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STERET CAR SERVICE IMPAIRED.

Sunday's storm of rain, sleet and snow at different intervals during the day had a bad effect on the trolley line between this city and Barre. Cars ran with great difficulty all day and early in the evening when the storm changed from snow to a pouring rain trouble was experienced all along the line. The sweeper was powerless to keep the rails clean and cars were unable to get over the slightest grades. One car tried to climb the grade at the State street bridge, but after trying in vain for fifteen minutes finally ran back onto Main street. The streets were filled with sparks and brilliant flashes of electricity as the wheels whirled swiftly around trying in vain to grip the slippery rails. A number of residents of this city were obliged to remain in Barre all night and several Barreites spent the night here as it was impossible late in the evening for a car to run any great distance. A large force of men was put to work on Monday cleaning the tracks and cars soon were running on schedule time.

THAT DIAMOND RING.

The \$400 diamond ring affair was again before city court Monday and so far as Nettie Call is concerned it appears to be ended for a while. Acting on the advice of her attorney, John G. Wing, the girl pleaded guilty to the charge of having possession of stolen property and received her sentence. She has told so many conflicting stories concerning the ring matter that neither her attorney nor Mr. Bailey on behalf of the State could get any very definite idea of the case. For a while after she was arrested she told everyone she had had the ring, but refused to say where it could be found. Later she denied having had the ring at all and said her former stories were all lies.

After taking the various facts into consideration Judge Woodward sentenced Nettie to the Industrial school at Vergennes for the remainder of her minority, she being sixteen years old. She is considered none too strong mentally and it is thought she did not appreciate what she was doing in having the stolen property. Judge Woodward in pronouncing sentence upon her gave her some wholesome advice against telling contradictory stories so that people would lose confidence in her.

The men who stole the ring are now in State prison, and the girl who admits she had the ring from one of the persons that stole it, will go to Vergennes today or tomorrow, but still the jewel is kept out of sight and Mrs. Nicholas is still mourning its loss. Nettie refuses to tell anything about where the property is and the men denied having had any ring at all.

Montpelier and Vicinity. LOCAL HAPPENING

W. C. Nye of East Barre was in the city today.

Mrs. J. P. Lamson of Cabot is the guest of her son, Arthur D. Lamson.

Harry A. Smith of Tufts college, Boston, is the guest of friends in this city.

Miss Mary Malone is assisting in D. S. Wheatley's store during the holidays.

Harry Smith is at home from Tufts Dental college, Boston, for the holidays.

A new crokinole board has been added to the game room at the Y. M. C. A.

Miss Maud Gould is assisting in the Boston Bargain store during the holidays.

Alderman Haley has been called to his old home in Maine by the illness of his sister.

J. L. Sterling, janitor at the Apollo Club rooms, is at work again after a brief illness.

Misses Annie and Mary Kane leave tomorrow for St. Albans where they will visit relatives.

Mrs. E. H. Ewing, the mother of C. H. Baldwin, has gone to Philadelphia to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. White of Calais, were the guests of Mrs. J. S. Sterling on Monday.

Miss Helen Brock came from New York on Saturday night to spend the vacation at her home.

One of those chatting dishes at the Boston Bargain store would make a desirable Christmas gift.

Wilder's orchestra has been engaged to play for a Christmas ball at Richford on Thursday evening.

H. F. Amidon has returned to his home in Middlebury after the season's work at his trade as a painter.

The Beautiful Hand Made Lace Work now being shown at The Busy Store is attracting much attention.

Wilder's orchestra has been engaged to play for the sophomore hop at the University of Vermont, Burlington, Jan. 9.

The Wilder street hearing, which has proceeded for two days before the commissioners, has been continued until Dec. 31.

Mrs. John Sullivan and two children, of Sunapee, N. H., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Simmons during Christmas week.

James F. Dewey arrived Saturday evening from Lowell, Mass., to spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. William Dewey.

Miss Florence Corry returned Saturday evening from Tarrytown, New York, where she has been attending school the past two months.

The offering for the support of the missions in the Philippines was taken up at the Baptist church on Sunday morning, \$37.75 being received.

Mrs. Frank E. Howe and children of Bennington are in the city for a two weeks' visit, guests of A. O. Cummings, Mrs. Howe's father.

Charles Lee and family have moved to Wrightsville. Mr. Lee, however, continues to work at his occupation as granite polisher in Montpelier.

Mrs. A. D. Lamson and daughter Ruth went to St. Johnsbury on Monday to spend Christmas and Mr. Lamson will join them on Thursday.

The annual business meeting of Company H will be held on Thursday evening January 1, for the election of officers and other necessary business.

Assistant Postmaster Clark is rapidly recovering from his attack of typhoid fever and expects to resume his duties at the office early next month.

Married, in East Calais, December 20, at the residence of the mother of the bride, by Rev. J. Edward Wright, Walter John Coates and Florence Webster Gray.

David Bruce, a quarryman of Barre, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. His liabilities are \$202.25 and his assets \$225, of which \$200 are claimed exempt.

The force of clerks in Taplin's corner store has been increased by three for the holiday trade. They are Miss Greenwood, Miss Bessie Cummings, and Miss Clara Theriault.

The annual concert and military ball of Co. H, V. N. G., will be held at the armory Wednesday evening December 31. Wilder's full orchestra of twelve pieces will furnish music.

Fuller C. Smith of St. Albans, H. S. Bingham of Bennington and Horace W. Bailey of Newbury, State board of railroad commissioners, met at the State House Friday and elected Mr. Bingham clerk of the board.

A sequel to the story of the suicide of a Louisville, Ky., gentleman, whose application for \$25,000 insurance was held up by the National Life, is the report of a coroner's jury to the effect that death was due to the accidental discharge of his gun.

The case of State vs. Martin Pike, for failure to send his daughter Alice, to school after being notified so to do, was tried in Plainfield Saturday and

resulted in a conviction. The respondent was fined \$5, and costs. Burton E. Bailey appeared for the State.

The printed copies of the license bill passed by the Legislature have been received by City Clerk Merrill and await distribution at his office. Each voter is entitled to a copy and should call and get it now so that he can have time to thoroughly understand what he is to vote on next February.

Hundreds of Central Vermont patrons will regret to learn of the death of John O'Day of Swanton, for many years a conductor between Montreal and White River Junction, which occurred in Montreal Thursday. The cause of his death was pneumonia, resulting from a cold contracted while caring for a man who was injured by the train.

St. Michael's school closed Friday for the usual Christmas vacation. There were no special exercises except in the first and second grades of the primary department, where the children enjoyed Christmas parties given by Father O'Sullivan and the teachers and each child went home with a Christmas gift and bags of popcorn and candy.

Work on the Granite street bridge is being pushed rapidly to completion Monday the construction trussing was taken from under the structure and the bridge will probably be turned over to the city some day next week. The construction force is working overtime and is receiving day and half pay regularly.

The idea of calling a special city meeting to provide for the extraordinary expense of the past year has been given up and the city control will borrow money to carry the matter along until the regular city meeting. It is altogether likely that a larger tax will be recommended for next year for the purpose of clearing up some of the standing liabilities and making some needed repairs on streets etc.

The chancery case of James Parker vs. John A. Demeritt is being heard today at Waterbury before John W. Gordon as master. John H. Senter and Geo. W. Wing left on the nine o'clock train to take part in the trial of the case, the former to appear for the orator in connection with E. F. Palmer and the latter to appear for the defendant.

Dr. Charles Newcomb, only son of the late Mrs. Amanda Newcomb, has closed fifteen years of practice of medicine in North Haverhill, N. H., and came to this city Saturday where he will soon open an office. Dr. Newcomb's family have resided with Gen. Stephen Thomas for some time since Mrs. Newcomb's death, and they will continue to make their home here.

A hearing was held Saturday evening before the probate court to determine whether or not Mary R. York of Roxbury, was chargeable to the State as an insane pauper. She had already been examined by two doctors who pronounced her insane. Testimony was taken as to her financial condition, Zed S. Stanton being one of the witnesses, and the court held that she was a proper subject for commitment to Waterbury asylum at the expense of the State.

The coal which H. A. Dubuc hoped to have early this week is not likely to materialize, for Mr. Dubuc said this morning that he has received no word of any being started and has about given up getting any right away. J. S. Viles, who was expecting four carloads this week, is still waiting for its arrival and fears his consignment has been confiscated by the railroad. William T. Dewey and J. W. Brock each have a carload in sight for early

in the week if nothing adverse happens; so several private families and the State House can be supplied that way.

Mrs. Clarinda Nelson Field, wife of Dr. A. E. Field, died at her home in Barre Saturday morning of heart trouble after a long illness. She was the youngest of nine daughters of Captain David Nelson of Orange and was born in that town August 14, 1825. She married Dr. Field in 1848 and for twenty years following 1851 they resided at Washington, then moved to Barre. Her husband, and two children Mrs. H. O. Worthen of Barre and Clinton N. Field of New York city survive her. The funeral was held at two o'clock this afternoon.

It has come to the ears of a Journal representative that some people are still wondering whether County Clerk M. E. Smilie is to be reappointed or not. To such he would say that Mr. Smilie was appointed clerk in 1876 and has never been reappointed. The clerk holds office during the pleasure of the court, being removable at will by the judges. The present assistant judges have no intention or desire to remove the present clerk and so signified to him some time ago. After February 1, when the new law putting clerks on salaries goes into effect, the concurrence of the presiding judge in county court will be necessary to make any change in any clerk's position.

The funeral of Charles D. Naylor was held at church Sunday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. A. N. Lewis officiating. Two members each from Brooks Post, G. A. R., and Aurora Lodge, F. and A. M., acted as bearers and the Masonic burial service was performed.

The introductory lines of the subjoined interesting item became detached in the make up of Saturday's paper and the whole is here reproduced: In connection with the news of the suicide of a prominent man in Louisville, Kentucky, the other day, while his application for \$25,000 insurance was pending in the National Life, the comments of an official who had a part in the handling of the application are pertinent. This official said that there is of necessity, much of intuition in the handling of applications for large policies. Of two policies, apparently equally good risks, one will be accepted and the other held up for further investigation. In this Louisville case the application showed the risk apparently good and the local agent wrote to try hurry the policy along as it was wanted for a Christmas present. For some reason, though hard to tell what, the Montpelier official felt fearful of the case, held it up, and sent to the outside professional inspector in New York to look it up. Before word was received from the inspector, the suicide was heard of.

After the concert Sunday night at the Baptist church, a little ceremony was performed which gave many of the active workers a feeling of relief. A promissory note for \$165.00, the last remains of the indebtedness of the church was burned, the last dollar of its face having been paid. The church is now free from debt.

It is said that the bridges between the M. & W. and the Central Vermont stations in this city and the Sablin bridge between Montpelier and Barre are to be replaced by two iron bridges taken from the main line the past year. Five bridges, all put in since the Hartford accident, have been replaced by heavier structures this year because they were not considered safe for the new engines on the Central. The bridges destined for the Barre branch were the twin bridges at Bethel known as Nos. 25 and 26.

REASONS FOR INSURANCE.
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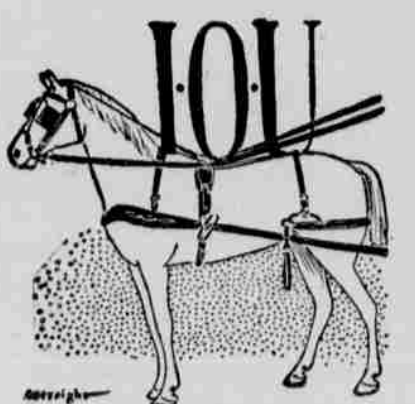
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BANKRUPTCY COURT.

In bankruptcy court, Saturday afternoon, before Referee E. H. Deavitt, there was a contest over the application of Bertram A. Stockwell of Moretown. T. J. Deavitt appeared in behalf of Stockwell and asked that he be adjudged bankrupt, but R. A. Hoar and L. C. Moody were present on behalf of claimants and opposed such action. C. C. Graves of Waterbury was appointed trustee of his estate pending decision on the question of bankruptcy.

In the case of E. Jacob Morse of Duxbury, L. C. Moody of Waterbury was appointed trustee, and in that of C. R. Lyman of Waterbury C. C. Graves was made trustee.

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COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN.

Seven members of the original committee of fifteen chosen to conduct the fight against high license at the February referendum met in Montpelier Tuesday and completed the committee as follows:
Chairman, C. S. Emery, Chelsea; Joseph Battell, Middlebury; M. B. Morgan, Bennington; A. F. Stone, St. Johnsbury; C. P. Smith, Burlington; J. H. Walbridge, West Concord; Rev. J. L. Sewall, St. Albans; Juan Robinson, South Hero; C. S. Page, Hyde Park; Horace W. Bailey, Newbury; C. F. Ranney, Newport; M. E. Wheeler, Rutland; Hon. Frank Plumley, Northfield; C. W. Osmond, Bellows Falls; Hon. H. W. Walker, South Woodstock. An active campaign will be inaugurated at once.