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TO RENT—Two very desirable tenements, five and six dollars. Apply to B. G. Slade.

WANTED—Woman for general housework, good cook. Call or address 220 West Main street.

WANTED—Man to do chore work on farm and out wood through winter. Jesse Robinson.

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WANTED—Position as foreman in paper box shop, 15 years experience. Address J. H. S., Box 183, Fairmont, N. Y. 4194

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WANTED—A canvassing agent with small amount of money may secure the agency of a California product that can be sold to every family of Bennington and surrounding country. A fine seller for a house to house canvasser to handle with other goods. It is an article of daily consumption, and where once sold is a sure repeat. The product is not as yet introduced in Vermont but hundreds of applications have been received from there. For particulars, prices and sample, address MANAGER, P. O. Box 57, San Jose, California.

WANTED—Young man or lady to do house to house advertising. Nothing to sell, good pay. Address B. Bennington Banner.

FOR SALE—Two new milch cows, 6 years old, one Jersey Geo. E. Davis near Hayes Corners, Bennington, Vt.

FOR SALE—40 wagons of all descriptions. 30 sets of harness, single and double.

IN MANCHURIA.

Consul Davidson's Experience of Four Months' Travel.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 10.—James W. Davidson, United States consul at Tamsui, Formosa, who is here on his way home after four months of extensive travel in Manchuria, says that through the courtesy of Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, he was provided with a special car when traveling on the Manchurian railway and that every facility was placed at his disposal by the Russian officials throughout his journey.

The reoccupation of Mukden by the Russians, Consul Davidson says, consisted only in the placing of forty guards at the gates.

Say Securities Merger Was Lawful.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A brief in behalf of Messrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, Robert Bacon and Daniel S. Lamont, appellants, with others, in the case of the United States versus the Northern Securities company has been filed in the United States supreme court by Attorneys Francis Lynde Stetson and David Wilcox. They claim that the so-called merger was entirely lawful and say: "These transactions have consisted merely in the organization of a lawful corporation of New Jersey and in the sale to and purchase by it of property lawfully salable. All acts done in relation to the organization of the Northern Securities company and to the purchase by it of the shares of stock of the railway companies and to the sale thereof by the owners were expressly authorized by law."

Colored Student at Harvard a Thief.

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—Against Clarence Lee, a young negro who is held in \$5,000 bail by a United States commissioner, are charges of having fraudulently obtained Harvard-Yale football tickets from the mails and of having robbed Harvard students of more than \$1,500 worth of jewelry and clothing. In his room in the south end heaps of clothing, watches, scarfpins and rings, which have been identified by students as their property, were found by the police. Lee took a postgraduate course at Harvard, and it is asserted that he passed his spare time in stealing from the dormitories and from the Hemenway gymnasium.

A Museum of Security.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Plans on a large scale are being prepared for a "museum of security," which is projected by the American Institute of Social Service. This institution, for which an effort will be made to raise an endowment of at least \$1,000,000, is intended for the purpose of practically demonstrating the various devices for preventing accidents in the dangerous occupations in which mankind is engaged. There is in Amsterdam an institution modeled on the same lines, and it has proved to be of great practical value.

Kept His Secret in Death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Somewhere in New York old Maximilian Hershel left behind \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 in securities, besides the \$50,000 already discovered in safe deposit vaults. Mrs. Bella Georgi and the other heirs have organized a thorough search for them in the vaults of banks, trust companies and safe depositories all through the city. In his dying moments the old man tried to disclose the location of this wealth. He succeeded only in stating the fact that it exists. He had clung to his secret too long; his strength failed.

Claimed \$10,000; Got \$150.

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 11.—The jury in the case of G. W. Cairns of Boston versus F. P. McEvoy of this city has returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff \$150 damages. Cairns brought the suit for \$40,000 for false imprisonment and slander. McEvoy traded his bicycle business in this city for twelve building lots in Woburn, Mass., with Cairns, afterward claiming that he was bunked, and had Cairns arrested.

Union League Club and Negro Vote.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—After a long and bitter discussion the Union League club by a vote of 400 to 100 took from the table and adopted a resolution introduced by former United States Senator Warner Miller calling for a thorough investigation by congress of the charges of the suppression of the negro vote in the south and still retaining their representation in congress.

Fuller-Manning Wedding.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Clara Heath Manning has been married to William E. Fuller, assistant attorney general of the United States. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. David J. Burrell of the Marble Collegiate church.

JUMPED THE QUARANTINE

Ran Away From the Lumber Camps in Somerset.

IN WORSE FIX NOW

Shut Up in Detention Hospital Here Lest They Have Small Pox.

Wm Myers and three other lumbermen who worked in the Somerset logging camps quarantined yesterday and jumped quarantine yesterday and came to Bennington.

They were immediately arrested and instead of getting out of trouble are in worse than ever.

They were taken before Judge Bates who ordered them vaccinated and held in custody until it is seen whether they come down with small-pox.

They will have a chance to enjoy the hospitality of the detention hospital in the meantime.

NORTH HOOSICK.

Mrs Williams and baby are very sick.

George Russell is working two teams improving the road near the power house. He has several hands at work widening the road through rock.

Mr Remington and John Brown of Clay Hill are working in Stevens' and Thompson's mill.

Mrs Cathcart was called to Hoosick Corners by sickness in her sister's family.

Mrs Hall of South Shaftsbury spent Tuesday with her daughter, Mrs Brooks.

Miss Minnie Eldred, who has been confined to the house a long time, is able to ride out and spent a day with her cousin, Mrs Minnie Tucker last week.

John Barnett who has been on the sick list is now out around as usual.

Mr Deming preached at the M. E. church, Sunday, Dec. 6th. He is a member of the Anti Saloon association.

Christmas Sale of Pianos.

In order to reduce our stock before January 1st, we have decided to sell 25 new pianos, the regular price of which is \$350, for \$275 each. These pianos are new, just in from the factory; double veneered inside and out, highly finished in fancy figured walnut or fancy figured mahogany, with stool and scarf—fully warranted for ten years, and will be sold on very easy payments. Send for catalogue, giving full description of style, finish, etc. This is the chance of a lifetime to buy a strictly first class piano at a large reduction, and on easy terms. Address: McKannon Bros & Co., 45 Church St., Burlington, Vt.—3w

A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It happens everybody to have a reliable sive handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, cuts, sores, eczema and piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at Gibson's drug store.

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Call And Give Your Orders For

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All advertisements for the Evening Banner and notices of change must be at the office the day before they are to be used.

Advertisements for the weekly Banner and Reformer and changes of copy must be in the office not later than Tuesday noon of each week and earlier is desirable during the holiday season.

Frank E. Howe.

BASKET BALL.

Another Victory for Home Team at Cambridge Wednesday.

Bennington Basket Ball team defeated the strong Cambridge team at Beach's Hall Cambridge Wed. eve by a score of 15 to 8. It was a close hard game and much credit is due the B. B. B. team. The guarding of the local team was nearly perfect.

Line up was as follows:

B. B. B.	Cambridge
Burt	C
McNamara	
Plumb	R. F.
Merrill	
Ayres	L. F.
Anderson	
Harbour	R. G.
Galbeth	
Gokay	S. G.
Wellis	

Referee, Fauley; Umpire, Wilbour; Timekeepers, Fauly and Sears; Trainer, Newton; Score B. B. B. 15 Cambridge 8.

We copy the above from another paper. Cambridge—A contest was had last night in Beach's Hall between the Cambridge basket ball team and the Salem team. After the close of the game the second five played the Bennington team.

The game between the United Five, Hoosick Falls and the Y. M. C. A. scheduled for tonight has been cancelled. Two of the team are on the jury in the Rogers case and two are on the sick list.

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McINTYRE BABY DEAD

Trouble Still Pursuing the Pawlet Minister.

Rev Daniel McIntyre of Pawlet is full of trouble these days. Wednesday evening the youngest child, born but a few months ago, died, while the nurse that attended it is recovering from an attack of scarlet fever.

The baby was born about the time that he took Mary Frances Holland back to her birth place in Boston.

WILL PROTEST.

Hoosick Falls People, Will, Against Abandoning A Portion Of B. & H. V. R. R.

Hoosick Falls has decided to protest with all its might before the board of railroad commissioners of the state against the abandonment by the Bennington and Hoosick Railway company of a portion of its tracks in the corporate limits.

The people of Hoosick Falls claim that the railway is a public necessity, and if they succeed in making this fact clear to the state board, it will be difficult for the electric company managers to establish their case.

GETS MORE TIMBER.

Fremont Wright of Somerville Increasing His Holdings of Woodland.

Fremont H. Wright of Somerville, Mass., has been here for several days securing options on wood lands located in Woodford. Mr Wright purchased several thousand acres there about a year ago and last season out over 3,000,000 of spruce and hard wood timber. He has already commenced operations for this season.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

Mrs J. Ed Walbridge will leave the first of the week to make a visit of some length to her daughter Mrs H. C. Harmon in Bainbridge Ohio.

A new edition of the constitution and grand statutes of the Domain of Vermont, Knights of Pythias, has just been issued. It was edited and issued under the direction of H. L. Stillson.

Dr and Mrs L. L. Fillmore have gone to southern California to spend the winter there. It would not be surprising if he finally located there as he has two brothers that have been there for years. This climate does

PERHAM'S CONFESSION

All the Ghastly Details of the Killing of Marcus Rogers on the Night of Aug. 12, 1902

Judge Watson Told Perham That His Confession Would Be Used Against Him at His Own Trial But Perham Said He Would Tell Just The Same.

The feature of yesterday afternoon and today in the trial of Mrs Mable Rogers has been the complete confession of Leon Perham, who says that he helped Mrs Rogers kill her husband.

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As Perham tells it, "She says to Mr Rogers, 'Let's sit down on the ground beside the wall.' She says, 'Mr Rogers, you stand up, this don't sit right.'"

She stood up and spread Perham's overcoat on the ground, then they sat down again. Rogers lay with his head in his wife's lap, while she let her hand rest on his forehead. She talked with him about his work and his health.

The following is from Perham's testimony:

She says to me, 'Stella Bates did some tricks today with a rope.—Leon, let me take the rope.' So I gave her the rope.

"She says to Rogers, 'Let me take your hands.' She took his hands and tied them behind him and the first time she didn't make it work for the second time.

"She says, 'You take the rope and tie it,' so I tied it."

It is supposed that Mrs Rogers then began to pour chloroform onto her handkerchief.

To return to Perham's statement:

"He says, while I was tying the rope, 'Mrs Rogers, what are you doing?' She says, 'Nothing.' Chloroform smelled pretty bad. He smelled it too. So I kept on tying the rope.

"She handed the chloroform to me, but I shook my head and told her I didn't want it. She held it under my nose pretty close.

"She put her hand on his forehead and held the handkerchief under his nose. As soon as she put her handkerchief under his nose, he said to stop. She said to hold him. I did for about twenty minutes and then he was dead.

She took the bottle of chloroform and laid it down.

"She says, 'You have got to take the jack-knife out and cut the rope and get it off his hands.

"Says she, 'You take and roll him into the river and cover him up so that no one could see his clothes.'"

This question was asked:

"Did you take him and roll him into the river?"

"Yes sir," answered Perham.

"Did any one tell you to get the rope?" was another question.

"Yes sir," was the response.

"Who?"

"Mrs Rogers."

"Did she tell you what to get it for?"

"Yes sir, to tie his hands."

"Who took the chloroform bottle to the river, where he was killed?"

"Mrs Rogers."

Mrs Rogers put her husband's hat with a note pinned to it on the tree where it was found.

Here Perham testified that he could read and write very little.

Perham and Mrs Rogers, according to the former's testimony, returned home about 12:30. The rope was

til morning, when she gave it to Perham, with the chloroformed handkerchief wrapped around it, and he concealed them.

The following morning he saw the hat and note still hanging from the tree.

The body was brought to Perham's house.

When Perham confessed at the time of the inquest, he brought Deputy Sheriff Nash to where the bottle and handkerchief were and handed them over to him.

It was on the night of the murder that Mrs Rogers first told Perham that the victim was her husband. She said she wanted the money to go to home-keeping with Morris Knapp.

Perham's testimony developed that the relations between himself and Mrs Rogers and between Knapp and her had been of illicit nature.

When the defense objected to the admission of that part of the testimony the counsel for the state exclaimed, "He is her tool—she got him to do it."

There was nothing in Perham's statements to indicate that Stella Bates was with him and the respondent on the night of the murder.

Perham thought that Mrs Rogers took the insurance papers from Roger's pocket before the body was rolled into the river.

Perham was cross-examined this morning by Mr Archibald. His evidence at this point became almost unintelligible. Some questions he did not answer at all.

The defense developed that Perham's brother Levi had told him that if he went on the stand and told the truth, he would be permitted to plead a charge of manslaughter.

Some inconsistencies were brought out in the minor details of his story.

When questioned, he said there were six days in a week and he did not know the number of feet in a rod.

In his re-direct examination by Mr Barber, Perham said that while he was on his knees, about to roll the body into the water, Mrs Rogers took some papers from her husband's pocket which she said were the insurance papers.

M. H. Middleton, the surveyor, went into the witness box and produced a plan of the vicinity of Morgan's grove.

Dr E. B. Daley testified that in August, 1902, he and Dr Potter performed an autopsy on Marcus Rogers.

The doctor said that the hair of the dead man were wet, saturated with sand and saw-dust, memoranda taken at the time has been lost. There were marks on the face and a bruise above one eye, which had slightly broken the skin. When the brain was removed, it was found that the bruise above the eye was more serious than had been supposed.

Dr Daley then testified that a forcible application of chloroform over the nose and mouth made the glottis close, and thus caused the death of Marcus Rogers by smothering.

On cross-examination he testified that the bruise above the eye was caused by a blow dealt after death.

The cross-examination seemed to produce an impression that death may have been caused, at least partially, by drowning.

SPECIAL AT Y. M. C. A.

Program Of Interest Prepared For Next Sunday Afternoon.

J. V. D. S. Merrill will speak on Character and Its Value in Business at the Y. M. C. A. Meeting for men at 4 o'clock Sunday.

W. H. Fuller of Woodsville, N. H., for three years general secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., will be present at this meeting and will probably give a short address.

From 3:45 to 4. Miss Bessie Hudson and Miss Georgiana Austin with vocal music.

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digests all classes of food, tones and strengthens the stomach and digestive organs. Cures dyspepsia, indigestion, stomach troubles, and makes rich red blood, health and strength. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure rebuilds worn-out tissues, purifies, strengthens and sweetens the stomach. Governor G. W. Atkinson of W. Va., says, "I have used a number of bottles of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and have found it to be very effective and indeed a powerful remedy for stomach ailments. I recommend it to my friends." Sold by B. A. Quinlan.

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beats all remedies for a COUGH or COLIC. We refund the price if it is not satisfactory. Large bottles 50 cents. B. A. Quinlan