

## BUILDING RAILROAD ON VERMONT SIDE

Holbrook, Cabot & Rollins Have  
Boston & Maine Contract

Agreement Reached for Changes in Local  
Yard—Progress of Work On Site  
of 900-Foot Bridge.

It will interest the people of Brattleboro and other readers of The Phoenix to know that the contract for building the Boston & Maine railroad bed from the site of the proposed Connecticut river railroad bridge south of the village up through the railroad yard along the Central Vermont tracks has been awarded, that work under that contract was begun Wednesday morning and that the road will be in operation, according to present plans, this year.

The agreement has been reached whereby the Boston & Maine company will make the changes in the railroad yard and on Vermont street, although President Charles E. Rollins of the New York, New Haven & Hartford company stated over the telephone Wednesday forenoon that the agreement had not been signed. All that remains to be done in that connection, however, is a formal and the Boston & Maine company is going ahead with preparations for clearing Vermont street to traffic and having a large force of men put to work on the proposed changes in a very short time.

The contract for building the Boston & Maine roadbed on this side of the river has been awarded to the Holbrook, Cabot & Rollins corporation, the contractors who are building the roadbed on the New Hampshire right of way from the Hinsdale end of the bridge site to South Vernon. Acting under this contract some of the 75 men employed at the bridge site set up a pile driver Tuesday and on Wednesday morning the work of driving piles for the trestle which will be used in making a fill for the permanent roadway on the Vermont side was begun not far from the north end of the bridge site. The work is under the supervision of Engineer H. L. Ripley, who has been giving special attention lately to the operations at the river.

As is the case on the New Hampshire side, the roadbed on the Vermont side will be built for one track, but all the rock cuts and masonry will provide for two tracks, as will the bridge. The contractors will have the roadbed constructed so that the railroad company can lay the rails this fall, and the other work in and about the yard will be well under way this year, but the changes for which Brattleboro contributed \$45,000 will not be completed before another season.

The American Bridge company of New York, a branch of the United States Steel corporation and one of the largest bridge concerns in the world, is making the bridge, which will cross the Connecticut at a point about opposite the Snowflake cannery factory. The structure will cross the river diagonally and the approach at each end will be on a curve. When completed the bridge will consist of five 80-foot girder spans and two 250-foot truss spans. It will rest on two granite abutments and six granite piers.

For two of the piers, which will be constructed where the water is so deep that it is not practicable to build them by the ordinary cofferdam method, the open caisson method will be used. Piles will be driven, which will be sawed off level under water with a horizontal cut. The sides of these two piers a caisson will be built, which will consist of a large water-tight box open at the top. The bottom of the caisson, which is called a grillage, will consist of heavy timbers fitted together so that they will be water-tight. The caisson will be floated to a point directly over the piles, and inside it the construction of the granite pier will be begun. As the water progresses the weight of the granite will gradually sink the caisson until the bottom, or grillage, rests securely on the piles. Then the sides will be removed but the thick grillage will remain and the pier will be complete.

Piles will be driven for three of the four outer piers and the ends will be surrounded with concrete, upon which the masonry will be built. For this work ordinary cofferdams will be constructed and the water will be pumped out to allow the workmen to build the masonry, as was done when the foundation for the Connecticut river dam at Vernon was put in. The remaining pier, which will be on the Hinsdale side, and the abutment on the Hinsdale side will be built on rock foundations, so it will not be necessary to drive piles there. They will require the construction of cofferdams, however, as will the abutment on the Vermont side, which will rest on piles.

To facilitate this work and the work of erecting the bridge a temporary trestle 100 feet long is being built across the river, on the up-stream side of the bridge site. This trestle now extends from the Vermont side about half-way across the river. An opening 40 feet wide will be left for the use of motor boats and this opening will be spanned by iron girders. A railroad track is laid along the trestle as fast as the latter is built, and into the river, and the track will run locomotives, cars and locomotive cranes for use in the bridge construction.

Grillages for the caissons are now being built and the cofferdams are being put in. To aid in the river work the men have built a deck scow 25 by 50 feet, and three tugboats have been shipped in which, when fastened together, form a lighter 28 feet wide and 57 feet long by which material may be transported from place to place. There are also on hand two large pontoon pile drivers, two Brown-holst locomotive cranes and much light equipment.

In their work on the New Hampshire side the Holbrook, Cabot & Rollins corporation now have 13 locomotives and six steam shovels in use. A seventh steam shovel will be added to the equipment in a short time.

The Vermont State School of Agriculture, Randolph, has many applications for the fall term, indicating that the new institution has found its place in the state. It was founded in 1910 by special legislative act and the resources now consist of what was the Randolph state normal school plant, equipment, income from school and endowment, permanent endowment, and appropriated \$20,000 for purchase of land, tools, machinery and stock, and provided further an annual maintenance fund of \$10,000.

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## DUMMERSTON.

Carl Newton is having for Oscar Bennett.

Miss Ella Jennison and Fred Miller are on the sick list.

Mrs. Della Voss and Miss Theodora Miss Ruby Wilder are visiting in Townshend.

A party of young people are at Camp Ellen, Miss Susie Hawks of Deerfield, Mass., is hostess.

Mrs. Barbara Schulte and granddaughter of Chicopee Falls, Mass., are visiting at Log Cabin farm.

F. L. Stark and family of Vernon visited Saturday and Sunday at L. L. Stark's and C. T. Reed's.

Mr. Fred Wilder, Miss Jennie and Bessard of Brooklyn, N. Y., came Wednesday to visit Miss Florence Miller.

Miss Alice and Miss Louise Waite, teachers at Wellesley college, attended church here Sunday with some friends.

Harry O'Brien has returned home after visiting at J. K. Crosby's, Nelson Crosby was a guest at J. K. Crosby's Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Bennett Miller of Oklahoma came to Mrs. Lydia Bennett's Tuesday. Old friends are glad to welcome her back to her native town.

The Grange held its usual regular meeting Tuesday evening. Worthy Master Hazen presiding. Miss Elsie Hazelton and Harry Brown were installed in the offices of lecturer and steward and a communication was read from the prohibition party of other business transacted. The next regular meeting will be held Aug. 6.

On account of the very bad weather the attendance at church last Sunday was comparatively small. Our pastor did not preach the announced sermon but commented interestingly on the Sunday school lesson, especially on verse 27 of Mark 4: "The secret of organic and spiritual life." The text for next Sunday will be "My kingdom is not of this world." John 18: 36.

**WEST DUMMERSTON.**

Frank McKenzie went Monday to Wardboro, where he will be employed by the Burnett & Perry Excavating Co.

Ellie Johnson finished work last week at J. Clark & Sons and went Monday to Brattleboro, where he has a position at the Retreat.

The Busy Bees will hold an ice cream social in Grange hall on Tuesday, July 26, from 6 to 8 p. m. All are cordially invited. Proceeds will be used for church work.

W. G. Freeman of Bellows Falls joined his family at C. S. Wilkins's Saturday and Monday they returned home accompanied by Miss Imogene Combs, who will remain during the week.

Mrs. F. E. Phillips and granddaughter, Gladys Stevens, are away for a vacation of two weeks. While absent they will visit in Burlington and East Berkshire, this state, and Whitehall and Hudson Falls, N. Y.

An interesting program was given in the entertainment hall in Grange hall Tuesday evening. Although the attendance was not large the audience evidently appreciated the efforts of those taking part, judging from the applause given. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of children's night, which will be observed in the Grange in the near future.

A fire, which started from a passing train, caused some damage Monday to those living near the Coombe place, as a strong wind was blowing in the direction of the buildings. Fortunately no serious damage was done. This is the second occurrence of the kind in the same locality within a few weeks and people are not desirous of seeing a repetition.

**WEST NORTHFIELD, MASS.**

Mrs. Fred Stratton of Springfield is visiting at Joe Delphy's.

Mr. Corse is at home in his house and making other needed repairs.

Walter Fairman is carrying the mail while Mr. Russell is absent a few days.

Mrs. Julia Graves left Saturday for a visit with relatives and friends in Hatfield and Northampton.

Mrs. Ernest Field returned Friday from the hospital in Springfield, where she had been for two weeks.

Mrs. Samuel Martineau and her sister, Mrs. Holt, and son of New Hampshire are taking a carriage drive visiting friends in Greenfield and Shelburne Falls.

Mrs. H. V. Martineau, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. S. D. Martineau, and Miss Ruth, of Bernardston, have returned from a 10 days' visit to their father in Brandon.

**WONDERS OF THE WORLD.**

In a recent consensus of artistic and technical opinion regarding the most notable works of man in this opening of the 20th century, the cutting of the isthmus of Panama, which is the most complete, stood at the head of the list. This judgment was passed after consideration along the lines governing the ancient wonders of the world, and the list of wonders named as the "Wonders of the World" the hanging gardens of Babylon, the Temple of Diana of Ephesus, the Jupiter of Phidias, the mausoleum at Halicarnassus, the Colossus of Rhodes, the pyramids of Egypt, the Pharos at Alexandria.

Another canyons has been made, in which the intellect, humanitarian and absolutely scientific element was given prominence over the spectacular. Ballots were sent out containing 56 subjects of scientific and mechanical achievement, and scientists from the membership lists of foreign universities and royal academies were requested to mark the seven that appeared to them to be the most wonderful. Seventy percent of the ballots were returned. Wireless received 24 votes, the telephone 18, the airplane 17, rail, 16, antiseptics and anti-aircraft 16, space and electricity 15, X-ray 11, they being thus chosen the seven greatest modern achievements.

The Panama canal received 100 votes, antiseptics 94 and electricity 81. This array of achievements of the later race holding the earth today is impressive in the advance which it makes in the mental and moral of mankind and the solution of problems of existence only darkly imagined, if at all, in the old days.—[Boston Post.

**Alaska's Wealth.**

The territory of Alaska has yielded to its owner, the United States, \$26,600,000 in mineral wealth; in fish and furs this value is \$22,719,000, and it has paid directly to the United States treasury \$14,792,461 in cash. Adding the tribute of fisheries, furs, minerals, and cash, the people of the United States have within forty-two years taken \$44,122,500 out of Alaska.

This territory was bought from Russia in 1867 for \$7,200,000. The figures of wealth yielded in return for this investment according to the testimony of Delegate James Wickham before the committee on territories on March 29 last, were supplied to him by the treasury department. Costing but \$7,200,000, and an average of \$200,000 annually for the maintenance of its government, the territory has returned to the United States \$44,122,500 a year. Its people now petition the government to enable them to conserve for their own use its vast and yet undeveloped resources. They want to govern themselves and, ultimately, to achieve statehood. The Nation has always taken tribute from Alaska, while retaining its own wealth for itself and its individual states. Why not now give Alaska a chance.—[New York Times.

The world's production of artificial silk for this year is estimated in excess of 15,000,000 pounds.

## JAMAICA.

James G. Daggett.

James C. Daggett, 74, died at his home in this village early Sunday morning. For many years he had been totally paralyzed, being unable to move any part of his body from his head down, but his general health had been good, his mind clear, and his disposition munny and cheerful. He had been gradually failing for some time and the end came peacefully while he was asleep.

Mr. Daggett was born in Townshend April 3, 1838. At the outbreak of the Civil war he was living in Plymouth, Vt., and enlisted from that town Aug. 14, 1862, in the Second Regiment U. S. Sharpshooters, being discharged for disability Feb. 4, 1863. It was this disability which led to the paralysis from which he suffered during the remainder of his life. He moved to Jamaica soon after the war and was postmaster here a number of years.

Mr. Daggett was twice married. His first wife was Mary Ann Wales, whom he married May 31, 1868. Two children were born of this union, Ralph J. Daggett, now residing in Jamaica, and Mary E. Franklin, now living in West Windsor. Mary Ann Daggett died Dec. 21, 1881. Mr. Daggett married for his second wife Adeline Carpenter, April 30, 1882, and she died Sept. 15, 1902.

Mr. Daggett was for many years a member of Mount Lebanon lodge, No. 46, F. & M. S. He was a member of the Tuesday afternoon was under the Masonic ritual, burial being in the Jamaica village cemetery. He was also a member of the Baptist church.

While for many years Mr. Daggett has been unable to perform any manual labor, he has always taken a lively interest in the lives and works of others; until within the past few years he has been able to read the papers and always kept in touch with politics and affairs of the nation, taking great pleasure in discussing them with his friends and neighbors.

In politics Mr. Daggett was a staunch Republican. He was a good neighbor and a true friend and will be much missed in the community.

Those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. George Franklin of Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Newfane, John Daggett of Brattleboro, Mrs. J. O. Lyon of Brattleboro and Mrs. Earl Derby of Townshend.

**M. L. Howard is ill.**

Daniel Lyons of Guilford is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Fred Lawrence of Townshend called on her parents Tuesday.

Mrs. Alice Herrick is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stark.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cushman have gone to their new home in Middletown, N. Y.

Mrs. John Lyon of Genesee, Ill., is visiting Mrs. Flora Howard and J. B. Muzzy.

Mrs. George Beattie and Miss Blanch Bausman of Grange, Iowa, are visiting Mrs. A. W. Thomas.

J. C. Robinson was able to attend the ball game Saturday. It was the first time he had been so far from home for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Waterman called on friends in town Wednesday. Judge and Mrs. E. L. Waterman returned to Brattleboro with them.

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## WARDSBORO.

Lucia and James Gleason, who visited in Springfield, Mass., have returned home.

Mrs. George Goodell of Gardner, Mass., is a guest of her cousin, Mrs. W. W. Kidder.

Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Haskins remain about the same. The others reported ill are better.

Mrs. George Houghton was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Howard the first of the week.

Herbert Smith, who visited relatives several days, has returned to his home in Springfield, Mass.

Jesus Spruce has finished work for Harry Wilbur. He went to his home in Brattleboro Wednesday.

Lewis Haskins, who visited his mother, who has a broken leg, has returned to his home in Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. Magnus Carlson and daughter, Mrs. Arthur Jewett, and two children of Waltham, Mass., are guests of Rev. and Mrs. Allen Charleton.

Rev. Emanuel C. Charlton, Ph. D., of Brookfield, Mass., is expected to preach Sunday morning in the absence of his son, Rev. Allen S. Charlton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Birks, after a week's stay with relatives, have gone to Troy, N. Y., for a short visit before returning to their home in Natick.

The body of W. A. Smith, 60, brother of Robert Smith, was brought here Friday for burial. He died suddenly in the home of Frank Martin in Townshend.

The Knights of Methodism, Camp No. 123, in charge of Rev. A. S. Charlton, Walter Morse, chief, are camping out at Grouse pond, Stratton. They will remain several days.

The Girls' club held a meeting on Mrs. Mary May's veranda Wednesday afternoon, to which they invited a few friends. Coffee, sandwiches and cake were served. The following officers were elected to serve six months: President, Miss Lucia Gleason; vice president, Miss Florence Knight; secretary, Miss Florence St. Mary; treasurer, Miss Beatrice Johnson; chaplain, Miss Irene Smith; doorkeeper, Miss Beryl Heffron; organist, Miss Ruby Perry; social committee, Mrs. O. V. Heffron; relief committee, Miss Mary Fletcher and Miss Edith Wilder and Miss Jennie Plimpton.

**WEST WARDSBORO.**

Miss Harriet Ward and friends of Somerville, Mass., have come to their summer residence in Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius and George Colburn and family of Keene came recently to take home with them Mr. and Mrs. William Lucius and baby boy.

Mrs. Bernice Jenison of New York city, who had been visiting her parents, started for home Wednesday, accompanied by her sister, Miss Blanche Boyd.

Rev. Guy C. Lamson, secretary of the American Baptist Publication society for the New England district, will preach in the Baptist church here Sunday morning, the 28th. Everybody is invited.

Miss Doris Eddy had a birthday party at E. A. Eddy's Tuesday. Dr. Heffron gave each a ride in his automobile. Refreshments were enjoyed. A birthday cake with nine lighted candles was one of the interesting features. Various gifts were left as tokens of friendship.

Recent visitors in town and vicinity: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ray of Wilmington with relatives; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sheldon and child and Sherman Nichols of Dorset at Edmund Roberts's; Clifford Reed and family of South Framingham, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Read of Brattleboro at L. E. Read's.

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