

BELLOWS FALLS NEWS

Body of a Baby Found Near Connecticut River Bridge

Indications That the Child Was Born Alive—Authorities Are Now Following Interesting Clue.

Last Thursday morning Henry Willett, last of 14, who, with four companions, was down upon the rocks under the toll bridge, found a package tied in an old newspaper bearing date, Dec. 21, '05, in which was wrapped the body of a full grown male infant. It was found on the New Hampshire side of the channel and had evidently been thrown from the upper side of the toll-bridge. The child had been dead about 24 hours, about its neck and the police deemed an investigation wise. The body was taken to the undertaking rooms of the Chase Furniture Co. and Drs. Albee and Rudden were called. The condition of the body was such as to indicate that death occurred about two weeks earlier, and that the child was born alive. It was found in the Walpole or Rockingham, in a neighboring town.

License Devotees Working for a "Yes" Vote in this Town

Citizens May Wake Up to Find Another Year of License Brought—Town Would Make Mistake to Change.

Little has been said here openly in relation to the coming contest between license and no license for the next year in the town of Rockingham. An uninterested observer or casual visitor here would probably be convinced that nothing was doing in this line by the devotees on either side. This, however, would be an entirely mistaken notion, at least as far as the advocates of license are concerned. In fact, the little doubt that there is organized, quiet, but effective work being done by those who prefer to have the open saloon on our side of the Connecticut river. It looks now as if the town might wake up on the evening of March 6 to find we were booked for a year of license again. If so, it will be because those who are opposed to the saloon are over confident and do not vote. It would be hard to find many persons who would not agree that the experience of the village in the last two years of no license has been a great improvement as far as sobriety and good citizenship are concerned. It would be a great mistake for the town to change into the license column as far as evidence results and experience would show.

A mass meeting of citizens of the town is called for Sunday evening at the opera house to discuss the question of no license for the coming year. It will be held under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. and a number of local speakers have been engaged. C. J. Ferguson of Burlington, superintendent of the Vermont Anti-Saloon league, will be the principal speaker. A number of the advocates of license are loudly talking upon the streets this week that the town will be sure to go for license next Tuesday. It will not do to say anywhere near a fair proportion of the voters are interested enough to come out.

School Children Have Saved Over \$1000.

Among the reports of the different officers which have been distributed the past week, those of the school officers are of much interest. The superintendent's report shows 14 resignations of teachers during the year and 17 appointments. Of the 81 grade schools employed in the town, 19 are graduates of normal schools or colleges. A regulation was recently adopted requiring all teachers hereafter engaged in the village schools to be graduates of normal schools or colleges. The superintendent recommends that this applies also to the rural schools. There are six teachers employed in the high school, and an additional assistant employed half the time. The school census shows 1337 legal pupils, of which 1040 are in the village of Bellows Falls and 165 in Saxtons River. The school census for the year introduced in the schools last year by the Woman's club has resulted in 187 pupils taking out cards, the cash brought in thereon being \$661.65. In addition to this, 188 pupils have taken out bank books, the savings in which amount to \$233.78, making some over \$1000 saved by the pupils. The school census also introduced recently into the rural schools, from which no reports have yet been made.

Physical training has been introduced in the high school during the last year and is recommended to be taken up by all the grades. The school board and Supt. Merriam have been discussing the work done in the high school by Principal A. E. Tuttle, and at no time in the history of the school has its standard and outlook been better. The school census of 1905 numbered 23, the same in 1904, and that of 1906 numbers 32. The latter class will visit Washington the last of this month. Seven of the class of 1905 are now in higher schools or colleges. Twenty graduates of the high school since 1899 have gone to higher schools, indicating the interest in advanced education inculcated during the years of this school.

The meeting of the College club Monday evening was addressed by F. T. Bradish and others. C. W. Osgood occupied the pulpit of the Congregational churches of Alstead and Londonderry last Sunday.

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P. Pratt of Chelsea, Mass., will be the supply next Sunday. The number of members of the senior class, who will graduate in June, is this year 32. The total number of graduates here since the organization of the high school in 1874, including this year's class, is 269.

Mr. Harmon, the head of the National Way Paper Printing Co., which has recently located in the old Island House building, is very ill with pneumonia at his home in Boston. Because of this fact the works are temporarily shut down. The Rutland brakeman, John Pinkerton, who was seriously injured in the local railroad yard last Thursday and taken to the hospital in Rutland, is slowly improving, although his injuries are of a serious nature, at first thought to be fatal.

Miss Marian Willson, who recently resigned her position as teacher in the fourth grade, after about two years' service, closed her work here Tuesday and went to her mother's home in Fitchburg Wednesday, from which she is soon to be married. She has been one of the popular young ladies of Bellows Falls in all circles.

Many residents of this town were shocked last Saturday afternoon at the news of the death of John H. Pettengill of Grafton, a brother of the late Dr. E. H. Pettengill of Saxtons River. He had been a prominent man in this town, and he had represented it in the legislature. His funeral occurred Tuesday of this week.

Edward G. Osgood was in Woodstock Monday and Tuesday attending the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Christian denomination there. It was the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Christian Endeavor, the 25th in the world, and the 23d anniversary of the establishment of the ladies' society of the village.

It is now probable the Rutland railroad will have to bring the season's supply of ice here by train. The last freezing over of the Connecticut river proves to be a very inferior quality and cannot be used. This is an important matter for the railroad, as the refrigerator cars passing here are loaded locally, and the road annually has to put in many thousands tons.

A petition is being circulated, both in Claremont and Bellows Falls, asking the Boston & Maine railroad to run a Monday morning train from Lake Sunapee to Claremont Junction connecting with the train reaching here at 8:15 a. m. It would also connect with the mixed train for Windsor, and in that way would accommodate a large clientele of the road who would because of that be enabled to spend Sunday at the lake.

George H. Moses, secretary of the New Hampshire state forest commission and editor of the Concord, N. H., Monitor, addressed an audience of about 400 people in Union hall Monday evening. His subject was "The Battle of the Forest," and it was profusely illustrated by many slides and lanterns. The speaker discussed the ideas which the speaker illustrated the ideas which the speaker wished to convey. The lecture was given under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

In the call for the annual town meeting, Tuesday, in addition to the routine articles, article eight is "to see if the town will vote to accept the proposed plan of the Vermont State Library building and provide for the support of such library building." Article nine is "to see if the town will appoint a committee to accept gifts and will appoint a committee to select and secure a site for a free public library building and provide means therefor, not exceeding \$10,000." Article 10 is "to see if the town will vote to change its system of caring for its poor and appropriate money therefor."

A critical inspection of all the hydro-electric plants has been made by the board of water commissioners during the past week under the direction of Supt. H. W. Keene. Two of the whole number of about 50 were found from. It happened one of these is the important one located at the north end of the Vermont Farm Machine Co.'s building and might have caused embarrassment had it not been broken out in that section. The record of the Bellows Falls fire department is that no fire since 1863 has extended outside the immediate building in which it originated. A few villages of this size has that record for 83 years.

In the year of 1890, the town of Rockingham had a population of 1684, and there were in the year 1905 1685 pupils in the village of Bellows Falls. The school census of 1905, the school census shows the number of pupils to be 1337, with the population by the census of 1900, 5506. Of these 1337 pupils, 1040 are in the village of Bellows Falls, 165 in Saxtons River, 11 in Cambridgeport, 25 in Rockingham and 11 in Lawrenceville. These figures show in a graphic way the much smaller number of children in the village and shows the decadence of the rural communities in this respect.

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Mrs. R. L. Twitchell is gaining very slowly. G. P. Alexander was in Boston the first of the week. J. F. Alexander and Arthur Ball are housed with mumps.

Mrs. H. C. Johnson's mother of Guild, N. H., is getting her. W. B. Glynn returned the first of the week to Waterbury, Conn. Several from here went to Bartonville to attend the dance last Saturday evening.

A few from this place attended the play and dance in Chester last Monday evening. Louis Rittenberg and son, William, of New York city, are at the hotel to stay a few days. The Saxtons River band is rehearsing a play to be given in the near future, followed by a dance.

C. N. Smith cut one finger badly last Monday at the woolen mill. He was able to work the next day. Frank Dwinell of this place was arrested in Bellows Falls Tuesday and taken to Newfane to serve 20 days. Mrs. Lewis Tenney, who has been housed by illness since the first of May, was on the piazza for the first time last Thursday.

A party of 30 young people from Westminster had supper at the hotel Tuesday evening. Dancing and card playing were the entertainments. The hockey team from Vermont academy went to Rutland last Saturday to play the Rutland high school Saturday evening. The game resulted in a score of 7 to 1 in favor of Rutland.

The meeting of the Vermont state board of agriculture held in Odd Fellows hall Tuesday afternoon and evening, were fairly well attended in the afternoon and a large number were present in the evening. The meeting was held in the hall of J. L. Hills, Gov. Bell, Dr. H. D. Holton and Ernest Hitehook.

GRAFTON.

Mrs. E. W. Gove is spending a few days in Walpole. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waterhouse visited in Reading last week. F. A. Palmer recently bought the old churn shop of E. H. Clarke. Mrs. Florence Thompson is spending a week with Miss May Thompson. Eugene White has moved from the Rutland house to F. Park's house by the river.

The next meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be with Mrs. S. T. Leonard March 7, at 3 p. m. Miss Margarette Merrifield is at home from her school in Fitchburg, Mass., for a short vacation. The ladies of the Congregational church will serve dinner at the chapel house next Sunday.

W. E. Prouty has been so unfortunate as to lose three of his team horses within the last two weeks. Miss Margaret Day of Bellows Falls spent a few days with Miss Margarette Merrifield last week. Miss Fannie Pettengill of Saxtons River was called here last week by the illness of her uncle, J. A. Pettengill.

George Aldrich has returned after a year's absence and has taken rooms in the photographic shop, where he will do photographic work. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jellison of West Lynn, Mass., came here last week to arrange for their auction, which was held Wednesday afternoon.

Clarence J. Ferguson of Burlington, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, will speak at a union service in the Baptist church next Sunday morning. The ladies of the church of Mrs. C. E. Walker, E. L. Walker, are glad to know that her health has greatly improved since she was laid up in December.

Those from out of town who attended the funeral of J. A. Pettengill Tuesday were Mrs. Pettengill, Miss Helen Pettengill and Edward Pettengill of Saxtons River, S. C. Johnson, Jr., of Middlebury and Mrs. H. R. Church and her son, Harry, of New York city.

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WILLIAMSVILLE.

Death of Dennis A. Dickinson. Dennis A. Dickinson died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. P. White, in this village Monday afternoon. He was born in Dunsmuir March 13, 1836, and was the father of five children of David and Rachel Knight Dickinson. The family came to Newfane in 1874 and in the public schools of the town the children received their education. In his early manhood Mr. Dickinson established a cabinet and drapery business, which he conducted for several years. He was married Feb. 23, 1865, to Mary C. daughter of Capt. Aaron C. Robinson, and two years later the couple went to live at the Robinson farm, one of the best of the village. Here they lived more than half a century, erecting a set of commodious farm buildings and so improving the place that it was regarded as the best in town. Here Mrs. Dickinson died Dec. 19, 1897, ending a wedded relationship particularly congenial and happy.

Soon after the death of his wife Mr. Dickinson came to live in the home of his daughter, Mrs. White, in this village, where the wants of his last years have been tenderly and lovingly ministered to. The funeral was held in the Universalist church Thursday afternoon. Rev. F. L. Massek of Brattleboro officiating. The burial was in the village cemetery. Besides his daughter, Inogene, wife of Dr. P. P. White, Mr. Dickinson is survived by one son, Aaron C. of Canon City, Colo.; also by a brother, David D. Dickinson, of this village. The deceased brothers and sisters were Artemas and Joel E. Dickinson, and Maria, wife of Dwight Ingram.

Mr. Dickinson was a member of the Universalist church in this village from the time of its organization until his death, was active in its support and for a long time was leader of the church choir. He had been prominently identified with the public affairs of his town and neighborhood during an active life. He was interested and associated with all the various movements tending to promote community improvement. He served as a selectman of this town for a number of years and was elected town clerk in 1870 and was elected town clerk which office he held for 33 years, and until the infirmities of advancing years compelled him to lay down his office. He was justly the peace of a long time and was constantly called upon in that capacity to draw deeds and other documents. He was a man of high character and was a member of the Windham County Savings bank and served for a long time as a corporation of that institution. The public record of this town for a third of a century bear witness on every page to the methodical and painstaking traits which characterized all the work of his busy life.

Mrs. Frank Perry is visiting in Jamaica. Remson Hendrickson of Cedarhurst, I. L., is a guest of C. W. Freyenhagen. Rev. F. L. Massek will preach in the Universalist church next Tuesday evening at 7.45.

The Junior Y. P. C. U. will give an entertainment at Schoolhouse hall Wednesday evening, March 7. Among those reported on the sick list this week are L. L. Sherman, O. H. Dickinson and Mrs. A. M. Merrifield. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wilcox of Greenfield and Mr. and Mrs. S. Washburn of Chester, Washburn of Dunsmuir spent Sunday at home.

There will be a dance at Schoolhouse hall next Friday evening, March 9. Weeden's orchestra will furnish music and the ladies will serve supper. Miss Nellie Dickinson attended the presentation of a drama at West Townshead last Friday evening and remained over Sunday with Horstene Switzer.

Cullen Lamson has bought the Charles Kelley place at West Townshead, and will move there soon, so as to make sugar this spring. We are sorry to lose such people from our village. The Junior Epworth league held a social at the parsonage Tuesday afternoon and evening. The juniors have been passing jugs to raise money and at this time the jugs were broken and prizes were won. The money was given to the most money. Curtis Baker was the successful one among the boys and Flora Baker for the girls.

SOUTH LONDONDERRY.

Epworth League Rally. Feb. 25, Epworth League day, was observed at the Methodist church and devoted to the interests of the church. 2467 Epworth League, South Londonderry Methodist Episcopal church. Services consisted of an organ voluntary, singing and prayer. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Wright, some of the assessors were the same in both caucuses, so there is little promise of contest in the town meeting. The Epworth League will meet next Monday in the town hall dining room.

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Pearl Smith, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith, passed away on Tuesday at the home of her parents in Newfane. She is survived by her parents and two brothers. The funeral was held on Thursday.

The body of Mrs. Julia Barry Carroll of Millers Falls was brought here for burial on Monday of this week. She was a sister of Mrs. Daniel O'Keefe of this place and was a resident of the town for several years. She is remembered here by many friends and neighbors as a most estimable woman.

The fifth number of the Northfield Free lecture course will be given on Monday night, instead of Tuesday as advertised in the prospectus, the change being due to a mistake on the part of the company coming. The entertainment will be a concert by the American Jubilee Singers containing a male quartet, mixed quartet, octet, chorus and a reader. Some of these singers were members of the famous Fisk Jubilee Singers so widely known through this section.

The Republican and Democratic caucuses were held on Friday and Saturday nights and were quiet and harmonious. Both caucuses nominated the old board of selectmen, A. W. Proctor, S. C. Holton and Frank Montague, the same school committee, Mrs. Nellie M. Wood; town clerk, J. H. Wright; and assessors, Wright. Some of the assessors were the same in both caucuses, so there is little promise of contest in the town meeting. The Epworth League will meet next Monday in the town hall dining room.

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