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PLAN CONFERENCE

Secretary of Chamber of Commerce of Syracuse Expects to Have Representatives From All Sections of the United States at Meeting to Find Out Reason For High Prices.

New York, Jan. 18.—There is to be, if hard work and persistent effort will bring it about, a great conference of the commercial bodies of New York State at Syracuse in March or April, for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, the real cause for the high prices of all food products to the consumer.

Carlos C. Clark, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Syracuse, has discussed this matter with the more important commercial bodies of New York State for the purpose of securing, if possible, the largest representation of business men, transportation representatives, those representing the farming interests, country editors, and all others interested in the vital question of the high cost of living. At the same time, Clark and others, are to invite others interested in the subject from outside the State, including representatives from the fruit sections of Oregon, California and Washington, and representatives from the middle West, far West, East and South, all having to do with food products.

LUMBER MILL DESTROYED.

Fire Consumes Plant of Follenby & Peck at St. Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 18.—The lumber mill of Follenby & Peck in Summitville on the east side of the village was destroyed by fire early this morning. The fire was discovered between 12 and 1 o'clock and spread rapidly. The mill and its contents and several sheds nearby were burned also a storehouse filled with lumber. The large amount of snow on the roof and the fact that no wind was blowing, saved the surrounding property. The fire probably started from an overheated box in the shafting.

The loss is estimated between \$7,000 and \$8,000, and the insurance is \$5,000. The proprietors of the mill are Curtis C. Follenby and Charles E. Peck. The company was just beginning the winter work of logging and in consequence, the mill was not stocked as heavily as would have been the case later in the season.

PRICE ADVANCED AGAIN.

Manufacturers of Hosiery and Underwear Decide to Put on 25 Per Cent More.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 18.—With the price of hosiery and underwear already 50 per cent higher than it was a year ago, the manufacturers of the country have just decided to put on another 25 per cent so that, as they say, they can get some profit out of the business. Not only does the 50 per cent increase apply to these two textile products, but has been made also in every line of textiles in the manufacture of which cotton is used, and the additional advance agreed upon will also apply to cotton goods of all sorts.

THIRTY NEW CASES.

Washington County Court to Have Busy Session at March Term.

Thirty civil cases have already been entered at the office of County Clerk Melville E. Smilie for the March docket of the Washington County Court, in addition to a large number of State cases, most of which have been noted before. The sitting of the court is now a month and a half off, but judging from the rate at which new cases have been coming in lately, there should be a long list for the jury. The following are the cases which have been entered recently, the greater part of them coming in within the past few days.

Virgil E. Ayers vs. David J. Boyce, appeal by both parties.

Concord Iron and Metal Company vs. Frank H. Bailey.

George Oldham & Son Company vs. William Whistart, appeal filed Jan. 17.

D. T. Harvey vs. Thomas J. Cavery; Thomas J. O'Brien vs. Thomas J. Cavery.

Thomas H. O'Brien vs. Patrick J. Cavery.

Joseph Perkins vs. Ellen J. Gleason.

Joanna Legier vs. John Plunkett; William Lccarni vs. Louis Testa and Augustino Provoslav.

Faul Beaulieu vs. Peter Beaulieu; M. G. McKinstry vs. H. Mirinham; George H. Hutchins vs. Emphie Granite & Quarry Company; D. B. G. Granite Company and Springfield Granite Company.

Frank E. Graham vs. Shepard and Morse Lumber Company.

John McMahon vs. City of Montpelier.

Estate of Enosh A. Vincent vs. Hiram L. Sparrow.

Maurice Lanouague vs. Jones Brothers Company.

R. W. Heath vs. Hiram Hastings; Edward T. Brown vs. Charles Cilley.

TO TEST CORPORATION TAX.

Case To Be Heard in Brattleboro Before Judge Martin.

Brattleboro, Jan. 18.—Stella P. Flint of Windsor as general guardian of the property of Samuel N. Stone Jr., a minor, has brought a bill in equity in the United States Circuit Court before Judge J. L. Martin against the Stone Tracy Company, Frank B. Tracy, Ida S. Tracy and L. B. Hayward, directors of the company, also of Windsor.

The case will test the constitutionality of the corporation tax law passed by Congress and approved by the President August 5, 1909. It will be heard in Brattleboro on Thursday before Judge Martin.

The bill of complaint sets forth that the Stone Tracy Company is a corporation created and chartered by the State of Vermont and that its principal place of business is Windsor. Under its charter the defendant corporation has been carrying on a retail mercantile business. The bill further alleges that under the provisions of the corporation tax law it became necessary for the firm to file statements of the indebtedness of the corporation and give information as to all departments of its business and pay a tax of one per cent upon the entire net income over \$5000.

The bill states that the orator further believes that the provisions of the tax on corporations requiring the filing of such information are null and void, and the requirements to pay the tax are burdens upon the charter granted by the State of Vermont and are a tax upon a function of sovereignty belonging to the State of Vermont, which was never agreed to either expressly or by invocation by the State or by the people when Vermont was admitted as a State into the Union.

It is alleged that the said acts of Congress are in violation of the fifth amendment to the Constitution, as under the provisions of the law the defendant corporation will be deprived of its property, through publicity of its business, the privacy of its affairs will be largely destroyed and its chief competitor and all other persons will be able to gain an intimate knowledge of its affairs and its trade secrets, and the assessment if made will be laid upon the defendant corporation and not upon its chief competitor.

It is alleged that the provisions of the act are unconstitutional, in that the private property of the defendant corporation will be taken, that it is a violation of the fourth amendment to the constitution and violates the right of the defendant corporation to be secure in its records against unreasonable search and seizure, and are burdens to the charter and franchise covered by the State of Vermont. It is further alleged that the act is a violation of the tenth amendment to the Constitution in that the requirements are a tax upon and an interference with the powers of the State of Vermont and other States expressly reserved to grant charters. It is also a violation of the constitution because the so-called special excise tax is in reality a direct tax upon a charter and franchise of the defendant corporation and upon all other corporations, and it is not apportioned among the several States according to their population as required by the constitution, it is alleged.

It is asked that the provisions of the act of Congress be decided as unconstitutional and that the defendant be restrained from voluntarily complying with the provisions of the said act.

WARNED AGAINST SMALLPOX.

State Board of Health Sends Out Precautionary Letter to Health Officers.

Brattleboro, Jan. 18.—Dr. Henry D. Holton, secretary and executive officer of the State Board of Health, issued the following bulletin this afternoon to the town and city health officers throughout Vermont.

"Information has been received that small pox is prevalent in Massachusetts towns and that one or more cases have developed in Keene, N. H. We would call the attention of physicians and local health officers to the State to this fact, warning them to be vigilant and see that cases do not present themselves in their respective towns, promptly quarantining all suspicious cases to the end that the disease may not obtain a foothold in any part of the State."

HEARINGS ON RECOMMITMENTS.

St. Johnsbury Judge of Probate Adjusting Matters Upset by New Ruling.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 18.—There have been thirty-six hearings in probate court before Judge W. P. Smith here in the matter of the commitment of insane patients under the new ruling. In each of these thirty-six cases papers will be issued for recommitment. There are four or five more cases to be heard.

\$5,000,000 INCREASE

Policy Holders and Directors in Session Yesterday and Organization For 1910 Perfect—Reports From Various Departments Encouraging—Gain of 70 Percent in Last Decade.

At the annual meeting of the policy holders of the National Life Insurance Company, held at the home offices in this city yesterday morning, the following directors were present: George Briggs, William P. Dillingham, Joseph A. DeBoer, Harry M. Cutler, James B. Estee, William W. Stickey, James L. Martin, George H. Olmstead of Cleveland, O., Charles P. Smith, Fred A. Howland, Charles W. Gammons of Boston, Mass.

The board organized by electing the following officers: President, Joseph A. DeBoer; vice-president, Fred A. Howland; second vice-president, James B. Estee; secretary, Osman D. Clark; treasurer, Harry M. Cutler; medical director, Dr. Arthur B. Bisbee; assistant medical director, Dr. E. A. Colton; inspectors, George Briggs, Frank A. Dwinell, Frank M. Bryan.

All members of the board of directors were present yesterday except Fletcher D. Proctor, who has gone to San Francisco on business in connection with the Vermont Marble Company's branch there, and John G. McCullough, who is detained in New York by the death of two of his friends, D. O. Mills and Spencer Trask, both of whom died recently. Senator Dillingham returned to Washington late yesterday afternoon.

Previous to the meeting mentioned above the policyholders met and elected the following directors whose terms had expired, who will serve for four years: Joseph A. DeBoer, F. D. Proctor and H. M. Cutler. These directors were elected to succeed themselves. The policy holders heard the reports of the president and officers of the company, all of which were approved and accepted.

At the meeting of the directors the reports of the various officers, giving a detailed and analytical review of the business experiences of all departments, were read and accepted, all of them being of voluminous proportions, and will make a large-sized book when put in printed form. The total income of the company for the year 1909 was \$8,418,275.40, the disbursements for the same period amounting to \$5,118,122.92, the income saved amounting to \$3,300,152.48. The company's gross assets are \$47,490,998.85, the increase in the assets being nearly \$3,500,000, while the increase in insurance amounted to \$5,040,934.46. A few cents, \$1,377,779 was distributed among policy holders during the year 1909. Of the last named sum \$185,965.40 was given to the Vermont policy holders, of which there are more than 3,000. Vermonters took out more than 532 policies during the year 1909 representing an insurance of \$806,553.95, the total number of policies issued during the year in the State in which the company does business being 9821.

During the year 1909 the company paid to beneficiaries the sum of \$1,577,115.49 in settlement of death claims, which is \$475,952.89 less than the receipts for interest and rents, a result that is considered very satisfactory.

In the medical director's report of the cause of death, it is interesting to note that the average duration of a policy runs from eight to something over 15 years, the result being obtained by taking an average of the various causes of death under which head the general disease is listed.

In just a decade the company has gained 70 per cent in insurance, and 167 per cent in assets, which is considered a very remarkable showing throughout the insurance world.

WILL MANAGE BUSINESS.

The A. G. Stone Jewelry Store to Be in Hands of Wayne M. Reed.

The Arthur G. Stone jewelry store which has been closed for the past few days on account of the death of Mr. Stone, will open up this morning under the management of Wayne M. Reed, doing business along the same lines and with the same policy as heretofore. Mr. Reed has been in the Stone store for the past 12 years, coming here December 12, 1905 from Waltham, Mass., where he had been in the adjusting department of the Waltham watch works, and has remained in continuous employment at this store ever since. Last December he was given the management of the store as the late owner wished to retire from active business cares and Mr. Reed has managed the store since.

Arrested for Intoxication.

Frank Coburn of Berlin was arrested Wednesday afternoon charged with intoxication on January 15. Later he was arraigned and sentenced to pay a fine of \$15 and costs and to serve 30 days in jail. He paid the costs, the remainder of the sentence being suspended on account of his aged mother who is a widow and who is supported by Coburn.

HEARD TELEPHONE COMPLAINT.

Public Service Commission Hears Witnesses in Complaint Brought By State.

Newport, Jan. 18.—A hearing on the petition of State's Attorney Robert Simonds of St. Johnsbury and W. M. Wright of Barton for an investigation of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company and Passumpsic Telephone Company by the Public Service Commission, was held here today before Commissioners J. W. Redmond and S. Hollister Jackson. The officers of the Passumpsic Company were present, and testified relative to the plant rates, etc., of said company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company furnished expert evidence relative to its plant equipment and traffic conditions. E. W. Longley, auditor of the New England and Passumpsic Companies, produced books, trial balances and data, showing inside information relative to the New England Company and its relations with the Passumpsic company.

William B. C. Stickney of Ludlow appeared for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and Alexander Dunnett for the Passumpsic Company. The prosecuting attorneys, assisted by Attorney General John G. Sargent, examined no witnesses other than those furnished by the telephone companies and the case was continued to April 5th to allow time in which to secure expert evidence.

There will be a hearing tomorrow at 1 o'clock to investigate the fatal accident to William Johnson, who was killed near the Boston & Maine round house.

WILL PURCHASE WHARF.

City Meeting of Burlington Voters Decides in Favor of the Scheme.

Burlington, Jan. 18.—Burlington placed itself on record for the second time as being in favor of a public dock this evening, at a city meeting, when the question was passed by a majority of 452, a thousand votes being cast. A resolution was passed authorizing the city council to pledge the credit of the city for the issue of bonds for a sum not exceeding \$27,500 for the purchase of a wharf at the foot of College street from the Central Vermont railroad.

The court will issue a decree extending College street to the lake and giving the city the same contingent upon the purchase of the Central Vermont wharf.

The action tonight registered another victory for Mayor Burke, as the wharf proposition was a part of his scheme.

RICHFORD STATION AFFECTED.

Chinese Immigration to Be Handled By Boston Bureau.

Boston, Jan. 19.—Beginning the first of February there will be a big change in Chinese immigration into the United States, and the port of Boston will be much affected. At that time all of the stations along the Canadian border through which Chinese have been admitted in the past will be closed up, upon order of Secretary Charles Nagel of the Department of Commerce and Labor, and thereafter the bulk of the Chinese immigration in the eastern half of the United States will be through the local port and under the Boston Chinese inspectors.

There are three border stations affected, one at Malone, N. Y., another at Richford, Vt., and the third at Portal, N. D. Formerly there was one also at Sarnia, Wash.

It was the intention of Secretary Nagel to have all Chinese immigrants seeking entrance into the United States examined at Vancouver, B. C., and, if eligible, enter this country at Seattle, but the Canadian Pacific railroad made arrangements to carry the Chinese immigrants bound for Eastern points in the United States across the Canadian continent to Halifax, N. S., thence send them to Boston on the steamers of the Plant line and have them examined by the inspectors here. Boston being a statutory port which could not be closed on a departmental order.

A VENERABLE WOMAN DEAD.

Mrs. Pauline Johnson Was 95 Years of Age.

The death of Mrs. Pauline Johnson, one of the oldest residents of Worcester occurred shortly after 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mrs. Johnson was 95 years of age and was a native of Calais, and married Arch Dwinell. Her second husband was James Johnson whose death occurred some years ago. Mrs. Johnson had resided in Worcester the last quarter century, having previously lived in Keene, N. H., and Morrisville.

WATER SITUATION SERIOUS.

White River Junction Residents Take Measures to Secure Fire Protection.

White River Junction, Jan. 18.—The water famine at White River Junction was the subject of a well attended meeting at that place Monday night. It developed that the hydrant system had failed for fire protection, and that only a few places on the "Point" had any water at all. Water is being sold by the gallon for drinking purposes and for other purposes snow and river water are generally used.

It was voted to authorize the prudential committee to buy not more than three chemical engines. Robert E. Smith, R. S. Meech, N. P. Wheeler and Charles H. Green were appointed as a committee to investigate possible sources of water supply and expenses of construction to act in connection with the prudential committee. An adjourned meeting to hear their report will be held Jan. 31.

DISCUSSED TUBERCULOSIS TESTS

Semi-annual Meeting of Vermont Veterinarians Held at White River Jet.

White River Junction, Jan. 18.—The semi-annual meeting of the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association was held here today and the following officers elected: President, D. K. Eastman of Newport; first vice-president, A. H. H. Lewis of Barre; second vice-president, O. E. Barr of Barre; secretary and treasurer, George T. Stevenson of Burlington; executive committee, Dr. G. D. Wood, Dr. Welsh and Dr. Prouty. The tuberculin and mulline tests for animals were discussed.

DISCRIMINATION CHARGED.

State's Attorney Benjamin Gates Files Petition With Public Service Commission Against the Central Vermont Railroad—Unfair Rates on Rough Granite the Cause of the Complaint.

Claiming unfair, unjust and discriminatory rates on the shipment of rough granite, State's Attorney Benjamin Gates has brought a petition against the Central Vermont railroad and asks the Vermont Public Service Commission for a hearing for the adjudication of the same. The petition, which went to the commission yesterday, asserts that rough granite is shipped over the Central Vermont railroad from Barre to certain points at disproportionate rates stating specifically that the rate from Barre to Waterbury is 17 cents a ton, from Barre to St. Albans 25 cents a ton, whereas from Barre to Burlington it is \$1.80 per ton.

The petition, although not tagged, is presumably brought at the instigation of Burlington interests, which claim that they are discriminated against in competition with Waterbury and St. Albans in the granite industry. The petition states, as a basis for further comparison, that the rate from Barre to Waterbury is one-half a cent per mile per ton, and from Barre to Burlington it is four cents.

State's Attorney Gates is acting under section 4612 of the Vermont statutes, which gives the right of initiative to the State's Attorney, as well as to the attorney general or ten or more freeholders of the State. He asks the Public Service Commission to fix a schedule of rates which shall be just fair and non-discriminatory since the commission is given that power under section 4525, which reads:

"When in the judgment of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, after investigation and hearing, upon reasonable notice to all parties interested, it appears that any of the rates, tariffs or charges posted as provided in the second preceding section, are excessive, unjust, unreasonable or discriminatory it shall, by order made in the premises, determine and describe what will be a just and reasonable rate, tariff or charge."

Mrs. CATHERINE SIMMONS DEAD.

Had Been Falling Gradually For Days—Funeral Services Friday.

The death of Mrs. Catherine M. Fitzgerald Simmons occurred early on Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John P. Avery of Berlin street. Mrs. Simmons had been falling gradually for several days and her illness was complicated because of a weak heart.

She was born in Ireland, County Limerick, September 29, 1843, the daughter of Patrick and Mary Fitzgerald. She came to America at the age of 21 and married James C. Simmons of this city, May 5, 1868. She is survived by five children, William H. Simmons, Charles R. Simmons, John J. Simmons, James P. Simmons and Mrs. Mary E. Avery. She also leaves one sister in Ireland.

Mrs. Simmons was a devoted church woman and a regular attendant at St. Augustine's church where, with permission,

BIG FRATERNAL GATHERING.

Lyndonville Masons the Hosts of a Great Gathering Wednesday.

Lyndonville, Jan. 19.—Crescent Lodge, No. 65, F. & A. M., entertained the twelfth Masonic District at their annual meeting yesterday afternoon and evening, with nearly 200 in attendance. At 2:30 in the afternoon, a lodge of Master Masons was opened by Crescent Lodge and at 2 o'clock the Entered Apprentice degree was conferred on candidates with lectures by officers of Passumpsic lodge of St. Johnsbury. Rt. Worshipful Brother Charles H. Darling, Grand Lecturer, reviewed the work, and at 6 o'clock a banquet was served by the ladies of Esther Chapter O. E. S.

The work was resumed at 7:30 with labor of the Master Mason degree, which was followed by a reception to the Grand Lodge officers. Grand Lecturer Darling reviewed the work of the Master Mason degree which was exemplified by Chaplain Lake lodge of Hardwick and visiting Grand Lodge officers addressed the meeting, which was in charge of David R. Cole, D. D. G. M., of St. Johnsbury. Entertainment was furnished by the Passumpsic Lodge Masonic quartet and the Barton Masonic orchestra.

The Twelfth District includes the lodges at St. Johnsbury, Lyndonville, Concord, Hardwick, Danville and West Burke, and large delegations came from each lodge. Among the prominent Masons present were Lee S. Tilton, Grand Master of St. Albans, H. H. Ross, Grand Secretary of Burlington, Charles H. Darling, Grand Lecturer of Burlington, C. A. Calderwood, Past Grand Master, of St. Johnsbury and Delos M. Hason, Grand Master of St. Johnsbury.

EXAMINED SIX CANDIDATES.

State Board of Optometry Opens Three Day Session at State House.

The State Board of Examiners in Optometry met on Wednesday and opened a three days session of examinations for applicants who wished to practice optometry in this state. The three members of the board were present and six candidates appeared before them to take the tests.

The Board of Optometry is a new institution in Vermont and consists of three members who examine and register all opticians. Because of exemption certificates 127 optometrists were exempted from taking the examinations and 12 took the first test so that there are 139 members of that profession in Vermont.

The examinations for each day as follows: Wednesday, 9 to 12, theoretic optics; Thursday, 9 to 12, objective optometry; 1 to 5, subjective optometry; 3 to 5:30 anatomy and physiology of the eye; Friday, 9 to 12, physiologic optics; 1 to 5:30 pathological conditions of the eye.

The marks for the papers must be 75 per cent for each subject or the certificates will not be granted, although a second examination may be taken without paying an extra fee. The papers for the first part of the examination will be corrected immediately so that there will not be any unnecessary wait before the result of the examination is known and the certificates granted. The members of the Board: President, Henry S. Jordan of Brattleboro; secretary, Augustus S. Haskins of St. Johnsbury; secretary, Arthur R. Slader of Rutland. The six candidates are E. L. Hunt, West Derby; J. E. Mattison, North Bennington; Frank G. Belmont, Boston, Mass.; Walter E. Felton, Springfield, Mass.; Fred A. Walker, Bradford; L. Cook, Bennington.

Mr. Slader, who was appointed a member of the Optometry Board for one year at its formation a year ago, has been reappointed for three years by Governor George H. Prouty and last evening was re-elected treasurer of the board to succeed himself.

COOK NEAR HEIDELBURG.

Said to Be Resting at a Sanatorium Strictly Incognito.

Frankfort, Jan. 19.—The Frankfurter Zeitung is informed that Dr. Frederick A. Cook has arranged for a strictly incognito stay at a sanatorium near Heidelberg. The health of the explorer is represented as having been seriously affected by recent events.

Walter Lonsdale, who is in Copenhagen. Doctor Cook's secretary, does not believe the report that Cook is near Heidelberg. He said that the last letter he received from Cook was dated Cadiz, December 24, when Cook stated that he was leaving Europe immediately and would write again in a fortnight. Lonsdale has not heard from him since. He added that the explorer went under the name of Hunter while at Marseilles and Lisbon.

In accordance with the instructions from the State Board of Health, given through Rutland Health Officer C. H. Ball, owners of public buildings in that town, not properly provided with fire escapes, are now making arrangements for such apparatus.

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CAPTURED MANY FIRSTS.

H. D. Hopkins of This City the Owner of Blue Ribbon Winners at St. Albans Poultry Show.

Hermion D. Hopkins of this city is the proud possessor of a bunch of White Plymouth Rock fowls that have won blue ribbons not only in the Vermont poultry exhibitions, but in the New England shows as well. The latest honors won by the birds come from the Vermont Poultry Show which is now in progress at St. Albans, and the judges, who finished their work yesterday, gave Mr. Hopkins' birds the following awards, out of a class of 60: 1st cock; 1st, 2nd and 4th cockerels; 1st, 2nd and 4th hen; 1st and 2nd pullet and 1st pen.

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Dangerously Ill.

On receipt of a telegram from Fred H. Whittier of this city, who is playing in the orchestra of the "Three Twins" Company, stating that Lyle Perry, also of the orchestra, was dangerously ill, William A. Perry of Barre, Mr. Perry's father, has gone to Boulder, Colorado. This was the first intimation received by Mr. Perry's people of his illness, letters recently received having made no mention of ill health. Mr. Perry is a cellist whose work with the Whittier orchestra has been widely recognized.

To Receive \$600.

William C. Mound of Fair Haven has brought suit in Rutland County Court against the Delaware and Hudson Company to recover \$600 for a horse, which he alleges, was killed in November, 1906, by a train through the road's negligence. He declares that the railroad failed to put up a proper cattle guard at a farm crossing and as a consequence the horse strayed onto the tracks and met his death. W. H. Preston is counsel for the plaintiff.