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FRANK W. WEEKS DEAD.

Civil War Veteran, Who Was Shot Through Right Hip in Battle of Chantilly.

Frank Willard Weeks, 69, died Friday afternoon at 1.15 o'clock at his home, 6 Pearl street, after a period of eight years of invalidism. His last illness was of four days' duration. Mr. Weeks had never been well or free from pain since he sustained a severe wound in the right hip in the battle of Chantilly.

Mr. Weeks was born in Boonville, N. Y., July 9, 1843, a son of John and Lucy (Smith) Weeks. He lived there until nine years of age, when with his parents he moved to Northfield, Mass. He continued to make his home there until he enlisted for the war in Company D, 21st Massachusetts regiment. The regiment was sent to Annapolis and then became a part of Burnside's expedition and participated in the battles of Newburg, Roanoke Island, the second battle of Bull Run and Chantilly, where Mr. Weeks was shot, a mine ball going through his right hip.

He fell and was brought off the field by comrades and placed with others of the Federal wounded in an old barn. There they remained 10 days with their festering wounds unattended until the arrival of ambulances, in which they were taken to Washington. Mr. Weeks remained in the Clifton hospital in Washington three months and was finally able to travel on crutches and was given a furlough. He returned to Northfield, but at the expiration of his furlough he was still unable to walk without the aid of crutches and applied for his discharge from the service. This was granted as he was so wounded that he would never again be fit for military duty. Mr. Weeks was only 19 years old when he received his wound, and from that day to the day of his death he never was free from pain.

He worked on a farm in Vernon after he was able to resume active labor and on Oct. 3, 1864, went with Alice Graves of Vernon to Deerfield where they were married by Rev. James K. Hosmer and they returned to Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks continued to live in Vernon several years, moving later to West Northfield and finally in 1881 to Brattleboro, where they bought the house at 6 Pearl street, which has since been their home.

Mr. Weeks conducted a barber shop in Brattleboro until 12 years ago, when he sold out owing to failing health and for four years was engaged in the milk business, but eight years ago he was obliged to retire from all active employment. In spite of his infirmities he was always cheerful and hopeful. He was an unostentatious man, and a firm believer in the golden rule, which he always practiced.

He leaves his wife and one daughter, Mary, Mrs. Spencer W. Knight, who with her husband has lived in the Pearl street home since her marriage. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the house, Rev. Roy M. Houghton of the Congregational church conducting the service. The bearers were relatives, J. L. Stockwell, S. W. Knight, John E. Gale and Fred C. Gale. The burial will take place in Christ church cemetery in Guilford.

Small talk sometimes begets big trouble.

VOTERS URGED TO CIVIC DUTY

Big Mass Meeting Held in Auditorium Last Night

KEEP TOWN CLEAN WAS THE MESSAGE

Five Speakers Presented Strong Arguments for Voting No-License Tomorrow—Concrete Illustrations Clinched the Points Made.

Strong arguments for a clean Brattleboro through a continuation of the present no-license policy, illustrated by many concrete examples, were made before several hundred persons in the Auditorium last evening, and the voters were urged to go to the polls early tomorrow to cast their ballots against legalizing the sale of liquor in this town.

Chairman Smith announced that the meeting was preliminary to the town meeting, that for four years there had been a steady increase in the majority for no-license and that he believed a majority of the people were with him.

Mr. Hughes said he desired not so much to present the reasons why a no vote was desirable as to impress upon every voter the necessity of performing his duty at the polls. He told of the system of checking up the voters as they cast their ballots, in order that those who were attempting to get out a large vote might know what voters to notify as the day wore on, and he said it was astonishing to know how many merchants and others within a short distance of Festival hall delayed voting until the last minute or failed to vote at all.

We ought not to be content, Mr. Hughes said, with a no-license majority of 400, but ought to set higher mark as a larger majority would offer still more discouragement to the opposition.

Mr. Daniels said that when he was about six years old the circumstance of an intoxicated man being frozen to death made an impression upon him which never had been effaced and that from the time of the incident referred to he decided never to use liquor.

Mr. Crosby brought a good report from the legislature, of which he is a member. Of the nearly 300 members of that body he said only three were known to be habitual users of liquor.

Some legislation on the license question was accomplished at the recent session and it was along the line of progress. The temperance sentiment in Vermont never was as strong as it is today. The fact that Brattleboro has given a constant increasing no-license majority has attracted attention elsewhere and if the standard were to be lowered the influence would be detrimental.

Mr. Hayward said there was but one way to vote, and that was against the license. It is a poor saloon that does not take in \$50 a day. If that is contributed by the wage earners it means just so much less for necessities for their families. License in towns which now have it is unsatisfactory.

Mr. Bond urged the voters to inform themselves upon the question at issue before voting. "I have faith in the people," he said, "if they understand the question." Why should we vote no? First, for a clean town for Brattleboro. We are trying to get manufacturers here and we have splendid power for them, although we are somewhat handicapped in the matter of freight rates.

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THE VETERAN OF VETERANS

Edwin F. Brooks, with a Record of 61 Years, is Oldest Railroad Man in Continuous Service in United States—In Brattleboro 36 Years.

The Boston Sunday Globe contained an interesting illustrated article on "Railway Veterans of New England." The name that leads all the rest in point of service is Edwin F. Brooks, station agent in Gardner, Mass., who filled a similar position in Brattleboro many years, and who still retains his membership in various Masonic bodies in this town.

PAID \$300 FINE AND COSTS.

William S. Paddock of Somerset released from Newfane Jail.

William S. Paddock of Somerset, who was arrested in his home Feb. 15 and found guilty of keeping liquor with intent to sell, a fine of \$300 being imposed, appeared in municipal court Saturday afternoon, coming from Newfane jail, and asked that the state's attorney file an information against him.

Educational Commission Meets.

The commission to investigate the educational system and conditions of Vermont, appointed by Gov. Fletcher at the last session of the legislature, met in the offices of the Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of Teaching in New York city last week.

Judge John H. Watson, chairman, of Montpelier; Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University, New York; Theodore N. Vail of Lyndon; Percival W. Clemons of Rutland; Horace E. Graham of Craftsbury; Frank H. Brooks of St. Johnsbury; James B. Estee of Montpelier, and Allison E. Tuttle of Bellows Falls, were present, this being all the commissioners except Eli H. Porter of Wilmington, who was unable to attend.

The matters before the commission for consideration pertained to a proposed educational survey of this state to be made as soon as may be.

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