

IN THE MIDST OF SESSIONS

Vermont Masons Meeting in Burlington

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO-DAY

Order Has Lost 52 Members During the Year But Shows a Net Gain of 123--Barre Man is Likely to Be Elected Grand Com.

Burlington, June 11.--The sixty-fifth annual convocation of the grand commandery of Vermont, Knights Templar, met to-day, the second day of Masonic week, Elihu B. Taft of Burlington, grand commander, presiding. The loss by deaths during the past year was fifty-two, double that of a year ago. The total membership is now 2,200, a net gain of 123. The deaths include Past Grand Commander Major N. P. Bowman of St. Johnsbury and Grand Generalissimo George F. Flanders of White River Junction.

Opening of Convention. The Masonic grand bodies of Vermont began their annual sessions yesterday. The day was given over to the council of deliberation. Illustrious Deputy Marsh O. Perkins of Windsor, commander-in-chief, presided, and delivered his annual address. He was re-elected and the following officers were chosen: First lieutenant, commandant, Daniel F. Danforth of St. Albans; second lieutenant, commandant, George H. Kinsley of Burlington; grand treasurer, Charles W. Whitcomb of Proctorsville; grand secretary, Henry H. Ross of Burlington; grand minister of state, Edwin R. True of Newport. Last evening the Vermont consistory exemplified the 27th degree.

WANT MORE PAY.

Providence R. L. Policemen Hand in Petition to That Effect.

Providence, R. I., June 11.--The petition which the policemen of all grades below that of captain have generally signed, asking for an increase in pay, reached the office of the board of police commissioners yesterday. Chairman Lester said he was not in a position to discuss what would be done with it, or what effect it would be likely to have.

At the next meeting there is a strong probability that the board will vote to petition the city council without delay for fifty more patrolmen for the force. This will mean an increase in the police appropriation of approximately \$50,000.

THE CONSEQUENCES FEARED.

Will Be the Holding of Peace Proceedings With Japan.

Washington, D. C., June 11.--In the opinion of the state department the most serious consequence of the present Anti-American agitation in Japan is the inevitable delay it causes in the successful conduct of negotiations pending for the conclusion of a new treaty of commerce and immigration between the two countries. Secretary Root deprecates the sensational publications of the yellow press of both countries and holds that so far it is largely a newspaper campaign, similar to that which had much to do with bringing about the war with Spain.

ALL IN GOOD SHAPE.

And Coach Wray Expects Harvard Crew to Improve Somewhat.

Cambridge, Mass., June 11.--The Harvard varsity crew left for New London at 2 p. m. yesterday for its practice on the Thames in preparation for the race with Yale on the 27th. A large crowd of students gave the crimson crew a rattling cheer as they left for the back station in a special car. The freshmen crew left Cambridge Saturday but the four-oared crew accompanied the varsity.

Coach Wray reported that all his men were in excellent shape and that he looks for a speedy improvement in the next two weeks.

SAYS HE WAS CONVERTED.

Which Gives Him Courage to Make His Confession.

Boise, Idaho, June 11.--Following his veiled intimation on the stand yesterday that he had become converted, Harry Orchard today declares publicly that he has "got religion." He says that since his imprisonment he has become a student of the bible and that within its pages he has found the courage to make his confession and not in the coaching of Detective McFarland, as alleged by attorneys for Hayward. Even the attorneys for the defense admit that Orchard is showing wonderful nerve and coolness.

AMERICANS WIN PRIZES.

Vanderbilt's Four Bays Won Second Money at London Horse Show.

London, June 11.--Americans continue winning at the international horse show. Alfred Vanderbilt's four bays took the second prize yesterday in the competition for parade team. Walter Winans' Maritana won first prize and Lawrence Jones of Louisville, Ky., with Poetry of Motion, took the second prize in the competition for horses carrying one hundred and sixty-eight pounds. Mr. Jones' Jane won third prize in the competition for horses carrying one hundred and ninety-six pounds.

MRS. LAMBERT HELD.

Charged With Abandoning Baby, in Court at Keene, N. H.

Keene, N. H., June 11.--Philonena Lambert, who claims former residence at Burlington, Vt., was before Judge Holmes in police court yesterday, charged with abandoning her two-week-old girl baby in Marlboro Saturday night. She was bound over in bonds of \$300.

The police were told Saturday that Mrs. Lambert was to take the child to Marlboro and Officer Philbrick arranged to drive the team that took her. He testified yesterday to driving her to Cottage street, Marlboro, where she alighted and went a short distance up the street, returning to the team. A boy who followed her at the request of the officer told her leaving the baby on the doorstep of the house of Oscar Hebert, a son of Mrs. Hebert of Troy, who adopted Mrs. Lambert when a baby.

Mrs. Lambert and her brother, as well as her mother, a resident of Troy, claimed that it was all a part of a pre-arranged plan and that it was done this way only to avoid having Mrs. Lambert avoid meeting a person who lived at the Hebert home.

WANTS \$10,000 DAMAGES.

Hotel Owner Sues Lessee of The Berwick at Rutland.

Rutland, June 11.--William H. Valquette, proprietor of the hotel Woodstock, New York, and lessee of The Berwick in this city, was sued yesterday for \$10,000 by Michael Quinn, owner of the Berwick. Mr. Quinn and the defendant have had a dispute, and the former claims that he has suffered damages to the extent named in not being in possession of the hotel from the time he purchased it in November last to date. Mr. Quinn claims that he bought the hotel with the understanding that there was no lease, but shortly afterward Mr. Valquette showed one executed by F. H. Richardson, from whom Quinn purchased the property. There is now a pending in chancery to annul the lease on the ground that Richardson was mentally incapacitated to execute a lease, a guardian having been appointed over him soon afterward.

MELLEN APPEALS FOR HIS MERGER

Says He Is Willing to Have the State Safeguarded, But Urges Early Passage of Bill.

Boston, June 11.--President Mellen of the New York, New Haven and Hartford R. R. appeared before the legislative committee on railroads to-day in behalf of the merger of that railroad with the Boston & Maine. Mellen and his friends urged the committee to report the bill authorizing the merger so that it can be passed by the present legislature. They were willing to have the measure include every safeguard for the state. If the committee decides against them it is likely that the question will go over to the next general court for time would be required for framing a necessary prohibitory bill. Protests against the combine were renewed to-day, a strong one coming from A. D. S. Bell, representing the Massachusetts Real Estate exchange. The hearing will continue all day. It overshadows all other state house business.

STUDENTS GOT GAY.

In Demonstration Over Vermont's Victory Against Williams.

Burlington, June 11.--Dwight Deyette, son of F. A. Deyette of this city, and a student in the university of Vermont, was arrested last night on the charge of breach of the peace, and released on bail of \$50 to be tried in city court.

The arrest grows out of the violent celebration on Saturday evening of the victory over Williams at base ball. On that night a student, who gave the name of Hansen, was arrested for intoxication and breach of the peace, and in city court yesterday morning was fined \$10 and costs.

A warrant is also out for the arrest of a student named Cassidy, whom the police are unable to find. During the riot the students held up the street and hurled eggs freely, ruining the dresses of women passengers and the uniforms of the police and car conductors and motormen.

Opening of Summit House.

W. M. Adams opened the Summit house on Mt. Mansfield Monday. Some snow was found in the road and a large quantity remains on the chin. Mrs. Tina Sargent is housekeeper, Miss Jennie Sanborn and Fred Campbell are also employed.

ANOTHER YOUTH EXPELLED.

Confessed to Cutting Flagstaff Halyards at Brattleboro School.

Brattleboro, June 11.--At a meeting of the committee of the Brattleboro high school held last night John Warren Hamilton, 10, was expelled after confessing that he cut the halyards of the school flagstaff the night before Memorial day. He had been previously suspended and the expulsion followed his confession.

Merrill Whitney and Merrill Bryant had previously been expelled for being implicated in the offense. Three other boys are at present suspended for the affair which caused a stir Memorial day as no flag could be flown from the school building.

WAS 73 YEARS OLD.

Mrs. Charles H. Dale Died Yesterday at Her Home in Waterbury.

Waterbury, June 11.--Mrs. Charles H. Dale, aged 73 years died early Monday morning at the home of her son, George H. Dale, where she and Mr. Dale have been residing for three years. Mrs. Dale has been in poor health for several years, and for the past two weeks had been confined to the bed. The cause of her death was a general breaking down due to old age. She is survived by a husband and one child George H. Dale of this place. She was a member of the Methodist church in Mercester and the funeral services will be held there Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. W. N. Roberts will officiate.

The returns made to the office of the Burlington city clerk show that during the month of May there were 63 births in Burlington, 35 of the number being boys and 28 girls.

TAXED TWICE ON SAME LAND

Civil Authority Board Avoids Unjust Taxation

AGAINST CHARLES MARR

Important Precedent Established Last Night--Board Also Cut Down F. B. Hutchins' List and Refused Offset to C. N. Field.

Several precedents in taxation were established by the board of civil authority at its adjourned meeting, evening the first of which relieved Charles Marr from double taxation, the second permitted F. B. Hutchins to remove a sale agreement from his taxable list and the third refused the appeal of C. N. Field, who asked for offsets on his stock in the Granite Savings Bank and Trust company. A. A. Sargent was chairman of the meeting.

City Attorney Carver reported opinions on all three of the cases. In the first Charles Marr assisted Louis Lancia to buy a farm lying in Barre Town and Plainfield and a bond for a deed was passed. The status of the property, it had been decided, was that the title rested with Mr. Marr, and he was therefore taxed for the farm, partly in Barre Town and partly in Plainfield. Then came the city of Barre and proposed tax Mr. Marr again on the identical property, he being a resident of the city.

City Attorney Carver interpreted the bond for a deed as being similar in operation to a mortgage, and he therefore reported that the city could tax Mr. Marr. Attorney John W. Gordon appeared for Mr. Marr and cited a supreme court opinion to the contrary. The board of civil authority, after voting that the appeal be not dismissed, passed a motion that Mr. Marr's list be reduced by the amount of the agreement.

Short work was then made of the appeal of Mr. Hutchins, on which the city attorney had reported the city had a right to assess, although from the reading of the agreement to sell the tax should be assessed against Maria Hutchins instead of F. B. Hutchins. The board agreed, and the tax list of the said Hutchins was reduced by the amount of the agreement, minus the offset he had entered.

The city attorney reported that, in view of the opinion of the supreme court in declaring the law illegal which refused the right to enter offset by non-residents of the state and the consequent repeal in 1900 of the law, the city of Barre must consider for the purposes of taxation C. N. Field as having the same rights as a resident of the city. Mr. Field's appeal that he had been discriminated against on the ground that he was a non-resident was denied at a previous meeting of the board. The same action was taken at the meeting last evening, however.

M. M. Gordon appeared for the board and asked for a reduction on the assessment on his new house on Hill street on the ground that the building was assessed April 1 as being nearer completion than it really was. The board decided that it could not have any new assessments and told Mr. Gordon that he might go to the board for abatement of taxes later in the year and present the same grievance.

READY FOR DINNER.

To Be Served at Lake Mansfield Club Tomorrow.

Stowe, June 11.--A large party of fishermen are at Lake Mansfield taking a supply of trout for the trout dinner at the annual meeting of the Lake Mansfield Trout club Wednesday. A large number of club members have signified their intention of attending the meeting. Among those at the lake are Commissioners H. G. Thomas, C. E. Edly, C. O. Burt, N. H. Kaiser, N. R. Barrows, H. E. Shaw. They had taken 125 pounds yesterday forenoon.

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HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE.

Paul Tatro Arrested at Vergennes--Alleged Assault Committed.

Vergennes, June 11.--Paul Tatro was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff H. P. Fiskier and placed in jail for safe keeping to await the arrival of an officer from Bristol, where it is reported he is wanted for an assault on the person of a young girl, said to have been committed some time last week.

DEATH OF AMORY E. KINNEY.

Was Native of Plainfield, Where Burial Will Be.

Corinth, June 11.--After an illness of five months, Amory Edson Kinney was released from suffering and taken home Sunday night.

Mr. Kinney was born in Plainfield, July 29, 1824. His early life was spent in Plainfield and Barre. On June 3, 1848, he married Cairn L., daughter of Amherst and Experience (Reed) Perkins. In the fall of 1860 he moved to Vershire where he resided for fourteen years, returning to Plainfield for a single year, after the death of his brother, Charles H. Kinney. In 1875 he moved to Orange county and spent the remainder of his life in Corinth.

After a long and distressing illness, his wife was taken from him and on Nov. 19, 1883, he married Hester Ann Nutt, who cared for him in his years of feebleness and survives him.

He united with the Congregational church in Plainfield while a young man, but removed the relationship to Vershire and later to the Congregational church of Corinth. For many years he assisted in the church music, and in all his long life he was a true student and a member of the Sunday school. He claimed to be one of the oldest Sunday school scholars in the state. His faith and hope grew strong as his body grew weak, and he often quoted, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us" and "like as a father pitied his children, so the Lord pitied them that fear him."

He was always interested in all temperance work and for many years was prominent in the Good Templar organization. In the years 1873-4 he was associate judge of the Orange county court.

His eldest son, Homer L., died about twenty years ago. The surviving children are Frank E. Kinney of Barre and Mrs. George S. Worcester of Thetford. They were with their father at the time of his death.

On Wednesday, June 12, he will be laid to rest in the old "Center yard" in Plainfield, where past grandparents, parents, brothers, sister, wife and child, only Mrs. Wilson Thurston of Barre and Mrs. John Hill of Plainfield are left of the children of Dea. Justus and Lois (Taft) Kinney.

CAUGHT NOTED CRIMINALS

Vergennes Chief of Police Died Sunday Night of Heart Trouble.

Vergennes, June 11.--Stephen Bates, sheriff and chief of police of this city, died suddenly Sunday night of heart disease while milking a cow in the barn of F. L. Fish. He was born of free parents in Shirley, Charles City county, Virginia, in 1842. He lived with the Hill Carter family and had vivid recollections of Gen. Robert E. Lee, the Custises and other prominent families in his native state. His father was a carpenter and Stephen was trained as a waiter.

During the Civil War he was in the service of the officers at Harrison's Landing and afterwards went to Washington. The office of sheriff and chief of police he held for 25 consecutive years. In 1905 Bates was defeated but in 1907 was unanimously re-elected. While chief of police he had the satisfaction of arresting "Brooklyn Slim" and "Ottawa Red," two members of a gang of postoffice burglars, who are now serving life terms in the state prison, and at one time had in his custody a stamp, Perry the New York train robber, but released him before he was informed that the Pinkertons wanted him. Mr. Bates was almost entirely a self-taught man, and in the discharge of the duties of his office was cool and self-restrained, rarely if ever losing his temper. He was survived by a son, Frederick M. Bates, one daughter, Mrs. Raymond Schuyler, both of Worcester, Mass., and two sisters who reside in New York. The funeral will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church some time Wednesday.

SURETY OF PROSPERITY.

Novel Reason Given For Failure in Wall Street Today.

New York, June 11.--A surfeit of prosperity in the pathological realtyman advanced in Wall street for the bankruptcy of Milliken Brothers, structural steel manufacturers and constructors, for whom the judge to-day named August Heckscher, William S. Ward and J. Van Veldten O'cott as receivers, they to give bond in \$500. With a rush of orders the tightness of the money market prevented the company from securing the necessary capital to complete the improvements at its mammoth plant at Marinere Harbor, Staten Island.

REPASS RECOUNT BILL.

Acting Mayor McGowan's Veto Cannot Stop The Assembly.

Albany, N. Y., June 11.--The house last night by a vote of 32 to 17 repassed over the veto of Acting Mayor McGowan of New York, Assemblyman Proctor's bill providing for a judicial recount and canvass of the ballots cast at the mayoralty election of 1905 in New York city. The bill was repassed practically without debate. Four republicans were among those who voted against the bill.

KIRKANE BOY FREED.

Killing of Fellow-Caddy Shown to Be Entirely Accidental.

Boston, June 11.--James F. Kirkane, the 12-year-old country club boy who, on Saturday dealt a death blow to William R. Strain, another caddy, on the Clyde park golf course, was given a private hearing before Judge Perkins in the Brookline municipal court yesterday and was discharged.

Buxton--Wright.

Bellows Falls, June 11.--George S. Buxton, purchasing agent of the Vermont farm machinery company, and Miss Nellie Wright were married yesterday noon at the home of the bride by Rev. G. F. Chapin. After a short trip in an auto they will reside on Cherry street, this city.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Among the arrivals at the City Hotel to-day are F. H. Rupert of Gloverville, N. Y., H. J. Preston of Boston, F. C. Whitman of Boston, E. F. Forsell of Norwich, N. Y., C. J. Huff of Boston and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Sheppard of Burlington.

BLEW SAFE, SMALL BOOTY

Northfield Falls Post Office Burglarized Last Night

OFFICERS NOW SEARCHING

Only About \$80 in Money and Stamps Was Secured But Some Private Papers of the Postmaster Were Carried Away in Drawers.

The post office at Northfield Falls was burglarized last night and the safe blown open. About \$100 in money and stamps was secured and two drawers containing the private papers of the postmaster were carried away, presumably for a more leisurely examination. Sheriff Tracy was notified, and he, with several deputies in Barre, Montpelier and surrounding towns, and also State's Attorney Gates went to that village this morning to investigate.

This is the fourth or fifth time that the Falls post office has been broken into, the last occasion being August 11, 1905. Never before, however, has the safe been blown open as this morning. This leads to the belief that it was professional "yeggsmen" who did the work.

About one o'clock this morning Miss Annie Rich and Mrs. Pierson, who live nearby the post office, which is situated a little off the main part of the village, were awakened by three explosions. They attributed the noise to an earthquake and were surprised therefore that the building did not shake. E. I. Cross, the postmaster, who lives a little further away, also heard sounds, which he thought came from a revolver. No investigation was made at the time.

How Robbers Got In.

This morning at half past five when Mr. Cross went to the Robbins store, in which the post office is located, he found one window smashed open with a railroad coupling pin, the sash and all being carried away. Later Deputy Sheriff H. D. Camp traced this coupling pin and found it came from a freight car on the nearby track.

Inside the post office Mr. Cross found an arrangement of affairs. The robbers had used the coupling pin to break off the knob of the safe. Then they had drilled holes and inserted nitro-glycerine and cement. The floor and desk were covered with debris, and the contents of the safe were removed largely. The two small drawers which the robbers carried away was \$46 belonging to the money order department. On the first of the month from \$90 to \$100 in stamps of smaller dimensions had been received and little had been sold. The stock was all taken. A blue book containing stamps of larger dimensions was not taken by the robbers. Nor did they carry away six central Vermont mileage books and tickets, although they scattered them about the floor a half-burned fuse.

United States Inspector D. J. Rapp of Burlington has been notified and will take charge of the investigation. Thus far there are no clues to the perpetrators of the act.

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NORWICH CADETS REACHED BARRE

Corps Puffed a Little Under the Hottest Sun of the Season--They Made March from Montpelier in Two Hours.

Blowing and puffing under the hottest sun of the summer, the Norwich universal corps of cadets struck Barre this forenoon on their annual "shike" from their quarters in Northfield. The temperature made the boys perspire freely and some of them were a bit bedraggled looking when they marched up through Main street under command of Cadet Major Harry Pratt of Montpelier. They camped at Montpelier last night and left that city early this forenoon. They made the six miles between the two cities in two hours. There were 140 men in line, and a few had taken refuge on top of the five commissary carts which trailed along in the rear.

The cadets will camp to-night on the trotting park and then go along to Willimansett, thence to Brookfield, to Randolph and then back to Northfield, where the tents will be pitched for the closing drills of the college year. The boys are wearing drab uniforms and by the time they reached Barre they had their sleeves rolled up to their elbows. Nevertheless they made a good appearance.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS MEMORIAL

Service in Marshfield Sunday Was Very Impressive.

Marshfield, June 11.--The annual memorial service of the Knights of Pythias was observed in Castle hall Sunday, June 9th, at 2 o'clock p. m. The order entered the hall, followed by Pythian Sisters. The exercises were opened by an organ voluntary, followed by an anthem by the choir, scriptural reading by pastor; solo, "Thine Forever" by Mrs. E. V. Spencer; prayer by Rev. Mr. Currier; duet by Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Davis. The annual address was delivered by Rev. Mrs. Mary Hadley, pastor of the Congregational church, from the text, Isaiah 33-17, "Thine Eyes shall see the King in his beauty, they shall behold the land from very far off."

The address was full of life--furnishing food and thought for every one present and was pronounced by all to be one of the most able productions presented in town for a long time. It received the closest attention to the last by the large number present. The exercises closed with singing by the choir. The procession formed in front of the hall, headed by the uniform rank, followed by Pythian Sisters and citizens and then marched to the village cemetery where the order decorated the graves of their departed brothers.

The hall was very prettily decorated, the singing of the highest order and the exercises throughout were very impressive and will long be remembered by the people of the town.

GODDARD COMMENCEMENT.

Programme Begins June 23 With Baccalaureate.

The programme for the commencement at Goddard seminary, beginning June 23, is as follows: SUNDAY--Sermon before graduation class by Rev. C. C. Conner, Barre. MONDAY--Class day exercises at 2:00 p. m. Concert by musical department at 8:00 p. m. TUESDAY--Alumni day. Annual meeting of the trustees at 10:00 a. m. Annual Alumni meeting at 10:00 a. m. Annual literary exercises at 11:00 a. m. Oration, Prof. David L. Mansbury. Tufts college, Mass. Annual Alumni dinner at 12:30. Prize speaking in opera house at 8:00 p. m.

NO PROPOSITION MADE

To Transfer Manchester Team to Rutland, He Said.

Manchester, June 11.--Manager James E. McDonald and his West Manchester players will leave here Tuesday evening at nine o'clock for a series of six games in Vermont, Wednesday and Thursday they will play at Burlington and on Friday and Saturday at Barre-Montpelier. When asked yesterday afternoon relative to the transfer of the West Manchester nine to Rutland, Vt., Manager McDonald said that no such proposition had been made to him.

LEAGUE MEETING TONIGHT.

Which May Make or Break The New Hampshire League.

The fast Laconia team plays Barre-Montpelier at Intercity park this afternoon and then the two teams go to Plattsburg, where the New Yorkers will be given a chance to see if they want the Laconia franchise. A league meeting will be held in Burlington this evening to size up the situation and see if Rutland, Malone and Plattsburg want to come in. Burlington has released Manager John Leighton and for the present T. K. Milne will act as manager.

SHERIFF SHOWED 'EM.

Alcohol Band Put to Work Digging Ditches in Montpelier.

Montpelier, June 11.--Nine of the alcohol band were taken from jail yesterday and with pick and shovel were put at work digging on Main street up the new water mains. Sheriff Tracy took a hand with a shovel to see the men a good example. Most of them took kindly to the work, although "Jim" Burke, an old offender, declared it was "white slavery."

HORSES ON THE TRACK.

State Fair Grounds Are Being Fixed Up for Racing.

White River Junction, June 11.--Contractor P. E. Adams with a force of workmen has commenced work on the new grandstand at the state fair grounds. The old buildings have been put in first class condition and the track is nearly completed. There are a number of fine horses already on the grounds.

FILE PETITION AGAINST HIM

Some Creditors of Thomas Brady Try Bankruptcy

CLAIMING OVERT ACTS

Alleged That He Gave Preference to E. Spear of Burlington--His Store on South Main Street Has Been Closed Over a Week.

An involuntary bankruptcy petition was filed in the district clerk's office in Burlington yesterday against Thomas Brady, a merchant of this city who has been doing a clothing and men's furnishing business in the Bolster building on North Main street. Mr. Brady is charged with having committed acts of bankruptcy by concealing \$4,000 worth of assets while insolvent and furthermore by preferring one creditor over the others. Ellis Spear of Burlington is the creditor referred to, and it is alleged that Brady executed a chattel mortgage, conveying to Spear nearly all of his stock of merchandise and store furnishings, the mortgage being conditional for the payment of debts amounting to \$2,190.40.