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SUPERINTENDENTS OF FAIR

FEW CHANGES IN MANAGEMENT OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

Stockholders Will Hereafter Receive Detailed Statement from Officers 10 Days Before Annual Meeting—Names Added to Board of Directors.

In addition to the principal officers elected at the annual meeting of the Valley Fair association last week Friday the following department superintendents were chosen: Horses, E. M. Angier and G. E. Gilman; cattle, H. G. Clark and H. J. Richmond; dairy, P. S. Eames and O. T. Ware; sheep and swine, F. A. Sargent and G. E. Thomas; poultry, W. F. Goddard and F. D. E. Stover; floral hall, H. W. Sargent; agricultural hall, A. W. Roel and C. A. Evans; mechanics hall, E. D. Whitney and A. W. Rockwell; food show, Miss Lillian Higley; pet stock, L. M. Keneston and Harry Hayward; school exhibit, E. F. Howard; Smith Margarette E. Tucker, E. Burr Smith and Wesley E. Nims. It was voted to leave the matter of superintending the bench show to the Valley Fair Kennel club, subject to the approval of the executive board of the association.

President George W. Pierce, in discussing the present condition of the association, stated that there was no cause for alarm over the small deficit. The executive committee, he said, had made some mistakes in increasing the premiums so much in certain departments but it would not do to reduce them to what they formerly were. Mr. Pierce advised a reduction of \$500 in the advertising appropriation, a reduction in the cattle premiums and in the purses offered for the trotting. He also favored making a rule to prevent the association receiving more cattle than it can accommodate. He said he thought the vaudeville should be replaced and more work put into getting good horses for the track events. In closing, Mr. Pierce said there was no likelihood that the stockholders would ever receive a dividend but that that was not the purpose of the association.

H. R. Lawrence argued in favor of a system of accounting whereby it would be possible to know the exact number of people in attendance each day of the fair, and the exact profits from the different sources of revenue. He offered the following resolution, which was passed unanimously:

Resolved: That the stockholders elect a board of auditors to meet 15 days before the annual meeting of the association and verify and examine the accounts of the officers, which shall then be printed and mailed to each stockholder of the association 10 days previous to the annual meeting.

In pursuance of this resolution H. R. Chamberlain, G. L. Dunham and H. P. Wellman were chosen auditors.

J. L. Martin offered an amendment to the by-laws making the executive board elected by the stockholders, and the chair appointed Mr. Martin, J. P. Hooker and L. F. Adams, a nominating committee to prepare a list of candidates. This committee substituted the name of L. E. Holden for that of F. Houghton, resigned, and the executive board was elected as given in The Reformer of last week. At the close of the election the chair appointed a list of committees to revise the premiums in the different departments and report after dinner.

About 200 stockholders and directors partook of the dinner, which was served at the Brooks House dining room at 1 o'clock. Leitinger's orchestra furnished music. After dinner short speeches were made by Prof. Harry Keneston of West Brattleboro, Dr. E. R. Campbell of Bellows Falls and Dr. H. D. Holton of Brattleboro. Prof. Hayward spoke of the methods used in conducting the western fairs and urged the need of interesting young men in the work. Mr. Keneston told several good stories and offered a toast to the Valley Fair—"the fairest of all fairs."

Dr. Campbell commented on the work of the fair as an educational institution and related a number of amusing anecdotes. Dr. Holton took as his subject tuberculosis and gave a description of the methods used in fighting that disease.

The following names were added to the advisory board of directors: W. B. Warren, P. H. Miller, A. C. Jones, A. A. Fairbanks and O. J. Hale of Halifax; E. E. Perry, A. P. Carpenter, W. H. Heywood, Dr. L. S. Edwards and W. R. Mann of Brattleboro; C. P. Aldrich, F. S. Pier, H. J. Field of Greenfield; G. G. Gallup, E. E. Henry and E. D. Convey of Guilford; H. G. Everlett of Putney; A. L. Wheeler of Wardsboro; G. O. Davis of Newfane; H. C. Bruce of Sharon; G. S. Smith and J. O. Bruce of Hinsdale; N. H.; H. M. Roberts of Jacksonville; Dr. J. R. Bement of Orange, Mass.; E. L. Welcome of West Chesterfield, N. H.; Atwood Sargent, Z. A. Edson and P. A. Edson of Cheshire; G. P. Newton of Barnardston; D. B. Cole of Keene; N. H.; P. E. Nesmith of Surrey, N. H.; W. F. Brigham of Winchester; E. H. F. R. Mann of Wilmington and D. M. Cobb of Wardsboro.

Investigation of "Vagrancy" Case.

John N. Woodfin of Rutland, president of the board of state prison and house of correction directors, has turned over to Atty. Gen. C. C. Fitts for investigation the case of former Postmaster Manley Clark, of Groton, sentenced to the house of correction by Justice of the Peace J. C. Harvey, Friday, Jan. 19, for six months on a charge of vagrancy. Action is taken in the belief that the case may substantiate the mileage graft charge of Supt. D. L. Morgan. Clark claims that he had just returned from the west and was visiting at the house of a friend in Groton when arrested. He says he pleaded not guilty but refused a trial when told that it would make unnecessary costs.

DIARIES

and daily reminders for 1906

CLAPP & JONES

"I will see you later,"

the man said as he closed the conversation with the agent about insurance. But he met the underwriter first. Don't close your conversation until you close your insurance. 50th St., New York.

H. E. TAYLOR & SON, Gen. Agts., Crosby Block, Brattleboro, Vt.

CROWELL'S PROPOSITIONS

THREE OFFERS HE MADE TO THE WATER BOARD LAST WEEK.

Two Systems Completed to Proposed Reservoir on Atkinson Farm for \$260,000—Other Propositions Would Cost Village \$275,000 and \$345,000.

On account of the fact that some of the figures made by George E. Crowell to the village water board last week Monday evening have been made public, presumably by some member of the board itself, Mr. Crowell has decided to make public the full text of the three propositions he made the board. They are as follows:

Proposition No. 1.

Chestnut Hill system complete, with Sunset Lake system completed to proposed reservoir on Atkinson farm. We will sell to the village the entire system of the Chestnut Hill Reservoir company, and include therewith the entire property that the Sunset Lake Water company now has, which is as follows: A 16-inch pipe line complete from the main of the Chestnut Hill Reservoir company near the house of Samuel Sargent to the point of the proposed reservoir on the Atkinson farm in Pleasant Valley; (this is all complete except the laying of the pipe on the upper portion of the line, the ditch is all dug and the pipe is laid on a large number in this town, and it is his wish to have here a hospital where surgery may be practised under the most favorable sanitary conditions obtainable.

Negotiations have been entered into with Mrs. Levi J. Strong, who is in Batesburg, S. C., for the purchase or lease of her property in West Brattleboro, formerly known as the Melrose hotel, and if arrangements can be made the work of transforming this building into a hospital will begin immediately. If, however, this property cannot be obtained the hospital association has in mind others, and it is not improbable that a hospital will be built.

Proposition No. 2.

This proposition includes the right to take all the water that will flow through a pipe 12 inches in diameter at any head from a point on Sticksy brook, 50 feet below the junction of said brook and the Hack Townshend brook, so called, and the right to lay such pipe according to the plan made by Engineer Davis, from thence to the head of Pleasant Valley; also the right to raise and lower Marlboro North pond on Sunset lake four feet, to wit, to raise it to a point as high as the top of the granite post marked with the letter C on the north side thereof near the outlet of said pond, and to lower it to a point four feet below the top of said pond. This proposition also includes 5,800 feet of steel pipe, 12 inches in diameter, opposite the railroad track at the quarry at West Dunmoreton, being sufficient pipe for the pipe line from Sticksy brook to Pleasant Valley. This includes on the Atkinson farm all the land that will be necessary for the construction of a dam of sufficient height and length to make a reservoir of 60,000,000 gallons and all the land to be flooded by said reservoir with suitable and sufficient rights to lay the pipe thereto, and to enter upon to repair and rebuild the same.

For the foregoing property the village shall cancel its debt against the said Chestnut Hill Reservoir company, and assume the \$125,000 mortgage bonds on the property of the Chestnut Hill Reservoir company, interest having been paid thereon to Jan. 1st, 1906, and shall pay to said Crowell and said companies, upon the delivery of title deeds, the sum of \$130,000. The Chestnut Hill Reservoir company is turned over subject to the rights which certain parties claim to shores of water from the old Hines aqueduct, so called.

This includes proposition No. 1 with the addition of the following: A dam on Sticksy brook, at a point thereon 50 feet below the junction of the said brook and the Hack Townshend brook; said dam to be of masonry and concrete; a dam of sufficient thickness and 10 feet in height and not less than 8 feet thick at the bottom and not less than 4 feet thick at the top. There shall be used in the construction thereof the best quality of Portland cement. There shall be built with said dam a gate house, 6x8 feet in size, of stone and masonry, with sufficient screens, valves and outlet for connecting with the pipe line hereafter provided for to properly control the flow of water there. There shall also be provided in said dam a 20 inch waste pipe with waste gate at the bottom of the dam, and the overflow shall be 10 feet high and the remaining portions of the dam two feet higher. All the trees, roots, soil, mould and other vegetable matter shall be removed from the territory to be dowed by said dam. There shall be provided suitable and proper paving to compel the dam to receive the overflow. The 12 inch steel pipe included in proposition No. 1 shall be laid from said dam and connected with the outlet thereof, along the course indicated and shown on the plan and profile of the engineer Davis, to Pleasant Valley. The pipe shall be laid at the bottom of a trench four feet deep, as nearly as can be made from the grade as shown on said plan, but in all cases at a depth to prevent freezing while water shall be running there-in. At all places where bridge work is required the pipe shall be boxed in sawdust to prevent freezing. The pipe shall be covered in said trench, and shall be thoroughly joined to prevent leakage. Where the pipe line shall cross the Washer brook, so called, and the brook immediately north thereof, there shall be provided at each point a suitable tee or intake to take into the pipe line the water of said two brooks, which intake shall be protected by proper screens and gates. The water rights to be conveyed shall include

Proposition No. 3.

Application was made Wednesday to the secretary of state of New Hampshire for a charter for a corporation to be known as the Dr. E. R. Lynch Hospital Association. The charter, if granted in the form requested, will give the corporation a right to own and conduct a hospital in Cheshire county, N. H., or Windham county, Vt., and to maintain in connection with the hospital a training school for nurses, who shall receive the degree of "graduate nurse" on completion of the course to the satisfaction of those in charge. The people principally interested in the project are Dr. Lynch, F. H. Howard, P. C. Gale and Myron P. Davis.

The purpose of the corporation is the establishment of a hospital at which all kinds of medical and surgical cases may be treated, and Dr. Lynch is to be the head of the institution. During the past two years Dr. Lynch has taken over 400 patients to the Farren hospital in Montague, Mass., besides operating on a large number in this town, and it is his wish to have here a hospital where surgery may be practised under the most favorable sanitary conditions obtainable.

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Proposition No. 4.

We, the undersigned seamstresses, needle women, shop girls, citizens and physicians of Brattleboro, hereby request your honorable board to admit Dr. Edward Lynch of said Brattleboro as a member of the advisory hospital board and attending staff of said hospital and to allow him to operate upon, attend and minister to such patients as he may desire, agreeably to the rules and regulations governing said advisory hospital board and attending staff at said Brattleboro Memorial Hospital.

This petition has not been generally circulated as yet, but it already fears the names of a large number of people including those of James F. Hooker, E. W. Gibson, A. V. May, F. H. Howard, F. S. Knight and others. When the Brattleboro Memorial hospital boards were organized Dr. Lynch's name did not appear as a member of any of them, and in consequence he has not been allowed to practice in that institution. There are many people in Brattleboro who think that no person should be obliged to choose between the physician whom he desires and the privileges of the hospital, and they are willing to do all in their power to secure the addition of Dr. Lynch's name to the advisory board and attending staff of the institution in question. The hospital directors have not, as far as is known, given any concrete reason why Dr. Lynch has been ignored, but they do not care to discuss the matter at present.

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PLAN ANOTHER HOSPITAL

CHARTER ASKED FOR DR. E. R. LYNCH HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

Those Interested in Project Are Negotiating for Sale or Lease of Melrose Hotel Property in West Brattleboro—Will Build If Necessary.

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ASK DR. LYNCH'S ADMSSION

As a Member of the Advisory Board of the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital.

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IRREGULARITIES CHARGED

ATTEMPT TO OUST ATTORNEY GENERAL FITTS.

Petition Presented to Supreme Court Returned Because Not Properly Sworn To—Movement Supposed to Be Result of Personal Feeling.

Brattleboro people were startled to read in the Boston Herald Wednesday morning that a petition, embodying sensational charges against Attorney General Clarke C. Fitts, had been presented to the Vermont supreme court at Montpelier the night before by Lawyer John D. Spellman of Rutland. The Herald despatch, which was dated Monday but in reality was sent out from Rutland, stated that the petition asked for the removal of Mr. Fitts from the office of attorney general and went on to say that the charges were of a sensational nature.

As a matter of fact a petition of this nature was presented to Chief Judge Rowell Tuesday evening and he stated last evening that the document had been returned because it had not been properly sworn to. Mr. Fitts himself was in Montpelier on Tuesday evening but returned to Brattleboro Wednesday. When asked about the petition he said, "I don't know what the charges are or who made them, but I am ready, as soon as any charges are filed, to meet them at once."

Lawyer Spellman was called up over the telephone yesterday by a local newspaper man, but the ex-mayor of Rutland refused to be interviewed about the matter although he admitted that the petition had been returned. When asked for the names of the signers of the document he said he was not at liberty to give them, but referred to the newspaper man to Frank L. Hunt. Mr. Hunt admitted yesterday that he had signed the petition but would give no other names.

Nearly everyone in Brattleboro is of the opinion that the petition is the result of personal feeling against Mr. Fitts, and there are few who believe that the alleged charges will hold water. The fact that the charges were not sworn to would seem to indicate that the makers are somewhat shaky about their ground, and many friends of Mr. Fitts believe that the petition was filed solely for the purpose of throwing mud at the attorney general.

From persons who have seen the petition the Reformer has learned the following about it: The petition requests the supreme court to take such action in the premises as it deems necessary after reciting various instances in which it is alleged that Attorney General Fitts has acted in bad faith toward his clients. Among these instances is the case against Smith & Smith company, at that time Smith & Hunt, when Fitts was employed by an out of the state firm to collect a claim against this company about which there was some disagreement. The claim, it is stated, was promptly paid by the Smith company to Mr. Fitts, who deposited the money to his own credit and subsequently wrote the creditors that the matter had not been adjusted and that they would receive their money as soon as it was adjusted.

A second charge is that Mr. Fitts, at the time he was state's attorney and was the prosecuting officer in liquor cases under the old prohibitory law, secured money from a proprietor of the American house, and presumably a violator of the liquor laws, without adequate security. Definitely it is said that he gave the hotel man a check for several hundred dollars which the latter advanced to him on request, there being no funds at the bank to meet the check.

A third charge is that Mr. Fitts was guilty of double dealing in his relations with a client, D. P. Prescott, in a suit known as the Bartlett-Prescott suit, which has been through the county court and in which judgment was given against Mr. Prescott, now of Vernon, for a large sum of money. Mr. Prescott has sought relief for what he claims was unfair treatment, but to no purpose. The last phase of this case was a trial at Newfane last fall, when Mr. Fitts sued Mr. Prescott for his fees as the auditor. A. V. D. Piper of Jamaica, finding that there was no ground whatever in the charges of double dealing. The

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