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Important Improvements To Be Made on Highways

Continuing, Alleged Murderer of Concord Sportman, Given Sentence
—Other Capital City Items of Interest

The new year opened quietly in the capital city Tuesday and journalists as well as restaurant keepers regret that there was no session of the legislature to make business good in new year as well as in food. They have no fear, however, that the 12 months of 1924 will not supply them with enough to write about, especially on political lines.

Last week the governor and council met on Thursday and acted promptly in filling the vacancies in official positions caused by the death of Dr. Charles P. Bancroft. As member of the state board of charities, of which Doctor Bancroft was chairman, succeeding in that capacity the late Congressman Sherman E. Burroughs, Major Charles E. Tilton of Tilton, former Harvard captain and Democratic candidate for governor in 1920, was named.

To complete the board of trustees of the state hospital, Benjamin W. Couch, Esq., of Concord, member of the special state railroad commission, but best known as the efficient chairman of the legislative judiciary committee at several sessions, was nominated and confirmed. This is a return to familiar work for Mr. Couch as he was one of the official board of the hospital from 1907 to 1915 and is entirely familiar with the needs and workings of the big institution on Pleasant street.

In another important matter the governor and council took time by the forelock last week, re-appointing Huntley N. Spaulding on the state board of education, although his term does not expire for another month. Drs. Benjamin G. Moran of Nashua and Robert W. Holmes of Keene were nominated as medical referees for Hillsborough and Cheshire counties, respectively. The action of Insurance Commissioner Sullivan in naming Rene Janelle of Manchester, son of State Senator Omar Janelle, as his deputy was approved.

Several appointments in regard to which a difference of opinion exists between the governor and a majority of his council were not taken up.

The current issue of the monthly bulletin of the state highway department outlines some important improvements which are planned for the near future and which will be of interest to tourists as well as local users of the roads. Among them are a cut-off at Birch Brook in Franklin which will eliminate a sharp curve north of the town, a bridge over the Mill river at Newbury which will eliminate two bad grade crossings, a similar improvement between Milford and Wilton, a federal aid project of the installation of reinforced concrete construction at Berry, the reconstruction of one of

Bootleggers Wreck Car and Disappear on Foot

Officer Clare Chases Rum Car Over City and Succeeds in Landing Cargo of Alcohol

The police are on the trail of two men who abandoned their automobile containing 25 gallons of alcohol when it crashed into a telephone pole near Clow's mill just before daybreak last Friday morning, after they had been chased by the police over several streets through a blinding snowstorm. Leaving their crippled machine, the two rum-runners, continued the race with the officers on foot and trace of them was lost, although through information obtained through the registration of their machine the suspicion of the police is directed to Concord parties, who will undoubtedly be apprehended within a few days.

While Night Officer Dan Clare was going down Court street at about 4 o'clock, Friday morning, he saw the car going down the street and later turned in on Pearl street. Officer Clare halted a passing car and started down Academy street to head off the rum-runners, but missed them by a few yards as they raced across Academy street. On Webster street the fleeing rum-laden car was overtaken by the police. At the corner of Cottage street, Officer Clare stopped his machine to prevent them from passing but the bootleggers rubbed running-boards with the police car and sped on their way. Again Officer Clare took up the chase and followed them over the snow-covered road down Cottage street and as the rum-car turned the corner onto Baldwin street their car skidded and went onto a bank. Before the police reached them however, they were again on their way and kept a safe distance from the pursuers until they attempted to turn the corner leading from the Baldwin street hill when they came suddenly upon the corner at rapid speed and swerved on the slippery street. One of the rear wheels of their machine was smashed.

Leaving the car, the men, one of whom is described as tall and the other quite short, ran down Mill street, over Beacon and up Church street. Officer Clare remained with the machine in which he had given the chase while the driver struck out to find Officer Roberts, who was located nearby. Officer Roberts chased the fleeing bootleggers on foot and lost trace of them near the Church street bridge. Railroad officials claim they saw the men springing up the railroad track towards The Weirs a short while later.

In the meantime, Federal Prohibition Agent Frank Bailey was awakened at his home in Concord and he ran down to claim the rum-laden machine. He joined the local police in a search of the south-bound trains in the morning, which proved fruitless. The car was found to be registered under the name of a Concord man, and the police

School Board Asks For Money to Buy Curtain

Contract for Printing City Reports Awarded Laconia Press Association at Council Meeting

A small amount of business was done at the December session of the Laconia city government, which was held Monday evening in the council chambers, with Mayor Charles H. Perkins in the chair and every member of the council, except Councilman Huss, who is recovering from illness, present.

A communication from the board of education, requesting an appropriation of \$600 to purchase a velvet curtain for the stage in the auditorium of the new high school building was brought before the meeting. Another communication from the same department requested that electric lights be installed on the grounds of the school for the benefit of the patrons of social events which are now being held frequently in the school auditorium evenings. The matter of the appropriation for the stage curtain was referred to Mayor Perkins, who has instructed to have the appropriation made if he deemed it advisable. The electric lights would be located at the entrances to the grounds and near the parking place in the rear of the building.

Another matter of considerable importance was the awarding of the contract for the printing of the 1924 edition of the city report to the Laconia Press Association.

The Lydia A. Smith trust fund for the care of lot 875 in the Union cemetery was received and accepted. A drainlayer's license was granted George H. Edwards. The monthly draft amounting to \$19,852.11 was ordered paid in the usual manner.

INTERLAKEN GRANGE

At the next regular meeting of Interlaken Grange, which is to be held Wednesday evening, January 7, the officers to serve the coming year will be installed by State Lecturer John Hammond of this city, assisted by Miss Ethel Severance. The lecturer, Mrs. Winnifred Lane, will present the following program: Song, "America," patrons; piano trio; reading, Julia Neal; solo, Ruth Rollins; reading, Charles Waterman; sketch, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown. Entertainment will also be provided by the incoming officers. At the last meeting, Wednesday, December 26, a piano solo was given by Mrs. Elva Johnson, and Mrs. Maude Evans gave a pleasing reading. A Christmas tree was also enjoyed, with Ray Griffin playing the part of Santa Claus.

DOUBLE WEDDING

A pretty double wedding was solemnized by the Rev. Father Lacroix at the Sacred Heart church, Monday, December 31, when Miss Onze Pelchat became the bride of Leonard Belanger of this city, and her brother, George Pelchat, Jr., was united in marriage

Woman's Club to Fe Scotch Play Guest

Leading Scotch Singers of the Will Present "The Cotter Saturday Night."

The Laconia Woman's club has had for the entertainment to be on their annual Winter Night, evening, January 14, "The Saturday Night," a musical and dramatic production, enacted by six leading Scotch singers in the city. It is to be staged under the direction of John Daniels, a known Scotch tenor. From viewpoint, "The Cotter's Night," is a triumph of song masterpieces of acting. The follows the suggestion of the poem by Robert Burns. The terms, in the order of their appearance, are as follows:

Margaret the Cott
Jeannie the
John Anderson
Robert Douglas the
Janie the Cott

Tammas Culbertson a
and pianist

During the play the following will be sung: "John Ande Jo," "Laddie," "Hurrah for land," "Ye Banks and Braes," "Wha Hae," "Duncan Gray Lomond," "Annie Laurie," "Mary," "O'h the Airts," "In the Cauld Blast," "A Man for a That," "The Auld Hoose," "Lord's My Shepherd," and "Synce."

EASTERN STAR INS

At the regular meeting of the Kingston chapter, Order of Eastern Star, held in the Masonic apartment building, January 2, the newly elected officers were installed for the coming year. Miss Susan Mann of this city, treasurer of the grand chapter, Hampshire, and Mrs. Lilla grand marshal. The officers to their stations were as follows: Alice Whitehead, worthy matron; Bertha Hill, associate matron; Rider, worthy patron; Smith, conductress; Mrs. O'Connell, associate conductress; Mrs. Avery, secretary; Mrs. McGee, treasurer; Mrs. Mabel P. W. M., marshal; Mrs. E. Ainsden, Adm.; Mrs. Marion, Mrs. Mabel Lamb, Estelle, Rider, Martha; Mrs. Rita, Mrs. Gladys Ainsden, Gertrude E. Sanborn, chaperone; Whitehead, sentinel; Alex. organist.

The officers of the local chapter, Mrs. Mabel M. Perkins, worthy matron, with a large number of guests, at the close of the installation, Mrs. Whitehead, the new matron, was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

AUTO-THIEVES