

The Chief Lesson of the Rogers Murder Trial Is: Look out what Company You Keep, a Man or Woman Is no Better than His or Her Friends,

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THE LATE HENRY DAVIS HALL.

An Approving Character Sketch of a Well Known Citizen who was Taken away on Tuesday, December 15.



Henry Davis Hall was the last survivor of the late Governor Hill... He was born May 5, 1825, at Bennington, Vt. He was educated at the Bennington academy and at Burr and Burdick seminaries...

Mr. Hall was an old-time Whig... He possessed pronounced literary tastes and wrote much. Among his valuable contributions to local literature is an exhaustive paper on the Battle of Bennington...

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE.

Interesting Exercises Friday at South Shaftsbury School.

A fine time was enjoyed by all connected with the village schools of South Shaftsbury on Friday afternoon of last week.

The young people, under the guidance of the teachers, arranged for a Christmas tree which proved a great success for it was exceedingly well filled with presents and greatly enjoyed by the young people.

The principal was the happy recipient of a fine comb and brush set, also a very nice ink set, as well as several other useful and beautiful souvenirs of the friendship of his pupils.

In a few chosen words, Mr. Dinmore expressed his appreciation of the gifts themselves and of the spirit they manifested.

The school was presented by Mr. Dinmore with a copy of the famous picture, "Calling the Ferryman," which is to decorate the walls of the schoolroom.

The other teachers and schools were also well remembered and it is earnestly hoped that the friendship and harmony now existing, may be continued and increased and will eventually become apparent in the ennobling of the young people who are now in the formative period of their lives.

G. M. ROWELL NOT AT FAULT

Says Erskine Was the Responsible Party.

Geo. M. Rowell formerly of this place and recently of Burlington who was here several weeks ago selling accident insurance policies which failed to appear has written to several local friends explaining his position with the matter.

Mr. Rowell states that he worked under the direction of the state agent whose name is Erskine and as fast as he got business he turned over the money collected and the applications to Erskine as directed to do by the company.

Erskine is now reported to have fled the state with the money collected by all local agents and his whereabouts are unknown. The company has taken up the matter and is trying to locate Erskine.

Mr. Rowell states that he supposed the policies were forwarded from the home office and the first he knew to the contrary was when the facts of the nonappearance of the policies was printed in the newspapers.

He declares that those who bought insurance of him will be repaid all they put in if they do not receive their policies.

Notice Advertisers

All advertisements for the Evening Banner and notices of change must be at the office the day before they are to be used.

Advertisements for the weekly Banner and Reformer and changes of copy must be in the office not later than Tuesday noon of each week and earlier is desirable during the holiday season.

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ACCOUNTS INVOLVED

Town of Shaftsbury Holds Special Meeting.

LOOKING FOR MONEY.

Committee Appointed to Attempt to Straighten out the Treasurer's Books.

The voters of Shaftsbury met in a special meeting in Cole hall at South Shaftsbury Tuesday afternoon.

They were called to hear the reports of the selectmen relative to the involved accounts of Myron Barton, for many years town treasurer.

According to the reports submitted, after a thorough examination, there is an apparent discrepancy of \$4,800.

No one charges Mr Barton with any dishonesty, but in keeping the books over a long term of years the accounts have become so mixed that the town is finding difficulty in figuring out matters so that a new start can be made.

At the meeting, a committee consisting of C. R. Hawkins and M. M. Dean was appointed to thoroughly examine the books, to consult with the trustee of the public money and see if the matter can be figured out.

This committee is to report at the annual meeting in March, and if necessary are empowered to employ experts to go through the books.

F. OF A. ELECTION.

At The Annual Meeting Held Monday Evening.

The Foresters of America elected the following officers Monday evening for the ensuing year:

P. C. R., Frank Wahlquist; C. R., Mathew Mahar; A. C. R., Charles Carroll; S. W., Daniel Merriam; J. W., Jesse Mattison, S. B., William Howard; J. B., Perry Gardner; F. S., Jas. Hornidge; R. S., M. W. Collins; T., M. C. McKeen; L., J. L. McGurk; 3ed T., Eugene Crahan.

DORSET

The village schools closed Friday Dec 18 for a vacation of three weeks.

In the evening an entertainment was given in School Hall by the pupils which was largely attended. The program arranged was satisfactorily carried out. The music for all the exercises was furnished by Miss Helen Weeks, a pupil in the grammar room.

The following is the program:

March. Song Santa Clause Has Come to Town.

Quotations. Song Oh, Come All Ye Faithful.

March. Recitation Winifred Manley. Dialogue with Songs Santa Clause' Busy Day.

Song I'm as Happy as a Bird. Dialogue So Did I. Recitation Louis Wade.

Dialogue Pearl's Christmas. Song, Who Wouldn't Sing Anna and Winifred Manley.

Recitation George Stannard. Dialogue What Can the Matter Be.

Recitation Anna Manley. Song Merry Bells are Ringing. Dialogue The Sick Doll.

Dialogue Little Women's Christmas. Song Jolly Santa Clause. Stocking Drill.

Dialogue A Letter from Santa Clause. Recitation Ruby Harwood.

Arrival of Santa Clause. Distribution of Gifts.

Miss Kathryn Breman is spending the holidays at her home in Poultney.

The annual meeting of the Congregational society was held Tuesday evening.

The illustrations for the "Revolt of Sophia Lane" by Mary Wilkins Freeman in the December Harper's magazine are by Edwin B. Child, a summer resident of Dorset.

HOUSE ON FIRE.

Woman's Prompt Action Saved House From Destruction.

A bad fire at the home of C. B. March on North street was narrowly averted Tuesday morning about 4:30. Mrs. March was awakened by the crackling of flames and found that the chimney was burning out and had set fire to the woodwork, which was blazing fiercely within a few inches of some draperies and other inflammable articles.

Had Mrs. March waited to call for help it would have been too late, but by rushing for water instantly, she was able to put out the dangerous part of the fire in time to save the house. Later she took out six hods of burning soot from the bottom of the chimney.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS.

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

A. B. Gardner and Miss Winnie Gardner of Troy were guests of Mr and Mrs H. W. Myers Monday.

The marriage of Miss Clara Louise Sherman, eldest daughter of Mrs. A. P. Childs to Ralph Lancaster Smith of St. Louis will take place at the homestead in Castleton January 20, 1904. After the marriage they will reside in Springfield, Mass.

At the First Baptist church Christmas will be celebrated Sunday morning and evening. Special music under the direction of Prof. H. W. Downs at both services. A novel Christmas feature will be introduced into the Sunday school program at 12 o'clock. You are invited to these services.

The Semi Annual election of officers of the Epworth League of the M. E. church will be held in the church parlors to night.

D. N. Buckner of Boston was here recently gathering statistics in regard to the number of foreigners in the jails, almshouses and institutions in Bennington county.

The Home Trading Stamp Co held another meeting Monday night. Some special business was transacted and the meeting was adjourned to the first Monday in January.

Saturday evening a daughter of Daniel Crimmins of Grove St was lighting a lamp and in some way the lace curtains caught fire. Mr Crimmins happened to be just coming in from his work and he extinguished the flames before much damage was done. It was a fortunate escape from a bad opening.

WOODFORD

James Dinwiddie returned Monday for jury duty at the county court in Bennington.

Carlton Garretson, formerly of Pownall, and twice a teacher in Woodford, is now editor of The Sun, Tacoma, Wash.

Floyd Livingston, formerly a workman in town, who went away because of illness, has come back improved in health and is working for Evans & Bugbee in Dunville.

Mrs John B. Knapp is passing the winter with Mrs. Mina Sharts, her niece of Somerville, Mass.

Henry Colson has been in town again and gone back east.

The Y. P. S. C. E. and Sunday school will hold Christmas exercises in the Union church.

It's quite a slippery time for saints as well as sinners, to stand on slippery places.

Mrs. Maria Cutler an aged lady fell on the ice Tuesday and sustained quite serious injuries to one limb and side. A physician was called at once Mrs. Cutler will be laid up several days.

John Belrose afflicted with lameness has gone to South Shaftsbury to see his wife who is yet suffering from protracted illness.

Miss Ida Bowles is a guest of Mrs. George J. Knapp of Bennington.

Lena Bowles will take the part of "Mrs. Murdock" in a drama soon to be presented by the S. of V. at Williamstown, Mass.

Jesse Bugbee has sold one of his span of large black horses to William J. Phelan of Bennington.

A son of Wm. Reed of White Creek has been in town buying mink, sable, coon, fox, skunk and muskrat skins. He would like a few brunt pelts, Anse where art thou?

MRS. ROGERS'S HYSTERICAL

Convicted Murderess Is All Broken Down.

CRIED ALL NIGHT.

State Bought Stella Bates Ticket to Troy whither She Went Tuesday Night.

Moaning hysterically by spells she sobbing violently and tossing about her cot Mary M. Rogers spent the first night after her conviction of the murder of her husband.

After sitting for two weeks in open court with most brazen effrontery the separation from her chum Stella Bates when the latter was discharged from custody Tuesday afternoon broke her down completely and she has not regained composure since.

Deserted by her former friends and alone in the horror of her situation she for the first time realizes her position and perhaps begins to feel something of the enormity of her crime.

When first told that Stella Bates was free she refused to believe it until Stella began to prepare to leave the jail. Mrs. Rogers then nearly fainted and shrieked and tore her hair in agony.

Stella Bates assisted Mrs. Russell in searching Mrs. Rogers' person, removing her corsets on account of the steels and taking away hairpins, straps, pins, and everything with which she could harm herself.

Stella Bates when she heard in court that the case against her was not prossed did not know what the words meant until told by the sheriff.

She could then hardly believe the truth as she was fully expecting to be tried and to go through an ordeal similar to what Mrs. Rogers had had.

When she realized that she was free to go as she pleased she said she wanted to leave Bennington at once and never see the old town again.

The court ordered a ticket to Troy bought for her and she left for that city Tuesday evening. She was escorted to the station by an officer.

Leon Perham does not yet realize the punishment he will get for his crime. He thinks he will get off with seven or eight years in prison and is happy and contented.

SUNDERLADN

Mr and Mrs E. A. Graves are staying at their home again their neighbors are very glad to welcome them back.

J. Hill has moved into the house once occupied by his father the late J. J. Hill.

School began in the Chisselville district on Monday, Miss. Marguieretta Graves as teacher.

School in district No. 1 did not begin on Monday as expected on account of quite a number of the scholars being exposed to the small-px.

CAMBRIDGE.

Miss Grace Anderson who is teaching in Ottawa Canada is home for the holidays.

The annual Charity Ball of the Cozens Club will be held in Hubbard hall Wednesday evening Dec 31.

Mrs A. H. Green of Shushan was in town one day last week.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. F. W. Grove's signature on each box.

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