



A SEA LEVEL CANAL.

After a long consideration the Board of Consulting Engineers of the Isthmian Canal commission...

CANADA'S RAILROADS.

H. B. Enerson, minister of railroads of Canada said regarding federal control of railroad rates...

The examination thus far made by the court, and a searching investigation conducted by reporters...

President Gompers of the Federation of Labor, sent a telegram to St. Petersburg, saying, "The cause of Liberty should not be snatched with atrocities and crime."

The new democratic treasurer of Pennsylvania is an Illinois man, who got his start in the world by knowing how to tie a knot that would not slip under any strain.

President Shea of the teamsters' union has declared to sanction a strike of the Standard Oil wagon drivers in Chicago.

The Mormons of Salt Lake are censuring Senator Reed Smoot for political activity.

The Department of Justice has decided that Commissioner Garfield did not promise immunity to the beef packers and that even if he did, they don't get it.

The diplomatic proposition just now seems to be to convince China that Americans in China are entitled to more consideration than Chinese in America.

While the question as to what shall be done with our ex-Presidents is still unsettled, the country has decided what we shall do with our "ex-Busses."

It appears from the re-election of Mayor Schultz, of San Francisco, that the Municipal revolution has not yet reached the Pacific coast.

The New York workingman must be glad to get back to his pipe and to be compelled to smoke any brand of cigarettes.

VOTING METHODS.

The Editor of the Hudson Republican Favors Voting Machines.

In a lengthy editorial on Ballot Reform in the Hudson Daily Republican editor in closing his opinion says:

"All of this discussion on ballot reforms is intended to make independent voting easier. In other words it is an agitation to make straight voting impossible."

With all due respect to the Reform League and the Massachusetts ballot and the New York Tribune we believe that in Hudson to-day a better system is in vogue than any of them have suggested...

REAL ESTATE NEWS.

Transfers of Property in This County Recorded Recently in County Clerk's Office.

The following real estate transfers were recorded at the County Clerk's office last week.

- Charles L. Coons and wife to Stephen William Barton, property in Phillipsburg, \$175. Fred G. Peske to John Dennis and wife, \$450, Chatham. Helen L. Dakin to Allen Scott, Hillsdale, \$1,100.

Killed by the Cars.

Helene Steer, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Steer, of Brookside, was fatally injured Saturday afternoon by being struck by the Delaware and Hudson train known as the Rutland flyer.

Thomas S. Buckley has purchased a large wood lot of Miss Harriet Osborne at Austerlitz and has his choppers and teams at work there. The timber will be drawn to his mill between this place and Ghent where it will be sawed to custom lumber dimensions.

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star next Friday evening.

Mrs. J. L. Best is spending the winter in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. John Seymour is improving and able to sit up a portion of the time.

Turkey dinner this evening at the Lutheran church; go early and avoid the rush.

M. Vincent, of Ghent, is temporarily acting as clerk in E. Delcher's shoe store.

Justice Homer Crandell has been confined to his bed for several days but is improving.

Rev. J. J. Delo, of Athens, will preach at both services next Sunday in the Lutheran church.

The Board of Education will hold a regular monthly meeting this week Friday evening.

William B. Adams, station agent at Ludlow, Vt., has been spending a few days' vacation at Anthony Laraway's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Akin are to begin housekeeping in a portion of the Hulbert building on Central Square.

Mrs. H. A. Branlon and son are spending two or three weeks in New York city with her mother and sisters.

Mrs. Cora Bullon and daughter, of Becker, Mass., were guests at C. A. Wentworth's and A. J. Fellows' over Sunday.

Edward Streeter succeeds his father, the late John Streeter, as Chatham correspondent of the Hudson Republican.

A year ago we were enjoying sleighing, a foot of snow having fallen on the 14th which remained on the ground all winter.

Oscar W. Fiero, of the 150th N. Y. Vols., was received by transfer from Amelia Post No. 467 and is now a member of Gen. Logan Post G. A. R.

The Hudson Republican says: "Dwight M. Clark, of Chatham, has accepted a position as stenographer and office assistant with W. H. Traver & Son."

Mrs. L. J. Nickerson, of West Cornwall, Conn., and Mrs. E. D. Humphrey of Cassan, Conn., were among those from a distance who came to attend the funeral of Mrs. Esther M. Doty, Monday.

Mrs. Michael Sweeney, formerly of this village, died at her home in Winsted, Ct., Sun. Among relatives from this village who are attending the funeral to-day are Barge-masters, Mellen and wife.

A residence will soon be constructed at Ghent to replace the one belonging to Mrs. John McGinnis which was destroyed by fire last month. John Moore of this village has been awarded the contract.

The Schenectady "Daily Union" speaks in very complimentary terms of the concert given in Red Men's Hall in this city, Friday evening, Nov. 17, by Miss Helen Hanscom, formerly of this village.

The residence occupied by the late J. T. Waltermire, on Hudson avenue will be occupied by Mrs. M. S. Frye. Mrs. Mary P. Haynor, of Hinsdale, Mass., will not remove here as reported.

An innovation in the hardware line is to be introduced in Chatham when F. B. Platt opens up his mechanical, black-smith, toy department. This feature has in recent years been dropped in city hardware stores with great success.

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The annual donation visit to Rev. Dr. Leggett of the Reformed church will be held in the church parlors, Wednesday evening, Dec. 6. It is hoped that all the congregation and the friends of Dr. Leggett will make an effort to be present and make this a social occasion.

Mrs. Billings of Chicago, who has purchased the John Curry farm at Kline Kill, has engaged contractor John Moore to remodel the interior of the house and the work will be commenced this week. In the spring the outbuildings will be extensively repaired and some new ones will probably be erected.

Mrs. Lucy Rifenburg has sold her house and lot at Kline Kill to A. E. Tracy. Consideration \$300.

The inquest touching the death of Peter Coffin, the colored man who jumped from a fast westbound freight and was found near the tank house in the railroad yard early Saturday morning, was concluded yesterday by Coroner Conklin. A fractured skull was the cause of death.

Chief Engineer, G. L. Moore, of Rutland, with division roadmaster Warrenburg and others made a tour of inspection over the Chatham division last Wednesday. It is reported that extensive improvements are to be made in cutting down grades between Chatham and Petersburg next spring.

Nathaniel Ogden in his 79th year died Tuesday evening at his home on Spring street. The funeral will be held Friday at 2 p. m. Mr. Ogden had been a resident of Chatham for 36 years and was an expert carriage upholsterer and harness maker. He is survived by one son, Ernest N. Ogden of this village.

The Sunday New York Herald says: "One of the prettiest weddings of last week was that on Friday, in the Marble Collegiate Church, when Miss Margaret Stanton, daughter of Mrs. Forrest Silas Downing, of No. 7 West Forty-seventh street, was married to Mr. Daniel Morrill Bates, of Paris. The bride is a granddaughter of the late Silas Downing."

Next Tuesday evening the Grange will give an entertainment in Grange hall, admission 20 cents. The following program will be rendered:

- Violin solo, Arthur Brown Character Sketch, Edw. Akin. Solo, Miss Leggett. Fairs, "Dr. Gertrude Mason." Solo, Miss Kunker. Recitation, Miss White. Solo, Guy M. Hoeg. Duet, Mrs. Darrow, Miss Leggett.

The game of football Saturday between Chatham and Delmar resulted in the first half a score of 5 to 0 in favor of Chatham. In the second half a disagreement arose and the referee gave the contestants two minutes to settle the question or forfeit the game. The game was forfeited Delmar claimed it but according to "Boyle" the game goes to the side having the largest score up to the time of disagreement so Chatham is considered the winner.

A Thanksgiving dinner will be given Nov. 23 at the A. M. E. church. Menu: Pickles, cold slaw, beets and mustard; turkey and roast pork; white potatoes, sweet potatoes, baked beans, onions, celery and cranberries; rice and pumpkin pie; cheese; tea, coffee, etc. Committee, E. Van Buren, L. Thompson, J. DeForest, E. Van Buren, M. Hogabone, F. Jackson, A. Birge, T. H. Gardner, J. Schermerhorn, L. Jackson, C. Van Alstyne, E. Kittle, J. F. Van Buren, S. Gilliard and D. A. Pierce. Dinner will be ready at 6 p. m., tickets 30 cents.

Death of Mrs. Esther M. Doty.

Mrs. Esther M. Doty, aged 72 years and 10 months, widow of the late Calvin Doty, died Saturday morning at her home on River street from a complication of diseases. Mrs. Doty was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mickle and was born on the Ford place between Chatham and Red Rock. For 33 years she has resided in Chatham where she was recognized as a true friend and neighbor and highly respected by all who knew her. She was identified with the Christian church at Red Rock and Rev. William Hull, pastor of that church conducted the funeral service which was largely attended from the house Monday at 12:30 p. m. The interment being in the family plot at Red Rock. There were handsome floral tributes from friends in and out of town including a beautiful wreath from The Courier and employees. Mrs. Doty is survived by one son, Harry M., local editor of The Courier and by one sister, Mrs. John B. Lamoree, of Red Rock.

Chatham Boy Promoted.

The Elmira Advertiser of the 18th inst. says: "Howard O. Woodbridge, who for the past year has been the general foreman of the D. L. and W. R. R. shops in Elmira, severed his connection with this company yesterday and to-day will leave for Salamanca where he will make his headquarters as the master mechanic of the Rochester and Buffalo division of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh railroad."

Since he has been engaged with the Lackawanna in this city he has endeared himself to all the employees of the road. He is an able official and while a strict disciplinarian, has conducted his department with a justice and outspoken frankness which has commanded the utmost respect and the highest regard of the men. Yesterday, on behalf of the employees of the shops, car department and engineers and firemen of the Buffalo division, Foreman Brady, presented Mr. Woodbridge with a purse of \$200 as a token of the esteem in which he is held by all. Mr. Woodbridge's new position carries with it added responsibilities which he will be well able to meet. His merit and advancement is a source of great satisfaction to his many friends here. Mr. Woodbridge is another Chatham boy who has made his mark in the world and his host of friends extend congratulations.

School Notes.

The principal's office has been moved from the high school to the room formerly used as a laboratory in the grammar school. This change was made necessary by the large enrollment in the high school and the need the commercial department had for more room. The old office is now used for the typewriting room.

The principal may be found each morning from 8.30 to 8.45 in the classical room of the high school and in the afternoon from 2.45 to 3.15 he will be in the office in the grammar school.

The telephone has been moved to the new office. Unless there be some very urgent need, pupils will not be called from their rooms to answer a call at the telephone. The calls will always be answered but those desiring to speak with the principal will be asked to leave their name with the one answering the call and the principal will call them at his first opportunity.

This is the season when boys as well as girls are thinking about Christmas presents. Boys who enjoy working with carpenter tools will find some splendid ideas in the Craftsman. This is one of the periodicals found in the library. The books in the Chatham Public Library are classified according to the Dewey system. They are divided into ten classes as follows: 000 General works, 100 Philosophy, 200 Religion, 300 Philosophy, 400 Philology, 500 Science, 600 Useful Arts, 700 Fine Arts, 800 Literature, 900 History. Each of these classes is divided and subdivided. Thus under 600 Science, are the books on science in general, 610 Mathematics, 620 Astronomy, 630 Physics, 640 Chemistry, 650 Geology, 660 Paleontology, 670 Biology, 680 Botany, 690 Zoology. The books on Physics in general, as Avery's Physics are under 630 and these are followed by the different divisions of Physics, 632 Liquids, 633 Gases and so on to 640. Books having the same class number are arranged alphabetically by author. With a few exceptions this general plan of arrangement is followed throughout the library.

The Biography (900) which belongs in the class with History, is taken out and placed in a section by itself. These books are divided into several classes: For instance lives of Statesmen form one class, Artists another and Scientists another. Under these classes the books are arranged alphabetically by the subject. So you will find one class, lives of Statesmen, beginning with Adams and ending with Whittier.

The Fiction, a division of Literature (800) is also separated from the rest of the class and these books are arranged alphabetically by author. The authors and titles of books in the library are indexed in the catalogue. If a reader wishes to find "The Battle with the Stone" by Jacob Kille, he may look for Kille in the catalogue and he will find on the card the number 331-857. This tells him that the book is classed with 300 and the guide on the shelf shows where that class is placed. The 857 is simply the author number and may be ignored when the class number is given. If the reader does not know the author, but remembers the title, he may look under Battle and he will find the same number given.

In the case of fiction only, is the class number omitted on the catalogue card. Whenever the reader finds a card with only the author number given, he may refer to Fiction.

WEST-COPAKE.

Lyman Lasher has moved near Crayville. Mrs. Bain has been visiting friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wiley and two sons of New York city, spent a portion of last week at the home-stead.

INSURANCE INVESTIGATION.

Senator Platt a Star Witness.

The following were the most important points brought about in the legislative insurance investigation Tuesday:

First—That Senator Thomas C. Platt had for many years collected funds from insurance companies for State elections.

Second—That the Equitable contribution had been \$10,000 annually that of Mutual \$10,000, occasionally, and that the New York Life apparently made no contribution.

Third—That the census was paid by Senator Platt to the chairman, secretary or treasurer of the Republican State Committee.

Fourth—That the Senator understood that in return for these contributions he should, through his influence with the State committee, see that no hostile legislation was enacted.

Fifth—That he had never been asked to intervene to stop any such hostile legislation.

Sixth—That Senator Depew's "friend up the river" was W. S. Manning, of Albany, who has collected "hush money" from the Mutual and Equitable for many years for not "being hostile" to these companies.

Seventh—That the Equitable carried on its payroll a former Tammany president of the Board of Aldermen and Acting Mayor, who obtained the reduction of the real estate assessments of officers of the Equitable.

CONTRACTORS INDICTED.

The Charge is Manslaughter Second Degree.

Contractor John Dyer, Jr., and his architect, Clark L. Daggett, have been indicted for manslaughter in the second degree for the death of the thirteen victims in the collapse of the John G. Myers building in Albany, on August 8th last. Attorney William S. Dyer was in court to answer for his clients. However, as both were out of town the District Attorney transferred the cases to the county court; they will be arraigned later in that court on the above charge. The grand jury only indicted them on one count, that being deemed sufficient.

The maximum penalty for manslaughter in the second degree is fifteen years imprisonment or a fine of not more than \$1,000 or both, fine and imprisonment. It is discretionary with the court, whether a sentence of more than a day's imprisonment is ordered.

Death of Adelbert Conklin.

Adelbert Conklin, aged 60 years, who conducted the Parker House at Crayville, died suddenly Monday night. He had been up and around as usual during the day. Heart trouble was the cause of his death. At the age of 27 he removed with his father to the town of Copake and settled on the old Conklin homestead, where he remained four years, and went thence to Crayville, where he remained until 1891, when he purchased the property, known as the Beach House, on the shore of Copake lake, where he remained until about two years ago, when he returned to Crayville. He was a member of Hillsdale Lodge No. 612, F. & A. M. Mr. Conklin had been married three times, and leaves a wife and four sons surviving him.

General News Notes.

At the A. Overholt Distillery, at Bradford, Pa., Sunday, 810,000 gallons of whiskey furnished a contractor, resulting in a loss of \$2,000,000. The main bonded warehouse was burned to the ground.

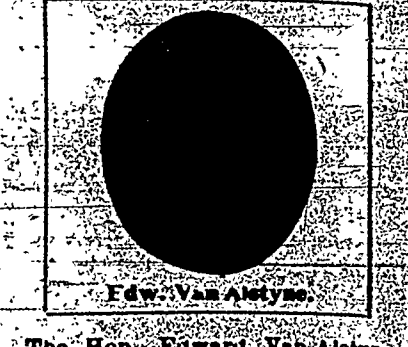
Former Governor Frank S. Black has been retained by W. R. Hearst to take charge of the criminal end of the litigation which has grown out of Mr. Hearst's majority contest in New York.

Because he believed that Christ would not accept the money under similar circumstances, William S. Elliott, of Richmond, Ind., a veteran of the civil war, and a Quaker, refused \$15,000 back pension money.

About 300 sailors from the British squadron commanded by Prince Louis of Battenberg, were missing from their ships when the squadron made ready to sail. Several of those who had overstayed their leave were turned away when they tried to board their ships.

HON. EDWARD VAN ALSTYNE.

A Popular Institute Lecturer.



The Hon. Edward Van Alstyne, of Bunnyston, between Bunnyston and Kinderhook, went to Atlantic City, N. J., last week to attend the National Grange convention, and will begin his lecture course under the auspices of the New Jersey Farmers Institute. Mr. Van Alstyne has for some years been employed during the winter as lecturer for the Institutes of New Jersey, Maryland and New York. His present instruction will be on protection of fruits and grains from insect pests.

SUDDEN DEATH.

William Henry Thorne of Rayville, Died This Afternoon at 3.45 O'clock.

A telephone message received just as the Courier goes to press states that William Henry Thorne died at his home near Rayville this afternoon at 3.45 o'clock. He was taken yesterday with acute indigestion. Mr. Thorne was a well known citizen of this town, and his death comes as a great shock to many. A wife, one daughter and three sons survive.

Roosevelt's Nose Broken.

As a result of his strenuous contest in the Yale-Harvard freshman game last Saturday, Theodore Roosevelt Jr., will be obliged to undergo an operation on his nose which was broken in one of the scrimmages. The operation although painful, will not be dangerous. It was performed by Dr. Dickson special Tuesday. Young "Teddy" made his nose larger for the Yale line and was very satisfied.

Dead Suddenly.

Chauncey Quick, aged 26 years, who for the past seven years had been in the employ of John Backus, contractor in Hudson, died suddenly Tuesday afternoon. He went there from Crayville and was an industrious young man. The body will be taken to Crayville for interment.

Dead in Hospital.

George Stoop, who was taken suddenly ill at his work in No. 1 mill, Stottville, Saturday noon and was brought to Hudson where he underwent an operation for stomach trouble, died Monday. He was in his 33d year and had many friends in Hudson and Stottville.

NASSAU.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shufelt has been keeping house for her son while his wife was at Guilford. Her husband having been called there on account of the serious illness of his sister.

Spencer Heusted and wife were recent guests of relatives in Schlaghtcoke.

Grace E. Rowe is confined to the house with an attack of tonsillitis.

W. J. Masten and wife spent Sunday at their mother's, Mrs. Lois Decker.

Chas. Tinney and sister, Anna, were Sunday guests at George Weaver's.

Mrs. O. Van Sallisbury was a Kinderhook a few days last week on account of illness at Mrs. Mary E. Johnson's.

Jennie Grubb is at home on account of failing health, she is being able to confine herself to study.

Miss Brice has been treated at home to a coat of white paint which has greatly improved its appearance. Shufelt & Young have been painting the library which renders it more attractive, color rich and trim with white.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shufelt is spending a week at the Nassau House assisting Mrs. Smith with her increased family on account of teachers' institute which is in session at Music Hall. Mrs. Isaac H. Boyce and Mrs. Edward Moore have been visiting in Ravens and Albany. Vacation for the people here as the teachers are in attendance at institute. Mrs. Addie Wilber (sic) Albert of her daughter's Mrs. Fred Simons. Mr. Jewett who recently moved in one of the apartments of Sheldon is very seriously ill.