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Notice

Dec. 23rd, 1903.
Headquarters Co K. 1st Reg. V. N. G. The members of Co K. will assemble for drill, at the Armory, on Tuesday January 5 1904. Per order.
R. C. Graves, Captain Com'd'g.

NOTICE!

Bennington County Savings Bank.
The annual meeting of the incorporators of the Bennington County Savings Bank will be held at the office of said bank in the bank building in Bennington, Vt., on the first Wednesday, (6th day) of January, A. D. 1904, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of trustees for the year ensuing and the transaction of any other business found necessary when met, especially to fill vacancies in the number of incorporators and to alter and revise the by-laws.
C. H. DEWEY, Secretary.
Dated at Bennington, Vt., Nov. 25, 1903. 4498

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Bennington, Vt. will be held at the banking rooms on Tuesday Jan. 12, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year. L. A. GRAVES, Cashier.
Bennington, Vt., Dec. 4, 1903.

TO PRISON TOMORROW

Mrs. Rogers' Last Night in Bennington.

DOES'T EXPECT TO HANG

Although Her Appeal for New Trial is Waived Expects Legislature to Commute.

Mrs. Mary Rogers and Leon Perham are to be taken tomorrow to the state prison at Windsor to expiate their crime. Thursday night will be their last in Bennington.

Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Sheriff Nash will accompany them and turn them over to the officers of the prison. They are expected to leave here on the 7:55 train in the morning.

The conviction and sentence of death of Mrs. Mary Rogers recalls the fact that she is the second that has received sentence of death in the Bennington court house.

The first was Edson Fuller who 25 years ago was sentenced to be hung for the deliberate murder of a man in Readsboro. Fuller was a man well along in years and at that time the sentence would have probably been carried out only that Fuller took his own life.

He was being held in jail here pending arguments for a new trial. One Sunday morning the jailer going to open his cell door found Fuller suspended from the cell door having hung himself with a red handkerchief. Previous to that he had attempted to cut his throat but did not succeed.

Mrs. Rogers' mother left her probably for the last time Tuesday noon. The sentenced woman showed more emotion at that time than she has since she has been in jail. Later in the afternoon she showed more and for some time was in tears. She is beginning to realize that she is in a bad situation as there is a possibility that the legislature may not commute her sentence to life imprisonment.

She is considerably cast down over not hearing anything from Stella Bates since she left jail. Mrs. Rogers did not think that Stella would desert her so quickly.

It is reported that Stella Bates did not remain with her sister in Troy only one night, but that the next day she went to a small village down the Hudson where she is not known, and where she will have a chance to redeem her character.

MRS. ROGERS TO HANG.

Sentenced to be Executed at Windsor on Friday, February 3, 1905.

Before a crowd that filled the court room to the doors, at the opening of court Tuesday morning, Mary Rogers was sentenced to be hanged by the neck until dead, and Leon Perham to be confined at hard labor in the state prison at Windsor for the rest of his life.

Mrs. Rogers' execution is ordered to be carried out on the first Friday in February, 1905 in the prison yard at Windsor by the sheriff of Windsor county.

Her attorney waived the respondent's exceptions. This means that the case will not be carried to the supreme court and that nothing will intervene to prevent the execution of Mrs. Rogers, save an appeal for a commutation of the sentence, to the legislature of 1904.

Mrs. Rogers and Leon Perham were led into the dock by Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Nash.

Perham looked tired and pale, but Mrs. Rogers maintained the same demeanor which was hers during the trial.

State's Attorney J. J. Shakshober informed the court that the two respondents were in court and asked that sentence be imposed.

Perham arose, and the court announced that he should be confined at hard labor in the state prison at Windsor for the term of his natural life.

Perham's eyes seemed about to fill with tears but he turned and looked

out of the window and gained control of himself.

Mrs. Rogers was told to stand and was asked by County Clerk Cushman if there were any reasons why the sentence of the law should not be imposed.

First one hand and then the other was raised to her temples and she answered in a choked tone, her words scarcely intelligible:

"I'm not guilty!"

Judge Watson then pronounced the death sentence in the following words:

"The sentence of this court is that you, the said Mary M. Rogers, on the first Friday of February, 1905, between the hours of one and two o'clock of the afternoon of said day, within the walls or enclosed yard of the state prison at Windsor, in the county of Windsor, to be hanged by the neck until dead.

"And it is ordered that a warrant be issued by the clerk of the county court within and for the county of Bennington under the seal of said court, to the sheriff of said Windsor county, commanding said sheriff to cause said sentence to be carried into effect.

"It is also the sentence of this court that in the mean time, you, the said Mary M. Rogers, be confined in said state prison at hard labor, until within the three months of said time of said execution.

"And that during the said three months, next prior to said time fixed for said execution, and up to the time of said execution, you, the said Mary M. Rogers, be confined in solitary confinement in said state prison.

"And may God have mercy on your soul."

During the pronouncement of the sentence Mrs. Rogers stood motionless with her eyes turned toward the window at the west end of the court room, and not manifesting the slightest sign of emotion.

The crowd could be heard to gasp and draw a long breath of astonishment when they knew that death by hanging was to be Mrs. Rogers' lot, but the life sentence for Perham was much more unexpected, for the people at large seemed to have gained an impression that his sentence would be light.

For murder in the second degree there can be no sentence but life imprisonment.

C. E. ROSENBERG

Died at His Home in Pownal November 30.

Chauncy E. Rosenberg died at his home, Nov. 30, at the age of 80 years, after an illness of two weeks. The cause of his death was heart failure.

The funeral was held at the house Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock and was largely attended by friends and relatives. Rev. Owen James, pastor of the Congregational church officiated. The burial was in the family lot in the Gardner cemetery.

Mr. Rosenberg was born in Petersburg, on the farm which was cleared in the early days of our country and settled by the original Rosenberg family and which is now owned by S. J. Milled. He was the youngest of nine children and married Miss Celestia Mattison daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Mattison, and has since made his home in Pownal.

While Mr. Rosenberg was a prosperous farmer, he has held many positions of responsibility in the town, being Justice of the Peace and Grand Juror for many years, proving faithful and true in each.

He was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and had few if any enemies.

The deceased leaves a widow to whom he was a devoted husband, and to her his death is a severe bereavement.

TO MOVE HOUSE.

Renewal of Agitation Relative to the Monument Property.

It is probable that at the coming annual meeting of the Battle Monument and Historical society that some action will be taken about moving the house occupied by the janitor, to a point some distance west of the present site.

A committee was appointed several years ago to make some provision for a new location but as yet have not been able to select one that was satisfactory to all. Thomas Vail of Troy, whose summer home is adjacent to the grounds has made several propositions but none have yet been accepted.

Women love a clear, healthy complexion. Pure blood makes it. Burdock's Blood Bitters makes pure blood.

MAKES LOVE IN COURT

Mrs. Moffat Weeps on Her Husband's Neck.

IN POISONING CASE.

Joseph Mears, the Principal Witness, Brought Here Today from Windsor Prison.

The trial of Mrs. Moffat of Sandgate for the alleged attempt to poison her husband proves even more interesting than expected.

Mrs. Moffat appears in court wearing a brilliant blue velvet gown and a new hat of the latest pattern.

When the testimony appeared to tend strongly against her, Mrs. Moffat leans over and weeps on her husband's shoulder. Although she is accused of trying to murder him by a most cruel and diabolical method, her husband comforts and caresses her.

Mr. Moffat, during his examination by Mr. Batchelder, told the circumstances of the alleged poisoning.

In January, he, Mrs. Moffat and Joseph Mears attended a dance in Shushan. Moffat returned home late at night but Mrs. Moffat refused to accompany him and reached home the next morning in company with Mears. Moffat discharged Mears and Mrs. Moffat left her husband.

With the hope of getting his wife back home, Moffat took Mears into his employ again. Mrs. Moffat then visited her husband occasionally, but did not come to stay; she was then living at Mr. Conkey's in Sandgate.

Mears did the cooking. In the early part of February he prepared some pan-cakes for breakfast. Moffat ate them and shortly afterward became ill. After breakfast Mears emptied what was left of the pancake batter into a brook which runs near Moffat's house. Moffat, however, recovered.

It is charged that "rough-on-rais" was mixed with the pancake preparation.

Friday night, February 21st, Mears returned from a trip to Shushan and brought with him a bottle of whiskey which he gave to Moffat.

Moffat took a good sized drink when he was going to bed and in a short time was attacked with nausea and cramps.

He took an antidote which gave him relief but he continued to feel unwell until Monday, when his married daughter came to the house and sent for a doctor. The doctor arrived Tuesday and symptoms of poisoning by corrosive sublimate were discovered.

Moffat seems inclined to favor his wife and to throw the entire guilt onto Mears.

During Moffat's examination by Mr. Batchelder, the defendant's attorney, Mr. Moloney objected to almost every other question.

Several witnesses testified as to the relations between Mrs. Moffat and Mears.

Ray Bentley, a Sandgate constable, assisted in the arrest of Mears and testified that Mrs. Moffat was violently agitated when Mears was taken into custody, and shed many tears.

Mrs. Stella Conkey said in testifying that while the respondent was living at her house, Moffat came there and asked Mrs. Moffat to return and live with him and if she did not, he would take a dose which he had fixed up.

Clarence Mears, brother of Joseph Mears, testified that he came to Bennington with Mrs. Moffat to see his brother and that on their return they walked from Arlington to Sandgate, a distance of seven miles.

He also said that Mrs. Moffat gave him money to help pay Joe's lawyers and that she paid some of the witnesses.

The trial of Mrs. Alice Moffat was begun Tuesday morning.

States attorney J. J. Shakshober is assisted in the prosecution by James K. Batchelder.

The respondent Mrs. Moffat, is defended by Thomas W. Moloney, of Rutland.

After several challenges from the

counsel on both sides the jury was made up as follows: George Andrews, Arlington; James C. Barton, Land grove; Franklin Becker, Shaftsbury; James Dinwiddie, Woodford; A. J. Johnson, Readsboro; Johnson M. Mattison, Shaftsbury; M. H. Moon, Bennington; Walter J. Patterson, Pownal; Arthur Perkins, Shaftsbury; Melvin Teny, Searsburg; Harry Ward, Sunderland; Horace E. Winchester, Rupert.

Mr. Moloney interposed a demurrer to the indictment alleging that it was faulty through duplicity, containing two charges for offenses, committed at different times.

Mrs. Moffat is charged with attempting to poison her husband Philander Moffat in March 1902, in complicity with Joseph Mears, by putting corrosive sublimate in a bottle of whiskey that he had in a cupboard in the house, and also by putting rough on rais in his pancakes.

At the December term of court last year Mears was convicted, and sentenced to serve not more than 18 or less than 15 years in state prison.

Counsel for Mears gained new evidence and submitted it to the grand jury in June, with the result that Mrs. Moffat was indicted for complicity in the attempt.

Mr. Moffat believes his wife innocent.

There was an argument on this demurrer, which was overruled.

Philander Moffat, the respondent's husband, was called to the stand and has just begun his account of the attempt to poison him, as alleged by Mrs. Moffat and her paramour, Joseph Mears.

SUICIDE MYSTERY

Lewis Hill Killed Himself for Unknown Reason.

Waterbury, Dec. 30.—The autopsy shows that Lewis Hill whose body was found in a hay loft several days ago committed suicide by taking strychnine.

The record book at Palmer pharmacy shows that on December 24, Hill purchased 15 grains of strychnine and the analysis of his stomach shows the presence of a large quantity of that poison in that organ.

While every effort has been made to ascertain the cause of Hill's death, it remains as great a mystery as ever. He had been married only ten days and seemed very happy. He kissed his wife good bye when he left her Saturday noon, after dinner, and their relations were harmonious.

There was no financial trouble, his financial affairs being in good shape. The only reason that seems at all reasonable is that it was due to some mental trouble.

BLAZE AT MIDDLESEX

Hotel, Barns, Store and Dwelling House Burned Causing a Loss of \$10,000

Middlesex, Dec. 30.—Fire late yesterday afternoon destroyed the Middlesex hotel and barn and Nicholas's store and dwelling house, which was located next to the hotel.

The fire was discovered in the hotel at 4 o'clock. It spread rapidly and the building was soon a mass of flames. Aid was sent from Montpelier by special train and at six o'clock the fire was under control.

The loss on the hotel and barns was \$6000, Nicholas estimated his loss at \$3500, insured.

STAMFORD

Herman G. Fuller came from New York to spend Christmas with his parents.

Chauncy Sweet of Pownal has been visiting in town the past week.

Mrs. F. A. Lesure went to Wilmington last week.

Marshall and Merritt Underwood visited in Brattleboro over Christmas. The former left for Wauconda, Ill., this week.

Hiram Taylor of Toledo, Ohio, is visiting with his children, Mrs. Samuel Coulter and Mark Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tudor and children spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Tomlinson, in Bennington.

A son was born on December 4, to Elmer and Emma Houghton Chain of Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kenyon and Miss Flora Ebert of Blackinton, were home for Christmas.

FIRE KILLS TWO MEN

Sixth Serious Blaze in Troy, This Morning.

TWO MEN SUFFOCATED.

Victims were M. T. Clough and William Shaw. Fire was in Rooms of Troy Club.

Troy, Dec. 30.—The sixth big fire to occur in the city of Troy broke out in the rooms of the Troy Club early this morning.

Unlike those that preceded, it was attended with fatalities and two of Troy's prominent men, Judge Moses T. Clough, and Attorney William Shaw lost their lives by being suffocated by smoke.

The dead bodies of both were found in the hallway of the building, one of the finest in the city, which was entirely destroyed.

CAUGHT A SECOND TIME.

Once Released From Quarantine Only To Get Exposed Again.

George Harwood who has been held at the detention house because exposed to small-pox is in a fix again. His time of detention expires several days ago but he is doomed to spend 21 days more in confinement. It is charged that he was scuffling with Matthew McQueen who has caused all this trouble by having small-pox and became exposed again.

It was thought best to hold him for another three weeks and he will spend the time in solitary confinement, as all other patients and suspects have been released from quarantine.

LAMP EXPLODED.

Narrow Escape From Fire At George Atwood's On North Street.

What might have been a bad fire was narrowly averted at the home of George Atwood on North at Saturday night.

Mr. Atwood heard Miss Nye, one of the boarders, scream and on going to her room found the lamp in pieces and one side of the room in flames. He was able to extinguish the blaze before very much damage was done.

SOUTH DORSET.

Mrs. Jeremiah Legarrie is very low with no hopes of recovering.

A. L. Bowen is confined to his bed with rheumatism.

Miss Gertrude Burns is visiting relatives in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carrigan of Bennington spent Christmas with Mrs. Ellen Bowen.

Miss Mary Burns is spending the holidays with friends in Bennington.

John Blackmer and family spent Christmas in Manchester.

Mrs. Elizabeth Burns and her children ate their turkey with her parents in East Dorset.

Wm. Tobin has sold his big team to Groul Bros of Arlington.

The little boarder that came to Frank Norton's two months ago did not spend the winter, she died Dec 24th the evening when the whole world was rejoicing over the birth of the Christ child.

A Card.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50 cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25 cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded.
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A Timely Teptip.

At this season of coughs and colds it is well to know that Foley's Honey and Tar is the greatest throat and lung remedy. It cures quickly and prevents serious results from a cold. For sale by B. A. Quinlan.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS.

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly For Easy Readers

Mrs. Percy Comstock of Brooklyn, N. Y. is with her niece, Mrs. James Burke on Grand View Street.

Mrs. Henrietta Adams is quite ill. Invitations are out for an Assembly, Tuesday night in Forester's Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurley and family are again occupying their home on Grand View St.

Mrs. Henry Ayers returns to her home in Amboy, Ill., Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Potter of North Granville, spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Carrie T. Hawks on Union Street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Estabrook went to Montpelier Tuesday. Mr. Estabrook is on business and Mrs. Estabrook will visit her son, Frank.

Charles A. Worden and B. S. Mattison spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Worden in Hoosick Falls.

Misses Linda and Ada Bahan spent Christmas with friends in Hoosick Falls.

St. Mary's Guild will serve its bi-monthly supper at the Parish House on Thursday at six o'clock.

John McCormack is confined to the house by an attack of Lumbago.

Mrs. Putnam of Jacksonville is visiting Mrs. Long for a few days.

Miss Clara Andrews who has been quite ill is able to be out.

Mrs. M. C. Klock left this morning for New York to be absent about a week.

C. B. Carberry of the Boston Post is in town today.

Miss Nellie Newson spent Wednesday in Hoosick Falls.

Treasurer W. D. Forbes of the Bennington Security company is spending the holiday season with friends in New York.

Announcements made of the engagement of Miss Ella Bond of Middlebury to Stewart Andrews of Boston. Miss Bond is youngest sister of Mrs. A. W. Varney of this village.

Wedell L. Wilson and family have been spending a portion of the holiday season with relatives in Arlington.

R. H. Waker, for several years engineer at the Bale Manufacturing company plant in East Arlington has taken a like position at one of the mills in this village and will assume his duties Monday, January fourth.

The officers of G. A. Custer post will be installed Saturday evening.

Mrs. J. E. Wallbridge, O., this week home from Barreville, O., this week.

The annual assembly ball was held in Forester's hall Tuesday evening. The hall was very prettily decorated with palms. Mrs. Geo. F. Graves, Mrs. C. W. Thatcher, and Mrs. H. S. Bingham constituted the reception committee. About 60 people were present. Refreshments were served by Lucas of Troy. Goldsmith's orchestra furnished the music and dancing was enjoyed till a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kreider of Annville, Pa., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. D. Stehmen.

Supt. A. W. Varney and wife have returned from a brief visit in New York.

The hot water heater at the Y. M. C. A. sprung a leak Wednesday morning. This has been in service a good while and is practically worn out and will necessitate installing a new heater.

Miriam lodge has been invited to work the degree at the institution of Crescent Rebekah lodge at South Shaftsbury the evening of January 6.

The members of Miriam lodge of Rebekah will meet in their lodgerooms Friday evening, January 1, for drill, under the leadership of Mr. Frost. This drill is preparatory to working the 4th degree at South Shaftsbury, January 6th.

The local lodge of Elks will enjoy its customary New Year's spread tomorrow evening.

Miss Mamie Malone of Troy is visiting friends in town.

Miss Frances E. Stillson, cashier of The Cowperthwait Company of Brooklyn, is home for New Year's week.

H. L. Stillson was one of the guests of honor of Edward C. White of New York, at Bridgeport, Conn., Christmas night, at the opening performance of "The Triumph of an Empress," Mildred Holland's new play in which she takes the role of Catherine the Great of Russia. Miss Holland appears at Wallack's in the Metropolitan in January, after three weeks' at the Majestic in Boston.