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FOR SALE—49 wall descriptions, 20 sets of harness, 20 and double, 20 horses, good drivers, 2 horses. Inquire at W. F. Platten's.

COLORADO STRIKERS.

Italian Miners Make Serious Trouble at Sagundo.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Dec. 9.—A pitched battle has occurred at Sagundo, a Colorado Fuel and Iron camp, between thirty striking Italian miners and seven of the company's guards. Four of the strikers were shot, and two of them will probably die. The strikers went to the ovens, but were ordered to stop by the guards. The shooting began, each side asserting that the other fired first.

An attack on the new part of the settlement is expected from the Italian strikers in the old town, and a bloody fight may be looked for. Nearly every man in New Sagundo is armed and will shoot at first sign of an assault. All day the strikers are said to have been drinking and have made threats that they will clean out Sagundo after dark. The situation in the camp is most critical. At all the camps and in this town the Italians are worked up to a pitch of frenzy.

CONVICTED OF FRAUD.

McGregor and Upton Found Guilty by Baltimore Jury.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 9.—Former Post-office Clerks Thomas W. McGregor and Columbus Ellsworth Upton were convicted in the United States district court here of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the purchase of 20,000 leather pouches for use in the free delivery service. Charles E. Smith, who received the order for the pouches through the influence of Upton and McGregor, was the principal witness against the accused. The jury after being out forty-five minutes returned a verdict of guilty. Counsel for the convicted men immediately made motion for a new trial, and Judge Morris agreed to hear arguments on the motion next Saturday. Bond in \$5,000 was furnished by the friends of Upton, and he was released. McGregor is in charge of United States Marshal Langhammer pending the arrival of friends from Washington to furnish a similar amount of bail for him.

DOWIE IS ON TOP.

Elmah Again in Control of Zion City and Its Industries.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—John Alexander Dowie is again in control of Zion City and all its industries. This turn in the affairs of the head of the Christian Catholic church followed a financial showing which satisfied all the creditors, who immediately made a formal motion before Judge Kohlsaat to have the receivership appointed by the United States district court a week ago dissolved.

As no objection was offered to the motion by any of the creditors Judge Kohlsaat granted the request, and Receivers Blount and Carrier were discharged. While the receivers have been relieved from further duties at Zion City, the bankruptcy proceedings are still maintained.

Northern Securities et al. Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Briefs in behalf of the Northern Securities company and the Northern Pacific Railway company in the case of the United States versus those two companies and the Great Northern company were filed in the supreme court here. The brief of the securities company is by George B. Young and that of the Northern Pacific by C. W. Binn. Mr. Young's brief traces minutely the origin of the merger. The movement for this consolidation he attributes largely to the raid of May, 1901, by hostile interests on Northern Pacific stock, which it was considered most important to prevent, and says "The Union Pacific interests still held \$37,000,000 of the Northern Pacific common stock."

All Hanover Students Rebel.

HANOVER, Ind., Dec. 9.—President Fisher of Hanover college has expelled ten students and suspended fifty others from the various classes as the result of a class clash. The entire student body has left the college and at a meeting held on the campus has decided not to return till the men are reinstated. The sophomore class barricaded itself in the belfry of the college, and not even the professors and students with axes could dislodge them.

Shotguns Rule Berkley.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 9.—Democrats in the town of Berkley have driven County Treasurer Lyons from his office, where, it is charged, he was registering negro voters, and have the negroes penned up in one section of the town. The streets are filled with men armed with shotguns, and a request will be made for a company of military from Norfolk or Portsmouth at once. Serious trouble is feared.

Railroad Tower Outrage.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 9.—Single handed and with no chance to summon aid, Operator J. R. Larnot, stationed in the Pittsburg and Lake Erie railroad telegraph tower at Allouppa Park, a mile distant from any habitation, battled with three negroes until he was overcome. He was beaten into insensibility and robbed of \$50. His assailants were shot and killed.

BURGLARY.

Mrs. Hattie Stevens Pratt Arrested Last Night.

BROKE INTO THE HOUSE

Of Ensign W. G. Richardson Is the Charge Against Her, On July 25 Last.

Mrs. Hattie Stevens Pratt was arrested last night by Officer Kelby on a warrant issued by States Attorney Shaksheer, charging her with breaking into Ensign W. G. Richardson's house on the Wats, July 25 last. She spent the night in jail. It is alleged that she entered the house and carried away several articles of value. She has been wanted for some time but has kept out of the way of the police.

Mrs. Pratt was one of the witnesses in the Warren Dowsey murder case at Hoosick Junction and is well known here and at Hoosick Falls.

She was before Judge Bates today who fixed her bail at \$500 and sent her back to jail for hearing Saturday.

BENNINGTON NEWS.

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

There will be a district meeting of the Odd Fellows of the 1st district on Wednesday Dec. 16th at I. O. O. F. Hall. All members are invited to be present. A cordial invitation is extended by Stark Lodge to all brothers from other jurisdictions, in town at that date, to meet with us.

A musical will be given in St. Peter's Parish church this evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Chas Wilcox of Hoosick Falls will render several choice selections.

Mrs. B. G. Slade returned last Thursday from Jersey City, N. J., after a four weeks' visit with Mrs. A. W. Von Naack.

Miss Lena J. Goldsmith has returned from a four weeks' visit with Mrs. Edward Wintersteen of Newark, N. J., who was formerly of this place.

The Knights of Pythias will work the second degree on two candidates this evening.

The New England Telegraph and Telephone Co., has a large gang of men putting the truck lines in order for the winter.

Miss Elizabeth Eard has returned to her home in Troy after a visit to the Misses O'Donnell on Safford street.

There will be a social dance at the S. of V. Hall, Friday evening, Dec 11 from 8 to 2. Admissions 25 cents.

The B. B. B. team goes to Cambridge this afternoon to play the strong team there.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Kenyon of North Bennington will spend the winter with their daughter Mrs. Fred Lyons of Greenfield, Mass.

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James Burns and George Mabon are in Troy and Albany for a portion of the week.

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Miss Nellie Morrissey is visiting in Troy and Albany.

Miss Nora Driscoll of Hoosick Falls has been spending several days with friends here.

Miss Mary Corbett is visiting her brother, Fred Corbett.

IRA R. ALLEN DEAD.

Was Chairman of the Republican State Committee—And Well Known.

Fair Haven, Dec. 9.—Ira R. Allen, who has been ill with pneumonia for the past week, died at 2:10 o'clock this morning.

NEWS OF J. W. PAGE.

After Many Months of Active Service He Thinks of Old Friends.

The many friends of John W. Page may be pleased to learn something of his whereabouts and know that old associations are not forgotten in new surroundings.

Early last spring he enlisted as a private and has rapidly advanced until he now holds the office of sergeant in Co. I 2nd Colorado regiment, and is at present in command of the detachment at the Midland Sampler, which guards the A Lincoln mine at Cripple Creek.

The troops have seen much active service since the latter part of August and expect to be out all winter at various places, but now have comfortable quarters inside the Sampler. A short time ago Sergeant Page was one of three candidates running for second lieutenant passing a successful examination but both he and Sergeant Holman withdrew leaving Sergeant Greenwood in possession of the field.

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COLLISION IN POWNAL.

Freight Broke in Two and Another Freight Comes Along.

The rear of the first freight train which took place at the first Dunn bridge near the "dayway" Friday noon was one of the worst pile ups ever had on this division. The Banner correspondent happened to be on the noon mail train which was the next train along after the accident. So it was that he, in company with several other Pownal people, had the pleasure of a mile and a half tramp home.

TROOPS LAND

Marines From the Dixie Now at Panama.

ARE TO BE KEPT THERE

United States Will Preserve Peace There If She Has To Fight For It.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Navy department officials admitted this morning the landing of United States marines from the Dixie on the Isthmus of Panama. It is justified by orders cabled Rear Admiral Henry Glass last Thursday to take every means to prevent invasion of the isthmus by Columbia. It will be expected of Admiral Glass that he will prevent invasion of the isthmus by land as well as by water, and if necessary, reinforcement will be sent in the way of additional marines.

At present, the United States cruiser Prairie is lying off Guantanamo, Cuba, with 300 marines aboard, which can be sent to Colon in case it is thought necessary.

POLICEMAN SHOT.

And Fatally Wounded By An Italian in Cleveland.

Cleveland, Dec. 9.—Patrolman Louis D. Weick was shot and fatally wounded by Tony Distello whom he tried to arrest at 2:30 this morning. The officer was taken to the general hospital in a very critical condition. The Italian is at the Central Police Station at present charged with intent to kill.

PHYSICIAN ARRESTED.

Doctor Heidel of Rutland Did Not Report A Case of Small Pox.

Rutland, Dec. 9.—A warrant was issued yesterday for the arrest of D. L. A. Heidel a well known local physician for failure to report to the Board of Health a case of small pox that he attended last week. Complaint was made by health officer, E. E. Moore.

THE FORTNIGHTLY.

Will Give Musical Next Saturday Afternoon at Their Regular Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Fortnightly to be held Saturday afternoon, December 12, will take the form of a musical. The subject of the afternoon is "Music in America."

The program will consist largely of music by contemporary American composers.

The numbers will be rendered by members and friends of the club.

Mrs. Jessie Sheridan of Troy is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Poonoy on Grand View Street.

Col and Mrs. Hanson pleasantly entertained a number of friends Saturday evening.

Mrs. Phillip Edress gave a tea last week in honor of Mrs. Steheman the bride of the Y. M. C. A. secretary.

This is not a gentle word—but when you think how liable you are not to purchase the only remedy universally known and a remedy that has had the largest sale of any medicine in the world since 1808 for the cure and treatment of consumption and throat and lung troubles without losing its great popularity all these years, you will be thankful we call your attention to Beechey's German Syrup. There are so many ordinary cough remedies made by druggists and others that are cheap and good for light colds perhaps, but for severe coughs, bronchitis, croup and especially for consumption, where there is difficult expectoration and coughing during the nights and mornings, there is nothing like German Syrup. The 25 cent size has just been introduced this year. Regular size, 75 cents. At all druggists.

Malone, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Hannah Gal now, 88 years old died here last night. She was the mother of thirteen children, among her descendants are eighty five grand children, thirty two great grand children, four great, great grand children.

Manokin River oysters at Pattersons this week.

CHAS KINSLEY DEAD.

Was One Of the Well Known Old Residents of Bennington.

Charles Kinsley, one of the old residents died at midnight, Tuesday night. He was 82 years of age, born in the west part of the town, where he lived most of his life on a farm that was opened up by one of his ancestors. He had resided in the village about 25 years; twenty of them boarding with one family. He never married. His father lived to be 96, and his mother over 90. He was well known and highly esteemed. Death was the result of a shock sustained several weeks ago.

He was an uncle of Mrs. John H. Kelsey and brother of Hon. Edward Kinsley of Hoosick. The funeral will be Friday afternoon.

RELIEF OF H. G. CAMP.

Special Bill Introduced By Congressman Foster.

Congressman D. J. Foster of this district has introduced in the national house of representatives a private pension bill for the benefit of H. G. Camp of this village.

Mr. Camp now draws a pension but on account of the specially severe hardships he suffered while a prisoner at Andersonville and during the service his physical condition warrants more generous treatment than he can get under the general law.

A STAMP WAR ON

Three Trading Stamp Companies Already in Town.

The town appears to have gone crazy on the trading stamp question. Three companies are already located here and one of them has begun business.

The first one arrived here two weeks ago and is doing business on upper Main street. The second and third are not yet under way.

The bait used by the companies to do business is to sell stamps to the merchants who give them away to cash customers.

When the customer has bought \$100 worth of goods of the merchants who give away the stamps, he has enough of the stamps to fill a little book provided him and he or she can take the book to the trading stamp store and get an article worth \$1.

After two out of town companies had got foothold here, Merchants E. E. Hart, R. S. Brysdale and H. J. Cole took up the matter and organized a company of their own which will have the advantage of being handled entirely at home.

SHAFTSBURY DEPOT

W. R. Randall is on the sick list.

Chelsea Harrington, left last Saturday for Florida, where he will spend the winter.

On Thursday evening of this week there will be a donation at William McDonald's, and also on that night there will be a sale of fancy articles, and all wishing to buy Christmas presents will have a good opportunity and also help the church.

Schools in town opened Monday morning with the following teachers: Miss Ella Galusha on Maple Hill, Miss Katherine Lamarr in the Montpelier district and Miss Mary McGrail in district 8.

Truman Martin, of Arlington, was in town Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Bowen was in Arlington two days last week.

Mrs. Lavina Elwell visited J. W. Bowen's recently.

MATTISON VS TESSIER

Jury Returned A Verdict, No Cause For Action.

The jury in the Mattison vs Tessier case received it from Judge Watson soon after four o'clock Tuesday afternoon. They immediately retired, and in twenty minutes returned to court with their verdict, "No cause for action."

The jury was discharged. The verdict was generally anticipated.

George E. Cotton will be the new sub-contractor of the mail route between Woodford and Bennington. Albert Knight will drive for Mr. Cotton this winter.

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MRS. ROGERS

Pleads Not Guilty To Charge of Murder.

THE TRIAL BEGUN TODAY

Jury Completed and the Work of Taking Testimony Begun This Afternoon.

The Rogers' murder cases are no longer the case against Mrs. Mabel Rogers was the first called.

Mrs. Rogers entered dressed in black, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Coffrey. The plea of "not guilty" had already been entered.

Mrs. Rogers sat between her counsel, D. A. Guiltinan and J. C. Archibald. She was very pale and sat with her eyes downcast and her hands crossed in her lap.

A jury was called and prior to the being interrogated to determine their capacity to sit on the case, were administered the witness oath.

Although the court room was nearly filled in the morning, there was such a crowd as has been anticipated.

The prosecution is being conducted by States Attorney J. J. Shaksheer and O. M. Barber.

During the examination of the jurors, Judge Watson was several times obliged to call the court room to order. Two of the audience were ejected.

The history of this case is familiar to most people of this section. Wednesday, August 13, the late Marcus Rogers was found by Walloomsac just above Safford street.

It was at first supposed to be but at the inquest, Leon Perband down and confessed that he helped Rogers kill her husband. He said that Stella Bates was not present.

The day has been spent in trying to secure a jury. At 3 o'clock the jury was not complete.

MANCHESTER

Charles Wait and wife, Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Deaton and daughter Grace of Londonderry passed the first week with Mrs. R. Colvin.

Mrs. Mary Green is visiting in Middlebury.

Charles Moulton of North Bennington was the guest of L. E. Cole Sunday.

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold their bazaar on Dec. 11, both afternoon and evening at the church vestry. Fancy and home made candies and jellies will be on sale. Hot coffee and doughnuts will be served for a dime.

Miss Zoelene Herbert of Danville the guest of Miss Maude Fisher.

Mrs. H. D. B. McNeal has returned after a brief absence.

J. W. Thompson has finished for S. M. Warren at Glen Farm set and is at his home in this village.

Herbert Coleman and daughter Fred Burbee of Bondville called friends here Monday.

The old Bonesteel store is being painted.

Miss Alice Sherwin returned from a three months trip to different parts of New York.

Dr. T. A. Flandreau of Danville, was in town Friday.

There will be a dance at house Friday evening. Music will be furnished by the Orchestra assisted by Granville.

Miss Lillian Thompson was guest of relatives in Sandy Hill days last week.

Kenneth McAuley, employed lumber camp in Landis, N. H., to Montpelier Monday, and Mr. Fred Colley spent the day together then rented a room. When Mr. Colley awoke in the morning Colley discovered a roll containing \$39 was missing from McAuley's trousers.

valuable silver watch was found that Colley boarded train for White River. That the displayed several watches which set tried to