

H. G. BARBER IS MAYOR

Remaining Officers Re-elected in Annual Village Meeting

Sentiment Against Ornamental Lamp Posts—Fire Department Salaries Increased—No. 6 Hose House Retained.

About the only new business transacted in the annual village meeting Tuesday evening was to elect a new "mayor" and increase the salaries of the members of the reorganized fire department. The meeting was over in 22 minutes from time it was called to order. The new chairman of the board of health is Ernest Herbert G. Barber, Attorney Ernest J. Waterman declining to stand for re-election. The suggestion which



Mayor H. G. Barber.

had been made to equip Main street and a section of Elliot street with ornamental lamp posts had no support in the meeting and the article relating to buying ornamental poles was dismissed after discussion. It was 7:50 o'clock. Clerk W. H. Perry read the warrant and F. P. Hopkinson of Esterville, in his eagerness to name a successor to Balliff Waterman, whom he said he understood would not serve again, nominated H. G. Barber without waiting for the election of a clerk. Mr. Barber announced that the first officer to be elected was a clerk and W. H. Perry was elected to succeed himself. Mr. Hopkinson then nominated Mr. Barber again and there was no opposition to the nomination. The other balliffs were re-elected, consisting of S. A. Richmond, John T. Kaine, Walter S. Stearns and G. T. Ware in the order given. W. H. Perry was re-elected treasurer, W. A. Shumway tax collector, Harvey C. Kaine, chief engineer of the fire department and F. K. Barrows auditor.

Mr. Barber was out of town on business Tuesday evening and heard his name mentioned in connection with the office, but he was not a candidate and before leaving town he left orders to have his name withdrawn if it was presented, but his instructions were not carried out.

The reports of the officers were accepted on motion of E. C. Crosby, which brought the business down to article 3, which was to raise money for the coming year's expense. Balliff Richmond said the amount of money to be raised would depend largely upon what action was taken under article 2, which was to see if the village would vote to buy ornamental lamp poles, and upon his motion it was voted to postpone consideration of article 2 until the next year. Article 4 related to salaries of officers, and on motion of Mr. Hopkinson it was voted to pay the same salaries as last year.

The only time when anything approaching "fun" developed was during the consideration of article 5, which was to see whether \$500 should be set aside for 16 concerts by the First Regiment band. After a little wait George L. Dunham moved that such an appropriation be made. W. H. Vinton offered an amendment to the effect that the concert "be given where the balliffs want them and not where the band wants them." Joseph E. Brockington, a member of the band, quickly replied that the band always played under the direction of the balliffs and said there was no necessity for such an amendment. Balliff Kaine corroborated what Mr. Brockington had said whereupon Mr. Vinton remarked: "It's well enough, ain't it, to vote to have them under the direction of the balliffs?" The amendment finally was adopted, also the original motion was amended. Mr. Vinton prompting the chairman a little in putting the motion, just to be sure that the amendment was not omitted.

Article 6 was to see what salaries should be paid the members of the reorganized fire department. A. P. Simonds moved that the assistant engineers' annual salaries be increased from \$2 to \$50, that the salaries of the foremen be increased from \$25 to \$35 and that the regular firemen be paid \$30 a year instead of \$20 as heretofore. A question by E. C. Crosby brought out the fact that the total increase would be about \$550, but that in reducing the number of men when the department was reorganized a few months ago the salary list was cut down about \$1000, so that if the salaries were increased there would still be a saving as compared with the former salary expense. Mr. Simonds' motion was carried, only two voting "no."

When the next article, article 7, was taken up, which related to buying ornamental lamp poles, Balliff Richmond read a statement prepared by Balliff Waterman, showing that 20 poles would be required between the railroad crossing and the Wells fountain and from Main street out Elliot street to the hook and ladder house. The cost, including the laying of wires in a conduit, would be at least \$3500. The annual expense of lighting them, three lights to a pole, would be about \$500. Mr. Richmond said

that when the poles were set there would still be a network of wires overhead, so that the real object of the ornamental posts would not be accomplished. He thought the village should give up the idea until such time as the public service commission ordered all wires put under ground. E. C. Crosby moved that the article be dismissed and that the question of lighting be left to the balliffs and the motion was carried without a dissenting vote.

No. 6 hose house on South Main street will remain village property for the present, as the result of a sound and convincing argument made by Balliff Richmond. Article 8 was to see what disposition should be made of the property, it being no longer needed by the fire department, by reason of the reorganization. Mr. Richmond said there was little real estate in the village available for village purposes and the time was coming when the No. 6 property would be needed. Its availability in various possible contingencies already had been considered, he said in effect, and in the event the village buying motor-driven fire apparatus some time the building would be needed for headquarters or for storage purposes. It might be necessary, he said, to have a hall, in which event the property would be valuable. It is now rented so that it does not have anything to own it. On Mr. Richmond's motion the article was dismissed.

Returning to article 3, E. C. Crosby moved that a 4-cent tax rate be voted as recommended by the balliffs, payable on or before July 1, and it was so ordered. Under article 3, relating to "other businesses," Kaine said a committee was appointed a year ago to revise the village charter, and he asked if the committee was ready to report. Col. Kittredge Haskins, one of the members, had just left the hall. After a short wait, during which there was no report, the committee was discharged. The motion was put and a majority voted "aye." On motion of E. C. Crosby the meeting adjourned.

IN OUR OWN STATE.

Chopped His Brother with an Axe. Hearing cries of terror neighbors rushed to a field in the rear of the Boulder field in Stamford Saturday forenoon, where they saw John Boulger, with a blood spattered axe in his hands, standing over the mutilated form of his brother, Michael Boulger. John fled to the woods, but later in the day surrendered to a policeman in North Adams and in the evening was brought back to Stamford in custody of a deputy sheriff. Michael's skull was fractured, five ribs broken and his right hand nearly severed. He is not expected to recover.

John Boulger, who is 65 years old and six feet four inches tall, claims that he acted in self defense and that he did not use the axe until Michael had struck him twice over the head with a club. John Tatro, a farm hand, the hiring of whom it is alleged was the cause of the trouble, said he witnessed the episode, attempted to interfere, and being unable to stop the fight ran to the house of neighbors for assistance. The Boulgers came to Stamford from Brockton, Mass., a few years ago.

Inspecting Weights and Measures. Hugh A. Henry of Chester, state commissioner of weights and measures, has appointed four inspectors, A. C. Fleury of Swanton, T. J. J. Kaine of Rutland, Charles E. Henry of Chester, C. C. Pita, S. Marston, special inspector, from Massachusetts. The work of inspection was taken under Friday in Burlington, city and town will be visited once annually, and the weights, measures and balances used in buying or selling goods will be inspected. The inspectors have full police power to enter any place and make the tests. False weights will be seized and the proper authorities in the counties where violations occur and prosecutions may follow. When a less quantity is sold than represented the seller is guilty of fraud and shall be fined not more than \$100. Refusal to allow the commissioner to enter the premises or inspect the weights is punishable by a fine.

S. A. & E. L. Colton's stretcher mill in Ludlow was burned Saturday afternoon. The loss is \$4500, with only \$500 insurance.

Vernon, son of Joel Gibson, was drowned in St. Johnsbury Sunday, when he fell from a bridge into a duck pond on George C. Cary's farm, where his father is employed.

Four or five acres of timberland owned by the House of Correction in Rutland were burned over Sunday. John Smith, an officer in the institution, took 12 prisoners out to fight the fire and 10 men from the fire department assisted.

The body of a female infant was found near the Charles Holmes of Grand Isle Sunday morning floating in a suit case in the lake near that town. It is thought the child is guilty of fraud and shall be fined not more than \$100. Refusal to allow the commissioner to enter the premises or inspect the weights is punishable by a fine.

A handsome bronze tablet in memory of Gen. Emerson H. Lescum, a gift to the Mary Fletcher library in Burlington by Mrs. Lescum, was unveiled Friday in the presence of a distinguished gathering, including the governor and staff. Gen. Lescum was a native of Huntington. He was serving in the Philippines in June, 1906, when it became necessary to send troops to China, to protect American life. He was killed while making an attack on the walled city of Tien Tsin.

C. Edward Harbut, a farmer in Richmond, placed the muzzle of a gun in his mouth and pulled a string attached to the trigger. The top of his head was blown off. In recent years Harbut had been in trouble frequently. He had been before the courts twice charged with assault, once with intent to kill. He was sued by a neighbor, charged with molesting the affections of the latter's wife and his second wife, whom he married in 1909, secured a divorce at the present term of the Franklin county court.

LONDONDERRY.

Death of Mrs. D. D. Wait. Mrs. Janette T. (Chittenden) Wait, 72, died April 25 after a long illness. She came from Wethersfield 54 years ago, at the time of her marriage, and since then they have always lived on the farm where Mr. Wait was born. The funeral was held in the home Thursday, April 27, at 1 o'clock. Mrs. Mary Gridley officiated and the Johnson brothers sang. There were many floral tributes. Mrs. Daniel Davis of Wethersfield and Mrs. Nettie Chittenden of Springfield, nieces of the deceased, were present, also Mr. and Mrs. John Miner of Boston. Mr. Wait leaves her husband, D. D. Wait, also one son, Charles S., proprietor of the Hound House. The burial took place in Weston Island cemetery.

Alva Stiles is ill. Mrs. Robert Charlton is ill and her mother, Mrs. Fannie Wilkins, is with her.

L. P. Sheldon went to Bennington yesterday to visit Mrs. Sheldon a few days. He is expected to return here in which event the property would be valuable. It is now rented so that it does not have anything to own it. On Mr. Richmond's motion the article was dismissed.

Dr. and Mrs. Boutwell of Rutland are staying at the Carlton House, Dr. Boutwell doing dental work in this locality. Two students and a professor from Mount Hermon were in town Tuesday on business, and a committee was appointed a year ago to revise the village charter, and he asked if the committee was ready to report.

Raymond Churchill and Caspar Landman came home from their school at Mt. Hermon on Thursday for their summer vacation.

Mrs. P. H. Tyler went to Millers Falls on Tuesday to meet her grandmother, Mrs. Louisa Vail, who spent the winter in Leominster, Mass.

Mrs. H. P. Reed and Mrs. H. H. Howe of Brookline came on Thursday to attend the Rebekah meeting and went to Weston on Friday to install the officers of the Rebekah lodge in that place.

There are city boarders at the Maplefield farm.

Frank Lambert of Danby visited his uncle, L. E. Harris, last week.

Arthur Westcott and family are occupying the lower Burbee house.

Mrs. Isadore Smith and Fred were week-end visitors in Saxtons River.

William Galvin attended the funeral of his mother in Townsend Monday.

The mill has started up. Archie Bemis of South Londonderry is the engineer. He boards at Mrs. Nellie Howe's.

WEST HALIFAX. Eli Cooke has bought a "new horse."

We hear reports of several new autos in town.

Mrs. Warren Niles returned to East Dover last week.

Mrs. Ed Cooke visited her daughter, Mrs. Charles Perry, two days recently.

Schools are all in running order except in the Hatch, Harrisville and Reed hollow districts.

The farmers have finished sugaring and are beginning to get ready for their regular spring work.

Amos Jones lost Monday a horse which he valued highly. We understand it was kicked by another horse.

Mrs. Mosher of Bennington returned Saturday after spending two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Winn.

Wilfred Hitechock, who has been working for Charles Thurber, has returned home to attend the spring term of school.

The selectmen and road commissioner have been inspecting the highways. We hope for good roads to travel on in the near future.

Mrs. Harry Hoyt of Strafford, this state, was in town Sunday to see her brother, Winfield Whitney, who is seriously ill.

The regular weekly prayer meeting will be held Friday evening in the church at 7:30. Everyone cordially invited to all the services.

Miss Bertha Mixer was a guest over Sunday of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Whitney, and uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Whitney.

Philip Hitechock returned Thursday from Mt. Hermon to stay two weeks with his parents, after which he expects to go to New York to canvass for different articles.

WEST WARDSBORO.

Death of Clark Mundell. The death of Clark Mundell occurred Monday, May 1, in the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Tudor. Mr. Mundell was born in Jamaica, May 27, 1859, son of Daniel Mundell, a farmer, and Mary Mundell, his wife. His father died five years ago at 1 o'clock. Mrs. Mary Gridley officiated and the Johnson brothers sang. There were many floral tributes. Mrs. Daniel Davis of Wethersfield and Mrs. Nettie Chittenden of Springfield, nieces of the deceased, were present, also Mr. and Mrs. John Miner of Boston. Mr. Wait leaves her husband, D. D. Wait, also one son, Charles S., proprietor of the Hound House. The burial took place in Weston Island cemetery.

Another daughter who survives is Mrs. Lucius Harris of West Townshend. There are four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Two of the little girls picked a bouquet to send to grandpa when their father came up here. Two brothers also survive, Frank of Brattleboro and Henry of New York. Much sympathy is felt for the family. Rev. W. S. Boardman officiated at the funeral, which was held Wednesday.

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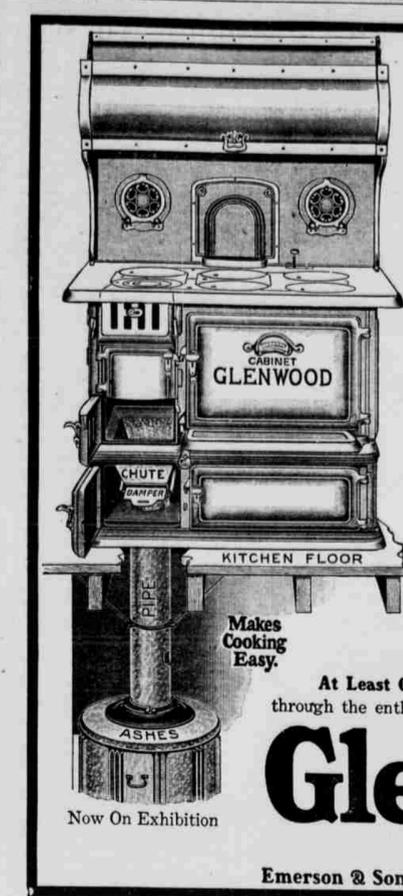
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