured and following the outdoor exercises and before the address by President Benton, music hall orchestra will give a concert for the entertainment of the audience.

Rev. Father M. S. O'Donnell was taken ill on Friday last, with an acute form of indigestion, which produced a slight hemorrhage of the stomach. He has been quite ill since then, and is under the care of Miss Hattie Sault, a trained nurse. For the first time since his ordination nine years ago, he was unable to attend to his church services and Rev. Father Ladue of St. Michael's college of Winoski supplied the church here.

The Randolph union district teachers have organized their reading club and elected the following officers: Superintendent H. W. Lewis, president; Miss Mary Tewksbury, secretary; Mrs. Lucinda Cleveland, treasurer; collectors, Hattie Churchill for Brookfield; Mrs. Catherine Holman for Randolph; Maud Eddy for Braintree; electors, Mary Tewksbury for Brookfield; Carrie Eaton, for Randolph; and Mrs. George Ford for Braintree. Miss Jennie Stewart and Miss Gladys Jones are, respectively, collectors and electors, for the graded school district.

The house of Raymond Hall was robbed of money and a watch on Tuesday of this week by a stranger whom Mr. Hall had just given a dinner. The man left and Mr. Hall went out to his work, but on his return he saw the stranger going out of the house and upon investigation he missed his purse and watch and at once invited a neighbor to accompany him in the pursuit. After driving a little distance they overtook the man, whom they invited to ride, to which he assented, and the party went at once to East Braintree to Officer G. W. Flagg's who, upon being informed of the offense, arrested the alleged thief, who was brought here and placed in the lockup. Tuesday morning he was given a hearing before Justice E. F. Briggs and as a result he was bound over to the county court in the sum of \$200 and Thursday, E. D. Howe took him to Chelsea. He gave his name as Fred Gione and his age 22. He is a Frenchman and said he was on his way from St. Johns, and that his parents lived in Manchester, N. H.

Grace and Victor Bixby, Maggie and Adeline Lawson will sing at the circle fair next week.

The first and second degrees will be conferred on a large class at Washington grange this evening.

Roy Coleman is home from the White mountains and is now employed in the market of Ernest Huthelins.

Don't forget that you can borrow many good books to read every Saturday evening at the reading room, maintained by the ladies of the W. C. T. U.

Silver Leaf circle will hold its annual fair in opera hall the 15th, 16th and 17th of November. The ladies will hold a quilting bee in their hall this evening.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

F. A. Hayden of Montpelier was in town yesterday.

M. A. Campbell, teacher in the Cram district, is sick with pneumonia.

There was a good attendance at the Universalist fair and supper last evening and all enjoyed the musical entertainment that was a part of the program.

There will be a service in the Universalist church next Sunday morning; subject, "The Permanency of Religion," a consideration of the question, "Is the Church a Failure?" All are welcome.

Dancing school begins this evening at 8 o'clock in grange hall. This may be the last time that Mr. Elmore will come to Williamstown, as his classes in Montpelier and Barre demand most of his time and are increasing in number every year. Mr. and Mrs. Elmore will stay until 12 o'clock, instead of 10:30, as formerly.

PRODUCTION OF PRECIOUS STONES.

Gems of All Kinds, from Diamonds to Agates, Found in the United States.

It may perhaps be surprising to many people to learn that the United States produces almost every variety of precious stone—from diamonds down. The precious stones produced in this country last year had a value of \$295,797, against \$334,380 in 1909, according to an advance chapter from "Mineral Resources of the United States" on the production of gems and precious stones in 1910, by Douglas B. Sterrett, just published by the United States geological survey. The large decrease in the output of a few of the more important gem minerals—tourmaline, turquoise, chrysope, etc.—says Mr. Sterrett, readily accounted for the fall in the value of production. As an instance of this decrease in production, about 8 1/2 tons of rough turquoise were produced in 1910, as compared with more than 17 tons in 1909.

All the diamonds produced in this country in 1910 came from Arkansas and California, the output of Arkansas amounting to about 200 stones. Several diamonds were found in California last year, one of which weighs about half a carat and another between 1 1/2 and 2 carats. The latter is a brilliant, clear, flawless, stone, with a tinge of yellow.

Colorado yields some very pretty agates and some are being successfully handled in the tourist trade, but a number of these stones sold each year at the summer resorts of the state are imported from Germany, where they have been polished. Others are native stones polished abroad, although some are polished in the United States.

In Montana a sapphire weighing over 4 1/2 carats has been found. This stone when discovered had very much the shape of a rough diamond crystal, on account of which it had very great refractive power.

Reditcovery of Lost Mines.

In addition to discussing deposits of precious stones in the United States, Mr. Sterrett also describes foreign mines and their output. An account is given of the rediscovery of certain lost emerald mines in Colombia. With the Spanish took possession of that country in the sixteenth century the emerald mines of the Indians were seized by them. Exclusive cruelties were practiced by the Spanish mine workers on the Indians employed in the mines. In the war of independence of 1816 the country was so desolated that the mines of Cosquez and Somonico were entirely lost. A Colombian named Francisco Restrepo, guided by a few hints given in ancient Spanish parchment maps, and with little or no knowledge of geology or emeralds, undertook the search for the lost emerald mines. In 1896 he found traces of ancient workings and later the large workings of the lost mines. These mines

are situated on a ridge of the great eastern range of the Andes, at an elevation of about 9,000 feet above sea level. The great open cuts and tunnels were scattered over an area 6 miles long and 3 miles wide.

It is worthy of note that no particularly section of the United States has a monopoly of precious stone deposits; for instance, turquoise have been found both in Virginia and in Nevada, sapphires in Indiana and Montana, and topaz in Texas, Colorado, and California.

A copy of the report may be obtained free of charge on application to the director of the geological survey at Washington, D. C.

Socialist Gains.

Not least significant of election day results were the municipal victories of the Socialists. Schenectady has elected a Socialist mayor and an assemblyman; ten Ohio cities have also chosen Socialist mayors. In large sections of the country this form of outbreak against the existing order seems especially active.

Practically this means little because no definite program of action has been worked out by the Socialists, adaptable to municipal conditions. Wherever they have carried a Massachusetts city, like Haverhill or Brockton, their administration has differed little from that of other parties, except in the extra attention which they have given to labor conditions. The Socialists explain that they

are so hampered by existing law that they have no chance to show what they would like to do.

These victories are thus significant, not because of what the Socialists do in office so much as by reason of the testimony which they bear of prevailing unrest. Were so-called "state Socialism" all that the followers of a Socialist party wanted they would be reasonably well satisfied with the two old parties which are rapidly transferring business from private hands to that of public authority.

Milwaukee's election of a Socialist mayor and a Socialist congressman last year was rendered noteworthy because LaFolletteism was there at high tide. This would seemingly have satisfied the popular desire for reform, but it did not. Men "entered their protest" against existing conditions in the usual way, in a state which was in avowedly "progressive" hands. This experience is again repeated. New York and Ohio have both been in Democratic control, in both executive and legislative, for the last year, and yet it is in those states that the Socialist protest is now most in evidence. Mankind is hard to please.—Boston Herald.

WASHINGTON.

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