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THE LATE HENRY DAVIS HALL.

An Appreciative Obituary Sketch of a Well Known Citizen who Passed away on Tuesday, December 15.



HENRY D. HALL OF NORTH BENNINGTON

The death of Henry D. Hall occurred on Tuesday afternoon, December 15 at the home of Henry T. Cushman, North Bennington, Vt., where he had resided with his daughter, the wife of Mr. Cushman, for nearly five years past since the death of his wife which occurred in 1869. Mr. Hall recently received an injury on his leg which at the time appeared to be slight, but which became a very serious wound which prostrated him and reduced him to a very low condition. After about five weeks he died, very suddenly from what his physicians termed heart clot. His funeral was attended at his late home on Friday last, the services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. Charles H. Peck, assisted by Rev. R. B. Tozer of the Baptist church and Rev. M. L. Severance of Burlington. The singing was by members of his family, with one exception, his grandchildren. The floral tributes were very beautiful. There were present his only surviving brother, Charles Hall of Springfield, Mass., and other relatives from New York and other places. His interment took place in the Hall family lot at Bennington Center.

Sketch of His Life.

Henry Davis Hall was the eldest surviving son of the late governor Hill and Hall, was born May 5, 1823, at Bennington, Vt. He was educated at the Bennington academy and at Burr and Burton seminary, and at the age of fifteen years entered upon the serious business of life as a clerk at Newfane in Austin Burchard's general store. At the close of this engagement when eighteen years of age, young Hall was proffered a partnership interest as an inducement to him to remain. He declined this offer, however, his energy being directed at the time toward fitting himself for college. The following winter he taught school at Pownal.

Falling sight caused him to abandon a college course. Later he was engaged with the well known firm of Norton & Fenton, stoneware manufacturers, as a traveling salesman. In 1840 a partnership was formed under the firm name of Fenton, Hall & company, the employees of which being mainly brought from England as American pottery was then in its infancy.

Later Mr. Hall became associated with his brother-in-law, Trenor W. Park in the lumber business. For 12 years Mr. Hall was one of the board of directors of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance company and also acted as agent for many stock insurance companies. In 1856 Mr. Hall with his brother Nathaniel, purchased the Estes cotton mill at North Bennington. Subsequently he purchased his brother's interest and operated the plant until 1878.

For a time he was engaged in Mercantile business in the village of North Bennington, which he conducted successfully up to 1883, since which time he has lived in retirement from active business, but has for several years filled the office of curator of the Vermont Historical Society for Bennington county, and that of Historian in the Bennington Battle Monument and Historical association.

Mr. Hall was an old-time Whig casting his first vote for Henry Clay for president in 1844. He was always a Republican, zealously working for the principals of his party in several conventions, but never had time or inclination for political preferment. He possessed pronounced literary

tastes and wrote much.

Among his valuable contributions to local literature is an exhaustive paper on the Battle of Bennington which he read before the Berkshire Historical and Scientific Society, Pittsfield, Mass., and the Vermont Historical Society in the House of Representatives at Montpelier, Vermont in 1896.

Among other things he refuted by historical data the claim made in the National Magazine of American History of April 1892 that a body of New York troops under Col. John Williams took part in the Battle and aided in securing the victory. The article has attracted general recognition as authority on the place of Revolutionary engagement.

Mr. Hall united with the Congregational church in Bennington in 1858. From that time until 1866 he was superintendent of the Sunday School of that church. Upon his removal to North Bennington in 1866 he was foremost in the organization of the Church and Sunday School there.

Mr. Hall has always had the keenest interest in the advancement of Bennington and North Bennington materially and educationally; has been school trustee and president of the North Bennington Library Association.

Mr. Hall married Caroline E. Thatcher of Bennington 1847. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1897. Their children were five in number, Eliza D., wife of Henry T. Cushman, Charles Henry, Hilland, Caroline H., William Carrill. Of his children Mrs. Cushman, Caroline (Mrs. Mattison) and eleven grandchildren survive him.

NORTH BENNINGTON

George Colvin is at home from Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., for the holiday vacation.

Miss Alta Tozer of New York and Lina Tozer of Northampton, Mass., will spend the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. Ella Clark and daughter, Vesta will spend Christmas in Hoosick Falls with Mrs. Clark's brother.

Miss Edna Schoonmaker is at her home in Stillwater for a week.

Miss Marlon Carey is spending Christmas with her mother in Springfield, Vermont.

The primary class of the Sunday school held a Christmas tree festival at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Peck on Wednesday afternoon.

A Junior Endeavor Society has been organized with Miss Agnes Green, President and Miss Mary Woodhull, secretary.

Mrs. William Simonds is entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simonds and Mr. and Mrs. Walker of Manchester.

An interesting service in memory of Deacon H. D. Hall was held in the Congregational church Sunday evening. Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Tozer, Severance and Peck. Appropriate hymns were sung by the Christian Endeavor choir.

Next Thursday evening Dec 31, a watch night service will be held in the Congregational church from eight o'clock. There will be a service of worship with addresses from eight to nine o'clock, followed by a social hour. A general invitation to participate will be extended to all our village congregations.

No Paper Tomorrow.

Tomorrow being a legal holiday, there will be no issue of the Evening Banner. We wish all our readers a most Merry Christmas.

The Evening Banner.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

Enjoyable Exercises By The Bennington Falls Club.

The room of the Bennington Falls club, which Messrs Fillmore and Slade have generously allowed the club to use rent free, on the third floor of the mill at the Falls, has seldom been better appreciated than on Friday evening, Dec. 18th, when the children of the cobbler-stone school house and the people of the district united in having a Christmas tree and entertainment under the excellent leadership of the teacher, Miss Clara Doran at the club room.

The decorations of bunting, flags and evergreens were tastefully arranged under the supervision of Mrs. Charles Haynes. William C. Robinson acted as Santa Claus and brought out shouts of delight from the children.

Mrs. Healy and Miss Doran rendered some excellent duets. The recitations and songs by the children were nicely given and reflect great credit upon their teacher.

The people of the district had worked together in making cornucopias, hemstitched handkerchiefs and various other presents, so that each child should have two presents. Then many of the children had turned the tables by making gifts for their mothers.

In this they used the skill which they had acquired in the basket-weaving class of the club and made basket pin cushions, brush broom holders and other styles of basket weaving and really did very good work.

Nothing has brought the people so generally together for a long time and the workers may well feel repaid for the success of the event.

AT ST FRANCIS CHURCH.

Program For Christmas Day Exercise at 10:30

At St Francis de Sales church the usual fine Christmas music will be given. Duchauer's mass in E minor will be performed for the first time in Bennington. At midnight Christmas eve, and at 10:30 o'clock Christmas day the following program will be presented:

Organ Prelude Hoch, Chorale, "Holy Night" Hayden, Solo, "O Holy Night" Adam, Mrs D. A. Healy.

Kyrie Eleison Dachauer, Gloria in Excelsis Dachauer, Credo Dachauer, Christmas Hymn, "Adeste Fideles" Novello, Sanctus Dachauer, Agnus Dei Dachauer, Organ Postlude "March of the Magi Kings" Liszt, Organist John H. Daley.

Notice Advertisers

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.

Weather Forecast.

Cloudy. Probably light rain to night. Friday rain.

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COULDN'T BUY BOOZE

Visitor Tried to Get it of Judge Bates.

WANTED HIS JUG FILLED

Thought the Judge was Joking when He Refused to Sell a Stranger Ale.

As Bennington's Municipal Judge was engaged in meditation the other day the court room door opened and in walked a robust specimen of physical culture from an adjoining town carrying a jug variously estimated by those who saw it as being capable of holding from one to five gallons. The jug was carefully deposited on a desk, overcoat and mittens duly removed, and thereupon a search anxiously instituted through all the pockets of the remaining garments. At last with a sigh of relief, a written note was found and handed over.

It read "Please fill this jug with a gallon of ale. It is for a sick woman, and has been prescribed by a Doctor" and to the note was attached the signature of a well known lady.

The judge read the note then asked the bearer, why he had brought it to him.

"Oh, that's all right. I've got money to pay for all that's ordered. Fill 'er up."

"But," said the Judge, "you can't get that jug filled here. This is not the place you are looking after. You want to go around and see Mr. Morrissey on Pleasant street."

"Not much I don't," said the bearer of the note, "I've got it 'ere before and I'm going to get it 'ere now, so quit your d---d fooling and fill 'er up."

The Judge remonstrated but the man with the jug stood firm and but for the opportune arrival of some of the court officers the argument might still be going on.

Moral: the License Law in Bennington is obeyed to the letter and there is no variation or avoidance of it.

MANCHESTER CENTRE

DeVere Houghton of South Londonderry is the guest of his sister Mrs. E. G. Colvin.

Miss Louise Wyman of New York and Phelps Wyman of Boston are at home for the holidays.

At the evening service the Pastor will preach a sermon appropriate to the closing year.

C. J. Ferguson, attorney of the Vermont Anti Saloon League will deliver an address at the Baptist church Sunday morning in the interest of the League. All are invited.

A very peculiar and rather serious accident occurred here last Monday morning. During the high wind a falling limb from a large tree severed the electric light wire near the road by the power station, the end of the wire dropping into quite deep water which as the plant was in operation became fully charged with the electric current. Mr. B. M. Eldred not knowing of the accident drove his horse into the water when the beast immediately dropped dead, and Mr. Eldred much surprised at such proceedings jumped from the wagon to investigate. Very fortunately he wore rubber boots so escaped with a slight shock. The large dog belonging to Mr. Bowman also met death the same way.

NORTH WHITE CREEK.

Mrs. Peter Stover, of Valley Falls is spending a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Agan.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Coulter are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter.

Alex. McClure, teacher in district No. 11 spent Sunday with his parents in Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

Michael Cummings of Murry Hollow, Vt. has been taken to the asylum at Brattleboro.

A large stock of holiday goods at Goldsmith's, 600 Main st. Toys, books, games, dolls, etc.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly For Busy Readers

Walter Viall will spend Christmas at his home in Arlington.

The collar shop of Bottom and Torrance will be closed until after the holidays.

Misses Mary and Marthur Carney are spending Christmas at their home in West Rutland.

Arthur G. Finn of Charles Cooper's machine shop, has gone to Connecticut for the holidays.

A. B. Gardner and Miss Winni Gardner of Troy were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Myers Monday.

The Semi Annual election of officers of the Epworth League of the M. E. church will be held in the church parlors to night.

Sheriff Wilson will go to Windsor the first of the week to get Joseph Mears and return him here in time to have him in court to give testimony in the Moffat poisoning case that came off last Tuesday.

The marriage of Miss Clara Louise Sherman, eldest daughter of Mrs. A. P. Childs to Ralph Lancaster Smith of St Louis will take place at the homestead in Castleton January 20, 1904. After the marriage they will reside in Springfield, Mass.

At the First Baptist church Christmas will be celebrated Sunday morning and evening. Special music under the direction of Prof. H. W. Downs at both services. A novel Christmas feature will be introduced into the Sunday school program at 12 o'clock. You are invited to these services.

THE CAST FOR KING JOLLITY

Those Who Will Take Leading Parts In Production.

The rehearsals for "King Jollity" are going forward rapidly and the production is an assured musical and spectacular success.

Those who will take the leading parts in the production are as follows: King Jollity, Fred Harmon, Queen, Miss Bessie Harbour, Princess Isococy, Mrs. L. H. Ross, Prince Beauto, J. H. Habberly, Sages, Wales, Barrett, Daley and Tuttle.

Hobo, Lynn Wood, Nuthens, Miss Bessie Hudson, Captain of King's Guards, Perry Gokay.

Captain of Royal Guards, Miss Fanny Taft, Court Jester, Herbert Daley.

WOODFORD

Mrs. John B. Knapp is passing the winter with Mrs. Mina Sharts, her niece of Somerville, Mass.

Henry Colson has been in town again and gone back east.

The Y. P. S. C. E. and Sunday school will hold Christmas exercises in the Union church.

It's quite a slippery time for saints as well as sinners, to stand on slippery places.

Mrs. Maria Cutler an aged lady fell on the ice Tuesday and sustained quite serious injuries to one limb and side. A physician was called at once Mrs. Cutler will be laid up several days.

John Belrose afflicted with lameness has gone to South Shaftsbury to see his wife who is yet suffering from protracted illness.

Miss Ida Bowles is a guest of Mrs. George J. Knapp of Bennington.

Lena Bowles will take the part of "Mrs. Murdoch" in a drama soon to be presented by the S. of V. at Williamstown, Mass.

Jesse Bugbee has sold one of his span of large black horses to William J. Phelan of Bennington.

A son of Wm. Reed of White Creek has been in town buying mink, sable, coon, fox, skunk and muskrat skins. He would like a few bruin pelts, Anse where art thou?

Carlton Garretson, formerly of Pownal, and twice a teacher in Woodford, is now editor of The Sun, Tacoma, Wash.

Floyd Livingston, formerly a workman in town, who went away because of illness, has come back improved in health and is working for Evans & Bugbee in Dunville.

TEN YEARS FOR KILLING

Sentence at Montpelier in Garretto Case.

VERDICT WAS MANSLAUGHTER

Alexander Garretto Killed Eli Corti of Barre at a Row in Italian Socialists' Hall.

Montpelier, Dec. 24.—In the Washington county court yesterday, Alexander Garretto who has been on trial several days for the murder of Eli Corti, a countryman, was convicted of manslaughter.

The case went to the jury at 9:30 o'clock and at 2:50 o'clock the jury reported.

Half an hour after Judge Stafford sentenced Garretto to not less than 10 or more than 12 years in the state prison.

In pronouncing sentence, Judge Stafford said that there were certain extenuating circumstances that would cause the court to be lenient.

Garretto's wife and Mrs. Corti, widow of the murdered man, were in court, but took the matter calmly.

The crime occurred at a row in the Socialist hall at Barre last October.

MRS ROGERS CALMS DOWN

Says She Has Hopes Of A New Trial.

Mrs. Rogers has recovered from her collapse and is again calm and quiet though not quite so chipper as before her trial.

She thinks she is going to get a new trial and has no idea that she will ever hang or ever go to prison for life.

She spends her time in jail doing nothing but is ready to talk if the jailor or Mrs. Russell come near her.

She has never at any time given any sign of confessing. Mr. Russell always avoids talking with her on anything connected with the crime, but to those who have seen her, she always maintains that she is innocent.

After sentence she will be taken to the state prison at Windsor whether the case is taken to the supreme court or not.

If she should be hanged it will be in the prison yard at Windsor and the sheriff of Windsor county will be called upon to officiate and not the sheriff of the county where the crime was committed, as it used to be years ago.

Will J. Meagher was in Albany on business today.

Edward Bingham went to Rutland Wednesday for the holidays.

C. Floyd Huling cut his hand quite badly with a jack knife Thursday morning. Dr. Putnam was obliged to take three stitches to close the wound.

Harry P. Hudson of the General Electric company, Seneca Falls, N. Y. will spend Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hudson of Grandview Street.

A list containing 206 names has been received from the lumber camps east of here. This list covers all the camps and will be of great help in looking out for suspects. The only camp under quarantine at present is camp No. 2 with 59 men.

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NOTICE!

The Annual Meeting of the Bennington Patriotic Monument and Historical Association will be held at the Law Office of Bates and Bates in Bennington on the second Wednesday in January, the 13th day, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the election of officers of the Association for the year ensuing and the transaction of all other business proper to be done when met.

EDWARD L. BATES, Recording Secretary.

Bennington, Vt., Dec. 23, 1903.