

FINE MUSICALS.

Mrs. H. T. Cushman Entertains Large Party at Her North Bennington Home.

The musicale given by Mrs. Henry T. Cushman at her pleasant home in North Bennington, last Friday from 3 to 6 p. m., was a delightful affair.

The house was decorated with pink roses and palms. One room was most artistic, Eastern draperies, tapestry, couches and mission furniture, with red shaded lights, made a charming interior.

- Part First: Piano Solo - "Sous le Tiroloire," Mr. Harry S. Phillips. Duet - Selected. Soprano Solo - "Thy Beaming Eyes," Mrs. L. H. Ross.

Elaborate refreshments were served, each lady receiving a valentine souvenir. A large number of ladies from North Bennington were present, also guests from Hoosick Falls and Chicago.

EAST ARLINGTON

Frank Grout went to Bennington on Tuesday.

We are again having very cold weather, and sleighing.

Frederic Cole killed a fox on Irving Grout's premises, near the house, one day recently.

Tuesday evening the Bible class met with Miss Lillian Grout, Rev. G. A. Furness taking charge of the class as usual.

Albert Fadden is reported as more comfortable, and Miss Katherine Gray and Miss Martha McDermott as recovering from typhoid fever.

Miss Nellie Kehoe (at Mrs. A. R. Brown's), wishes to say that she is prepared to go out dressmaking, at \$1.00 per day, after March 1.

Myron Cole went on Monday to Troy, N. Y., to accompany his father, James Cole of Shaftsbury, who was to undergo an operation for cancer.

Mr and Mrs Nichols of Bennington recently visited Miss Agnes Rudd, (teacher in Mt Pleasant school), at the home of Mr and Mrs W. A. Andrew of this village.

H. N. Shaw, Geo Andrew, S. C. Hard and other gentlemen (whose names are not known to the writer), go to-day to Bennington to attend the Masonic festivities.

George Vaughn went on Thursday to Albany to bring home his wife, who had been in a hospital in that city for some time, and was now adjudged able to undertake the journey home.

Miss Celia Blair of this village, who has been staying for several weeks with her aunt, Mrs Edgar Bailey of Middletown, Conn., goes with Mrs Bailey to New York city this week, to remain a week or two before returning to her home here.

IN MEMORIAM.

MARY L. HOLLISTER. She has solved it, life's wonderful problem; The deepest, the strangest, the last, And into the school of the angels.

How strange that in spite of our questioning She maketh no answer, nor tells Why so soon were life's honoring laurels Dispelled by God's Immortelles.

How strange she should sleep so profoundly; So young, so unorn by the strife. While beside her brimful of hope's nectar, Untouched stood the goblets of life.

Men sleep like that, when the evening Of a long dreary day droppeth down, But she wroth so well that the morning Brought for her the rest and the crown.

'Tis idle to talk of the future, And the rare "might have been," mid our God knew all about it, yet took her Away from the oncoming years.

God knew all about it—how noble, How gentle she was, and how brave, How bright her possible future, Yet put her to sleep in the grave.

God knew all about those who loved her, How bitter the trial must be, And right through it all, God is lowly, And knows so much better than we.

THE LOCAL CAMPAIGN

Plenty of Variety for the Voters to Select From.

FOUR TICKETS IN FIELD

Republicans Nominate Old Board of Selectmen With Exception of Remington, Who is Replaced by H. M. Bassett.

The local campaign is now fully under way with four tickets, or parts of tickets, in the field and all kinds of combinations possible.

The ball started with the Democratic caucus last Friday evening, of which H. A. Lyons was chairman and Richard Hurley, secretary, which voted to unite with the Republicans on a union ticket, if the Republicans would do the same.

The Republican caucus which was called to order by H. T. Cushman and elected C. H. Mason chairman and W. R. Daley secretary, voted not to join in forming a union ticket, though the plan was favored by W. H. Bradford, C. M. Graves and Judge Mason.

The committee appointed at the Friday evening caucus to complete a ticket in case that the republican caucus did not endorse the recommendations of the former one, met Saturday evening after the republican caucus adjourned and completed a ticket which was filed Monday as a democratic ticket.

As completed and filed, the ticket is:—Moderator, E. B. Daley; selectmen, Frank M. Crawford, J. T. Remington, Eli J. Tiffany; clerk, E. A. Booth; treasurer, C. H. Dewey; overseer of the poor, Geo. H. Mathers; listers, Edmund LaFranchise, C. H. Houghton, E. B. Patterson, C. L. Jewett, E. J. Murphy; grand jurors, D. A. Gleason, E. B. Daley, F. B. Carver, E. L. Sibley, J. B. Morse; auditors, E. D. Welling, J. P. Mulligan, S. H. Blackmer; town agent to defend suits, O. M. Barber; trustee of public money, O. D. Adams; first constable and collector, A. C. Sweet; second constable, W. J. Meagher, jr.; fence viewers, R. O. Gore, Geo. H. Elwell, E. M. Vail; inspector of leather, Geo Schwab; pound keeper, Morris Connelly; inspector of wood and shingles, M. W. Stewart; trustee of cemetery fund, C. H. Dewey.

Later the above ticket was filed with the town clerk by certificate as the Local-Option-High-License ticket, the proper number of names having been secured. Yet later the same ticket with the exception that the name of Fred Tift appeared for first constable and collector in place of A. C. Sweet, and C. A. Maurer for grand juror in place of Harry Chase was filed. This ticket is known as the regular Local-Option ticket.

An independent democratic ticket for Edward Walbridge as school director has also been filed and an independent ticket containing the name of George Elwell for road commissioner has also been filed.

The Vermont Association of Boston has taken a suite of rooms in the Hotel Westminster on Copley street, which will be used as club quarters for the use of members and their friends, and where all visiting Vermonters are invited to call when in the city. An attendant will always be in charge. Vermont boys just going to the city, who need a helping hand or advice, are invited to visit the club rooms and make their wants known. An opening reception was held Tuesday evening, February 17.

A PRETTY WEDDING.

At the Residence of Henry W. Myers on Union Street, Wednesday Afternoon.

The marriage of Miss Marjorie E. Myers, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. W. Myers, to Robert Watt of North Adams, Mass., took place at her home Wednesday afternoon, in the presence of about sixty relatives and friends. The house was prettily trimmed, mostly with hot house flowers. Rev. Frank R. Morris of the Baptist church officiated. Frederick N. Myers, a brother of the bride, officiated at the piano.

The bride, who was charmingly gowned in white, was attended by Miss Kathryn Niles. The best man was William H. Myers, also a brother of the bride.

There was a fine display of wedding gifts of silver, bric a brac and house furnishing articles.

Following the ceremony was a sumptuous wedding dinner and reception, during which the young couple received many congratulations. The bride has always been popular among a large circle of friends.

Mr and Mrs Watt will reside in North Adams where the groom is located in business.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Mr and Mrs Id Brimmer Entertain Large Number of Friends.

Mr and Mrs Id Brimmer of Pleasant street celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage Friday evening. They were married in Syracuse, N. Y., but have resided here most of the time since. He has been a locomotive engineer in the employ of the Rutland railroad. Quite a number of friends were present, and they brought with them a number of reminders of the event. During the evening there were musical selections, cards for those who desired to play, and other amusements. Refreshments were also served and it was late when the guests departed, wishing the host and hostess of the evening many happy returns of the occasion.

The favors regulating the seats at the supper table were in the form of pretty valentines. Prizes were given to those adjudged to be the best looking gentleman and lady present at the gathering. The former went to Claire W. Soule, a silver cigar case, and Mrs E. A. Booth received the latter.

CUSTER POST CAMPFIRE.

Lincoln's Birthday Pleasantly Remembered Last Thursday Evening.

The campfire given Thursday evening by G. A. Custer post in honor of Lincoln's birthday, was no less enjoyable than the many that have taken place in the rooms in former years. The exercises were largely with reference to Lincoln, the audience was large and all entered into the spirit of the occasion.

The principal talk of the evening was by the Rev. M. L. Severance, formerly of Bennington Center, an honorary member of the post and who is always a welcome guest. He was cordially received by "the boys." There were also short talks from several, and other methods of enjoyment. The W. R. C. as usual furnished the rations and those who have attended former campfires know what that means.

BIG POWER PLANT.

Scheme to Utilize the 800 Feet of Fall Below Howe Pond in Readsboro.

W. D. Howe of Readsboro and E. W. Kelley of Providence, Mass., have organized a plan to build a dam at the foot of Howe pond in Readsboro and utilize 800 feet of fall below the pond for a big electric plant which will easily generate 2000 horse power all the year round.

It is planned to furnish power throughout the upper Deerfield valley and also carry it to North Adams, which by air line is only nine and one half miles distant. It would prove a great addition to the industrial activity of the Readsboro valley.

Mrs J. H. Savory of North Peters burg was the guest of Mrs E. A. Booth Saturday.

Henry Bartlett, 83 years of age, has been admitted to the Soldiers' home from Shaftsbury. He served a three years enlistment in Co G, 3d Vermont volunteers, afterwards re-enlisted and served until the end of the civil war. The old veteran is in very poor health.

CAMBRIDGE.

Miss Alice Galloway has been visiting her father, John Galloway.

Wm. Davis and James Kenyon and wife will leave for British Columbia in March to engage in gold mining. One hundred and fifty couples attended the Masonic ball at Hubbard hall, Friday evening. There were guests from Albany, Troy, Saratoga Springs, Salem, Shushan, Greenwick and Schaghticoke.

THE MARCH MEETING

Warning Issued is Somewhat Longer Than Usual.

QUESTION OF WET OR DRY

Report of Town Liquor Agency Shows Smaller Official Ram Business Than in Other Large Vermont Towns.

The following is the warning for the town meeting to be held Tuesday, March 3:

Warning for Town Meeting.

This is to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington, qualified by law to vote in Town Meeting, to meet at Library Hall in said town, March 3, A. D. 1903, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to transact the following business:

- 1. To see whether the town will vote to elect one or two road commissioners, as provided in No. 29 of the Acts and Resolutions of the General Assembly of 1902, entitled, "An act empowering the town of Bennington to elect two road commissioners at its annual town meeting." 2. To see whether the term of office of such road commissioner or road commissioners, in case the town votes to elect two, shall be one year or three years.

POWNAI

Richard Evans of Blackington was in town Tuesday.

Frank M. Hakes of Hoosick Falls spent Sunday with his parents here.

John Lyan, who was ill for a week, has resumed his work in Wright's mill.

Mrs Anna Waite of Schuylerville, N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs Samuel Wright.

A number of local people attended the Myers-Watt wedding in Bennington yesterday.

The snow and cold weather are eagerly welcomed by those who are anxious to harvest their ice.

Fred Peck, the universally popular impersonator, will give one of his unique entertainments in the M. E. church this evening.

Ray Haley was operated on Saturday by Dr. C. W. Wright at North Adams for a disease of the throat. The operation was successful.

Augustus E. Haley, who has been absent a long time in Pennsylvania, working for a large firm of contractors, is home for a visit to his family.

Miss Regina Dean of North Pownal and Messrs Jay Ensign and Homer Brown of Williamstown were entertained by Miss Marguerite Parker on Sunday.

Arthur J. Merchant has returned from Omaha, Neb., where he has been for nearly two years. I understand he is to take steps at once to compel the town to pay him the amount he paid out of his own pocket for working the roads after the amount appropriated was exhausted.

Pownal lodge, F. and A. M. had an enjoyable meeting last week, the occasion being the visitation of the District Deputy, Edward H. Holden, of Bennington. There were a number of visiting masons present from Williamstown. The third degree was worked.

Friday evening was the last of the Catholic fair, a large crowd being present. The sum raised during the six nights of the fair will approximate nearly \$1,100. The Old Dairy Homestead, the comedy presented on this night was well received by the audience. On Saturday evening this play was given in Petersburg.

The selectmen have posted the warning for town meeting, March 3. It contains much the same matter as usual but there is one unusual item. This is: "To see if the town will appoint two road commissioners." There seems to be a sentiment in town among the taxpayers that the road could be worked quicker and more economically with two road commissioners.

The men's supper at the Methodist church Tuesday evening was well attended, notwithstanding it was a cold, raw night. The men showed that they knew how to serve as well as plan for a good supper and their guests went home highly pleased with the way they had been taken care of. There was a short entertainment, the solos of Roy Daxman of Williamstown being the event of the evening.

C. H. Greenwood at the American house, the expert sewing machine repairer, who has been in Bennington the past four months, is to leave in a few days and anybody desiring his services should send him their address at once.

MURDER AT HOOSICK JCT.

Warren Downey of Hoosick Hotel Was the Victim.

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Downey sustained two severe cuts in the abdomen and several others about the body. It was the abdominal wound, however, which proved fatal. Fred Hover, son of the alleged murderer, who was with his father at the time the deed was committed, was taken into custody Tuesday night. He claims to know nothing concerning his father's whereabouts.

Hover and his son, it is stated, entered Downey's bar and asked for a bottle of whiskey. Downey refused it and Hover grabbed a bottle from the bar and ran out with it.

The hotel keeper, without donning hat or coat, gave hasty pursuit, and when several hundred yards from the place overtook the fugitive. He grappled with the alleged thief and in the scuffle which followed Hover drew a knife. Downey saw the weapon as it flashed from the pocket of the desperate man, and sought with all his might to prevent its use, but in vain. Hover was clearly more than a match for his antagonist, and, it is alleged, drove the knife deep into Downey's abdomen.

With a cry the wounded man released his hold and fell to the ground. The other, still infuriated, however, sprang at Downey with apparent renewed energy and it is alleged, followed the first thrust up with several others, cutting and slashing Downey wherever opportunity presented itself. A second blow to the abdomen rendered the victim entirely helpless and the other, suddenly realizing a feeling of terror in the thought that he might have murdered the hotel keeper, turned and fled.

The elder Hover is about 45 years of age and while he was known to possess a bad temper was not looked upon as especially harmful. The younger Hover will be held as a witness.

The murder greatly aroused the residents at Hoosick Junction and vicinity and every effort was made to apprehend the fugitive.

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OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION.

Secretary of State Fleetwood Reports Result of Referendum.

Frederick G. Fleetwood, secretary of state, Saturday issued a proclamation giving the result of the referendum of February 3, on the license-local-option law. The vote was "yess" 29,711; "no" 28,982; or a "yes" majority of 729. Five towns failed to report within the time specified by law. The text of the proclamation is as follows:—

State of Vermont. Office of Secretary of State.

I hereby certify and proclaim that the result of the vote cast at a special meeting of the legal voters in the several towns and cities of this state, as shown by the canvass made by the several county clerks and returned to me, said meeting being held on the third day of February, A. D. 1903, and being called to act upon the following question:—

Shall an act entitled "An Act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor," approved December 11, 1902, take effect on the first Tuesday in March, 1903?"

was as follows:— Yes, 29,711. No, 28,982.

I further certify that as appears by the canvass of the returns made to me by the county clerks of Chittenden, Essex and Franklin counties, the town clerks of Colchester, Charlotte, and Westford in Chittenden county, and the town clerk of Richford in Franklin county, made no returns to the clerks of their respective counties within twenty-four hours from the adjournment of such special meeting, and hence the votes of these towns are not included in the result given above. But it appears by a return made to me on the 6th day of February, 1903, by the county clerk of Franklin county, that the town clerk of Richford, on the 6th day of February, 1903, made such return to the county clerk of Franklin county, and that such return shows that the vote of Richford was as follows:—

Yes, 174. No, 214.

And it further appears by the canvass of the returns made by the county clerk of Essex county that the vote of the town of Norton, obtained from an unofficial source, was as follows:—

Yes, 8. No, 5.

And, in pursuance of section 162 of Act No. 90 of the Acts of 1902, I hereby declare that, by virtue of such vote said act takes effect on the first Tuesday of March, A. D. 1903.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 14th day of February, 1903.

Frederick G. Fleetwood, Secretary of State.

GREEN MOUNTAIN VALLEY-SHAFTSBURY

Alfred Green was in Bennington Sunday.

Mrs R. E. Burleson was in the place Saturday.

Miss Godsmark is visiting at Robt Montgomery's.

Nelson Wait was in Bennington on business Saturday.

Miss Emeline Stratton visited in the place the past week.

Clarence Chandler of Bennington visited his parents Sunday.

Herbert Cons, who was bitten on the face by a dog, is improving.

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