HAPPENINGS IN VERMONT.

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was called to Boston last week, returned Saturday night.—News has been received here of the death of The Rev. William C. Nash of Boston, who in former years was pastor of the Congregational Church in this place. He was instrumental in securing a village library for Derby, which was later turned over to Derby Academy. Since leaving Derby he had devoted his time mainly to literary work.

RUTLAND COUNTY.

BRANDON.

Company C, 1st Inf., V. N. G., held a campfire and smoke talk at its armory Friday night. The G. J. Ormsbee Post, G. A. R., was present. Friends of the company and several the prominent citizens of Brandon were also invited. Clam chowder supper was served after which cigars were passed and then the talking began. Commissary E. N. Miller, acted as toastmaster. Remarks were made by Ex-Gov. E. J. Ormsbee, Senior Vice Department Commander H. W. Flint of the G. A. R. Post, F. H. Farrington, the Rev. F. Lauriston Bullard, Capt. F. L. Smith of Company C, L. J. Cahee, H. A. Carr, captain of the company during the Spanish War, and others. The long and honorable history of Company C was traced from the time of the organization of the noted Allen Greys, the first permanent militia company in Vermont, to the present. Its deeds of valor in the Civil War were told and interspersed with the story were recitals by members of the G. A. R. post of the grand work of the Union troops in the days of '61-'65. The efficiency of Company C was complimented and its members urged by the civilians to constant, serious-minded endeavor toward improvement and were assured of continued public co-operation if this was done.

Mrs. Helen Merriam, widow of Charles Merriam, died of pneumonia Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. N. Miller. She was 69 years of age and besides her daughter is survived by one sister, Mrs. Caroline Merritt, of this town. The funeral will be held this evening at eight o'clock at the house. The interment will be Friday morning.—Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bacon of Hartford, Conn., are visiting here and in Foresidale.—The Parmenter property on Franklin and Park streets has been sold to a Syndicate composed of the following gentlemen: Ex-Gov. E. J. Ormsbee, Wilson D. Nutting, George H. Young, Dr. N. H. Wright, Charles H. Ross of this town and A. G. Farr of Chicago, Ill. The price reported is $6,000.—Mrs. D. H. Whalen has sold her house on the corner of Carver and Depot streets to Thomas Patnode, who will take possession soon.—Mrs. Mary Groencke has sold her house on High street to J. W. Raymond of Orwell, who will move here next month.—Irwin E. Howe and Miss Doris Miller were married February 16 at the home of Major C. W. Carr.—Mrs. Frederick Tower and daughter, Barbara, of Concord, Mass., are visiting Mrs. Tower's mother, Mrs. J. N. Bishop.—Wilbur Lawrence was able to be out yesterday for the first time in several months.—Mrs. James Hastings has gone to New York where she will pass the remainder of the winter.—The King's Daughters will hold a work meeting with Mrs. H. D. Briggs Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

In the last game of the season Brandon high school basket ball team defeated the Lightning Five of Fair Haven by the score of 31 to 20. Brandon has made a good record this season, playing 11 games and losing only one and that away from home.

PROCTOR.

John Markham, station master here, is able to be out, after an attack of the grip.—The anniversary reception at the Y. M. C. A. was enjoyed by a large audience Saturday evening. A very interesting feature was the work of the Swedish, Polish and Hungarian educational classes.—A number of the young people gave a dancing party Saturday night in Foresters' hall.—John Castle, who was struck by a train while crossing the track here a few days ago, is recovering as fast as could be expected.

BENSON.

Deputy Sheriff D. E. Belden of this village has bought the meadow lot east of this place consisting of 50 acres of John S. Carter, the landlord of Hotel Benson; consideration, $1,100, about $22 an acre. Almost every acre is fertile meadow land.—Frank Babbitt, aged 49 years, who died in Castleton last week, had always lived in Benson up to a year ago.—Mrs. E. R. Walker has been appointed administratrix of the estate of her aunt, Miss Augusta Carter.—Attacks of grip have been frequent the past week especially among the young.—W. B. Noble was in Castleton Saturday, called there by the death of Frank Babbitt.—John Keith of Howard Hill is ill with the grip.

FORESTDALE.

Mrs. Mary Symons of Escanaba, Mich., is the guest of Mrs. M. A. Symons.—Mrs. L. R. Churchill of Rutland is visiting at G. H. Churchill's.—Mrs. L. C. Bump has returned from a week's visit at Watervliet, N. Y.—Mrs. Mary Symons has been visiting in Rutland.—I. W. Horn has purchased a 28 horse power Carter touring car.—Charles Hewitt, a life long resident, died February 15, aged 80 years. He is survived by one son, C. E. Hewitt, of this place. The funeral was held at his late home Sunday afternoon. The Rev. C. B. Carpenter officiating.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

MONTPELIER.

Charles E. Booth, who was for many years manager of the United States Clothes Pin company, has purchased a half interest in the grocery business conducted by Fred J. Callahan in the Hyde Block. The firm name of the new concern will be Callahan & Booth.

The purchase of the J. S. Viles electric lighting plant by the Consolidated Lighting company was completed Friday when the papers were passed and Mr. Viles received his money. The price paid for this valuable property has never been publically stated, but it is currently reported that it was in excess of $250,000.

The engagement of Alanson B. Shepard and Miss Julia M. Adams is announced.

Charles H. Eaton, a native of Plainfield and well known in this city, died recently at Southern Pines, N. C., where he went five years ago for the benefit of his health. He was a machinist by trade and had worked in this city, in Plainfield and in Champlain, N. Y. He was an uncle of Arthur G. Eaton, cashier of the First National bank of this city. The body was placed in a receiving vault at Southern Pines and may later be brought north.

C. F. Eddy of Stow, proprietor of the Montpelier creamery, is making arrangements to build an addition to this creamery in the early spring. The business is steadily increasing and last year more than 430,000 pounds of butter were manufactured there.

Thomas Farrell, a locomotive engineer on the Montpelier & Barre branch of the Central Vermont railway has been promoted to be superintendent of motive power on this branch. Mr. Farrell will have charge of all locomotives there and of the shifting and terminal work at Montpelier Junction.

Mrs. James H. Holden of Middlesex, mother of Mrs. J. Eli Goodenough of this city, died Saturday morning at Heaton hospital of intestinal trouble. Her funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock at Middlesex, the Rev. Dr. J. Edward Wright of this city officiating.

A rough estimate on the loss to the Montpelier & Wells River railroad above its insurance by the recent fire at the car shops is that the company will be out about $9,000. The damage was in the vicinity of $17,000 on which there was an insurance of about $8,000.

The hose companies of the city have been reorganized. A new company was formed Friday evening with H. C. Lawson as foreman, J. F. Dodds and E. F. Richardson assistants. Each hose company now has 20 men and the hook and ladder company an equal number, making 60 men in the department exclusive of the chief and his assistant.

The civil case of E. E. Davis vs. L. M. Bruce, general assumpsit, was tried before Judge E. M. Harvey in city court Saturday afternoon. The plaintiff was awarded a verdict of $56.87 with $5.50 costs. A book account was involved.

Charles Chandler and DeWitt Clark have returned from Amherst College, that institution having been closed because of scarlet fever. They expect to remain at home until about March 1.

The old rule requiring a payment of a five cent fare between Montpelier and Montpelier Junction of all persons not holding transportation for the main line has been revived. Persons now wishing to accompany their friends to the junction or to go there to meet them will be obliged to pay five cents for the privilege.

Corporation papers for the Vermont Power & Lighting company, which is organized under the general law by the Consolidated Lighting company of this city to take over the Viles electric plant, were Monday filed in the office of the secretary of state. The capital stock of the new company is $1,000,000. The present charter of the Consolidated company does not allow it to acquire new property. This necessitated forming a new company and the next Legislature will be asked to merge the Consolidated Lighting company and the Vermont Power & Lighting company into one. The subscribers to the new company are identical with the owners of the Consolidated company, and the new charter allows the company to deal in electricity and to acquire property in Washington and Orange counties.

The Montpelier & Wells River and the Central Vermont railroads have issued orders cutting off theological students and clergymen from any further cut rate tickets which have formerly been sold on the basis of two cents a mile.

An all day shoot will be held at the range of the Montpelier Gun club Friday at which time the members of the Northfield Gun club will be guests of the local organization. Several interesting events are scheduled, among them a preliminary struggle for the silver loving cup known as the 1907 trophy which the best marksmen in the gun clubs of Montpelier and Northfield will own before the year is over. The shooting will begin at ten o'clock in the morning and lunch will be served on the ground at noon.

Josephine, wife of Lewis Wood, died Tuesday morning after an illness of five years, aged 58 years. Mrs. Wood was a native of Montpelier and was married to Mr. Wood 42 years ago. She is survived by her husband and one son, L. N. Wood, of this city. Her funeral will be held this morning at nine o'clock at St. Augustine's Church and burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.

The Rev. Father W. J. O'Sullivan gave out Tuesday the official figures of the net results of the fair held 14 nights for the benefit of St. Augustine's Church. After all expenses are paid the sum of $2,100 will go into the church treasury.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, April 11, 12 and 13, the Ladies' Aid association of Heaton hospital will present "The Chimes of Normandy" in Blanchard opera house for the benefit of Heaton hospital. This opera will be presented under the direction of Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Heth, who have been doing this work for the past twelve years.

Attorney Samuel H. Randall of New York is in town in the interests of the plaintiff in the suit of Madame Eleanor Fletcher Bishop Nicholas against the estate of Caira R. Nicholas in which some $10,000 is involved. This case has been once ruled out of court, but an attempt is being made to reinstate it on the docket.

Travel on the Barre & Montpelier electric railroad was tied up for two hours yesterday morning because of a runaway horse falling between the ties in the railway trestle at Dodge bridge, about half way between this city and Barre. The horse was driven by Mrs. Charles Smith of Barre, became unmanageable, left the highway at this point and went on to the railway trestle. The animal was finally extricated and did not appear to be damaged except a few scratches. Mrs. Smith was uninjured.

Depositions were taken yesterday in the office of Harvey & Harvey in the supreme court case from Chittenden county of John S. Wilkins, administrator, vs. W. W. Brock and L. K. Roselle. This is an alleged malpractice case which it is said is set for trial at the March term of Chittenden county court. The depositions taken yesterday had reference to Mrs. Wilkins's condition before she took treatment of Drs. Brock and Roselle.

Thomas Lewey is a candidate for school commissioner in ward four against James H. Kelleher, the present incumbent, who is a candidate for re-election, he having served only two years. This contest will liven up a little the apathy in ward four this year in city affairs.

The time when corporation taxes can be paid into the State treasury will expire March 1. State Treasurer E. H. Deavitt is receiving daily the taxes from many of the State corporations but about $50,000 is still due.

Sheriff Frank H. Tracy is in correspondence with sheriffs in other States as to the methods employed by them in keeping prisoners in county jails at work, a law passed by the last Legislature having authorized the sheriffs of the several counties in Vermont to do this. Some of these sheriffs write that prisoners are kept at work breaking stone in the jail yard for use on the highway. A conference will later be held by R. S. Currier, county highway commissioner, the assistant judges of Washington county court and Sheriff Tracy to determine what action will be taken in this county.

Frederick P. Carleton, administrator of the estate of Caira Nicholas, will sell at auction early in March, if not sold before that time, the 75 acres of land comprising Nicholas hill which is a part of the Nicholas estate. The mortgages on this property amount to about $5,000.

State Geologist George H. Perkins of Burlington was in town yesterday in consultation with E. M. Goddard, a member of the Jamestown exposition commission, in regard to Vermont's exhibit at the exposition next summer. Professor Perkins and Mr. Goddard went to Barre in the afternoon to ascertain how much interest in the exhibit is felt among the granite men of that city.

Doctors M. D. Warren of Cabot, J. W. Jackson of Barre and F. E. Steele of this city, composing the board of United States pension examiners, held their monthly meeting yesterday in the federal building. Charles Shepard of Marshfield, Edward Fisk of Waitsfield and David Lee of this city were examined for an increase of pension.

BARRE.

Hermon M. Bullis, head derrickman at the quarry of Routwell, Milne & Varnum, was killed Friday afternoon. His head was crushed by two granite blocks being loaded on a car in the company's quarry at Graniteville. The accident seems to have been due to a miscalculation by him of the speed with which the derrick boom was moving. He died about an hour after the accident. He was born in Canada, and was 34 years of age. He leaves a wife and two children. Mr. Bullis was a member of Court Rob Roy, Foresters of America.

At a citizens' caucus, held Friday evening, ex-Alderman John Robbins was nominated for mayor over ex-Alderman John J. McKenzie, the labor candidate, by a vote of 240 to 206. It is expected that there will be no contest at the polls. James Mackay was renominated for city clerk and treasurer. The indications are that the city will vote "yes" on the license question this year.

The sheriff's department made a raid just before noon Friday on Mrs. Agnes Neverett's house on Granite street, securing 13 pints of liquor. The officers entered the front and back doors simultaneously. They found Mrs. Neverett in the kitchen in the act of passing a bottle of liquor to two men and these men were summoned as witnesses. An inspection of the cellar was made, and through a window opening under a piazza, eight pints of whiskey and five pints of rum were secured. Mrs. Neverett was taken into city court and pleaded not guilty to keeping and selling illegally. Bail was fixed at $500.

MORETOWN.

G. B. Evans of Waterbury was in town Saturday.—F. P. Strong visited his wife and daughter in Waitsfield over Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Munson of Morrisville were at H. O. Ward's over Sunday.—Principal Andrews and Mrs. Jennie Pierce were in Waitsfield Sunday.—Irwin Henson of Montpelier was in town Sunday.—Walter Wilcox and Maud Johnson were at home from Montpelier Seminary over Sunday.—Several from here attended the funeral of Nathan Boyce in Waitsfield Friday.—F. E. Johnson and son, Paul, were in Duxbury Sunday. Estella Grandfield of Middlesex is to work in Mr. Wilcox's store.—Rena Evans visited her parents in Waterbury the past week.—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Farnsworth are parents of a son born Saturday.

WATERBURY.

Archie Chisholm has purchased of Mrs. Irvin Gibbs her place on Blush hill, consideration, $800.

Roy Smith, who has been employed in E. E. Clarkson's store in Burlington has been in town the past week. He is to go to Bethel March 1 to manage the Sargent store which F. C. Lane purchased last week.

The Wilmore H. Burns Co. have been shut down for the past because of inability to get freight shipments from Worcester, Mass. The firm has several hundred dozen of goods shipped and as soon as they arrive there will be sufficient work for all who may apply.

Deputy Sheriff C. C. Graves has returned from New York city.

The senior class of the high school is rehearsing a comedy and farce to be given Friday evening, Washington's birthday. The farce, "Box and Cox," is in one act. The characters are taken by Gilbert Town, Dan Corse and Stella Huntley. The comedy, "A Box of Monkeys," is in two acts, the parts being taken by Floyd Anderson, Alton Wheeler, Miss Grace Manning, Miss Ollie Davis and Miss Ollie Nichols.

The annual reports will be printed the middle of next week.

James E. Greene has commenced work at the Waterbury Inn as house carpenter.

John Kingston has returned here and commenced work for the Drew Daniels Granite Co.

SOUTH WOODBURY.

Mrs. Hutchinson, who has been in Hardwick, caring for her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Dhlick and little son, who were severely burned by the falling and explosion of a hanging lamp, returned home Tuesday.—The remains of Cyrus Sprague were brought here for interment Friday. The funeral was held in Cabot that day at his son's, Walter Sprague.—Mrs. E. C. Sabin is visiting in Waterbury.—Mrs. Ewen and sister, Miss Watt, have returned to Warren Goodell's.—The family of Charles Cady is ill with the grip.—Warren King has not been as well of late.—Mrs. Whitcomb of Wolcott is passing a few days at Frank Batchelder's.—Willard Sprague of Williamstown stopped over at B. H. Benjamin's on his return from the funeral of his brother.—News is just received of the death of Ephraim Pierce, a former resident of this town. He resided in Cliftondale, Mass.

WORCESTER.

Daniel Preston of Jonesville has sold his farm, stock and tools to Frank Pierce, who has carried on the place the past year.—H. D. Vail has been ill the past week.—Frank and Milo Pratt of Montpelier visited their mother Sunday.—E. Lee Whitney and Dr. George Parmenter of Montpelier visited H. D. Vail Sunday.—Mrs. Mary Harris and Mrs. F. B. Connor are ill.—Public dancing school in I. O. F. hall Thursday evening, February 21.—School in the lower room of the corner school closed Friday.—Miss Frances Abbott is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ordaway of Northfield.—Good roads and fine winter weather make lumbering business brisk. Some of the mills will increase their output greatly this year. C. C. Putnam & Son are getting in a large amount of maple and birch, about 12 loads daily averaging 6,500 per load. In addition to the lumber some 15 to 20 cords of hardwood are daily hauled to Montpelier.

MIDDLESEX.

The Rev. Henry Holden and family returned to Roxbury, Mass., Wednesday. They were called here by the death of his mother, Mrs. C. B. Holden. Her funeral was held at her late home Tuesday at 1 p. m., the Rev. Edward Wright conducting the service. Among those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bruce of Waterbury, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bruce of Moretown, Fred Wilder of Waitsfield, Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Goodenough of Montpelier, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miles of Newark, N. J.—M. K. Price is ill.—T. E. Price is not as well as last week, caused by getting up too quickly from the grip.—Mrs. Demeritt returned Monday from Waterbury.

WAITSFIELD

J. W. Gregory, who was confined to the house all of last week, is somewhat improved.—The funeral of Nathan Boyce was largely attended Friday, the Rev. F. H. Roberts officiating clergyman. The burial was in North Fayston, where he formerly resided for many years.—New telephones on the local line have recently been installed at the homes of Emery Somerville, John Neill, and the Rev. W. A. Remele.—Mrs. Hesland and her daughter, Mrs. Martha Cann of New York city, who were here to attend the funeral of Mrs. S. W. Livingston, daughter of Mrs. Hesland, returned Saturday.—Miss Addie Freeman has returned to her home in Moretown. Miss Lena Baird takes Miss Freeman's place in the store of C. J. Green & Co.—There was a basket dance at I. O. O. F. hall Tuesday evening under the management of Messrs. Newcomb & Marshall.—Mrs. H. S. Eastman of Worcester, Mass., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Pierce, over Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Norton of Oklahoma are called here by the death of her father, Nathan Boyce.—S. W. Livingston is visiting in Montpelier and Chelsea.—News has been received of the death in Brattleboro of William F. Wilder, formerly a well known resident of this town. Mr. Wilder served in Co. E, 3rd Vt. Vols., and was for many years a member of the local G. A. R. Post. His body has been placed in the tomb at Brattleboro, but in the spring will be brought here for burial beside his wife and son in the village cemetery.—Charles C. Ingalls has returned to his home in Worcester.—Miss Ruth Parker, who has been ill, has returned to Montpelier Seminary.

PLAINFIELD.

Earl Bartlett's house caught fire from clothes hanging beside the stove Monday morning, but it was quickly extinguished by neighbors.—Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Moore are both improving and are now out of danger.—Miss Blanche Cutler, who has been ill with tonsilitis, is better.—The whist party given by the Rebekahs was attended by eleven tables of players.—The creamery paid its patrons 35 1-4 cents for January butter.

WATERBURY CENTER.

The funeral of Elsie Demeritt Hayes was held Sunday at the Baptist Church. Mrs. Hayes was the only daughter of Lucius Demeritt and a former resident of this place, but for many years had lived in Strafford where she died. Interment was in the new cemetery here.—Mrs. Carrie Batchelder and daughter, Florence, are visiting relatives in Morrisville and Hardwick. There will be a donation for the Rev. Mr. Douglas at the Methodist Church Friday evening. Refreshments will include sugar on snow, and "Miss Primrose's Album" will be presented.—Harmony Pomona Grange has received an invitation to meet with Hazen Road Pomona Grange of Hardwick, March 6. Dr. H. L. Watson and daughter, Marion, of Montpelier were at D. C. Hayes's Friday.—The minstrel show given last week by talent from Stowe was well attended.

WARREN.

G. Senor has purchased of Henry LaMorder's farm and stock and is to move there at night consideration, $1,400.—Mrs. W. P. Thayer, who went to Burlington for an examination at the Mary Fletcher hospital, has returned home. An operation was found unnecessary.—The schools closed Friday. An exhibition was given at the town hall Friday night by the teachers.—Moses LaMorder and Hubbard, had gone.—Mrs. Alozo Parsons is passing a week with her son, Frank Parsons, at East Warren.—A. E. Eldridge was in Montpelier last week.—Chester Peycke had the misfortune to break his arm Saturday.—Miss Lena LaMorder went Monday to Randolph for a few days with her sister, who is ill.—The Misses Maxwell of Waitsfield were in town Thursday.—Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Sumner are housekeeping.—Miss Lillian Hubbard was in Waitsfield Friday to attend the funeral of Nathan Boyce.

NORTHFIELD.

State's Attorney Benjamin Gates found a warrant upon which Michael and Mary Brogg were arrested Friday charged with keeping liquor with intent to sell illegally. They were brought before Justice of the Peace F. H. Kent, waived examination, and bail in the sum of $500 was furnished. Brogg formerly held a license and his place was searched without result a few weeks ago.

WINDSOR COUNTY.

WINDSOR.

Twin boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin E. Kenyon Thursday.—Frederick Dudley Pettes died Friday morning, aged 80 years from pneumonia, after an illness of only three or four days. He was a son of Major John Pettes, at one time sheriff of Windsor county, and has always lived in town. The funeral will be held this in town. The funeral was held Monday morning. He leaves a wife.

SOUTH ROYALTON.

Pearl Culver of Claremont visited his parents over Sunday.—R. E. Burnett of Bethel was the guest of his brother, Dr. D. L. Burnett Saturday.—Frank Morse has been in New York city the past week.—Dr. D. L. Burnett has recovered sufficiently to attend his patients.—Mrs. Van Ness Howe is living at W. V. Eastman's.—Everitt Corwin moved to Tunbridge, where he has employment.—A concert and sale will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church Wednesday.—Gideon Barker has moved to Newport, N. H.—The Recreation party will be entertained by Mrs. D. E. Dearing Thursday evening.—A. H. Lamb has gone to Boston.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jennings have moved to West Hartford.—Mrs. Arthur Dings and son returned Friday to West Hartford after a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Phelps.—Mrs. Benjamin Latham is recovering from an attack of the grip.—Charles English was injured last week while chopping in the woods.—The Rev. E. E. Wells and Rev. S. C. Goodwin exchanged Sunday.—The Ladies' Social circle will observe Washington's birthday by serving a tea in the Congregational church parlors.

GAYSVILLE.

The White River Pomona Grange will meet Friday with Goodwill Grange and the following programme has been arranged: 10:30, opening in fifth degree; address of welcome, R. E. Wilson; response, Fred Haynes; singing by choir; dinner and social hour with music by orchestra; 1:30, conferring fifth degree in form; roll-call and good of the order by J. A. Chedel, manager of fifth degree work. A large delegation is expected from Tweed River Grange of Pittsfield. The upper lumber camp at South Stockbridge boasts of having the tallest men in town, Marvin Unwin being 6 feet 4 1-2 inches and Joe Shamp 6 feet 3 inches.—Leon Reed, who took an examination for a government position at Rutland November 21, will go to White River Junction Saturday to be railroad ticket clerk.—At the Y. P. C. U. meeting Sunday evening, Burns L. Osgood will give a talk to young men and women.—The Rev. F. Wilson Day will take for his subject next Sunday "The Martyr Hero, or Lessons from the Life of William McKinley."—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Perkins February 12 and one to Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Goodale February 15.—Alden Richardson has purchased the place at South Stockbridge where he lives of George Edmunds for $400.—The Essex Lumber company will move its mill this week from the Sheldon farm to the Henry Collins place just above Stockbridge. Peter Garrow will run the boarding house.—Arthur Babcock and mother have moved from their farm on Lyon hill to the home of his brother, Parker, on Mount Hunger. It is reported that he will go to Middlebury a little later.—E. H. Perkins of Taftsville was in town Friday and Saturday tuning pianos.—A great amount of ice is being harvested this year from the pond, most of it being 18 inches thick.

A NEW SOURCE FOR FENCE POSTS.

Dead Lodgepole Pine Preserved With Creosote by a Cheap Process Fulfills All Requirements.

An experiment in the preservative treatment of dead lodgepole pine for fence posts, just completed by the Forest Service, on the Henrys Lake Forest Reserve in Idaho, has given results of economic value both to the people of the community and to the Forest Service. It has demonstrated that fire-killed lodgepole pine is well adapted to treatment with creosote oil by an exceedingly simple process.

The demand for durable posts by ranchmen in the vicinity of Henrys Lake has hitherto been met by the use of red cedar, but the supply of this species is now completely exhausted. The only native trees at present available for posts are lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, and Douglas fir. Though durability varies with the soundness and dryness of the posts when placed in the ground and with the character of the soil with which they come in contact, in general, aspen posts last from six to ten years, fir posts from five to seven years, and pine posts only from three to four years.

Lodgepole pine without preservative treatment is thus too short-lived to make desirable posts or poles. The idea of treating was suggested by the requirements of forest management on the Henrys Lake reserve. Large bodies of dead lodgepole pine, both standing and down—the legacy of severe fires in 1902—are a serious handicap to the forest there. This timber must be got rid of to make room for young growth if the future forest is to be well stocked.

Properly treated lodgepole pine should last twenty years, which equals the life of the former favorite, red cedar. Retreating the pine, and thus making it serviceable for posts, the forest service has found a way of removing the encumbering timber at good prices and supplying consumers with valuable posts at a reasonable figure. Since the success of preservative treatment has been demonstrated the value of the wood has risen from 25 cents to approximately 40 cents per cord.

The treatment was given in a galvanized-iron tank fitted with steam coils, in which from 40 to 50 posts stripped of bark were placed upright. Enough creosote was then run into the tank to submerge the butts for about 24 feet, heated to 200 degrees F., or a little above the boiling point of water at that altitude, and afterwards allowed to cool.

The large quantity of fire-killed timber on many of the forest reserves, the pressing need for durable wood, the steady rise in price is due to the increasing difficulty of obtaining it, and, finally, the ease with which post timber can be treated, indicate that the preservative treatment of timber is to have an important development throughout the West. This, besides meeting the demands of the people and reducing the drain upon the forest, will lead to the improvement of conditions on the reserves and insure better crops hereafter.

It is the intention of the forest service to establish experimental treating plants where there are bodies of dead timber on the reserves and a demand for durable wood can not otherwise be met. Experimental work will be conducted with zinc chlorid and other processes as the needs of the different regions and the thorough testing of each process may require.

As a result of the post experiment, it is understood that a company will take up the treatment of dead lodgepole pine on a commercial scale in the spring. They are satisfied that the simplicity and economy of the open-tank process introduced by the forest service will enable them, with certain modifications of apparatus, to treat and sell not only fence posts, but telephone poles and posts used for irrigation works. They count upon a local market already in good part developed on the confidence which the fence-post experiment has inspired.

THE STORY TELLER.

PROVIDED.

One of the churches in a little Western town is so fortunate as to have a young woman as its pastor. She was called to the door of the parsonage one day, and saw there a much-embarrassed young farmer of the German type.

"Dey said der minister lived in dis house," he said.

"Yes," replied the fair pastor.

"Vell—in—I vant to kit marrit."

"To get married? Very well; I can marry you," said the minister encouragingly.

"Oh, but I got a girl already," was the disconcerting reply.—Woman's Daily.

SOBRIETY.

The late Judge Pettingill of the Malden, Mass., district court concealed under an apparently stern exterior a kind heart, and nothing touched him so quickly as an unintentional witticism, especially if it were at the expense of the court.

One day a prisoner arraigned before him for drunkenness, and still under the influence of liquor, pleaded as hard as he could to be placed on probation.

"Why should I place you on probation?" said the judge, sternly. "Why, you're drunk now."

"No, I'm not, your honor," said the poor prisoner, earnestly. "I'm as sober as a judge."

He was placed on probation.—Boston Herald.

AN OLD TRICK.

"Last night they worked a beautiful trick on us," said a Pittsburger. "It was done on the Sixth avenue elevated. All of a sudden the train stopped and puffed away. Then the guard called to us 'All out!' We hopped out quick enough, thinking the car was about to burn down, or something, and stood on the platform breathlessly asking why. 'Nothing,' answered the guard, 'only the train is so heavy we had to empty it. The motor wouldn't work.' After a little while it started again, and the two front cars, out of which we had been unceremoniously dumped, went by empty, but in the four rear cars a merry crowd that had kept its seats gazed smilingly out on the bunch of us easy idiots standings on the platform.—New York Correspondence Pittsburg Dispatch.

THE WEEK'S NEWS

Thursday, Feb. 14.

The grave charge of cowardice is made by Fred Hiergesell, a survivor of the Larchmont disaster. He says that not only were the unaccompanied women left to their fate, but that Captain McVey left the sinking ship in the very first lifeboat; that some of the ship's employes filled the boats to the exclusion of the passengers, and at least one boat was without oars when it was put over the side.

Securities valued at $565,000 were taken from the vaults of the Savings Bank of New Britain, Conn., by the missing treasurer, William F. Walker, according to a statement issued by the board of directors of the institution.

The senate broke all records by passing 991 pension bills in 66 minutes.

The boiler of an engine pulling a passenger train exploded near Luzon, N. Y., and two trainmen were killed and one fatally hurt.

Fire in the William Cramp & Sons Ship and Engine company's yards at Philadelphia destroyed at least 75 per cent of the company's patterns, including those of eight United States battleships.

President Roosevelt, in a message to congress, strongly advocates the conservation of coal and other fuel resources on lands still belonging to the government, saying that henceforth the nation should retain its title to its fuel resources.

The railroads of the entire country are preparing to make a general increase in freight rates, according to the Chicago Chronicle.

Friday, Feb. 15.

Another tragic chapter in the history of the Thaw-White episode was written when death stepped in to halt the famous trial in its fourth week. The wife of juror No. 11, Mrs. Joseph B. Bolton, passed away.

President Fallieres has signed a decree abolishing the official chaplains in the French navy. Chaplains in the French army were abolished some time ago.

As the result of a series of "Black Hand" outrages in the mining settlements in the vicinity of Pittston, Pa., the authorities arrested 23 Italians, 18 of whom were held for trial.

Miss Flora Steinel, a cashier in the employ of N. Snellenburg & Co., Philadelphia, is charged with embezzling funds of the company to the amount of $25,000.

On account of the outbreak of scarlet fever among students of Amherst college the institution will be closed until March 1.

President Eliot of Harvard university, President Frost of Berea college, Kentucky, and Bishop Lawrence of Boston, before the Twentieth Century club at Boston, expressed themselves as being more or less in favor of separate schools for whites and blacks.

Saturday, Feb. 16.

J. O. Higgins, an attorney of Boston, who was convicted of forgery and perjury in connection with the will of the late Mrs. Hannah Boyle of Boston, was sentenced to a term in state prison of from 10 to 14 years.

As a result of having had eight teeth extracted George B. Stevens, a tobacco grower of East Hartford, Conn., died of exhaustion, following excessive bleeding.

The navy appropriation carrying, in round numbers, $96,000,000, has passed the house.

The Third National bank, the only all-night bank in Baltimore, will discontinue its all-night feature.

The Kansas senate adopted a resolution barring representatives of the Kansas City Star from the floor or galleries of the senate.

E. D. Coe and W. H. Knox, surviving members of the firm of Coe, Knox & Coe, general export and import merchants of New York, have made an assignment. The firm is one of the oldest in its line in the city.

Mrs. Annie M. Bradley was indicted for murder for the shooting of former Senator Brown of Utah at Washington. She is at present confined in the district jail.

The death of James Vara, a negro steward on the steamer Larchmont, reduces the number of those who survived the famous wreck to 17, while of the 76 bodies recovered, 68 have been identified.

War in Central America is only temporarily suspended, according to the belief of those in Mexico City who are informed by private advices from the scene of the trouble.

Sunday, Feb. 17.

Mrs. Lottie Wallau was arrested at New York on the charge of causing the death of her mother, Mrs. Ida Runge, a widow, who possessed a comfortable fortune.

Twenty dead, two fatally hurt and 145 others more or less seriously injured, is the result of the wreck of an electric express train on the New York Central railroad at New York. Of the large number of injured, 50 are, according to hospital and police reports, seriously hurt, and the death list may be soon increased. Most of the others are suffering from lacerations or shock, and will recover.

Several hundred anarchists, socialists and trade unionists paraded the streets at Chicago, carrying red flags and banners, to mark the anniversary of the arrest and deportation from Colorado of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, officers of the Western Federation of Miners, on account of alleged complicity in a murder.

The people of Nicaragua are enthusiastic in demanding reparation from the government of Honduras for the invasion of their territory by Honduran troops.

There are persistent rumors in circulation of the discovery of irreasonable practices carried on by an important official of the French foreign office, who is alleged to have communicated secrets to the Vatican.

Owing to the alarming mortality from spotted fever at Belfast and the generally high death rate, owing, it is alleged, to unsanitary conditions, the British government has appointed a royal commission to inquire into the situation.

Dr. Harrington of the Massachusetts state board of health states that Massachusetts has the best food supply in the civilized world. The reason for this, he says, is because a strin[g]ent pure food law has been enforced [for] 25 years.

Monday, Feb. 18.

Captain McVey of the wrecked steamer Larchmont is at his mother's h[ome] at Fairhaven, Conn., where also are [his] wife and two children. The purpo[se of] McVey's removal, it is said, f[rom] Providence, was to evade the new[spa]per men.

Mrs. Nellie Seaman was held w[ith]out bail at Fishkill Landing, N. Y., [in] connection with the death of her [hus]band, who was shot to death at [their] home. The verdict of the coro[ner's] jury was to the effect that Mrs. [Sea]man fired the fatal shot.

Henry S. Olcott, co-founder [with] Mme. Balvatsky of Theosophist[s of] this country, died at Adyar, Indi[a, of] heart failure. Olcott was 75 years [old].

The British steamer Hellopolis [col]lided with the British steamer Orl[ando] near Cardiff. The Orlando sank [and] 16 persons were drowned.

The torpedo destroyer Vesuvius [col]lided with the torpedo boat Hop[kins] at Key West, Fla., ripping a hole [some] feet long in the Hopkins and pen[etrat]ing three feet. Quick action on the [part] of the officers and crew saved the [Hop]kins from sinking.

Otto Kelsey declines to accede t[o the] request of Governor Hughes of [New] York that he resign the office of [superin]tendent of insurance, to w[hich] he was appointed by Governor [Higg]ins.

As a result of the prolonged s[trike] by the men employed in the larges[t fac]tory at Lodz, not less than 25,000 [fam]ilies of the city are in dire straits [for] want of food.

Tuesday, Feb. 19.

A Philadelphia judge has declar[ed in]valid a clause in the will of the la[te] Chief Justice Paxson of the Pen[nsyl]vania supreme court, bequeathing [$]500,000 to charity.

The negotiations for settlemen[t of] the dispute between Nicaragua [and] Honduras have progressed to a [point] justifying the prediction that th[e dif]ficulties can soon be submitted to a [board of] arbitration.

Frank E. Noble, 14 years old, [was] killed while coasting at Norwich, [Conn.] "I never wanted to shoot the cre[ature;] I knew he was a foul creature, de[spoil]ing the mothers and daughter[s of] America, but I wanted through [the] means to bring him to trial. But [evi]dence took charge of it; it was a [case] of Providence." This is Harry [K.] Thaw's own story of the killing of [Stan]ford White as was told by him t[o Jerome] Evans, the alienist, last August.

After enduring untold suff[ering] during the dreary hours of one [of the] worst nights ever experienced o[ff] Massachusetts coast, the crews of [two] barges and the ocean tug Valley [Forge] faced death off Highland light a[nd] the crews six were drowned an[d] died of exposure.

The will of the late ex-Governo[r Hig]gins of New York has been adm[itted] to probate. Bequests of a publi[c and] charitable character amount to [$]18,000. The estate is estimated [to be] between $14,000,000 and $16,000,0[00.]

Professor Sterret of Cornell wi[ll lead] a party of Cornell explorers int[o the] unmapped regions of Asia Mino[r this] spring.

An advance in wages that wi[ll di]rectly affect 21,000 men and me[ans] paying out annually in the Con[nels]ville (Pa.) region of nearly $1,5[00,000] more than hitherto is announced [by the] H. C. Frick Coke company.

Pleading guilty on a charge of [mur]der in the second degree, Alex [J.] McEwan, who killed his wife, [Ethel,] at Boston, was committed to the [state] prison for life.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

The federal grand jury at New [York] indicted the Great Northern Ra[ilway] company on charges that it paid $[illegal] rebates on sugar shipments to [the] agent of the American Sugar Refin[ing] company.

Max Mathews of the Standard [Oil] company was sentenced at [illegible] to a term of 18 months in jail fo[r con]cealing the assets of the company [from] the trustee in bankruptcy.

The foot but a spreading rail [caused] the wreck of the White Plains e[x]press on the New York Centra[l rail]road, in which 21 persons were [illegible] was developed at the coroner's in[illegible]

The president has informed [illegible] Yorkers interested in having th[illegible] naval ship Hartford as a traini[ng ship] for the New York nautical scho[ol that] he will be unable to comply wit[illegible] request.

Appropriations aggregating $37,540,[illegible] are carried in the bill p[illegible] for the sund