

IN SUPPORT OF CO. I Well-Known Speakers Addressed Citizens in the Armory

Adjutant General Tillotson in the List—History of Organization Reviewed by Horton D. Walker.

Nearly 100 residents of Brattleboro, of whom 35 were members of Company I and a dozen were women attended the meeting in the Armory Friday night called for the purpose of



ERNEST W. GIBSON Captain of Company I, V. N. G.

increasing interest in the company and promoting enlistments.

Col. Ira L. Reeves of the regiment and president of Norwich university, who was to have been one of the principal speakers, was prevented from attending by an attack of grip, but otherwise the advertised program, with some additional speakers, was carried through.

President Horton D. Walker of the board of trade presided and sketched very briefly the history of the company. He said that the interests of the organization he represented and the company were very closely interwoven.

The company was organized in 1875 with the late Gen. J. J. Estey as captain. There are some pictures of the company's first officers here in the captain's office, taken in all the glory of the uniform of that period.

Capt. Estey was succeeded in 1881 by Capt. George H. Bond, who afterwards was colonel of the regiment. He was succeeded in 1887 by Major F. W. Childs, who served as captain until he was succeeded by Col. J. G. Estey, afterwards colonel of the regiment.

The company during the first year of its existence encamped at Philadelphia at the centennial and afterwards participated in many celebrations in the eastern part of the country.

An inspection of the records of this company shows a long list of the old family names of Brattleboro and it shows also that a large per cent of the men of this town, especially the business men of today, were sometime members of the company.

Clarke C. Fitts was introduced as the first speaker. He admitted that he knew nothing of military, but he did realize the good of the militia for it represents the nucleus of organized protection for the homes.

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he hoped to see the ranks of the National Guard of the state recruited to full strength.

Adj. Gen. Lee S. Tillotson of St. Albans was introduced as one who went to the war as chief musician of the regiment and who now enjoys the high rank he has so justly earned.

Gen. Tillotson said that this country has been manufacturing under false colors for some time, trying to convince other countries and ourselves that we are prepared for trouble.

He then discussed at some length Secretary of War Garrison's theory of an army of 400,000 men to be organized by the enlistment of one-third of them the first year and an equal number each year following.

He said the secretary realizes that the militia is a valuable asset and should be developed. The old cry that the militia had broken down when called upon he said was based upon the war of 1812 when the men were summoned individually and who stood on their constitutional right not to do duty outside of their home states.

Charles R. Crosby, called upon to speak, said that when Capt. Gibson assumed command of the company last summer he said that he did so expecting to receive the co-operation of the town. One great trouble about recruiting he felt is the attitude of employers.

Others say they "do not like the bunch." "I will match the members of Company I," he said, "with some of the men you can find in the front rows of the Sunday schools. Two of the presidents of our state institutions are members of the militia and when I see them and leading business men and lawyers enrolled in the membership I consider it an honor to be in the same organization with them."

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BOLIN RAZZLE DAZZLED. Brattleboro Man Loses After Putting Up Game Contest—Cyclone Burns Defeated by Joe Stecker.

Cyclone Burns, well known in Brattleboro as a fast, hard, skilled wrestler, was defeated in Boston Friday night by Joe Stecker, the young western mat artist, and the defeat was in two straight falls. More important than that was the fact that Burns could not stand of defeat 15 minutes. He lost the first fall in 10 minutes and 27 seconds and the second in four minutes and 20 seconds. Both were gained by the scissors.

Of the semi-final match. "Doc" Almy, the Boston Post sporting writer, said in doing that they would be maintaining the traditions of former years, for Vermont is prouder of nothing than her war record. The association feels that all boards of trade in the state should lend their efforts to promoting the welfare of the regiment.

St. Albans is working upon a special scheme to help the members of the company and the organization and when the plan is developed the Greater Vermont association will publish a bulletin making public the plan. Nothing is better for the boy and the young man than military training and

BARELY MISSED RECORD.

Thompson Slumped on Third String—Team F Wins by 7 Points.

Bad breaks in the last half of his third string prevented Thompson of team B of the Masonic bowling league from beating the high three-string total of the alleys January 20. He had 223 for a total at the end of his second string and had 50 half way through his last string. Bad breaks from then on forced him to end with only 86 which gave him a total of 309, one less than necessary to tie with Streeter for the high total.

Table with bowling scores for Team F and Team B. Team F scores: Jordan 82, Hall 91, Tracy 91, Clark 80, Barber 76. Team B scores: Loeke 83, Wales 86, Mixer 76, Wellman 77, Thompson 115.

SECOND SERIES IN BOWLING.

Masonic Team B Wins from Team A—No Records Endangered.

The second series of the bowling tournament at the Masonic alleys was opened Friday night by teams A and B, the latter winning by 39 pins. No records were endangered by the work of any of the men, who consistently kept their scores to mediocre figures.

Table with bowling scores for Team B and Team A. Team B scores: Loeke 69, Dummy 78, Wellman 85, Clark 80, Thompson 87. Team A scores: Hubbard 94, Dubie 77, Prizzell 78, Proctor 83, White 81.

TEAM G WINS BY 57 PINS.

Barber High Total with Lead of One Pin Over Thompson.

Table with bowling scores for Team G and Team B. Team G scores: Light 75, Spaulding 88, Pettie 86, Miller 76, Barber 83. Team B scores: Loeke 84, Wales 67, Mixer 80, McKee 81, Thompson 92.

WINNERS IN TARGET PRACTICE.

Stafford, Metcalf and Clapp Take State Honors—Range to Be Constructed Coming Spring.

The latest number of the United States Revolver association bulletin shows that once more members of the local branch have carried off 236 state honors. Messrs. Stafford, Metcalf and Clapp, being medal winners in both the revolver and pistol matches in the order named. This is, perhaps, rather an empty honor as far as match A (for revolvers) is concerned, as no other entries were made.

Revolver and pistol practice matches are being shot every Monday night in the Armory now, in which every one interested in this line of sport is earnestly requested to participate. In this way interest may be kept up in a line of a "necessary" sport, which is bound to be followed by a larger number than ever the coming summer on the recently erected range of company I on the Putney road and on the rifle range which it is expected will be constructed the coming spring by the local branch of the National Rifle association, near Broad brook.

ASKS TRUSTEES BE NAMED.

Partridge Petitions Court Regarding Funds Left by Sen. Proctor.

A petition for the appointment of a trustee of the two trust funds left by the late Senator Redfield Proctor to his daughter, Arabella, and his son, Frank C. Partridge, president of the Vermont Marble Company, executor of the will of Mrs. Emily J. Proctor, trustee of the funds in her lifetime.

Two trust funds amounting to \$50,000 were created in 1888 by the late Senator Proctor for his daughter and Mrs. Emily J. Proctor was named as trustee. Since her death the funds have been administered by her administrator, Mr. Partridge. He suggests the appointment of Miss Emily D. Proctor.

YEAR'S WORK BY S. P. C. A.

Largest Membership in Its History—Many Cases Investigated—Annual Election of Officers.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held Wednesday night in the Brooks library, with a good attendance. The reports of the officers were very encouraging, showing the membership of the society at the present time to be 115 (the largest in its history) and a balance on hand in the treasury amounting to \$99.44.

The field agent reported that upward of 40 cases of cruelty to animals had been attended to since the last annual meeting, besides a number of cases of minor importance. The shipment of animals from the Brattleboro station under his supervision amounted altogether to 2,879 during the year, a marked increase when compared with the shipments of former years.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, Charles H. Pratt; secretary-treasurer, E. Q. S. Osgood; and on the directorate to take the place of those no longer able to serve, F. W. Childs, Rev. Father James P. Rand and Miss Ruth W. Childs.

MASONS CONFER DEGREE.

Many Visitors to Columbian Lodge—Supper and Addresses.

A large number of Masons from Brattleboro, Wilmington, Northfield and Bellows Falls were present Tuesday afternoon and that evening for the conferring of the Master Mason degree and the official visitation of D. D. G. M. Sanford A. Daniels to Columbian lodge.

The first section of the degree was conferred in the afternoon at 4.30 o'clock on two candidates and at 6 o'clock a chicken-pie supper was served. In the evening the second section was conferred and a remarkable address on The Origin and Teachings of Masonry was delivered by Josiah L. Seward, D. D., of Keene, N. H., emeritus grand prior of supreme council of the Northern Masonic jurisdiction of the U. S. A. Rev. A. C. Wilson of Bellows Falls delivered a short address.

RED CROSS REPORT.

Brattleboro Had Big Lead in Sale of Christmas Seals.

The quarterly report made by H. S. Howard, secretary and treasurer of the Vermont chapter of the American Red Cross, to the headquarters of the national society, shows that during the last quarter, ending January 31, 94 members have remitted dues. Donations for relief of sufferers in the European war have amounted to \$28.65 and two boxes have been shipped from this state to New York to be reshipped abroad.

So far the total amount received from the 1916 sale of the Red Cross Christmas seals has been \$438. Brattleboro leads by a large margin over any other place in the state, the money received from the sale of stamps in that town amounting to \$225. There are still many places in the state to be heard from, among them Burlington.

ORGAN FUNDS COLLECTED.

Judge Tyler's Contribution Largest. Save that of Carnegie.

Last week's issue of the Deerfield Valley Times of Wilmington told of the payment of all pledges for the new pipe organ recently installed in the Union Congregational church with the exception of that of Andrew Carnegie, which will be paid as soon as proof of the payment of the other pledges is made to his agents. The Times says: "Outside of Mr. Carnegie's contribution the largest tender was that made by James M. Tyler of Brattleboro, a former resident of Wilmington from 1860 to 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler were regular attendants at the church services. Mr. Tyler's interest in the present church has a sentimental side. His grandfather and Lucius Walker's grandmother were brother and sister, moving here in 1800 and being prominently connected with the old church, organized in 1780. Mr. Walker's daughter, Mrs. O. O. Ware, assisted in raising the present fund. Mr. Tyler is still a frequent contributor to the finances of the church."

SCHUSTER IN WRECK.

Brattleboro Man Tells About Thrilling Experience in Iowa.

Wounded, bruised and battered as the result of the wreck of an Illinois Central train near Pringhar, Iowa, the members of the De Koven Opera company arrived in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Monday night.

"It was a miracle that none of the members of our company were killed," said William Schuster to the Argus-Leader. "The car in which I was riding turned completely over, but it did not catch fire. We crawled out as best we could, and found it ten to twelve feet outside. We finally located a farm house and the good woman there did all that she could to make us comfortable. We shall never forget her. When the engineer looked at five cars overturned he felt sure that the death toll would be terrible. Fortunately no one was killed outright and I hope that none of those seriously hurt will die."

Mr. Schuster said that when the cars started to bump along the track none of the occupants of his car realized what was wrong until the car overturned down a 14-foot embankment.

DEATH OF MRS. E. L. PUTNAM.

Stricken in Home of Mrs. E. B. Barrows—One of Twins Who Observed Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Mrs. Emeline (Wright) Putnam, 89, widow of Edwin L. Putnam, died suddenly at 10.45 yesterday morning in the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Barrows of 15 Oak street. Mrs. Putnam, with approaching old age, had sustained several attacks of heart trouble, but yesterday morning she was about the house apparently in unusually good health. She experienced another attack and was unable to rally from it.

Mrs. Putnam was born in Keene, N. H., Dec. 29, 1826, one of twin daughters of Caleb and Sarah (Reed) Wright. There were 15 children in the family, of whom three survive, one being her twin sister, Mrs. Lyman Rogers of Barre, Mass.

As young girls the twin sisters attended the district schools in Keene. Subsequently Mrs. Putnam attended an academy in Fitchburg, Mass. The two sisters were married in the house in which they were born, May 8, 1850, Rev. Z. S. Barstow performed the double ceremony which made Emeline the wife of Edwin L. Putnam and Caroline the bride of Lyman F. Rogers of Barre, Mass. Mrs. Putnam remained in Keene for three years following her marriage, Mr. Putnam being engaged in the livery business there.

She lived two years in Winchester, N. H., where Mr. Putnam was proprietor of a hotel. He bought the Ashuelot House in Ashuelot, N. H., which later burned and they went there to live. For six years he was in the hotel business in Hinsdale, N. H., and later in Peterboro, N. H., and in 1872 they came to Brattleboro, where Mrs. Putnam had since lived. Mr. Putnam was for many years proprietor of the shoe store near Whetstone bridge now conducted by E. B. Barrows.

In 1900 at their home in Esteyville, called The Pines, a double golden wedding anniversary was observed. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers coming from Barre, Mass., for the occasion, which was unique in the annals of Vermont.

On that notable occasion eight of the then living 12 brothers and sisters of the family of which Mrs. Putnam and Mrs. Rogers were members were present, since the death of her husband in July, 1909, Mrs. Putnam had made her home most of the time with her daughter, Mrs. Barrows.

Mrs. Putnam retained all her life her early love of fun and her great affection for her home and loved ones. She was a member of the Centre Congregational church, and when able to attend was active in the affairs of the church and always retained her interest in the church work.

She leaves four sons and two daughters: Fred W. Putnam of Brattleboro, Frank W. and Arthur Putnam of Los Angeles, Cal., Edwin C. Putnam of St. Paul, Minn., Mrs. E. B. Barrows of Brattleboro and Miss Emma Putnam of Barre, Mass.

She leaves also her twin sister, Mrs. Lyman F. Rogers of Barre, and two other sisters, Mrs. Lucy A. Smith of Evanson, Ill., and Mrs. Martha Jane Thomas of San Diego, Cal.

MRS. MARY (PIERCE) TAFT.

Guilford Center Woman Died at Age of 87—Widow of Horace Taft.

Mrs. Mary Miranda (Pierce) Taft, 87, widow of Horace William Taft, died Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in her home in Guilford Center of general debility caused by old age. She had been in ill health for years.

Mrs. Taft was born in Pittsfield, Mass., May 27, 1828, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Pierce. She was married in Vernon July 4, 1849, and had lived in Guilford many years. She leaves one son, Fred H. Taft, and one daughter, Miss Aurelia D. Taft, both of Guilford Center.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the house, Rev. William Robinson of the West Guilford Baptist church officiating. The burial will take place in the Guilford Center cemetery.

BIRTHS.

In Brattleboro, Jan. 22, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George H. Dwyer.

In Brattleboro, Jan. 21, a daughter, Julie Christine, to Lloyd R. and Julia (Mike) Robinson.

In West Brattleboro (Melrose hospital) Jan. 25, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Carney.

In Londonderry, Jan. 24, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Doane.

MARRIAGES.

In Brattleboro, Jan. 22, by Rev. E. A. Peterson, Frederick George Larson and Ebba Helen C. Anderson, both of Springfield, Mass.

In Brattleboro, Jan. 22, by Carl S. Hopkins, Esq., Lucius K. Kipp and Jessie D. Cruickshank, both of Springfield, Mass.

In Brattleboro, Jan. 21, by Carl S. Hopkins, Esq., Raymond Stuart Brown of Woonsocket, R. I., and Miss Leda Carter of Millbury, Mass.

In Brattleboro, Jan. 24, by Carl S. Hopkins, Esq., John D. Coleman of Boston and Alice Maud Barker of Nashua, N. H.

In Brattleboro, Jan. 22, by Rev. George E. Tomkinson, William Joseph Stone of Springfield, Mass., and Matilda Gibbs of Concord Junction, Mass.

In Brattleboro, Jan. 25, by Carl S. Hopkins, Esq., Clarence F. Jaques of Brattleboro and Edith A. (Lytle) Jeffords of Palatka, Fla.

In West Brattleboro, Jan. 26, by Rev. L. M. Compton, Mark Albee and Miss Ella Derry, both of Fowubend.

In Newfane, Jan. 21, by Rev. Charles W. Meek, Rev. F. M. Wiswall and Miss Lilla Lee Moulton.

DEATHS.

In Brattleboro, Jan. 27, Mrs. Emeline (Wright) Putnam, 89, widow of Edwin L. Putnam.

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Oscar, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley M. Fullam. In Jamaica, Jan. 24, Marden Howe, 35. In Guilford Center, Jan. 26, Mrs. Mary Miranda (Pierce) Taft, 87, widow of Horace William Taft. In Putney, Jan. 25, Miss Elizabeth O'Conner, 15. In the Crystal Springs pond and there will be no more cutting until a decided change in the weather takes place. Only two of the company's ponds have been cut over, the Frost street pond and the Crystal Springs pond. Both of these must be cut over at least once more in order to get sufficient stock for the ice houses at these ponds. When the cutting began on the Crystal Springs pond the ice was 14 inches thick and yesterday the cakes that were being placed in the ice house were only 12 inches in thickness. In floating cakes from the far end of the pond to the elevator yesterday they shrank in thickness one inch. The company has not yet fixed a price for the season.

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