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BRATTLEBORO: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1898.

The voters of 24 towns in New Hampshire will not participate in the state election, owing to a failure of the proper officials to file nomination papers as required by law. The towns counted as required in the Republican column are Sharon, Windsor, Easton, Ellsworth, Livermore, Milford and Westworths location. The so-called Democratic towns are Greenland, Hampton Falls, Hart's location, Hollis, Sharon, Dublin, Roxbury, Sullivan, Charlestown, Croydon, Lincoln, Littleton, Livermore, Waterville, Millsfield and Marlboro.

The effective strength of the United States navy has been increased by eight useful war vessels which were formerly under the Spanish flag. Admiral Dewey has commissioned two cruisers, two gunboats and an armed launch which he captured. The gunboats Alvarado and Sandoval, which the Spanish found exceedingly useful in Cuban waters, are in commission at Calamian, and the big cruiser Maria Teresa is also at that port, ready to proceed under her own steam to the Norfolk navy yard, where she will be more roughly fitted for service.

L. B. Johnson, the proprietor of the Randolph Herald and News, is building a home exclusively for his publications. It will be 24 by 36 feet in size, two stories and basement. The business will be in front on the first floor, with press and mailing room in the rear. On the second floor will be the editorial and composing rooms. The office will be equipped with new presses, type, etc. Mr. Johnson is not only one of the best editorial writers connected with the craft in Vermont, but he is also an excellent business man, who makes the Herald and News a financial success.

Gen. Rush C. Hawkins of New York, a former Vermonter, has sent to the University of Vermont 1650 books. It is a special collection of histories, biographies, official documents, stories, poetry, orders, sketches, etc., illustrating the various phases of the civil war. Gen. Hawkins began to make the collection before the war ended and it represents a large outlay of research and money. The Hawkins collection will be placed in a separate room and used as a special reference library. This gift and the collection of Vermonta formerly owned by L. E. Chittenden will make the Billings library an object of special interest for all seeking information in regard to the civil war.

Major Z. K. Pangborn, the man who whipped Dewey, is running for Congress as a Republican at Jersey City, N. J. The whipping took place when the future admiral was about 15 years old. Dewey headed an insurrection which had as its object the kicking of the school teacher. Mr. Pangborn kept the hero of Manila at arm's length and plied the hickory. Another boy who went to Dewey's assistance received a blow. When resistance ceased the whipping stopped. It is alleged that in after years Dewey said to the Major: "You made a man of me. But for that thrashing you gave me I should probably have been in state's prison before this." Major Pangborn is a native of Burlington and a graduate of the University of Vermont. He has been engaged in the newspaper business in Jersey City many years.

None of the appointments to Gov. Smith's staff is hailed with greater satisfaction throughout the state than that of Capt. Frank L. Greene of St. Albans as aide de camp with the rank of colonel. In making the appointment Gov. Smith has recognized the newspaper fraternity and the 1st Vermont regiment. Capt. Greene is recognized as one of the brightest young newspaper workers in the state. In the trying period of camp life at Chickamauga no officer of the 1st regiment was more popular than Capt. Greene. The men of his own company were particularly attached to him, and the company was the only one from Vermont, and perhaps the only one in the park which never had a man in the guard house. Capt. Greene has been critically ill with fever since his return from Chickamauga, and it is good news to his many friends to know that he is now recovering.

The latest despatches from China state that the emperor is not dead, as has been reported but that he is ill and requires constant care.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS

Involved in Most Important Bill of the Session.

It Relates to the Central Vermont Railway—May Dispose of the Grand Trunk Bugbear—Senator Proctor Re-elected.

MONTPELIER, Oct. 18.

Fifteen millions of dollars involved in a single bill is something the Vermont legislature does not often have to do with, but that amount is in question in the bill introduced in the lower house today by Mr. Viall of Randolph, "an act to incorporate the Central Vermont Railway company."

It is without doubt the most important bill of the session and taken in connection with this week's sale of the Rutland railroad it involves the business interests of almost the whole of Vermont. It is the outgrowth of the plans for the reorganization of the Central Vermont, but it is confidently believed here to have a much deeper meaning.

The sale of the Rutland road was a trio composed of W. Seward Webb, P. W. Clement and W. K. Vanderbilt, but it is admitted that Webb is the controlling factor. Col. Webb is one of the incorporators of the new Central Vermont and that and other things lead to the belief that the Vanderbilt interests have taken hold of the railroad tangle here in Vermont and eventually will be in full control. The belief gives universal satisfaction here as it disposes of the Grand Trunk bugbear. The complete text of Mr. Viall's bill introduced this afternoon is as follows:

Section 1.—E. C. Smith, D. D. Banlett, Charles M. Hayes, Charles Percy, John G. McCullough, William Seward Webb, Ezra Baker and Samuel E. Kliner, their associates and successors, are hereby created a body corporate and politic, by the name of the "Central Vermont Railway Company" to possess and enjoy the right of eminent domain and all the rights and powers conferred upon railroad corporations by the general laws of this state.

Such corporation is created for the purpose of acquiring the title to and owning and operating the railroads of the Central Vermont Railroad company, the Burlington and Lamoille Valley Railroad company, together with all their property, equipment and appurtenances, and also the lease of the New London Northern railroad, and the stock of the Montreal and Vermont Junction Railroad company, with power on the approval of its stockholders to acquire by purchase or lease, and to operate any other railroads within or without the state.

Section 2.—The capital stock of the company hereby created shall be three million dollars, divided into thirty thousand shares of one hundred dollars each. Such stock may be purchased, owned and voted by citizens or corporations of the United States, or citizens or corporations of foreign countries. At all elections and meetings of stockholders each share of stock shall be entitled to one vote to be cast by person or by proxy. All general laws inconsistent with the provisions of this section shall not be held applicable to the corporation hereby created.

Section 3.—The board of directors of said corporation shall consist of not less than seven nor more than 13 members to be elected annually by the stockholders, and to hold their office until their successors are duly elected and qualified. All such directors must be stockholders of the corporation and a majority thereof must be citizens and residents of the state of Vermont. Such board of directors shall have and exercise all the power of the corporation, and shall elect one of their members president of the board, who shall also be president of the company, and they shall elect a clerk and a treasurer who shall be residents of this state, and such other officers as they may desire. They shall make by-laws for the government of the corporation and its officers, and may alter the same at their pleasure, but such by-laws shall not be inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state.

Section 4.—Whenever the railroads and other properties of the Central Vermont Railroad company have been sold under the decree, or decree of the circuit court of the United States for the district of Vermont, and such sale has been confirmed by the court, the stockholders of the corporation named in the first section of this act, or a majority of them, shall meet at St. Albans in this state for the permanent organization. Such corporation shall at such meeting appoint the first board of directors, and such board shall elect a president, clerk and treasurer, and such corporation shall thereupon be deemed to be fully organized. It shall thereupon be fully authorized to purchase, own and thereafter hold and operate by steam, or otherwise, and enjoy the several railroads, leaseholds, stocks and other properties specified in the first section of this act. In payment for the said railroads and other properties the corporation hereby created is fully authorized to execute and deliver its full paid capital stock to the amount of \$3,000,000, and \$12,000,000 of its four per cent gold bonds to be secured by first mortgage on all its railroads and other property, and the income thereof, and all equipment and appurtenances including other acquired property.

Section 5.—The stock and bonds representing the purchase money of said railroads shall be distributed to the several persons and corporations entitled thereto under the provisions of a certain agreement in writing dated Boston, Sept. 29, 1886, between the executors of J. Gregory Smith's estate, the Grand Trunk Railway company, the bondholders' committee and others, and this grant is accepted on that condition.

Section 6.—Any company whose railroad is hereto referred to may sell and convey upon such terms as shall be approved by its stockholders, its railroad and franchises to the company hereby created.

Section 7.—This act shall be taken to be a public act and shall be subject to alteration, amendment or repeal, as the public good may require, and shall take effect from its passage.

The railroad bill has killed general interest in other matters and the reflection of Senator Proctor proves only an ordi-

ry function. In pursuance of the provisions of the United States law both houses met today and balloted for a United States senator. In the senate Mr. Proctor's name was presented by Senator Partridge of Rutland county and he received every one of the 30 votes. In the house Mr. Proctor was nominated by Mr. Higbee of Proctor. Seconding speeches were made by Mr. Hale of Lunenburg, Mr. Miller of Dummerston and several others. Thomas W. Moloney was nominated by Mr. Harris of Bennington and among the seconding speeches was one from Dr. George of Rockingham. The roll call resulted in 219 votes being cast. Of these Proctor had 179 and Moloney 40. The election will be completed tomorrow noon when both houses will meet in joint assembly.

A large number of bills have been introduced so far this week in both houses and among them are several of interest and importance. The expected bill creating the office of attorney general was presented in the house by Mr. Butterfield of Derby and in the senate by Smith of Chittenden. It provides for the appointment being made by the supreme court, but does not fix the salary. No active candidates for the place are yet in evidence, which is considered remarkable.

A bill introduced by Senator Blodgett of Caledonia provides for the addition of a woman to each of the important state boards. It is backed up by numerous petitions which seem to represent the direction of the woman suffrage movement this year. Senator Hitt introduced a bill yesterday to compel all railroads doing business in the state to sell 1000-mile mileage books at the rate of two cents per mile. Senator Hitt has also produced a bill allowing owners of deer in private parks to dispose of them whenever and however they may desire.

Another bill to prevent double taxation has appeared. It came from Dodge of Sheldon and provides that money loaned on real estate mortgages at an interest rate of not more than four and one-half per cent shall not be taxable. The usual attempt is being made to cut down the amount of money in savings banks, now taxable, from \$1500 to \$500. Mr. Carpenter of Rutland has introduced a bill prohibiting the use of trading stamps. A bill allowing more time for the filing of nomination certificates has been introduced in the house by Mr. Chapman of Windham and Mr. Wright of Westminster has one in to legalize the quadrennial appraisal made in his town this year, while Mr. Tudor of Somerset has a similar one in for his town where the quadrennial appraisal also went astray.

Speaker Haskins was confined to his room at the Pavilion Sunday by illness but was able to be in his position Monday afternoon almost as well as usual.

Senator Hitt of Windham is said by the St. Albans Messenger to be the most profitable bill producer of either house.

Governor and Mrs. Smith were called to St. Albans Wednesday to attend the funeral of an aunt of the governor.

Samuel S. Ames of Shaftsbury, who imagines he has been elected to Senator Proctor's seat in the Senate, is again at the state house this year. He has visited the capital every session bus one for a dozen years. On some matters he appears to be perfectly sane.

A Quiet Day Wednesday.

MONTPELIER, Oct. 19. Legislation has not progressed with marked rapidity today. Both houses met in joint assembly this noon and completed the re-election of Senator Proctor. Mr. Proctor is now traveling in Europe and the secretary of state was directed to notify him by cable of his re-election. A bill creating the office of insurance commissioner as a department by itself was introduced in the house today by Mr. Carpenter of Rutland city. The bill places the salary at \$2000 and provides for a clerk at \$600 and a free office in the state house.

Mr. Butterfield of Derby today presented a bill providing for the display of the United States flag over all the schoolhouses in the state while the schools are in session. Mr. Butterfield also today offered a joint resolution, which was adopted on the part of the house, directing that the colors of the First Vermont regiment of the war with Spain be preserved at the state house. In the house today Mr. Miller of Dummerston introduced a bill absolutely prohibiting the killing of beaver. Mr. Davis of Dover introduced one allowing veterans of the civil war and the war with Spain to peddle without a license and regulating the peddler license law.

Col. H. E. Taylor of Brattleboro has been in Montpelier this week to attend the annual meeting of the fourth Vermont volunteers on Wednesday. Col. Taylor is credited with being a possible candidate for the office of insurance commissioner if the office is created.

John H. Merrifield of Newfane and Brattleboro was called to the capital this week to attend the annual meeting of the Union Mutual fire insurance company, of which he is a director. He was warmly greeted by his many friends.

The farmer members of the legislature organized a league Tuesday evening and propose to stand together. Dr. E. A. Smith of Brandon was chosen president and L. W. Peet of Cornwall, secretary. A vice-president was named from each county, Windham county being represented by T. W. Johnson of Vernon.

The first real lively debate of the session occurred Wednesday forenoon over the question whether a 60 cent bounty should be paid by the state for the slaughter of foxes. The house finally voted that the bounty ought to be paid.

Elections Yesterday.

Judges of Supreme Court and Other Officials Re-elected, Including Gen. Estey as Brigade Commander—Two Contests.

MONTPELIER, Oct. 20.

The seven judges of the supreme court and the other officials of the state elected by the legislature for the coming two years were chosen today in joint assembly. Every election was a re-election and there were only two contests to mar the unanimity of the occasion. The result of the elections is as follows:

Judges of the supreme court: Jonathan Ross of St. Johnsbury, chief justice; Russell S. Taft of Burlington, first assistant; John W. Rowell of Randolph, second assistant; James M. Tyler of Brattleboro, third assistant; Loveland Munson of Manchester, fourth assistant; Henry R. Start of Bakersfield, fifth assistant; Laforest H. Thompson of Iraaburg, sixth assistant.

Superintendent of Education, Mason S. Stone, Montpelier.

Sergeant-at-arms, T. C. Phinney, Montpelier.

Adjutant and inspector general, Theodore S. Peck, Burlington.

Quartermaster general, W. H. Gilmore, Fairlee.

Judge advocate general, Edward L. Bates, Bennington.

Brigade commander, Julius J. Estey, Brattleboro.

Trustees of University of Vermont and state agricultural college: Senator Justin S. Morrill of Stratford, Cassius Peck of Burlington, Gardner S. Fessett of Enosburg, term of six years beginning December 1, 1899, and to fill vacancy, Nelson W. Fisk of Isle la Motte.

The two contests of the day were for the positions of superintendent of education and judge advocate general. For the first of these the candidate against Mr. Stone was Dr. Charles H. Dutton, the member of the house from Poultney. The result of the ballot was:

Whole number cast 258

Stone had 171

Dutton had 87

Gen. Bates's place as judge advocate general was disputed by Senator John B. Peckett of Bradford, who was defeated by the following vote:

Whole number cast 257

Bates had 166

Peckett had 90

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Few new bills of importance have appeared in either house today. Several bills have passed each house, but no bill of general interest has yet passed both houses and gone to the governor.

The Central Vermont reorganization bill continues to engross general attention. If anybody knows exactly what the bill means he has yet to make his information public. Some people claim that the bill is drawn in the interest of the Grand Trunk, as under the agreement referred to in the bill the Grand Trunk would get a larger share of the stock and bonds than anybody else, while others claim to know that it is an adroit plan to temporarily satisfy the Grand Trunk's claim until the road is reorganized in shape that will put it in complete control of the Vermont board of directors which the bill provides for. There is opposition to the bill here among some members of the legislature, but it may be the mere natural distrust of the unknown.

A bill introduced in the house yesterday by Mr. Gove of Lincoln provides that boards of selectmen shall be elected one each year for terms of three years. It would do away with having all new men on a board.

The bill introduced by Mr. Wright of Westminster, providing for the election of road commissioners by ballot, was refused a third reading by the house yesterday.

Mr. Barrett of Mount Tabor has a plan embodied in a bill to allow an individual to deposit \$2000 in a savings bank without its being taxable instead of \$1500 as at present.

As far as can be learned every member of the legislature is in favor of a Dewey memorial in the shape of a drill hall at Norwich university, but the movement seems to lack a head.

Speaker Haskins yesterday nominated Judge James M. Tyler for judge in the joint assembly and Senator Hitt nominated Gen. Estey for brigade commander. Senator Hitt also made the best speech of the lot in the contest over the state superintendent. It was in favor of Dr. Dutton, the defeated candidate.

The death rate has been the lowest on record in Santiago during the present month, averaging only 10 per day. During the same period last year the average was 183 per day. Gen. Wood has accomplished wonders in cleaning the city of filth and improving the sanitary conditions. The 300 inmates of the Santiago prison will be made to build the roads for the city. The railroad company has offered to deliver 500 tons of stone free as its share of the work in improving the city.

Gov. Smith's Staff.

Gov. Smith's staff is a small and select company of 11 as follows: Surgeon-general with rank of brigadier-general, Oscar W. Peck of Winoski; aide-de-camp with rank of colonel, Frank L. Greene of St. Albans, Edward J. Booth of Burlington, Farrand S. Stranahan of St. Albans, Geo. T. Chaffee of Rutland, Henry S. Bingham of Bennington, Joseph G. Brown of Montpelier, Benjamin Hinman of Derby, Curtis S. Emery of Chelsea, Walter W. Brown of Springfield; aide-de-camp and inspector of rifle practice with rank of colonel, Chas. E. Nelson of Montgomery Center. A place on the staff was tendered Maj. J. Gray Estey of Brattleboro.

Newspapers received at Vancouver publish the amazing statement that Li Hung Chang and the dowager empress of China have been secretly married.

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