

## VETERAN LETTER CARRIERS OF BRATTLEBORO POST OFFICE

Dennis E. Tasker, William E. Barber and Spencer W. Knight Will Have Completed Monday 25 Years of Service in Delivering Mail for Uncle Sam



Dennis E. Tasker.



William E. Barber.



Spencer W. Knight.

A quarter century in the service is the proud record which three of the local letter carriers will have completed next Monday, July 1. For 25 years Dennis E. Tasker, William E. Barber and Spencer W. Knight have daily delivered mail to the people of Brattleboro and in all these years two of these carriers have covered practically the same routes on which they began. It will be 25 years next Monday that the free delivery service was inaugurated in this town, and three of the four carriers who went on duty in 1887 continue in the service.

When these three men began delivering mail here the eight-hour law was not in force and they frequently worked 12 hours a day. Now, although they are limited to eight hours a day, they deliver much more than formerly, their loads often exceeding 100 pounds in weight. The receipts of the local office have increased many times what they were 25 years ago and naturally the work of the carriers also has increased. Each of the three carriers has seen the growth of the town in the sections in which they deliver mail, and have seen houses spring up where there were fields when they took up the work.

Mr. Tasker is carrier No. 1, and his route includes all the streets north of High street. It is five miles long and he covers it twice a day. He also covers the east side of Main street as far south as Rogers' stove store each forenoon and afternoon. He has been president of the Vermont branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers and delegate to the national conventions in Detroit and Syracuse. He has been a prominent member of the fire department and was secretary of the Valley Fair association three years. He came to this town from Chesterfield in 1888 and learned the printer's trade. He was born in Cornish, N. H., April 18, 1883, and lived in Newport and Sunapee before going to Chesterfield. He married Estelle C. Perry, daughter of William C. Perry, May 14, 1878. She died Jan. 18, 1908. Mr. Tasker has three sons.

Mr. Barber has route No. 2, which includes a part of Western avenue, the "square," Highland street, and several cross streets. He covers the route twice a day and also covers a short route on Main street twice a day, walking about 15 miles in all. He has been vice president of the state association, and is a member of Brattleboro lodge of Masons and of Bingham chapter, O. E. S. He was born in Whitman, Mass., April 1, 1886, and lived in Wilmington, this state, most of the time until he was 15 years old. He spent the next five years in the milk business in Boston, coming to this town when the Garfield campaign was in progress. He married Flora A. Lawrence of St. Paul, Minn., April 28, 1885.

Mr. Knight, carrier 3, was for several years a mounted carrier and drove until a few years ago a white mare, "Dolly," which sometimes covered the entire route without bit or bridle. At that time his route covered Esteyville, Brook road and Vernon street, a total of about 25 miles a day, but within the past few years he has been transferred and now covers South Main and Vernon streets and a part of Prospect hill twice a day and a short route on Main street in the morning, making a distance of about 15 miles. He was born in Barre, Mass., March 4, 1886, and went to Worcester, coming to Brattleboro when he was seven years of age. He worked in several stores and at the time of the Centennial exposition he went to Philadelphia and drove a bakery wagon which supplied the army and navy.

From there he went to Athol in 1877, and worked in a shoe shop until 1881, when he came to this town. He married Mary E. Wood in this town Aug. 28, 1882, and they have five children. For 25 years he played the bass drum in the First Regiment band. He is a charter member of Brattleboro camp, Modern Woodmen of America.

In connection with the long term of service it is interesting to note the records of the other employees. Thomas A. Austin, Jr., a Lindey and Sonney carrier, began as a substitute 25 years ago. Mr. Austin has been carrier 24 years. Mr. Lindey 19 years and Mr. Farr nearly 12 years. E. J. Shea, mailing clerk, and Miss Frances Guild, money order and registry clerk, have been in the office 26 years. Julius E. Leach, mailing clerk, has had 25 years of service, not continuously. Harry C. Freeman, stamp and general delivery clerk, has been in the office since July 1, 1899, and Charles W. Wilcox, assistant postmaster, has 39 years of service to his credit.

Trained Animals. Four-footed Actors Help Greatly in Rounding Out the Highly Interesting Program of the Sparks Shows.

The management of the Sparks Shows have made it a study for years to give a circus program replete in all particulars, and knowing full well the importance of some high-class animal acts on the program, have this year imported from Germany several acts that cannot fail to create a sensation. The Germans have made animal training an art, and some of the most notable animal acts in this country are but copies of the wonderful acts as they are produced across the water.

The acts imported from Germany this season include a spectacular equine drill and pyramid performance by a group of Arabian stallions that is said to be the most beautiful piece of horse training ever attempted. The herd of performing elephants under the direction of their German trainer, Paul Jacoby, will produce groupings, pyramids and maneuvers heretofore thought impossible. A group of forest bred African lions will also hold an important place on this interesting program on account of the wonderful control their trainer, Mr. Fritz Brunner, has over these really ferocious, lion-killing beasts.

The extensive menagerie carried by the show also affords unusual interest to those who are fond of studying animal life. In it are presented many new specimens hitherto unknown to the zoos of America. Besides the trained animals some of the world's greatest gymnasts, acrobats and equestrians have a place on the bill, and after the grand opening spectacle, which is brilliant in its coloring and massive in effect, the program will go forward with so much vim and vigor, the acts will all be of such high order and classified to such a nicety, that the most critical audience cannot help but be pleased.

The Sparks shows will give two complete exhibitions in this town Monday, July 15.

Leon Taylor, a colored trooper of the 10th United States cavalry, was fatally injured at Fort Ethan Allen Saturday night, when an untrained horse fell backwards upon him when he attempted to drive the animal over a four-foot fence used as a hurdle. His chest was badly crushed and a rib was driven through one lung. He died in a short time from suffocation, the lungs becoming filled with blood.

Harris and Partner Won. Took Championship and Challenge Cups in the Norfolk County, Mass., Tennis Tournament Last Week.

In the recent open double tournament for the championship of Norfolk county, Mass., held at the Wollaston Tennis club, Wollaston, Mass., Charles R. Currier (of the firm of E. M. & C. R. Currier, Mill street, Boston) and Fred H. Harris of Brattleboro won the first prize. In the final match they defeated the team of Wollaston, consisting of W. C. Porter and R. O. Bray of Newton, in a four-set match by the scores of 6-1, 6-4, 6-5, 7-5. The contest was watched with interest by a crowd of Wollaston spectators augmented by many visitors from Boston. The first set went to Harris and Currier easily at 6-1, and they led at 5-1 in the second when their opponents took a brace and played a long and hard game, but the third Harris and Currier took a lead, the porter and Bray again rallied and the set was decided by a pull out five-set match but Harris and Currier were not to be beaten and they won the set at 7-5 and with it the important Wollaston double title.

The other teams encountered by Harris and Currier in the tournament were Abbott and partner, whom they defeated 6-1, 6-2. They next took into camp Dana and Spear at 6-3, 6-2 score. Much interest was centered in the outcome of the next match against D. S. Niles, brother of the famous star, N. Niles, and Wheelwright, who was a finalist in the recent Massachusetts state doubles tournament. This team, if any, was thought to be the one to take the measure of Harris and Currier and when they annexed the first two games in easy fashion, it looked as if the prophecy would be realized. Here, however, Harris and Currier struck their gait and "went through" their opponents, rapidly emerging on the long end of a 6-3, 6-1 score. The next team, Beals and Merriam, lost in straight sets 6-1, 7-5, 6-1 score. Harris and Currier showed a combination, Currier especially showing well and playing a consistent doubles game throughout the tourney. The rules provide that there shall be no challenge round, and next year Harris and Currier will have to play through the tournament successfully or else lose the championship cups.

This week Mr. Harris is playing in Pittsburg, Pa., where the clay court championship of the United States will be decided from a field of over 100 players from all parts of the country.

The July American Magazine. The leading feature in the July American Magazine is a new story by Rudyard Kipling entitled "The Benefactor." It is a story founded on the coal strike in England and is interesting because it presents with great power the reaction of the view of the thing. It is really a warning to labor.

A remarkable article in this issue of the magazine is the story of Carol Woelfshoff by Ida M. Tarbell. Carol Woelfshoff was a rich New York girl who declined to live a life of luxury, and threw herself into certain useful activities with resultant interesting experiences and adventures which Miss Tarbell describes intimately and entertainingly.

Ray Stannard Baker, Senator La Follette, Walter Prichard Eaton and Hugh S. Fullerton contribute other articles. Notable feature is contributed by Katharine Norris, Olive Higgins Prouty, Juliet Wilber Tompkins and H. G. Wells. Abe Martin's funny man.

The Woolworth building, now under construction in New York will, on completion, be the loftiest skyscraper in the world. Its total height is to be 793 feet, and it will consist of 61 stories. There will be 1000 rooms in the building, rented at a minimum of \$50 per month, and the total cost of it is estimated at \$7,500,000.

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## Summer Kimonos

Ready Now in Second Floor Garment Shop

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Special Value Kimonos, of figured lawn. Only 12½¢.  
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Fine White Lawn Kimonos, and Colored Kimonos. 98¢.  
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## HERBERT COTTRELL COMMANDER.

Encampment of Spanish-American War Veterans Held in Brattleboro—Will Meet Here Again Next Year.

Herbert W. Cottrell of this town was elected department commander in the ninth annual encampment of the Department of Vermont, Spanish-American war veterans, which was held in Grand Army hall Friday. About 30 delegates were present from the six camps in this state and the attendance was somewhat smaller than at other encampments. Several delegates arrived Thursday evening and the others came on the "owl" train Friday morning. After a tour of inspection through the Gutzman organ company's plant by special invitation of Col. J. Gray Eatey, who was major of the third battalion of the 1st Vermont regiment during the Spanish-American war, and of J. Harry Eatey, who was first lieutenant of Company I at the same time, the business meeting was held in Grand Army hall. It was voted to hold the encampment next year in this town.

These officers were elected: Department commander, Herbert W. Cottrell of Brattleboro; department senior vice consul, Arthur Stevens of St. Johnsbury; department junior vice consul, C. E. Leach of Burlington; department inspector, J. V. Laughton of Orleans; department judge advocate, E. J. Waterman of Brattleboro; department surgeon, T. J. Hagan of Pittsford; chaplain, John F. Long of Brattleboro; marshal, C. A. Davis of Burlington; delegates to national convention at Atlantic City, A. S. Fox of St. Johnsbury, Daniel Cavanaugh and M. J. Sherry of Brattleboro and H. Corey of Newport. The delegates were empowered to choose their alternates.

The annual meeting of the Order of the Serpent was held in the evening in Grand Army hall and several new members were initiated. These officers were elected: G. O. G. L. W. Fennell of Burlington; T. L. G. G. Charles B. Shaw of Burlington; L. H. K. S. A. S. Fox of Burlington; S. and S. K. O. H. A. Page of St. Johnsbury, H. E. Dyer of Rutland, William Thyme of Burlington, C. H. Landon of Rutland; M. H. D. Carroll A. Davis of St. Johnsbury and W. A. Selden and James Cummings of Brattleboro; C. L. N. D. Rip-

ley of St. Johnsbury; U. V. L. H. Slater of Brattleboro; T. D. Y. J. Henry Ellis of St. Johnsbury; I. T. S. S. M. C. Williams of Rutland; L. H. P. S. B. C. H. W. Colton of Brattleboro; R. U. L. John F. Long of Brattleboro; D. P. George Cain of Brattleboro.

The camps represented at the encampment were Foyle camp, No. 1, of Rutland; Lacom camp, No. 2, of St. Johnsbury; Daniel F. Curtin camp, No. 3, of Brattleboro; Flynn camp, No. 9, of Burlington; Spofford camp, No. 10, of Bennington; Blair camp, No. 11, of Newport. Herbert W. Cottrell was a soldier from 1897 to 1903. He enlisted in A troop, 2d U. S. Cavalry, in April, 1897. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war the regiment was sent to Cuba and on July 1, 2, 3, 4 his company was in the thickest of the fight. These were the dates of the battles near Santiago and the 2d U. S. Cavalry was next in position to the 71st New York regiment during the fight at San Juan hill. Following the declaration of peace the cavalry regiment was transferred to the Philippines and for 28 months saw service in various parts of the islands. Many engagements were fought with the natives, who were in insurrection against the government of the United States. To recuperate from the hard service in the islands the cavalry was transferred to Fort Ethan Allen and after 15 months there the newly elected department commander was honorably discharged in 1903. Shortly afterward he came to this town and has since been employed by the Swift Beef company.

Mrs. James Cone, 46, committed suicide in her home in Barre Friday by drinking carbolic acid and paregoric. Her husband on returning from work found the bathroom door locked. He broke open a window and on entering found her lifeless body lying on a quilt. Mrs. Cone left a note to her husband, the contents of which were not made public. She leaves several children. Ill health is ascribed as the cause of her act.

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98c for 16 inch Fibre Hand Bags with metal frames.  
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\$1.48 for 24 inch Fibre Suit Cases with straps.  
\$1.98 for 24 inch Fibre Suit Cases with all-around straps.  
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