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THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1903.

THE ASH BARREL ELIMINATED.

Charter of King Solomon's Lodge Not Found Therein—General Butterfield Arises to Explain.

Derby Line, Vt., May 12.

EDITOR TIMES:

Having been a reader or subscriber of your paper (particularly the latter) for more than 40 years I naturally noticed the article in your last issue headed "Masonic Consolidation," and was very much surprised in reading the same, at the reference to the charter of King Solomon's lodge as having been found in an ash barrel by my mother. Indeed, I wonder that the true story of the finding of that charter is not so well known in Bellows Falls that such a mistake could not have occurred.

With your permission I will give a brief statement of the circumstances which, no doubt, can be found in full detail among the records of King Solomon's lodge: Something like 20 years ago or more Mrs. Benjamin Smith of Saxtons River, widow of the late Benjamin Smith, a former prominent Mason in our parts, said to me that she had a small trunk, which had been confided to her by her husband, many years before, for safe keeping and it was her recollection that it was said to contain Masonic valuables and that she had for a long time felt that it ought to be opened by some member of the Masonic fraternity, that whatever it might contain should be returned to the proper custodians. None of her sons or her daughters' husbands, however, were members of the Masonic order and it remained to the next generation to find someone with whom she could talk freely about such matters. The writer having married a granddaughter, and having been known as a zealous Mason, was selected for this confidence. I immediately appointed a time when I would come to her house and open the box in her presence and, having done so, found that it contained the original charter and records of King Solomon's lodge, lost at the time of the "Morgan excitement."

Although, at that time, I had become a member of the Lodge of the Temple, I was very glad to be the messenger of good tidings to King Solomon's lodge, where I had originally received the Masonic degrees. The lodge was very much aroused and expressed the liveliest feelings of gratitude and respect towards this aged lady, who had preserved so long the valuables of the order and had been the means of restoring them at last to the lodge, where they belonged.

A committee was immediately appointed by the worshipful master to wait upon Mrs. Smith and arrange for a day when they should go in a body to her residence and receive, at her hands, these valuable treasures. A day was accordingly set and the lodge in a body visited her at her residence and received from her the charter and records of the lodge. As a testimony of their high appreciation of her sterling worth and integrity they, at the same time, presented her, on behalf of the lodge, with a very beautiful and valuable silver tea service, suitably engraved with a legend perpetuating the memory of the occasion. All these things, as I have said, will probably be found in detail in the archives of the lodge.

I would further like to add an incident growing out of this which occurred to me in Washington, D. C. At a great meeting of the grand lodge I was called upon at the banquet, by the grand master, to make some remarks and in replying told the story of my grandmother's preserving the charter and records of my old lodge. The entire audience was very enthusiastic and passed an official vote of thanks and a set of resolutions which were engraved and sent to Mrs. Smith, and a copy placed on file in the records of the grand lodge of the District of Columbia.

I trust that this brief account of the manner in which the charter was discovered will refresh the minds of your readers and that no one will ever again think that any of either my own or my wife's ancestors would make it possible that such things could be found in an ash barrel.

Yours sincerely,
F. G. BUTTERFIELD.

A Protest from Athens.

The article in the TIMES of May 7, "Vermont Quarantine Raised," has created quite a breeze in this locality. Proper questions at this time may be: Why are towns in which the foot and mouth disease does not now and never has existed, included in the list of those from which cattle, sheep, swine, etc., can not be removed or moved without a permit from a designated official? If the inspector mentioned as being lo-

ated at Chester is called upon to inspect and issue permit to move or remove stock from a town, who pays the bill? If I own buildings and land in one town and a pasture in an adjoining town, which I use as a cow pasture and am obliged to drive my cows in the highway for a short distance in both towns as they go to and from pasture, must I have a man drive from Chester, twelve miles away, and examine my herd and give me a permit before I can move said cows from my buildings? If I have cows, fat cattle or calves to sell and parties in Townshend or Rockingham are ready to buy, must I call upon the inspector to come and examine this stock and give me a permit to remove this stock to one of these towns, when I, the man to whom I sell and every one who lives upon the road to be traveled over, knows that this stock is free from the disease and that the disease does not now and has not existed in the town where I live for 30 years at least and no one remembers that there was ever a case in town? The matter of inspection is in the hands of one man and he in all probability is a stranger to the locality and conditions. He says keep your stock at home they may have the disease by tomorrow. I have known about Athens, Townshend and Rockingham for 35 years and I never knew of a case of foot and mouth disease in either town during that time. There is many a farmer in these towns whose income is almost wholly derived from his cows and their products. When you deprive him of the right to sell these cows and products you deprive him of the wherewith to buy the necessities of life and are treating him unjustly. I believe in all necessary precaution but when a town is located at least 12 miles from where the disease has been and entirely away from any road that diseased cattle may have traveled over last fall as is the case with the town of Athens I believe it to be a great injustice to the inhabitants of said town.

E. S. KINGSLEY.

The TIMES cannot answer Mr. Kingsley's questions. The notice as printed was sent out from the experiment station at Burlington, evidently at the direction of some government official.

Westminster Damage Cases.

The hearing on the damage cases resulting from the laying of a double track through Westminster and the widening of the highway were heard in the probate office Tuesday. The Corlew claim for damages was settled Monday. The hearing Tuesday was on the Church and Weston claims. The court commissioners, A. P. Ranney of Westminster, J. W. Melendy of Londonderry and O. J. Butterfield of Wilmington were present. The railroad was represented by John Young of Newport and J. L. Martin of Brattleboro; the town of Westminster by F. A. Bolles; the Misses Church by C. H. Williams, and G. A. Weston appeared for himself. The commissioners and some of the lawyers went to Westminster and viewed the premises in the morning, and evidence consisting largely of maps and drawings was introduced in the afternoon. This was the final hearing before the commissioners and if an appeal is taken from their award the cases will go to the county court.

"A Perfect Success."

The following signed communication has been received, but the signature is omitted because of some uncertainty as to what it is. Mr. Kilburn states that he intends to keep his employees going ten hours:

DEAR MR. EDITOR:

Will you please find room in your paper for a few words in which I may state that the nine-hour question is a perfect success. All the contractors and builders approved of it at first glance. Not only are carpenters to have nine hours with ten hours' pay but all the wood-working shops, including Kilburn's sawmill at Saxtons River. Thanking our employers, we remain their obedient nine-hour men.

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TALKED, ATE AND SMOKED.

Semi-Annual Meeting of Board of Trade— Depot Matter Discussed.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trade with refreshment and smoker attachment was held in Banquet hall Thursday evening. There was not a large attendance but considerable interest was manifested in the principal item for consideration, the proposition submitted by the railroads for a remodeled depot.

Rev. J. H. Reid of Walden, N. Y., Rev. Albert Hammett of Newtonville, Mass., were made honorary members of the board. G. H. Babbitt reported for the railroad and transportation committee. He told in detail what had been done regarding the depot situation up to date. He also read the proposition made by the railroads. H. D. Ryder and C. H. Williams, attorneys for the board, also made brief remarks.

The adoption or rejection of the proposition made by the railroads was informally discussed and it was finally decided to leave the entire matter in the hands of the railroad committee, the same committee which has been pushing the matter from the first. The resolution adopted was as follows: Resolved, that the railroad and transportation committee and its attorneys be authorized to accept the proposition of the railroads as to remodeling the present station, its platform and approaches if able to obtain such other and additional concessions as they may consider sufficient to warrant its acceptance, otherwise to continue its efforts to secure the station as heretofore demanded.

Woman's Club Notes.

The annual meeting of the club for the election of officers was held Tuesday afternoon. After a piano solo by Mrs. Nettie Dunham and a selection by a double quartet the roll was called, the reports of the officers and chairmen of departments were read, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Frances G. Flint; first vice president, Mrs. E. R. Campbell; second vice president, Mrs. George A. Weston; recording secretary, Mrs. W. W. Sawyer; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Read; treasurer, Miss Josie Derby; directors for two years, Mrs. H. P. Bancroft, Mrs. George H. Gorham, Miss Anna Alexander. At the close of the business meeting supper was served by the social committee.

Holy Cross Officers.

At the annual meeting of Holy Cross Commandery, No. 12, Knights Templar, held at their asylum Tuesday evening the following officers were elected and installed: Eminent commander, George F. Leland; generalissimo, George B. Wheeler; captain general, Fred H. Babbitt; prelate, Henry L. Ballou; senior warden, Eugene S. Leonard; junior warden, Frank Adams; treasurer, George A. Weston; recorder, Charles H. Gibson; standard bearer, Frank G. Pierce; sword bearer, Charles S. Howard; warder, Carroll A. Moore; third guard, Henry D. Sparrow; assistant guard, Mortimer F. Davis; second guard, Dayton H. Switzer; assistant guard, Frank Barney; first guard, Victor N. Deming; assistant guard, Fred A. Leland; assistant prelate, George H. Gorham; sentinel, Benjamin F. Walters.

Cut Out That License.

EDITOR OF THE TIMES:
Referring to your statement last week regarding one license being held for the new hotel at Saxtons River I would call attention to the fact that Bellows Falls is the only village in our town where a majority of its citizens voted for license, therefore it is the only village that is entitled to have license.

A majority of the people here are strongly opposed to license and do not care to have a hotel that will draw the class of people who patronize a bar. Such people are not desirable or beneficial to any community because their example often is the cause of the downfall of many young men.

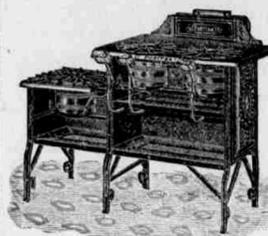
All of our citizens would be very glad if we could have a new hotel, one that will be an ornament to the village and attract a class of people that have no use for a hotel bar. We cannot believe that our license commissioners will inflict a license on a village whose citizens are so strongly opposed to it.

If a bar is indispensable to a new hotel we prefer to have "the lions that so watchfully have glared our main street o'er still continue evermore."

CITIZEN.

Saxtons River, May 13.

At the weekly shoot held by the Gun club last Friday the following records were made. There were three events of 25 birds each: No. 1—Shepardson 18, Duffy 18, Brooks 20, Ray 18; No. 2—Shepardson 20, Duffy 17, Knight 13, Brooks 21; No. 3—Shepardson 18, Barnett 2; Knight 18.



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