

THE WATER WORKS CONTROVERSY.

Another Committee Hearing Wednesday—Some of the Things Said or Thought Would Not Look Well if Printed in a Book.

L. E. Holden and James P. Hooker of the water board, E. C. Crosby, C. B. Crowell, John Taft, C. H. Thompson and A. P. Carpenter have been in Montpelier this week to watch the course of things with reference to our water works controversy. The claim is made by members of the water board that Mr. Pitts did not tell the truth when he stated to the legislative committee last week, in substance, that, in acquiring the St. John Falls water rights in 1901 and afterwards, he was acting in Mr. Crowell's behalf, with a view to turning these rights over to him when they were needed. Members of the water board claim that Mr. Pitts was acting in his own interest and that he sold the rights to Mr. Crowell at a large profit. Statements to this effect were made to members of the legislative committee and to other members of the House and Senate. Because of these statements Mr. Pitts asked that a special session of the joint committee on municipal corporations be held Wednesday morning. At that session Mr. Pitts made a statement of his connection with the acquisition of these rights. G. A. Weston of Bellows Falls was present as attorney for the water board and put Mr. Pitts under cross examination. An affidavit from John Taft was introduced and an unsigned statement from C. H. Thompson in the form of an affidavit. Mr. Taft and Mr. Thompson both left for home without appearing before the committee.

The account was given to the point of view of different individuals, as to the effect which the developments at this hearing produced on the committee. It is agreed on both sides, however, that some members of the committee appeared to feel that their patience was being put to the limit of endurance. Before the final adjournment of the session Mr. Pitts presented to the committee an amendment, which he said he wished to insist should be incorporated in the charter. If granted, so that no claim could be raised that anyone but Mr. Crowell was to profit by it.

If the water systems of the Chestnut Hill Reservoir company and the Sunset Lake Water company shall be taken within one year by arbitration, under the procedure of the act, and it shall be made to appear to the arbitrators that any person other than George E. Crowell has made, or shall, as a result of such taking and arbitration, make any gain, profit or reward over and above reasonable and just compensation for services rendered, the amount of such excess as may thereupon be found by the arbitrators shall be deducted from the price to be paid for such water systems, upon the award of such arbitrators, and the village of Brattleboro shall have the benefit of such deduction.

When Mr. Hooker explained to the committee the reasons why John Taft had not stayed in Montpelier to appear at the hearing, he said that for one thing, "Mr. Taft had a serious impediment in his speech."

"I wish more of the Brattleboro people had an impediment in their speech," was Mr. Pitts' instant reply. The report of the committee and the introduction of this bill is looked for today or tomorrow. Mr. Gibson has been confined to his room by illness this week. Out of courtesy to him the introduction of the bill will be deferred for a few days as to come when he can be present in the House.

LATE NEWS.

Planning for Railway from Shelburne Falls to Wilmington.

Representative Archibald of Manchester has introduced in the legislature House bill 98 from the committee on street railways, asking for the incorporation of the Wilmington & Whitingham Traction company. The bill asks the right to construct, maintain and operate an electric railroad of standard or narrow gauge, with single or double tracks, beginning at the Massachusetts line in Halifax and running northerly through the village of Whitingham, Wilmington and Dover, with the right to transport passengers, freight, mail and express matter, and with full power to construct, sell or lease to, or consolidate with, another railroad.

The capital stock of the company shall be \$50,000, which may be increased by a vote of a majority of the stockholders to such an extent as may be required for its plan, and to provide buildings, equipment, etc.; the par value of the shares to be \$10 each, full paid and non-assessable. F. B. Stone, E. J. Roberts, L. H. Sawyer, O. O. Ware, O. R. Buell, C. H. Parmelee and M. E. Lyman are named as commissioners to receive subscriptions to the capital stock, and full provision is made for the organization of the company and its powers are clearly defined.

It is understood that the formation of this company has in view a line to connect with the present street railway running from Shelburne Falls to Colrain and to complete the line through from Shelburne Falls to Wilmington. The Greenfield Recorder published this week a statement, reproduced on page 2 of this paper, telling of the efforts to acquire a controlling interest in the Shelburne Falls road.

Former Townshead Boy Fatally Injured in Baldwinville, Mass.

Harold Bailey, 18, son of Henry Bailey of Brookfield, Mass., was fatally injured Wednesday in Baldwinville, where he was employed as an engineer at the hospital cottages. He was found lying unconscious near the engine by Walter Stockwell, who was employed in another part of the buildings, and whose attention was called to the scene by the striking of some object against a wall coming from the room. It is believed that while Bailey was repairing one of the pulleys his clothing was caught in the shafting. He had been seen at work on the pulley shortly before the accident occurred. His clothing was badly torn and a part of it was found on the pulley. He was attended by Dr. F. W. Page, superintendent of the institution, and later placed on a train and carried to the Ebenk hospital in Fitchburg, where he died yesterday. His skull was fractured, left arm fractured near the wrist and there were bad bruises on the body and arms. He did not regain consciousness. Bailey had planned to finish work at the hospital Saturday to take another position.

The Bailey family went from Townshead to Brookfield four or five years ago and at one time lived in South Newfane. Since their removal to Brookfield Mrs. Bailey and a daughter have died. Harold Bailey's body will be taken to South Newfane tomorrow and the funeral will be held there on Sunday.

F. P. Hinds Died in Hospital in Keene.

F. P. Hinds, 58, of Hinsdale, who was well known in Brattleboro, died early this morning in the Elliot City hospital in Keene. It is stated in The Phoenix correspondence from Hinsdale that "Mr. Hinds' leg was amputated at the hospital on Monday owing to a gangrenous condition, developing from a trouble with his foot, from which he had long suffered. The attending surgeon states that the cause of death was diabetes and not the effects of the operation. Mr. Hinds had been manager of the Hale & Frost boarding house in Hinsdale the past 15 years and conducted a coal and livery business, and had filled the office of constable several years. He is survived by a wife and brothers and sisters.

Scrofula

Few are entirely free from it. It may develop so slowly as to cause little if any disturbance during the whole period of childhood. It may then produce dyspepsia, catarrh, and marked tendency to consumption, before causing eruptions, sores or swellings. To get entirely rid of it take the great blood-purifier,

Hood's Sarsaparilla

In usual liquid form or in chocolate tablets known as Sarsatabs. 100 doses \$1.

Births.

In Brattleboro, Dec. 10, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Simonds. In Putney, Dec. 1, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lovell. In Saxtons River, Dec. 10, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred King. In Wilmington, Nov. 28, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hayes. In Wilmington, Dec. 4, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. White. In Greenfield, Mass., Dec. 8, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Stoddard and granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Haskins.

Marriages.

In Whitingham, Dec. 9, Fred Hull and Miss Lulu Baker. In Walpole, N. H., Dec. 10, by Rev. G. H. Delevoise, Walter David Parker Wright of Westminster and Alice Maria Kingsbury of Walpole.

Deaths.

In Brattleboro, Dec. 10, Osmus Adna Alvord, 87. In South Londonderry, Dec. 8, Cora Maud Moffitt, 9. In Bellows Falls, Dec. 8, Mrs. Lizzie King, wife of Hiram King, 64. In Wilmington, Dec. 11, Mrs. Mary Ware, 67, widow of Henry C. Ware. In Westminster West, Dec. 7, Elly Dunham. In Bernardston, Mass., Dec. 11, Dr. Charles Bowker, 82. In Northfield, Mass., Dec. 13, Mrs. Olive Sellig. In Leyden, Mass., Dec. 8, Nancy Legate, wife of C. C. Severance, 81. In Lowell, N. H., Dec. 3, Francis Curtis Megrath, 70. In Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 13, Stella Morse Pikeyeon, 65. In Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 27, John K. Kendall, son of James and Mary Kendall of Bondville, 30 years and 11 months. In Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 6, at the hospital, Dr. J. S. Hill, wife of G. R. Harlow of Chatham, Tenn., formerly of Westminster West. In Fitchburg, Mass., Dec. 12, Harold Bailey, 18, formerly of Townshead. In Keene, N. H., Dec. 14, F. P. Hinds of Hinsdale, 58. In Jamaica, Dec. 6, David, son of Alfred and Mabel Crowninshield, 9 months.

BELLOWS FALLS.

Two Bellows Falls surgeons have been invited to deliver addresses at the annual meeting of the surgeons of the Rutland Medical Society that takes place at Burlington next Tuesday. Dr. George H. Gorham will take the subject "The Examination of the Eyes of Railroad Employes" and Dr. J. S. Hill will speak on "Shock in Railroad Injuries."

The workmen upon the new power plant of the Fall Mountain Electric Light & Power company have been making excellent progress in the installation of the dynamo and connecting machinery. It is now expected that the plant will be set in motion and used tomorrow night for the first time, auxiliary power being furnished from the island in place of the steam plant on the island that has been run evenings lately from about 4 o'clock until 10.

The Spell.

I hung a string of verses Against my cabin wall, What think you was the fortune They prayed might me befall? Not fame, nor health, nor riches To tarry at my door, But that my old, old sweetheart Might visit me once more. Out of the moted day dream Among the bodied firs, They prayed she might remember The lover that was hers. They prayed the gates of silence A moment might unclose, To hear before the hill crest Is flushed with solemn rose.

Oh, prayers of mortal longing, What lurch can ye undo? What comrade once departed Ever returned for you? All day with tranquil spirit I kept my cabin door, In wonder at the beauties I had not seen before. I slept the dreamless slumber Of happiness again; And when I woke, the thrushes Were singing in the rain. —Bliss Carman.

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An Era of World-Wide Expansion.

In studying the progress of the country in agriculture, in railroads, and in manufacturing, and attempting to forecast something of what is ahead of us in the continued expansion of these industries, it must be borne in mind that not alone the United States, but the world, is hungry for iron and steel and copper and cotton, and all the other great products which enter into modern civilization. We have entered a period of worldwide expansion in industry, in commerce, in the construction of railroads, steam and electric, and in municipal improvements such as the most enthusiastic optimist could scarcely have conceived of five or ten years ago. We justly boast of the progress already made by the United States, but in considering the future and in attempting to measure its almost limitless potentialities as compared with the past we must remember that much of Europe is almost as busy as America, that Mexico and South America and Canada are running rivalry with us in the expansion of industry, that the world with more than half the world's population, is opening up to Western civilization and to the uses of iron and steel in the arts of peace as well as of war. Moreover, the islands of the ocean are alike sharing in the general movement, and if one should give free rein to his imagination, it would paint a picture of the increasing activity during the next ten years in which the greater material progress would be indicated than we have had during the last ten. The world is no longer producing more than it can consume. As there is no city in the material things which enter into man's consumptive requirements, so there is an increasing scarcity in the supply of labor to do the work. The laborer no longer tramps the streets searching for employment at starvation wages as a million or more did ten years ago. The employer is more than anxious for the laborer with far more business offering to him than he can find the laborers to handle. From the smallest farm all the way through every form of human employment in industrial affairs, the greatest undertakings of modern times, the scarcity of laborers is the universal cry. Increasing wages, on a scale never seen before, marks the closing month of 1906. With prosperity on the farm, with operations in the factory and in railroad operations, with the progress of the mechanic and the day laborer, there is being developed out of the changed conditions in the world's business affairs a more well-founded prosperity than any of which history gives us a record. The progress of the last quarter of a century is merely the beginning of our real broad national advancement, and what we have wrought in that period will be doubled, and in many things, quadrupled, during the next 25 years. A conception of the possibilities which are ahead of us, to quicken the lifeblood and stir the pulse of every man whose horizon is broadened as he looks out upon the world's mighty activities—From the "Prosperous Period in Our History," by Richard H. Edmonds, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews.

VINOL SETTLES

The Cod Liver Oil Question. No one will dispute the curative and strength creating value of cod liver oil. For centuries it has been recognized as the grandest of all healing and body-building agents for the wasted human strength and vitality. Yet, owing to the heavy, greasy oil which envelops the medicinal elements, and which has no value either as a food or medicine, many patients weakened by disease cannot digest it either in its raw form or an emulsion, and others will not take it on account of its disagreeable odor and taste—consequently its value is lost. Now the process discovered by two eminent French chemists—Morgues and Gautier—should interest every person in Brattleboro, for all of the tonics, body-building and curative elements of cod liver oil are now separated from the greasy, useless oil, and given to the people in delicious Vinol. For this reason it is fast superseding old-fashioned cod liver oil and emulsions. As a body-builder and strength creator for old people, weak women, delicate children and all ailments of the pulmonary diseases, it is recommended by over 5,000 of the leading druggists of the United States as the best. Your money buys it if it does not do all we claim. Geo. E. Greene, Druggist. NOTE—While we are able agents for Vinol in Brattleboro, it is now for sale at the leading drug store in nearly every town and city in the country. Look for the Vinol agency in your town.

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Equally adapted for a wedding gift, or the sick room. Warm, beautiful in size, beautiful in design and coloring, with a range from the strictly useful to the dainty ornamentation of society's boudoir. It meets every requirement and at very reasonable prices. 75¢, 98¢, \$1.25, \$1.39, \$1.79, \$1.95, \$2.50, \$2.98, \$3.98.

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Dainty hand made novelties in almost endless variety, all exclusive, and manufactured for us especially for Christmas trade. SHAVING PADS, linen covered and hand painted, price 25¢. MEMORANDA Pads, linen covered and hand decorated, price 25¢. LINEN covered Needle Books, hand painted, price 25¢. BURNT Wood Shaving Pads in assorted patterns, price 25¢. WORK Boxes, linen covered and hand painted, price 25¢. LAUNDRY Lists in Burnt Wood, assorted patterns, price 25¢. MATCH Boxes in Burnt Wood, assorted designs, price 25¢. RECEIPT Books, linen covered and hand painted, 48¢. PIPE Holders in Burnt Wood and leather, price 48¢.

Hand Made Novelties

PIN CUSHIONS. Satin Covered Pin Cushions, in several sizes, hand painted, lace trimmed and in all colors, pink, blue, red, yellow and green, prices 25¢ to 75¢. SATIN Covered Pin Cushions, in square, oblong and round sizes, 6 by 9 inches, 6 by 12 inches, also 6 by 6 inches, and 9 by 9 inches, in pink, blue, red and yellow; all dainty hand made cushions and made in moiré elaborate and attractive patterns, prices 98¢ to \$1.98. HAT Pin Holders, in several pretty styles and in all colors, price 20¢. HEAD Rests, silk covered, finished with cord or ruffles, covered with beautiful assorted silks in large assortment, prices 29¢, 39¢, 59¢.

Hand Made Novelties

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Practical Gifts

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Umbrellas

HUNDREDS of beautiful umbrellas, just opened for the holidays. Space forbids mentioning the many choice values, but our stock is filled with the most elaborate assortment of ladies', men's and children's umbrellas we have ever carried, all qualities, at prices from 50¢ to \$5.00.

Gloves

A Practical Gift. Our glove department is filled with a large and reliable stock of splendidly made, well fitting gloves. Every pair guaranteed. FINE Dressed Kid Gloves, ladies' two-clip, all colors, black, gray, tan, brown and green. Special price \$1.00. LADIES' French Kid Gloves, in high grade and a special guaranteed glove black only, price \$1.50. LADIES' Cape Street Gloves, in a beautiful assortment of tans and browns, sizes 5 1/2 to 7 1/2, price \$1.00. LADIES' English made Pique gloves, in shades of tan and grey, all sizes, price \$1.50. ARABIAN Mocha Gloves, in shades of gray, tan, brown and black, price \$1.00. CHILDREN'S Cape Gloves in shades of tan only, price \$1.00. LADIES' Wool Lined Cape Gloves, in shades of tan and brown, in two qualities, price \$1.00 and \$1.50. LADIES' Silk Lined Mocha Gloves, in shades of tan and grey, price \$1.00.

Muffs

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